

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST GABRIEL, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

England & Wales · Charity number 1130736

Details

Other names	ST GABRIEL'S PCC, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-07-27
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, 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.
- Newcastle Upon Tyne City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£290,998	£390,221	-	-
2023-12-31	£260,566	£269,893	-	-
2022-12-31	£189,246	£166,787	-	-
2021-12-31	£151,171	£142,698	-	-
2020-12-31	£125,384	£129,119	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Jonathan Halford Lawson	Chair	2014-05-22
Alison Woodward		2023-05-15
Anne Lesley Pickering		2024-05-05
Calum Ged Aynsley		2022-05-15
Corinne Gwen Raybould		2023-05-14
David Fortster		2025-05-18
Dorissa Brownlee		2023-05-14
ELIZABETH SCREEN		
Fiona Elizabeth Ingham		2025-05-18
HEATHER MARGARET WEAR		2024-05-05
Jonathan Mark Maycock Richards		2025-05-18
Linda Hammond		2025-05-18
MARGARET HELEN LEGGE		
Mark Calum Aynsley		2022-10-09
Melanie Elaine Lewis		2015-04-19
Robert Day		2024-05-05

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**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish
of St Gabriel's Heaton Newcastle upon Tyne**

(Registered Charity number 1130736)

Trustees Annual Report

**for the year ended
31st December 2024**



The Parochial Church of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Gabriel's Heaton

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Aims and Purposes

To promote the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, social and ecumenical.

Background

St Gabriel's is a suburban parish in the Heaton area of Newcastle upon Tyne (and forms part of the Newcastle East Deanery). The larger proportion of the housing within the parish dates from the early part of the 20th century and consists of terrace houses some of which are Tyneside flats. There are areas of more modern housing and some social student housing. There is a healthy blend of students, young families and retired people in the community.

The Church is a stone built Grade II listed building dating from 1899. Its tower forms a landmark at the corner of Heaton Road and St Gabriel's Avenue. The Church building is kept open on weekdays for most months of the year for use by those who wish to visit and pray.

The Parish Centre adjacent to the church provides a space for various parish and community activities including the Parish Office. A number of rooms are let to various individuals, groups and charities principally Caring Hands Charity.

Mission Statement

'St. Gabriel's seeks through God's grace to serve the people of the parish in which it is set by being:

A place of prayer.

A welcoming community.

A prophetic voice speaking truth to power.

Open to the stranger, the marginalised and oppressed.

Concerned for all creation and its protection and sustainability.

Fully committed to working together with people of faith and all in the local community for the common good.

Vicar's Report

We celebrated, and are celebrating, 125 years of the current St. Gabriel's Church this year, and it was very fitting to have the current Bishop of Newcastle, The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Helen-Ann Hartley to preach and preside on the very day of the anniversary of the consecration of the church, Michaelmas 2024. We celebrated with a Patronal Eucharist followed by a celebration lunch and in the evening with Orchestral Evensong. The celebrations continue throughout 2025, and there is a lot to give thanks for. The anniversary has certainly captured my imagination, as I wondered what it was like for those who gathered in 1899, and what they would have thought of our life now and what we would think of their life too. In-between those times, so much has happened, and so many faithful people have worshipped in this place. It is a house of prayer truly soaked in prayer and worship.

As in any year, there have been particular highlights: one of them has been the completion of the lighting project. As time has gone on, I have come to realise what an important project this has been. On the one hand, there was a very practical need to rewire the whole church, and it was tempting to start with simply replacing the lighting on a like for like basis. Fortunately, that is not what we did, and through the good offices of Michael Screen we now have lighting that befits a church of such beauty.

St. Gabriel's Church, for me at least, becomes more beautiful the more time you spend in it. I have a particular interest in lighting, as I used to help with theatre lighting at school, and I am aware that it can be so important for setting the scene, and creating the ambience, for whatever is to happen. Church lighting has been slow to learn about this, and too often it has just been a turn on and turn off affair. Now we can light all the church effectively, but also dim or raise the lighting and also light different parts of the church, all at the flick of a switch. In helping set the scene for worship, it is just what I had hoped for, if not more. Thank you to everyone who made this project possible.

Vocation is a big theme at St. Gabriel's, not least the vocation of the church as a whole. What does it mean to be St. Gabriel's? What are we called to do and be in this place? But it does also refer to a call to ordination and in 2024 we celebrated the ordination to the priesthood of Mairi Howell, and the ordination to the diaconate of James Bartle. Both are hugely gifted individuals, and one of the consequences of all these vocations is that we have said goodbye to some very able people, in the spirit of generosity that St. Gabriel's is known for. Occasionally, ordained ministry (once experienced), isn't what a person is expecting or hoped for, and so we sadly saw Alan White withdraw from ministry this year. Alan has been a member of the congregation, reader and then curate here in my time and he is a big miss.

As a church we have the care of three properties, all of which produce some form of income, particularly the Parish Centre and the house on Swindon Terrace. When I first started at St. Gabriel's there was some thought given as to whether we should sell Swindon Terrace (if the Diocese who is the holding trustee agreed), but we decided not to do so. Heaton is now a sought after place to live and the rents are rising quite sharply in this area. As such, the tenancy at Swindon Terrace provides a helpful income each year. Similarly, the same can be said of the Parish Centre, so it was with a great deal of sadness that we heard that CRUSE Bereavement Care was giving notice to leave the Parish Centre as their base for Newcastle and North Tyneside after many decades. Post pandemic, many people now work from home, and charities are generally using less office space. We prayed a lot about this, and I am so pleased that a local charity: 'Caring Hands', found us and are making their home in the Parish Centre. The Parish Centre is gradually being used more regularly, including by the Diocese for spiritual direction courses and spiritual direction supervision. Keeping the Parish Centre in good condition is really important and this last year a large part of the southern external wall and some of the eastern external wall were repointed and a reconditioned photocopier was also purchased for the Parish Office.

A lot of building work happened in 2024, mainly for the church building, and in the spring of 2024 there was at one point three separate sets of scaffolding in and around the church. The tower roof membrane was replaced as was the north west porch roof, and after the lead was stolen from the clergy vestry roof and nearby roofs, this also was replaced. Both the tower roof renewal and lead replacement was paid for by our insurers. It was, however, a stark reminder that when things need repairing or replacing at St. Gabriel's they can be very costly. The Friends of St. Gabriel's have been very helpful in that respect, not only in raising our profile in the community, but also paying for the restoration of the church bell and in paying for new hymn books for our service of Choral Evensong.

A church is present in the community, both as a building and as a fellowship. In that respect it has been good to use our 125th anniversary as a way of making explicit some of what God does in this place through 125 Acts of Kindness. Bridging 2024 and 2025, we hope to celebrate all those small acts of kindnesses that make a difference to the church, the local community and the world. It seems very important to articulate and celebrate what God is doing in this place in this way. One of the ways we show our gratitude particularly when we have received a financial gift from someone is to buy something tangible to remember that gift and the giver. This last year we bought a new altar book and a set of rose vestments in gratitude for Eric Horner and his very generous benefaction to the church.

Last year brought the sad news of the death of the Rev'd Katie Watson. Katie had risen to national prominence through the television programme: 'Geordie Hospital', and she was a well loved member of the local community here in Heaton, at the local hospitals where she was at first a chaplain and then lead chaplain, and here at St. Gabriel's where she was a member of the congregation for many years along with her family. Many of us went to her funeral and witnessed the powerful impact Katie had had on many people's lives.

Over last year it has felt like many green shoots were appearing in the life of this church. A social committee brought people together to have some fun as did the Friends. Family, Fun and Food continues to flourish as does the Toddler Group. The Choir Club and Junior Choir have begun to bring many more young people and families into the life of the church, and 'Open the Book' has regained momentum in its work at Ravenswood School. In fact relationships with the local schools feel incredibly positive and open to greater development. We also now have regular gardening days, bringing together church members and people from outside the church to help maintain the church grounds.

There are some large projects that are being considered, and quite a bit of time was spent last year in considering the offer of a peal of bells for the tower here. At the time of writing we are awaiting a structural report on the tower to see if it is capable of holding a peal of bells, before we make any decision about this. Work has also started on a project to restore the organ and to develop our musical life at St. Gabriel's. This will form part of a bid for a large grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

None of this, nor the day to day life of St. Gabriel's, would be possible without the hard work and dedication of so many people. I am particularly grateful to my clergy colleagues, Sheila and Jon and to Calum and Mark as churchwardens and to Tim and Jeni who are two employees. I am not sure how parishes of this size cope without a parish administrator!

But the greatest thanks must go to God who sustains us, encourages us and inspires in our life of service here. To him to be the glory, now and always.

The Rev'd Canon Jonathan Lawson
Vicar

Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

Mark and Calum Aynsley continued in their roles as Churchwardens following election at the previous APCM.

The leak in the choir vestry roof highlighted in last year's report seems to have been resolved. Both wardens would like to record their thanks to Rob Davidson for clearing a large amount of debris from the roof that appears to have been a cause of the water leaking in.

The flower cupboard was painted and decorated as well as receiving a new series of shelves and a re-organisation. The light fitting in the flower cupboard has also been replaced as part of the wider rewiring project.

The choir vestry, clergy vestry, servers area and the corridor leading from the Lady Chapel to the clergy vestry have been painted and decorated thanks to generous donations from members of the congregation. Again, both wardens would like to record their thanks to Rob Davidson for his work preparing the choir vestry windows ahead of the decoration. In July there was a theft of lead from several sections of the roof. This was replaced and marked with anti-theft measures.

There have been several instances of leaking from the roof in the Lady chapel. We are in conversations with our roofer to investigate and see what further action may be required. St Gabriel's has been approached with an offer to receive a peal of bells. Whilst no decision has yet been made as to whether they will be accepted, as part of initial investigations into the feasibility of this project, a survey has been carried out on the church tower to see if it is capable of holding a peal of bells. We are still awaiting the results of the survey.

The planned repointing of the Parish Centre was completed last year.

Objectives and Activities

St Gabriel's PCC has the responsibility, with co-operation with the Incumbent, of promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for the Parish Centre as 2. St Gabriel's Avenue, Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne and a house at 33. Swindon Terrace, Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity, Number 1130736.

The appointment of PCC members is governed and set out in the Church Representation Rules.

Membership of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Incumbent Rev'd Canon Jonathan Lawson

Curate Rev'd Alan White (until Summer 2024)

Churchwardens Mr Calum Aynsley
 Mr Mark Aynsley

Deanery Synod Mr Calum Aynsley
Reps (ex-officio) Mrs Margaret Legge
 Mrs Elizabeth Screen

Elected Members

Mr Robin Long
Ms Gill Purves (Term of Office ended 2024)
Mr David Forster (Term of Office Ended 2024)
Mr Jonathan Quintrell-Evans (Term of Office Ended 2024)
Mr Colin Harrison (Term of Office Ended 2024)
Mrs Wyn Findlay (Co opted 2024)
Mrs Corinne Raybould
Mrs Melanie Lewis
Mrs Clare Davidson
Mr Brian Moore
Mr Rob Davidson
Ms Dee Brownlee
Ms Alison Woodward
Ms Anne Pickering (Elected May 2024)
Mrs Heather Wear (Elected May 2024)
Mr Robert Day (Elected May 2024)
Mr John Pickering (Elected May 2024)

PCC Committees and Working Groups

To assist the work of the PCC there are the following committees and working groups:

Standing Committee

This committee is established in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. It has power to transact business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any direction given by the Council.

Parish Centre Management Task Group

The group meets to discuss all aspects of the running and maintenance of the Parish Centre.

Pastoral Visitors Group

The group visits parishioners who are housebound or in nursing homes, generally providing Home Communion and pastoral care.

Safeguarding Group

The Safeguarding group has oversight for Safeguarding for the Church ensuring particularly that children and young people are kept safe and that good practice and procedures are in place to ensure this.

Mission Group

This group arranges the Summer Garden Party, the Winter Wonderland Fair and yearly decides which charities to support with the money raised during the year.

Organ Committee

Set up to consider the immediate and long-term future of the organ, and what we as a congregation can and should do to preserve it, given its history and the nature of current restoration work needed.

Review of the Year 2024

Jan 2024

Lighting scheme 60% completed. Cleaning will be required once work completed. Tower roof repairs and North West Porch roof repairs delayed due to bad weather more complex than first thought so costs have doubled.

A Peal of Bells has been offered to St Gabriel's - more information to be discussed and a survey of the Tower completed to decide how viable the project would be. Friends of St Gabriel's paid to have the existing Church Bell repaired. Christmas Services praised. Choir Club to include Students from Chillingham Road Primary School. Open the Book now has 5 volunteers.

The Organ needs to be restored - work being done on grants to help with costs. Income down in 2023 compared to 2022 so have paid less Parish Share. Robin Indicated he wished to step down as Treasurer in May. Discussions around splitting the work of the Treasurer role.

Feb 2024

Discussions around setting up a Social Committee to organise events - Bob Day to take lead on this. Need for more Servers for the 9.45am Services especially to avoid others becoming stretched. Eric Horner's legacy received and thanks given for his generosity to St Gabriel's. Suggested that from this a set of Rose Vestments be purchased.

Remainder of the meeting was regarding the possibility of a Peal of Bells being installed at St Gabriel's and the process involved for PCC to consider.

March 2024

Social Committee has been formed and suggested events including - Quiz Night, Garden Games and a Christmas singing evening. Lighting is finished with some minor areas to adjust. Still low on Servers. Tower roof finally completed. Peal of Bells - most members of PCC positive about the project. Next stage will be an assessment and a structural survey to see if the Tower is suitable.

Friends of St Gabriel's to host quarterly Coffee Mornings. Open the Book started work in schools. Family, Fun & Food to take place in April with an Easter theme.

Energy costs have doubled. Discussions around the workload of the Treasurer and the formation of a PCC finance group to support the role going forward. Heaton Festival to take place this year with Heaton Churches Together. St Gabriel's 125 Anniversary this year - various suggestions made and further discussions needed.

April 2024

Still awaiting final lighting bill - outside lights to be completed. Acknowledgement that Holy Week and Easter Services were a lot of work for the Clergy Team but quality of the services praised. Some new families at Good Friday and sense of Celebration on Easter Day.

125 Anniversary - sustainability - banner made up? Floodlighting?

Tower is to be inspected re the potential for bells. Family, Fun & Food well attended with over 40 families. Friends of St Gabriel's Coffee Morning raised £239. PCC agreed to the decoration and shelving for the Flower cupboard. Toddlers restarted for the term with 23 families attending. We An estimate for the restoration of the organ is being sought. Safeguarding Dashboard updated. New PCC members and all volunteers to do relevant training.

May A.P.C.M followed by PCC

Minutes of last meetings agreed and appointments confirmed through elections.

PCC agreed to the purchase of a newly refurbished Photocopier for the Parish Office as the previous one was no longer able to be repaired.

June 2024

PCC agreed to have a Bell Hanging Company view the tower with the aim of having a structural Survey done. Our Architect has created a plan with some initial estimated costs. It is thought that the project will cost around £232,000 with £100,000 coming from Jim Crowther and grants, £120,000 from potential Bell Sponsors and leaving £12,000 to be fundraised.

PCC agreed to the structural survey going ahead to see if the tower is suitable.

Quotes being gathered to redecorate the Choir Vestry - however reluctance to decorate until roof leaks sorted. The Church bell has been repaired and re hung - thanks to the Friends of St Gabriel's for paying for this work. Heaton Festival taking place this month.

125 anniversary discussed - suggested that one person take the lead on the events for this.

Nicholson's have provided a quote for the restoration of the Organ at £500,000. A Heritage Fund Lottery Grant is being investigated but might not be known about until next year.

Social Committee up and running with quiz night planned.

The charities being supported by this year's Garden Party are Feeding Families, Mary's Meals and Launch Pad.

July 2024

Quote received to redecorate the Choir Vestry - but did not include the ceiling tiles, support bars or secondary glazing. Also the matter of the roof leaks is not solved. Suggested that a full redecoration was premature at this stage - but given its poor appearance a DIY lick of paint might be suitable for the moment. Summer Garden Party a success with £600 being sent to each of the 3 charities and £120 sent to the Chilli Road Band.

Missions Giving for last year discussed agreed to fund to continue funding the same projects with the same amounts. Family, Fun, and Food back for August - would like more volunteers. Friends of St Gabriel's Summer Coffee Morning raised £452. Choir Club recently held a show for parents which was enjoyed. Heaton Festival great success.

Gardening of church Grounds discussed - more volunteers to take on roles both short term tidying up and longer term maintenance. Investigations to see if the grounds qualify as a community garden which would open up finding opportunities. Theatre group to preform in the gardens in August with St Gabriel's getting 50% of the proceeds.

September 2024

125 Anniversary - Fizz and cake after the 9.45am service and 60 people signed up for Lunch. Display of St Gabriel's History in the Baptistry.

Bells - Following meetings the location of the proposed ring of bells was agreed. Specialist Structural Engineer will now asses to tower to see if the project is technically and structurally viable. Then PCC can decide if the project is to continue.

Family, Fun, and Food went well with over 100 families attending from the wider local community.

Safeguarding - Currently no Diocesan Safeguarding team so no guidance or support available on any matters arising. There are 2 safeguarding courses that need to be done by volunteers if helping with groups or activities. These need re doing every 3 years.

Pantaloons Theatre performance went well - hope to have the group back again and increase advertising efforts to ensure a larger audience.

October 2024

125 Anniversary - Tree services and a meal Thanks to all who contributed. "Wonderful day, remarkable music and lunch" Proposal for "125 acts of kindness" A board with space to pledge to do a service / act. Name of pledger on reverse so not seen. Once completed a rainbow sticker to be added. Suggested to launch in Advent and run for a while.

Roofs and gutters have now been cleared and as no further rain damage a "DIY" repaint of the Vestry can go ahead. Church Garden Morning successful with a large amount of rubbish being disposed of. Another morning is planned. Harvest service went very well and all donations gratefully received. Chillingham Road School also came for their Harvest Service.

Parish Centre - Cruse give notice they will be vacating both their rooms. Office space being widely advertised with a focus on supporting local charities.

Toy Service not happened for a few years - still keen to do a toy collection for Cedarwood but future version of a Toy service to be discussed - maybe alongside Open the Book?

Church Christmas card launched and Friends of St Gabriel's have purchased 10 extra Large Print Hymn books and 10 extra Words only Hymn books.

Safeguarding discussed - Jeni is collecting safeguarding documents for the whole church. Any concerns over the courses to be discussed with Mel. It was noted that would be extremely sad if any group or activity had to be halted due to safeguarding administration and how wonderful it is to have so many active groups, activities and volunteers at St Gabriel's.

November 2024

Congratulations to Jonathan for his appointment as Non-Residentiary Canon at Newcastle Cathedral.

Lighting - A few snagging issues to be resolved and operating instructions to be revised.

