

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BARNARD CASTLE WITH WHORLTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1130279

Details

Other names	PCC OF BARNARD CASTLE WITH WHORLTON
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-06-22
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Activities: regular worship open to all. Provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplationpastoral work, inc visiting the sick and bereavedassemblies in schoolsPromotion of Christianity through the staging of events and meetingsPromoting the whole mission of the Church through activities for parents and toddlersSupporting other charities

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Durham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£121,129	£129,384	-	-
2024-12-31	£162,375	£173,932	-	-
2023-12-31	£139,048	£127,946	-	-
2022-12-31	£121,710	£127,310	-	-
2021-12-31	£186,274	£190,105	-	-
2020-12-31	£395,255	£398,938	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Amanda Long		2025-05-04
Ana Moskvina Baldwin		2025-10-13
Ann Woodward		2026-04-26
Beverley Ann Pilcher		2026-04-26
Christine Banks		2026-04-26
Frances Ruth Stenlake		
Geoffrey Knott		2021-04-26
Keith Miles		2023-04-24
Mary Nesta Barnard		2025-07-21
Merrion Fay Chrisp		2024-04-22
Rev ALEC HARDING MA		
Robin John Taylor		2025-07-21
Roy Long		2020-10-14
Seonaid Marie Walker-Jones		2023-04-24

Accounts

Annual Report and Accounts 2025

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Barnard Castle with Whorlton: Diocese of Durham

1. Introduction

This Report has been drawn up in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

2. Aims and purposes

St. Mary's Barnard Castle with Whorlton Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, The Revd Canon Alec Harding, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

3. Objectives and activities: We have discerned the parish's overarching aim to be

Celebrating God's Love

We seek to do this by:

1. Working in partnership with those who bring life to the community.
2. Celebrating God's gifts in His creation, His children and His work in this place.
3. Creating space, time and opportunities for people of all ages to grow in faith and worship.

Our priorities in 2024 for the next period of our shared life were discerned to be:

1. **Growing our work with Children and young people** and connecting church, schools and families together.
2. **Healing and wholeness.**
3. **Offering 'Living water' through our worship and common life so we might grow.**

Communication:

We communicate our activities through an e-letter and/or a hard copy newsletter, through the church pew sheet, through the church website and through FaceBook.

Achievements and performance

1. Growing our work with children and young people:

The parish continues to work extensively with children and young people with volunteers involved in the weekly under-fives group (Smuffies), offering Junior church provision at Barnard Castle, weekly Big Story sessions, hymn practice and church school choir sessions and (occasional) Prayer spaces at Green Lane School. Clergy conduct weekly collective worship at Montalbo and Green Lane Schools alongside involvement at Barnard Castle School and the Prep school. Barnard Castle church hosts school visits and termly school services. Uniformed organizations visit Barnard Castle Church.

What did we do in 2025?

The parish continued to offer support to the young peoples' music group 'The Panthers'. The group meets in term time. A number of the parishes' more senior members act as a 'second adult' for safeguarding purposes in support of the group. The Panthers offered a short concert in church in April. Izzy Harvey was recruited to support in training The Panthers' singers. Revd Moskvina attended the philosophy club at Teesdale school in the Spring term. Year 5 at Green Lane CE School prepared a service of Holy Communion at which 3 candidates were admitted to communion before confirmation. Members of the parish serve as Foundation Governors of Green Lane CE School and Green Lane CE School's Christian ethos committee has plotted increased activity in the 2025/26 school year.	Increased Special Educational Needs at Green Lane CE School have put pressure on the availability of Teaching Assistants to support the church's offer of the Big Story. A resolution to enable this work to continue is yet to be found. Annette Lowson, Pamela Moody and Kim Harding spend time at Green Lane CE School each week supporting a 'school church choir'. The choir has been able to perform at school services. The traditional preparation of the Easter Garden and Egg hunt at Barnard Castle was expanded to become a 'drop-in session' that included storytelling and a hunt for Jesus figures hidden around the church. The vicar has persuaded Barnard Castle School to promote a confirmation course in 2026. A service is planned for March 2026.
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2. Healing and wholeness

Healing and wholeness sits within the church's provision of pastoral care to the town. At its widest level this includes ensuring that the parish safeguarding procedures are robust; supporting people to meet together and find strength and fellowship in community through the many groups that use the Parish Hall; promoting church social activities and events; hosting concerts and continuing to offer care home services and pastoral visits (not least those surrounding the occasional offices of baptisms, weddings and funerals).

What did we do in 2025?

Prayer for healing is offered regularly at services at Barnard Castle. Members from the congregation (and the wider deanery) attended the online GoHealth Introduction to healing course. Two people have been added to the rota of those who offer prayer for healing at regular services.	Members of the parish continue to serve as Trustees of Durham Dales Parish Nursing. Discussions this year have revolved around the importance of the work but, as funding is running out, the difficulties of embedding the ministry. In December the Parish Nurse, Gladys Mugambi moved to a different post.
The PCC has complied with the duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.	

Social events

At Whorlton the successful heritage event in 2024 was followed up with the creation of a church guidebook by Amanda Long and Revd Moskvina. The guide was launched at a well-attended event in the village hall in March which was followed by evening prayer. Whorlton village's Open Gardens provides an opportunity for the church to be open. The church community at Whorlton are seeking ways whereby a rota of villagers can open the building through the summer months as a invitation for walkers/passers by to call in. A digital giving device has been loaned by the	Barnard Castle hosted a number of events arranged by others: The Northern Dales Richard IIIrd group raised money for works on the church through both a Ceilidh and a quiz night in the parish hall; the Castle Players performed 'The inn at the Top' in the parish Hall and returned to present The Crucible across four performances in church in October. Barnard Castle School Choral Society presented three concerts in church in the course of the year. The vicarage hosted afternoon tea to mark the Harding's 25th anniversary in the parish.
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diocese to enable visitors to donate more easily to the church. In September Revd Geoff Lowson gave an informative talk in church entitled 'The Name on the Chair'. The talk focused on the ministry of the first Bishop of Capetown: Robert Gray who dedicated the rebuilt church at Whorlton in 1853. Community Music continues to flourish in the parish through the hard work of the musical director, Annette Lowson. The Community choir/orchestra offered six concerts in the course of the year (one at Barnard Castle Methodist Church and one at The Witham Hall). All concerts in church were offered free of charge to enable as many people as possible to attend. In addition, musicians offered an 'Inspired by' event at Barnard Castle and supported Carol Singing around the town.	The Flower Guild held well attended wreath making events during Advent. St Mary's Bell ringers (and hand bell ringers) ran a full program of practices and continue to attract new ringers. St Mary's hosted its biennial Christmas Tree Festival in early December. Fifty trees were on display and visitors were welcomed throughout by live music co-ordinated by the Director of Music. The Festival was well attended and was a huge success. Thanks go to Mr John Trevett who organized the sale of trees, those who prepare the church (laying cables and bringing the trees into church), those who provide and serve refreshments and the team who dismantle the festival.
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3. Offering 'Living Water' through our worship and common life so we might grow:

We always seek to offer the very best we can in our worship involving the gifts of as many people as possible and being true both to ourselves and our inheritance of faith through the celebration of the Liturgical Year, and the use of a liturgical approach to worship. A full range of liturgical resources is used based on the provision in the Church of England's Times and Seasons. We continue to welcome new members to the congregation and seek to engage the gifts of all in the life of the church and service of the community.

What did we do in 2025?

Special services in the course of the year at Barnard Castle marked Church Action on Poverty Sunday and the VE Day anniversary. Alec & Kim Harding's 25th anniversary of ministry in the parish was marked at the Sunday eucharist: the bell ringers rang a peal of bells, Geoff and Annette Lowson wrote and composed an anthem (In this place of faithful worship) which was performed by the choir (supported by members of the community choir), the flower guild decorated the church especially, gifts were presented and a celebratory cake was cut. St Mary's Whorlton offered Evening Prayer from the Book of Common prayer on a number of occasions to mark saints' days. The church's Hymns and Pimms event rounded off a very successful Flower Festival that engaged the flower guild, congregation members and local villagers. Mr David Harper's skill as an auctioneer was much appreciated. A village flower arranging team has since come into existence. The team was able to support the decoration of the church at Christmas. The Easter fire was lit before morning worship at Whorlton	Barnard Castle Harvest service took on a 'folk' theme with music offered and supported by members of the community orchestra. Study courses offered opportunities to engage with Icons (a series presented by Revd Moskvina was well attended) 'The Four Texts', and the Nicene Creed. Separate meetings were offered for consultation and training for sidesmen/women, those who read in church and those who lead intercessions. Each of the meetings were found to be helpful and produced action points to enable the ministries involved and new members of the congregation have been recruited to these ministries. Additional names have been added to those who can administer the chalice at services. The Community choir offered a carol concert which was built around a faith reflection by Geoff Lowson. Barnard Castle' Carol service took place 'choir style' and was very well attended. Once again, the County Durham WI were welcomed to Barnard Castle for their Carol service.
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Church Officers and Staff:

- Revd Canon Alec Harding and his family celebrated the 25th anniversary of their arrival in the parish
- Revd Dr Ana Moskvina married her fiancé Revd Michael Balwin at a service at Barnard Castle on 11.1.25 conducted by retired Bishop David Stancliffe. The service was attended by parishioners and included elements that reflected the bride's Orthodox background and the groom's Roman Catholic heritage.
- Revd Dr Ana Moskvina Baldwin was ordained priest by the Acting Bishop of Durham at a service in Durham Cathedral. Her first celebration of communion on the next day was followed by a celebratory lunch in the Parish Hall and the presentation of gifts.
- Mrs Frances Stenlake continued to serve on the nominations' committee for the new Bishop.
- Former incumbent Revd Peter Lind Jackson marked his 90th birthday: the bell ringers rang a quarter peal in celebration.
- Mrs Sarah Fells was welcomed to spend 6 months in the parish as part of her training for licensed ministry. Her time in the parish proved formational in helping her to decide to offer for selection for ordained ministry

The wider church:

The candidate nominated as Bishop of Durham following interviews in 2024 (unusually) withdrew their candidacy resulting in the renewal of the discernment process throughout 2025. A second round of interviews for the post took place in December 2025.

His Majesty the King distributed the Royal Maundy at a service in Durham Cathedral. Recipients were drawn from the Northern Province and Scotland. Some members from churches in the deanery were selected, Mr Keith Miles being one of them.

The Archdeacon's Visitation took place at All Saints' Blackwell: Joan Kemp Ambler and Amanda Long were sworn in as churchwardens.

A coach was arranged to attend the licensing of our former curate (Revd Sarah Cliff) as Vicar of Great Ayton and Newton under Roseberry (October 2025).

Mrs Helen Goodman represented the diocese of Durham at ordinations in Hamburg. Durham Diocese has a link with the Lutheran NordKirche.

The Bishop of London (Sarah Mullaly) was nominated to become the next Archbishop of Canterbury.

a. **Barnard Castle Deanery.**

The deanery synod welcomed presentations from Communities Together Durham and the Growing Mission strategic lead (Revd Alexander Jones). Discussion involved the wider context for the ministry of healing and the place of Parish Nursing with this.

The Vicar created a course for use across the deanery examining 'The Four texts' (The Summary of the Law, the Beatitudes, the Lord's Prayer, the Creed). The course was offered to support confirmation preparation and growth in discipleship mindful that many parishes are in vacancy. The course was attended over zoom but also used in person in parishes.

The Vacancy audit processes for the Upper Dale was completed and that for the Gaunless Valley was begun. An appointment was made for Vicar of the Upper Weardale benefice. Revd Graeme Holdsworth will begin his ministry in February 2026. The appointment is shared with 50% being given to Rural Mission Strategic lead.

b. **Churches Together**

Lent and Advent lunches ran successfully in support of the work of Christian Aid.

Churches worked together to raise funds through Christian Aid week.

A united service was held at Barnard Castle in June (rather than in January). The focus of the service was the Nicene Creed: the 1700th anniversary of the creed being agreed falling in 2025.

Wardens' reports

St Mary's Barnard Castle

Longstanding problems with the **foul water drains** through the carpark were resolved through the help of contractors who devoted considerable time to discerning the problem at no cost to the church. Two **manhole**

covers were eventually replaced in the carpark – the collapse of the surround to one of these had caused the drains to block – their replacements are ‘heavy duty’. Camera investigation of the drain from the east end of the tower into the carpark identified a second blockage. The water pipe here was cracked by those who installed the tower uprights in 2013. The crack (and part of the pipe) has been filled with concrete. Now the blockage further along the system has been cleared water should run freely. Advice received was to leave well alone!

The **carpark wall** adjacent to the Parish Hall was demolished by a car that ‘missed’ the main entrance. The driver did not confess to the damage caused but witnesses led the PCC to inform the police of their number plate. A confession and insurance details were received but the insurer involved did not pay for the damage and the church insurer felt that the £500 involved would cost too much in legal fees to pursue.

Church lights: a number of the main church lights have failed. Their replacement (at high level) would involve major expenditure. Help was gratefully received from Barnard Castle School who, working with Mr Astley Fenwick, were able to move some existing lights to lighten our darkness. Astley has also replaced most of the uprights on the church pillars.

A change in energy supplier will see a new **electricity meter** installed in 2026

A **Fire Risk assessment & PAT testing** have been conducted.

Work to repair the **lifted tiles** beneath the pulpit has been completed with thanks to Revd Canon Geoff Lowson for the many hours devoted to this task.

The PCC has devoted considerable time to the discussion of **carparking** outside the church and the abuse of the carpark by those who are neither attending the church nor using the Parish Hall. A strong letter was sent by the PCC to the estate agent advertising the church footpaths as providing vehicle access to the back of a property on Newgate. Revd Moskvina Baldwin, Mrs Joan Kemp-Ambler and Mrs Clare Trevett have investigated different providers that offer CCTV and/or Number Plate Recognition to control carpark use. Decisions will be made in early 2026.

South Transept and chancel project. The architect’s estimates for the work proposed have been updated. A fundraising appeal will be launched in 2026. Changes to the Governments Listed Places of Worship Grant scheme are likely to impact funding. Details of a replacement grant scheme are not yet available. Works will require considerable grant aid.

Barnard Castle Parish Hall

The Parish Hall is in the care of the Parish Hall Association (PHA) under a lease from the PCC. A request to extend the lease of the hall was made by the PHA to the PCC. The current lease expires in 2034. The PCC and PHA are working towards renewing the lease.

The committee have overseen the renewal of the fire doors to the rear of the building. Significant repairs to the guttering above the main hall are planned for 2026 as well as the replacement of the hot water boiler that serves the kitchen and Guild Room.

St. Mary’s Whorlton

Major work took place in the first half of the year as damp issues were addressed by the **clearing of gutters and downspouts, the investigation of soakaway channels and then their subsequent replacement.** Funds for this work came from the Whorlton endowment fund, the Diocese and from PCC reserves.

A **Fire risk assessment and PAT testing** have been carried out

The **bells were inspected** and a report received. It was noted that a beam in the tower is not load bearing but does not need attention.

The **latch bolt to main door** of the church was repaired to ensure that it locks properly.

The **Quinquennial Inspection** of the church will be carried out by John Barnes in 2026

Whorlton Village Hall:

The Village Hall is in the care of the Village Hall Association under a lease from the PCC. The association continue to make changes and improvements to the building.

Some numbers *(brackets indicate 2025 numbers)*

Baptisms 22 (16) baptisms were conducted at Barnard Castle, 7 (4) at Whorlton	Admission to communion Three children were admitted to communion at a service held at Green Lane CE School in October 2025
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Weddings Six (7) weddings were celebrated at Barnard Castle, two (0) at Whorlton Funerals There were 18 (20) funerals at Barnard Castle and 2 (3) at Whorlton with a further 20 (15) conducted at the crematoria alone. Clergy conducted 5 (7) funerals in neighbouring parishes	Confirmation Six candidates were presented for confirmation at a service held at Barnard Castle on 11th October 2025 Usual Sunday attendance Based on the 'October count' the usual Sunday attendance at Barnard Castle is 79 (76) adults and 2 (2) children. At Whorlton the figure is 14 (10) adults
Easter At Barnard Castle 146 (126) adults attended Easter worship: 109 (114) communicants. At Whorlton 18 (10) adults attended Easter worship 14 (9) communicants Christmas At Barnard Castle 662 (691) people attended services on Christmas Day or Christmas Eve with 160 (139) communicants The combined total of those attending Christingle, the Christmas Tree Festival final worship, a Carol concert with reflection and the church Carol service was 909. Green Lane CE school's Carol service and Montalbo school's Carol concert were attended by a further 742 people (approx. 350 children). The Whorlton Carol service was attended by 84 adults and 4 children. The Carol singing and Christmas communion service at Whorlton was attended by 38 people (29 communicants) The Worshipping community Those who attend 'regularly' in church, care homes, but excluding weekly Collective worship at two Primary Schools and occasional services at Barnard Castle School At Barnard Castle 299: (7 under 10; 8 aged 10-17; 161 aged 18-69, 123 over 70) 26 adults and 1 child joined the community, 23 left (moved away or died). 4 children moved away. The worshipping community at Whorlton is 14: 5 aged 18-69; 9 over 70	
Comment This year's figures would continue to suggest that we do well at 'events' (Christmas and Easter attendance is strong but other 'one off' events in our churches are also well supported.) It is worth noting that attendance at the two main festivals is frequently affected by the weather (!), by whether Easter is early or late and when Christmas falls in the week. Numbers of baptisms, weddings and funerals are holding steady. This should not be taken for granted as evidence would suggest that engagement with faith communities is weakening in many urban parishes. Worshipping community numbers are horrendously difficult to calculate (as are the ages of those counted). Numbers here reflect a significant number of older folk in our care homes but the numbers of these attending worship in their respective home has dropped. The numbers also include members of the community music groups who connect with the parish through worship. Attempts to re-establish a congregation for younger families continue to fall foul of finding committed lay leadership to support this. In 2026 a number of possible 'drop in' events that may well involve worship are scheduled but these are labour intensive and will need congregational support.	

Structure, governance and management

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected or co-opted by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting [APCM], in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. At its Annual Meeting in 2020 a motion was passed that came into effect in 2021:

- a. Churchwardens be eligible to serve up to six consecutive years (this provision to be reviewed every six years as per the Church Representation Rules).*
- b. The balance between elected/ex officio members of the PCC be changed through*
 - i. removing the automatic membership of Readers to the PCC*
 - ii. replacing the existing 'rolling election of PCC members' with the election of 8 lay representatives (who for the purposes of continuity can serve up to 4 consecutive years).*

As Charity Trustees PCC members are mindful of the Charity Commission's Guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held at Barnard Castle following morning worship on Sunday 4th May 2025. The Electoral Roll had been renewed and was reported to stand at 114.

Members of the PCC: PCC Standing Committee elected 4.5.25 are marked *

Incumbent & Chair Revd Alec Harding*

Churchwardens (Can serve 6 consecutive years)	Mrs Joan Kemp Ambler (elected 2020)	Mr Roy Long* till APCM 2025 (elected 2020)
	Vacancy	Mrs Amanda Long* (2025)

Ex Officio: Mrs Frances Stenlake* (Diocesan Synod) Lay Chair of PCC

Deanery Synod: Mr Keith Miles Ms Abi Littlefair Mr Astley Fenwick (resigned summer 2025)
(Three elected places to serve for 3 years from 2023)

Elected Members (8 places – can serve 4 consecutive years)

Carolyn Knott (resigned Autumn 2025) Helen Goodman* (2021)	Liz Burdon (2022)	Seonaid Walker-Jones (2023) Catherine Wilkinson (2023)	Merrion Chrisp (2024) Roy Long (2025) Co-opted (from Sept 2025) Robin Taylor & Mary Barnard
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PCC Secretary Mr Geoff Knott (Ex Officio)

PCC Treasurer Mrs Frances Stenlake*



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BARNARD CASTLE WITH WHORLTON

On accounts for the year
ended

31st DECEMBER 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1130279

Set out on pages

1 - 10

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st DECEMBER 2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the
accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011
("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to
undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of
applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that
disclosed below~~*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material
respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130
of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements
concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities
(Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement
that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter
considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection
with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in
order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

31.3.2025

Name:

CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL HANBY

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

FELLOW MEMBER ASSOCIATION OF ACCOUNTING
TECHNICIANS

(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Barnard Castle with Whorlton
Registered Charity 1130279

Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st December 2025
Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	£		£
Brought forward 01.01.2025	147,754.44	Resources used (2)	129,384.13
Gain on sale	140.25		
Unrealised appreciation	493.10	Unrealised depreciation	1,599.83
Incoming resources (1)	<u>121,128.57</u>	Balance carried forward 31.12.2025 (3)	<u>138,532.40</u>
Total	<u>269,516.36</u>	Total	<u>269,516.36</u>

Notes

1 See Analysis of Income and Expenditure

2 See Analysis of Income and Expenditure

3 Represented by

Current Accounts

Note 4

32,948.14

Petty Cash

25.43

CBF Deposit Account

25,298.16

Co-operative Savings Account

22,184.11

Invested assets

58,076.56

138,532.40

4 Bank current account reconciliation at 31.12.2025

£

Balance at Co-operative bank

36,055.43

Plus: Receivables due

1,810.51

Less: Payments not cleared

3,768.06

Less: Accrued Expenditure

580.00

Less unresolved items

569.74

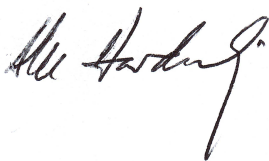
Balance at 31.12.2025

32,948.14

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:

The Revd Canon Alec Harding
Chairman of PCC

Joan Kemp-Ambler
Churchwarden



The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Barnard Castle with Whorlton

Registered Charity 1130279

Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st December 2025

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2025

		2025	2024
		£	£
Invested Assets	Children's fund	3,653.84	3,806
	Whorlton	0.00	13,456
	Permanent Endowment	21,846.46	22,756
	Designated (ex-Church Cottage)	8,968.03	13,745
	Designated (BC Major works)	23,608.23	18,781
Current Assets	Co-operative Current Account	36,055.43	11,707
	Petty Cash Smuffies	5.00	5
	Petty Cash Flower Guild	20.43	9
	Deposit Account CBF	25,298.16	25,298
	Co-operative Savings Account	22,184.11	41,720
	Year end amounts due to us	1,810.51	1,460
TOTAL ASSETS		143,450.20	152,742
LIABILITIES	Paid in advance for 2025		902
	Unresolved items	569.74	
	Accrued for unknown electricity bill	580.00	
	Accounts payable	3,768.06	4,085
NET ASSETS	(Total Assets – Liabilities)	138,532.40	147,754
BALANCE	Starting Balance	147,754.44	157,463
	Income less Expenditure	-8,255.56	-11,557
	Gains/(Losses) on investments	-966.48	1,849
	Closing balance	138,532.40	147,754.44

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Barnard Castle with Whorlton
Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st December 2025

Movement in Funds during the Year

Fund	01/01/2025	Income	Expenditure	Revaluation	Realised Gain	Transfer	31/12/2025
	£	£	£	£		£	£
Children's (including Fun night)	5,242.27	155.30	442.39	-152.16			4,803.02
Clergy Travel	0.00	530.00	530.00				0.00
Fabric	13,948.75	556.66					14,505.41
Godly Play (The Big Story)	23.97		23.97				0.00
BC Major works (Restricted)	6,000.00	6,678.42	405.00				12,273.42
Community Music Grant	629.35		629.35				0.00
Community Music (Restricted)	382.22	260.00	335.69				306.53
Organ and Church Music	603.87	702.00	137.00				1,168.87
Permanent Endowment	22,756.20			-909.74			21,846.46
Smuffies	695.81	612.65	586.95				721.51
Tower	854.71	379.25	4.79				1,229.17
Trinity (for incumbent's use)	433.25	1,375.00	1,432.08				376.17
Utilities	0.00	665.00	665.00				0.00
Windows for a King	0.00	0.00	0.00				0.00
Whorlton Fabric	3,040.23	2,342.06	16,219.59			13,093.63	2,256.33
Whorlton Endowment	13,455.56			-497.25	135.32	-13,093.63	0.00
TOTAL RESTRICTED AND ENDOWMENT	68,066.19	14,256.34	21,411.81	-1,559.15	135.32	0.00	59,486.89
Unrestricted Funds	25,781.40	103,934.92	104,414.84				25,301.48
Fabric ex Church Cottage (Designated)	19,968.97	1,000.00	825.50	223.32		-5,000.00	15,366.79
Community music (Designated)	292.09	1,937.31	2,229.40				0.00
School music ex Church Cottage (Designated)	3,694.66		502.58				3,192.08
BC Major works (Designated)	29,951.13			229.10	4.93	5,000.00	35,185.16
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED AND DESIGNATED	79,688.25	106,872.23	107,972.32	452.42	4.93	0.00	79,045.51
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	147,754.44	121,128.57	129,384.13	-1,106.73	140.25	0.00	138,532.40

Movement in Funds during the Previous Year

	01/01/2024	Income	Expenditure	Revaluation	Transfer	31/12/2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Children's (including Fun night)	5,222	162	227	85		5,242
Clergy Travel	0	405	405			0
Fabric	13,791	1,586	1,428			13,949
Godly Play (The Big Story)	46		22			24
BC Major works (Restricted)	10,479	12,213	16,692			6,000
Community Music Grant	0	1,500	871			629
Community Music (Restricted)	100	1,571	1,289			382
Organ and Church Music	542	754	692			604
Permanent Endowment	22,247			509		22,756
Smuffies	866	426	597			696
Tower	0	943	88			855
Trinity (for incumbent's use)	929	572	1,068			433
Utilities	0	897	897			0
Windows for a King	23,216	6,784	30,000			0
Whorlton Fabric	2,567	6,844	6,371			3,040
Whorlton Endowment	13,154			301		13,456
TOTAL RESTRICTED AND ENDOWMENT	93,160	34,657	60,646	895	0	68,066
Unrestricted Funds	21,407	98,261	103,083		9,196	25,781
Fabric ex Church Cottage (Designated)	29,016			953	-10,000	19,969
Community music (Designated)	1,068	1,371	2,951		804	292
School music ex Church Cottage (Designated)	9,162		467		-5,000	3,695
BC Major works (Designated)	3,651	28,086	6,786		5,000	29,951
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED AND DESIGNATED	64,303	127,718	113,286	953	0	79,688
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	157,463	162,417	173,932	1,849	0	147,754

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Analysis of Income and Expenditure for the Period 1st January to 31st December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
INCOME and ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies	74,976.06	50.00	1,293.25		76,319.31	115,901
Income from Charitable Activities	23,642.53	1,887.31	2,488.31		28,018.15	19,901
Income from Investments	4,789.82	0.00	972.17		5,761.99	5,485
Other income	526.51	1,000.00	9,502.61		11,029.12	21,088
Total Income and Endowments	103,934.92	2,937.31	14,256.34	0.00	121,128.57	162,375
EXPENDITURE						
Costs of generating funds	3,158.16	0.00	0.00		3,158.16	1,307
Expenditure on charitable activities	83,875.08	2,727.19	2,939.94		89,542.21	93,309
Other expenditure	17,381.60	830.29	18,471.87		36,683.76	79,316
Total Expenditure	104,414.84	3,557.48	21,411.81	0.00	129,384.13	173,932
INCOME less EXPENDITURE	-479.92	-620.17	-7,155.47	0.00	-8,255.56	-11,557
Transfers between Funds	0.00	0.00	13,093.63	-13,093.63	0.00	0
Gains (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		452.42	0	-1,559.15	-1,106.73	1,849
Realised gains		4.93		135.32	140.25	
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	-479.92	-162.82	5,938.16	-14,517.46	-9,222.04	-9,708.39
BALANCE b/f AT 1st JANUARY 2025	30,754.18	51,368.23	25,614.27	40,017.76	147,754.44	157,463
BALANCE c/f AT 31st DECEMBER 2025	30,274.26	51,205.41	31,552.43	25,500.30	138,532.40	147,754

The notes on subsequent pages form part of the accounts

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Analysis of Income and Endowments

		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
		Fund	Fund	Fund	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies						
Planned Giving:	Bank giving	35,285.52			35,285.52	38,939
	Envelopes	1,501.60		50.00	1,551.60	1,464
	Total Planned Giving	36,787.12	0.00	50.00	36,837.12	40,403
Non-recurring donations	one-off donations	5,831.97	0.00	1,127.00	6,958.97	8,407
	Windows for a King	0.00		0.00	0.00	2,724
Collections at Services	Barnard Castle	4,859.40			4,859.40	4,194
	Whorlton	1,917.04			1,917.04	1,453
	Funerals	5,029.77			5,029.77	6,570
	Weddings	965.51			965.51	457
	Baptisms	968.37			968.37	1,578
	Wall safe and candles	2,819.95			2,819.95	1,866
Other recurring donations	Card reader	3,858.48			3,858.48	3,133
Income Tax recovered	Gift Aid	8,920.41	50.00	116.25	9,086.66	9,342
	Small Donations	3,018.04			3,018.04	2,691
Legacies received		0.00			0.00	33,086
Total		74,976.06	50.00	1,293.25	76,319.31	115,901
Income from Charitable Activities						
Fund raising	Book sales	0.00			0.00	99
	Easter lilies	650.00			650.00	680
	Recitals and Concerts	1,541.40	1,887.31		3,428.71	1,816
	Venue fees	813.50		70.00	883.50	1,076
	Castle Players	593.00			593.00	1,214
	Christmas events	7,274.99			7,274.99	1,488
	Social events	578.14			578.14	871
	Other	3,599.50		208.81	3,808.31	2,766
	Total Fund Raising	15,050.53	1,887.31	278.81	17,216.65	10,010
Statutory Fees:	Weddings	2,693.00			2,693.00	2,445
	Funerals	3,024.00			3,024.00	3,459
Other Fees	Weddings/Funerals	897.00		1,827.00	2,724.00	1,651
	Total Fees	6,614.00	0.00	1,827.00	8,441.00	7,555
Other activities	Smuffies	0.00		382.50	382.50	386
	Flower Guild	1,978.00			1,978.00	1,950
Total		23,642.53	1,887.31	2,488.31	28,018.15	19,901
Income from Investments						
Rents	Parish Hall	1,545.27			1,545.27	1,088
	Whorlton Village Hall	680.00			680.00	590
Investments	Co-operative Savings Account	419.37		45.00	464.37	627
	CBF deposit	445.61		636.36	1,081.97	1,278
	Permanent Endowment	821.16			821.16	618
	CBF - ex Church Cottage	878.41			878.41	816
	Children's Fund			105.75	105.75	103
	Whorlton Endowment			185.06	185.06	365
Total		4,789.82	0.00	972.17	5,761.99	5,485
Other Income						
Grants received	Recurring	0.00			0.00	100
	One-off		1,000.00	2,103.00	3,103.00	19,285
Other income		427.51		7,399.61	7,827.12	775
Insurance Claim		99.00			99.00	928
Total		526.51	1,000.00	9,502.61	11,029.12	21,088
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		103,934.92	2,937.31	14,256.34	121,128.57	162,375

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Analysis of Expenditure

		Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Costs of Generating Funds						
Fund raising	Easter Lilies	156.00			156.00	182
	Social events	525.42			525.42	569
	Christmas	1,796.67			1,796.67	253
	Other fund raising	680.07			680.07	304
Total		3,158.16	0.00	0.00	3,158.16	1,307
Expenditure on Charitable Activities						
Parish Share	To Diocese	65,000.00			65,000.00	71,706
Pay and honoraria	Organist	4,746.53	2,561.34	34.48	7,342.35	6,221
Clergy and Staff Expenses	clergy expenses	211.54		127.96	339.50	550
	Clergy travel	1158.06		567.89	1,725.95	1,300
	Other mileage	36.00			36.00	90
	Water rates	438.71			438.71	355
	Telephone	686.00			686.00	560
	Clergy house repairs	0.00		120.00	120.00	0
	total clergy and staff expenses	2,530.31	0.00	815.85	3,346.16	2,855
Mission costs	Services: expenses	1,163.70		295.72	1,459.42	473
	Smuffies			577.37	577.37	597
	Children's work		32.99	117.70	150.69	244
	Books and publications	484.04		316.05	800.09	101
	Music and copyright	488.05	132.86	782.77	1,403.68	1,877
	Flower Guild	353.27			353.27	392
Church Insurance	Total Mission costs	2,489.06	165.85	2,089.61	4,744.52	3,684
	Insurance BC	6,857.19			6,857.19	6,666
	Insurance Whorlton	2,251.99			2,251.99	2,176
	Total Church Insurance	9,109.18	0.00	0.00	9,109.18	8,842
Total		83,875.08	2,727.19	2,939.94	89,542.21	93,309

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Analysis of Expenditure continued

		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
		Fund	Fund	Fund	2025	2,024
		£	£	£	£	£
Other Expenditure						
Church Running Costs	Maintenance: BC	3,932.32	825.50		4,757.82	3,455
	Maintenance: Whorlton	130.55			130.55	866
	Church equipment	190.53		98.18	288.71	790
	Church cleaning	343.68			343.68	0
	Organ maintenance	0.00			0.00	756
	Printing costs	853.02			853.02	673
	Computing	1,438.02		196.68	1,634.70	1,465
	Office supplies	285.24			285.24	323
	Photocopier costs	1,011.16			1,011.16	1,059
	Other costs	91.60	4.79	607.42	703.81	725
	Gifts and other payments	455.68			455.68	174
Total Church Running costs		8,731.80	830.29	902.28	10,464.37	10,287
Utility Costs	Barnard Castle: gas	4,155.03		945.00	5,100.03	5,711
	Barnard Castle: electricity	2,975.61			2,975.61	3,290
	Whorlton: electricity	920.16			920.16	1,012
Total Utility costs		8,050.80	0.00	945.00	8,995.80	10,013
Major Projects	Barnard Castle	599.00		405.00	1,004.00	23,478
	Windows for a King				0.00	30,000
	Whorlton			16,219.59	16,219.59	5,539
Total major repair costs		599.00	0.00	16,624.59	17,223.59	59,017
Total		17,381.60	830.29	18,471.87	36,683.76	79,316
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		104,414.84	3,557.48	21,411.81	129,384.13	173,932

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Barnard Castle with Whorlton

Notes on the Financial Statements 2025

1. Basis of Statements. The Financial Statements of the PCC have been prepared under The Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities (SORP) FRS102.

