

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?

<p>This year we have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>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.</p> <p>We have also offered opportunities for study/ discipleship through a number of courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

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

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

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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	285,408.95	Total	285,408.95

Notes

1 See Analysis of Income and Expenditure

2 See Analysis of Income and Expenditure

3 Represented by

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
		157,462.83

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	20,853.72

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
Other recurring donations	Wall safe and candles	1,862.24			1,862.24	2,004
	Card reader	2,586.88			2,586.88	2,673
Income Tax recovered	Gift Aid	10,860.88		1,354.50	12,215.38	10,439
	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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		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.