125 Acts of Kindness - to be launched in Advent and boards for Display are being organised.

Second Gardening morning very successful another to be organised in the spring.

Toy collection to go ahead but too late to do a service this year.

Family, Fun and Food- Half Term event was very successful with approx. 70 attending.

A number of companies had been very generous with food, including MacDonald's.

"Tea with Santa" is planned for December.

The extensive work involved in the Treasurers role discussed - A working party to be set up to look at the role moving forward.

December 2024

125th Acts of Kindness (AOK). The main boards are up and running and the launch has happened as intended. Now it is up to individuals to put up their AoK.

Peal of bells Ian Ness (church architect) had requested two companies to quote for the structural engineering assessment report of the tower's suitability for the bells. One experienced company (Adelphi) provided a quote. It was understood that if this engineering assessment and report were not to go ahead, there would be no possibility of progress on the bells project. It was also understood that a decision to go ahead with the engineering assessment and report was not a commitment to installing the peal of bells.

Choir Vestry & Gutters etc. A considerable amount of debris was removed by Rob D and all the water channels within reach from the Heaton Road Entrance roof, cleared. From the lack of water ingress into the choir vestry during the recent very heavy rain, it would appear that this clearing of the debris had had an effect. But we may need further advice from our roofers / Ian Ness as there are still a couple of areas needing attention.

Parish Centre "Caring Hands", a local charity has agreed to take the Hild office from 1/1/2025. Other tenants were still being sought for the other office

Recent discussions had taken place with the Armstrong Bridge Market to see whether there were useful ways to work together, particularly during the winter weather.

Toy service. Thanks to those who contributed and collected the toys. Much appreciated by Cedarwood.

Winter Wonderland. The event was a great success, both from the point of view of the numbers of people coming and the money raised.

Achievements and Performances Statistics

<u>Parish Statistics</u>	2024	2023	2022	2021*	2020**	2019
Average weekly attendance	127	120	140	83	70	139
Average Sunday Communicants	85	80	80	74	50	92
Average mid-week Communicants	24	31	20	19	10	18
Average afternoon Communicants	4	4	10	N/A	0	11
Communicants at Easter	104	106	107	82	0	125
Attendance at Easter Services	199	148	186	132	0	251
Communicants at Christmas services	94	103	107	106	70	124
Attendances at Christmas services	422	498	445	306	90	575
Baptisms	16	18	31	21	8	31
Weddings	5	3	6	4	0	4
Funerals	14	26	21	26	20	28
Confirmation candidates	1	2	0	8	0	3
Electoral Roll	149	144	139	150	147	140

Electoral Roll Revised April 2024 149 on List

2022 - Mostly back to Pre Pandemic life although some distancing advised and some people still cautious about returning to in person activities.

****2021 - The Covid Pandemic continued with different levels of restrictions on meeting indoors, face coverings, limits on services and advice to stay home unless essential with national school closures in place from January to March.***

*****2020 - Churches were closed from March - June due to the Covid Pandemic with periods of restriction on meeting indoors, face coverings, limits on services and advice to stay home unless essential and school closures continuing throughout the year.***

St Gabriel's Heaton - Safeguarding

This statement was adopted by St Gabriel's Parish at a Parochial Church Council meeting held on 20th September 2018 and is reviewed each year by the Parochial Church Council and re-affirmed at the Annual Meeting.

Safeguarding Policy Statement of the Church of England

The Church of England, its Archbishops, Bishops, clergy and leaders are committed to safeguarding as an integral part of the life and ministry of the Church.

Safeguarding means the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture. This means we will promote the welfare of children, young people and adults, work to prevent abuse from occurring, seek to protect those that are at risk of being abused and respond well to those that have been abused.

We will take care to identify where a person may present a risk to others, and offer support to them whilst taking steps to mitigate such risks.

The Church of England affirms the 'Whole Church' approach to safeguarding. This approach encompasses a commitment to consistent policy and practice across all Church bodies, Church Officers and that everyone associated with the Church, who comes into contact with children, young people and adults, has a role to play.

The Church will take appropriate steps to maintain a safer environment for all and to practice fully and positively Christ's Ministry towards children, young people and adults; to respond sensitively and compassionately to their needs in order to help keep them safe from harm.

St Gabriel's Safeguarding Policy

We are committed to care for one another safely and recognise that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as at risk at some time in our lives.

We are committed to:

- Safeguarding people who may be at risk, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
- Promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
- Promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be at risk.
- Recruiting safely following the recognised procedures.
- Supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work with children/young people and adults who might be at risk.

It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse.

If you have any safeguarding concerns please inform the parish safeguarding officer or a member of the clergy as quickly as possible.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer for St Gabriel's Church is:

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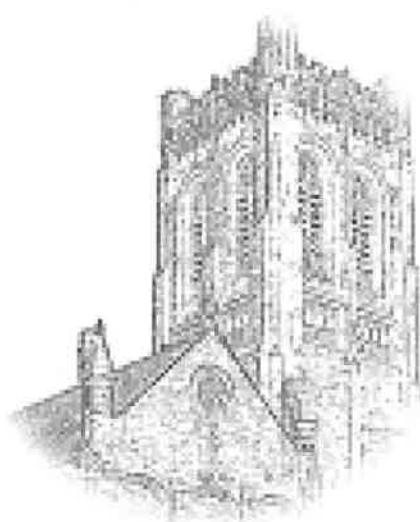
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**Parochial Church Council of
Newcastle, St Gabriel.**

**Financial Report
for the Year Ended
31 December 2024**



Financial Review of the Year Ended 31st December 2024

Voluntary Income continues to be our main source of income amounting to more than £86,000 before grants and insurance claim. The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) enables the contributor to set up a regular direct debit with or without gift aid which is collected by the scheme. A lump sum is paid into to our bank each month followed by the Gift Aid. As a result only two monthly entries need to be recorded reducing the workload of the treasurer. Having promoted the PGS we still gladly receive Banker's Orders and weekly envelopes.

We were remembered by Eric Horner with a legacy of over £72,000 which will be carefully controlled and wisely spent.

Grants were received from Northumberland Historic Church Trust (£5,000) and The National Churches Trust (£4,000) towards the cost of repairs to the North West Porch. We also received grants under the Listed Places of Worship Grants Scheme to cover the VAT on roof repairs as well as the lighting.

Insurance claims for repairs to the tower roof and the theft of lead amounting to £22,000 were met by our insurers, Ecclesiastical.

We continue to considerable benefit from rent and user contributions for the Vestry, Parish Centre and Swindon Terrace.

The cost of repairs to the Church building was in excess of £29,000 and a further £4,900 was spent on repointing the Parish Centre. £2,000 was spent on a new printer/copier machine.

Work on the rewiring and new lighting was completed in April. The total cost was £181,527. Including consultant's fees. VAT of £30,000 was recovered.

Despite the above we were still able to make a contribution of £70,000 to the Parish Share.

Details of the funds held in the Designated and Restricted accounts are broken down and detailed in note 3 of the main accounts. Additional information relating to the Friends of St Gabriel's, the Choral Fund and the Choir Club appear on page 8.

February 2025

Parochial Church Council of Newcastle, St Gabriel.						
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024						
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2023
Incoming Resources		£	£	£	£	£
Voluntary Income						
Planned Giving inc PGS		53,197			53,197	51,818
Gift Aid Recovered (PG)		12,800			12,800	11,697
Open Plate Collections	4	7,418			7,418	6,646
Gift Aid Recovered (Other)		2,881			2,881	2,563
Legacies, Donations & Gift Days	5	9,990	72,026		82,016	90,663
Grants & Insurance Claim		36,442		30,606	67,048	30,776
		122,728	72,026	30,606	225,360	194,163
Activities for Generating Funds						
Mission Activities	9			6,879	6,879	6719
Magazine Receipts		588			588	534
Events Inc Festivals					0	0
		588	0	6,879	7,467	7,253
Income from Church Activities						
Vestry and Church Users		7,897			7,897	9,732
Parish Centre		31,970			31,970	34,044
Wedding & Funeral Fees		3,528			3,528	3,596
		43,395	0	0	43,395	47,372
Income from Investments						
Rent		10,018			10,018	6,902
Interest		420	4,323	15	4,758	4,876
		10,438	4,323	15	14,776	11,778
Other Incoming Resources						
T/f from Designated		0		59,362	59,362	0
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		177,149	76,349	96,862	350,360	260,566
Resources Expended						
Church Activities						
Missionary & Charitable Giving	11	112		6,535	6,647	7,467
Diocesan Parish Share		70,000			70,000	70,000
Clergy Expenses (inc 'phone)		571			571	683
Clergy Council Tax & Water		2,509			2,509	2,341
Church & Vestry Running Costs	6	81,021	66,466	116,085	263,572	163,932
Church Administration	7	7,354			7,354	8,041
Parish Centre Running Costs	8	17,275			17,275	7,991
Parish Centre Administration	9	2,374			2,374	2,140
Organists & Choral Director		5,026		4,481	9,507	6,811
Education		900		7,554	8,454	487
		187,142	66,466	134,655	388,263	269,893
Cost of Generating Funds						
Events		0			0	0
Maintenance & Costs of Let Ppty		1,634			1,634	1,062
Magazine		324			324	234
		1,958			1,958	1,296
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		189,100	66,466	134,655	390,221	271,189
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		-11,951	9,883	-37,793	-39,861	-10,623
Bank & Deposit Account at 1 Jan		32,829	67,973	47,086	147,888	131,328
Bank & Deposit Account at 31 Dec		20,878	77,856	9,293	108,027	120,705

Parochial Church Council of Newcastle, St Gabriel.
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

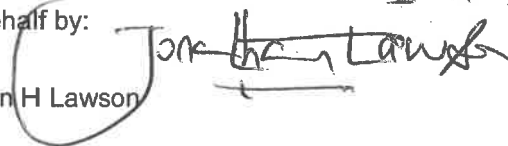
Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Cash Funds		£	£	£	£
Bank Current Accounts		4,659	3,045	9,293	16,997
CCLA		0	74,811	0	74,811
Monmouthshire Blg. Soc		16,219	0	0	16,219
		20,878	77,856	9,293	108,027
Other Monetary Assets					
Gift Aid Recoverable		1,001	21	191	1,213
		886		191	1,213
Investment Assets		nil			nil
Assets for Church Use					
Freehold Land & Bldgs	2	750,000			750,000
Liabilities					
Insurance		7,340			7,340

The attached notes on pages 5 -8 form part of these financial statements

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 20th March, 2025
Signed on their behalf by:

Canon Fr Jonathan H Lawson
Chairman



Parochial Church Council of Newcastle, St Gabriel

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2011 using the Receipts & Payments basis.
2. Fixed assets retained for church use are the Parish Centre and the freehold house at 33 Swindon Terrace at an estimated valuation.
3. The movements in the designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal.B/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Bal. C/fwd
Designated				
Rudge Legacy	57,665	1,753	54,490	4,928
Eric's Legacy	0	71,206	6,386	64,820
Friends	1,410	2,725	1,090	3,045
Fabric	8,898	665	4,500	5,063
	67,973	76,349	66,466	77,856
Restricted				
Mission Fund	3,049	6,879	6,535	3,393
Lighting	35,135	80,300	115,435	0
Toilet	0	0	0	0
Music	382	15	397	0
Choral	1,369	3,466	4,084	751
Choir Club	6,501	6,202	7,554	5,149
	46,436	96,862	134,005	9,293
Other				
Baby & Toddler	4,792	1352	2573	3570

The Rudge Legacy is distributed at the discretion of the Vicar and Church Wardens as needs arise. It has been used towards the cost of the new lighting and will be required when the retention payment is due.

We have been fortunate to receive a legacy from the estate of Eric Horner which has been used to purchase Rose Garments and a Book of Common Worship.

The Fabric fund is set aside to cover repairs and maintenance costs over £500.

The Friends of St Gabriel's group was formed during 2021 to promote wider interest in the work of the church. In 2024 it has paid for Bell repairs, Loan of display boards, Hymn books and printing. See last page.

The Mission Fund represents donations and fund raising activities which is distributed amongst charities at home and abroad on a regular basis.

The Restoration Fund has been withdrawn and used towards the new lighting.

The Toilet fund was set up to hold funds raised for the renovation of the church toilets and has been used for this.

The Music Fund provided for the purchase of choral music for use by the choir and has been so used.

The Choral Fund covers the services of our Choral Director in developing choral music and expanding the choir.

The Choir Club fund has been created to receive monies and pay the costs of providing musical training for young people.

The Baby & Toddler financial summary is as shown.

4. Open Plate Collections comprise:

	2024	2023
Baptism Collection	608	642
Funeral Collection	111	56
Digital	1070	1318
Loose Collections	3987	3497
Parish Breakfast	1203	897
Wedding Colls	439	236
	7,418	6,646

5. Legacies Donations & Gift Days

	General	Designated
Legacies	0	72,026
Donations	4,977	
Book of Remembrance	80	
Patronal Festival	4,340	
Prayer Candles	593	
	9,990	72,026

6. Church & Vestry Running Costs:

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2023
Church HLW	11,436			11,436	3,920
Church Insurance	8,476			8,476	8,228
Church Maintenance	50,391	66,466	116,085	232,942	142,425
Music & Organ Maintain	4,342			4,342	4,091
Vestry Cleaning	2,140			2,140	2,140
Vestry Gas	1,875			1,875	1,257
Vestry Maintenance	833			833	605
Wine Wafer Candles	1,528			1,528	1,266
	81,021	66,466	116,085	263,572	163,932

7. Church Administration:

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2023
Printing & Stationery	1,657			1,657	2,142
Salaries	5,350			5,350	5,638
Telephone	347			347	261
	7,354			7,354	8,041

8. Parish Centre Administration:

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2023
Salaries	2,200			2,200	1880
Telephone	174			174	260
	2,374			2,374	2140

9. Parish Centre Running Costs:

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2023
Parish Centre Cleaning	2,546			2,546	2,140
Parish Centre HLW	6,207			6,207	2,702
Parish Centre Insurance	1,099			1,099	984
Parish Centre Main'ce	7,423			7,423	2,165
	17,275	0	0	17,275	7,991

10. Mission Income and Distribution:

Income	2024	2023
Cake Stall	492	91
Christmas services	662	578
Summer Fayre	1862	2,296
Family Fund & Food	720	250
Appeals	147	320
Winter Wonderland	2738	2,889
Donation	258	246
Gift Aid	0	50
	6,879	6,720

Distribution	2024	2023
Cedarwood Trust	240	240
Corrymeela Community	200	200
Church Army	120	120
Action Foundation	200	200
Leprosy Mission	120	120
Licenced Readers	35	35
Marygate House	70	70
Mission to Seafarers	60	60
Newcastle Women's Aid	185	185
Northbrian Deaf Mission	120	120
People's Kitchen	135	135
P.I.C.A.	150	150
U.S.P.G	500	500
	0	187
Society of St Francis	200	200
Changing Lives	70	70
Church Urban Fund	150	150
Martha & Marys	350	350
Gaza	160	259
Mission Initiative	150	150
West End Refugees	180	150
Haven Tyneside	150	150
Feeding Families	600	650
Launchpad	600	650
Marys Meals	600	650
Expenses and Equipment	120	233
MSF (Christmas 2023)	662	578
Family Food & Fun	408	451
	6,535	7,013

Turkey

Gaza

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Alzeimers

Save the Children

Street Games

Friends of St Gabriel
Receipts and Payments
For the year ended 31 December 2024

		2024	2023
		£	£
Income			
	Donations	277	327
	Gift Aid	250	162
	Membership	1,018	980
	Events and sales	1,180	0
		2,725	1,469
Payments			
	Bell Repair	-800	0
	Display Boards	-25	0
	Hymn Books	-196	0
	Notice Boards	0	-1,128
	Printing	-69	0
	Shield	0	-75
	Trimmer	0	-363
		-1,090	-1,566
Total for year		1,635	-97

Funds at 31 December 2023	1410
Income for 2024	2725
Less Outgoings	-1090
Funds at 31 December 2024	3045

Choral Account				Choir Club			
For the year ended 31 December 2024				For the year ended 31 December 2024			
			£				£
Income	Donations	3,066		Income	Fees	605	
	Gift Aid	400			Grants	5500	
			3,466		Donations	97	
							6202
Expenses	Salary	-4,084					
			-4,084	Expenses	Refreshments	-214	
					Tuition	-7340	
Surplus/ Deficit			-618				-7554
					Surplus/Deficit		-1352
Balance at 1st January 2024			1369.14				6501
			-618				-1352
Balance at 31 December 2024			751				5149



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Ecclesiastical Parish of St Gabriel, Heaton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December, 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1130736

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December, 2024

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 Charity'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 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.

Signed:

Date:

16th May, 2025

Name:

Julian Brown

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Not Applicable

Address:

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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.

No Items to disclose.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Ecclesiastical Parish of St Gabriel, Heaton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

On accounts for the year
ended

31 st December, 2024	Charity no (if any)	1130736
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Accounts

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish
of St Gabriel's Heaton Newcastle upon Tyne**

(Registered Charity number 1130736)

Trustees Annual Report

**for the year ended
31st December 2023**



The Parochial Church of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Gabriel's Heaton

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

Aims and Purposes

To promote the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, social and ecumenical.

Background

St Gabriel's is a suburban parish in the Heaton area of Newcastle upon Tyne (and forms part of the Newcastle East Deanery). The larger proportion of the housing within the parish dates from the early part of the 20th century and consists of terrace houses some of which are Tyneside flats. There are areas of more modern housing and some social student housing. There is a healthy blend of students, young families and retired people in the community.

The Church is a stone built Grade II listed building dating from 1899. Its tower forms a landmark at the corner of Heaton Road and St Gabriel's Avenue. The Church building is kept open on weekdays for most months of the year for use by those who wish to visit and pray.

The Parish Centre adjacent to the church provides a space for various parish and community activities including the Parish Office. A number of rooms are let to various individuals, groups and charities principally CRUSE counselling.

Mission Statement

'St. Gabriel's seeks through God's grace to serve the people of the parish in which it is set by being:

- A place of prayer.

- A welcoming community.

- A prophetic voice speaking truth to power.

- Open to the stranger, the marginalised and oppressed.

- Concerned for all creation and its protection and sustainability.

- Fully committed to working together with people of faith and all in the local community for the common good.

Vicar's Report

For many of us, the Coronation of a Monarch is just something from the history books, so it was a big moment in our lives, and the life of the nation, to witness the Coronation of Charles III in 2023. In the clergy vestry is a photograph of St. Gabriel's floodlit for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953, and I am very grateful indeed to Michael Screen and Richard Parker of Screen and Forster for floodlighting the church for the King's Coronation this last year. The church looked spectacular, and many people commented on it being lit in this way. We celebrated the Coronation with a special service in church and joined with others in the Church of England in praying for our new King in the days before his Coronation.