The Financial Statements have been prepared using the accruals and prepayments method.

Investments included in the Financial Statements are shown at market (bid) value.

The accounts were subject to an independent examination. The Independent Examiner's Report is attached to the Financial Statements.

2. Bankers. The PCC's bankers are The Co-operative Bank.
3. Deposit Accounts. The PCC has an instant access savings account with the Co-operative Bank, accessed via the current account's dual authority portal. There is also a deposit account with CCLA Investment Management Limited's CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.
4. Property. The PCC owns the Parish Hall, Newgate and Whorlton Village Hall. These assets are not included in the Financial Statements. Both the halls are leased in return for fixed rental income.

Approximate property valuations are Parish Hall (£185,000) and Whorlton Village Hall (£145,000). These valuations are unchanged from 31st December 2009 and were confirmed as reasonable as at 31st December 2015 by Simon Nixon of Addisons. It is considered that these valuations will not have changed materially.

The Parish Hall is leased to the Parish Hall Association (registered charity no.1103536) on a 30 year lease from 2004. A revised 20 year lease is in preparation to enable the Hall Association to access grant funding. In the meantime the quinquennial rent increase due in December 2024 has been backdated.

Whorlton Village Hall was leased to the Whorlton Village Community Association, with a new 21 year lease effected from 1st August 2019. The lease provides for a formula based review of rent every 3 years, the rent is currently £680 and the next review is due in 2028.

5. Invested Assets. During the year £13,500 was realised from the Fixed Interest Investment, in order to release the Whorlton Endowment for major drainage works. The Investment Fund Assets attributed to Whorlton Endowment were reassigned to the Major Works Designated Fund. All invested assets are included in the Balance Sheet at current value (bid price):
 - a. Children's Fund. The fund is invested in 164.60 units of CCLA CBF Church of England Investment Fund Income Shares. The value at 31st December 2025 was £3,653.84 (2024: £3,806.00). Income is restricted for use in connection with work with children.
 - b. St Mary's Barnard Castle Permanent Endowment. The fund is invested in 984.15 units of CCLA CBF Church of England Investment Fund Income Shares. The value at 31st December 2025 was £21,846.46 (2024: £22,756.20). The income is available for general purposes (unrestricted).
 - c. Major Works Designated Fund: The 581.92 units of the CCLA CBF Church of England Investment Fund Income Shares previously forming the Whorlton Endowment were reassigned to this fund during the year. The value at 31st December 2025 was £12,917.63 (2024: £13,455.56). The income is available for general purposes (unrestricted).
 - d. The proceeds of the sale of Church Cottage in December 2015 were invested in 21,811.48 units of the CCLA CBF Church of England Fixed Interest Securities Fund Income Shares. During the year 8,943,36 shares were sold, of which 8,674.15 represented the Whorlton Endowment and the remainder were from the Major Works Designated Fund. The value of the Fixed interest Securities Holding was £19,658.63 at 31st December 2025 (2024: £32,525.28).

6. Petty Cash. Petty Cash is held by the Flower Guild and by Smuffies (for subscriptions) and Smuffies (for its selected charity). Monies are regularly banked to the current account. Records of petty cash transactions for the Flower Guild, Smuffies and Smuffies (Charity) are maintained in cash books.
7. Policy for Reserves. The policy is to hold unrestricted reserves (to include any Gift Aid tax due but not yet claimed and/or received) of approximately 3 months expenditure (from general funds) to provide for uneven cash flow and for minor but necessary unbudgeted expenditure. Reserves at this level are currently held.
8. Policy for Pay to Employees. Pay is reviewed annually, with a minimum rate of payment of the Living Wage Foundation's Living Wage.
9. Pay, Employees and Pensions. The PCC employs a part-time Director of Music.

Employee costs were:

Gross pay to employees	£7,342.35 (2024: £6,221.41)
Employer National Insurance costs	-
Employer Pension contributions	-
Total	£7,342.35 (2024: £6,221.41)

During the year the employee qualified once for Automatic Enrolment. The setting up of pension arrangement was postponed for three months (as permitted by legislation). A pension scheme is in place with effect from 1 January 2026. No employees opted in to a pension arrangement.

The payroll is managed by Susan Peat on behalf of the PCC.

Following a change to the Director of Music's employment contract, fees for weddings and funerals are now included in the remuneration.

10. PCC remuneration. PCC members receive no remuneration.
11. Payments to Connected Persons. None.
12. Contracts with Central and Local Government. The PCC has no contracts with Central or Local Government.
13. Grants from Central and Local Government. None
14. Other Grants received.
 - a. Trinity College, Cambridge granted £1,375 to replenish the Restricted Fund available to the incumbent to meet expenses which might not otherwise be incurred or might not be reimbursed by the PCC.
 - b. A donation of £1000 was received from the Lord Crewe Fund.
 - c. The Friends of St Mary's gave £1,000 to the South Transept Project Fund.
 - d. The Diocese of Durham gave £2,103 towards the costs of the Whorlton Church drainage works.
 - e. The Northern Dales Richard III Group gave £5,000 to the South Transept Project Fund.
15. Legacies. The PCC received no legacies in 2025 (£33,085.71 in 2024).
16. Parish Share. The Parish Share offered to the Diocese and paid in 2025 was £65,000 (2024 £71,706). For 2026, the PCC has reduced the Parish Share offer to £60,000.
17. Charity Giving. The Smuffies toddler group raised £358.45 for its 2025 chosen charity, National Deaf Children's Society, the Christingle service raised £277.61 (net) for The Children's Society, various events during the year raised £196.57 for GNAAS, £358.48 for USPG, £337.00 for Christian Aid and £83.10 for other charities and the civic Remembrance Service raised £970.40 for the Royal British Legion. A further £4,307.53 was raised for other charities from funeral plate collections.

18. Photocopier. The PCC leases a photocopier from Grenke leasing. There is a separate contract with Mastercopy in respect of printing.
19. Governance Fees. No costs have been incurred in the Independent Examination of the Accounts or in other Governance.
20. Gift Aid. 93% of regular giving was Gift Aided in 2025. The other 7 % relates to non-taxpayers but part of this is eligible under the Small Donations Gift Aid Scheme. In respect of the Small Donations Gift Aid Scheme, the PCC claims separately for each of the two churches as Community Buildings.
21. Agency Monies. The PCC acts as collecting agents for certain connected parties and also where monies are raised for a specific charity at a service or event. These transactions are not included in the financial statements. The amounts are set out in the table below:

Agency	Amount received £	Expenses deducted £	Amount paid out £
Diocesan Fees for weddings and Funerals	10,013.80	-	10,013.80
Fees for verger, bellringers	510.00	-	510.00
Fees for Organist at weddings and funerals	1,096.00	-	1,096.00
Funeral collections and other charity monies	7011.84	122.70	6,889.14

22. Accounting records. Accounting records are maintained on MyFundAccounting software supplied by Data Developments. Gift Aid and Small Gift Aid data was transferred to the MyGivingOnline software supplied by Data Developments. This software is used to generate and electronically submit the Gift Aid and Small Gift Aid claims to HMRC. Data on MyFundAccounting and MyGivingOnline is backed up by Data Developments.
23. Review of Financial Controls. The PCC reviewed its financial controls during 2025 and agreed procedures to manage risks. The financial controls have been adopted as standing orders of the PCC.

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Annual Report and Accounts 2024

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Barnard Castle with Whorlton: Diocese of Durham

1. Introduction

This Report has been drawn up in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

2. Aims and purposes

St. Mary's Barnard Castle with Whorlton Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, The Revd Canon Alec Harding, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

3. Objectives and activities: We have discerned the parish's overarching aim to be

Celebrating God's Love

We seek to do this by:

1. Working in partnership with those who bring life to the community.
2. Celebrating God's gifts in His creation, His children and His work in this place.
3. Creating space, time and opportunities for people of all ages to grow in faith and worship.

Our priorities in 2024 were discerned to be:

1. Growing our work with Children and young people and connecting church, schools and families together.
2. Healing and wholeness.
3. Offering 'Living water' through our worship and common life so we might grow.

Communication:

We communicate our activities through an e-letter and/or a hard copy newsletter, through the church pew sheet, through the church website and through FaceBook.

Achievements and performance

1. Growing our work with children and young people:

The parish continues to work extensively with children and young people with volunteers involved in the weekly under-fives group (Smuffies), offering Junior church provision at Barnard Castle, weekly Big Story sessions, hymn practice and church school choir sessions and (occasional) Prayer spaces at Green Lane School. Clergy conduct weekly collective worship at Montalbo and Green Lane Schools alongside involvement at Barnard Castle School and

the Prep school. Barnard Castle church hosts school visits and termly school services. Uniformed organizations visit Barnard Castle Church.

However: we continue to struggle to connect those who come for baptism into the life of the church and to give a sense of direction to the considerable amount of work that is being done with Primary School children.

What have we done?

The PCC created a small working group to investigate possibilities for increased work with local schools and uniformed organisations. Some tenuous links with Teesdale School were pursued resulting in an invitation to our curate to attend the school's 'Religion & Philosophy' club with young teenagers.

We invited the Diocesan Children's Officer to attend worship to speak to the congregation about the Diocesan priority of growing work with children. Unfortunately, Diocesan reorganization of staff roles meant this visit could not take place.

A cause for concern: Whilst the parish 'Four o'clock' / Celebrate service had run out of steam (and not resulted in any greater involvement in church life beyond occasional attendance) its demise has de-churched some younger families who had attended (including some members of the Praise Band) The movement of the 'Celebrate' service to the 10.30am worship time offers a different style of worship on these occasions but is not itself a tool for growth.

Baptism families who previously had been asked to attend the Four o'clock service are now asked to attend at least one service at 10.30am prior to a baptism. This has been appreciated by the congregation.

The Vicar has played a part in scoping the role for a chaplain to be engaged at Barnard Castle School. It may be possible for this role to be shared with a parish role in the deanery but decisions rest with the school and the diocese.

The PCC supported the creation of Panthers: a music group for children. This is led by Peter Lovatt and involves a small band of teenagers enjoying music under the church's 'umbrella'.

It was decided against holding a service of admission to communion at Green Lane CE School this year as the timetable did not permit enough preparation.

The dedication of the new porch windows at Barnard Castle (by + Sarah the Acting Bishop of Durham, on December 8th offered the opportunity for an event entitled The Christmas Family Drop in: a mixture of all age craft activities, music, Scalextric (!), refreshments, storytelling and engagement with the windows proved popular. It may be that a structured series of 'feast day' events arranged for families might enable the church to engage with a younger demographic.

2. Healing and wholeness

Healing and wholeness sits within the church's provision of pastoral care to the town. At its widest level this includes ensuring that the parish safeguarding procedures are robust; supporting people to meet together and find strength and fellowship in community through the many groups that use the Parish Hall; promoting church social activities and events; hosting concerts and continuing to offer care home services and pastoral visits (not least those surrounding the occasional offices of baptisms, weddings and funerals).

What have we done?

The ministry of healing has been incorporated into the regular service pattern at Barnard Castle and members of the congregation have taken part in online training through the Go Health organization.

Members of the congregation serve on the Parish Nursing Trustees.

The church Safeguarding Officer (Harriet Hargreaves) moved abroad with her work. A safer recruitment process saw Mr David Ewart appointed to this role. David has spent the year getting to grips with the National Church's Expectations, helping to bring the PCC 'dashboard' up to date, talking to group leaders and ensuring that the PCC fulfils what is expected of it concerning Safeguarding.

The PCC has complied with the duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.

Social events

Social events this year have included the Castle Players' production of These things do happen (promoted by the Friends of St Mary's).

Barnard Castle hosted 'Organ world' for an exhibition. The Northern Dales Richard III group held their bi-ennial conference at Barnard Castle.

The Windows for the King project led by Kim Harding was brought to completion with additional fundraising through a Quiz Night, Garden Party and a Ceilidh. The new windows were installed above the porch door by the artist Rachel Phillips. Their unveiling on November 6th took place before a full church by Dr Fiona Hill, Chancellor of Durham University.

The Castle Players transformed the nave at Barnard Castle for a stunning performance of the play 'Dickon' by Josephine Tey which sold out its 4 performances.

Barnard Castle School Choral Society performed both the St John Passion and The Armed Man at Barnard Castle church.

Hymns and Pimms at Whorlton was well attended. Whorlton church promoted a display under the title of 'Whorlton Parish memory Project' in November which invited villagers to share memories of the village, the church and the Bridge.

The church bellringers' activities have seen local teams grow in Staindrop and at Cotherstone. The Tower was opened for Heritage Open Day. A small group of handbell ringers rang at Christmas services at Barnard Castle and Whorlton.

The church's ministry through music continues to flourish. Performances have taken place at a café style cheese and wine event; a Sunday 'afternoon tea', a Celebration of Song (involving local schools); a joint event with Barnard Castle Band; music making at the Bowes Museum, a Harvest event; a concert promoted alongside the Rotary Club; an evening event in support of work in Ukraine; a sparkling Christmas concert and involvement with the church's Christmas Carol service.

Fundraising included a book sale and an increasingly popular wreath making event hosted by the Flower Guild.

3. Offering 'Living Water' through our worship and common life so we might grow:

We always seek to offer the very best we can in our worship involving the gifts of as many people as possible and being true both to ourselves and our inheritance of faith through the celebration of the Liturgical Year, and the use of a liturgical approach to worship. Whilst we are not growing as a church in number we continue to welcome new members to the congregation.

What have we done?

This year we have: Used the Celebrate service at Barnard Castle to learn about the Diocesan Priorities Enabled those trained through the Wings for Worship scheme to lead worship. Held special services: for All Soul's tide at both churches and marked the 80th anniversary of the D Day landings Welcomed 'members of 'Gather church' for a service to end their pilgrimage from Gainford to Barnard Castle Welcomed the Revd Dr Ana Moskvina as our curate following her ordination on 30th June 2024. Supported merchant Navy Day and Aviation Day ceremonies. A special service dedicated to the son of a previous vicar of the parish, Ian (Tint) Porteus was held at Whorlton We used 'Generosity week' material to promote Christian Giving	Barnard Castle hosted the County Durham WI Carol service. The PCC decided to support the Vicar in opting to offer (in limited circumstances) the General Synod's 'Prayers of Love and faith' for same sex couples. It was with sadness that 4 members of the congregation decided that this and other decisions made by General Synod meant they could no longer worship in Anglican churches. We offered opportunities for study/discipleship through a number of activities: Two 'discernment events' were held in church. A Lent course over Zoom looked at the Gospel for the week. A course on the Book of Romans from the Bible Society was offered through the summer. In the Autumn a course looked at what could be learned from the saints portrayed in the new window at Barnard Castle
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Church Officers and Staff:

- Revd Dr Ana Moskvina was welcomed to the parish as assistant curate after her ordination on 30th June 2024
- Mr Astley Fenwick stepped down from his role as Reader.
- Mrs Frances Stenlake served on the nominations' committee for the new Bishop
- The parish mourned the death of Revd John Moore. Revd Moore had served churches throughout the dale since his retirement from his role as Chaplain at Barnard Castle School. He died on 29th September 2024.

The wider church:

This year: The Bishop of Durham (Rt Revd Paul Butler) retired

- Barnard Castle Deanery.
Barnard Castle and Stanhope Deaneries merged to create a new 'Durham Dales Deanery'. A service to mark the merger took place at Barnard Castle in Easter-tide.
Revd Brian Whitley retired from his position in the Gaunless Valley parishes (Cockfield, Evenwood and Lynesack)
- Churches Together
The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service took place at Barnard Castle Methodist Church.
Members of the different churches held Lent and Advent lunches in support of Christian Aid

Wardens' reports

St Mary's Barnard Castle

Major work at Barnard Castle included the removal, repair and restoration of the 'Dugard' window from the south transept. Work was carried out by Jonathan and Ruth Cooke under the direction of the church architect. The

opportunity was taken to address in situ problems with the secondary glazing of the 'Sinclair' window at the south west corner of the church. Both windows look magnificent following professional cleaning. Thanks go to Robert Stenlake for his work in fundraising for the work and guiding this project to completion.

Astley Fenwick has continued to replace the low level 'uplighters' on the pillars of the church. Towards the end of the year a number of high level spot lights began to flash intermittently. These were removed at considerable cost but a long-term solution to replace the 'drivers' in the units is still to be found. Two of the flood lights illuminating the tower need to be replaced and quotations are being sought.

In August several square metres of tiling beneath the pulpit became inexplicably dislodged and rose up from the floor. The church architect oversaw the process of obtaining a report on the problem from specialists. A quotation for repair of over £12000 was deemed unacceptable and permission sought and obtained for a more 'local solution'. Thanks go to Revd Canon Geoff Lowson for his work in removing the tiles, cleaning, repairing and relaying them - a long and arduous task.

The Windows for the King project was brought to a successful conclusion with etched and coloured glass windows installed above the inner porch doors of the church commemorating the 550th anniversary of Richard III being made Lord of Barnard Castle. Designed by the Pembrokeshire artist Rachel Phillips, the windows present the saints to whom Richard's College (based at St Mary's) was to be dedicated: the Virgin and child, Ss Ninian and Margaret of Scotland. In addition, Ss Catherine of Alexandria and Helen are portrayed: there had been a chantry of St Catherine in the church and a chapel dedicated to St Helen at Lowfields (Westwick Road). The whole is flanked by Ricardian boars based upon the stone effigy near the font which had come from the College buildings on Amen Corner.

An attempted break-in, in daylight hours, from the chancel into the vestry was foiled by the arrival in church of a parishioner. Two criminals escaped empty-handed having caused £1200 damage to the vestry door. The door was made good by Revd Canon Lowson and then professionally restored by Antony Nixon furniture. Our insurers provided prompt assistance. One of the criminals was apprehended by the police within weeks of the event having left fingerprints at the scene (and in other churches targeted for theft in the area). He immediately received a custodial sentence. The Health and safety implications of the event were discussed with those who open and shut the church and protocols agreed to minimize risks to individuals.

Ongoing problems with blocked drains from the church toilet and servery have necessitated repeated callouts of professionals. The architect's plans are being sought and a camera survey commissioned to seek a permanent solution to these issues.

Progress towards addressing the next stage of major works (east window of the south transept and repointing of the transept wall and the chancel on the south side) has stalled through lack of funds. That said, the churchwardens received a generous legacy of -£28,000 from the estate of Miss Alcock and have designated it for this project. It is clear that the funding of church projects nationally has been severely curtailed as grant sources dry up and there is an increase in the number of parishes bidding for the limited funds available. The PCC has repeatedly asserted to the Diocesan Advisory Committee its belief that the Ricardian Boar on the exterior of the transept window should be brought into church to preserve it and that a plain stone should replace it on the exterior of the church. The DAC are of the opinion that a 'carved' representation/reproduction should replace the original: this is contrary to modern heritage guidelines. As and when faculty permission is requested the Chancellor will make a binding decision on the matter.

Barnard Castle Parish Hall

The Parish Hall is in the care of the Parish Hall Association (PHA) under a lease from the PCC. A request to extend the lease of the hall was made by the PHA to the PCC. Extensive conversations about new terms have not produced agreement. The current lease expires in 2034.

The committee have overseen the refurbishment of the Guild Room to make it a much more comfortable space. A new boiler and new windows formed part of the refurbishment: the cost of works exceeded £24,000 with over £20,000 of this being obtained through grant applications. Thanks are especially given to Clare and John Trevett for overseeing this project.

Emergency lighting throughout the building has been replaced.

St. Mary's Whorlton

The next quinquennial report is not due until 2026. Some minor filling, sanding and painting repairs were carried out to the window sills during April, also the usual cleaning and oiling of the main doors, together with the belfry and vestry doors.

During August, whilst engaged in work at Barnard Castle, Jonathan Cooke inspected Whorlton windows and highlighted which were in need of repair and the relative urgency of the repairs. Towards the end of the year, the gutters and downspouts were all cleaned and painted. Exploratory work was carried out on the drainage and soak aways. Work has been suspended to clarify necessary permissions and funding. Future work to do includes Organ repairs and work to the windows.

Whorlton Village Hall:

The Village Hall is in the care of the Village Hall Association under a lease from the PCC. The association continue to make changes and improvements to the building.

Some numbers (brackets indicate 2023 numbers)

Baptisms 16 (33) baptisms were conducted at Barnard Castle, 4 (2) at Whorlton Weddings Seven (3) weddings were celebrated at Barnard Castle, none (1) at Whorlton Funerals There were 20 (14) funerals at Barnard Castle and 3 (4) at Whorlton with a further 15 (11) conducted at the crematoria alone. Clergy conducted 7 (3) funerals in neighbouring parishes	Admission to communion No candidates Confirmation No candidates Usual Sunday attendance Based on the 'October count' the usual Sunday attendance at Barnard Castle is 76 (84) adults and 2 (5) children. At Whorlton the figure is 10 adults
Easter At Barnard Castle 126 (132) adults attended Easter worship: 114 (118) communicants. At Whorlton 10 adults attended Easter worship (9 communicants) Christmas At Barnard Castle 691 (611) people attended services on Christmas Day or Christmas Eve with 139 communicants (up 6 from 2023). Christingle attracted 135 (159) people and the church carol service 270 (152). In addition, two schools (approx. 400 children, 100 adults) and the Durham VI (250 adults) held their Carol services at church. The Carol singing and Christmas communion service at Whorlton was attended by 50 people (25 communicants) The Worshipping community Those who attend 'regularly' in church, care homes, but excluding weekly Collective worship at two Primary Schools and occasional services at Barnard Castle School At Barnard Castle 324: (111 under 10; 13 aged 10-17; 162 aged 18-69, 138 over 70) 17 adults joined the community, 25 left (moved away or died). 6 children moved away. The worshipping community at Whorlton is 14: 1 aged 11-17) 4 aged 18-69; 9 over 70	
Comment Shortages of clergy in neighbouring parishes account for the small increase in additional funerals outside the parish. The Worshipping community number has been adversely affected by the decision to end the Four o'clock (Celebrate) service.	

Structure, governance and management

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected or co-opted by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting [APCM], in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. At its Annual Meeting in 2020 a motion was passed that came into effect in 2021:

- Churchwardens be eligible to serve up to six consecutive years (this provision to be reviewed every six years as per the Church Representation Rules).
- The balance between elected/ex officio members of the PCC be changed through

- i. removing the automatic membership of Readers to the PCC
- ii. replacing the existing 'rolling election of PCC members' with the election of 8 lay representatives (who for the purposes of continuity can serve up to 4 consecutive years).

As Charity Trustees PCC members are mindful of the Charity Commission's Guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held at Barnard Castle on the evening of Monday 22nd April 2024. The Electoral Roll was reported to stand at 138. From the APCM there were 14 members of the PCC.