This last year has seen some great celebrations of our own, not least the priesting of Paul Knox at Newcastle Cathedral and the ordination to the diaconate of Mairi Howell also in the Cathedral. Some of us went to Bamburgh for Paul's first Eucharist as a priest, which was a wonderful celebration, and we had a chance to catch up with Tracey Usher who is now a priest nearby.

We also said goodbye to some stalwarts of St. Gabriel's last year, most notably Eric Horner, Pauline Giles and Jean Johnston. All have played a significant role in the life of St. Gabriel's for many years, and we are diminished without them. We are particularly grateful to Eric for his very generous benefaction to the church.

Part of what God has given us here is the stewardship of three buildings, including the grade two listed church building. This year has seen a great deal of work happen on the building. A church is a place of hospitality, where through God's grace we attempt to mirror his hospitality. As such we try to be a church that is as open as possible in every respect, and welcoming.

To enable a good welcome the church toilets were refurbished last year, and many thanks go to Alison and Michelle and the toilet committee for working so hard to enable that to happen. We took the opportunity whilst this was done to replace the boiler for the vestries and to provide better storage facilities in the servers' vestry.

Two major roofing projects began last year too. It was discovered that the membrane on the tower roof had lifted, we think during storm Arwen, and scaffolding had to be erected to inspect this more carefully and for a specification to be given to replace the membrane. At a similar time we discovered that the north west porch roof was in a very bad condition and that it needed extensive repairs. Both are very specialist pieces of work, and neither had been projects that we had predicted or planned for. With all our money committed to the rewiring and relighting project, this left us in a vulnerable financial position, made better in the end by grants obtained for the porch roof and our insurers agreeing to pay for the work on the tower roof.

The rewiring and relighting project is essential work. It is a very large project that has taken many years to plan. With inflation spiralling upwards, we made a decision as a PCC to press on with the project at a time when we didn't have all the funds to complete it. Taking almost a quarter of a year to complete, you can now begin to see its benefits. A great deal of hard work has gone into this, and we are indebted to Robin Long who worked so hard to bring the project to fruition and helped to find grants to pay for it. Thanks too to Ian Ness, our architect, for his initial designs, to Michael Screen for developing the designs and managing the project so professionally, and to the electricians themselves for all their hard work, particularly in the less glamorous parts of the church. One of the many things I love about St. Gabriel's is how very simple changes can enhance the beauty of the building, and the lighting is a good example of that. It has the added benefit of being far more energy efficient and thus more eco friendly as well.

However, in any part of church life I think it's worth remembering what all this is for. A church tries to point to something beyond itself, to God, and that is our calling as well. We are called to be his people through prayer and by being people of love. Our mission as a church this year has continued in a whole host of activities, not least the Warm Hub on a Thursday, the Toddlers Group on a Tuesday and through Family, Fun and Food in the school holidays. Each offers hospitality to the familiar and to the stranger alike. This year also saw the start of the church choir club, and it has become increasingly apparent to me that mission and music are a very powerful combination. Not only are we offering music of quite astounding quality in this place but we are drawing new people of every age group to participate in it. The choir club is a wonderful example of that.

Similarly, the fact that we are involved in all three state schools in the parish is a great gift and I am grateful to Rob Davidson for taking on 'Open the Book' to be reinstated at Ravenswood School. Open the Book provides a wonderfully fun way for young people to get to know Bible Stories in an educational environment. The Mothers' Union continues too in its important work, and Sheila, our Branch Leader, made an intrepid trip by bus across the country for charity last year. Like so many groups at St. Gabriel's the Mothers' Union continues with great faithfulness and generosity.

Two other pieces of work this last year were the installation of a cycle park at church and at the Parish Centre and the replacement of the church noticeboards, the latter of which the Friends of St. Gabriel's kindly paid for. As part of the noticeboard design we paid for a graphic designer from St. Martin's Church in Byker to design a version of the St. Gabriel's shield, to be used on the noticeboards and on our stationery.

Just at the moment when we thought all the church money had run out, we received news that Eric Horner had left us a very generous bequest. As this last year has proved, it's not always clear what lies around the corner and it is hugely beneficial to have money at hand for major projects. We are indebted to Eric for his thoughtfulness and generosity.

A lot happens at St. Gabriel's. Part of my work with the PCC is to help St. Gabriel's to be the place God has called it to be. That means cherishing and being grateful for all that he gives us, and using his gifts to his glory. No priest can do that alone, and we are very fortunate to have the support and generosity of Sheila, Alan and Jon, and also Jeni and Tim as well as Mark and Calum.

But St. Gabriel's is far more than that, it is all of us, so thank you for being part of what we do and who we are. There are some interesting times ahead. There is a major project waiting to happen in developing music and restoring the organ. We have also been challenged to think about why we have a church tower and what it is for, as we have been offered a peal of bells from other redundant churches in the Church of England to use here if we decide to do so. But our greatest challenge is to be God's people in this place, to serve him and his people here and to listen to how he is calling us to do that, each and every day. Thank you for sharing in that.

The Rev'd Fr. Jonathan. Lawson

Vicar

Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

Mark and Calum Aynsley continued in their roles as Churchwardens following election at the previous APCM.

This year has seen extensive work carried out on different parts of the church. The previously approved plans for work on the church's toilets and wiring have been carried out. All three of the church's toilets have been extensively renovated with fundraising and planning support from the Flush Fund committee members, including all new fittings, flooring, tiles and decoration. This work also saw the removal of the 'Jailer's Gate' between the Choir and Clergy Vestries, the addition of a cleaner's cupboard with sink and newly fitted cupboards in the server's area.

The rewiring of the church has been a monumental piece of work both physically and financially, but all of the church has now been rewired with programmable, energy efficient LED lights replacing the old ones. New sockets have also been installed around the church. This work required extensive effort, with a cherry-picker and scaffolding within the church for several weeks. Members of the congregation took time to clean the harder to reach areas of the church during this time. Church unfortunately had to close more frequently during this work, though we are all looking forward to it now being open again more regularly.

Both wardens would like to record their thanks to Robin Long for the extensive work he put in applying for various grants for these two pieces of work, without which they would not have been funded. The previously discovered storm damage to the tower roof has been repaired by insurers and a new membrane fitted in place of the old one. Whilst this work was being planned, it was discovered there was some damage to stonework on the tower and the opportunity to use the scaffolding was taken to repair this damage. Extensive wear and tear damage was discovered to the flower cupboard roof which saw much of the timber in the roof needing to be replaced and the roof repaired. This was a large piece of work that took several weeks, but the damage is now repaired.

The planned repointing of the parish centre has yet to take place. There has been significant leaking through the choir vestry roof and the architect has discovered it is due to a blockage in an inaccessible drainpipe. Discussions are underway to have the drainpipe removed to resolve the issue.

New rose vestments were purchased in February 2024 with funds from the legacy left by Eric Horner.

Objectives and Activities

St Gabriel's PCC has the responsibility, with co-operation with the Incumbent, of promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for the Parish Centre as 2. St Gabriel's Avenue, Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne and a house at 33. Swindon Terrace, Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity, Number 1130736.

The appointment of PCC members is governed and set out in the Church Representation Rules.

Membership of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

PCC members who have served since January 2022

Incumbent	Rev'd Fr Jonathan Lawson
Curate	Rev'd Alan White
Churchwardens	Mr Calum Aynsley Mr Mark Aynsley
Deanery Synod Reps (ex-officio)	Mr Calum Aynsley elected Mrs Margaret Legge Mrs Elizabeth Screen
Elected Members	Mr Colin Harrison Mr Robin Long (Treasurer) Ms Gill Purves Mrs Corinne Raybould (elected 2023) Mr David Forster Mr Jonathan Quintrell-Evans Mr Tim Burke (term of office ended 2023) Mrs Heather Wear (term of office ended 2023) Mrs Wyn Findlay (term of office ended 2023. Co opted 2023) Mrs Gill Thomas (term of office ended 2023) Mrs Melanie Lewis Mrs Claire Davidson Mr Brian Moore Mr Rob Davidson (elected 2023) Ms Dee Brownlee (elected 2023) Ms Alison Woodward (elected 2023)

PCC Committees and Working Groups

To assist the work of the PCC there are the following committees and working groups:

Standing Committee

This committee is established in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. It has power to transact business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any direction given by the Council.

Parish Centre Management Task Group

The group meets to discuss all aspects of the running and maintenance of the Parish Centre.

Pastoral Visitors Group

The group visits parishioners who are housebound or in nursing homes, generally providing Home Communion and pastoral care.

Safeguarding Group

The Safeguarding group has oversight for Safeguarding for the Church ensuring particularly that children and young people are kept safe and that good practice and procedures are in place to ensure this.

Mission Group

This group arranges the Summer Garden Party, the Winter Wonderland Fair and yearly decides which charities to support with the money raised during the year.

Toilet Working Party (Flush Fund)

Set up to look at the refurbishment of the toilet facilities in Church and to co ordinate fundraising for this work.

Review of the Year 2023

Jan 2023

The lighting scheme is making progress with final prices waited for the electrical works. A grant was received from Suez for the toilet refurbishment. Work will start in March. The clergy vestry roof needs repaired and an insurance claim has been made for the tower roof.

Positive feedback was received from the Christmas services. £610 raised and sent to Medicines San Frontières. The choir are now singing at every major service. A grant for 6K has been obtained for Children's choir club.

Parish share of 80K was paid in full for 2022.

Friends of St Gabriel's agreed to pay for new church notice boards.

Feb 2023

The lighting scheme is ongoing and making progress. The treasurer has applied for a number of grants. A successful grant application of 5K received with some conditions from Northumbria Historic Churches Trust for the toilet refurbishment. All conditions were approved by the PCC.

A loss adjuster from Ecclesiastical assessed the tower roof.

The city council has offered four free cycle parks which will be placed outside the parish centre. A financial report for this month indicated that 3K was sent for parish share this month less than originally suggested due to the expense of the major repair works in church. The formal financial statement for 2022 was accepted by the PCC.

Waiting a quote from a stone mason for some pointing of the parish centre. Junior church progressing and toddler group doing very well.

March 2023

Work started on the toilet refurbishment. The tower roof repair, clergy vestry roof and flower cupboard roof ongoing. A graphic designer has designed a St Gabriel's shield to go on the new notice boards.

Lent course has started with good attendance. A letter was received from the Dioceses thanking St Gabriel's for their contribution to the parish share. A number of grants have been received for the children's choir club which the choir master is hoping to start soon.

Estimate received of £5,000 to repoint the parish centre which will be done after the other major projects are complete.

Family fun and food day was held at half term and was a great success.

April 2023

The total cost of the lighting scheme is £155,644 plus VAT. Work will start on the largest part of the work. Awaiting decision on grants from various organisation to support the cost.

Work has started on the toilet refurbishment. The cycle park has been installed outside the parish centre. Family fun and food was a great success with 65 families attending.

Holy week and Easter services acknowledged as being a great success and the music at the services was phenomenal. Financial report indicated that finances were good. Toddler group and Junior church going well.

Lent lunches were successful and St Gabriel's took part in the Walk of Witness on Good Friday and Dawn service on Easter Day.

May A.P.C.M followed by PCC

Minutes of last meeting agreed and appointments confirmed through unanimous elections.

June 2023

Donations of £1,500 excluding Gift Aid received from the congregation for the lighting scheme as well as a grant of £3,900 from Benefact Ecclesiastical Insurance. Awaiting responses for four other grant applications.

Work is complete on the toilet refurbishment and it was blessed. PCC thanked the toilet committee and all those who contributed to the project.

The church was flood lit for the Kings Coronation weekend. There was a Eucharist with lunch and a "come along and sing" Evensong to celebrate.

The new notice boards have been erected and paid for by Friends of St Gabriel's.

July 2023

A 10K grant was awarded from Northumbria Historic Churches for the lighting scheme.

PCC agreed to the roofing repairs required for the flower cupboard roof and church vestry roof pointing. Financial report for June discussed

PCC agreed to distribution of funds for the mission's fund.

Family fun and food will start and run on Thursdays over the summer holidays.

Discussions started about tea and toast after school club.

September 2023

A grant of 5k has been given by Prudhoe Street mission for the lighting scheme. £15,000 given from the Garfield Western Foundation. Tower roof repair progressing and PCC agreed to the cost of the scaffolding. The Guides and Brownies will celebrate 90 years on 30th September.

Fr Jonathan acknowledged the recent death of Eric Horner and expressed gratitude to Rev Alan for organising his memorial service and interring of Eric's ashes. He also gave thanks for Pauline Giles who has recently died and for all she did for the church. Eric has left a substantial legacy to the church of approx. £68K.

Anne Pickering has organised the archives and has done an amazing job. The choir master has a new organ scholar which was agreed by PCC. The Choir club proposed start date is 16th November. The PCC thanked Dee Brownlee for leading on the warm hub and for all the work she does in the garden.

October 2023

The PCC discussed things we were thankful for. The work on the lighting scheme has started. The PCC thanked Michael Screen for all his hard work.

A quote of £10,000 has been received for the church tower which it is hoped will be paid for by the insurance company. Two stones need to be replaced on the tower which will be done when the scaffolding is up. A quote of £12,000 has been received for the flower cupboard roof repair. £2763 including gift aid was raised through the Patronal festival.

Harvest festival was successful and resulted in a large number of gifts. A team of volunteers has been organised to deliver Open the book. Parish share was discussed and agreed upon for the next three years. Advent and Christmas services discussed.

November 2023

The meeting started with a discussion of things the PCC could lament upon. The lighting scheme is progressing well. The insurance company have agreed to pay for the roofing repair. A grant has been received from Northumberland Historic Churches for the flower cupboard roof repair.

Choir club progressing, Open the book progressing, Tea and Toast club discussed and possible start in the New Year.

Winter wonderland will take place on November 25th. Family fun and food great success again in half term. A peal of bells has been offered to St Gabriel's and will be discussed in detail with the PCC. Heaton Festival will take place in June 2024

December 2023

Lighting scheme going well all lights are now in except for the sanctuary. Work on the Tower roof will start after Christmas.

Choir club going well with an average of 27 children attending. Winter wonderland went well and raised £2880 which will be shared amongst charities.

Financial report was discussed.

Next year's church fees were discussed and agreed by the PCC

Achievements and Performances Statistics

<u>Parish Statistics</u>	2023	2022	2021*	2020**	2019	2018
Average weekly attendance	120	140	83	70	139	106
Average Sunday Communicants	80	80	74	50	92	80
Average mid-week Communicants	31	20	19	10	18	12
Average afternoon Communicants	4	10	N/A	0	11	10
Communicants at Easter	106	107	82	0	125	132
Attendance at Easter Services	148	186	132	0	251	201
Communicants at Christmas services	103	107	106	70	124	117
Attendances at Christmas services	498	445	306	90	575	509
Baptisms	18	31	21	8	31	31
Weddings	3	6	4	0	4	8
Funerals	26	21	26	20	28	20
Confirmation candidates	2	0	8	0	3	3
Electoral Roll	144	139	150	147	140	156
<i>Electoral Roll Revised April 2024</i>	<i>149 on List</i>					

2022 - Mostly back to Pre Pandemic life although some distancing advised and some people still cautious about returning to in person activities.

****2021 - The Covid Pandemic continued with different levels of restrictions on meeting indoors, face coverings, limits on services and advice to stay home unless essential with national school closures in place from January to March.***

*****2020 - Churches were closed from March - June due to the Covid Pandemic with periods of restriction on meeting indoors, face coverings, limits on services and advice to stay home unless essential and school closures continuing throughout the year.***

St Gabriel's Heaton - Safeguarding

This statement was adopted by St Gabriel's Parish at a Parochial Church Council meeting held on 20th September 2018 and is reviewed each year by the Parochial Church Council and re-affirmed at the Annual Meeting.

Safeguarding Policy Statement of the Church of England

The Church of England, its Archbishops, Bishops, clergy and leaders are committed to safeguarding as an integral part of the life and ministry of the Church.

Safeguarding means the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture. This means we will promote the welfare of children, young people and adults, work to prevent abuse from occurring, seek to protect those that are at risk of being abused and respond well to those that have been abused.

We will take care to identify where a person may present a risk to others, and offer support to them whilst taking steps to mitigate such risks.

The Church of England affirms the 'Whole Church' approach to safeguarding. This approach encompasses a commitment to consistent policy and practice across all Church bodies, Church Officers and that everyone associated with the Church, who comes into contact with children, young people and adults, has a role to play.

The Church will take appropriate steps to maintain a safer environment for all and to practice fully and positively Christ's Ministry towards children, young people and adults; to respond sensitively and compassionately to their needs in order to help keep them safe from harm.

St Gabriel's Safeguarding Policy

We are committed to care for one another safely and recognise that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as at risk at some time in our lives.

We are committed to:

- Safeguarding people who may be at risk, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
- Promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
- Promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be at risk.
- Recruiting safely following the recognised procedures.
- Supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work with children/young people and adults who might be at risk.

It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse.

If you have any safeguarding concerns please inform the parish safeguarding officer or a member of the clergy as quickly as possible.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer for St Gabriel's Church is:

Name: Ms Melanie Lewis

0191 903 1231

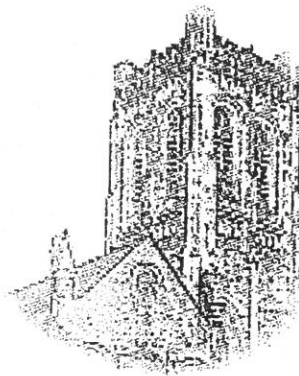
E-mail: melelainelew@yahoo.co.uk

Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor Carol Butler 07825 167 016

Vicar, The Rev'd Fr. Jonathan Lawson 0191 908 7835

**The Parochial Church Council
of the
Ecclesiastical Parish of St Gabriel
Heaton
Newcastle Upon Tyne**

Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st December 2023



Registered Charity number 1130736

St Gabriel's PCC

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity, Number 1130736.

The appointment of PCC members is governed and set out in the Church Representation Rules.

Membership of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

PCC members who have served since January 2023

Incumbent	Rev'd Fr Jonathan Lawson
Curate	Rev'd Alan White
Churchwardens	Mr Calum Aynsley Mr Mark Aynsley
Deanery Synod Reps (ex-officio)	Mr Calum Aynsley (elected May 2023) Mrs Margaret Legge (elected May 2023) Mrs Elizabeth Screen (elected May 2023) Dr Marie Cecile Stern-Peltz (stepped down May 2023)
Elected Members	Mr Robin Long (Treasurer) Ms Gill Purves (elected Secretary in January 2022) Mr Colin Harrison Mr David Forster Mr Jonathan Quintrell-Evans Mr Tim Burke (term ended May 2023) Mrs Heather Wear (term ended May 2023) Mrs Wyn Findlay (term ended May 2023) Mrs Gill Thomas (term ended May 2023) Mrs Melanie Lewis Mrs Claire Davidson Mr Brian Moore Mrs Dee Brownlee (elected May 2023) Mr Rob Davidson (elected May 2023) Mrs Corinne Raybould (elected May 2023) Mrs Alison Woodward (elected May 2023)

Financial Review of the Year Ended 31st December 2023

2023 was a year of two major projects necessitating financial transactions involving monies being received into the PCC account, transferred to deposit accounts to earn interest and then transferred back to pay contractors costs.

The toilets were refurbished at a cost of £35,859. Generous donations and many fundraising activities let by Alison Evans her team made a major contribution to the costs. Grants from Northumbria Historic Churches Trust and Grantscape (Suez Waste) were appreciated. Vat was recovered from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.

The renewal of the electric wiring together with replacement of the lighting with modern environmentally friendly equipment started in September 2023 at an anticipated cost of £151,000. Payments of £66,093 were made in 2023 and a further £59,244 have been paid in 2024 up to 8th February. Completion of the work is eagerly awaited. Grants have been received from Benefact Trust (Ecclesiastical Insurance), Garfield Weston, Prudhoe Street Mission Foundation and Northumbria Historic Churches Trust. Many generous donations have also been received.

Unrestricted voluntary income shows reductions in Gift Aid and Legacies, Donations and Grants.

Income from the Parish Centre rose by £5,600 but rent from Swindon Terrace dropped by £3,000 as we were without a tenant for some months. Higher interest rates were beneficial.

Our unrestricted outgoings were £21,000 less in 2023. Because of the cost of the projects and the associated cash flow we reduced payment of Parish Share by £10,000 to £70, 000. There was also reductions in running costs for both buildings.

Details of funds held in the Designated and Restricted accounts are broken down and detailed in note 3 of the main accounts.

Robin Long
Treasurer
February 2024

Parochial Church Council of Newcastle, St Gabriel
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2022
		£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Voluntary Income						
Planned Giving inc PGS		51,818			51,818	50,278
Gift Aid Recovered (PG)		11,697			11,697	15,516
Open Plate Collections	4	6,646			6,646	7,444
Gift Aid Recovered (Other)		2,563			2,563	4,150
Legacies, Donations & Gift Days		7,796	1,469	81,398	90,663	38,488
Grants & Job Retention Scheme		776		30,000	30,776	7,648
		81,296	1,469	111,398	194,163	123,524
Activities for Generating Funds						
Mission Activities	9	0		6,719	6,719	7908
Magazine Receipts		534			534	618
Events Inc Festivals		0			0	5000
		534	0	6,719	7,253	13,526
Income from Church Activities						
Vestry and Church Users		9,732			9,732	9,964
Parish Centre		34,044			34,044	28,400
Wedding & Funeral Fees		3,596			3,596	2,484
		47,372	0	0	47,372	40,848
Income from Investments						
Rent		6,902			6,902	9,965
Interest		159	2,980	1737	4,876	1,383
		7,061	2,980	1,737	11,778	11,348
Other Incoming Resources						
T/f from unrestricted		0				
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		136,263	4,449	119,854	260,566	189,246
Resources Expended						
Church Activities						
Missionary & Charitable Giving	11	293		7,174	7,467	7,736
Diocesan Parish Share		70,000			70,000	80,000
Clergy Expenses (inc 'phone)		683			683	723
Clergy Council Tax & Water		2,341			2,341	2,248
Church & Vestry Running Costs	5	29,110	26,566	108,256	163,932	42,532
Church Administration	6	8,041			8,041	7,752
Parish Centre Running Costs	7	7,991			7,991	14,700
Parish Centre Administration	8	2,140			2,140	564
Organist & Choral Director		2,368		4,443	6,811	7,822
Education		487			487	879
		123,454	26,566	119,873	269,893	164,956
Cost of Generating Funds						
Events		0				143
Maintenance & Costs of Let Ppty		1,062				1,064
Magazine		234				624
		1,296			0	1,831
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		124,750	26,566	119,873	269,893	166,787
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		11,513	-22,117	-19	-9,327	22,459
Bank & Deposit Account at 1 Jan		21,316	90,090	47,086	158,492	131,328
Bank & Deposit Account at 31 Dec		32,829	67,973	47,067	149,165	153,787

Parochial Church Council of Newcastle, St Gabriel.
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

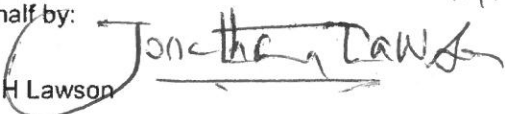
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Cash Funds		£	£	£	£
Bank Current Accounts		17,323	1,410	8,072	26,805
CCLA		0	63,996	18,548	82,544
Monmouthshire Blg Soc		15,800	0	0	15,800
		33,123	65,406	26,620	125,149
Other Monetary Assets					
VAT Grant due				5,737	5,737
Gift Aid Recoverable		886		250	1,136
		886		5,987	6,873
Investment Assets		nil			nil
Assets for Church Use					
Freehold Land & Bldgs	2	750,000			750,000
Liabilities					
Insurance		7,128			7,128

The attached notes on pages 6 -9 form part of these financial statements

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

Signed on their behalf by:

Rev'd Fr Jonathan H Lawson
Chairman

21st MARCH, 2024


Parochial Church Council of Newcastle, St Gabriel

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2011 using the Receipts & Payments basis.
2. Fixed assets retained for church use are the Parish Centre and the freehold house at 33 Swindon Terrace at an estimated valuation.
3. The movements in the designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal. B/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Bal. C/fwd
Designated				
Rudge Legacy	80,098	2,567	25,000	57,665
Friends	1,507	1,469	1,566	1,410
Fabric	8,485	413	0	8,898
	90,090	4,449	26,566	67,973
Restricted				
Mission Fund	3,503	6,720	7,174	3,049
Restoration	5,878	193	6,071	0
Lighting	19,004	82,224	66,093	35,135
Toilet	11,156	25,335	35,859	632
Music	370	12	0	382
Choral	1,075	4,737	4,443	1,369
Choir Club	6,100	634	233	6,501
	47,086	119,855	119,873	47,068
Other				
Baby & Toddler	6,127	1,858	3,194	4,791

The Rudge Legacy is distributed at the discretion of the Vicar and Church Wardens as needs arise. It has contributed towards the cost of the new lighting.

The Fabric fund is set aside to cover repairs and maintenance costs over £500.

The Friends of St Gabriel's group has been formed during 2021 to promote wider interest in the work of the church. It has paid for new notice boards, a hedge trimmer and the design of the St Gabriel's Shield.

The Mission Fund represents donations and fund raising activities which is distributed amongst charities at home and abroad on a regular basis.

The Restoration Fund represents accumulated donations and fund raising for the restoration of the church building and has been used for the new lighting.

The Toilet fund was set up to hold funds raised for the renovation of the church toilets and has been used for this.

The Music Fund provides for the purchase of choral music for use by the choir.

The Choral Fund covers the services of our Choral Director in developing choral music and expanding the choir.

The Choir Club fund has been created to receive monies and pay the costs of providing musical training for young people.

The Babe & Toddler financial summary has not been previously included. It will appear as part of the main statement in future years.

4. Open Plate Collections comprise:

	2023	2022
Baptism Collection	642	1,938
Funeral Collection	56	95
Digital	1318	727
Loose Collections	3497	3,668
Parish Breakfast	897	816
Wedding Colls	236	200
	6,646	7,444

5. Church and Vestry running costs:

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2022
Church HLW	3,920				7,123
Church Insurance	8,228				7,173
Church Main'ce	7,836	26,566	108,023	142,425	14,949
Music & Organ Maintain	3,858		233	233	8,839
Vestry Cleaning	2,140				2,002
Vestry Gas	1,257				547
Vestry Main'ce	605				572
Wine Wafer Candles	1,266				967
	29,110	26,566	108,256	163,932	42,172

6. Church Administration Costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2022
Printing & Stationery	2,142				1,528
Salaries	5,638				6,000
Telephone	261				224
	8,041			0	7,752

7. Parish Centre Running Costs:

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2022
Parish Centre Cleaning	2,140				2,006
Parish Centre HLW	2,702				3,575
Parish Centre Insurance	984				1,099
Parish Centre Main'ce	2,165				8,020
	7,991	0	0	7,991	14,700

8. Parish Centre Administration Costs:

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2022
Salaries etc	1,880				340
Telephone	260				224
	2,140			2,140	564

Mission Income		
	2023	2022
Cake Stall	91	107
Christmas services	578	610
Summer Fayre	2296	2,126
Family Fund & Food	250	514
Appeals	320	1,066
USPG		11
Winter Wonderland	2889	2,812
Donation	246	280
Gift Aid	50	242
	6,720	7,768

Mission Distributions

	2023	2022	
Cedarwood Trust	240	240	
Corrymeela Community	200	200	
Church Army	120	120	
Action Foundation	200	200	
Leprosy Mission	120	120	
Licenced Readers	35	35	
Marygate House	70	70	
Mission to Seafarers	60	60	
Newcastle Women's Aid	185	185	
Northumbrian Deaf Mission	120	120	
People's Kitchen	135	135	
P.I.C.A.	150	150	
U,S.P.G	500	500	
Turkey	187	820	DEC Ukraine
Society of St Francis	200	200	
Changing Lives	70	70	
Church Urban Fund	150	150	
Martha & Marys	350	350	
Gaza	250	300	Parkistan
Mission Initiative	150	150	
West End Refugees	180	150	
Haven Tyneside	150	150	
ChuF	700	650	M NE
DEC Turkey	700	650	Alzeimers
MIND	700	650	Save the Children
Expenses and Equipment	223	200	
MSF (Christmas 2023)	578	610	
NBSE & Street Games	451	501	
	7,174	7,736	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Ecclesiastical Parish of St Gabriel, Heaton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December, 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1130736

Set out on pages

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**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December, 2021

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 Charity'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 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.

Signed:

Date:

16th April, 2024

Name:

Julian Brown

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Not Applicable

Address:

19, Manor Road, Tynemouth

North Shields, Tyne and Wear.

NE30 4RJ

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.

No Items to disclose.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

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Ecclesiastical Parish of St Gabriel, Heaton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December, 2023

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Accounts

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish
of St Gabriel's Heaton Newcastle upon Tyne**

(Registered Charity number 1130736)

Trustees Annual Report

**for the year ended
31st December 2022**



The Parochial Church of the
Ecclesiastical Parish of St Gabriel's Heaton

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

Aims and Purposes

To promote the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, social and ecumenical.

Background

St Gabriel's is a suburban parish in the Heaton area of Newcastle upon Tyne (and forms part of the Newcastle East Deanery). The larger proportion of the housing within the parish dates from the early part of the 20th century and consists of terrace houses some of which are Tyneside flats. There are areas of more modern housing and some social student housing. There is a healthy blend of students, young families and retired people in the community.

The Church is a stone built Grade II listed building dating from 1899. Its tower forms a landmark at the corner of Heaton Road and St Gabriel's Avenue. The Church building is kept open on weekdays for most months of the year for use by those who wish to visit and pray.

The Parish Centre adjacent to the church provides a space for various parish and community activities including the Parish Office. A number of rooms are let to various individuals, groups and charities principally CRUSE counselling.

Mission Statement

'St. Gabriel's seeks through God's grace to serve the people of the parish in which it is set by being:

A place of prayer.

A welcoming community.

A prophetic voice speaking truth to power.

Open to the stranger, the marginalised and oppressed.

Concerned for all creation and its protection and sustainability.

Fully committed to working together with people of faith and all in the local community for the common good.

Vicar's Report

The night before I prepared this report, I was in church preparing for Evening Prayer. At certain times of the year in St. Gabriel's the light shines with amazing intensity on parts of the building, and that night the light shone on the three altar panels on the main altar of the church, and so I spent some time gazing at them. I wonder if you have ever done that? They are spectacularly beautiful, more so since they were cleaned and restored some years ago, and the first (on the left) depicts St. Gabriel speaking to the Blessed Virgin Mary. How amazing to be under the patronage of one who joins both heaven and earth, and invites people to go more deeply into God's call for them. No wonder that this is a place where vocation in its widest sense is written into the fabric of the place. It's perhaps important to remember that Mary was not ordained!

None of us have ever lived through a pandemic before. The road map out of it has therefore not been clear and the legacy hard to discern. I have a feeling that it may take many years to really understand the toll it has taken on people, organisations and communities. As such, I sense that this last year has been one of consolidation: of getting back to some form of normality.

I, like others, have found the last couple of years a bit of a time warp – it has been hard to remember quite what happened when, what the restrictions were, what we could and couldn't do. To help me and you, I'll remind you that this last year was the first without restrictions in place: and singing and worship was free to be what it had been before. I think it's worth remembering all this. It is quite extraordinary the disruption and pain that we have all been through.

Reflecting on last year, one of the stand out moments of great poignancy, was the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Like the pandemic itself, many of us can never remember the death of a monarch in Great Britain, and although her death was not a surprise, it was nonetheless a shock. The church was kept open as usual: people came and lit candles and wrote in a book of remembrance and we held a special service to give thanks for the life of Her Majesty. As a parish church, and as part of the Church of England with the monarch as Supreme Governor, we are uniquely placed to provide such a space and such a commemoration. It was made ever more poignant as we had, with the rest of the nation, celebrated her Platinum Jubilee just a few months before.

Church life doesn't just happen. It takes a great deal of work by a good deal of people. I am grateful to Stephanie McLaughlin who stepped into the breach to be elected as churchwarden when James Bartle went to theological college. I am sorry that she resigned as churchwarden due to ill health, and I am grateful to Calum Aynsley for all that he did as a solo churchwarden in the meantime, and to Mark Aynsley who was subsequently elected as Stephanie's successor. I have never worked with a father and son set of churchwardens before, but I am grateful for their support, hard work and diligence. Quite a few of you have been churchwardens in the past and know that it involves a great deal of hard work. If Gabriel is a representative of heaven to earth, churchwardens are representatives of you to the Incumbent and to the bishop.

There are many highlights to the last year, but one of them for me was Paul Knox's ordination to the diaconate at St. Nicholas' Cathedral at Petertide. We then hosted a party for him here at St. Gabriel's. In 2023 we shall see, God willing, his ordination to the priesthood and Mairi Howell's ordination as a deacon. We also had an ordinand on placement last year for Holy Week, Elaine Grant from Cranmer Hall, who brought a great deal of energy to her time here.

Last year saw the formation of the 'Friends of St. Gabriel's'. I am very grateful to Anne Pickering for founding the Friends and for leafletting the whole parish to inform people about it. It is already a great asset and a lovely way to draw the wider community into the life of St. Gabriel's. We are fortunate at St. Gabriel's that people use their imagination to wonder what God might be calling us to do next in response to the needs of the parish. One example of this is 'Family, Food and Fun', which has come out of a concern both for holiday hunger as well as the rising cost of living. Run once a week in the summer holidays and school holidays ever since, it has attracted a large number of families that we would otherwise have had no contact with. Thank you to all those who help run and resource this activity.

Last year also saw the return of the Arts and Crafts Fayre at St. Gabriel's. A lot of hard work went into organising it from Christine White and Anne Pickering, and it seemed to go remarkably well. There was a wonderful atmosphere, and the event raised just over £3,000 for church funds. It was lovely too to see the church fayres return in all their glory, the Christmas Fayre raising a record amount for the Missions Fund. Last year also saw the return of the Heaton Festival – an extraordinary reminder of how much more we can do together than apart.

We did some significant work to our buildings last year too. Further work was done to repair the church roof, drainpipes and gutters, some of which involved the use of a cherry picker. The drains were renewed in the parish centre, the outside painted and the room Aidan repainted and recarpeted.

Over time I have learned that for a parish church to flourish, certain things need to be in place to allow that flourishing to happen. Sometimes it's the smallest of things, like people knowing who to ask if they want to be involved or help. Our welcome pack plays a big part in that, but so do our employees. Both Jeni and Tim have played a considerable part in helping this church to flourish. The development we have seen in choral music since Tim's appointment has been quite staggering, and being Tim he has even more plans. Jeni, through her work in the Parish Office has created systems that allow us to promote the church and its activities much more widely, and to allow people to use the church, choir vestry and parish centre more easily. As such, our contact with people and groups has grown immeasurably.

There are of course some very big challenges ahead. We still have to pay our way. Our electricity costs doubled overnight last year. We have the challenge of how to be a more eco sensitive church too, particularly in how we heat our buildings. We have the toilets to refurbish, the wiring and lighting to be renewed, and a very major project to reroof the tower, which is likely to require scaffolding the whole of the tower on one side. Dare I mention the organ too! But maybe it's important to remember too that one hundred and twenty five years ago this was just a field, and look what has happened since!

I began with mentioning the church building and its beauty, and I would like to end with that. If you look in our visitors book you'll find ample evidence of how much this place means to people. It holds memories, prayers, joy and hope for many, many people. Just a few weeks ago a gentleman called at the parish centre to ask if he could come with his wife (who is now infirm) to the church, because it was sixty years to the day since they were married here. We are privileged to be the church in this place serving the people of this parish in this generation. We are called to remind people that they are beautiful in God's eyes, and we can only do that if we have experienced that for ourselves.

I pray that God will give us grateful hearts, and eyes to see what he is doing in this place. To him be the glory.

The Rev'd Fr. Jonathan Lawson
Vicar

Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

The year commenced with the appointment of Calum Aynsley as the new Churchwarden in the position vacated by Melanie Lewis. After a short time, the second Churchwarden post became vacant following the resignation of Stephanie McLaughlin. Consequently, Mark Aynsley was elected Churchwarden in October. A review of the Terrier and Inventory was completed in February 2023. Some additional entries were added and several items not located at the last review were re-discovered. A purple Altar Frontal in memory of Jennifer Dobson was blessed and dedicated.

Extensive roofing issues have been uncovered during the year. Rain water pipes have been replaced near the North Transept, gutters and drain pipes cleared in the North Isle and Choir Vestry and valley gutters repaired to the Parish Centre. Significant issues remain with the Tower Roof, damaged during Storm Arwen and only discovered during a roof inspection in November 22. Discussions continue with our insurers regarding repair options.

Future repairs to the Clergy Vestry roof are under consideration. Draft plans for toilet refurbishment and new lighting have been agreed. Significant repairs to the Parish Centre drains have been completed and estimates for pointing of the building are under consideration by the PCC. Draft excluders have been fitted to the main doors and new entry matting purchased after concerns the old mat was slipping. A number of repairs have been completed in year to the central heating boilers in all locations. The organ continues to require regular maintenance and repair. The church remains open and a comprehensive number services continue on a weekly basis. The warm hub has been a very welcome addition to the weekly agenda and numbers of attendees is continuing to climb.

Both wardens would like to acknowledge the assistance of Melanie Lewis for her support when Calum continued as a single (inexperienced) Churchwarden and also to Robin Long for managing the faculties and grant applications.