Members of the PCC: PCC Standing Committee elected 22.4.24 are marked *

Incumbent & Chair Revd Alec Harding*

Churchwardens (Can serve 6 consecutive years)	Mrs Joan Kemp Ambler (elected 2020)	Mr Roy Long* (elected 2020)
	Vacancy	Vacancy

Ex Officio: Mrs Frances Stenlake* (Diocesan Synod) Lay Chair of PCC
 Deanery Synod: Mr Keith Miles Ms Abi Littlefair Mr Astley Fenwick
 (Three elected places to serve for 3 years from 2023)

Elected Members (8 places – can serve 4 consecutive years)

Carolyn Knott (2021) Geoff Knott (2021) Helen Goodman* (2021)	Liz Burdon (2022)	Seonaid Walker-Jones (2023) Catherine Wilkinson (2023)	Merrion Chrisp (2024) Vacancy
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PCC Secretary Mr Geoff Knott
 PCC Treasurer Mrs Frances Stenlake

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of the PCC (registered charity 1130279) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



James Ferdinand, ACA, CTA

Address: 49 RIVERSIDE, BISHOP AUCKLAND DL14 6XT

Date: 24 April 2025

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Barnard Castle with Whorlton
Registered Charity 1130279

Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st December 2024
Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	£		£
Brought forward 01.01.2024	157,462.83	Resources used (2)	173,932.34
Unrealised appreciation	1,848.61	Unrealised depreciation	
Incoming resources (1)	162,375.34	Balance carried forward 31.12.2024 (3)	147,754.44
Total	321,686.78	Total	321,686.78

Notes 1 See Analysis of Income and Expenditure

2 See Analysis of Income and Expenditure

3 Represented by

Current Accounts	Note 4	8,179.98
Petty Cash		13.52
CBF Deposit Account		25,298.16
Co-operative Instant Access Account		41,719.74
Invested assets		72,543.04
		<u>147,754.44</u>

4 Bank current account reconciliation at 31.12.2024

	£
Balance at Co-operative bank	11,706.99
Plus: Receivables due	1,460.47
Less: paid in advance for 2025	902.00
Less: Payments not cleared	<u>4,085.48</u>
Balance at 31.12.2024	<u>8,179.98</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:



The Revd Canon Alec Harding
Chairman of PCC



Joan Kemp-Amoler
Churchwarden

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024

		2024	2023
		£	£
Invested Assets	Children's fund	3,806.00	3,721
	Whorlton	13,455.56	13,154
	Permanent Endowment	22,756.20	22,247
	Designated (ex-Church Cottage)	13,744.71	31,572
	Designated (BC Major works)	18,780.57	0
Current Assets	Current Account Co-operative	11,706.99	21,319
	Petty Cash Smuffies	5.00	5
	Petty Cash Flower Guild	8.52	19
	Deposit Account CBF	25,298.16	25,298
	Bank savings account	41,719.74	40,593
	Year end amounts due to us	1,460.47	3,699
TOTAL ASSETS		152,741.92	161,628
LIABILITIES	Paid in advance for 2025	902.00	
	Accounts payable	4,085.48	4,165
NET ASSETS	(Total Assets – Liabilities)	147,754.44	157,463
BALANCE	Starting Balance	157,462.83	141,194
	Income less Expenditure	-11,557.00	11,102
	Gains/(Losses) on investments	1,848.61	5,167
	Closing balance	147,754.44	157,462.83

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Movement in Funds during the Year

Fund	01/01/2024	Income	Expenditure	Revaluation	Transfer	31/12/2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Children's (including Fun night)	5,221.96	161.84	226.70	85.17		5,242.27
Clergy Travel	0.00	405.00	405.00			0.00
Fabric	13,790.75	1,586.00	1,428.00			13,948.75
Godly Play (The Big Story)	46.15		22.18			23.97
BC Major works (Restricted)	10,479.22	12,213.00	16,692.22			6,000.00
Community Music Grant	0.00	1,500.00	870.65			629.35
Community Music (Restricted)	100.00	1,571.30	1,289.08			382.22
Organ and Church Music	541.87	754.00	692.00			603.87
Permanent Endowment	22,247.00			509.20		22,756.20
PCC Reserves	0.00		0.00			0.00
Smuffies	866.08	426.44	596.71			695.81
Tower	0.00	943.05	88.34			854.71
Trinity (for incumbent's use)	928.96	572.04	1,067.75			433.25
Utilities	0.00	897.00	897.00			0.00
Windows for a King	23,216.20	6,783.80	30,000.00			0.00
Whorlton Fabric	2,567.30	6,843.52	6,370.59			3,040.23
Whorlton Endowment	13,154.48			301.08		13,455.56
TOTAL RESTRICTED AND ENDOWMENT	93,159.97	34,656.99	60,646.22	895.45	0.00	68,066.19
Unrestricted Funds	21,406.62	98,261.39	103,082.78		9,196.17	25,781.40
Fabric ex Church Cottage (Designated)	29,015.81			953.16	-10,000.00	19,968.97
Community music (Designated)	1,067.62	1,371.25	2,950.61		803.83	292.09
School music ex Church Cottage (Designated)	9,161.61		466.95		-5,000.00	3,694.66
BC Major works (Designated)	3,651.20	28,085.71	6,785.78		5,000.00	29,951.13
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED AND DESIGNATED	64,302.86	127,718.35	113,286.12	953.16	0.00	79,688.25
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	157,462.83	162,375.34	173,932.34	1,848.61	0.00	147,754.44

Movement in Funds during the Previous Year

	01/01/2023	Income	Expenditure	Revaluation	Transfer	31/12/2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	4,989	142	231	323		5,222
	0	280	280			0
	14,562	905	1,676			13,791
	115		69			46
	10,279	500	300			10,479
	0					0
	0	100				100
	554	650	662			542
	20,319			1,928		22,247
	366		366			0
	934	488	557			866
	301	1,375	747			929
	0	607	607			0
	6,477	26,740	10,000			23,216
	2,013	905	350			2,567
	12,014			1,140		13,154
	72,923	32,692	15,846	3,391	0	93,160
	23,631	103,932	107,473		1,316	21,407
	32,240			1,775	-5,000	29,016
	1,346	2,425	1,387		-1,316	1,068
	9,308		147			9,162
	1,745		3,094		5,000	3,651
	68,271	106,357	112,100	1,775	0	64,303
	141,194	139,048	127,946	5,167	0	157,463

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Analysis of Expenditure continued

		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
		Fund	Fund	Fund	2024	2,023
		£	£	£	£	£
Other Expenditure						
Church Running Costs	Maintenance: BC	2,027.45		1,428.00	3,455.45	1,854
	Maintenance: Whorlton	34.80		831.59	866.39	350
	Church equipment	789.71			789.71	392
	Church cleaning	0.00			0.00	25
	Organ maintenance	756.00			756.00	535
	Printing costs	672.77			672.77	432
	Computing	1,246.91		218.26	1,465.17	1,357
	Office supplies	322.91			322.91	206
	Photocopier costs	1,059.28			1,059.28	1,299
	Other costs	332.38	19.16	373.73	725.27	1,178
	Gifts and other payments	20.00		153.95	173.95	45
	Total Church Running costs	7,262.21	19.16	3,005.53	10,286.90	7,674
Utility Costs	Barnard Castle: gas	3,029.24	687.15	1,994.85	5,711.24	7,866
	Barnard Castle: electricity	3,289.75			3,289.75	3,838
	Whorlton: electricity	1,011.51			1,011.51	859
	Total Utility costs	7,330.50	687.15	1,994.85	10,012.50	12,564
Major Projects	Barnard Castle		6,785.78	16,692.22	23,478.00	3,994
	Windows for a King			30,000.00	30,000.00	10,000
	Whorlton			5,539.00	5,539.00	0
	Total major repair costs	0.00	6,785.78	52,231.22	59,017.00	13,994
Total		14,592.71	7,492.09	57,231.60	79,316.40	34,231
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		103,082.78	10,203.34	60,646.22	173,932.34	127,946

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Barnard Castle with Whorlton

Notes on the Financial Statements 2024

1. Basis of Statements. The Financial Statements of the PCC have been prepared under The Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities (SORP) FRS102.

The Financial Statements have been prepared using the accruals and prepayments method.

Investments included in the Financial Statements are shown at market (bid) value.

The accounts were subject to an independent examination. The Independent Examiner's Report is attached to the Financial Statements.

2. Bankers. The PCC's bankers are The Co-operative Bank.
3. Deposit Accounts. The PCC has an instant access savings account with the Co-operative Bank, accessed via the current account's dual authority portal. There is also a deposit account with CCLA Investment Management Limited's CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.
4. Property. The PCC owns the Parish Hall, Newgate and Whorlton Village Hall. These assets are not included in the Financial Statements. Both the halls are leased in return for fixed rental income.

Approximate property valuations are Parish Hall (£185,000) and Whorlton Village Hall (£145,000). These valuations are unchanged from 31st December 2009 and were confirmed as reasonable as at 31st December 2015 by Simon Nixon of Addisons. It is considered that these valuations will not have changed materially.

The Parish Hall is leased to the Parish Hall Association (registered charity no.1103536) on a 30 year lease from 2004. The quinquennial rent increase for December 2024 was postponed pending more widespread discussion of the lease.

Whorlton Village Hall was leased to the Whorlton Village Community Association, with a new 21 year lease effected from 1st August 2019. The lease provides for a formula based review of rent every 3 years, the rent is currently £590 and the next review is due in 2025.

5. Invested Assets. These are included in the Balance Sheet at current value (bid price):
 - a. Children's Fund. The fund is invested in 164.60 units of CCLA CBF Church of England Investment Fund Income Shares. The value at 31st December 2024 was £3,806.00 (2023: £3,720.83. Income is restricted for use in connection with work with children.
 - b. Permanent Endowment. The fund is invested in 984.15 units of CCLA CBF Church of England Investment Fund Income Shares. The value at 31st December 2024 was £22,756.20 (2023: £22,247.00). The income is available for general purposes (unrestricted).
 - c. St Mary's, Whorlton endowment. The fund is invested in 581.92 units of the CCLA CBF Church of England Investment Fund Income Shares. The value at 31st December 2024 was £13,455.56 (2023: £13,154.48). The income is restricted for the benefit of St Mary's, Whorlton fabric. The endowment arises from the former Whorlton Church Restoration Fund.
 - d. The proceeds of the sale of Church Cottage in December 2015 are invested in 21,811.48 units of the CCLA CBF Church of England Fixed Interest Securities Fund Income Shares, value £32,525.28 at 31st December 2024 (2023: £31,572.12).
6. Petty Cash. Petty Cash is held by the Flower Guild and by Smuffies (for subscriptions) and Smuffies (for its selected charity). Monies are regularly banked to the current account. Records of petty cash transactions for the Flower Guild, Smuffies and Smuffies (Charity) are maintained in cash books.
7. Policy for Reserves. The policy is to hold unrestricted reserves (to include any Gift Aid tax due but not yet claimed and/or received) of approximately 3 months expenditure (from general funds) to provide for uneven cash flow and for minor but necessary unbudgeted expenditure. Reserves at this level are currently held.

8. Policy for Pay to Employees. Pay is reviewed annually, with a minimum rate of payment of the Living Wage Foundation's Living Wage.
9. Pay, Employees and Pensions. The PCC employs a part-time Director of Music.

Employee costs were:

Gross pay to employees	£6,221.41 (2023: £4,616.36)
Employer National Insurance costs	-
Employer Pension contributions	-
Total	£6,221.41 (2023: £4,616.36)

There were no pension arrangements for employees and no employees qualified for Automatic Enrolment (as pay is below threshold). No employees opted in to a pension arrangement.

The payroll is managed by Susan Peat on behalf of the PCC.

For weddings and funerals, the organist is remunerated by onward payment of the organist fee received for the service. The Director of Music has first refusal but is not obliged to play at such services. The PCC acts as paying agent and these fees are therefore not included in the 2024 financial statements.

10. PCC remuneration. PCC members receive no remuneration.
 11. Payments to Connected Persons. None.
 12. Contracts with Central and Local Government. The PCC has no contracts with Central or Local Government.
 13. Grants from Central and Local Government. Grants totalling £3,913 were claimed from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. This Scheme makes grants equal to the amount of VAT paid on certain specific works relating to the maintenance of the church. The grant was in respect of St Mary's, Barnard Castle.
- A grant of £100 (2023 £100) was received from Durham County Council towards costs incurred by the PCC in respect of the churchyard at St Mary's, Barnard Castle. A further grant of £1,500 was received from Durham County Council to fund the purchase of music by the Community Choir and Orchestra

14. Other Grants received.

- a. Trinity College, Cambridge granted £572.04 to replenish the Restricted Fund available to the incumbent to meet expenses which might not otherwise be incurred or might not be reimbursed by the PCC.
 - b. A donation of £1000 was received from the Lord Crewe Fund.
 - c. The Friends of St Mary's gave £1,000 towards the costs of repairing the Dugard window in the South Chancel.
 - d. The Diocese of Durham gave £2,300 towards the costs of repairing the Dugard window in the South Chancel and £4,000 towards the cost of the "Windows for a King" project.
 - e. The Northumbrian Historic Churches Trust gave £5,000 towards the costs of repairing the Dugard window in the South Chancel.
15. Community Music. The donations in respect of concerts in 2024 are held in a designated fund and used to fund ongoing community music, including employee pay and rehearsal heating costs.
 16. "Windows for a King". This project was run in partnership with the Northern Dales Richard III Group and was completed in 2024.
 17. Legacies. The PCC received two legacies in 2024 (none in 2023). £5,000 was restricted to use in Whorlton Church and £28,085.71 was designated for the next major repair project at Barnard Castle.
 18. Parish Share. The Parish Share offered to the Diocese and paid in 2024 was £71,706 (2022 £71,706). For 2025, the PCC has reduced the Parish Share offer to £65,000.

19. Charity Giving. The Smuffies toddler group raised £589.24 for its 2024 chosen charity, Butterwick Children's Hospice, the Christingle service raised £198.30 (net) for The Children's Society, various events during the year raised £579.93 for USPG, concerts raised £382 for the Rotary Trust Fund, £556.40 for UNICEF and £421.83 for St Theresa's Hospice and the civic Remembrance Service raised £894.83 for the Royal British Legion. A further £5,435.04 was raised for other charities from funeral plate collections.
20. Photocopier. The PCC leases a photocopier from Grenke leasing. There is a separate contract with Mastercopy in respect of printing.
21. Governance Fees. No costs have been incurred in the Independent Examination of the Accounts or in other Governance.
22. Gift Aid. 93% of regular giving was Gift Aided in 2024. The other 7 % relates to non-taxpayers but part of this is eligible under the Small Donations Gift Aid Scheme. In respect of the Small Donations Gift Aid Scheme, the PCC claims separately for each of the two churches as Community Buildings.
23. Agency Monies. The PCC acts as collecting agents for certain connected parties and also where monies are raised for a specific charity at a service or event. These transactions are not included in the financial statements. The amounts are set out in the table below:

Agency	Amount received £	Expenses deducted £	Amount paid out £
Diocesan Fees for weddings and Funerals	9,151.60	-	9,151.60
Fees for verger, bellringers	732.00	-	732.00
Fees for Organist at weddings and funerals	2,235.00	-	2,235.00
Funeral collections and other charity monies	8,624.14	155.81	8,468.33

24. Accounting records. Accounting records are maintained on MyFundAccounting software supplied by Data Developments. Gift Aid and Small Gift Aid data is recorded on Donations Co-ordinator V7.12 software supplied by Data Developments. This software is used to generate and electronically submit the Gift Aid and Small Gift Aid claims to HMRC. Data on MyFundAccounting is backed up by Data Developments. Donations Co-ordinator is manually backed up at least weekly, with a security copy stored offsite. The PCC subscribes to technical support in respect of Data Developments software.
25. Review of Financial Controls. The PCC reviewed its financial controls during 2024 and agreed procedures to manage risks. The financial controls have been adopted as standing orders of the PCC.

Accounts

Annual Report and Accounts 2023

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Barnard Castle with Whorlton: Diocese of Durham

1. Introduction

This Report has been drawn up in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

2. Aims and purposes

St. Mary's Barnard Castle with Whorlton Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, The Revd Canon Alec Harding, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

3. Objectives and activities: We have discerned the parish's overarching aim to be

Celebrating God's Love

We seek to do this by:

1. Working in partnership with those who bring life to the community.
2. Celebrating God's gifts in His creation, His children and His work in this place.
3. Creating space, time and opportunities for people of all ages to grow in faith and worship.

Our priorities for 2023 were discerned to be:

1. Growing our work with Children and young people and connecting church, schools and families together:
2. Healing and wholeness
3. Offering 'Living water' through our worship and common life so we might grow

Communication:

We communicate our activity through an e-letter and/or a hard copy newsletter, through the church pew sheet, through the church website and through FaceBook.

Achievements and performance

1. Growing our work with children and young people:

The parish continues to work extensively with children and young people with volunteers involved in the weekly under-fives group (Smuffies), offering Junior church provision at Barnard Castle, weekly Big Story sessions, hymn practice and church school choir sessions and (occasional) Prayer spaces at Green Lane School. The Vicar conducts weekly collective worship at Montalbo and Green Lane Schools and now has a regular pattern of involvement at Barnard Castle School and the Prep school. Barnard Castle church hosts school visits and termly school services.

Uniformed organizations visit Barnard Castle Church.

However: we continue to struggle to connect those who come for baptism into the life of the church and to give a sense of direction to the considerable amount of work that is being done with Primary School children.

What have we done? In May we hosted the Deanery Synod open meeting for those involved in children's and young peoples' work with the intention of sharing good practice and creating the foundations for a Mission Hub supported by Diocesan Transformation Funds. Unfortunately, the national church bodies have delayed the release of these monies to the diocese and this route seems closed to us.

In November, those interested from the parish met with Scripture Union's rep (Ian Kent) to discuss possible ways forward. The group recognized that the 4.00pm service's link with baptism families had been broken through Covid and had not been successful in drawing these families into worship: the 4.00pm service will be dropped from the service pattern. Advice received was to build on existing work but 'how' is still elusive.

Foundation Governors at Green Lane CE School have helped the school to make the transition into the Durham and Newcastle diocesan learning Trust academy: a major shift that further solidifies the school's connection to the church and the Christian faith.

2. Healing and wholeness

Healing and wholeness sits within the church's provision of pastoral care to the town. At its widest level this includes ensuring that the parish safeguarding procedures are robust; supporting people to meet together and find strength and fellowship in community through the many groups that use the Parish Hall; promoting church social activities and events; hosting concerts and continuing to offer care home services and pastoral visits (not least those surrounding the occasional offices of baptisms, weddings and funerals).

What have we done?

Social events this year have included a quiz night, the Castle Players' production of Treasure Island (promoted by the Friends of St Mary's), concerts by the Choral Society, Barnard Castle Band, the Phoenix Consort and Opera Nova. The Windows for the King project (supported by the PCC alongside the Northern Dales Richard III Group) has also fundraised through a pie and pea supper, a lecture in church, a garden party art display and a concert by Los Capitanes. At Whorlton, the popular Hymns and Pimms service was supported by the church choir and a concert of spirituals by The New Orleans Preservation Jazz Band attracted an audience from further afield. The Harvest service and Supper raised funds for USPG, the Christmas Eve carol singing (in church because of inclement weather) was much appreciated.	The church's ministry through music enabled almost a hundred people to meet together either in the Community Choir or as part of the Orchestra. The social and health benefits offered by these groups are part of the church's ministry. Performances have included a concert at the Roman Catholic Church; two events at The Witham Hall, Harvest and Christmas celebrations, a joint choirs' concert in church (with No Added Sugar) and involvement in the church Carol service. The church bellringers have also seen an increase in activity with new members learning how to handle the ropes and visiting teams from Richmond, the Durham and Newcastle group, Penrith and Scarborough.
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Safeguarding: The Parish Safeguarding Officer has met twice with the PCC to assist in the completion of the safeguarding dashboard and to ensure that safeguarding processes are up to date.

In addition:

- We have made sure that there are regular opportunities for the ministry of healing in the church calendar.
- Trustees of the Parish Nursing project have interviewed and appointed two Parish Nurses to work in Teesdale and Weardale. The first (Gladys Mugambi) was commissioned at a service at Barnard Castle

- A special service was held to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the NHS.
- At St Luke's tide a Celebration of healing and wholeness took place during morning worship.
- The regular All Souls' service welcomed those recently bereaved.

3. Offering 'Living Water' through our worship and common life so we might grow:

We always seek to offer the very best we can in our worship involving the gifts of as many people as possible and being true both to ourselves and our inheritance of faith through the celebration of the Liturgical Year, and the use of a liturgical approach to worship. Whilst we are not growing as a church in number we continue to welcome new members to the congregation.

What have we done?

This year we have: • Seen the Praise Band grow in number. (The ending of the 4.00pm Celebrate service will see the Praise Band incorporated into morning worship as 'Celebrate' takes a new form every 8 weeks or so in 2024). • Welcomed members of the congregation to swell the church choir on occasions. • Encouraged three members of the Parish to join the Wings for Worship course. (Joan Kemp Ambler, Frances Stenlake and Ian Blake are now taking their first steps in leading worship (Morning Praise/Celebrate) in Barnard Castle) • Added new names to both the readers and intercessors rotas • Found new ministrants of the chalice to join the rota	In addition to special services connected to healing and wholeness the parish celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III and a World Church service was celebrated at St Andrew's-tide. An Eco event focused on bio-diversity and sustainability was held in June. We have also offered opportunities for study/ discipleship through a number of courses: • Exploring God's Mercy (by Steven Croft) took place over Zoom • A Lent course from Church Action on Poverty was followed • A short series on the Book of Ruth was offered and • The Bible Course (an introduction to the sweep of the scriptures) was held in Barnard Castle church throughout the Autumn – this was particularly popular with 18-20 people attending each week.
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Church Officers and Staff:

- Revd Sarah Cliff was appointed as Priest in charge of St John the Divine, Sandylands (Blackburn Diocese). A celebration of her ministry as curate in the parish took place at the beginning of March and a coachload of parishioners attended her Licensing by the Bishop of Lancaster.
- Revd John Moore stepped down from public ministry on his 90th birthday. Thanks and appreciation were expressed to both John and Doreen for their work in the parish as parishioners enjoyed a commemorative cake.
- Mrs Frances Stenlake was made an Honorary Canon of Durham Cathedral in recognition of her work in the parish and across the diocese.
- Dr Ana Moskvina will join the parish in summer 2024 as Assistant Curate. Ana is currently training at Cranmer Hall. Her doctorate is on Anglo Saxon Pilgrimage in the North East of England. Prior to being accepted for training she worked for Norwich Diocese.
- Mr Ian Groves stepped back from his role as Parish Treasurer due to ill health having offered his services from All Saints Blackwell.
- The PCC began discussions to secure the financial sustainability of the parish's music making and to support the ongoing work in the church school. As part of these discussions the Director of Music's contract is being updated and reviewed.

The wider church:

- a. Barnard Castle Deanery. This year:

- The Cathedral Choir began a series of visits to Deaneries by singing Evensong at St Paul's Evenwood which was well attended
 - The deanery confirmation service was held at Staindrop church with +Paul as the confirming bishop.
 - The deanery had a stall at the Eggleston Show
 - Consultation began over whether to merge the Upper Weardale Parishes into Barnard Castle Deanery
 - There is the possibility that Barnard Castle become part of the Northern Trails network that supports and promotes pilgrimage: the new Windows for the King provide a focus for visitors for this.
 - A new Dean of Durham was appointed: Revd Dr Philip Plyming (formerly warden of Cranmer Hall)
- b. Churches Together
- The Week of prayer for Christian Unity service took place at Barnard Castle church
 - The World Day of Prayer service took place at Barnard Castle Methodist Church
 - Members of the different churches held Lent and Advent lunches in support of Christian Aid

The Bishop of Durham announced his retirement at the end of February 2024.

Wardens' reports

St Mary's Barnard Castle

Suggested works arising from the Electrical report of 2022 were carried out. Astley Fenwick is investigating replacement fittings for the uplighters on the pillars of the church, some of which have failed.

Robert Stenlake continued work to raise funds for repairs to the 'Dugard' window in the south transept and work on the western most window of the south aisle. A faculty for this work has been obtained. Funds are now in place and work will be carried out in August 2024.

The PCC have looked ahead to the next stage of major works (namely the repair of the east window in the south transept and major repointing around the chancel). The window was installed at the time of Richard III and is decorated by his boar emblem carved in stone. After consultation with the DAC and Heritage England the PCC are of the opinion that this stone should be brought into the church before it loses all definition. Currently funds are not in place for this project and the availability of grant aid is limited: a point raised with Canon Adrian Daffern (Major Churches lead) when he visited in November.

The Windows for the King project to see etched and coloured glass windows placed above the porch doors at the entrance to the church nave was granted faculty permission. Funds have been raised by the Northern Dales Richard III Group and managed by the PCC. Rachel Philip's design was placed on display for comment as part of the Faculty process. The windows will be installed in September 2024: the 550th anniversary of Richard III becoming Lord of Barnard Castle.

Barnard Castle Parish Hall

The Parish Hall is in the care of the Parish Hall Association under a lease from the PCC.

The committee have refurbished some of the old chairs in the hall and protected the solar panels on the hall roof against invasive pigeons (!). Attempts to replace the water goods around the hall and to repair the hall soffits had to be abandoned when asbestos was found in the sarkin of the roof. Plans for a total refurbishment of the Guild Room have been drawn up and presented to the PCC for approval. Detailed costs are being sought to enable grant applications for work to be made.

St. Mary's Whorlton

The year began with the church having a new central heating clock fitted, a new wall heater and a protective cover for the earth rod installed.

All the usual necessary work was carried out: doors and locks cleaned and oiled, gutters cleaned, belfry wired against bird ingress, Fire Extinguishers serviced, as well as the Organ serviced and tuned. It is hoped an Organ condition report will be forthcoming from Lightbown and Son to highlight the extent of rodent damage. Bait has since been laid and the problem is now hopefully resolved.

There are no set times for church cleaning as it is carried out continually, likewise with the churchyard trees and shrubs: efforts by volunteers throughout the year have seen significant improvements.

Whorlton Village Hall:

The Village Hall is in the care of the Village Hall Association under a lease from the PCC. The association continue to make changes and improvements to the building.

Some numbers

Baptisms 33 baptisms were conducted at Barnard Castle, 2 at Whorlton Weddings Three weddings were celebrated at Barnard Castle, one at Whorlton Funerals There were 14 funerals at Barnard Castle and 4 at Whorlton with a further 11 conducted at the crematoria alone. Clergy conducted 3 funerals in neighbouring parishes	Admission to communion Just one candidate was admitted to communion at a service at Green Lane School Confirmation Three children and three adults were prepared for confirmation Usual Sunday attendance Based on the 'October count' the usual Sunday attendance at Barnard Castle is 84 adults and 5 children. At Whorlton the figure is 10 adults
Christmas At Barnard Castle 611 people attended services on Christmas Day or Christmas Eve (133 communicants). Christingle attracted 159 people and the church carol service 152. In addition, two schools (approx. 400 children, 100 adults) and the Durham WI (250 adults) held their Carol services at church. The Carol singing and Christmas communion service at Whorlton was attended by 50 people (25 communicants)	The Worshipping community Those who attend 'regularly' in church, care homes, but excluding weekly Collective worship at two Primary Schools and occasional services at Barnard Castle School At Barnard Castle 324: (111 under 10; 13 aged 10-17; 162 aged 18-69, 138 over 70) 17 adults joined the community, 25 left (moved away or died). 6 children moved away. The worshipping community at Whorlton is 14: 1 aged 11-17) 4 aged 18-69; 9 over 70
Easter At Barnard Castle 132 adults attended Easter worship (118 communicants). At Whorlton 10 adults attended Easter worship (9 communicants)	Comment The number of baptisms continues to reflect the shortage of clergy in neighbouring parishes. The Worshipping community number has been affected by the return to regular services at The Beaconsfield Care Home.

Structure, governance and management

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected or co-opted by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting [APCM], in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. At its Annual Meeting in 2020 a motion was passed that came into effect in 2021:

- a. Churchwardens be eligible to serve up to six consecutive years (this provision to be reviewed every six years as per the Church Representation Rules).
- b. The balance between elected/ex officio members of the PCC be changed through
 - i. removing the automatic membership of Readers to the PCC
 - ii. replacing the existing 'rolling election of PCC members' with the election of 8 lay representatives (who for the purposes of continuity can serve up to 4 consecutive years).

As Charity Trustees PCC members are mindful of the Charity Commission's Guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held after morning worship at Barnard Castle on Monday 24th April 2023. The Electoral Roll was reported to stand at 144. From the APCM there were 15 members of the PCC:

Members of the PCC: PCC Standing Committee elected 24.4.23 are marked *

Incumbent & Chair Revd Alec Harding*

Churchwardens (Can serve 6 consecutive years)	Mrs Joan Kemp Ambler (elected 2020)	Mr Roy Long* (elected 2020)
	Vacancy	Vacancy

Ex Officio: Mrs Frances Stenlake* (Diocesan Synod) Lay Chair of PCC

Deanery Synod: Mr Keith Miles Ms Abi Littlefair Mr Astley Fenwick

(Three elected places to serve for 3 years from 2023)

Elected Members (8 places – can serve 4 consecutive years)

John White (2020) Seonaid Walker-Jones (2023)	Geoff Knott (2021) Helen Goodman* (2021)	Carolyn Knott (2021) Kate Stewart (2022) Liz Burdon (2022)	Catherine Wilkinson (co- opted 2023)
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PCC Secretary

Mrs Carolyn Knott (Geoff Knott from April 2023)

PCC Treasurer

Mrs Frances Stenlake

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of the PCC (registered charity 1130279) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



James Ferdinand, ACA, CTA

Address: 49 RIVERSIDE, BISHOP AUCKLAND. DL14 6XT

Date: 23 April 2024

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Barnard Castle with Whorlton

Registered Charity 1130279

Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st December 2023

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	£		£
Brought forward 01.01.2023	141,194.21	Resources used (2)	127,946.12
Unrealised appreciation	5,166.53	Unrealised depreciation	
Incoming resources (1)	139,048.21	Balance carried forward 31.12.2023 (3)	157,462.83
Total	<u>285,408.95</u>	Total	<u>285,408.95</u>

Notes

1 See Analysis of Income and Expenditure

2 See Analysis of Income and Expenditure

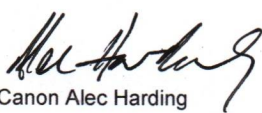
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Current Accounts	Note 4	20,853.72
Petty Cash		23.92
CBF Deposit Account		25,298.16
Co-operative Instant Access Account		40,592.60
Invested assets		70,694.43
		<u>157,462.83</u>

4 Bank current account reconciliation at 31.12.2023

	£
Balance at Co-operative bank	21,319.46
Plus: Receivables due	3,698.82
Less: Payments not cleared	4,164.56
Balance at 31.12.2023	<u>20,853.72</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:


The Revd Canon Alec Harding
Chairman of PCC


Joan Kemp-Ambler
Churchwarden

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023

		2023	2022
		£	£
Invested Assets	Children's fund	3,720.83	3,398
	Whorlton	13,154.48	12,014
	Permanent Endowment	22,247.00	20,319
	Designated (ex-Church Cottage)	31,572.12	29,797
Current Assets	Current Account Co-operative	21,319.46	25,534
	Petty Cash Smuffies	5.00	5
	Petty Cash Flower Guild	18.92	61
	Deposit Account CBF	25,298.16	25,298
	Bank savings account	40,592.60	30,144
	Year end amounts due to us	3,698.82	1,771
TOTAL ASSETS		161,627.39	148,341
LIABILITIES	Accounts payable	4,164.56	7,147
NET ASSETS	(Total Assets – Liabilities)	157,462.83	141,194
BALANCE	Starting Balance	141,194.21	156,200
	Income less Expenditure	11,102.09	-5,599
	Gains/(Losses) on investments	5,166.53	-9,407
	Closing balance	157,462.83	141,194

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Movement in Funds during the Year

Movement in Funds during the Previous Year

Fund	01/01/2023	Income	Expenditure	Revaluation	Transfer	31/12/2023	01/01/2022	Income	Expenditure	Revaluation	Transfer	31/12/2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Children's (including Fun night)	4,988.77	142.11	231.43	322.51		5,221.96	5,334	116	10	-451		4,989
Clergy Travel	0.00	280.00	280.00			0.00	0	453	453			0
Elderly	0.00					0.00	100		100			0
Fabric	14,561.88	904.98	1,676.11			13,790.75	14,374	188				14,562
Godly Play (The Big Story)	115.41		69.26			46.15	191		76			115
BC Major works	10,279.22	500.00	300.00			10,479.22	3,610					10,279
BC Windows to the World (Restricted)	0.00					0.00	8,361	6,558	8,250		6,669	0
Community Music (Restricted)	0.00	100.00				100.00	500	3,035	3,185		-6,669	0
Organ and Church Music	553.87	650.00	662.00			541.87	24	1,352	822		-350	0
Overseas Mission Giving	0.00					0.00	0					554
Permanent Endowment	20,318.66			1,928.34		22,247.00	23,016			-2,697		0
PCC Reserves	365.91		365.91			0.00	366					20,319
Source to Sea	0.00					0.00	118		118			366
Smuffies	934.23	488.37	556.52			866.08	959	564	589			0
Trinity (for incumbent's use)	301.43	1,375.00	747.47			928.96	891	1,375	1,965			934
Utilities	0.00	607.00	607.00			0.00	0	850	850			301
WiFi and streaming	0.00					0.00	0					0
Windows for a King	6,476.56	26,739.64	10,000.00			23,216.20	0	7,677	1,200			0
Whorlton Fabric	2,013.01	904.58	350.29			2,567.30	1,655	358				6,477
Whorlton Endowment	12,014.26			1,140.22		13,154.48	13,609			-1,595		2,013
TOTAL RESTRICTED AND ENDOWMENT	72,923.21	32,691.68	15,845.99	3,391.07	0.00	93,159.97	73,109	22,525	17,617	-4,743	-350	72,923
Unrestricted Funds	23,631.49	103,931.97	107,472.84		1,316.00	21,406.62	35,733	97,323	104,801		-4,623	23,631
Fabric ex Church Cottage (Designated)	32,240.35			1,775.46	-5,000.00	29,015.81	37,884		981	-4,663		32,240
Community music (Designated)	1,346.16	2,424.56	1,387.10		-1,316.00	1,067.62	0	1,862	489		-27	1,346
School music ex Church Cottage (Designated)	9,308.30		146.69			9,161.61	9,475		167			9,308
BC Major works (Designated)	1,744.70		3,093.50		5,000.00	3,651.20	0		3,255		5,000	1,745
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED AND DESIGNATED	68,271.00	106,356.53	112,100.13	1,775.46	0.00	64,302.86	83,092	99,185	109,693	-4,663	350	68,271
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	141,194.21	139,048.21	127,946.12	5,166.53	0.00	157,462.83	156,200	121,710	127,310	-9,407	0	141,194