Calum and Mark

Objectives and Activities

St Gabriel's PCC has the responsibility, with co-operation with the Incumbent, of promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for the Parish Centre as 2. St Gabriel's Avenue, Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne and a house at 33. Swindon Terrace, Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Structure, governance and management

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PCC Committees and Working Groups

To assist the work of the PCC there are the following committees and working groups:

Standing Committee

This committee is established in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. It has power to transact business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any direction given by the Council.

Parish Centre Management Task Group

The group meets to discuss all aspects of the running and maintenance of the Parish Centre.

Pastoral Visitors Group

The group visits parishioners who are housebound or in nursing homes, generally providing Home Communion and pastoral care.

Safeguarding Group

The Safeguarding group has oversight for Safeguarding for the Church ensuring particularly that children and young people are kept safe and that good practice and procedures are in place to ensure this.

Mission Group

This group arranges the Summer Garden Party, the Winter Wonderland Fair and yearly decides which charities to support with the money raised during the year.

Toilet Working Party (Flush Fund)

Set up to look at the refurbishment of the toilet facilities in Church and to co ordinate fundraising for this work.

Review of the Year 2022

January 2022

The designs for the new lighting scheme and toilet refurbishment almost complete and it is envisaged that the plans will be examined in detail by the PCC at the February meeting. A pie and pea supper fundraising event is to be held and was agreed by the PCC.

Christmas services were well attended more people at midnight mass than in 2019

There are now 36 members of Friends of St Gabriel's who have raised over £1000.

The church choir now has 70 members, 50 of whom sing regularly in church. The PCC thanked Tim choir director for all his ongoing hard work. The safeguarding action plan has been completed and uploaded to the parish dashboard.

February 2022

The first Julian group in Newcastle was held on 7th February with attendees from Walker and Whitley Bay churches.

The PCC received a comprehensive presentation of the proposed lighting scheme by Michael Screen. The cost is estimated to be in the region of 60-80K. The design was accepted unanimously by the PCC. Ian Ness architect has completed the plans for the toilet refurbishment which the PCC accepted in full. Margaret Legge retired from her post in the parish centre. Parish office staffing discussed and the PCC agreed to increase Jeni's hours.

March 2022

An anonymous donation of 5K was been given towards the lighting scheme. The toilet plans are being prepared to go to tender and then go for faculty approval.

The lent course led by Fr Alan White started this month.

The finance report for the year end has been reviewed by an independent financial advisor. At the year end the financial position was healthy. The report was accepted by the PCC. Some essential maintenance work needs to be done on the parish centre. The church book of remembrance will be updated by a local calligrapher. It was suggested that the parish centre could be used to help Ukrainian refugees the church of England have produced guidance on this.

April 2022

Still awaiting tender and price for the lighting scheme and toilet refurbishment. All of the work was sent to faculty for approval. Positive feedback was received for all Holy week and Easter services especially the procession on Palm Sunday with a Taizé chant. A family from Ukraine have attended Church and £270 so far has been collected for the DEC fund. HMRC has refunded some tax.

Essential work in the parish centre including redecorating Aidan and some external work was agreed by the PCC at a cost of £1100. Lent lunches were successful with good attendance from St Gabriel's. The annual treasurers report was received which demonstrated that we had a lot to celebrate!

Four members of PCC are stepping down next month and were all thanked for their hard work.

May A.P.C.M followed by P.C.C.

Minutes of last meeting agreed. Appointments confirmed through unanimous elections.

June 2022

Estimates and tenders for the lighting and toilet refurb have been sent. Heaton festival is to take place on 25th June. Heather Wear was appointed to the standing committee. Newcastle council offering 2K for small projects so a number of ideas suggested. "Come and Sing" requiem concert in association with Sing Newcastle took place on 28th June headed by Tim choir master. Financial report discussed and challenges around heating and electric payments discussed. Rent on Swindon Terrace increased.

Holiday club discussed with possible one day a week being organised throughout summer holidays to include fun and food. The organ blower needs serviced at a cost of £2661 plus VAT. A recent donation has been given which can be used towards the cost.

Deputy church warden role discussed as difficult job for just one warden to carry out. Callum Aynsley was appointed recently as church warden to replace Mel Lewis. Proposed there would be a garden party in July. Proceeds to support three local charities. The Hodgson family have made a donation and Fr Jonathan suggested that the money be used to buy a new frontal for the lady chapel in memory of Jennifer Dobson. An all-age Eucharist and parade took place for the Queens jubilee. Paul Knox was ordained.

July 2022

Toilet project plans out to tender. Lighting plans not yet complete. Heaton festival was a great success. Family fun and food has been running every Thursday with refreshments, activities and lunch offered to families. There has been a donation from the congregation and the Diocese to fund this. New choir robes have been purchased with a donation. A local resident has donated a tree and plaque in memory of her late husband. Stephanie McLaughlin resigned as church warden the PCC thanked Stephanie for all her hard work. Music at St Gabriel's continues to flourish. Tim writes a new piece of music for the choir each week. There was a festival of music at the coast which was supported by a number of people from St Gabriel's. Tim is considering a new project for free music education for 5- to 7-year-olds and is applying for grants to fund this. 40K has been paid to parish share by the end of June so we are on target to pay the full amount. New signage is in place at the Parish centre. Aidan has been redecorated and a new carpet fitted. Domestic abuse course will be offered for all members of the PCC. Alternatively, an online course is available via safeguarding tab.

September 2022

The lighting scheme is out to tender. The PCC agreed to pay a bill for the work completed so far. Summer garden party was a great success and raised a good sum of money which was given to three local charities. Family food and fun was a great success with over 50 children attending. Three quotes have been received for the toilet project. All in total refurbishments could cost in the region of £145,000. The treasurer is currently applying for grants. Fr Jonathan is pursuing a contractor to renew the notice boards. The church insurance is up for renewal and all costs have increased. The church provided a book of remembrance commemorating the death of Queen Elizabeth II. A sermon was given and the national anthem sung in remembrance. Another Come along and Sing will be organised by the choir master. A donation has been given and Fr Jonathan suggested purchasing hymn books to use at choral evensong.

Parish share has been paid to date. Patronal festival will go ahead with the Venerable Rachael Wood, Archdeacon of Northumberland preaching.

October 2022

Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley appointed as Bishop of Newcastle (Designate). She will be enthroned in the New Year. Three companies have been approached to provide bids for the lighting scheme. The faculty is now complete for the toilet refurbishment. Arts and Crafts fair held on 8th and 9th October was a great success over £3K was raised which would go to the toilet fund and the church fund. Another one-day family food and fun took place on 27th October Positive feedback from families who attended. The patronal festival and gift day great success and raised over £2,400. The harvest festival food was greatly received by the people's kitchen and the Walker food bank. The Dioceses has produced a Deanery development plan and have asked for volunteers from each parish. Parish share discussion resulted in a decision to reduce the share for the next year to 70K in light of the current financial situation and the extensive refurbishment projects. An extraordinary vestry meeting was arranged for 30th October where a new church warden Mark Aynsley was appointed. A warm space is to be created in church on Thursday morning following the Eucharist where tea and coffee can be served. Junior church now under Mel Lewis leadership. Fr Jonathan has been doing assemblies at Chillingham Road and Jesmond Park Academy following the Queen's death.

November 2022

'Come Along and Sing' Duruflé Requiem took place on 12 November. It was a beautiful concert with 40+ singers. This was the start of a wonderful weekend of music and remembrance with the Remembrance Service and Choral Evensong the following day. Fr Jonathan proposed that the church match fund £2k to help Tim's applications for funding for the children after school music club. Agreed by PCC. A roofer has provided a quote for damage to the roof and the valley gutter. Work was agreed by the PCC. Two companies have provided bids for the lighting scheme works and one was agreed by the PCC with further detail needed. One bid was received for the toilet refurbishment and another grant application is being prepared by the treasurer. All work agreed by PCC. A number of events organised for the Christmas period. Training for Domestic abuse was carried out by PCC members.

December 2022

Work on the lighting scheme continues with accessibility issues assessed to try to reduce costs. Toilets are making progress. Christmas with Sant held on 11th December and was a great success. The Dioceses sent an email to acknowledge the good work. Warm space in church now up and running every Thursday. Winter wonderland was held again this year and raised £2.600. A number of services have been arranged for the Christmas period.

Tim choir director has been successful in securing a grant for £500 towards the children after school singing club. There are problems with the roof. The tower and the ladder which need urgent repair. The insurance company has been contacted as this could be due to storm damage. Funding for heating was awarded from a national grant based on deprivation index. An anonymous donor has given £1K and a donation has been given towards hymn books in memory of Vivien Pickering. A further 7K was given to parish share. It was agreed that the Christmas Eve crib service collection would go to Medicines San Frontières. The PCC had a fruitful discussion around mission. The safeguarding dashboard is complete and we are at Level 3.

Achievements and Performances Statistics

<u>Parish Statistics</u>	2022	2021*	2020**	2019	2018	2017
Average weekly attendance	140	83	70	139	106	105
Average Sunday Communicants	80	74	50	92	80	90
Average mid-week Communicants	20	19	10	18	12	14
Average afternoon Communicants	10	N/A	0	11	10	10
Communicants at Easter	107	82	0	125	132	126
Attendance at Easter Services	186	132	0	251	201	232
Communicants at Christmas services	107	106	70	124	117	202
Attendances at Christmas services	445	306	90	575	509	584
Baptisms	31	21	8	31	31	12
Weddings	6	4	0	4	8	12
Funerals	21	26	20	28	20	23
Confirmation candidates	0	6	0	3	3	2
Electoral Roll	139	150	147	140	156	151

2022 - Mostly back to Pre Pandemic life although some distancing advised and some people still cautious about returning to in person activities.

****2021 - The Covid Pandemic continued with different levels of restrictions on meeting indoors, face coverings, limits on services and advice to stay home unless essential with national school closures in place from January to March.***

*****2020 - Churches were closed from March - June due to the Covid Pandemic with periods of restriction on meeting indoors, face coverings, limits on services and advice to stay home unless essential and school closures continuing throughout the year.***

St Gabriel's Heaton - Safeguarding

This statement was adopted by St Gabriel's Parish at a Parochial Church Council meeting held on 20th September 2018 and is reviewed each year by the Parochial Church Council and re-affirmed at the Annual Meeting.

Safeguarding Policy Statement of the Church of England

The Church of England, its Archbishops, Bishops, clergy and leaders are committed to safeguarding as an integral part of the life and ministry of the Church.

Safeguarding means the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture. This means we will promote the welfare of children, young people and adults, work to prevent abuse from occurring, seek to protect those that are at risk of being abused and respond well to those that have been abused.

We will take care to identify where a person may present a risk to others, and offer support to them whilst taking steps to mitigate such risks.

The Church of England affirms the 'Whole Church' approach to safeguarding. This approach encompasses a commitment to consistent policy and practice across all Church bodies, Church Officers and that everyone associated with the Church, who comes into contact with children, young people and adults, has a role to play.

The Church will take appropriate steps to maintain a safer environment for all and to practice fully and positively Christ's Ministry towards children, young people and adults; to respond sensitively and compassionately to their needs in order to help keep them safe from harm.

St Gabriel's Safeguarding Policy

We are committed to care for one another safely and recognise that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as at risk at some time in our lives.

We are committed to:

- Safeguarding people who may be at risk, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
- Promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
- Promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be at risk.
- Recruiting safely following the recognised procedures.
- Supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work with children/young people and adults who might be at risk.

It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse.

If you have any safeguarding concerns please inform the parish safeguarding officer or a member of the clergy as quickly as possible.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer for St Gabriel's Church is:

Name: Ms Melanie Lewis

0191 903 1231

E-mail: melelainelew@yahoo.co.uk

Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor Carol Butler 07825 167 016

Vicar, The Rev'd Fr. Jonathan Lawson 0191 908 7835

**The Parochial Church Council
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Newcastle upon Tyne**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st December 2022

Registered Charity number 1130736

Financial Review of the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Our total income for 2022 showed an increase of £39,000 with increases under all headings. Much of the increase in voluntary income was due to fundraising and generous donations for the refurbishment of the church lighting and toilets which will take place in 2023.

We held a very successful Arts and Crafts Festival led by Anne Pickering and Christine White raising £3,000. Come and Sing events brought in over £1,000 as well as providing excellent music for both participants and audience.

We also saw the launch of a Choir Club to encourage young people to develop their musical and singing skills. Funding has come from outside grants as well as the PCC.

Our Missions Group held record breaking Summer and Winter Fairs.

2022 saw an increase in rental income for both Church/Vestry and Parish Centre.

Buildings the age and size of the Church and Parish Centre require ongoing repairs and maintenance. Over £7,000 was spent on roof work and £3,200 on work on the organ blower. An altar frontal in memory of Jennifer Dobson was purchased using generous donations.

Work on the Parish Centre included decorating, a new carpet and electrical work.

Details of monies held in the various funds are shown in note 3 in the main accounts. Much of these will be needed for the new lighting and the toilet refurbishment.

We are required to maintain realistic reserves in our general account. These amount to over £15,000.

Robin Long
Treasurer
January 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2021
		£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Voluntary Income						
Planned Giving inc PGS		50,278			50,278	51,080
Gift Aid Recovered (PG)		15,516			15,516	15,340
Open Plate Collections	4	7,444			7,444	4,609
Gift Aid Recovered (Other)		2,676		1,474	4,150	2,136
Legacies, Donations & Gift Days		14,417	507	23,564	38,488	21,035
Grants & Job Retention Scheme		1,548		6,100	7,648	10,045
		91,879	507	31,138	123,524	104,245
Activities for Generating Funds						
Mission Activities	9			7,908	7,908	6834
Magazine Receipts		618			618	535
Events Inc Festivals		1,059		3,941	5,000	375
		1,677	0	11,849	13,523	7,744
Income from Church Activities						
Vestry and Church Users		9,964			9,964	4,583
Parish Centre		28,400			28,400	21,281
Wedding & Funeral Fees		2,484			2,484	3,445
		40,848	0	0	40,848	29,309
Income from Investments						
Rent		9,965			9,965	9,690
Interest		70	1,030	283	1,383	183
		10,035	1,030	283	11,348	9,873
Other Incoming Resources						
T/f from unrestricted		0				
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		144,439	1,537	43,270	189,246	151,171
Resources Expended						
Church Activities						
Missionary & Charitable Giving	11			7,736	7,736	7,974
Diocesan Parish Share		80,000			80,000	80,000
Clergy Expenses (inc 'phone)		723			723	710
Clergy Council Tax & Water		2,248			2,248	2,184
Church & Vestry Running Costs	5	35,794	3,738	3,000	42,532	26,922
Church Administration	6	7,752			7,752	6,919
Parish Centre Running Costs	7	14,700			14,700	6,613
Parish Centre Administration	8	564			564	944
Organist & Choral Director		1,300		6,522	7,822	7,080
Education		879			879	613
		143,960	3,738	17,258	164,956	139,959
Cost of Generating Funds						
Events		143			143	0
Maintenance & Costs of Let Ppty		1,064			1,064	1,989
Magazine		624			624	750
		1,831			1,831	2,739
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		145,791	3,738	17,258	166,787	142,698
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		-1,352	-2,201	26,012	22,459	8,473
Bank & Deposit Account at 1 Jan		22,668	92,291	21,073	136,032	131,328
Bank & Deposit Account at 31 Dec		21,316	90,090	47,085	158,491	139,801

Parochial Church Council of Newcastle, St Gabriel.
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Cash Funds		£	£	£	£
Bank Current Accounts		5,676	1,507	10,678	17,861
CCLA		0	88,583	36,403	124,986
Monmouthshire Blg Soc		15,641		0	15,641
Virgin Money			0		0
		21,317	90,090	47,081	158,488
Other Monetary Assets					
Gift Aid Recoverable		1,997		0	1,997
Investment Assets		Nil			Nil
Assets for Church Use					
Freehold Land & Bldgs	2	750,000			750,000
Liabilities					
Insurance		6,579			6,579

The attached notes on pages 5 -8 form part of these financial statements

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

Signed on their behalf by:

Rev'd Fr Jonathan H Lawson
Chairman

16th February, 2023.
Jonathan Lawson

Parochial Church Council of Newcastle, St Gabriel

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2011 using the Receipts & Payments basis.
2. Fixed assets retained for church use are the Parish Centre and the freehold house at 33 Swindon Terrace at an estimated valuation.
3. The movements in the designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal.B/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Bal. C/fwd
Designated				
Rudge Legacy	79,172	926	0	80,098
Friends	1,080	507	80	1,507
Fabric	12,039	104	3,658	8,485
	92,291	1,537	3,738	90,090
Restricted				
Mission Fund	3,331	7,908	7,736	3,503
Restoration	8,772	106	3,000	5,878
Lighting	0	19,004	0	19,004
Toilet	6,027	5,129	0	11,156
Music	363	6	0	369
Choral	2,580	5,017	6,522	1,075
Choir Club	0	6,100	0	6,100
	21,073	43,270	17,258	47,085

The Rudge Legacy is distributed at the discretion of the Vicar and Church Wardens as needs arise.

The Fabric fund is set aside to cover repairs and maintenance costs over £500.

The Friends of St Gabriel's group has been formed during 2021 to promote wider interest in the work of the church.

The Mission Fund represents donations and fund raising activities which is distributed amongst charities at home and abroad on a regular basis.

The Restoration Fund represents accumulated donations and fund raising for the restoration of the church building and can only be used for this purpose.

The Toilet fund has been set up to hold funds raised for the renovation of the church toilets

The Music Fund provides for the purchase of choral music for use by the choir.

The Choral Fund covers the services of our Choral Director in developing choral music and expanding the choir.

The Choir Club fund has been created to receive monies and pay the costs of providing musical training for young people.

4. Open Plate Collections comprise:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Baptism Collection	1938	1,302
Funeral Collection	95	423
Digital	727	399
Loose Collections	3668	2,261
Parish Breakfast	816	81
Wedding Colls	200	143
	7,444	4,609

5. Church and Vestry running costs:

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2021
Church HLW	7,123			7,123	4,933
Church Insurance	7,173			7,173	6,925
Church Main'ce	8,571	3,378	3,000	14,949	3,086
Music & Organ	8,839			8,839	0
Vestry Cleaning	2,002			2,002	1,686
Vestry Gas	547			547	1,099
Vestry Main'ce	572			572	1,335
Wine Wafer Candles	1,582			1,582	821
	36,409	3,378	3,000	35,664	19,885

6. Church Administration Costs:

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2021
Printing & Stationery	1,528				1,699
Salaries	6,000				5,000
Telephone	224				220
	7,752			0	6,919

7. Parish Centre Running Costs:

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2021
Parish Centre Cleaning	2,006			2,006	1,967
Parish Centre HLW	3,575			3,575	2,141
Parish Centre Insurance	1,099			1,099	1,309
Parish Centre Main'ce	8,020			8,020	1,196
	14,700	0	0	14,700	6,613

8. Parish Centre Administration Costs:

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2021
Salaries	340			340	725
Telephone	224	-	-	224	219
	564	-	-	564	944

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9. Income from Mission Activities

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
Cake Stall	107	410	
Christmas services	610	200	
Summer Fayre	2126	2,787	
Family Fund & Food	514	60	Misc
Appeals	1066	200	Covid Appeal
USPG	11	0	
Winter Wonderland	2812	2,042	Bake & Raffle
Donation	280	1,010	
Bank Interest	0	0	
Gift Aid	242	125	
NBSE		0	
	7,768	6,834	

10. Distribution of Mission Income:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
Cedarwood Trust	240	240	
Corrymeela Community	200	200	
Church Army	120	120	
Action Foundation	200	0	
Leprosy Mission	120	120	
Licenced Readers	35	35	
Marygate House	70	70	
Mission to Seafarers	60	60	
Newcastle Women's Aid	185	185	
Northumbrian Deaf Mission	120	120	
People's Kitchen	135	135	
P.I.C.A.	150	150	
U.S.P.G	500	500	
DEC Ukraine	820	700	USPG India
Society of St Francis	200	200	
Changing Lives	70	70	
Church Urban Fund	150	150	
Martha & Marys	350	750	
DEC Parkistan	300	250	
Mission Initiative	150	150	
West End Refugees	150	150	
MaNE	650	800	CALM
Alzheimers Society	650	800	Fact
Save the Children	650	800	DEC Coronavirus
Expenses and Equipment	200	320	
MSF (Christmas 2022)	610	200	MSF 2021
NBSE & Street Games	501	199	NBSE & Street Games
Haven Tyneside	150	500	MSF 2020
	7,736	7,974	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Ecclesiastical Parish of St Gabriel, Heaton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December, 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1130736

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December, 2021

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 Charity'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 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.

Signed:

Date: 16th April, 2023

Name:

Julian Brown

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Not Applicable

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No Items to disclose.



Section A

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Accounts

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish
of St Gabriel's Heaton Newcastle upon Tyne**

(Registered Charity number 1130736)

Trustees Annual Report

**for the year ended
31st December 2021**



The Parochial Church of the
Ecclesiastical Parish of St Gabriel's Heaton

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Aims and Purposes

To promote the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, social and ecumenical.

Background

St Gabriel's is a suburban parish in the Heaton area of Newcastle upon Tyne (and forms part of the Newcastle East Deanery). The larger proportion of the housing within the parish dates from the early part of the 20th century and consists of terrace houses some of which are Tyneside flats. There are areas of more modern housing and some social student housing. There is a healthy blend of students, young families and retired people in the community.

The Church is a stone built Grade II listed building dating from 1899. Its tower forms a landmark at the corner of Heaton Road and St Gabriel's Avenue. The Church building is kept open on weekdays for most months of the year for use by those who wish to visit and pray.

The Parish Centre adjacent to the church provides a space for various parish and community activities including the Parish Office. A number of rooms are let to various individuals, groups and charities principally CRUSE counselling.

Mission Statement

'St. Gabriel's seeks through God's grace to serve the people of the parish in which it is set by being:

A place of prayer.

A welcoming community.

A prophetic voice speaking truth to power.

Open to the stranger, the marginalised and oppressed.

Concerned for all creation and its protection and sustainability.

Fully committed to working together with people of faith and all in the local community for the common good.

Vicar's Report

If you had told me a few years ago that I might be moved to tears by the reintroduction of congregational singing in public worship, I would have wondered what you were talking about. But 2021 was a year when some of what had been taken away was given back. Churches were permitted to stay open despite restrictions and eventually congregational singing was allowed again: and what a Sunday that was when it happened! In the meantime, St. Gabriel's, as ever, adapted. We made the tough decision to stay open, when most local churches chose to close, and for a time the congregation was greatly diminished in number. But there was also great resourcefulness, and whenever permitted we had either solo singers or a choir of a certain number of voices. As such, the services continued to be joyful celebrations and we also broadcast services on Facebook until covid restrictions ended in the summer. This could only have been made possible because of the excellent team of people at St. Gabriel's who made it happen.

In 2021, James Bartle was recommended for ordination training, and started his priestly formation at Cranmer Hall in Durham in the autumn, bringing to three the number of the congregation now in training for ordination. St. Gabriel's also hosted a confirmation at Michaelmas, and Bishop Mark Wroe presided, confirmed and preached at the Patronal Festival, where two young people and five adults were confirmed from this parish, as well as two adults from the Parish of St. Mary Magdalene, Longbenton. At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting we elected a full membership to the PCC for the first time in many years. The church being open for worship at every opportunity has borne fruit and there have been a substantial number of new people at St. Gabriel's, including Stephanie McLaughlin, who was elected churchwarden following James' resignation from that office.

We have been fortunate this last year not only to benefit from the ministry of Alan and Sheila but also from Father Jon Cooper, who has regularly preached and presided, and made his home at St. Gabriel's along with Sally his wife. We have also been blessed by Scott Gardiner who was on placement from Cranmer Hall, and his wife Donna and son Theo. Over the year we have had a gradual return of weddings and baptisms.

In February 2021, Margaret Hogarth died, who had been a faithful member of St. Gabriel's congregation, vicar's secretary and then parish administrator and secretary to the Mothers' Union branch at St. Gabriel's. She is greatly missed by many of us.

Two building projects have continued to germinate in the last year: one that involves the rewiring and relighting of the church, whilst the other involves the refurbishment of the church toilets. A great deal of work is going into both projects as well as significant investment, and both require a faculty. Also this last year the majority of the quinquennial works were completed, although this revealed a box gutter in between the church and choir vestry that was totally rotten and needed to be replaced.

As the church has emerged out of enforced hibernation, much has come back to life, with new groups using the choir vestry and all the tenants have returned to the parish centre. As such our income has recovered, and with the help of a covid grant of £10,000 from Newcastle City Council, we were able to pay a contribution of £80,000 to the Diocese for the parish share: a quite remarkable achievement considering the year that has been. A bake sale was arranged for Valentine's Day and holiday packs were again distributed in the Easter holidays.

One of the things that St. Gabriel's offered during the lockdowns was to be a refuge and space for musicians. The Chilli Road band rehearsed in the church garden, local musicians rehearsed in the church and the People's Theatre used the garden for a production of Midsummer's Night Dream, with Tim Burke providing a choir for the production. All of this cemented ever deeper relationships not only with the local community but also with local musicians and actors. The Northern Symphonia Chorus even rehearsed in the church garden! A lot of work also went into the church gardens, and in particular the wild garden which is being developed by a local resident. We also received our first beehive!

Alan White was ordained on 3rd July at St. George's, Jesmond and presided at the Eucharist for the first time the next day at St. Gabriel's. Afterwards we had a party! It was lovely to return to communal events such as the Summer and Christmas Fayre's, and as ever large amounts of money have been raised this last year for charity. Also founded this last year was the Friends of St. Gabriel's, which Anne Pickering has put a great deal of energy and enthusiasm into. We also appointed our first organ scholar: the scholarship having been very generously paid for by a benefactor.

The year came to a conclusion with an Advent trail through Heaton of knitted sheep placed in shop windows and community buildings, with the sheep being collected up for the crib service and then given to those who attended. The Christmas services were really spectacular and it was so exciting to return to a full celebration after the rather restricted celebrations of the year before.

St. Gabriel's is a very exciting place to minister. It is full of surprises, and I'm often taken aback by the extraordinary people God brings to us here. The challenge of course is how to create an environment where everyone can flourish and where they can use their gifts and talents for the good of all. There are many examples of that at St. Gabriel's, but for me one of the most potent is what is happening with music, where people of all ages and ability are being drawn to the musical life of St. Gabriel's. It is extraordinary to witness.

And the dance goes on. Thanks be to God.

The Rev'd Fr. Jonathan Lawson

Vicar

Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

This was a changing year for Churchwardens, as James Bartle left to train for the priesthood and we thanked him for the substantial contribution he had made to St Gabriel's in many ways. Stephanie McLaughlin was appointed as his successor in October 2021.

The majority of the quinquennial works were completed this year which mainly involved replacing missing slates on the church roof. The work also revealed a rotten box gutter between the choir vestry and the Church.

We had the Choir Vestry professionally cleaned and the curtains were washed and are ready to be re-hung. Willing volunteers also buffed the Church floor!

We were very grateful to receive the gift of a new thurible for use in the church.

The gardens proved an extremely welcoming place for the people of Heaton and local groups during Lockdown, we hosted other Guiding groups, a steel band's rehearsals and a place for people to meet and chat. We have had gifts of more outdoor furniture which is greatly appreciated.

Most importantly St Gabriel's remained open as much as legally possible during 2021, whilst other churches closed during the Pandemic and we thank Father Jonathan for his leadership and commitment to this. As a result, we welcomed new members to our congregation. We are now back to full opening, often with fifteen services a week and new ventures such as the Julian Meeting and a return to twice monthly Evensongs.

The development of music continues to be a cause for celebration. We have an Organ Scholar and a wonderful choir, thanks to Tim Burke.

Social events have also taken place and the Summer and Winter fairs were very successful with a great effort from the Missions Committee, the congregation and support from the people of Heaton.

We continue to grow the Church along with Heaton Churches Together and thank God for all the blessings he gives us.

Objectives and Activities

St Gabriel's PCC has the responsibility, with co-operation with the Incumbent, of promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for the Parish Centre as 2. St Gabriel's Avenue, Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne and a house at 33. Swindon Terrace, Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity, Number 1130736.

The appointment of PCC members is governed and set out in the Church Representation Rules.

Membership of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

PCC members who have served since January 2021

Incumbent	Rev'd Fr Jonathan Lawson
Curate	Rev'd Alan White (from October 2020)
Churchwardens	Mrs Melanie Lewis Mr James Bartle (resigned September 2021) Ms Stephanie McLaughlin (elected October 2021)
Deanery Synod Reps (ex-officio)	Dr Marie Cecile Stern-Peltz (Secretary until December 2021) Mrs Margaret Legge Mrs Elizabeth Screen
Elected Members	Mrs Anne Cowell – (Resigned April 2021) Mrs Chris Dugdale Mr Colin Harrison Mr Robin Long (Treasurer) Mrs Fiona Moore (until May 2021) Ms Anne Pickering Ms Gill Purves (elected May 2021 and then Secretary in January 2022) Mrs Corinne Raybould – (elected July 2019) & Lay Chair from October 2020 Mr David Forster (elected May 2021) Mr Jonathan Quaintrell-Evans (elected May 2021) Mr Tim Burke Mrs Heather Wear Mrs Wyn Findlay Mrs Lorraine Metcalf (until May 2021) Mrs Susan Watson (until May 2021) Mrs Gill Thomas

PCC Committees and Working Groups

To assist the work of the PCC there are the following committees and working groups:

Standing Committee

This committee is established in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. It has power to transact business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any direction given by the Council.

Parish Centre Management Task Group

The group meets to discuss all aspects of the running and maintenance of the Parish Centre.

Pastoral Visitors Group

The group visits parishioners who are housebound or in nursing homes, generally providing Home Communion and pastoral care.

Safeguarding Group

The Safeguarding group has oversight for Safeguarding for the Church ensuring particularly that children and young people are kept safe and that good practice and procedures are in place to ensure this.

Mission Group

This group arranges the Summer Garden Party, the Winter Wonderland Fair and yearly decides which charities to support with the money raised during the year.

Toilet Working Party (Flush Fund)

Set up to look at the refurbishment of the toilet facilities in Church and to co ordinate fundraising for this work.

Review of the Year 2021

January (Via Zoom)

Ian Ness the church architect, presented plans for new lighting scheme in church. Purpose of new lighting - low energy, long life lighting fittings, uplighting, flexible switching to allow different focuses in church. Linked to renewed wiring and extra sockets. Plans are expensive and need reviewing in discussion with budget. Proposed plans discussed and questions raised but plans approved by PCC in principal. Lockdown and Covid restrictions discussed. Church is able to stay open following new risk assessment. Reflections on Christmas - Advent trail, Junior Church service, Open the Book alongside normal services. Crib service unable to happen. Advent trail and Midnight Mass praised in particular. East End food bank closed, Walker foodbank suggested as an alternative and agreed. Plans for an afternoon tea box for those isolating or alone approved. We paid 87% of Parish share last year despite challenges. Junior Church continues on Zoom. Heaton Festival postponed until next year.

February (Via Zoom)

New lighting Scheme - cost currently estimated at £100,000 - Rudge legacy to cover some but fundraising needed for rest. Grants to be investigated. Current lighting not fit for purpose for safety and environmental reasons. Afternoon tea boxes distributed. A.W. running Lent course on Zoom. Heaton Churches Together lent lunches on zoom. Holy Week plans await Government policy announcements. Plan to knit chicks and fill with chocolates for distribution around Heaton. The People's Theatre wish to stage Shakespeare's A Midsummer Nights Dream in the church garden this summer asking for St Gabriel's to support with music. Organ condition being monitored - weather causing humidity issues. PC tenants continue to pay rent. Art Students continue to use rooms. Junior Church and Guiding continue over zoom. HCT discussing alternatives to postponed Heaton Festival. Safeguarding - DBS renewals coming up but will be delayed due to Covid.

March (Via Zoom)

New Lighting Scheme costed options to be provided in next meeting. Full Holy Week planned, will process in grounds not local streets. Feet washing not possible. Ongoing planning of knitted chicks and chocolates. Parish Office Staffing discussed following recent review of Church finances. Discussions around practicalities, what's involved in the Parish Administrator role and its function within the day to day life of the Church. Christian Aid Week - envelopes to be delivered. 300,000 steps challenge with online fundraising. Cruse to pay rent from 1st April however now unable to offer space to the Dragonfly Cancer Trust. M.L. to complete risk assessments for uniformed groups to use the gardens. Alternative Heaton Festival to include Art installations and 'love your neighbourhood' events. Planning for Garden Party for consideration at Standing committee. J.L.'s study leave to be taken in August and September this year.

April (Via Zoom)

New lighting Scheme discussed, rough quote £60,000 (phase 1 to relight nave, chancel and choir). Phase 2 to include relighting and rewiring the rest of church - to look for funding for this, need to apply for a faculty for work to begin. Easter - services praised. Over 90 attend Easter day 9.45 managed Covid restriction well. Thanks to Tim for "Pots & Pans Gloria" which featured in the Link. Christian Aid Week - 300,000 steps challenge. Summer Garden Party - planning as hope it can go ahead. Chilli Road Band asked to use Church garden. APCM moved to 30th May due to Covid restrictions. Parish Office staffing discussed. Trustees report approved. Choir is back following relevant guidelines. Junior Church back in gardens. Knitted Chick project well received. Heaton Festival - Art walk in park planned instead. Goody bags to be given out.

May A.P.C.M followed by P.C.C.

Minutes of last meeting agreed. Appointments confirmed through unanimous elections.

June

Summer Garden Party moved to 24th July. Keen to go ahead supporting CALM (mental health support), FACT (cancer support) and International Charity Disasters Emergency Committee. Working closely to ensure following relevant restrictions and risk assessments. Hope for good weather as might not be possible indoors. Holiday club - hope to run for 3 mornings 10-12.30. Wonderzone scripture Union theme. As much as possible outdoors and all children must pre book a space. Christian Aid raised over £2000 with gift aid. Friends of St Gabriel's group proposed to connect and bring support from those with ties to St Gabriel's who may not be part of regular congregation. To be a sub group of PCC. Vestry Toilet facilities discussed - group to be set up to look at refurbishment and updating of faculties. Note the possible fundraising conflict with lighting and organ projects. Music restrictions continue. Up to 30 people allowed outside so looking at Choral Compline in the garden. Singers to be involved in the People's Theatre Shakespeare in the garden.

July

New Lighting Scheme - visit to St Mary's, Monkseaton easy to control, isolate and intensify lights. Easier to use and requires less wiring. I.N. to review plans. Summer Garden Party risk assessed and info passed to stallholders. Holiday Club - Sign ups low at the moment still looking at singing recommendations. F.O.S.G. first planning meeting successful. Toilet Refurbishment Project - major capital project may need to include further plans to adapt the church so will need architects plans and a faculty. Any grant applications to be managed alongside other grant applications for lighting etc. Proposal for an organ Scholarship at St Gabriel's approved. Live streaming of services praised but decided to end this month when restrictions end.

September

Thanks to J.B. for work as Church Warden, Extraordinary Vestry meeting to be held in October. Confirmation Candidate away day plans approved. Patronal Festival combined with confirmation including candidates from St Mary's Longbenton. Flush Fund Bakery boxes plan passed. Advent trail based on sheep and shepherds - to be developed further. Organ Scholar appointed. Summer Garden Party raised £2,700 and was a great success. Also allowed for a donation to St Paul's Seahouses. Holiday club did not go ahead due to low uptake. Craft materials and preparations to be used next year. Quote for Full Vestry clean submitted and approved. The Parish Centre is at full capacity and all rents are being collected. Junior church continues, the children's corner is back in place, Toddler Group in Church and all uniformed Groups back using the Vestry. F.O.S.G. logo designed and joining leaflet with relevant forms in production.

October

F.O.S.G. membership leaflet now available. Toilet refurbishment project - meeting with M.M and I.N and detailed plans to be produced also considering creating more storage. Patronal and confirmation went well £2,500 raised plus gift aid. Winter Wonderland plans continuing. Advent Sheep trail to be linked to Christmas Eve Service. S.M. elected new church Warden. M.S.P. to resign as PCC Secretary from December. Quote to paint 3 church doors approved. Choir Vestry cleaning a success - consider extra cleaning charge if council wish to continue its use on polling days. Choir sang at Hexham Abbey. Still working within Covid restrictions on singing and choir numbers. Come and Sing requiem planned for November.

November

F.O.S.G. now 11 members. Provided refreshments for Come and Sing and will support future music events. Planning a new leaflet to be distributed along with St Gabriel's postcard to every house in the Parish. Winter Wonderland discussed - Stewards supervising social distancing and to avoid crowding around stalls. Lighting and Toilet projects - to be discussed full in January meeting, as faculty needed for both. I.N. provided notes alongside plans and notes from the Toilet working Party were discussed. Dragonfly Trust request to hold a fashion show in church approved. Christmas Services discussed. Maintenance work on gutters and roofing continues. No toy service this year but a collection of toys and gifts to be organised. H.C.T. achievements of litter picking and Chillingham Road Bench painting noted. Heaton Festival to go ahead in 2022. Health & safety inspection went well - must have Vestry Door into church open when groups are using the Vestry as a fire escape.

December

3d plan of lighting ready for January meeting. Faculty for replacement box gutter to be applied for before June 2022 and it is hoped that lighting and toilet works can be added on to this. Winter Wonderland went well - £2,400 raised. F.O.S.G. going well - 24 members. £500 raised from sale of pens & Christmas cards. Small leaflets and postcards ready for distribution in new year. Crib service donations to M.S.F. All utilities accounts now with Good energy. M.L. letter of resignation from her role as Parish Administrator accepted and many thanks given for her years of service to St Gabriel's. Socially distanced Choir continues - Advent Carol service was superb. Thanks to T.B. for all his work. H.C.T. socks & chocs successful. Proposal to create a Julian group which offers contemplative prayer. M.S.P. thanked for all her work as PCC secretary. One Body One Faith subscription due. Dates of next years meetings agreed.