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Analysis of Income and Expenditure for the Period 1st January to 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
INCOME and ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies	81,958.80	100.00	23,894.64		105,953.44	85,627
Income from Charitable Activities	17,672.04	2,324.56	1,984.00		21,980.60	14,243
Other trading activities	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	997
Income from Investments	3,694.48	0.00	1,258.69		4,953.17	3,906
Other income	606.65	0.00	5,554.35		6,161.00	16,937
Total Income and Endowments	103,931.97	2,424.56	32,691.68	0.00	139,048.21	121,710
EXPENDITURE						
Costs of generating funds	2,866.69	0.00	0.00		2,866.69	4,752
Expenditure on charitable activities	87,539.04	1,533.79	1,775.69		90,848.52	91,597
Other expenditure	17,067.11	3,093.50	14,070.30		34,230.91	30,962
Total Expenditure	107,472.84	4,627.29	15,845.99	0.00	127,946.12	127,310
INCOME less EXPENDITURE	-3,540.87	-2,202.73	16,845.69	0.00	11,102.09	-5,599
Transfers between Funds	1,316.00	-1,316.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Gains (losses) on sales of fixed assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Gains (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		1,775.46	3,391.07	0.00	5,166.53	-9,407
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	-2,224.87	-1,743.27	20,236.76	0.00	16,268.62	-15,006
BALANCE b/f AT 1st JANUARY 2023	28,604.27	42,100.89	41,631.97	28,857.08	141,194.21	156,200
BALANCE c/f AT 31st DECEMBER 2023	26,379.40	40,357.62	61,868.73	28,857.08	157,462.83	141,194

The notes on subsequent pages form part of the accounts

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Analysis of Income and Endowments

		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
		Fund	Fund	Fund	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies						
Planned Giving:	Bank giving	42,782.74			42,782.74	43,901
	Envelopes	1,133.06			1,133.06	1,571
	Total Planned Giving	43,915.80	0.00	0.00	43,915.80	45,473
Non-recurring donations	one-off donations	7,657.38	100.00	1,155.00	8,912.38	2,879
	Windows for a King	0.00		21,385.14	21,385.14	7,652
Collections at Services	Barnard Castle	4,708.60			4,708.60	3,810
	Whorlton	1,248.51			1,248.51	1,152
	Funerals	4,372.15			4,372.15	4,699
	Weddings	572.76			572.76	418
	Baptisms	1,480.31			1,480.31	1,735
	Wall safe and candles	1,862.24			1,862.24	2,004
Other recurring donations	Card reader	2,586.88			2,586.88	2,673
	Gift Aid	10,860.88		1,354.50	12,215.38	10,439
Income Tax recovered	Small Donations	2,693.29			2,693.29	2,194
	Legacies received	0.00			0.00	500
Total		81,958.80	100.00	23,894.64	105,953.44	85,627
Income from Charitable Activities						
Fund raising	Book sales	182.50			182.50	448
	Easter lilies	605.00			605.00	495
	Recitals and Concerts	1,200.62	2,324.56	100.00	3,625.18	2,661
	Christmas events	7,035.38			7,035.38	27
	Social events	1,889.82			1,889.82	393
	Other	706.22			706.22	1,320
	Total Fund Raising	11,619.54	2,324.56	100.00	14,044.10	5,344
Statutory Fees:	Weddings	1,291.00			1,291.00	2,792
	Funerals	2,833.00		607.00	3,440.00	2,182
Other Fees	Weddings/Funerals	0.00		930.00	930.00	1,835
	Total Fees	4,124.00	0.00	1,537.00	5,661.00	6,809
Other activities	Smuffies	0.00		347.00	347.00	552
	Flower Guild	1,928.50			1,928.50	1,539
Total		17,672.04	2,324.56	1,984.00	21,980.60	14,243
Other Trading Activities						
Magazine	Magazine	0.00			0.00	997
Books	Books	0.00			0.00	0
Total		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	997
Income from Investments						
Rents	Parish Hall	1,088.32			1,088.32	1,088
	Whorlton Village Hall	525.00			525.00	525
Investments	Bank deposit	448.33			448.33	39
	CBF deposit	344.22		797.39	1,141.61	331
	Permanent Endowment	608.09			608.09	605
	CBF - ex Church Cottage	680.52			680.52	859
	Children's Fund			101.72	101.72	101
	Whorlton Endowment			359.58	359.58	358
Total		3,694.48	0.00	1,258.69	4,953.17	3,906
Other Income						
Grants received	Recurring	100.00			100.00	100
	One-off			5,554.35	5,554.35	16,597
Other income		506.65			506.65	240
	Total	606.65	0.00	5,554.35	6,161.00	16,937
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		103,931.97	2,424.56	32,691.68	139,048.21	121,710

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		Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Costs of Generating Funds						
Fund raising	Easter Lilies	112.00			112.00	175
	Social events	1,136.98			1,136.98	473
	Christmas	1,597.71			1,597.71	0
	Other fund raising	20.00		0.00	20.00	1,295
	Giving envelopes	0.00			0	24
	total fund raising costs	2,866.69	0.00	0	2,866.69	1,967
Magazine and Books	Magazine printing	0.00			0.00	2,442
	Books and publications	0.00		0.00	0.00	295
	total magazine and books	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,737
Advertising	Advertisements	0.00			0.00	47
Total		2,866.69	0.00	0.00	2,866.69	4,752
Expenditure on Charitable Activities						
Mission Giving	Charitable giving	0.00			0.00	0
Parish Share	To Diocese	71,706.00			71,706.00	68,291
Pay and honoraria	Caretaker	0.00			0.00	2,035
	Organists	3,495.86	1,120.50		4,616.36	4,200
Clergy and Staff Expenses	clergy expenses	695.76		471.48	1,167.24	1,764
	Clergy travel	28.61		280.00	308.61	116
	Other mileage	90.00	124.20		214.20	227
	Water rates	639.56			639.56	591
	Telephone	525.00			525.00	840
	Clergy house repairs	0.00		0.00	0.00	118
	total clergy and staff expenses	1,978.93	124.20	751.48	2,854.61	3,655
Mission costs	Services: expenses	703.34		67.10	770.44	1,038
	Smuffies			556.52	556.52	589
	Children's work			273.59	273.59	86
	Books and publications	371.92			371.92	305
	Music and copyright	404.00	289.09	127.00	820.09	3,112
	Flower Guild	392.93			392.93	525
Church Insurance	Total Mission costs	1,872.19	289.09	1,024.21	3,185.49	5,655
	Insurance BC	6,317.13			6,317.13	5,772
	Insurance Whorlton	2,168.93			2,168.93	1,988
	Total Church Insurance	8,486.06	0.00	0.00	8,486.06	7,760
Total		87,539.04	1,533.79	1,775.69	90,848.52	91,597

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Analysis of Expenditure continued

		Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2023 £	Total 2,022 £
Other Expenditure						
Church Running Costs	Maintenance: BC	778.00		1,076.11	1,854.11	2,880
	Maintenance: Whorlton			350.29	350.29	320
	Church equipment	375.76		15.99	391.75	1,266
	Church cleaning	24.92			24.92	104
	Organ maintenance			535.00	535.00	330
	Printing costs	432.29			432.29	127
	Computing	1,357.03			1,357.03	2,049
	Office supplies	206.38			206.38	229
	Photocopier costs	933.03		365.91	1,298.94	611
	Other costs	987.85		190.00	1,177.85	2,890
	Gifts and other payments	15.00		30.00	45.00	0
Total Church Running costs		5,110.26	0.00	2,563.30	7,673.56	10,806
Utility Costs	Barnard Castle: gas	7,259.28		607.00	7,866.28	4,442
	Barnard Castle: electricity	3,838.31			3,838.31	2,463
	Whorlton: electricity	859.26			859.26	781
Total Utility costs		11,956.85	0.00	607.00	12,563.85	7,686
Major Projects	Barnard Castle		3,093.50	900.00	3,993.50	11,270
	Windows for a King			10,000.00	10,000.00	1,200
	Whorlton				0.00	0
Total major repair costs		0.00	3,093.50	10,900.00	13,993.50	12,470
Total		17,067.11	3,093.50	14,070.30	34,230.91	30,962
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		107,472.84	4,627.29	15,845.99	127,946.12	127,310

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Notes on the Financial Statements 2023

1. Basis of Statements. The Financial Statements of the PCC have been prepared under The Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities (SORP) FRS102.

The Financial Statements have been prepared using the accruals and prepayments method.

Investments included in the Financial Statements are shown at market (bid) value.

The accounts were subject to an independent examination. The Independent Examiner's Report is attached to the Financial Statements.

2. Bankers. The PCC's bankers are The Co-operative Bank.
3. Deposit Accounts. The PCC has an instant access savings account with the Co-operative Bank, accessed via the current account's dual authority portal. There is also a deposit account with CCLA Investment Management Limited's CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.
4. Property. The PCC owns the Parish Hall, Newgate and Whorlton Village Hall. These assets are not included in the Financial Statements. Both the halls are leased in return for fixed rental income.

Approximate property valuations are Parish Hall (£185,000) and Whorlton Village Hall (£145,000). These valuations are unchanged from 31st December 2009 and were confirmed as reasonable as at 31st December 2015 by Simon Nixon of Addisons. It is considered that these valuations will not have changed materially.

The Parish Hall is leased to the Parish Hall Association (registered charity no.1103536) on a 30 year lease from 2004. From December 2019 the rent increased to £1,088.32pa in accordance with the lease formula quinquennial rent increase.

Whorlton Village Hall was leased to the Whorlton Village Community Association, with a new 21 year lease effected from 1st August 2019 and initial rent of £525.00pa. The lease provides for a formula based review of rent every 5 years, with the first review under the new lease due in 2024.

5. Invested Assets. These are included in the Balance Sheet at current value (bid price):
 - a. Children's Fund. The fund is invested in 164.60 units of CCLA CBF Church of England Investment Fund Income Shares. The value at 31st December 2023 was £3720.83 (2022: £3,398.32). Income is restricted for use in connection with work with children.
 - b. Permanent Endowment. The fund is invested in 984.15 units of CCLA CBF Church of England Investment Fund Income Shares. The value at 31st December 2023 was £22,247.00 (2022: £20,318.66). The income is available for general purposes (unrestricted).
 - c. St Mary's, Whorlton endowment. The fund is invested in 581.92 units of the CCLA CBF Church of England Investment Fund Income Shares. The value at 31st December 2023 was £13,154.48 (2022: £12,014.26). The income is restricted for the benefit of St Mary's, Whorlton fabric. The endowment arises from the former Whorlton Church Restoration Fund.
 - d. Designated Funds. The proceeds of the sale of Church Cottage in December 2015 are invested in 21,811.48 units of the CCLA CBF Church of England Fixed Interest Securities Fund Income Shares, value £31,572.12 at 31st December 2023 (2022: £29,796.66).
6. Petty Cash. Petty Cash is held by the Flower Guild and by Smuffies (for subscriptions) and Smuffies (for its selected charity). Monies are regularly banked to the current account. Records of petty cash transactions for the Flower Guild, Smuffies and Smuffies (Charity) are maintained in cash books.
7. Policy for Reserves. The policy is to hold unrestricted reserves (to include any Gift Aid tax due but not yet claimed and/or received) of approximately 3 months expenditure (from general funds) to provide for uneven cash flow and for minor but necessary unbudgeted expenditure. Reserves at this level are currently held.

8. Policy for Pay to Employees. Pay is reviewed annually, with a minimum rate of payment of the Living Wage Foundation's Living Wage.
9. Pay, Employees and Pensions. The PCC employs a part-time Director of Music.

Employee costs were:

Gross pay to employees	£4,616.36 (2022: £6,235.36)
Employer National Insurance costs	-
Employer Pension contributions	-
Total	£4,616.36 (2022: £6,235.36)

There were no pension arrangements for employees and no employees qualified for Automatic Enrolment (as pay is below threshold). No employees opted in to a pension arrangement.

The payroll is managed by Susan Peat on behalf of the PCC.

Organists play at Whorlton on a "by agreement" basis. No payments were made in 2023.

For weddings and funerals, the organist is remunerated by onward payment of the organist fee received for the service. The Director of Music has first refusal but is not obliged to play at such services. The PCC acts as paying agent and these fees are therefore not included in the 2023 financial statements.

10. PCC remuneration. PCC members receive no remuneration.
11. Payments to Connected Persons. None.
12. Contracts with Central and Local Government. The PCC has no contracts with Central or Local Government.
13. Grants from Central and Local Government. A grant of £179.35 was claimed from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. This Scheme makes grants equal to the amount of VAT paid on certain specific works relating to the maintenance of the church. The grant was in respect of St Mary's, Barnard Castle.
A grant of £100.00 (2022 £100) was received from Durham County Council towards costs incurred by the PCC in respect of the churchyard at St Mary's, Barnard Castle.
14. Other Grants received.
 - a. Trinity College, Cambridge granted £1,375.00 to replenish the Restricted Fund available to the incumbent to meet expenses which might not otherwise be incurred or might not be reimbursed by the PCC.
 - b. A donation of £100.00 was received from the Lord Crewe Fund.
15. Community Music. The excess of income over expenditure in respect of the 2022 Music Festival and donations in respect of concerts in 2023 are held in a designated fund and used to fund ongoing community music, including employee pay and rehearsal heating costs.
16. "Windows for a King". This project is run in partnership with the Northern Dales Richard III Group.
17. Legacies. There were no legacies received in the year.
18. Parish Share. The Parish Share offered to the Diocese and paid in 2023 was 71,706.00 (2022 £68,291.04). For 2024, the PCC has offered to maintain the Parish Share at £71,706.00.
19. Charity Giving. The Smuffies toddler group raised £352.03 for its 2023 chosen charity, Lumos, the Christingle service raised £143.66 (net) for The Children's Society, various events during the year raised £1,454.44 for USPG, a concert raised £877.72 for St Theresa's Hospice and the civic Remembrance Service raised £949.53 for the Royal British Legion. A further £3,473.99 was raised for other charities from funeral plate collections.
20. Photocopier. The PCC leases a photocopier from Grenke leasing. There is a separate contract with Mastercopy in respect of printing.

21. Governance Fees. No costs have been incurred in the Independent Examination of the Accounts or in other Governance.
22. Gift Aid. 94% of regular giving was Gift Aided in 2023. The other 6 % relates to non-taxpayers but part of this is eligible under the Small Donations Gift Aid Scheme. In respect of the Small Donations Gift Aid Scheme, the PCC claims separately for each of the two churches as Community Buildings.
23. Other Costs. This includes £345 for the coach to Revd Sarah's licensing (for which contributions were made) and £486.50 in respect of fines for copyright infringement in the Pilgrim magazine in 2021.
24. Agency Monies. The PCC acts as collecting agents for certain connected parties and also where monies are raised for a specific charity at a service or event. These transactions are not included in the financial statements. The amounts are set out in the table below:

Agency	Amount received £	Expenses deducted £	Amount paid out £
Diocesan Fees for weddings and Funerals	5,708.00	-	5,708.00
Fees for verger, bellringers	256.00	-	256.00
Fees for Organist at weddings and funerals	1,869.00	-	1,869.00
Funeral collections and other charity monies	7,317.34	65.97	7,251.37

25. Accounting records. Accounting records are maintained on MyFundAccounting software supplied by Data Developments. Gift Aid and Small Gift Aid data is recorded on Donations Co-ordinator V7.10 software supplied by Data Developments. This software is used to generate and electronically submit the Gift Aid and Small Gift Aid claims to HMRC. Data on MyFundAccounting is backed up by Data Developments. Donations Co-ordinator is manually backed up at least weekly, with a security copy stored offsite. The PCC subscribes to technical support in respect of Data Developments software.
26. Review of Financial Controls. The PCC reviewed its financial controls during 2023 and agreed procedures to manage risks. The financial controls have been adopted as standing orders of the PCC.

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Annual Report and Accounts 2022

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Barnard Castle with Whorlton

Diocese of Durham

1. Introduction

This Report has been drawn up in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

2. Aims and purposes

St. Mary's Barnard Castle with Whorlton Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, The Revd Canon Alec Harding, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

3. Objectives and activities: We have discerned the parish's overarching aim to be Celebrating God's Love

We seek to do this by:

1. Working in partnership with those who bring life to the community.
2. Celebrating God's gifts in His creation, His children and His work in this place.
3. Creating space, time and opportunities for people of all ages to grow in faith and worship.

In 2022 we sought to focus on growing our Partnerships

1. In the local Lunch Clubs
2. Through a Community Music Festival promoted by the parish
3. Seeking out Eco church partners/building on existing partnerships
4. Continuing contact with those who have registered an interest in the history of the town and church through the DigVentures Heritage project
5. Establishing a partnership with the Northern Dales Richard III Group to pursue the 'Windows for the King' project
6. Seeking to enable a Parish Nurse Scheme to take root in the Dale

4. Achievements and performance

4.1 Growing partnerships: our main aim for the year was identified at a church day held in the parish hall on March 12th. At this meeting participants agreed the new Dwelling in the Word passage for church reflection (Colossians 3.12-17). Members of the congregation reflected on the learning offered through the Partnership for Missional church process and spent time noticing developments both within and beyond the church.

The six aims (above) gave shape to the year but were possibly overambitious! That said:

Members of the congregation have (as individuals) offered to support the local lunch clubs (1) and by the end of the year a new charity (Durham Dales Parish Nursing) had come into existence (6). The purpose of the Charity (established with the help of Communities Together Durham and with Trustees from our own parish) is to offer professional nursing support across Teesdale and Weardale particularly geared towards the needs of those struggling with mental health issues, loneliness and isolation – an issue identified through the Partnership for Missional Church process.

A small working group created a hugely successful Community Festival (2) under the parish's auspices. The Festival involved musicians of all ages and music of all kinds being performed across a number of venues. Musicians ranged from Primary and Secondary School children through to seasoned Brass Band performers, recitalists and choirs. The first performance of Kim Harding and Annette Lowson's musical about the life of Richard III was held at Green Lane School and then attended by Richard III himself in church (courtesy of a 'Time will Tell' performer). Financial support was won from local councillors and a number of charities: this assisted greatly with venue hire and publicity and enabled some remuneration to be offered to workshop leaders and performers. Our thanks go to Clare Trevett and Annette Lowson in particular.

The Eco church group (3) won the Bronze Eco Church award from the Arocha organization: a plaque is now displayed in Barnard Castle church porch. The group supported and enabled acts of worship that highlighted the church's care for creation: a Blessing of the waters service led the congregation to the Green Bridge where prayers were said for all connected by the River Tees; bug boxes/hotels were made and placed in the churchyard at a 4.00pm service and (for the first time) an event was held at Brightwoods (Deepdale) with open air worship set alongside opportunities to learn about the flora and fauna of the area. Heritage contacts (4): this aim is only just becoming possible as (through the church communications team) digital communication through regular e-newsletters has been promoted..

A formal partnership was entered into by the PCC with the Northern Dales Richard III Group (5) to promote and fundraise for the installation of 7 etched glass windows above the inner porch doors at Barnard Castle. These will mark Richard III's investment towards creating a collegiate foundation at the church. The Partnership group (drawn from the Northern Dales Group and PCC nominated members) have sought expressions of interest for the work, shortlisted and interviewed applicants and identified Rachel Phillips as the preferred artist for the project. Fundraising has begun towards an anticipated £30-40,000 total.

4.2 Worship and prayer

i. Regular worship has resumed following the worst of the pandemic with service times finally settling into a monthly and weekly pattern across the parish. Holy Communion was offered in both kinds with individuals encouraged to use their own discretion over receiving the cup. Morning prayer on zoom on a Wednesday morning continued till the summer but came to an end in August.

Worshipping community: There are approximately 365 (349 in 2021) people (all ages) in the worshipping community. The increase reflects the wider 'reach' of the congregation through the community choir and orchestra.

- a) Occasional Offices: Baptisms: The year seemed to be a year of baptisms with 40 candidates at Barnard Castle. The higher-than-normal number reflects (in part) vacancies in neighbouring parishes and the movement of young people (formerly of Barnard Castle) into new housing in Startforth.
- b) Barnard Castle hosted the deanery confirmation service with 3 children and 3 adults being confirmed by the Bishop of Jarrow.
- c) Three candidates were presented for Admission to communion in the Autumn term with a service taking place at Green Lane school.
- d) Weddings: there were nine weddings at Barnard Castle – a slightly higher number than ‘normal’ but possibly a reflection of pent-up demand post covid.
- e) Funerals: There were a total of 38 services: 25 services in church and 13 at crematoria. In addition, clergy conducted 8 services in neighbouring parishes during clergy vacancies. It is noticeable that the practice of ‘Direct Cremation’ – where no ceremony of any kind takes place, is increasing. The Vicar wrote to the local press highlighting the difficulties this can leave for those deprived of an opportunity to mourn.

4.3 Mission and outreach

- i. Music outreach: (see the Community Music Festival above) Work through music continues to flourish under the direction of Annette Lowson with both the Community Choir and Orchestra increasing in numbers. Musicians have supported festival services at Barnard Castle and the Praise Band helped lead worship on a number of occasions. The Richard III musical (rehearsed across many weeks in school with Year 5 children from Green Lane) and regular hymn practice and school choir rehearsals offered new experiences to young musicians, increased their confidence and enabled them to perform to audiences for the first time following the pandemic.
- ii. Schools: Work in schools (particularly at Green Lane CE) has continued with the restoration of Godly Play sessions (Big Story), alongside regular collective worship, service offered by School Governors and church volunteers working in classes. Of particular note is Green Lane CE school governor’s decision to investigate joining the Diocesan Academy. Subject to due diligence, this process may see the school move out of Local Authority control in 2023 and an even greater alignment with the national Church’s vision for Education.
The vacancy for a Chaplain at Barnard Castle School remains unfilled. Parish clergy have sought to offer support to the school around Festivals.
- iii. Under 5s: A broader team was recruited to support the work of Smuffies with team members assisting with setting up the activities, offering refreshments and helping with crafts
- iv. Families: the number of families seeking baptisms remains high but it is increasingly difficult to maintain contact with them.
- v. Eco Church: (see above)
- vi. Care Homes: Ministry in all but one of the Care Homes has recommenced with services being shared by ministers from the Church of England, Methodist and Roman Catholic churches.

vii. The Parish Share offered to the diocese in 2022 was £68,291

- viii. Donations to the FoodBank are received in the church porch at Barnard Castle. The 'cost of living crisis' has greatly increased the need for donations with families who might once have donated to the FoodBank now needing extra support themselves. Provision of sanitary products in church helps to address Period Poverty.
- ix. Warm Spaces: Dramatic increases in the price of fuel prompted by the war in Ukraine led to the introduction of Warm Spaces in community buildings. A number of members from the congregation offered to host a 'Warm Space' in the Parish Hall but more suitable (and more comfortable) provision has been offered in the town, so it was decided not to join this scheme.

4. Developing discipleship

- i. The parish has continued to offer opportunities for study and prayer through
- A course using material provided by USPG: Living Stones, Living Hope
 - A home-produced course looking to the words and symbols used in Anglican services
 - A Lent course based on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book, Embracing Justice by Isabelle Hamley.
- ii. Stewardship: a Stewardship appeal was made in the Autumn inviting new givers to support the parishes' finances through the Parish Giving Scheme and seeking 'one off' donations from visitors. The appeal highlighted new digital means of giving as the move towards a cashless society accelerates.

4.5 Pastoral Care

Through its activities and social events the PCC seeks to create and support healthy relationships through which individuals can flourish both within and beyond the church.

- Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults: Harriet Hargreaves was appointed to the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO). Safeguarding features on all PCC agendas. Safeguarding Training and DBS certificates are kept up to date: the monitoring of this will be made considerably easier through a nationally introduced online dashboard for PSO's.
- 'Health and Safety' is a regular item on PCC agendas providing an opportunity to consider health and safety issues which may need attention.
- Communication:
 - The Pilgrim magazine: after many years serving as a means of communication in the parish the Pilgrim Magazine was finally retired in favour of digital means of communication. A single sheet parish newsletter will provide basic information for those unable to access online information through the church website, FaceBook or a newly created e-letter. Thanks are particularly offered to Geoff Lowson who has edited the magazine over the last few years and John Elliot who has proof read each edition.

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- b. The Church website offers a window into parish life.
- c. A new church guidebook 'A journey through time' by Geoff Knott was written and published and is now available at Barnard Castle
- iv. Barnard Castle church was able to host its All Souls' service and invite the recently bereaved to attend.
- v. The offer of the Ministry of Healing once a month recommenced at Barnard Castle with the opportunity for 'the laying on of hands and anointing with oil' being appreciated by members of the congregation.
- vi. The Civic Remembrance service took place in church at Barnard Castle. Services were also held in town on Merchant Navy Day and Aviation Day.
- vii. A display of congregation members' connections with the worldwide church was erected at Barnard Castle. A world church service was led by Revd Geoff Lowson at the end of November.

6. Social Events

i. Music making:

- a. The community choir and musicians performed at Blanchland at a Christmas event organized by the Lord Crewe Trust and were also welcomed in Romalldkirk and at Barnard Castle Methodist Church. Performances also took place as part of the Community Music Festival with a sell out performance by the orchestra at The Witham, and full churches for choir events in the summer and at Christmas time.
- b. Musicians accompanied Carols on the Green at Whorlton on Christmas Eve and toured the local Care Homes for Carol singing.
- ii. The Friends of St Mary's continue to support the work of Barnard Castle Parish Church with donations but offered their planned Rock and Roll fundraiser for the appeal for Ukraine. A performance from the Castle Players' winter tour was held under FOSMs auspices.
- iii. Barnard Castle Parish Church hosted the bi-annual Richard III conference and provided a venue for the Barnard Castle School Choral Society performance of Faure's Requiem.
- iv. A 'Sleep Out' for Ukraine was held in the church carpark following the Russian invasion of that country. Prayers for Ukraine attracted a significant congregation and refugees have arrived in Teesdale (and in our congregation).
- v. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee: the Jubilee was marked with special prayers and a celebratory service and lunch in church at Barnard Castle.
- vi. The death of the Queen and the accession of the King. Services were held at both churches to mark the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Books of condolence were opened and the churches were available for prayer and reflection across the period of mourning. The Proclamation of the new King took place outside Barnard

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Castle church, led by the Mayor, accompanied by the Vicar and other Christian ministers and supported by parish musicians.

- vii. Christmas Crib exhibition: a delightful exhibition of over 40 crib sets was held in the middle of December at Barnard Castle
- viii. Bell Ringing: The Bell ringers rang to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the accession of King Charles. The tower also hosted visitors on Heritage Open Day.
- ix. Other: Bacon butties proved popular between services on 2 Sundays in the year!

5. The wider church and ministry

i. Staff:

- a. the parish continues to enjoy the ministry of Revd Sarah Cliff as assistant curate: in 2023 Sarah will take up an appointment as Vicar of St John the Divine, Sandylands (Blackburn Diocese).
- b. Mrs Gillian Lunn (ordinand) finished her training at Cranmer Hall in the summer bidding the parish goodbye at the end of April. She is now serving her title in Leyburn having been ordained deacon at Wakefield Cathedral on 2nd July 2022.
- c. The church caretaker (Mr Stephen Guy) resigned from his post to move into full time employment elsewhere.

ii. Churches Together: Lent and Advent Lunches were organised in support of Christian Aid, as was the annual Christian Aid collection. The World Day of Prayer service was co-ordinated by Gillian Lunn and held at Barnard Castle.

iii. Deanery: The parish may appoint three lay members to Deanery Synod.

- i. A Deanery Pilgrimage was co-ordinated by parishioners from Gainford and Winston and led (over two days) from Barnard Castle to Whorlton and then from Whorlton to Gainford. An accompanying 'virtual pilgrimage' was filmed and made available online for those unable to take part physically. The event was scheduled for the Patronal weekend, itself greatly affected by the death of the Monarch.
- ii. Revd Eileen Harrop was appointed to serve Staindrop and Ingleton parishes alongside her current position as Vicar of Gainford and Winston.
- iii. The Deanery ran a stall at the Eggleston show alongside friends from the Methodist Circuit

6. Wardens' Report

Barnard Castle.

The statutory Electrical Inspection of the church was undertaken and a report and recommendations received to be followed up.

Robert Stenlake has continued to liaise, on behalf of the PCC, with John Barnes (the church architect) and stained-glass experts (Jonathan and Ruth Cooke) to identify urgent works required by the church QI report and to investigate means of funding these works. The exceptionally hot summer caused damage to the Richardson and the Dugard windows on the south side of the church (lead fixings perishing) making attention to these an increased priority alongside work on the stonework surrounding the east window in the south transept and around the chancel area.

Barnard Castle Parish Hall

The Parish Hall is in the care of the Parish Hall Association under a lease from the PCC. The committee have purchased replacement tables for the Hall and commissioned the 5 yearly Electrical test. In the course of the year Mr Stephen Guy stepped down from his role as Hall Caretaker. The committee appointed Mr Stephen Rusling to the role at the end of the year.

Church Car Park: Problems caused by the abuse of the church carpark by local residence have eased to the relief of all.

Amen Corner: Formal ownership of the Carpark has been received from the Land Registry as has recognition that the church is the owner of the rose garden on the corner of Amen Corner. Documents concerning these assets are on file in the church safe.

Whorlton

i. Whorlton church:

The main problem identified in the Q.I. 2021 was water ingress from an unsuitable down pipe and a gaping mortar joint at the east end of the church. The drainage pipe was replaced and the joint in the stonework repointed with lime mortar. This problem though solved, left inside floor and walls being very damp. This problem has been largely solved by allowing as much ventilation and drying out throughout the summer of 2022. Lead flashing associated with the porch roof was repaired but such repairs may only be of a temporary nature though for the time being seem effective.

In 2022 various other work was achieved, namely, re-wiring the bell louvres to prevent bird nesting, oiling and lubrication of the main door and vestry door and the restoration of mosaic panels against the East end. Decoration of the stonework behind the Altar together with cleaning and restoring Chancel floor tiles took place. A faulty outside light was replaced and all Nave chandelier bulbs were replaced with more energy efficient

bulbs. A 2021 Electrical report highlighted a missing Earth Rod cover and a faulty electrical switch board. These two problems have now been rectified. The Q.I. commented on missing protective wire window screens on certain windows but professional advice suggested that, owing to the location and cost involved, they shouldn't be renewed.

Much has been achieved since the Q.I. but more needs to be done. Namely, the soak away at the East end is blocked, vestry floor tiles need cleaning and restoring and flashing around the steeple and porch need regular clearing of debris blown from nearby trees.

Whorlton Churchyard: Durham County Council have responsibility for the churchyard and have carried out repairs to the Lychgate and several graves. We have been assured that surrounding trees and shrubs will be pruned where necessary though this has yet to happen.

Whorlton Village Hall: The Village Hall is in the care of the Village Hall Association under a lease from the PCC. The association have made various changes and improvements to the building whilst gaining Church permission beforehand!

8. Structure, government and management

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected or co-opted by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting [APCM], in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. At its Annual Meeting in 2020 a motion was passed that came into effect in 2021:

- a. Churchwardens be eligible to serve up to six consecutive years (this provision to be reviewed every six years as per the Church Representation Rules).
- b. The balance between elected/ex officio members of the PCC be changed through
 - i. removing the automatic membership of Readers to the PCC
 - ii. replacing the existing 'rolling election of PCC members' with the election of 8 lay representatives (who for the purposes of continuity can serve up to 4 consecutive years).

As Charity Trustees PCC members are mindful of the Charity Commission's Guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. There were 17 members of the PCC

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held after morning worship at Barnard Castle at the end of April 2022. The Electoral Roll was reported to stand at 135. From the APCM the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent & Chairman

Rev. Alec Harding
Rev. Sarah Cliff

Churchwardens

Mrs Joan Kemp Ambler (elected 2020)
Mr Roy Long (elected 2020)
Mr Allan Jones (elected 2021)
Mr Astley Fenwick (elected 2021)

Diocesan Synod
Deanery Synod

Mrs Frances Stenlake (and Lay Chair of the PCC)
3 x vacancies

PCC Secretary
PCC Treasurer

Mrs Carolyn Knott
Mr Ian Groves (co-opted)

Elected Members (up to 8 places)

John White John Emerson Helen Goodman	Geoff Knott Carolyn Knott Liz Burdon	John Lloyd (resigned December 2022) Kate Stewart (co-opted May 2022)
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The full PCC met 9 times in the year January to December 2022 with an average attendance of 75%. The PCC operated through a number of committees, which met from time to time between full PCC meetings and reported back at the PCC. These were:

8.1 Standing Committee: This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council (e.g. authorise payments beyond those set in the PCC's budget.) The Standing Committee includes the Vicar, 2 church wardens and 2 elected lay representatives to accord with the Church representation rules.

8.2 Teams: the PCC oversees and receives reports from a number of teams: Finance, Communication, Eco-Church, Fundraising and Social (FunSoc), Whorlton Church, Heritage, Children and young people.

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Barnard Castle with Whorlton (the "PCC")

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Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of the PCC (registered charity 1130279) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



James Ferdinand, ACA, CTA

Address: 49 Riverside, Bishop Auckland. Do Durham. DL14 6WA

Date: 04 October 2023

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Registered Charity 1130279

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	£		£
Brought forward 01.01.2022	156,200.40	Resources used (2)	127,309.91
Unrealised appreciation	0.00	Unrealised depreciation	9,406.72
Incoming resources (1)	121,710.44	Balance carried forward 31.12.2022 (3)	141,194.21
Total	277,910.84	Total	277,910.84

Notes

1 See Analysis of Income and Expenditure

2 See Analysis of Income and Expenditure

3 Represented by

Current Accounts	Note 4	20,158.29
Petty Cash		65.59
CBF Deposit Account		25,298.16
Co-operative Instant Access Account		30,144.27
Invested assets		65,527.90
		141,194.21

4 Bank current account reconciliation at 31.12.2022

	£
Balance at Co-operative bank	25,534.07
Plus: Receivables due	1,771.07
Less: Payments not cleared	7,146.85
Balance at 31.12.2022	20,158.29

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:

The Revd Canon Alec Harding
Chairman of PCC

Joan Kemp-Ambler
Churchwarden

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2022

		2022	2021
		£	£
Invested Assets	Children's fund	3,398.32	3,849
	Whorlton	12,014.26	13,609
	Permanent Endowment	20,318.66	23,016
	Designated (ex-Church Cottage)	29,796.66	34,460
Current Assets	Current Account Co-operative	25,534.07	21,974
	Petty Cash Smuffies	5.00	5
	Petty Cash Flower Guild	60.59	30
	Deposit Account CBF	25,298.16	25,298
	Bank savings account	30,144.27	30,106
	Year end amounts due to us	1,771.07	5,195
TOTAL ASSETS		148,341.06	157,543
LIABILITIES	Accounts payable	7,146.85	1,342
NET ASSETS	(Total Assets – Liabilities)	141,194.21	156,200
BALANCE	Starting Balance	156,200.40	157,641
	Income less Expenditure	-5,599.47	-3,879
	Gains/(Losses) on investments	-9,406.72	2,438
	Closing balance	141,194.21	156,200

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Movement in Funds during the Year													Movement in Funds during the Previous Year																							
Fund	01/01/2022			Income			Expenditure			Revaluation			Transfer			31/12/2022			01/01/2021			Income			Expenditure			Revaluation			Transfer			31/12/2021		
	£			£			£			£			£			£			£			£			£			£			£					
Children's (including Fun night)	5,333.84			116.32			10.25			-451.14			4,988.77			5,185			151			500			498			5,334			5,334					
Churches Together	0.00												0.00			0			50			50						0			0					
Clergy Travel	0.00			452.50			452.50						0.00			0			435			435						0			0					
Elderly	100.00						100.00						0.00			0			100									100			100					
Fabric	14,373.70			188.18									14,561.88			14,367			7									14,374			14,374					
Godly Play (The Big Story)	191.04						75.63						115.41			286			1,150			1,245						191			191					
BC Major works 2022/3	3,610.00												6,669.22			0			4,000			390					3,610			3,610						
BC Windows to the World (Restricted)	8,360.75			6,558.46			8,249.99						0.00			11,733			75,695			79,067					8,361			8,361						
Music Festival 2022	500.00			3,035.00			3,185.00						0.00			0			500								500			500						
Organ and Church Music	23.86			1,352.00			821.99						553.87			728			368			1,072					24			24						
Overseas Mission Giving	0.00												0.00			0			125			125					0			0						
Permanent Endowment	23,016.01									-2,697.35			20,318.66			20,123										2,893		23,016			23,016					
PCC Reserves	365.91												365.91			366												366			366					
Source to Sea	118.00						118.00						0.00			118												118			118					
Smuffies	959.41			563.78			588.96						934.23			1,031			761			832					959			959						
Trinity (for incumbent's use)	891.43			1,375.00			1,965.00						301.43			721			1,375			1,204					891			891						
Utilities	0.00			850.00			850.00						0.00			0			475			475					0			0						
WiFi and streaming	0.00												0.00			120										-120		0			0					
Windows for a King	0.00			7,676.56			1,200.00						6,476.56						260			929					1,655									
Whorlton Fabric	1,655.41			357.60									2,013.01			2,324																				
Whorlton Endowment	13,609.19									-1,594.93			12,014.26			12,182						5			1,433			13,609			13,609					
TOTAL RESTRICTED AND ENDOWMENT	73,108.55			22,525.40			17,617.32			-4,743.42			72,923.21			69,282			85,451			86,328			4,824		-120	73,109			73,109					
Unrestricted Funds	35,732.52			97,323.15			104,801.40			-4,622.78			23,631.49			36,991			100,823			100,902				-1,179	35,733									
Fabric ex Church Cottage (Designated)	37,884.33						980.68			-4,663.30			32,240.35			41,894						1,576			-2,434		37,884									
Community music (Designated)	0.00			1,861.89			488.51						1,346.16			0											0			0						
School music ex Church Cottage (Designated)	9,475.00						166.70						9,308.30			9,475						1,299					9,475			9,475						
Windows to the World (Designated)	0.00						3,255.30						1,744.70			0			1,299							1,299	0				0					
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED AND DESIGNATED	83,091.85			99,185.04			109,692.59			-4,663.30			68,271.00			88,360			100,823			103,776			-2,434		120	83,092			83,092					
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	156,200.40			121,710.44			127,309.91			-9,406.72			141,194.21			157,641			186,274			190,105			2,390		0	156,200			156,200					

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Analysis of Income and Expenditure for the Period 1st January to 31st December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
INCOME and ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies	77,200.04	0.00	8,426.56		85,626.60	82,183
Income from Charitable Activities	9,925.04	1,861.89	2,456.50		14,243.43	16,586
Other trading activities	996.80	0.00	0.00		996.80	1,488
Income from Investments	3,232.27	0.00	673.88		3,906.15	3,545
Other income	5,969.00	0.00	10,968.46		16,937.46	82,419
Total Income and Endowments	97,323.15	1,861.89	22,525.40	0.00	121,710.44	186,221
EXPENDITURE						
Costs of generating funds	3,716.93	0.00	1,034.57		4,751.50	4,221
Expenditure on charitable activities	85,680.19	1,290.53	4,625.88		91,596.60	89,831
Other expenditure	15,404.28	3,600.66	11,956.87		30,961.81	96,048
Total Expenditure	104,801.40	4,891.19	17,617.32	0.00	127,309.91	190,100
INCOME less EXPENDITURE	-7,478.25	-3,029.30	4,908.08	0.00	-5,599.47	-3,879
Transfers between Funds	350.00		-350.00		0.00	0
Gains (losses) on sales of fixed assets	0.00		0.00		0.00	48
Gains (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-4,663.30		-4,743.42	-9,406.72	2,390
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	-7,128.25	-7,692.60	4,558.08	-4,743.42	-15,006.19	-1,441
BALANCE b/f AT 1st JANUARY 2022	35,732.52	49,793.49	37,073.89	33,600.50	156,200.40	157,641
BALANCE c/f AT 31st DECEMBER 2022	28,604.27	42,100.89	41,631.97	28,857.08	141,194.21	156,200

The notes on subsequent pages form part of the accounts

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Analysis of Income and Endowments

		Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2,021
		£	£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies						
Planned Giving:	Bank giving	43,901.45			43,901.45	43,809
	Envelopes	1,571.34			1,571.34	3,426
	Total Planned Giving	45,472.79	0	0	45,472.79	47,234
Non-recurring donations	one-off donations	2,629.05		250.00	2,879.05	8,149
	Windows for a King	0.00		7,651.56	7,651.56	0
Collections at Services	Barnard Castle	3,809.95			3,809.95	2,423
	Whorlton	1,152.21			1,152.21	905
	Funerals	4,698.97			4,698.97	4,743
	Weddings	417.50			417.50	104
	Baptisms	1,734.83			1,734.83	1,536
Other recurring donations	Wall safe and candles	2,004.37			2,004.37	1,548
	Card reader	2,672.50			2,672.50	1,761
Income Tax recovered	Gift Aid	10,413.50		25.00	10,438.50	11,611
	Small Donations	2,194.37			2,194.37	2,168
Legacies received		0.00		500.00	500.00	0
Total		77,200.04	0.00	8,426.56	85,626.60	82,183
Income from Charitable Activities						
Fund raising	Book sales	447.73			447.73	473
	Easter lilies	495.00			495.00	450
	Recitals and Concerts	728.81	1,861.89	70	2,660.70	1,659
	Christmas events	26.80			26.80	6,700
	Social events	393.30			393.30	0
	Other	1,320.40			1,320.40	516
	Total Fund Raising	3,412.04	1,861.89	70.00	5,343.93	9,798
Statutory Fees:	Weddings	2,792.00			2,792.00	854
	Funerals	2,182.00			2,182.00	2,438
Other Fees	Weddings/Funerals	0.00		1,834.50	1,834.50	1,278
	Total Fees	4,974.00	0.00	1,834.50	6,808.50	4,570
Other activities	Smuffies	0.00		552.00	552.00	760
	Flower Guild	1,539.00			1,539.00	1,458
Total		9,925.04	1,861.89	2,456.50	14,243.43	16,586
Other Trading Activities						
Magazine	Magazine subscriptions	946.80			946.80	982
	Magazine advertising	50.00			50.00	450
Books	Books	0.00			0.00	56
Total		996.80	0.00	0.00	996.80	1,488
Income from Investments						
Rents	Parish Hall	1,088.32			1,088.32	1,088
	Whorlton Village Hall	525.00			525.00	525
Investments	Bank deposit	38.61			38.61	6
	CBF deposit	116.20		215.14	331.34	13
	Permanent Endowment	604.77			604.77	585
	CBF - ex Church Cottage	859.37			859.37	971
	Children's Fund	0.00		101.14	101.14	150
	Whorlton Endowment	0.00		357.60	357.60	260
Total		3,232.27	0.00	673.88	3,906.15	3,598
Other Income						
Grants received	Recurring	100.00			100.00	300
	One-off	5,629.00		10,968.46	16,597.46	77,950
Other income		240.00			240.00	4,169
Total		5,969.00	0.00	10,968.46	16,937.46	82,419
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		97,323.15	1,861.89	22,525.40	121,710.44	186,274

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Analysis of Expenditure

		Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Costs of Generating Funds						
Fund raising	Easter Lilies	175.00			175.00	208
	Social events	163.18		310.00	473.18	31
	Christmas				0.00	1,370
	Other fund raising	688.85		606.57	1,295.42	20
	Giving envelopes	23.78			24	0
	total fund raising costs	1,050.81	0.00	917	1,967.38	1,628
Magazine and Books	Magazine printing	2,442.32			2,442.32	2,326
	Books and publications	177.00		118.00	295.00	0
	total magazine and books	2,619.32	0.00	118.00	2,737.32	2,326
Advertising	Advertisements	46.80			46.80	267
Total		3,716.93	0.00	1,034.57	4,751.50	4,221
Expenditure on Charitable Activities						
Mission Giving	Charitable giving	0.00			0.00	1,325
Parish Share	To Diocese	68,291.04			68,291.04	66,625
Pay and honoraria	Caretaker	2,035.08			2,035.08	2,957
	Organists	3,288.00	912.28		4,200.28	4,074
Clergy and Staff Expenses	clergy expenses	1,303.21		461.17	1,764.38	1,066
	Other clergy fees			115.64	115.64	304
	Other mileage	81.00	145.80		226.80	
	Fees funerals / weddings				0.00	293
	Water rates	590.53			590.53	584
	Telephone	840.00			840.00	840
	Clergy house repairs	93.80		24.00	117.80	200
	total clergy and staff expenses	2,908.54	145.80	600.81	3,655.15	3,287
Mission costs	Services: expenses	865.53		172.82	1,038.35	1,327
	Smuffies			588.96	588.96	832
	Children's work			85.88	85.88	1,173
	Books and publications	7.02		297.99	305.01	147
	Music and copyright		232.45	2,879.42	3,111.87	573
	Flower Guild	525.24			525.24	221
	Total Mission costs	1,397.79	232.45	4,025.07	5,655.31	4,273
Church Insurance	Insurance BC	5,771.55			5,771.55	5,527
	Insurance Whorlton	1,988.19			1,988.19	1,768
	Total Church Insurance	7,759.74	0.00	0.00	7,759.74	7,295
Total		85,680.19	1,290.53	4,625.88	91,596.60	89,836

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Analysis of Expenditure ctd

		Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2022 £	Total 2,021 £
Other Expenditure						
Church Running Costs	Maintenance: BC	2,880.20			2,880.20	1,371
	Maintenance: Whorlton	319.60			319.60	33
	Church equipment	1,132.12		133.45	1,265.57	826
	Church cleaning	103.58			103.58	89
	Organ maintenance			330.00	330.00	685
	Printing costs	126.95			126.95	58
	Computing	1,082.61	345.36	621.29	2,049.26	1,468
	Office supplies	197.30		32.00	229.30	96
	Copying / printing costs	611.35			611.35	381
	banking costs				0.00	6
	Other costs	2,114.85		775.09	2,889.94	719
	Gifts and other payments				0	0
	Total Church Running costs	8,568.56	345.36	1,891.83	10,805.75	5,732
Utility Costs	Barnard Castle: gas	3,591.64		850.00	4,441.64	2,568
	Barnard Castle: electricity	2,463.03			2,463.03	1,701
	Whorlton: electricity	781.05			781.05	391
	Total Utility costs	6,835.72	0.00	850.00	7,685.72	4,660
Major Projects	Barnard Castle		3,255.30	8,015.04	11,270.34	84,727
	Windows for a King			1,200.00	1,200.00	
	Whorlton				0.00	929
	Total major repair costs	0.00	3,255.30	9,215.04	12,470.34	85,656
Total		15,404.28	3,600.66	11,956.87	30,961.81	96,048
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		104,801.40	4,891.19	17,617.32	127,309.91	190,105

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Barnard Castle with Whorlton

Notes on the Financial Statements 2022

1. Basis of Statements. The Financial Statements of the PCC have been prepared under The Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities (SORP) FRS102.

The Financial Statements have been prepared using the accruals and prepayments method.

Investments included in the Financial Statements are shown at market (bid) value.

The accounts were subject to an independent examination. The Independent Examiner's Report is attached to the Financial Statements.

2. Bankers. The PCC's bankers are The Co-operative Bank.
3. Deposit Accounts. The PCC has an instant access savings account with the Co-operative Bank, accessed via the current account's dual authority portal. There is also a deposit account with CCLA Investment Management Limited's CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.
4. Property. The PCC owns the Parish Hall, Newgate and Whorlton Village Hall. These assets are not included in the Financial Statements. Both the halls are leased in return for fixed rental income.

Approximate property valuations are Parish Hall (£185,000) and Whorlton Village Hall (£145,000). These valuations are unchanged from 31st December 2009 and were confirmed as reasonable as at 31st December 2015 by Simon Nixon of Addisons. It is considered that these valuations will not have changed materially.

The Parish Hall is leased to the Parish Hall Association (registered charity no.1103536) on a 30 year lease from 2004. From December 2019 the rent increased to £1,088.32pa in accordance with the lease formula quinquennial rent increase.

Whorlton Village Hall was leased to the Whorlton Village Community Association, with a new 21 year lease effected from 1st August 2019 and initial rent of £525.00pa. The lease provides for a formula based review of rent every 5 years, with the first review under the new lease due in 2024.

5. Invested Assets. These are included in the Balance Sheet at current value (bid price):
 - a. Children's Fund. The fund is invested in 164.60 units of CCLA CBF Church of England Investment Fund Income Shares. The value at 31st December 2022 was £3,398.32 (2021: £3849.45). Income is restricted for use in connection with work with children.
 - b. Permanent Endowment. The fund is invested in 984.15 units of CCLA CBF Church of England Investment Fund Income Shares. The value at 31st December 2022 was £20,318.66 (2021: £23,016.12). The income is available for general purposes (unrestricted).
 - c. St Mary's, Whorlton endowment. The fund is invested in 581.92 units of the CCLA CBF Church of England Investment Fund Income Shares. The value at 31st December 2022 was £12,014.26 (2021 £13,609.19). The income is restricted for the benefit of St Mary's, Whorlton fabric. The endowment arises from the former Whorlton Church Restoration Fund.
 - d. Designated Funds. The proceeds of the sale of Church Cottage in December 2015 are invested in 21,811.48 units of the CCLA CBF Church of England Fixed Interest Securities Fund Income Shares, value £29,796.66 at 31st December 2022 (2021: £34,459.96).
6. Petty Cash. Petty Cash is held by the Flower Guild and by Smuffies (for subscriptions) and Smuffies (for its selected charity). Monies are regularly banked to the current account. Records of petty cash transactions for the Flower Guild, Smuffies and Smuffies (Charity) are maintained in cash books.
7. Policy for Reserves. The policy is to hold unrestricted reserves (to include any Gift Aid tax due but not yet claimed and/or received) of approximately 3 months expenditure (from general funds) to provide for uneven cash flow and for minor but necessary unbudgeted expenditure. Reserves at this level are currently held.
8. Policy for Pay to Employees. Pay is reviewed annually, with a minimum rate of payment of the Living Wage Foundation's Living Wage.

9. Pay, Employees and Pensions. The PCC employed a part-time caretaker who resigned at the end of August 2022. The PCC employs a part-time Director of Music.

Employee costs were:

Gross pay to employees	£6,235.36 (2021: £7,031)
Employer National Insurance costs	-
Employer Pension contributions	-
Total	£6,235.36 (2021: £7,031)

There were no pension arrangements for employees and no employees qualified for Automatic Enrolment (as pay is below threshold). No employees opted in to a pension arrangement.

The payroll is managed by Susan Peat on behalf of the PCC.

Organists play at Whorlton on a “by agreement” basis. No payments were made in 2022.

For weddings and funerals, the organist is remunerated by onward payment of the organist fee received for the service. The Director of Music has first refusal but is not obliged to play at such services. The PCC acts as paying agent and these fees are therefore not included in the 2022 financial statements.

10. PCC remuneration. PCC members receive no remuneration.

11. Payments to Connected Persons. None.

12. Contracts with Central and Local Government. The PCC has no contracts with Central or Local Government.

13. Grants from Central and Local Government. Grants totalling £392.00 were claimed from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. This Scheme makes grants equal to the amount of VAT paid on certain specific works relating to the maintenance of the church. The grants were in respect of St Mary’s, Barnard Castle.

A grant of £100.00 (2021 £100) was received from Durham County Council towards costs incurred by the PCC in respect of the churchyard at St Mary’s, Barnard Castle.

14. Other Grants received.

- a. Trinity College, Cambridge granted £1,375.00 to replenish the Restricted Fund available to the incumbent to meet expenses which might not otherwise be incurred or might not be reimbursed by the PCC.
- b. Grants were received in respect of the music festival in 2022: Durham County Council Communities Fund £250.00, Teesdale Action Partnership £950.00, Barnard Castle Rotary £500.00, County Durham Community Art Culture £1,335.00.
- c. A grant from the Friends of St Mary’s (FOSMS) of £546.00 was received towards the cost of maintenance of the Clock.
- d. A grant of £100.00 was received from the Lord Crewe Fund.
- e. A grant of £4,591.00 was received from Durham Diocesan Board of Finance in recognition of increased energy costs (but not restricted).
- f. A grant of £8,231 was received from NLHF as the final payment for Windows to the World. Of this, £1672.54 had already been accrued in the 2021 accounts.

15. Community Music Festival. The excess of income over expenditure in respect of the Festival is held in a designated fund and is used to fund ongoing community music.

16. “Windows for a King”. This project is run in partnership with the Northern Dales Richard III Group.

17. Legacies. There was one legacy of £500.00, from an organist who visited occasionally and was permitted to play the organ in Barnard Castle Organ and the legacy is restricted to its upkeep.

18. Parish Share. The Parish Share offered to the Diocese and paid in 2022 was £68,291.04 (2021: £66,625.00). For 2023, the PCC has offered to increase the Parish Share to £71,706.00.

19. Charity Giving. The Smuffies toddler group raised £256.50 for its 2022 chosen charity, Action for Children, the Christingle service raised £178.50 (net) for The Children's Society and the Maundy Thursday meal raised £191.89 (net) for Christian Aid. A further £4,772.98 was raised for other charities from funeral plate collections and other giving for specific sponsored charities.
20. Photocopier. The PCC rents a photocopier on a maintenance contract with Mastercopy.
21. Governance Fees. No costs have been incurred in the Independent Examination of the Accounts or in other Governance.
22. Gift Aid. 96% of regular giving was Gift Aided in 2022. The other 4 % relates to non-taxpayers but part of this is eligible under the Small Donations Gift Aid Scheme. In respect of the Small Donations Gift Aid Scheme, the PCC claims separately for each of the two churches as Community Buildings.
23. Agency Monies. The PCC acts as collecting agents for certain connected parties and also where monies are raised for a specific charity at a service or event. These transactions are not included in the financial statements. The amounts are set out in the table below:

Agency	Amount received £	Expenses deducted £	Amount paid out £
Diocesan Fees for weddings and Funerals	9004.00	-	9,004.00
Fees for verger, bellringers	1,170.00	-	1,170.00
Fees for Organist at weddings and funerals	2,054.00	-	2,054.00
Funeral collections and other charity monies	5,483.89	84.02	5,399.87

24. Accounting records. Accounting records are maintained on MyFundAccounting software supplied by Data Developments. Gift Aid and Small Gift Aid data is recorded on Donations Co-ordinator V7.09 software supplied by Data Developments. This software is used to generate and electronically submit the Gift Aid and Small Gift Aid claims to HMRC. Data on MyFundAccounting is backed up by Data Developments. Donations Co-ordinator is manually backed up at least weekly, with a security copy stored offsite. The PCC subscribes to technical support in respect of Data Developments software.
25. Review of Financial Controls. The PCC reviewed its financial controls during 2021 and agreed procedures to manage risks. The financial controls have been adopted as standing orders of the PCC.

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Barnard Castle with Whorlton (the "PCC")

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of the PCC (registered charity 1130279) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



James Ferdinand, ACA, CTA

Address: 49 Riverside, Bishop Auckland. Do Durham. DL14 6WA

Date: 04 October 2023

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Barnard Castle with Whorlton
Registered Charity 1130279

Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st December 2022
Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	£		£
Brought forward 01.01.2022	156,200.40	Resources used (2)	127,309.91
Unrealised appreciation	0.00	Unrealised depreciation	9,406.72
Incoming resources (1)	121,710.44	Balance carried forward 31.12.2022 (3)	141,194.21
Total	277,910.84	Total	277,910.84

Notes

1 See Analysis of Income and Expenditure

2 See Analysis of Income and Expenditure

3 Represented by

Current Accounts	Note 4	20,158.29
Petty Cash		65.59
CBF Deposit Account		25,298.16
Co-operative Instant Access Account		30,144.27
Invested assets		65,527.90
		141,194.21

4 Bank current account reconciliation at 31.12.2022

	£
Balance at Co-operative bank	25,534.07
Plus: Receivables due	1,771.07
Less: Payments not cleared	7,146.85
Balance at 31.12.2022	20,158.29

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:



The Revd Canon Alec Harding
Chairman of PCC



Joan Kemp-Ambler
Churchwarden

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2022

		2022	2021
		£	£
Invested Assets	Children's fund	3,398.32	3,849
	Whorlton	12,014.26	13,609
	Permanent Endowment	20,318.66	23,016
	Designated (ex-Church Cottage)	29,796.66	34,460
Current Assets	Current Account Co-operative	25,534.07	21,974
	Petty Cash Smuffies	5.00	5
	Petty Cash Flower Guild	60.59	30
	Deposit Account CBF	25,298.16	25,298
	Bank savings account	30,144.27	30,106
	Year end amounts due to us	1,771.07	5,195
TOTAL ASSETS		148,341.06	157,543
LIABILITIES	Accounts payable	7,146.85	1,342
NET ASSETS	(Total Assets – Liabilities)	141,194.21	156,200
BALANCE	Starting Balance	156,200.40	157,641
	Income less Expenditure	-5,599.47	-3,879
	Gains/(Losses) on investments	-9,406.72	2,438
	Closing balance	141,194.21	156,200

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Movement in Funds during the Year													Movement in Funds during the Previous Year																							
Fund	01/01/2022			Income			Expenditure			Revaluation			Transfer			31/12/2022			01/01/2021			Income			Expenditure			Revaluation			Transfer			31/12/2021		
	£			£			£			£			£			£			£			£			£			£			£					
Children's (including Fun night)	5,333.84			116.32			10.25			-451.14			4,988.77			5,185			151			500			498			5,334			5,334					
Churches Together	0.00												0.00			0			50			50						0			0					
Clergy Travel	0.00			452.50			452.50						0.00			0			435			435						0			0					
Elderly	100.00						100.00						0.00			0			100									100			100					
Fabric	14,373.70			188.18									14,561.88			14,367			7									14,374			14,374					
Godly Play (The Big Story)	191.04						75.63						115.41			286			1,150			1,245						191			191					
BC Major works 2022/3	3,610.00												6,669.22			0			4,000			390					3,610			3,610						
BC Windows to the World (Restricted)	8,360.75			6,558.46			8,249.99						0.00			11,733			75,695			79,067					8,361			8,361						
Music Festival 2022	500.00			3,035.00			3,185.00						0.00			0			500								500			500						
Organ and Church Music	23.86			1,352.00			821.99						553.87			728			368			1,072					24			24						
Overseas Mission Giving	0.00												0.00			0			125			125					0			0						
Permanent Endowment	23,016.01									-2,697.35			20,318.66			20,123									2,893			23,016			23,016					
PCC Reserves	365.91												365.91			366												366			366					
Source to Sea	118.00						118.00						0.00			118												118			118					
Smuffies	959.41			563.78			588.96						934.23			1,031			761			832					959			959						
Trinity (for incumbent's use)	891.43			1,375.00			1,965.00						301.43			721			1,375			1,204					891			891						
Utilities	0.00			850.00			850.00						0.00			0			475			475					0			0						
WiFi and streaming	0.00												0.00			120											-120			0						
Windows for a King	0.00			7,676.56			1,200.00						6,476.56						260			929					1,655			1,655						
Whorlton Fabric	1,655.41			357.60									2,013.01			2,324									1,433						13,609					
Whorlton Endowment	13,609.19									-1,594.93			12,014.26			12,182						5														
TOTAL RESTRICTED AND ENDOWMENT	73,108.55			22,525.40			17,617.32			-4,743.42			-350.00			69,282			85,451			86,328			4,824		-120		73,109			73,109				
Unrestricted Funds	35,732.52			97,323.15			104,801.40						23,631.49			36,991			100,823			100,902					-1,179		35,733			35,733				
Fabric ex Church Cottage (Designated)	37,884.33						980.68			-4,663.30			32,240.35			41,894						1,576			-2,434			37,884			37,884					
Community music (Designated)	0.00			1,861.89			488.51						1,346.16			0											0			0						
School music ex Church Cottage (Designated)	9,475.00						166.70						9,308.30			9,475						1,299					9,475			9,475						
Windows to the World (Designated)	0.00						3,255.30						1,744.70			0			1,299								1,299			0						
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED AND DESIGNATED	83,091.85			99,185.04			109,692.59			-4,663.30			350.00			88,360			100,823			103,776			-2,434		120		83,092			83,092				
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	156,200.40			121,710.44			127,309.91			-9,406.72			141,194.21			157,641			186,274			190,105			2,390		0		156,200			156,200				