Achievements and Performances Statistics

<u>Parish Statistics</u>	2021*	2020**	2019	2018	2017	2016
Average weekly attendance	83	70	139	106	105	112
Average Sunday Communicants	74	50	92	80	90	95
Average mid-week Communicants	19	10	18	12	14	15
Average afternoon Communicants	N/A	0	11	10	10	11
Communicants at Easter	82	0	125	132	126	112
Attendance at Easter Services	132	0	251	201	232	202
Communicants at Christmas services	106	70	124	117	202	141
Attendances at Christmas services	306	90	575	509	584	630
Baptisms	21	8	31	31	12	32
Weddings	4	0	4	8	12	12
Funerals	26	20	28	20	23	28
Confirmation candidates	6	0	3	3	2	3
Electoral Roll	150	147	140	156	151	150

****2021 - The Covid Pandemic continued with different levels of restrictions on meeting indoors, face coverings, limits on services and advice to stay home unless essential with national school closures in place from January to March.***

*****2020 - Churches were closed from March - June due to the Covid Pandemic with periods of restriction on meeting indoors, face coverings, limits on services and advice to stays home unless essential and school closures continuing throughout the year.***

St Gabriel's Heaton - Safeguarding

This statement was adopted by St Gabriel's Parish at a Parochial Church Council meeting held on 20th September 2018 and is reviewed each year by the Parochial Church Council and re-affirmed at the Annual Meeting.

Safeguarding Policy Statement of the Church of England

The Church of England, its Archbishops, Bishops, clergy and leaders are committed to safeguarding as an integral part of the life and ministry of the Church.

Safeguarding means the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture. This means we will promote the welfare of children, young people and adults, work to prevent abuse from occurring, seek to protect those that are at risk of being abused and respond well to those that have been abused.

We will take care to identify where a person may present a risk to others, and offer support to them whilst taking steps to mitigate such risks.

The Church of England affirms the 'Whole Church' approach to safeguarding. This approach encompasses a commitment to consistent policy and practice across all Church bodies, Church Officers and that everyone associated with the Church, who comes into contact with children, young people and adults, has a role to play.

The Church will take appropriate steps to maintain a safer environment for all and to practice fully and positively Christ's Ministry towards children, young people and adults; to respond sensitively and compassionately to their needs in order to help keep them safe from harm.

St Gabriel's Safeguarding Policy

We are committed to care for one another safely and recognise that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as at risk at some time in our lives.

We are committed to:

- Safeguarding people who may be at risk, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
- Promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
- Promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be at risk.
- Recruiting safely following the recognised procedures.
- Supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work with children/young people and adults who might be at risk.

It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse.

If you have any safeguarding concerns please inform the parish safeguarding officer or a member of the clergy as quickly as possible.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer for St Gabriel's Church is:

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E-mail: melelainelew@yahoo.co.uk

Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor Carol Butler 07825 167 016

Vicar, The Rev'd Fr. Jonathan Lawson 0191 908 7835

**The Parochial Church Council
of the
Ecclesiastical Parish of St Gabriel
Heaton
Newcastle upon Tyne**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st December 2021

Registered Charity number 1130736

Financial Review of the Year Ended 31st December 2021

The relaxing of Covid restrictions resulted in an all-round increase in our income in 2021. Total Voluntary Income increased by over £19,000 which included over £6,000 raised for the refurbishment of the toilets and over £1,000 from the formations of the Friend's group.

Planned Giving increased by almost £2,000 helped by many moving to or joining the Parish Giving Scheme. The increase in occasional offices and increased attendance on Sundays produced an increase in Loose Collections.

Donations and a legacy enabled us to add £8,000 to the Fabric Fund.

Grants of £9,320 were received from Newcastle City Council and £725 was recovered under the Job Retention Scheme.

The Missions Group were able to hold a successful Summer Fayre as well as a Winter Wonderland thanks to a dedicated team of helpers and a generous public.

Rental Income from the Vestry and Parish Centre has recovered and Swindon Terrace has been continually tenanted. It is only interest rates that have shown a reduction.

There was an increase of over £13,500 in Outgoings. We were able to make a contribution of £80,000 to Parish Share and distribute almost £8,000 from the Mission Fund.

Repairs to the church roof cost over £5,000 and more work is needed. Repairs and other costs relating to Swindon Terrace also increased.

Designated Funds (see note 3)

These now included the Friend's Group funds as well as the Rudge Legacy and the Fabric Fund.

Restricted Funds (see note 3)

These comprise of the following: Mission, Restoration, Toilet, Music and Choral. £593 has been credited to the Music Fund to cover an organ scholarship which will be paid out during 2022.

Reserves

We have accessible funds of £92,287 with a further £8,772 in the Restoration Account. Much of the will be needed to pay for the new lighting and rewiring as well as a contribution to the refurbishment of the toilets.

Robin Long
Treasurer
27/01/2022

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2020
Incoming Resources		£	£	£	£	£
Voluntary Income						
Planned Giving inc PGS		51,080			51,080	49,183
Gift Aid Recovered (PG)		15,340			15,340	13,027
Open Plate Collections	4	4,609			4,609	2,344
Gift Aid Recovered (Other)		1,138		998	2,136	2,699
Legacies, Donations & Gift Days		476	9,080	11,479	21,035	12,457
Grants & Job Retention Scheme		10,045			10,045	5,317
		82,688	9,080	12,477	104,245	85,027
Activities for Generating Funds						
Mission Activities	11			6,834	6,834	5147
Magazine Receipts		535			535	481
Events Inc Festivals		375			375	0
		910	0	6,834	7,744	5,628
Income from Church Activities						
Vestry and Church Users	5	4,583			4,583	2,253
Parish Centre	8	21,281			21,281	19,913
Wedding & Funeral Fees		3,445			3,445	2,701
		29,309	0	0	29,309	24,867
Income from Investments						
Rent		9,690			9,690	9,028
Interest		70	75	38	183	834
		9,760	70	38	9,873	9,862
Other Incoming Resources						
T/f from unrestricted		0				
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		122,667	9,150	19,349	151,171	125,384
Resources Expended						
Church Activities						
Missionary & Charitable Giving	12			7,974	7,974	3,661
Diocesan Parish Share		80,000			80,000	70,000
Clergy Expenses (inc 'phone)		710			710	568
Clergy Council Tax & Water		2,184			2,184	1,824
Church & Vestry Running Costs	6	21,840	5,082		26,922	22,757
Church Administration	7	6,919			6,919	7,176
Parish Centre Running Costs	9	6,613			6,613	11,529
Parish Centre Administration	10	944			944	1,349
Organist & Choral Director		1,080		6,000	7,080	8,480
Education		613			613	706
		120,903	5,082	13,974	139,959	128,050
Cost of Generating Funds						
Events		0			0	0
Maintenance & Costs of Let Ppty		1,989			1,989	706
Magazine		750			750	363
		2,739			2,739	1,069
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		123,642	5,082	13,974	142,698	129,119
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		-975	4,073	5,375	8,473	-3,735
Bank & Deposit Account at 1 Jan		23,079	88,218	16,295	127,593	131,328
Bank & Deposit Account at 31 Dec		22,104	92,287	21,670	136,061	127,593

Parochial Church Council of Newcastle, St Gabriel.
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

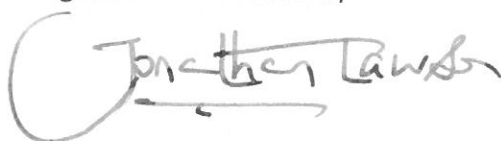
Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Cash Funds		£	£	£	£
Bank Current Accounts		6,503	1,080	6,507	14,090
CCLA		0	62,084	6,390	68,474
Monmouthshire Blg Soc		15,571		8,772	24,343
Virgin Money			29,121		29,121
		22,074	92,287	21,669	136,030
Other Monetary Assets					
Gift Aid Recoverable		4,294		0	4,294
Investment Assets		Nil			Nil
Assets for Church Use					
Freehold Land & Bldgs	2	750,000			750,000
Liabilities					
Insurance		5,990			5,990

The attached notes on the following pages form part of these Financial Statements.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 17th March, 2022

Signed on their behalf by



Rev'd Fr Jonathan H Lawson

Chair

Parochial Church Council of Newcastle, St Gabriel

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2011 using the Receipts & Payments basis.
2. Fixed assets retained for church use are the Parish Centre and the freehold house at 33 Swindon Terrace at an estimated valuation.
3. The movements in the designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal.B/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Bal. C/fwd	2020
Designated					
Rudge Legacy	79,103	65	0	79,168	79,103
Friends	0	1,080	0	1,080	0
Fabric	9,116	8,005	5,082	12,039	9,116
	88,219	9,154	5,082	92,287	88,219
Restricted					
Mission Fund	4,472	6,834	7,975	3,331	4,472
Restoration	8,734	38	0	8,772	8,734
Toilet	0	6,027	0	6,027	0
Music	363	596	0	959	363
Choral	2,726	5,854	6,000	2,580	2,726
	16,295	19,349	13,975	21,669	16,295

The Rudge Legacy is distributed at the discretion of the Vicar and Church Wardens as needs arise.

The Fabric fund is set aside to cover repairs and maintenance costs over £500.

The Friends of St Gabriel's group has been formed during 2021 to promote wider interest in the work of the church.

The Mission Fund represents donations and fund raising activities which is distributed amongst charities at home and abroad on a regular basis.

The Restoration Fund represents accumulated donations and fund raising for the restoration of the church building and can only be used for this purpose.

The Toilet fund has been set up to hold funds raised for the renovation of the church toilets

The Music Fund provides for the purchase of choral music for use by the choir.

The Choral Fund covers the services of our Choral Director in developing choral music and expanding the choir.

4. Open Plate Collections comprise:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Baptism Collection	1,302	143
Funeral Collection	423	30
Digital	399	218
Loose Collections	2,261	1,575
Parish Breakfast	81	286
Wedding Colls	143	92
	4,609	2,344

5. Income from Church and Vestry Users:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Parent & Toddler	250	140
Guides	200	100
Brownies	200	100
Rainbows	80	80
Scouts	200	200
Art Group	455	665
A Palmer	0	200
Indigo	500	262
Zumba	648	280
Yoga	262	0
Babysense	663	0
C Caldicott	105	0
Shoetree Arts	298	0
Miscellaneous	722	225
	4,583	2,252

6. Church and Vestry Running Costs:

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2020
Church HLW	4,933			4,933	5,222
Church Insurance	6,925			6,925	6,902
Church Maintenance	3,086	5,082		8,168	6,481
Organ and Choral	1,955		6,000	7,955	1,371
Vestry Cleaning	1,686			1,686	1,252
Vestry Gas	1,099			1,099	780
Vestry Maintenance	1,335			1,335	100
Wine Wafer Candles	821			821	649
	21,840	5,082	6,000	32,922	22,757

7. Church Administration Costs:

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2020
Printing & Stationery	1,699			1,699	1,779
Salaries	5,000			5,000	5,179
Telephone	220			220	218
	6,919			6,919	7,176

8. Income from Parish Centre Users:

	2021	2020
Cruse	7,808	6,220
Davis & Sibbald	3,600	3,600
LH Roll	3,304	3,304
M Charnock	3,600	3,600
D Cleary	321	308
M Hardman	1,520	2,640
Diocese	1,042	0
Miscellaneous	86	241
	21,281	19,913

9. Parish Centre Running Costs:

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2020
Parish Centre Cleaning	1,967			1,967	1,433
Parish Centre HLW	2,141			2,141	2,336
Parish Centre Insurance	1,309			1,309	1,406
Parish Centre Maint'ce	1,196			1,196	6,354
	6,613			6,613	11,529

10. Parish Centre Administration Costs:

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2020
Salaries	725			725	1131
Telephone	219	-	-	219	218
	944	-	-	944	1349

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11. Income from Mission Activities

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	
Cake Stall	410	96	
Christmas services	200	0	
Summer Fayre	2,787	150	
St Peter's & St Anthony's	60	128	
Covid Appeal	200	2,270	Covid Appeal
USPG	0	22	
Winter Wonderland	2,042	1,387	Bake & Raffle
Donation	1,010	374	
Bank Interest	0	2	
Gift Aid	125	362	
NBSE	0	356	
	6,834	5,147	

12. Distribution of Mission Income:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	
Cedarwood Trust	240	240	
Corrymeela Community	200	200	
Church Army	120	120	
Heaton Churches	0	0	
Leprosy Mission	120	120	
Licenced Readers	35	35	
Marygate House	70	70	
Mission to Seafarers	60	60	
Newcastle Women's Aid	185	185	
Northumbrian Deaf Mission	120	120	
People's Kitchen	135	135	
P.I.C.A.	150	150	
U.S.P.G	500	500	
USPG India	700	0	
Society of St Francis	200	200	
Changing Lives	70	70	
Church Urban Fund	150	150	
Martha & Marys	750	100	
DEC Afghanistan	250	0	
Mission Initiative	150	150	
West End Refugees	150	150	
CALM	800	204	Childrens Society
Fact	800	150	Action Foundation
DEC Coronavirus	800	100	AF & V Launchpad
Expenses and Equipment	320	0	
MSF (Christmas) 2021	200	100	Pop In
NBSE & Street Games	199	130	
MSF (Christmas) 2020	500	0	
	7,974	3,439	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

Ecclesiastical Parish of St Gabriel, Heaton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December, 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1130736

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December, 2021

**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 Charity'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 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.

Signed:

Date:

16th March, 2022

Name:

Julian Brown

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Not Applicable

Address:

19, Manor Road, Tynemouth

North Shields, Tyne and Wear.

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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.

No Items to disclose.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
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Charity Name

Ecclesiastical Parish of St Gabriel, Heaton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

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ended

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Accounts

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Gabriel's Heaton Newcastle upon Tyne

(Registered Charity number 1130736)

Trustees Annual Report

**for the year ended
31st December 2020**



The Parochial Church of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Gabriel's Heaton

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

Aims and Purposes

To promote the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, social and ecumenical

Background

St Gabriel's is a suburban parish in the Heaton area of Newcastle upon Tyne (and forms part of the Newcastle East Deanery). The larger proportion of the housing within the parish dates from the early part of the 20th century and consists of terrace houses some of which are Tyneside flats. There are areas of more modern housing and some social student housing. There is a healthy blend of students, young families and retired people in the community.

The Church is a stone built Grade II listed building dating from 1899. Its tower forms a landmark at the corner of Heaton Road and St Gabriel's Avenue. The Church building is kept open on weekdays for most months of the year for use by those who wish to visit and pray.

The Parish Centre adjacent to the church provides a space for various parish and community activities including the Parish Office. A number of rooms are let to various individuals, groups and charities principally CRUSE counselling.

Mission Statement

'St. Gabriel's seeks through God's grace to serve the people of the parish in which it is set by being:

A place of prayer.

A welcoming community.

A prophetic voice speaking truth to power.

Open to the stranger, the marginalised and oppressed.

Concerned for all creation and its protection and sustainability.

Fully committed to working together with people of faith and all in the local community for the common good.

Vicar's Report

My admiration for Canon Robert Trotter has grown immeasurably over the last year. As St. Gabriel's first long term Vicar, he saw the church built and completed, along with the Vicarage and the Church Hall. He is described in the parish history as 'a stern looking man with a will of iron, but very kind and caring'. He must have been, since he accomplished so much in the thirty years of his ministry at St. Gabriel's, despite the horror of the First World War, the so called 'Spanish 'Flu', and the great depression. Incidentally, 2021 also marks the centenary of the introduction of incense for use at St. Gabriel's for greater festivals, which was suggested at the annual meeting (by the then curate) and was unanimously approved.

This last year saw public worship suspended in England for the first time since the thirteenth century. Not a minor decision. All clergy and congregations have had to learn to adapt and to adapt quickly. Fortunately at St. Gabriel's, and viewing the year with hindsight, we were in the fortunate position to have many things in place to allow for virtual church to happen very quickly. Indeed, from the first Sunday after the first lockdown, we were able to broadcast a service, a choir practise and Junior Church, and continued to do so over lockdown. Thank you to all those who helped that to happen.

There have been some significant comings and goings this year. The year was book ended by the deaths of Gladys Bates at the beginning of the year, and Peggy Douglas at the end of the year. Both were ninety-six years old and had worshipped at St. Gabriel's much of their lives, and in their own ways demonstrated a certain steeliness in their life and faith, that no doubt matched that of Canon Trotter. We shall miss them hugely, and it was particularly sad not to be able to have Gladys' funeral in church, as she and her family had wished for.

In February, we formally welcomed Timothy Burke as the new Choir Director at St. Gabriel's, which as anticipated, has been a huge blessing. In a very short time, Tim has transformed the musical life of the church, and has shown remarkable flexibility considering the challenges of the year. His putting together of the choir's rendition of Stanford's: 'O for a closer walk with God' on film during lockdown, showcased what St. Gabriel's is capable of musically.

However, in November, David Stannard resigned as Director of Music for St. Gabriel's after sixteen years in post. David has been a faithful musician for the church and we shall miss him. It's not quite the same wandering into church on a weekday and not hearing him at the piano or the organ. We are fortunate though, in that there not many churches can afford to lose a Director Music and yet continue to have music each Sunday, as St. Gabriel's has done since November.

We started the year without a curate, but gained one when Alan White was finally ordained in October (delayed from the summer because of restrictions) at St. Gabriel's. Also last year, two of the congregation, Mairi Howell and Paul Knox were recommended for ordination training, and started their training last autumn. This brings to four the number of ordinands God has given us at St. Gabriel's these last four years. Also this year we have had two ordinands on placement from Cranmer Hall in Durham: one, Natalie, for a short placement over the summer, and another, Scott, for six months from September. In both cases they have brought very different gifts and we have learned a lot from them.

Despite all that has gone on this year, work on the church building continued with the professional cleaning of the rood screen and the dove above the font cover carried out just before the first lockdown and paid for by the Restoration Fund. Plans are now being drawn up for the next major project which is to rewire and relight the church. Last year also saw the windows replaced on the north side of the Parish Centre with doubled glazed fixtures, which has made a huge difference.

Through the hard work of Margaret and Jeni in the Parish Office, we were all set to be able to communicate with parishioners through lockdown using the parish website and social media. This brought surprising benefits, not least in connecting with friends from St. Gabriel's across the globe. It also led to the reconnection with the Hodgson family, who very kindly donated some money in memory of their father: Herbert Dixon Hodgson, and a new funeral pall was bought in his memory. A group also got to work on the church garden, and through the generosity of church people the garden of remembrance was restored and tidied up.