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Barnard Castle with Whorlton
Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st December 2022
Analysis of Income and Expenditure for the Period 1st January to 31st December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
INCOME and ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies	77,200.04	0.00	8,426.56		85,626.60	82,183
Income from Charitable Activities	9,925.04	1,861.89	2,456.50		14,243.43	16,586
Other trading activities	996.80	0.00	0.00		996.80	1,488
Income from Investments	3,232.27	0.00	673.88		3,906.15	3,545
Other income	5,969.00	0.00	10,968.46		16,937.46	82,419
Total Income and Endowments	97,323.15	1,861.89	22,525.40	0.00	121,710.44	186,221
EXPENDITURE						
Costs of generating funds	3,716.93	0.00	1,034.57		4,751.50	4,221
Expenditure on charitable activities	85,680.19	1,290.53	4,625.88		91,596.60	89,831
Other expenditure	15,404.28	3,600.66	11,956.87		30,961.81	96,048
Total Expenditure	104,801.40	4,891.19	17,617.32	0.00	127,309.91	190,100
INCOME less EXPENDITURE	-7,478.25	-3,029.30	4,908.08	0.00	-5,599.47	-3,879
Transfers between Funds	350.00		-350.00		0.00	0
Gains (losses) on sales of fixed assets	0.00		0.00		0.00	48
Gains (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-4,663.30		-4,743.42	-9,406.72	2,390
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	-7,128.25	-7,692.60	4,558.08	-4,743.42	-15,006.19	-1,441
BALANCE b/f AT 1st JANUARY 2022	35,732.52	49,793.49	37,073.89	33,600.50	156,200.40	157,641
BALANCE c/f AT 31st DECEMBER 2022	28,604.27	42,100.89	41,631.97	28,857.08	141,194.21	156,200

The notes on subsequent pages form part of the accounts

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Analysis of Income and Endowments

		Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2,021
		£	£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies						
Planned Giving:	Bank giving	43,901.45			43,901.45	43,809
	Envelopes	1,571.34			1,571.34	3,426
	Total Planned Giving	45,472.79	0	0	45,472.79	47,234
Non-recurring donations	one-off donations	2,629.05		250.00	2,879.05	8,149
	Windows for a King	0.00		7,651.56	7,651.56	0
Collections at Services	Barnard Castle	3,809.95			3,809.95	2,423
	Whorlton	1,152.21			1,152.21	905
	Funerals	4,698.97			4,698.97	4,743
	Weddings	417.50			417.50	104
	Baptisms	1,734.83			1,734.83	1,536
Other recurring donations	Wall safe and candles	2,004.37			2,004.37	1,548
	Card reader	2,672.50			2,672.50	1,761
Income Tax recovered	Gift Aid	10,413.50		25.00	10,438.50	11,611
	Small Donations	2,194.37			2,194.37	2,168
Legacies received		0.00		500.00	500.00	0
Total		77,200.04	0.00	8,426.56	85,626.60	82,183
Income from Charitable Activities						
Fund raising	Book sales	447.73			447.73	473
	Easter lilies	495.00			495.00	450
	Recitals and Concerts	728.81	1,861.89	70	2,660.70	1,659
	Christmas events	26.80			26.80	6,700
	Social events	393.30			393.30	0
	Other	1,320.40			1,320.40	516
	Total Fund Raising	3,412.04	1,861.89	70.00	5,343.93	9,798
Statutory Fees:	Weddings	2,792.00			2,792.00	854
	Funerals	2,182.00			2,182.00	2,438
Other Fees	Weddings/Funerals	0.00		1,834.50	1,834.50	1,278
	Total Fees	4,974.00	0.00	1,834.50	6,808.50	4,570
Other activities	Smuffies	0.00		552.00	552.00	760
	Flower Guild	1,539.00			1,539.00	1,458
Total		9,925.04	1,861.89	2,456.50	14,243.43	16,586
Other Trading Activities						
Magazine	Magazine subscriptions	946.80			946.80	982
	Magazine advertising	50.00			50.00	450
Books	Books	0.00			0.00	56
Total		996.80	0.00	0.00	996.80	1,488
Income from Investments						
Rents	Parish Hall	1,088.32			1,088.32	1,088
	Whorlton Village Hall	525.00			525.00	525
Investments	Bank deposit	38.61			38.61	6
	CBF deposit	116.20		215.14	331.34	13
	Permanent Endowment	604.77			604.77	585
	CBF - ex Church Cottage	859.37			859.37	971
	Children's Fund	0.00		101.14	101.14	150
	Whorlton Endowment	0.00		357.60	357.60	260
Total		3,232.27	0.00	673.88	3,906.15	3,598
Other Income						
Grants received	Recurring	100.00			100.00	300
	One-off	5,629.00		10,968.46	16,597.46	77,950
Other income		240.00			240.00	4,169
Total		5,969.00	0.00	10,968.46	16,937.46	82,419
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		97,323.15	1,861.89	22,525.40	121,710.44	186,274

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Analysis of Expenditure

		Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Costs of Generating Funds						
Fund raising	Easter Lilies	175.00			175.00	208
	Social events	163.18		310.00	473.18	31
	Christmas				0.00	1,370
	Other fund raising	688.85		606.57	1,295.42	20
	Giving envelopes	23.78			24	0
	total fund raising costs	1,050.81	0.00	917	1,967.38	1,628
Magazine and Books	Magazine printing	2,442.32			2,442.32	2,326
	Books and publications	177.00		118.00	295.00	0
	total magazine and books	2,619.32	0.00	118.00	2,737.32	2,326
Advertising	Advertisements	46.80			46.80	267
Total		3,716.93	0.00	1,034.57	4,751.50	4,221
Expenditure on Charitable Activities						
Mission Giving	Charitable giving	0.00			0.00	1,325
Parish Share	To Diocese	68,291.04			68,291.04	66,625
Pay and honoraria	Caretaker	2,035.08			2,035.08	2,957
	Organists	3,288.00	912.28		4,200.28	4,074
Clergy and Staff Expenses	clergy expenses	1,303.21		461.17	1,764.38	1,066
	Other clergy fees			115.64	115.64	304
	Other mileage	81.00	145.80		226.80	
	Fees funerals / weddings				0.00	293
	Water rates	590.53			590.53	584
	Telephone	840.00			840.00	840
	Clergy house repairs	93.80		24.00	117.80	200
	total clergy and staff expenses	2,908.54	145.80	600.81	3,655.15	3,287
Mission costs	Services: expenses	865.53		172.82	1,038.35	1,327
	Smuffies			588.96	588.96	832
	Children's work			85.88	85.88	1,173
	Books and publications	7.02		297.99	305.01	147
	Music and copyright		232.45	2,879.42	3,111.87	573
	Flower Guild	525.24			525.24	221
	Total Mission costs	1,397.79	232.45	4,025.07	5,655.31	4,273
Church Insurance	Insurance BC	5,771.55			5,771.55	5,527
	Insurance Whorlton	1,988.19			1,988.19	1,768
	Total Church Insurance	7,759.74	0.00	0.00	7,759.74	7,295
Total		85,680.19	1,290.53	4,625.88	91,596.60	89,836

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Analysis of Expenditure ctd

		Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2022 £	Total 2,021 £
Other Expenditure						
Church Running Costs	Maintenance: BC	2,880.20			2,880.20	1,371
	Maintenance: Whorlton	319.60			319.60	33
	Church equipment	1,132.12		133.45	1,265.57	826
	Church cleaning	103.58			103.58	89
	Organ maintenance			330.00	330.00	685
	Printing costs	126.95			126.95	58
	Computing	1,082.61	345.36	621.29	2,049.26	1,468
	Office supplies	197.30		32.00	229.30	96
	Copying / printing costs	611.35			611.35	381
	banking costs				0.00	6
	Other costs	2,114.85		775.09	2,889.94	719
	Gifts and other payments				0	0
	Total Church Running costs	8,568.56	345.36	1,891.83	10,805.75	5,732
Utility Costs	Barnard Castle: gas	3,591.64		850.00	4,441.64	2,568
	Barnard Castle: electricity	2,463.03			2,463.03	1,701
	Whorlton: electricity	781.05			781.05	391
	Total Utility costs	6,835.72	0.00	850.00	7,685.72	4,660
Major Projects	Barnard Castle		3,255.30	8,015.04	11,270.34	84,727
	Windows for a King			1,200.00	1,200.00	
	Whorlton				0.00	929
	Total major repair costs	0.00	3,255.30	9,215.04	12,470.34	85,656
Total		15,404.28	3,600.66	11,956.87	30,961.81	96,048
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		104,801.40	4,891.19	17,617.32	127,309.91	190,105

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Barnard Castle with Whorlton

Notes on the Financial Statements 2022

1. Basis of Statements. The Financial Statements of the PCC have been prepared under The Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities (SORP) FRS102.

The Financial Statements have been prepared using the accruals and prepayments method.

Investments included in the Financial Statements are shown at market (bid) value.

The accounts were subject to an independent examination. The Independent Examiner's Report is attached to the Financial Statements.

2. Bankers. The PCC's bankers are The Co-operative Bank.
3. Deposit Accounts. The PCC has an instant access savings account with the Co-operative Bank, accessed via the current account's dual authority portal. There is also a deposit account with CCLA Investment Management Limited's CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.
4. Property. The PCC owns the Parish Hall, Newgate and Whorlton Village Hall. These assets are not included in the Financial Statements. Both the halls are leased in return for fixed rental income.

Approximate property valuations are Parish Hall (£185,000) and Whorlton Village Hall (£145,000). These valuations are unchanged from 31st December 2009 and were confirmed as reasonable as at 31st December 2015 by Simon Nixon of Addisons. It is considered that these valuations will not have changed materially.

The Parish Hall is leased to the Parish Hall Association (registered charity no.1103536) on a 30 year lease from 2004. From December 2019 the rent increased to £1,088.32pa in accordance with the lease formula quinquennial rent increase.

Whorlton Village Hall was leased to the Whorlton Village Community Association, with a new 21 year lease effected from 1st August 2019 and initial rent of £525.00pa. The lease provides for a formula based review of rent every 5 years, with the first review under the new lease due in 2024.

5. Invested Assets. These are included in the Balance Sheet at current value (bid price):
 - a. Children's Fund. The fund is invested in 164.60 units of CCLA CBF Church of England Investment Fund Income Shares. The value at 31st December 2022 was £3,398.32 (2021: £3849.45). Income is restricted for use in connection with work with children.
 - b. Permanent Endowment. The fund is invested in 984.15 units of CCLA CBF Church of England Investment Fund Income Shares. The value at 31st December 2022 was £20,318.66 (2021: £23,016.12). The income is available for general purposes (unrestricted).
 - c. St Mary's, Whorlton endowment. The fund is invested in 581.92 units of the CCLA CBF Church of England Investment Fund Income Shares. The value at 31st December 2022 was £12,014.26 (2021 £13,609.19). The income is restricted for the benefit of St Mary's, Whorlton fabric. The endowment arises from the former Whorlton Church Restoration Fund.
 - d. Designated Funds. The proceeds of the sale of Church Cottage in December 2015 are invested in 21,811.48 units of the CCLA CBF Church of England Fixed Interest Securities Fund Income Shares, value £29,796.66 at 31st December 2022 (2021: £34,459.96).
6. Petty Cash. Petty Cash is held by the Flower Guild and by Smuffies (for subscriptions) and Smuffies (for its selected charity). Monies are regularly banked to the current account. Records of petty cash transactions for the Flower Guild, Smuffies and Smuffies (Charity) are maintained in cash books.
7. Policy for Reserves. The policy is to hold unrestricted reserves (to include any Gift Aid tax due but not yet claimed and/or received) of approximately 3 months expenditure (from general funds) to provide for uneven cash flow and for minor but necessary unbudgeted expenditure. Reserves at this level are currently held.
8. Policy for Pay to Employees. Pay is reviewed annually, with a minimum rate of payment of the Living Wage Foundation's Living Wage.

9. Pay, Employees and Pensions. The PCC employed a part-time caretaker who resigned at the end of August 2022. The PCC employs a part-time Director of Music.

Employee costs were:

Gross pay to employees	£6,235.36 (2021: £7,031)
Employer National Insurance costs	-
Employer Pension contributions	-
Total	£6,235.36 (2021: £7,031)

There were no pension arrangements for employees and no employees qualified for Automatic Enrolment (as pay is below threshold). No employees opted in to a pension arrangement.

The payroll is managed by Susan Peat on behalf of the PCC.

Organists play at Whorlton on a "by agreement" basis. No payments were made in 2022.

For weddings and funerals, the organist is remunerated by onward payment of the organist fee received for the service. The Director of Music has first refusal but is not obliged to play at such services. The PCC acts as paying agent and these fees are therefore not included in the 2022 financial statements.

10. PCC remuneration. PCC members receive no remuneration.

11. Payments to Connected Persons. None.

12. Contracts with Central and Local Government. The PCC has no contracts with Central or Local Government.

13. Grants from Central and Local Government. Grants totalling £392.00 were claimed from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. This Scheme makes grants equal to the amount of VAT paid on certain specific works relating to the maintenance of the church. The grants were in respect of St Mary's, Barnard Castle.

A grant of £100.00 (2021 £100) was received from Durham County Council towards costs incurred by the PCC in respect of the churchyard at St Mary's, Barnard Castle.

14. Other Grants received.

- Trinity College, Cambridge granted £1,375.00 to replenish the Restricted Fund available to the incumbent to meet expenses which might not otherwise be incurred or might not be reimbursed by the PCC.
- Grants were received in respect of the music festival in 2022: Durham County Council Communities Fund £250.00, Teesdale Action Partnership £950.00, Barnard Castle Rotary £500.00, County Durham Community Art Culture £1,335.00.
- A grant from the Friends of St Mary's (FOSMS) of £546.00 was received towards the cost of maintenance of the Clock.
- A grant of £100.00 was received from the Lord Crewe Fund.
- A grant of £4,591.00 was received from Durham Diocesan Board of Finance in recognition of increased energy costs (but not restricted).
- A grant of £8,231 was received from NLHF as the final payment for Windows to the World. Of this, £1672.54 had already been accrued in the 2021 accounts.

15. Community Music Festival. The excess of income over expenditure in respect of the Festival is held in a designated fund and is used to fund ongoing community music.

16. "Windows for a King". This project is run in partnership with the Northern Dales Richard III Group.

17. Legacies. There was one legacy of £500.00, from an organist who visited occasionally and was permitted to play the organ in Barnard Castle Organ and the legacy is restricted to its upkeep.

18. Parish Share. The Parish Share offered to the Diocese and paid in 2022 was £68,291.04 (2021: £66,625.00). For 2023, the PCC has offered to increase the Parish Share to £71,706.00.

19. Charity Giving. The Smuffies toddler group raised £256.50 for its 2022 chosen charity, Action for Children, the Christingle service raised £178.50 (net) for The Children's Society and the Maundy Thursday meal raised £191.89 (net) for Christian Aid. A further £4,772.98 was raised for other charities from funeral plate collections and other giving for specific sponsored charities.
20. Photocopier. The PCC rents a photocopier on a maintenance contract with Mastercopy.
21. Governance Fees. No costs have been incurred in the Independent Examination of the Accounts or in other Governance.
22. Gift Aid. 96% of regular giving was Gift Aided in 2022. The other 4 % relates to non-taxpayers but part of this is eligible under the Small Donations Gift Aid Scheme. In respect of the Small Donations Gift Aid Scheme, the PCC claims separately for each of the two churches as Community Buildings.
23. Agency Monies. The PCC acts as collecting agents for certain connected parties and also where monies are raised for a specific charity at a service or event. These transactions are not included in the financial statements. The amounts are set out in the table below:

Agency	Amount received £	Expenses deducted £	Amount paid out £
Diocesan Fees for weddings and Funerals	9004.00	-	9,004.00
Fees for verger, bellringers	1,170.00	-	1,170.00
Fees for Organist at weddings and funerals	2,054.00	-	2,054.00
Funeral collections and other charity monies	5,483.89	84.02	5,399.87

24. Accounting records. Accounting records are maintained on MyFundAccounting software supplied by Data Developments. Gift Aid and Small Gift Aid data is recorded on Donations Co-ordinator V7.09 software supplied by Data Developments. This software is used to generate and electronically submit the Gift Aid and Small Gift Aid claims to HMRC. Data on MyFundAccounting is backed up by Data Developments. Donations Co-ordinator is manually backed up at least weekly, with a security copy stored offsite. The PCC subscribes to technical support in respect of Data Developments software.
25. Review of Financial Controls. The PCC reviewed its financial controls during 2021 and agreed procedures to manage risks. The financial controls have been adopted as standing orders of the PCC.

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Annual Report and Accounts 2021

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Barnard Castle with Whorlton Diocese of Durham

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Barnard Castle with Whorlton

Registered Charity No. 1130279

1. Introduction

This Report has been drawn up in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

2. Aims and purposes

St. Mary's Barnard Castle with Whorlton Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, The Revd Canon Alec Harding, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

3. Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship and develop their faith in Jesus Christ through our parish life. Through its overview of worship and prayer, mission and outreach work, provision for developing discipleship and pastoral care the PCC acts to enable as many people as possible to be involved in the life of the parish. Services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, reflection on scripture, music and sacrament. Social activities seek to develop the community, and our use of our buildings encourages contact with the community and resources a wide range of community groups.

4. Achievements and performance

4.1 Worship and prayer

- i. The year began as the country was sent into a post Christmas lockdown caused by the Covid 19 pandemic. Infection rates had risen over the Christmas period 2020-21 and, once again, restrictions on social gatherings were introduced to combat these.
- ii. Sunday service times shifted to a pattern that enabled the wiping down of surfaces between services and continued to cater for the needs of those who were isolating or particularly vulnerable. The 'Saints groups' introduced in 2020 were maintained with in person worship at 9.00am & 10.15am and a Zoom service at 11.15am.
- iii. One Sunday service a week was broadcast on FaceBook Live until guidance from the national church in May alerted parishes to the GDPR requirements surrounding this. Attempts to avoid revealing the identities of those at worship eventually gave way to the cessation of livestreaming altogether.
- iv. Service times changed again (9.00am, 10.00am and a service on Zoom at 11.00am) as it became possible to extend the length of services and to re-introduce

congregational singing (albeit from behind masks). Further change in service times was effected after the summer. Whorlton church adopted a pattern of Morning Prayer at 9.00am on the second Sunday and Holy Communion at 4.00pm on the fourth Sunday. This change made a shift in the time of the early service at Barnard Castle possible, the church adopting a weekly pattern of 8.30am Holy Communion service (1662) and 10.30am Common worship.

v. Midweek services at 10.00am on Wednesday were re-introduced. These services will now use both BCP and Common Worship material and Wednesday morning worship will not always be eucharistic: allowing the possibility of using materials appreciated over Zoom in the height of the lockdown. Morning prayer at 9.00am on Zoom is offered for those who are shielding.

vi. Holy Communion was offered in one kind for most of the year. From the summer-time it was decided that wafers could be intincted with wine in advance of services. National guidance over the 'common cup' changed to permit its use but counselled great caution, the ultimate decision upon its return rests with the incumbent in consultation with the PCC.

vii. As best as we were able the parish celebrated the church year in both of the churches. Holy Week meditations took place online. Parishioners were directed to the Diocesan Maundy Thursday service via FaceBook. Good Friday and Easter Day services took place in both churches. Harvest was celebrated at the beginning of October with an auction of produce held at Whorlton.

- i. Worshipping community: There are approximately 349 (231 in 2020) people (all ages) in the worshipping community. The increase reflects, in part, attention being given to bring church records up to date but also the wider 'reach' of the congregation.
- ii. Occasional Offices: The Covid restrictions applied for the first half of the year and continued to shape the church's ministry in the conduct and provision of occasional offices.
 - a) Baptisms: The summer easing of the pandemic lockdown encouraged families to request the baptism of their children. At Barnard Castle 27 baptisms took place (9 infants, 14 children aged 1-4, and 4 adults). At Whorlton 2 children were baptized. Continued anxiety about the infection meant that baptisms were restricted to just one family (and their guests) at each service. This meant that clergy were baptizing every week from the summer well into the autumn. It was noted that the average age of children brought for baptism increased, so many new-borns affected by the lockdown.
 - b) No candidates were offered for confirmation.

- c) Six candidates were presented for Admission to communion in the Autumn term with a service taking place at Green Lane school. Unfortunately, Covid restrictions meant that parents and supporters from church could not join with the children to mark this occasion.
- d) Weddings: there were two weddings at Barnard Castle and one at Whorlton. Wedding couples' plans continued to be overturned by changes in regulations concerning receptions with couples again choosing to postpone their services.
In the course of the year marriage law was changed removing from clergy the right to register marriages and issue marriage certificates. The churches' marriage registers were closed and the end of almost 200 years history marked with special prayers.
- e) Funerals: There were a total of 42 services: 25 services in church (one at Whorlton) and 17 at crematoria. The pattern and style of services has been shaped by the experience of the pandemic with increased requests for secular music for reflection within the service as opposed to congregational hymn singing (which for so long had been prohibited).

4.2 Mission and outreach

- i. **Partnership for Missional Church:** The PMC Steering Team at Barnard Castle, under the leadership of Ms Beverley Pilcher, continued to guide the church through the PMC process and its final year which helps churches 'Focus for Mission'. Time and thought was given within the team, the PCC and within the congregation to discerning the church's Missional Vocation and encapsulating this in a draft 'strapline'. 'Celebrating God's love in Barney' has been suggested.
Noticeable in the year was the creation by the PCC of 'Teams' to address various aspects of church and community life. This does not seem accidental in a year which has 'Dwelt in the Word' on Acts chapter 6. The teams are finding their feet but are bring renewed energy to the congregation. Members of the staff team took part in a webinar on Strategic Planning offered through the Major Churches network.
The Patronal Festival in September was used as an opportunity to highlight the Teams' work and the honour lay vocation.
- ii. **Music outreach:** After so many months being unable to rehearse or perform 'live' the summer release from lockdown produced a rush of musical activity from the Community choir and orchestra. Music making

continues to attract new faces to the church and forms a bridge into the wider life of the church.

- iii. **Schools:** The parish's involvement with local schools was again severely curtailed by the severity of restrictions placed on schools by Covid hygiene measures. School classes came in and out of class 'bubbles'; visitors were welcomed into school...and then asked to stay away. Ministry took place with limited class sizes or numbers in school, on Teams and/or on Zoom. Despite the restrictions a regular pattern of Collective Worship was maintained and the seasons of the year marked and celebrated. It was a sadness that the end of the school year saw a rise in case numbers in schools resulting in Leavers' celebrations being considerably scaled down. Green Lane School conducted its own Prayer Spaces event in school in the Autumn term and sustained Big Story (Godly Play) through filming sessions for use with classes. The parish's Foundation Governors ministry of strategic oversight of the church school has continued regardless of the pandemic. The church celebrated with Green Lane CE school as it was shortlisted for the Northern Echo School of the year award and rejoiced with Mr Rob Goffee (Head Teacher) as he was awarded the paper's Head Teacher of the year award.

Alongside regular contact with Green Lane CE and Montalbo school parish clergy have also been welcomed to officiate at events at Barnard Castle School and engaged with staff at St. Mary's Roman Catholic School.

The autumn term saw the recommencement of hymn practices led by the church Director of Music (Annette Butters) assisted by a member of the congregation (Mrs Pamela Moody) – this practice then spills over into a 'breaktime' choir practice. Members of the parish were also able to return to assisting the school offering accompanied reading with children.

- iv. **Under 5s:** The parish under-fives group (Smuffies) recommenced its meetings in the parish hall in the second half of the summer term in response to the need for young children (and their parents) to be able to socialise together after 15 months of lockdown. A team of helpers was created to share in the considerable work involved in offering sessions.
- v. **Families:** Attempts to re-start the 'Four o'clock service' foundered until the autumn when it was possible to host some differently styled events: namely
- a pet service on the Green at Whorlton
 - a service for hallowe'en that involved prayers in the churchyard
 - Christingle with the Praise Band

- d. An invitation to a drop in event to gauge what families sought from the church saw only one attendee which has made planning for 2022 difficult.
- e. On Christmas Eve it was decided (at short notice) to hold two Crib services as a means of dividing the congregation and giving greater confidence to families attending whilst the impact of the Omicron Covid variant was being assessed.
- vi. **Eco Church:** the call to care for creation resulted in the parish creating an Eco Church Team. The team conducted an audit of the churches and the parish's activities following guidance available through an organization called Arocha. It promoted 'Walk to church Sunday' and, as the Climate Change conference in Glasgow (COP26) drew near the team called together a wide variety of partners (local schools, the University, DCC etc) for a Creation/Climate change event in the parish hall. This was very well attended and engaged a totally new range of people of all ages: the event ended with worship in the church. Learning from the event will be carried over into the new year.
- vii. **Care Homes:** It was not till the end of the year that access into Care Homes become possible – even then this was governed by staff being required to show Covid passports and the results of Lateral Flow Tests. The extreme restrictions upon access to Care Home residents became a national cause for concern. The clergy were able to connect digitally to some (not all) of the Care Homes but, as the easing of lockdown has taken place it has become increasingly difficult to establish a regular pattern of visits as regulations in each home change frequently. Lay ministry is yet to be re-established in care homes. John and Fran Elliot stepped down from many years assisting Revd Ruth Stables in the conduct of Holy Communion in The Manor House.
- viii. **The Parish Share** offered to the diocese was increased to £66,625. Financial support for the USPG projects in Tanzania and Southern India was reaffirmed albeit at a lower level.
- ix. **Donations to the FoodBank** can be made in the church porch. In the first half of the year these were taken to The Hub in town but are once again being taken to The Well in West Auckland (with a wider area of benefit). Provision of sanitary products in church helps to address **Period Poverty**.

4.3 Developing discipleship

The parish has continued to offer opportunities for study and prayer through

- a. A study of characters from scripture (chosen by participants) conducted over Zoom
- b. An in-person course based on the stories represented in the windows of the church
- c. Taking part in the national Living in Love and Faith discussion around identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage through both an in-person course and an online offer.

4.4 Pastoral Care

Through its activities and social events the PCC seeks to create and support healthy relationships through which individuals can flourish both within and beyond the church.

- i. Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults: The PCC ensures that Safeguarding appears on all PCC agendas and PCC members are encouraged to bring any safeguarding concerns to meetings. Towards the year end the Parish Safeguarding Officer indicated that she wished to step down from the role. A process of 'safer recruitment' was undertaken with 4 members of the congregation expressing an interest in the role. An appointment, subject to relevant training and DBS checks will be possible.
- ii. 'Health and Safety' is a regular item on PCC agendas providing an opportunity to consider health and safety issues which may need attention.
- iii. The Pilgrim magazine continues to inform parishioners of events in parish life.
- iv. The Church website has been totally renewed with help from partners in the NLHF Lottery bid DigVentures. The site offers an attractive introduction to the parish and is increasingly being used as a window into parish life.
- v. Barnard Castle church was able to host its All Souls' service and invite the recently bereaved to attend.
- vi. The Civic Remembrance service took place in church at Barnard Castle though numbers attending were depressed by concern over Covid and the requirement to wear face masks.
- vii. A Covid memorial tree was planted in the Barnard Castle churchyard in collaboration with the local Rotary Club. The tree commemorates all those who have died through the pandemic not just those who died of Covid 19. A planting ceremony as followed by a short act of worship in the

church which offered the chance to voice lament alongside the Christian offer of hope.

- viii. Clergy and lay members of the congregation have taken part in scoping the possibility of employing a Parish Nurse to serve in Teesdale & Weardale.

4.4 Social Events

The parish's social events are so much more than 'fundraisers'. They serve to create and nurture community, foster friendships across generations, support and encourage individuals in their mental health and wellbeing, develop gifts and form a part of the church's mission.

i. Windows to the World:

- a. The long planned (and delayed) community engagement events surrounding the National Lottery Heritage Fund project were able to take place supported by the DigVentures team. These involved a series of online local history lectures on a wide variety of subjects (The coming of the railways to Teesdale; Local folk lore; Douglas Pittuck; the cholera epidemic, Richard III's architecture and Women of the Durham coalfields).
- b. A small team from the parish were trained in website management and content creation by DigVentures staff prior to the website being handed over to the parish.
- c. The perseverance of Mr Robert Stenlake and the hard work of the DigVentures Team enabled a Festival of Music and a celebration of stained glass to be hosted at Barnard Castle church across two weeks in July. The 'Journeys – Teithiau' travelling exhibition of stained glass by 6 contemporary stained-glass artists was on display in the church. Visitors could enjoy the exhibition but were also invited to learn more about the church through tours of the building and the churchyard. Children's activities involved a dance workshop, stained glass design and an introduction to medicine through the ages.
- d. Music in the Festival included concerts presenting 'Psalms for the soul'; 'Music for lute and voice' and a 'Celebration of journeys, home and the natural world.'

ii. Music making:

- a. The Director of music (Annette Butters) gave a short organ concert at Whorlton to welcome villagers out from behind their doors to a social gathering. This was then followed by a Harvest-time orchestral concert at

- Barnard Castle accompanied by tea and cake and a similar November community choir event.
- b. The community choir and musicians performed at Blanchland at an event organized by the Lord Crewe Trust.
 - c. The church choir led evensong at Whorlton in November
 - d. The community choir and orchestra gave a Christmas Concert and boosted the church Carol service in December having already offered carol Singing around the town in previous weeks.
 - e. Musicians accompanied Carols on the Green at Whorlton on Christmas Eve.
- iii. **Christmas Tree Festival:** The bi-annual festival took place early in December just before the Omicron variant of Covid brought a restriction on activities and anxiety once more to the community. Hard work and learning from previous festivals saw over 3000+ people attending across 5 days. Once again, community support was harnessed through the sponsoring of trees and pulling together musicians to play 'live' throughout the Festival. The festival closed with Mayors from across the area being hosted by the Town Mayor (Rita Chatterjee) at a concert in church.
- iv. **Bell Ringing:** The Bell ringers had a busy year despite working under Covid restrictions. Alongside regular practices the bells were rung to mark: the anniversary of the first Covid lockdown; the 4th anniversary of the Grenfell Tower Fire; the founding of the NHS and the beginning of the Cop26 conference. The tower also hosted over 40 visitors on Heritage Open Day.
- v. **Other:** Book sales recommenced in the parish hall as fundraisers for the church.

5. The wider church and ministry

- i. **Staff:** the parish continues to enjoy the ministry of Revd Sarah Cliff as assistant curate and Mrs Gillian Lunn (ordinand). Lay ministry began to become more possible as lockdown restrictions eased and the team leading worship expanded to include the parish Readers and those who read and lead intercessions in church.
- ii. The end of the year saw the untimely death of Mr David Walker following a long illness. David had served as a Reader in the parish, church secretary, Deanery synod representative and GDPR data controller.
- iii. **Churches Together:** Whilst ecumenical activity has been extremely limited it was possible for the churches to co-ordinate the annual Christian Aid collection

(with a preparation meeting being held online for this purpose) and to host some Advent Lunches in support of Christian Aid.

The local Roman Catholic community welcomed a new priest: Fr Thomas Mason. Local clergy (including the vicar and curate) were pleased to be invited to a formal 'installation' service.

At the beginning of September, the local Methodist congregation formally became part of the newly created Darlington and Teesdale circuit.

Ministers' meetings have recommenced for fellowship across the denominations. The HSBC (wishing to charge charities for the privilege of banking with them) encouraged the closure of the formal Churches Together bank account.

- ii. **Deanery:** The parish may appoint three lay members to Deanery Synod.
 - a. In March a service was held in the churchyard at Gainford to launch the Pilgrim Way to Durham that begins in the village. This was the first occasion at which hymn singing was permitted since the pandemic began.
 - b. Synod initially met online in the first half of the year. Agenda items included hearing from the Diocesan champions for 'Caring for God's creation' – a fourth Diocesan priority. The autumn meeting at Staindrop church bade farewell to Revd Ken Steventon upon his retirement and heard about the Diocesan plans for renewal and growth from Mr Ali Bianchi.
 - c. The Revd Darren Moore left his post as Chaplain at Barnard Castle School to become Vicar of Yarm.
 - d. Revd Jonathan Barker resigned from his position as Priest in Charge of the parishes to the south of the Tees (Leeds Diocese). Leeds diocese is seeking to make its own appointment, making it impossible for these parishes to be brought into Durham Diocese as had once been hoped.
 - e. Churches in the Dale have been severely stretched by the pandemic with finances hit and numbers regularly attending worship in decline. Parish Clergy are offering cover for parishes in vacancy.
- iii. **Diocese:** Elections to the diocesan synod took place with Mrs Frances Stenlake being elected to the House of laity and both the Vicar and Curate elected to the House of clergy.

6. Wardens' Report

Barnard Castle.

- i. Restoration and cleaning work on the eastern window of the north transept was carried out by Jonathan Cooke at the beginning of the year.

- ii. Storage for tech material was created by Mr Geoff Lowson in the 'ladder store' to the left of the church organ. In addition, Mr Lowson created a moveable cabinet for the church mixing desk.
- iii. Ethernet WiFi connection at Barnard Castle was improved by Mr Dave Bailey and Mr Geoff Lowson.
- iv. A digital card reader was purchased to enable the church to receive donations by card as fewer people have been carrying or using cash though the pandemic.
- v. Snagging works connected to the NHLF project were overseen by the church architect, Mr John Barnes.
- vi. The PCC authorized the creation of a project team to put together a programme of works to address the repointing of the chancel and vestry and consider work on windows that have yet to receive attention. As part of this work an updated report on the condition of the windows was commissioned from Jonathan and Ruth Cooke.
- vii. The PCC agreed in principle to the introduction of etched glass depictions of the Virgin and child alongside saints associated with the College of Richard III at Barnard Castle in the upper windows of the inner porch doors. The proposal (presented to the PCC by the Northern Dales Richard III Group) is to mark the 550th anniversary of Richard III becoming Lord of Barnard Castle in 1474. The NDRIIG will now investigate funding and designs.
- viii. The wardens and the newly created 'Buildings Team' have divided their work to oversee the care and maintenance of the church.

Barnard Castle Parish Hall

The Parish Hall is in the care of the Parish Hall Association under a lease from the PCC.

The PHA oversaw the restoration of the Pittuck Mural and, with a small 'Pittuck' group hosted an exhibition and sale of the artist's work.

Church Car Park: Whilst the restricted use of the parish hall and church buildings meant that the car park was not needed for church activities the emergence from lockdown has necessitated a clampdown on unauthorized parking.

Amen Corner: delays at the Land registry have meant that the PCC has no formal recognition of its ownership of this land however, the Teesdale Mercury confidently declared the church as the owner in an article in the Autumn.

Kim Harding has carried out extensive research into the College that was proposed for Barnard Castle at the time of King Richard III. Her work has been published by

the Scottish Branch of the Richard III Society and will be published in 2022 in the Richard III bulletin. It is her belief that Amen Corner was the site of some of the mediaeval College buildings.

Whorlton

i. Whorlton church:

- a. Work on the east end of the church was carried out by Mr Walton to address the damp that was making its way into the chancel.
- b. A full electrical inspection of the church was commissioned and a report received.

ii. **Whorlton Churchyard:** A representative from Durham County Council met with Mr Roy Long (churchwarden) and agreed to effect repairs to the Lynch gate and to one of the box tombs in the churchyard. The council, alongside church volunteers, are greatly improving the appearance of the churchyard. Members of the local Parish Council have now undertaken training for the management of the cemetery extension and its unsightly appearance has been addressed.

iii. **Whorlton Village Hall:** The Village Hall is in the care of the Village Hall Association under a lease from the PCC.

8. Structure, government and management

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected or co-opted by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting [APCM], in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. At its Annual Meeting in 2020 a motion was passed that came into effect in 2021:

- a. Churchwardens be eligible to serve up to six consecutive years (this provision to be reviewed every six years as per the Church Representation Rules).
- b. The balance between elected/ex officio members of the PCC be changed through
 - i. removing the automatic membership of Readers to the PCC
 - ii. replacing the existing 'rolling election of PCC members' with the election of 8 lay representatives (who for the purposes of continuity can serve up to 4 consecutive years).

As Charity Trustees PCC members are mindful of the Charity Commission's Guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. There were 17 members of the PCC

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held in church at the end of April 2021. The Electoral Roll was reported to stand at 134. From the APCM the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent & Chairman	Rev. Alec Harding
	Rev. Sarah Cliff

Churchwardens

Mrs Joan Kemp Ambler (elected 2020)
Mr Roy Long (elected 2020)
Mr Allan Jones (elected 2021)
Mr Astley Fenwick (elected 2021)

Deanery Synod	Mrs Frances Stenlake (and Lay Chair of the PCC)
	Mr David Walker (RIP December 2021)
	Ms Abi Littlefair

PCC Secretary	Mr David Walker
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PCC Treasurer	Mr Robert Stenlake (co-opted April 2021, resigned June 2021))
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Elected Members (up to 8 places)

John White	Malcolm Makepeace	Geoff Knott
Abigail Littlefair	John Trevett	Bob Ward
John Emerson	John Chadwick	

Visitor: Mrs Gillian Lunn
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The full PCC met 9 times in the year January to December 2021 with an average attendance of 65% The PCC operated through a number of committees, which met from time to time between full PCC meetings and reported back at the PCC. These were:

8.1 Standing Committee: This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council (e.g. authorise payments beyond those set in the PCC's budget.) The Standing Committee was reshaped to accord with the Church representation rules so that it includes the Vicar, 2 church wardens and 2 elected lay representatives.

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8.3 Whorlton Church Team: This team looks after matters concerning the Whorlton area of the parish.

8.4 PMC Steering Team: The Steering Team is charged with leading the church through the Partnership for Missional Church process.

8.5 Windows on the World: This is a small working group charged with taking forward the successful application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for work on Barnard Castle Church and for monitoring progress.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	£		£
Brought forward 01.01.2021	157,641.29	Resources used (2)	190,104.60
Unrealised appreciation	4,824.12	Unrealised depreciation	2,434.16
Incoming resources (1)	186,273.75	Balance carried forward 31.12.2021 (3)	156,200.40
Total	348,739.16	Total	348,739.16

Notes

1 See Analysis of Income and Expenditure

2 See Analysis of Income and Expenditure

3 Represented by	Current Accounts	Note 4	25,827.43
	Petty Cash		34.53
	CBF Deposit Account		25,298.16
	Co-operative Instant Access Account		30,105.66
	Invested assets		74,934.62
			156,200.40

4 Bank current account reconciliation at 31.12.2021	£
Balance at Co-operative bank	21,974.24
Plus: Receivables due	3,522.90
Plus: Receivables accrued	1,672.54
Less: Payments accrued	150.00
Less: Payments not cleared	1,192.25
Balance at 31.12.2021	25,827.43

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:



The Revd Canon Alec Harding
Chairman of PCC



Joan Kemp-Ambler
Churchwarden

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

		2021	2020
		£	£
Invested Assets	Children's fund	3,849.46	3,299
	Whorlton	13,609.19	12,182
	Permanent Endowment	23,016.01	20,123
	Designated (ex-Church Cottage)	34,459.96	36,894
Current Assets	Current Account Natwest	0	7,019
	Current Account Co-operative	21,974.24	42,429
	Petty Cash Smuffies	5.00	5
	Petty Cash Flower Guild	29.53	40
	Petty Cash Wednesday Coffee	0	10
	Deposit Account CBF	25,298.16	25,298
	Bank savings account	30,105.66	7
	Year end amounts due to us	5,195.44	13,267
TOTAL ASSETS		157,542.65	160,571
LIABILITIES	Accounts payable	1,342.25	2,929
NET ASSETS	(Total Assets – Liabilities)	156,200.40	157,641
BALANCE	Starting Balance	157,641.29	159,377
	Income less Expenditure	-3,878.72	-3,684
	Gains/(Losses) on investments	2,437.83	1,948
	Closing balance	156,200.40	157,641

ANALYSIS BY FUND

Fund	Type	2021	2020
		£	£
Children's (inc Fun night)	Restricted / Endowment	5,333.84	5,185
Churches Together	Restricted	0	0
Clergy Travel	Restricted	0	0
Elderly	Restricted	100.00	0
Fabric	Restricted	14,373.70	14,367
Fabric (ex-Church Cottage)	Designated	37,884.33	41,894
Fabric (ex-General)	Designated	0	0
Godly Play	Restricted	191.04	286
Major Works 2022/3	Restricted	3,610.00	0
Music Festival 2022	Restricted	500.00	0
Organ and Music	Restricted	23.86	728
Overseas Mission Giving	Restricted	0	0
Permanent Endowment	Endowment	23,016.01	20,123
PCC Reserves	Restricted	365.91	366
School Music (ex Church Cottage)	Designated	9,475.00	9,475
Smuffies	Restricted	959.41	1,031
Source to Sea	Restricted	118.00	118
Trinity	Restricted	891.43	721
Utilities	Restricted	0	0
Whorlton Church	Endowment	13,609.19	12,182
Whorlton Church	Restricted	1,655.41	2,324
Wifi and streaming	Restricted	0	120
Windows to the World	Restricted	8,360.75	11,733
Windows to the World (ex Ch Cott)	Designated	0	0
General	Unrestricted	35,732.52	36,991
TOTAL		156,200.40	157,641

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Analysis of Income and Expenditure for the Period 1st January to 31st December 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
INCOME and ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies	76,908.44		5,275.00		82,183.44	102,479
Income from Charitable Activities	14,547.74		2,038.30		16,586.04	5,262
Other trading activities	1,487.71				1,487.71	1,303
Income from Investments	3,179.89		365.36		3,545.25	3,936
Other income	4,699.00		77,719.53		82,418.53	282,275
Total Income and Endowments	100,822.78	0	85,398.19	0	186,220.97	395,255
EXPENDITURE						
Costs of generating funds	4,071.13		149.97		4,221.10	2,711
Expenditure on charitable activities	85,057.24	1,081.76	3,691.98		89,830.98	88,211
Other expenditure	11,773.34	1,792.87	82,481.40		96,047.61	308,016
Total Expenditure	100,901.71	2,874.63	86,323.35	0	190,099.69	398,938
INCOME less EXPENDITURE	-78.93	-2,874.63	-925.16	0	-3,878.72	-3,684
Transfers between Funds	-1,179.05	1,299.00	-119.95		0	0
Gains (losses) on sales of fixed assets				47.87	47.87	24
Gains (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets				2,389.96	2,389.96	1,924
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	-1,257.98	-1,575.63	-1,045.11	2,437.83	-1,440.89	-1,735
BALANCE b/f AT 1st JANUARY 2021	36,990.50	51,369.12	38,119.00	31,162.67	157,641.29	159,377
BALANCE c/f AT 31st DECEMBER 2021	35,732.52	49,793.49	37,073.89	33,600.50	156,200.40	157,641

The notes on subsequent pages form part of the accounts

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Movement in Funds during the Year

Fund	01/01/2021	Income	Expenditure	Revaluation	Transfer	31/12/2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Children's (including Fun night)	5,184.89	150.81	500.00	498.14		5,333.84
Churches Together	0	49.97	49.97			0
Clergy Travel	0	435.00	435.00			0
Elderly	0	100.00				100.00
Fabric	14,367.17	6.53				14,373.70
Godly Play (The Big Story)	285.62	1,150.00	1,244.58			191.04
Major works 2022/3	0	4,000.00	390.00			3,610.00
Music Festival 2022	0	500.00				500.00
Organ and Music	727.57	368.32	1,072.03			23.86
Overseas Mission Giving	0	125.00	125.00			0
Permanent Endowment	20,122.62			2,893.39		23,016.01
PCC Reserves	365.91					365.91
Source to Sea	118.00					118.00
Smuffies	1,030.92	760.60	832.11			959.41
Trinity (for incumbent's use)	720.64	1,375.00	1,204.21			891.43
Utilities	0	475.00	475.00			0
WIFI and streaming	119.95				-119.95	0
Whorlton Fabric	2,324.03	260.18	928.80			1,655.41
Whorlton Endowment	12,181.51		4.91	1432.59		13,609.19
Windows to the World (Restricted)	11,732.84	75,694.56	79,066.65			8,360.75
TOTAL RESTRICTED AND ENDOWMENT	69,281.67	85,450.97	86,328.26	4,824.12	-119.95	73,108.55
Unrestricted Funds	36,990.50	100,822.78	100,901.71		-1,179.05	35,732.52
Fabric ex Church Cottage (Designated)	41,894.12		1,575.63	-2,434.16		37,884.33
Fabric ex General (Designated)	0					0
Projector project ex General (Designated)	0					0
School music (Designated)	9,475.00					9,475.00
Windows to the World (Designated)	0		1,299.00		1,299.00	0
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED AND DESIGNATED	88,359.62	100,822.78	103,776.34	-2,434.16	119.95	83,091.85
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	157,641.29	186,273.75	190,104.60	2,389.96	0	156,200.40

Movement in Funds during the previous Year

Fund	01/01/2020	Income	Expenditure	Revaluation	Transfer	31/12/2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Children's (including Fun night)	5,185.68	100.10	300.00	199.11		5,184.89
Clergy Travel	0	675.00	675.00			0
Fabric	14,342.72	24.45				14,367.17
Godly Play (The Big Story)	27.85	400.00	142.23			285.62
Organ and Music	2,590.90	282.95	2,146.28			727.57
Permanent Endowment	18,822.85			1,299.77		20,122.62
PCC Reserves	426.89		60.98			365.91
Source to Sea	118.00					118
Smuffies	1,013	124.00	106.25			1,031
Trinity (for incumbent's use)	430.96	1,375.00	1,085			720.64
Utilities	0.00	545.00	545.00			0.00
WIFI and streaming	0.00	2,253.94	2,133.99			119.95
Whorlton Fabric	2,080	244.25				2,324
Whorlton Endowment	12,995.35			-814		12,181.51
Windows to the World (Restricted)	1,228.25	289,095	278,590.65			11,732.84
TOTAL RESTRICTED AND ENDOWMENT	59,262.40	295,119.93	285,785.70	685.04	0	69,281.67
Unrestricted Funds	37,440.85	100,134.65	100,585.00			36,990.50
Fabric ex Church Cottage (Designated)	40,630.82			1,263		41,894.12
Fabric ex General (Designated)	5,000.00		5,000			0.00
Projector project ex General (Designated)	0					0.00
School music (Designated)	9,725		250.00			9,475
Windows to the World (Designated)	7,318		7,317.60			0.00
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED AND DESIGNATED	100,114	100,135	113,152.60	1,263.30	0	88,359.62
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	159,376.67	395,254.58	398,938.30	1,948.34	0	157,641.29

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Analysis of Income and Endowments

		Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowments	Total 2021	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies							
Planned Giving:	Bank giving	43,808.78				43,808.78	40,779
	Envelopes	3,425.51				3,425.51	5,394
	Total Planned Giving	47,234.29	0	0	0	47,234.29	46,172
Non-recurring donations	one-off donations	2,899.32		5,250.00		8,149.32	15,397
	Gift Day	0				0	20,393
Collections at Services	Barnard Castle	2,423.38				2,423.38	1,467
	Whorlton	904.65				904.65	379
	Funerals	4,743.38				4,743.38	3,317
	Weddings	104.14				104.14	0
	Baptisms	1,536.49				1,536.49	40
Other recurring donations	Wall safe and candles	1,548.45				1,548.45	622
	card reader	1,761.27				1,761.27	0
Income Tax recovered	Gift Aid	11,585.56		25.00		11,610.56	14,247
	Small Donations	2,167.51				2,167.51	444
Legacies received		0				0	0
	Total	76,908.44	0	5,275.00	0	82,183.44	102,479
Income from Charitable Activities							
Fund raising	Bank Holidays Teas	0				0	0
	Book sales	473.02				473.02	0
	Easter lilies	450.00				450.00	0
	Wednesday Coffee	0				0	215
	Recitals and Concerts	1,659.19				1,659.19	0
	Christmas events	6,699.73				6,699.73	64
	Social events	0				0	0
	Other	516.20				516.20	254
	Total Fund Raising	9,798.14	0	0	0	9,798.14	533
Statutory Fees:	Weddings	854.00				854.00	787
	Funerals	2,438.00				2,438.00	2,272
Other Fees	Weddings/Funerals	0		1,278.00		1,278.00	1,496
	Total Fees	3,292.00	0	1,278.00	0	4,570.00	4,555
Other activities	Smuffies	0		760.30		760.30	124
	Flower Guild	1,457.60				1,457.60	50
	Other	0				0	0
	Total	14,547.74	0	2,038.30	0	16,586.04	5,262
Other Trading Activities							
Magazine	Magazine subscriptions	981.70				981.70	788
	Magazine advertising	450.00				450.00	500
Books	Books	56.01				56.01	15
	Total	1,487.71	0	0	0	1,487.71	1,303
Income from Investments							
Rents	Parish Hall	1,088.32				1,088.32	1,088
	Whorlton Village Hall	525.00				525.00	525
Investments	Whorlton Endowment			260.18		260.18	244
	Bank deposit	5.66				5.66	14
	CBF deposit	5.43		7.75		13.18	93
	Permanent Endowment	584.87				584.87	565
	Children's			97.43	52.78	150.21	95
	CBF - ex Church Cottage	970.61				970.61	1,311
	Total	3,179.89	0	365.36	52.78	3,598.03	3,936
Other Income							
Grants received	Recurring	200.00		100.00		300.00	0
	One-off	380.00		77,569.56		77,949.56	282,275
Insurance recovery		0				0	0
Other income		4119.00		49.97		4,168.97	0
	Total	4699.00	0	77,719.53	0	82,418.53	282,275
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		100,822.78	0	85,398.19	52.78	186,273.75	395,255

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Analysis of Expenditure

		Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Endowments £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Costs of Generating Funds							
Fund raising	Easter Lilies	207.79				207.79	49
	Bank Holiday teas					0	0
	Social events	30.88				30.88	0
	Christmas	1,369.64				1,369.64	0
	Other fund raising	20.00				20.00	20
	Giving envelopes					0	70
	total fund raising costs	1,628.31	0	0	0	1,628.31	139
Magazine and Books	Magazine printing	2,326.00				2,326.00	2,498
	Books and publications	0				0	0
	total magazine and books	2,326.00	0	0	0	2,326.00	2,498
Advertising	Advertisements	116.82		149.97		266.79	75
Total		4,071.13	0	149.97	0	4,221.10	2,711
Expenditure on Charitable Activities							
Mission Giving	Charitable giving	1,200.00		125.00		1,325.00	1,000
Parish Share	To Diocese	66,625.00				66,625.00	65,000
Pay and honoraria	Caretaker	2,956.86				2,956.86	2,888
	Organists	3,277.46	731.76	65.10		4,074.32	4,565
Clergy and Staff Expenses	clergy expenses	850.23		215.90		1,066.13	848
	Other clergy fees			304.10		304.10	615
	Fees funerals / weddings	293.00				293.00	235
	Water rates	583.72				583.72	659
	Telephone	840.00				840.00	840
	Clergy house repairs			200.00		200.00	420
	total clergy and staff expenses	2,566.95	0	720.00	0	3,286.95	3,617
Mission costs	Services: expenses	852.94	350.00	123.74		1,326.68	890
	Smuffies			832.11		832.11	106
	Children's work			1,167.73	4.91	1,172.64	442
	Books and publications	62.34		85.12		147.46	305
	Music and copyright			573.18		573.18	1,268
	Flower Guild	220.57				220.57	328
	Travel expenses	0				0	54
	Total Mission costs	1,135.85	350.00	2,781.88	4.91	4,272.64	3,394
Church Insurance	Insurance BC	5,527.44				5,527.44	5,775
	Insurance Whorlton	1,767.68				1,767.68	1,972
	Total Church Insurance	7,295.12	0	0	0	7,295.12	7,747
Total		85,057.24	1,081.76	3,691.98	4.91	89,835.89	88,211

		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowments	Total	Total
		Fund	Fund	Fund		2020	2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Other Expenditure							
Church Running Costs	Maintenance: BC	1,370.71				1,370.71	1,030
	Maintenance: Whorlton	33.00				33.00	32
	Church equipment	745.13		81.29		826.42	1,079
	Church cleaning	88.57				88.57	190
	Organ maintenance	258.24		426.76		685.00	24
	Printing costs			58.00		58.00	
	Computing	450.00	493.87	524.58		1,468.45	1,973
	Office supplies	65.68		30.07		95.75	56
	Copying / printing costs	381.36				381.36	703
	banking costs	5.72				5.72	6
	Other costs	488.93		230.00		718.93	2,417
	Gifts and other payments					0	100
	Total Church Running costs	3,887.34	493.87	1,350.70	0	5,731.91	7,610
Utility Costs	Barnard Castle: gas	2,093.17		475.00		2,568.17	2,656
	Barnard Castle: electricity	1,700.81				1,700.81	1,562
	Whorlton: electricity	391.02				391.02	279
	Total Utility costs	4,185.00	0	475.00	0	4,660.00	4,498
Major Projects	Barnard Castle	3,701.00	1,299.00	79,726.90		84,726.90	295,908
	Whorlton			928.80		928.80	0
	Total major repair costs	3,701.00	1,299.00	80,655.70	0	85,655.70	295,908
Total		11,773.34	1,792.87	82,481.40	0	96,047.61	308,016
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		100,901.71	2,874.63	86,323.35	4.91	190,104.60	398,938

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Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of the PCC (registered charity 1130279) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



James Ferdinand, ACA, CTA

Allen Sykes Limited, 17 Galgate, Barnard Castle

Date: 4 March 2022

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Notes on the Financial Statements 2021

Overview: The pandemic had a significant impact on regular sources of giving in the plate at services and through fund-raising, particularly in the first half of the year. The National Lottery Heritage Fund grant aided project continued in 2021 with an amended activity programme. The Natwest bank accounts were closed in early 2021 and the £4,000 incentive payment to transfer elsewhere was received. The new bank accounts at Co-operative Bank have dual online authorisation, which provides much increased security.

1. Basis of Statements. The Financial Statements of the PCC have been prepared under The Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities (SORP) FRS102.

The Financial Statements have been prepared using the accruals and prepayments method.

Investments included in the Financial Statements are shown at market (bid) value.

The accounts were subject to an independent examination. The Independent Examiner's Report is attached to the Financial Statements.

2. Bankers. The PCC's bankers were Natwest until 4th November 2020. On 5th November 2020, the PCC opened a current account with The Co-operative Bank. At 31st December 2020, both accounts were open but the Natwest account was closed on 21st January 2021. The switch was made to obtain improved banking facilities, to provide enhanced security through dual authorisation of payments and to benefit from a Natwest incentive scheme with a payment of £4,000 to the new account (included as Other Income).
3. Deposit Accounts. The PCC has an instant access savings account with the Co-operative Bank, accessed via the current account's dual authority portal. There is also a deposit account with CCLA Investment Management Limited's CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.
4. Property. The PCC owns the Parish Hall, Newgate and Whorlton Village Hall. These assets are not included in the Financial Statements. Both the halls are leased in return for fixed rental income.

Approximate property valuations are Parish Hall (£185,000) and Whorlton Village Hall (£145,000). These valuations are unchanged from 31st December 2009 and were confirmed as reasonable as at 31st December 2015 by Simon Nixon of Addisons. It is considered that these valuations will not have changed materially.

The Parish Hall is leased to the Parish Hall Association (registered charity no.1103536) on a 30 year lease from 2004. From December 2019 the rent increased to £1,088.32pa in accordance with the lease formula quinquennial rent increase.

Whorlton Village Hall was leased to the Whorlton Village Community Association, with a new 21 year lease effected from 1st August 2019 and initial rent of £525.00pa. The lease provides for a formula based review of rent every 5 years, with the first review under the new lease due in 2024.

5. Invested Assets. These are included in the Balance Sheet at current value (bid price):
 - a. Children's Fund. The CCLA COIF Investment Fund Income Units were sold in early 2021, with proceeds of £3,351.32, including a realised gain of £52.78. The proceeds were invested to purchase 164.60 units in the CCLA CBF Church of England Investment Fund Income Shares. The value at 31st December 2021 was £3,849.45. Income is restricted for use in connection with work with children.
 - b. Permanent Endowment. 984.15 units, value £23,016.12 (2020: £20,122.62 in the CCLA CBF Church of England Investment Fund Income Shares. The income is available for general purposes (unrestricted).

- c. St Mary's, Whorlton endowment. The IFSLCAF UK Equity Fund B Income Fund Units were sold in early 2021, with proceeds of £12,176.60 and a realised loss of £4.91. The proceeds were invested to purchase 581.92 units in the CCLA CBF Church of England Investment Fund Income Shares. The value at 31st December 2021 was £13,609.19. The income is restricted for the benefit of St Mary's, Whorlton fabric. The endowment arises from the former Whorlton Church Restoration Fund.
 - d. Designated Funds. 21,811.48 units, value £34,459.96 at 31st December 2021 (2020: £36,894.12) in the CCLA CBF Church of England Fixed Interest Securities Fund income shares. This investment arises from the proceeds of the sale of Church Cottage in December 2015.
6. Petty Cash. Petty Cash is held by the Flower Guild and by Smuffies (for subscriptions) and Smuffies (for its selected charity). Monies are regularly banked to the current account. Records of petty cash transactions for the Flower Guild, Smuffies and Smuffies (Charity) are maintained in cash books.
 7. Policy for Reserves. The policy is to hold unrestricted reserves (to include any Gift Aid tax due but not yet claimed and/or received) of approximately 3 months expenditure (from general funds) to provide for uneven cash flow and for minor but necessary unbudgeted expenditure. Reserves at this level are currently held.
 8. Policy for Pay to Employees. Pay is reviewed annually in April, with a minimum rate of payment of the Living Wage Foundation's Living Wage.
 9. Pay, Employees and Pensions. The PCC employs a part-time caretaker for 6 hours per week for church cleaning and other general duties, with additional hours, as agreed, paid at an hourly rate.

The PCC also employs a part-time Director of Music to play the organ at specified services in Barnard Castle.

Employee costs were:

Gross pay to employees	£7,031.18 (2020: £7,453)
Employer National Insurance costs	-
Employer Pension contributions	-
Total	£7,031.18 (2020: £7,453)

There were no pension arrangements for employees and no employees qualified for Automatic Enrolment (as pay is below threshold). No employees opted in to a pension arrangement.

The payroll is managed by Susan Peat on behalf of the PCC.

Organists play at Whorlton on a "by agreement" basis. No payments were made in 2021.

For weddings and funerals, the organist is remunerated by onward payment of the organist fee received for the service. The Director of Music has first refusal but is not obliged to play at such services. The PCC acts as paying agent and these fees are not therefore included in the 2021 financial statements.

10. PCC remuneration. PCC members receive no remuneration.
11. Payments to Connected Persons. None.
12. Contracts with Central and Local Government. The PCC has no contracts with Central or Local Government.
13. Grants from Central and Local Government. Grants totalling £3,441.02 were claimed from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. This Scheme makes grants equal to the amount of VAT paid on certain specific works relating to the maintenance of the church. The grants were in respect of St Mary's, Barnard Castle.

Two grants, each of £100.00 (one for 2020 and one for 2021) were received from Durham County Council towards costs incurred by the PCC in respect of the churchyard at St Mary's, Barnard Castle.

14. Other Grants received.

- a. Trinity College, Cambridge granted £1,375.00 to replenish the Restricted Fund available to the incumbent to meet expenses which might not otherwise be incurred or might not be reimbursed by the PCC.
- b. Grants totalling £67,916.00 were claimed from the National Lottery Heritage Fund in respect of the Windows to the World conservation and activity programme. Of this, £634.00 had not been received by the year end. Further expenditure of £2,106.00 has been incurred for which grant of £1,672.54 has been accrued and will be claimed in 2022.
- c. A grant of £500.00 was received from The Marwood Trust for costs incurred in respect of the community choir and orchestra as they work towards a music festival in 2022.
- d. Grants from the Friends of St Mary's (FOSMS) totalling £2,300 were received towards the cost of conservation of a stained glass window and the cost of the card reader.
- e. A grant of £745.00 was received from the Durham Diocesan Board of Finance towards the cost of restoring a stained glass window.
- f. £100.00 was received from the Lord Crewe Fund. The specific purpose for which the grant is to be used is work with the elderly.

15. Legacies. None.

16. Parish Share. The Parish Share offered to the Diocese and paid in 2020 was £66,625.00 (2020: £65,000.04). For 2022, the PCC has offered to increase the Parish Share to £68,291.00.

17. Major Expenditure 2021. Windows to the World project and restoration of a further stained glass window: £23,661.73. Heritage and Community Engagement as part of the Windows to the World and managed by Project Partners DigVentures Limited: £60,785.17.

18. Financial Commitments for 2022. Windows to the World: there is a commitment to spending of up to £11,500 (including VAT) to conclude this major project. Of this expenditure. 79.418% ie up to £9,133.07, is recoverable by way of grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

19. Mission and Charity Donations. The PCC donated £1,325.00 to USPG for specific projects. The PCC has also agreed that up to 50% of plate collections at funerals may be donated to charity.

The Smuffies toddler group raised £for its 2021 chosen charity, Toilet Twinning.

20. Amounts due to / by the PCC as at 31st December 2021

	Due by PCC £	Due to PCC £
Income tax rebate		1.80
Magazine advertising		75.00
Funeral fees		142.00
Photocopier	149.96	
Charity Giving (Smuffies)	51.80	
Christmas advertising	252.00	
Christmas cards and advertising (share of cost due from others)		131.51

National Lottery Heritage Fund		634.00
Gift Aid (HMRC)		858.90
Banking 31/12/2021 (credited 4/01/2021)		802.21
Blanchland Choir payment		350.00
Whorlton Village Hall rent		525.00
Interest from CBF deposit account		2.48
Clergy expenses	154.14	
Utility costs	584.35	
Sub-total	1,192.25	3,522.90
Utility costs accrued	150.00	
National Lottery Heritage Fund accrued		1672.54
Total	1,342.25	5,195.44

21. Photocopier. The PCC rents a photocopier on a maintenance contract with Mastercopy.
22. Governance Fees. No costs have been incurred in the Independent Examination of the Accounts or in other Governance.
23. Gift Aid. 95% of regular giving was Gift Aided in 2021. The other 5 % relates to non-taxpayers but part of this is eligible under the Small Donations Gift Aid Scheme. In respect of the Small Donations Gift Aid Scheme, the PCC claims separately for each of the two churches as Community Buildings.
24. Agency Monies. The PCC acts as collecting agents for certain connected parties and also where monies are raised for a specific charity at a service or event. These transactions are not included in the financial statements. The amounts are set out in the table below:

Agency	Amount received £	Expenses deducted £	Amount paid out £
Smuffies charity fundraising (to Toilet Twinning)	51.80	-	51.80
Children's Society	257.36	25.00	232.36
Christian Aid	140.00	-	140.00
Diocesan Fees for weddings and Funerals	7,346.00	-	7,346.00
Fees for verger, bellringers	616.00	-	616.00
Fees for Organist at weddings and funerals	1,070.00	-	1,070.00
Funeral charity monies	1,526.88	-	1,526.88
Other suspense	2752.14	-	2752.14

25. Accounting records. Accounting records are maintained on MyFundAccounting software supplied by Data Developments. Gift Aid and Small Gift Aid data is recorded on Donations Co-ordinator V7.08 software supplied by Data Developments. This software is used to generate and electronically submit the Gift Aid and Small Gift Aid claims to HMRC. Data on MyFundAccounting is backed up by Data Developments. Donations Co-ordinator is backed up by the Treasurer at least weekly, with a security copy stored offsite. The PCC subscribes to technical support in respect of Data Developments software.
26. Review of Financial Controls. The PCC reviewed its financial controls during 2021 and agreed procedures to manage risks. The financial controls have been adopted as standing orders of the PCC.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	£		£
Brought forward 01.01.2021	157,641.29	Resources used (2)	190,104.60
Unrealised appreciation	4,824.12	Unrealised depreciation	2,434.16
Incoming resources (1)	186,273.75	Balance carried forward 31.12.2021 (3)	156,200.40
Total	348,739.16	Total	348,739.16

Notes

1 See Analysis of Income and Expenditure

2 See Analysis of Income and Expenditure

3 Represented by	Current Accounts	Note 4	25,827.43
	Petty Cash		34.53
	CBF Deposit Account		25,298.16
	Co-operative Instant Access Account		30,105.66
	Invested assets		74,934.62
			156,200.40

4 Bank current account reconciliation at 31.12.2021	£
Balance at Co-operative bank	21,974.24
Plus: Receivables due	3,522.90
Plus: Receivables accrued	1,672.54
Less: Payments accrued	150.00
Less: Payments not cleared	1,192.25
Balance at 31.12.2021	25,827.43

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:



The Revd Canon Alec Harding
Chairman of PCC



Joan Kemp-Ambler
Churchwarden

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

		2021	2020
		£	£
Invested Assets	Children's fund	3,849.46	3,299
	Whorlton	13,609.19	12,182
	Permanent Endowment	23,016.01	20,123
	Designated (ex-Church Cottage)	34,459.96	36,894
Current Assets	Current Account Natwest	0	7,019
	Current Account Co-operative	21,974.24	42,429
	Petty Cash Smuffies	5.00	5
	Petty Cash Flower Guild	29.53	40
	Petty Cash Wednesday Coffee	0	10
	Deposit Account CBF	25,298.16	25,298
	Bank savings account	30,105.66	7
	Year end amounts due to us	5,195.44	13,267
TOTAL ASSETS		157,542.65	160,571
LIABILITIES	Accounts payable	1,342.25	2,929
NET ASSETS	(Total Assets – Liabilities)	156,200.40	157,641
BALANCE	Starting Balance	157,641.29	159,377
	Income less Expenditure	-3,878.72	-3,684
	Gains/(Losses) on investments	2,437.83	1,948
	Closing balance	156,200.40	157,641

ANALYSIS BY FUND

Fund	Type	2021	2020
		£	£
Children's (inc Fun night)	Restricted / Endowment	5,333.84	5,185
Churches Together	Restricted	0	0
Clergy Travel	Restricted	0	0
Elderly	Restricted	100.00	0
Fabric	Restricted	14,373.70	14,367
Fabric (ex-Church Cottage)	Designated	37,884.33	41,894
Fabric (ex-General)	Designated	0	0
Godly Play	Restricted	191.04	286
Major Works 2022/3	Restricted	3,610.00	0
Music Festival 2022	Restricted	500.00	0
Organ and Music	Restricted	23.86	728
Overseas Mission Giving	Restricted	0	0
Permanent Endowment	Endowment	23,016.01	20,123
PCC Reserves	Restricted	365.91	366
School Music (ex Church Cottage)	Designated	9,475.00	9,475
Smuffies	Restricted	959.41	1,031
Source to Sea	Restricted	118.00	118
Trinity	Restricted	891.43	721
Utilities	Restricted	0	0
Whorlton Church	Endowment	13,609.19	12,182
Whorlton Church	Restricted	1,655.41	2,324
Wifi and streaming	Restricted	0	120
Windows to the World	Restricted	8,360.75	11,733
Windows to the World (ex Ch Cott)	Designated	0	0
General	Unrestricted	35,732.52	36,991
TOTAL		156,200.40	157,641

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Analysis of Income and Expenditure for the Period 1st January to 31st December 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
INCOME and ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies	76,908.44		5,275.00		82,183.44	102,479
Income from Charitable Activities	14,547.74		2,038.30		16,586.04	5,262
Other trading activities	1,487.71				1,487.71	1,303
Income from Investments	3,179.89		365.36		3,545.25	3,936
Other income	4,699.00		77,719.53		82,418.53	282,275
Total Income and Endowments	100,822.78	0	85,398.19	0	186,220.97	395,255
EXPENDITURE						
Costs of generating funds	4,071.13		149.97		4,221.10	2,711
Expenditure on charitable activities	85,057.24	1,081.76	3,691.98		89,830.98	88,211
Other expenditure	11,773.34	1,792.87	82,481.40		96,047.61	308,016
Total Expenditure	100,901.71	2,874.63	86,323.35	0	190,099.69	398,938
INCOME less EXPENDITURE	-78.93	-2,874.63	-925.16	0	-3,878.72	-3,684
Transfers between Funds	-1,179.05	1,299.00	-119.95		0	0
Gains (losses) on sales of fixed assets				47.87	47.87	24
Gains (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets				2,389.96	2,389.96	1,924
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	-1,257.98	-1,575.63	-1,045.11	2,437.83	-1,440.89	-1,735
BALANCE b/f AT 1st JANUARY 2021	36,990.50	51,369.12	38,119.00	31,162.67	157,641.29	159,377
BALANCE c/f AT 31st DECEMBER 2021	35,732.52	49,793.49	37,073.89	33,600.50	156,200.40	157,641

The notes on subsequent pages form part of the accounts

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Movement in Funds during the Year

Fund	01/01/2021	Income	Expenditure	Revaluation	Transfer	31/12/2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Children's (including Fun night)	5,184.89	150.81	500.00	498.14		5,333.84
Churches Together	0	49.97	49.97			0
Clergy Travel	0	435.00	435.00			0
Elderly	0	100.00				100.00
Fabric	14,367.17	6.53				14,373.70
Godly Play (The Big Story)	285.62	1,150.00	1,244.58			191.04
Major works 2022/3	0	4,000.00	390.00			3,610.00
Music Festival 2022	0	500.00				500.00
Organ and Music	727.57	368.32	1,072.03			23.86
Overseas Mission Giving	0	125.00	125.00			0
Permanent Endowment	20,122.62			2,893.39		23,016.01
PCC Reserves	365.91					365.91
Source to Sea	118.00					118.00
Smuffies	1,030.92	760.60	832.11			959.41
Trinity (for incumbent's use)	720.64	1,375.00	1,204.21			891.43
Utilities	0	475.00	475.00			0
WIFI and streaming	119.95				-119.95	0
Whorlton Fabric	2,324.03	260.18	928.80			1,655.41
Whorlton Endowment	12,181.51		4.91	1432.59		13,609.19
Windows to the World (Restricted)	11,732.84	75,694.56	79,066.65			8,360.75
TOTAL RESTRICTED AND ENDOWMENT	69,281.67	85,450.97	86,328.26	4,824.12	-119.95	73,108.55
Unrestricted Funds	36,990.50	100,822.78	100,901.71		-1,179.05	35,732.52
Fabric ex Church Cottage (Designated)	41,894.12		1,575.63	-2,434.16		37,884.33
Fabric ex General (Designated)	0					0
Projector project ex General (Designated)	0					0
School music (Designated)	9,475.00					9,475.00
Windows to the World (Designated)	0		1,299.00		1,299.00	0
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED AND DESIGNATED	88,359.62	100,822.78	103,776.34	-2,434.16	119.95	83,091.85
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	157,641.29	186,273.75	190,104.60	2,389.96	0	156,200.40

Movement in Funds during the previous Year

Fund	01/01/2020	Income	Expenditure	Revaluation	Transfer	31/12/2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Children's (including Fun night)	5,185.68	100.10	300.00	199.11		5,184.89
Clergy Travel	0	675.00	675.00			0
Fabric	14,342.72	24.45				14,367.17
Godly Play (The Big Story)	27.85	400.00	142.23			285.62
Organ and Music	2,590.90	282.95	2,146.28			727.57
Permanent Endowment	18,822.85			1,299.77		20,122.62
PCC Reserves	426.89		60.98			365.91
Source to Sea	118.00					118
Smuffies	1,013	124.00	106.25			1,031
Trinity (for incumbent's use)	430.96	1,375.00	1,085			720.64
Utilities	0.00	545.00	545.00			0.00
WIFI and streaming	0.00	2,253.94	2,133.99			119.95
Whorlton Fabric	2,080	244.25				2,324
Whorlton Endowment	12,995.35			-814		12,181.51
Windows to the World (Restricted)	1,228.25	289,095	278,590.65			11,732.84
TOTAL RESTRICTED AND ENDOWMENT	59,262.40	295,119.93	285,785.70	685.04	0	69,281.67
Unrestricted Funds	37,440.85	100,134.65	100,585.00			36,990.50
Fabric ex Church Cottage (Designated)	40,630.82			1,263		41,894.12
Fabric ex General (Designated)	5,000.00		5,000			0.00
Projector project ex General (Designated)	0					0.00
School music (Designated)	9,725		250.00			9,475
Windows to the World (Designated)	7,318		7,317.60			0.00
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED AND DESIGNATED	100,114	100,135	113,152.60	1,263.30	0	88,359.62
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	159,376.67	395,254.58	398,938.30	1,948.34	0	157,641.29

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Analysis of Income and Endowments

		Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowments	Total 2021	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies							
Planned Giving:	Bank giving	43,808.78				43,808.78	40,779
	Envelopes	3,425.51				3,425.51	5,394
	Total Planned Giving	47,234.29	0	0	0	47,234.29	46,172
Non-recurring donations	one-off donations	2,899.32		5,250.00		8,149.32	15,397
	Gift Day	0				0	20,393
Collections at Services	Barnard Castle	2,423.38				2,423.38	1,467
	Whorlton	904.65				904.65	379
	Funerals	4,743.38				4,743.38	3,317
	Weddings	104.14				104.14	0
	Baptisms	1,536.49				1,536.49	40
Other recurring donations	Wall safe and candles	1,548.45				1,548.45	622
	card reader	1,761.27				1,761.27	0
Income Tax recovered	Gift Aid	11,585.56		25.00		11,610.56	14,247
	Small Donations	2,167.51				2,167.51	444
Legacies received		0				0	0
	Total	76,908.44	0	5,275.00	0	82,183.44	102,479
Income from Charitable Activities							
Fund raising	Bank Holidays Teas	0				0	0
	Book sales	473.02				473.02	0
	Easter lilies	450.00				450.00	0
	Wednesday Coffee	0				0	215
	Recitals and Concerts	1,659.19				1,659.19	0
	Christmas events	6,699.73				6,699.73	64
	Social events	0				0	0
	Other	516.20				516.20	254
	Total Fund Raising	9,798.14	0	0	0	9,798.14	533
Statutory Fees:	Weddings	854.00				854.00	787
	Funerals	2,438.00				2,438.00	2,272
Other Fees	Weddings/Funerals	0		1,278.00		1,278.00	1,496
	Total Fees	3,292.00	0	1,278.00	0	4,570.00	4,555
Other activities	Smuffies	0		760.30		760.30	124
	Flower Guild	1,457.60				1,457.60	50
	Other	0				0	0
	Total	14,547.74	0	2,038.30	0	16,586.04	5,262
Other Trading Activities							
Magazine	Magazine subscriptions	981.70				981.70	788
	Magazine advertising	450.00				450.00	500
Books	Books	56.01				56.01	15
	Total	1,487.71	0	0	0	1,487.71	1,303
Income from Investments							
Rents	Parish Hall	1,088.32				1,088.32	1,088
	Whorlton Village Hall	525.00				525.00	525
Investments	Whorlton Endowment			260.18		260.18	244
	Bank deposit	5.66				5.66	14
	CBF deposit	5.43		7.75		13.18	93
	Permanent Endowment	584.87				584.87	565
	Children's			97.43	52.78	150.21	95
	CBF - ex Church Cottage	970.61				970.61	1,311
	Total	3,179.89	0	365.36	52.78	3,598.03	3,936
Other Income							
Grants received	Recurring	200.00		100.00		300.00	0
	One-off	380.00		77,569.56		77,949.56	282,275
Insurance recovery		0				0	0
Other income		4119.00		49.97		4,168.97	0
	Total	4699.00	0	77,719.53	0	82,418.53	282,275
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		100,822.78	0	85,398.19	52.78	186,273.75	395,255

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Analysis of Expenditure

		Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Endowments £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Costs of Generating Funds							
Fund raising	Easter Lilies	207.79				207.79	49
	Bank Holiday teas					0	0
	Social events	30.88				30.88	0
	Christmas	1,369.64				1,369.64	0
	Other fund raising	20.00				20.00	20
	Giving envelopes					0	70
	total fund raising costs	1,628.31	0	0	0	1,628.31	139
Magazine and Books	Magazine printing	2,326.00				2,326.00	2,498
	Books and publications	0				0	0
	total magazine and books	2,326.00	0	0	0	2,326.00	2,498
Advertising	Advertisements	116.82		149.97		266.79	75
Total		4,071.13	0	149.97	0	4,221.10	2,711
Expenditure on Charitable Activities							
Mission Giving	Charitable giving	1,200.00		125.00		1,325.00	1,000
Parish Share	To Diocese	66,625.00				66,625.00	65,000
Pay and honoraria	Caretaker	2,956.86				2,956.86	2,888
	Organists	3,277.46	731.76	65.10		4,074.32	4,565
Clergy and Staff Expenses	clergy expenses	850.23		215.90		1,066.13	848
	Other clergy fees			304.10		304.10	615
	Fees funerals / weddings	293.00				293.00	235
	Water rates	583.72				583.72	659
	Telephone	840.00				840.00	840
	Clergy house repairs			200.00		200.00	420
	total clergy and staff expenses	2,566.95	0	720.00	0	3,286.95	3,617
Mission costs	Services: expenses	852.94	350.00	123.74		1,326.68	890
	Smuffies			832.11		832.11	106
	Children's work			1,167.73	4.91	1,172.64	442
	Books and publications	62.34		85.12		147.46	305
	Music and copyright			573.18		573.18	1,268
	Flower Guild	220.57				220.57	328
	Travel expenses	0				0	54
	Total Mission costs	1,135.85	350.00	2,781.88	4.91	4,272.64	3,394
Church Insurance	Insurance BC	5,527.44				5,527.44	5,775
	Insurance Whorlton	1,767.68				1,767.68	1,972
	Total Church Insurance	7,295.12	0	0	0	7,295.12	7,747
Total		85,057.24	1,081.76	3,691.98	4.91	89,835.89	88,211

		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowments	Total	Total
		Fund	Fund	Fund		2020	2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Other Expenditure							
Church Running Costs	Maintenance: BC	1,370.71				1,370.71	1,030
	Maintenance: Whorlton	33.00				33.00	32
	Church equipment	745.13		81.29		826.42	1,079
	Church cleaning	88.57				88.57	190
	Organ maintenance	258.24		426.76		685.00	24
	Printing costs			58.00		58.00	
	Computing	450.00	493.87	524.58		1,468.45	1,973
	Office supplies	65.68		30.07		95.75	56
	Copying / printing costs	381.36				381.36	703
	banking costs	5.72				5.72	6
	Other costs	488.93		230.00		718.93	2,417
	Gifts and other payments					0	100
	Total Church Running costs	3,887.34	493.87	1,350.70	0	5,731.91	7,610
Utility Costs	Barnard Castle: gas	2,093.17		475.00		2,568.17	2,656
	Barnard Castle: electricity	1,700.81				1,700.81	1,562
	Whorlton: electricity	391.02				391.02	279
	Total Utility costs	4,185.00	0	475.00	0	4,660.00	4,498
Major Projects	Barnard Castle	3,701.00	1,299.00	79,726.90		84,726.90	295,908
	Whorlton			928.80		928.80	0
	Total major repair costs	3,701.00	1,299.00	80,655.70	0	85,655.70	295,908
Total		11,773.34	1,792.87	82,481.40	0	96,047.61	308,016
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		100,901.71	2,874.63	86,323.35	4.91	190,104.60	398,938

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of the PCC (registered charity 1130279) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



James Ferdinand, ACA, CTA

Allen Sykes Limited, 17 Galgate, Barnard Castle

Date: 4 March 2022

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Barnard Castle with Whorlton

Notes on the Financial Statements 2021

Overview: The pandemic had a significant impact on regular sources of giving in the plate at services and through fund-raising, particularly in the first half of the year. The National Lottery Heritage Fund grant aided project continued in 2021 with an amended activity programme. The Natwest bank accounts were closed in early 2021 and the £4,000 incentive payment to transfer elsewhere was received. The new bank accounts at Co-operative Bank have dual online authorisation, which provides much increased security.

1. Basis of Statements. The Financial Statements of the PCC have been prepared under The Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities (SORP) FRS102.

The Financial Statements have been prepared using the accruals and prepayments method.

Investments included in the Financial Statements are shown at market (bid) value.

The accounts were subject to an independent examination. The Independent Examiner's Report is attached to the Financial Statements.

2. Bankers. The PCC's bankers were Natwest until 4th November 2020. On 5th November 2020, the PCC opened a current account with The Co-operative Bank. At 31st December 2020, both accounts were open but the Natwest account was closed on 21st January 2021. The switch was made to obtain improved banking facilities, to provide enhanced security through dual authorisation of payments and to benefit from a Natwest incentive scheme with a payment of £4,000 to the new account (included as Other Income).
3. Deposit Accounts. The PCC has an instant access savings account with the Co-operative Bank, accessed via the current account's dual authority portal. There is also a deposit account with CCLA Investment Management Limited's CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.
4. Property. The PCC owns the Parish Hall, Newgate and Whorlton Village Hall. These assets are not included in the Financial Statements. Both the halls are leased in return for fixed rental income.

Approximate property valuations are Parish Hall (£185,000) and Whorlton Village Hall (£145,000). These valuations are unchanged from 31st December 2009 and were confirmed as reasonable as at 31st December 2015 by Simon Nixon of Addisons. It is considered that these valuations will not have changed materially.

The Parish Hall is leased to the Parish Hall Association (registered charity no.1103536) on a 30 year lease from 2004. From December 2019 the rent increased to £1,088.32pa in accordance with the lease formula quinquennial rent increase.

Whorlton Village Hall was leased to the Whorlton Village Community Association, with a new 21 year lease effected from 1st August 2019 and initial rent of £525.00pa. The lease provides for a formula based review of rent every 5 years, with the first review under the new lease due in 2024.

5. Invested Assets. These are included in the Balance Sheet at current value (bid price):
 - a. Children's Fund. The CCLA COIF Investment Fund Income Units were sold in early 2021, with proceeds of £3,351.32, including a realised gain of £52.78. The proceeds were invested to purchase 164.60 units in the CCLA CBF Church of England Investment Fund Income Shares. The value at 31st December 2021 was £3,849.45. Income is restricted for use in connection with work with children.
 - b. Permanent Endowment. 984.15 units, value £23,016.12 (2020: £20,122.62 in the CCLA CBF Church of England Investment Fund Income Shares. The income is available for general purposes (unrestricted).

- c. St Mary's, Whorlton endowment. The IFSLCAF UK Equity Fund B Income Fund Units were sold in early 2021, with proceeds of £12,176.60 and a realised loss of £4.91. The proceeds were invested to purchase 581.92 units in the CCLA CBF Church of England Investment Fund Income Shares. The value at 31st December 2021 was £13,609.19. The income is restricted for the benefit of St Mary's, Whorlton fabric. The endowment arises from the former Whorlton Church Restoration Fund.
 - d. Designated Funds. 21,811.48 units, value £34,459.96 at 31st December 2021 (2020: £36,894.12) in the CCLA CBF Church of England Fixed Interest Securities Fund income shares. This investment arises from the proceeds of the sale of Church Cottage in December 2015.
6. Petty Cash. Petty Cash is held by the Flower Guild and by Smuffies (for subscriptions) and Smuffies (for its selected charity). Monies are regularly banked to the current account. Records of petty cash transactions for the Flower Guild, Smuffies and Smuffies (Charity) are maintained in cash books.
 7. Policy for Reserves. The policy is to hold unrestricted reserves (to include any Gift Aid tax due but not yet claimed and/or received) of approximately 3 months expenditure (from general funds) to provide for uneven cash flow and for minor but necessary unbudgeted expenditure. Reserves at this level are currently held.
 8. Policy for Pay to Employees. Pay is reviewed annually in April, with a minimum rate of payment of the Living Wage Foundation's Living Wage.
 9. Pay, Employees and Pensions. The PCC employs a part-time caretaker for 6 hours per week for church cleaning and other general duties, with additional hours, as agreed, paid at an hourly rate.

The PCC also employs a part-time Director of Music to play the organ at specified services in Barnard Castle.

Employee costs were:

Gross pay to employees	£7,031.18 (2020: £7,453)
Employer National Insurance costs	-
Employer Pension contributions	-
Total	£7,031.18 (2020: £7,453)

There were no pension arrangements for employees and no employees qualified for Automatic Enrolment (as pay is below threshold). No employees opted in to a pension arrangement.

The payroll is managed by Susan Peat on behalf of the PCC.

Organists play at Whorlton on a "by agreement" basis. No payments were made in 2021.

For weddings and funerals, the organist is remunerated by onward payment of the organist fee received for the service. The Director of Music has first refusal but is not obliged to play at such services. The PCC acts as paying agent and these fees are not therefore included in the 2021 financial statements.

10. PCC remuneration. PCC members receive no remuneration.
11. Payments to Connected Persons. None.
12. Contracts with Central and Local Government. The PCC has no contracts with Central or Local Government.
13. Grants from Central and Local Government. Grants totalling £3,441.02 were claimed from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. This Scheme makes grants equal to the amount of VAT paid on certain specific works relating to the maintenance of the church. The grants were in respect of St Mary's, Barnard Castle.

Two grants, each of £100.00 (one for 2020 and one for 2021) were received from Durham County Council towards costs incurred by the PCC in respect of the churchyard at St Mary's, Barnard Castle.

14. Other Grants received.

- a. Trinity College, Cambridge granted £1,375.00 to replenish the Restricted Fund available to the incumbent to meet expenses which might not otherwise be incurred or might not be reimbursed by the PCC.
- b. Grants totalling £67,916.00 were claimed from the National Lottery Heritage Fund in respect of the Windows to the World conservation and activity programme. Of this, £634.00 had not been received by the year end. Further expenditure of £2,106.00 has been incurred for which grant of £1,672.54 has been accrued and will be claimed in 2022.
- c. A grant of £500.00 was received from The Marwood Trust for costs incurred in respect of the community choir and orchestra as they work towards a music festival in 2022.
- d. Grants from the Friends of St Mary's (FOSMS) totalling £2,300 were received towards the cost of conservation of a stained glass window and the cost of the card reader.
- e. A grant of £745.00 was received from the Durham Diocesan Board of Finance towards the cost of restoring a stained glass window.
- f. £100.00 was received from the Lord Crewe Fund. The specific purpose for which the grant is to be used is work with the elderly.

15. Legacies. None.

16. Parish Share. The Parish Share offered to the Diocese and paid in 2020 was £66,625.00 (2020: £65,000.04). For 2022, the PCC has offered to increase the Parish Share to £68,291.00.

17. Major Expenditure 2021. Windows to the World project and restoration of a further stained glass window: £23,661.73. Heritage and Community Engagement as part of the Windows to the World and managed by Project Partners DigVentures Limited: £60,785.17.

18. Financial Commitments for 2022. Windows to the World: there is a commitment to spending of up to £11,500 (including VAT) to conclude this major project. Of this expenditure. 79.418% ie up to £9,133.07, is recoverable by way of grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

19. Mission and Charity Donations. The PCC donated £1,325.00 to USPG for specific projects. The PCC has also agreed that up to 50% of plate collections at funerals may be donated to charity.

The Smuffies toddler group raised £for its 2021 chosen charity, Toilet Twinning.

20. Amounts due to / by the PCC as at 31st December 2021

	Due by PCC £	Due to PCC £
Income tax rebate		1.80
Magazine advertising		75.00
Funeral fees		142.00
Photocopier	149.96	
Charity Giving (Smuffies)	51.80	
Christmas advertising	252.00	
Christmas cards and advertising (share of cost due from others)		131.51

National Lottery Heritage Fund		634.00
Gift Aid (HMRC)		858.90
Banking 31/12/2021 (credited 4/01/2021)		802.21
Blanchland Choir payment		350.00
Whorlton Village Hall rent		525.00
Interest from CBF deposit account		2.48
Clergy expenses	154.14	
Utility costs	584.35	
Sub-total	1,192.25	3,522.90
Utility costs accrued	150.00	
National Lottery Heritage Fund accrued		1672.54
Total	1,342.25	5,195.44

21. Photocopier. The PCC rents a photocopier on a maintenance contract with Mastercopy.
22. Governance Fees. No costs have been incurred in the Independent Examination of the Accounts or in other Governance.
23. Gift Aid. 95% of regular giving was Gift Aided in 2021. The other 5 % relates to non-taxpayers but part of this is eligible under the Small Donations Gift Aid Scheme. In respect of the Small Donations Gift Aid Scheme, the PCC claims separately for each of the two churches as Community Buildings.
24. Agency Monies. The PCC acts as collecting agents for certain connected parties and also where monies are raised for a specific charity at a service or event. These transactions are not included in the financial statements. The amounts are set out in the table below:

Agency	Amount received £	Expenses deducted £	Amount paid out £
Smuffies charity fundraising (to Toilet Twinning)	51.80	-	51.80
Children's Society	257.36	25.00	232.36
Christian Aid	140.00	-	140.00
Diocesan Fees for weddings and Funerals	7,346.00	-	7,346.00
Fees for verger, bellringers	616.00	-	616.00
Fees for Organist at weddings and funerals	1,070.00	-	1,070.00
Funeral charity monies	1,526.88	-	1,526.88
Other suspense	2752.14	-	2752.14

25. Accounting records. Accounting records are maintained on MyFundAccounting software supplied by Data Developments. Gift Aid and Small Gift Aid data is recorded on Donations Co-ordinator V7.08 software supplied by Data Developments. This software is used to generate and electronically submit the Gift Aid and Small Gift Aid claims to HMRC. Data on MyFundAccounting is backed up by Data Developments. Donations Co-ordinator is backed up by the Treasurer at least weekly, with a security copy stored offsite. The PCC subscribes to technical support in respect of Data Developments software.
26. Review of Financial Controls. The PCC reviewed its financial controls during 2021 and agreed procedures to manage risks. The financial controls have been adopted as standing orders of the PCC.