A great deal of effort went into keeping in touch with people and the quarterly Parish Magazine was circulated to everyone we had contact details for. Whenever it has been possible, the church has been open and public worship offered. That 'can do' attitude has been really inspiring, and I am indebted (as we all are) to Mel and James as churchwardens who have been so diligent and supportive through this last year. Never did we know that Mel was so proficient at risk assessments! Without the church fayres it looked like the Missions Fund might suffer greatly, but a superb 'bake off', whereby people could order freshly baked delicacies, plus a Christmas raffle raised several thousand pounds. Similarly, because of a lack of rental income from the choir vestry and the lack of weddings and baptisms through the year, we could not pay the Parish Share in full. But as a church we still paid £15,000 more than any church in the Deanery.

There was a lot of imagination and creativity too about how to do the same things, differently. With the church open, gifts for Harvest Festival, the Toy Service and Christmas gifts for Simonside House were left at church, and bought in huge amounts. Similarly, through a joint venture with St. George's, High Heaton, activity packs were distributed to families who were on free school meals in the parish through each school holiday and when schools were not open. We also sang when we were allowed to do so for the residents of Belle Vue Nursing Home in the garden at Easter and Christmas. We kept in touch with schools and the local nursery, and I recorded assemblies for Christmas and Easter for Jesmond Park Academy.

In March, just before lockdown, the Parochial Church Council held a vision day at Holy Saviour's Church in Tynemouth. Considering all that we know now, it was a rather extraordinary time to do such a thing. There was, as ever, so much to celebrate, and as the world emerges from this Pandemic it feels like St. Gabriel's is set for an exciting future. There is a lot people are excited about getting on with, and over this last year new people have become part of St. Gabriel's too.

As ever, there is much to give thanks for. For people's faithfulness, friendliness and generosity. But above for the bounty of God's gift in this place, and the challenge of sharing that with others, with lives lived in joy.

The Rev'd Fr. Jonathan Lawson
Vicar

Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

As with much else in the life of St Gabriel's, the maintenance and upkeep of the Church has presented challenges during the past year. Nevertheless, the faithful dedication of those who help to maintain our building in so many different ways, means that the gifts in fabric and goods which we treasure continued to be well maintained and cared for.

This year saw the completion of our quinquennial inspection which reported that the Church continued to be in good physical condition with no major defects or risks to its structure. The majority of recommendations related to remedial works to the roof and guttering with no major structural works recommended.

The good condition of the building is in many ways thanks to the regular maintenance that takes place throughout the year. We have endeavoured to keep on top of maintenance, where pandemic restrictions allowed, to prevent any backlog of works or risk to the condition of the building. Routine maintenance of the organ, the boiler, fire extinguishers and sound system have taken place and necessary repairs made.

We also completed the latest phase of Church restoration with the cleaning and restoration of the rood screen and the dove above the font cover. These are both important and symbolic features within the Church and this work was carried out in early 2020 by Rory Johnson.

The pandemic restrictions have given us an opportunity to spend more time outdoors and a significant project was undertaken to redevelop the Memorial Garden. This included the installation of wooden buffers and a large gravelled area to help improve the aesthetic of the garden. We have had several new people join our enthusiastic team of gardeners, which has meant that the Church grounds continue to look as beautiful as our building, and we wish to thank all who have contributed to this.

This year, we have been blessed by generous donations from members of our Church family which have allowed us to purchase new items for the benefit of the Church. A new funeral pall was purchased in memory of Herbert Dickson Hodgson who was killed in the sinking of the SS Zurichmoor in World War II and whose family have a long association with St Gabriel's. A new music stand for use by our choir director was also purchased in memory of Ken and Mabel Lough.

Plans have now been drawn up for the re-lighting of the church and it is our aim for these to be progressed in 2021. A recent inspection of the organ has also identified the need for major restoration work and we will need to give thoughtful consideration to how this work can be completed in the years ahead.

The Churchwardens rely on the help and support of everyone at St Gabriel's in our work and we remain deeply grateful for all that goes in to maintaining the wonderful gift with which God has blessed us.

Mel Lewis and James Bartle
The Churchwardens

Objectives and Activities

St Gabriel's PCC has the responsibility, with co-operation with the Incumbent, of promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for the Parish Centre as 2. St Gabriel's Avenue, Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne and a house at 33. Swindon Terrace, Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity, Number 1130736.

The appointment of PCC members is governed and set out in the Church Representation Rules.

Membership of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

PCC members who have served since January 2020

Incumbent Rev'd Fr Jonathan Lawson

Curate Rev'd Alan White (from October 2020)

Reader and Lay Chair Rev'd Alan White (until ordination in October 2020)

Churchwardens Mrs Melanie Lewis
 Mr James Bartle

Deanery Synod Miss Wyn Findlay
Reps (ex-officio) Mrs Margaret Legge
 Mrs Elizabeth Screen

Elected Members

Mrs Anne Cowell – (elected in October 2019)
Mrs Chris Dugdale
Mr Colin Harrison - (elected in December 2019)
Mr Paul Knox
Mr Robin Long (Treasurer)
Mrs Lorraine Metcalf
Mrs Fiona Moore
Ms Anne Pickering
Mrs Corinne Raybould – (elected July 2019) & Lay Chair from October 2020
Mrs Marie Cecile Stern-Peltz (Secretary)
Mrs Susan Watson

PCC Committees and Working Groups

To assist the work of the PCC there are the following committees and working groups:

Standing Committee

This committee is established in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. It has power to transact business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any direction given by the Council.

Parish Centre Management Task Group

The group meets to discuss all aspects of the running and maintenance of the Parish Centre.

Pastoral Visitors Group

The group visits parishioners who are housebound or in nursing homes, generally providing Home Communion and pastoral care.

Safeguarding Group

The Safeguarding group has oversight for Safeguarding for the Church ensuring particularly that children and young people are kept safe and that good practice and procedures are in place to ensure this.

Mission Group

This group arranges the Summer Garden Party, the Winter Wonderland Fair and yearly decides which charities to support with the money raised during the year.

Review of the Year

January 2020 - Crib service lovely – raised over £500 for MSF. High quality of all Christmas and Advent services. Sunday rota and recruitment discussed. Vision day proposed in March. Toddler Group thriving - potential for Messy Church? HCT Unity service praised. Parish Centre – new radiator thermostats and north side windows to be replaced. Upcoming Burns night all tickets sold.

February – Planned Giving discussed – Vision Day agreed for March at Tynemouth. Full amount raised for Choir Director Role and TB appointed. Rood screen and Dove to be cleaned during Lent. Finance report. Discussion about magazine promotion – forward to Standing Committee. Rise in Planned Giving, increased income from Vestry and PC, Swindon Terrace and rise in Baptisms. Accounts Accepted. Safeguarding review needed. Good Friday activities.

March – Vision Day success. Working Party re toilet facilities in Church AE to take lead on this. Arts & Crafts to go ahead would require an organiser. Sunday evening services to move to 5.30pm. Quinquennial due. Gutters cleaned, Church boiler maintained. National Coronavirus situation discussed – some congregation are now shielding.

April – PCC did not meet due to Covid restrictions

Standing Committee met online via Zoom – JL sent out initial letter to congregation with a follow up planned with updates and worship resources. Partial rent holiday given to CRUSE. PC tenants asked to keep us informed of their ability to pay. Praise given for online services. CR approached for a Taize style service. Discussion about our off line community- letters and 'phone contact to be a part of this. PCC not meeting at the moment. Annual report – legal requirement around these to be checked – reconnect with independent examiner. Finance meeting held on zoom acknowledge difficult time for many. – 26 letters delivered regarding swapping to Parish Giving Scheme. Website updated with home worship resources and donation options. Furlough discussed.

May – PCC did not meet due to Covid restrictions

Standing Committee did not meet

June - PCC did not meet due to Covid restrictions

Standing Committee met online via Zoom – Risk assessment and action plan for Parish Centre re opening. Thanks to ML for work involved in this. Church re opening looked at cleaning / sanitising products organised. Parish Centre Tenancies - some rent reductions / rent holidays discussed with tenants depending on their situation. Quinquennial inspection due June Architect to offer plans for re lighting. Finances breaking even although behind on Parish Share.

July – PCC met online via Zoom – Church maintained – organ blower serviced. Finances discussed. Staff Furlough, money lost on rents/ room hire but saved on gas / electric. Predicted shortfall of £20,000 in Parish Share. Deanery Synod – how churches responding to Covid situation. Christian Aid collection to be held online. New Risk Assessments done and to be continually reviewed in light of changing guidelines. Thanks to ML for the quick work on this. Possible booking system for Christmas? Limit of 30 people to life events. Garden Party & Holiday Club cancelled. Participation in Summer of Change project in association with Street games approved working with St George's to deliver food parcels & activity packs to local families. Church Magazine deliveries – to whole electoral roll. Extending pastoral visits especially to those not online. Possibility of socialising online after service – zoom? Further research needed into outdoor events with Martha & Marys'. Memorial Garden- approach congregation for funding. Look into online giving via Easy Fundraising and Amazon smile.

August Standing Committee met online via Zoom – Church re opening those attending responding well to new arrangements. Compliments from parishners on how safe everything is. A track and trace system is in place. Check regulations regarding Choirs returning. Potential for soloists? Parade services unlikely unless regulations change. AW ordination – invite only 30 people limit but to be streamed online. Finances stable. Furlough continues. Quinquennial still outstanding. Local bee keeper asked about using church grounds – sent to PCC.

September – Gratitude expressed for all work done during lockdown and online services. Church re opening has gone well and been well received. Invitation sent to regular attendees regarding Patronal and invitation to donate to a gift day. Harvest Festival – church open for donations all week for People's Kitchen and East End Foodbank. All Souls – still inviting those bereaved this year. Remembrance with a representative from uniformed groups. Ordination to be streamed online. APCM to be held in October 5 PCC vacancies 3 deanery Synod Vacancies Beekeeping on Church grounds agreed. Plan for memorial garden work - gratitude expressed to congregation for raising funds. Martha & Mary plan to re-open end of September for their 16th birthday. Church insurance remains the same, 3 year contract. Good experience working with St George's with Summer of Change – positive response by local community. Risk assessment for choir returning completed.

October – Appointment of officers agreed. Doorstep visits for Sky High agreed. Heaton Best Summer ever activities agreed over Half Term.

APCM held (postponed from April) PCC appointments and Deanery Synod Appointments agreed. Group, Trustees, Deanery Synod and Finance reports agreed. 147 on Electoral Roll.

November PCC met online via Zoom – reflections on Patronal and Harvest – thanks to SR for all support with Live Streamed Services. Having the produce at the altar is a lot smoother and may be something to consider for future. The week long drop off allowed for more donations. Memorial Garden work completed is a sign of St Gabriel's generosity and support. Quinquennial report – Church stable and in good condition.

Toy Service – large amount donated thanks to Sky High and residents of Haydon Grange who did a dedicated collection for us. Church in lockdown – open for private prayer thanks to all who worked hard to keep church open and present online. Virtual worship moved back to 9.45am with music. Staff furlough discussed.



DS resignation – how to mark his time at St Gabriel's? Church warden to organise collection and gifts. Reflection on the work put in and how hard it is for 1 person to run all the music. Thanks given to DS for all his hard work over the years and expressed how much he will be missed. Advice given for solo singing to continue at services. Sadness at loss of Advent Carol Service. 75 years of GH in the Choir – this to be marked?

Advent trail to take place around Heaton in place of Crib Service – figures installed in local gardens nativity in church and prayer stations. Sky High and Junior Church on Zoom. Socks & Chocs & Simonside House drop off points for donations Heaton Festival planned for next year depending on Covid Situation. The Bake Sale that took place instead of the Winter Wonderland was a huge success thanks to all involved. Raffle to be draw virtually.



December – Clarification on PCC meetings – they are confidential. Minutes are available for those on the Electoral Roll. Nine lessons and carols planned with a visiting organist to provide music. No congregational singing allowed. Christmas eve plans – live stream junior church and a pre recorded Open the Book. Midnight mass as usual. Advent trail very popular. Elim Church leaving the Trussell Trust – what does this mean for the food bank? Agreed to keep collecting for the East End food bank and to review situation. Architect finalising plans for re lighting and re wiring of Church. Detailed report on Church Organ – major repairs and restoration needed over next few years – possibility of grant to support this work? Ravenswood School recorded carol service. JL recorded Christmas assemblies. Risk assessments continue to be updated and carried out for new events.

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Robin Long , Treasurer

Achievements and Performances

Statistics

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic Churches were closed for public worship from March till June 2020. Since June Public worship has been allowed but a lot of people have continued to worship at home. Government advice has been to stay at home unless travel is essential especially for those who fall into more vulnerable groups.

St Gabriel's has offered weekly Holy Communion via Facebook live along with regular Taize Style Services and Parish Breakfast over zoom.

Weddings and baptisms have been severely restricted to between 15-30 people or simply not allowed (depending on the level of restrictions in place at the time) leading to a lot of the "booked" events being postponed. Funerals have been restricted to 30 people. Our capacity in church has been reduced to 100 people to allow for 2m social distancing.

<u>Parish Statistics</u>	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Average weekly attendance	70	139	106	105	112
Average Sunday Communicants	50	92	80	90	95
Average mid-week Communicants	10	18	12	14	15
Average afternoon Communicants	0	11	10	10	11
Communicants at Easter	0	125	132	126	112
Attendance at Easter Services	0	251	201	232	202
Communicants at Christmas services	70	124	117	202	141
Attendances at Christmas services	90	575	509	584	630
Baptisms	8	31	31	12	32
Weddings	0	4	8	12	12
Funerals	20	28	20	23	28
Confirmation candidates	0	3	3	2	3
Electoral Roll	147	140	156	151	150

St Gabriel's Heaton - Safeguarding

This statement was adopted by St Gabriel's Parish at a Parochial Church Council meeting held on 20th September 2018 and is reviewed each year by the Parochial Church Council and re-affirmed at the Annual Meeting.

Safeguarding Policy Statement of the Church of England

The Church of England, its Archbishops, Bishops, clergy and leaders are committed to safeguarding as an integral part of the life and ministry of the Church.

Safeguarding means the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture. This means we will promote the welfare of children, young people and adults, work to prevent abuse from occurring, seek to protect those that are at risk of being abused and respond well to those that have been abused.

We will take care to identify where a person may present a risk to others, and offer support to them whilst taking steps to mitigate such risks.

The Church of England affirms the 'Whole Church' approach to safeguarding. This approach encompasses a commitment to consistent policy and practice across all Church bodies, Church Officers and that everyone associated with the Church, who comes into contact with children, young people and adults, has a role to play.

The Church will take appropriate steps to maintain a safer environment for all and to practice fully and positively Christ's Ministry towards children, young people and adults; to respond sensitively and compassionately to their needs in order to help keep them safe from harm.

St Gabriel's Safeguarding Policy

We are committed to care for one another safely and recognise that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as at risk at some time in our lives.

We are committed to:

- Safeguarding people who may be at risk, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
- Promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
- Promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be at risk.
- Recruiting safely following the recognised procedures.
- Supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work with children/young people and adults who might be at risk.

It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse.

If you have any safeguarding concerns please inform the parish safeguarding officer or a member of the clergy as quickly as possible.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer for St Gabriel's Church is:

Name: Ms Melanie Lewis

0191 903 1231

E-mail: melelainelew@yahoo.co.uk

Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor Carol Butler 07825 167 016

Vicar, The Rev'd Fr. Jonathan Lawson 0191 908 7835

**The Parochial Church Council
of the
Ecclesiastical Parish of St Gabriel
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Newcastle upon Tyne**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Robin Long
Treasurer
03/02/2021

Parochial Church Council of Newcastle, St Gabriel.						
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2020						
	Note s	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2019
		£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Voluntary Income						
Planned Giving inc Parish Giving		49,183			49,183	53,317
Gift Aid Recovered (PG)		13,027			13,027	11,846
Open Plate Collections	4	2,344			2,344	8,142
Gift Aid Recovered (Other)	5	1,807		892	2,699	5,334
Legacies, Donations & Gift Days		8,163		4,294	12,457	24,572
Grants & Job Retention Scheme		5,317			5,317	0
		79,841	0	5,186	85,027	103,211
Activities for Generating Funds						
Mission Activities	12			5,147	5,147	5,482
Magazine Receipts		481			481	542
Events Inc Festivals					0	2,190
		481	0	5,147	5,628	8,214
Income from Church Activities						
Vestry and Church Users	6	2,253			2,253	6,961
Parish Centre	11	19,913			19,913	26,566
Holiday Club Surplus					0	216
Wedding & Funeral Fees		2,701			2,701	3,998
		24,867	0	0	24,867	37,741
Income from Investments						
Rent		9,028			9,028	9,828
Interest		69	718	47	834	1,062
		9,097	718	47	9,862	10,890
Other Incoming Resources						
T/f from unrestricted		0				
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		114,286	718	10,380	125,384	160,056
Resources Expended						
Church Activities						
Missionary & Charitable Giving	13			3,661	3,661	5,820
Diocesan Parish Share		70,000			70,000	79,005
Clergy Expenses (inc 'phone)		568			568	1,063
Clergy Council Tax & Water		1,824			1,824	4,121
Church & Vestry Running Costs	7	19,739	725	2,293	22,757	43,073
Church Administration	8	7,176			7,176	6,881
Parish Centre Running Costs	9	6,315	5,214		11,529	11,555
Parish Centre Administration	10	1,349			1,349	1,381
Organist & Choral Director		2,980		5,500	8,480	2,640
Education		706			706	1,610
		110,657	5,939	11,454	128,050	157,149
Cost of Generating Funds						
Events		0			0	324
Maintenance & Costs of Let Ppty		706			706	891
Magazine		363			363	422
		1,069			1,069	1,637
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		111,726	5,939	11,454	129,119	158,786
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		2,560	-5,221	-1,074	-3,735	1,270
Bank & Deposit Account at 1 Jan		20,519	93,440	17,369	131,328	130,058
Bank & Deposit Account at 31 Dec		23,079	88,219	16,295	127,593	131,328

Parochial Church Council of Newcastle, St Gabriel.					
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2020					
Statement of Assets & Liabilities					
	Note s	Unrestrict ed Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Cash Funds		£	£	£	£
Bank Current Accounts		7,522	0	7,577	15,099
Bank Deposit Accounts				0	0
CCLA		0	59,136	363	59,499
Monmouthshire Blg Soc		15,500		8,355	23,855
Secure Trust			0		0
Virgin Money			29,082		29,082
		23,022	88,218	16,295	127,535
Other Monetary Assets					
Gift Aid Recoverable		7,377		425	7,802
Investment Assets		Nil			Nil
Assets for Church Use					
Freehold Land & Bldgs	2	750,000			750,000
Liabilities					
Insurance		6,237			6,229
The attached notes on pages 5 -8 form part of these financial statements					
Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 18th February, 2021					
Signed on their behalf by: Jonathan Lawson					
Rev'd Fr Jonathan H Lawson					
Chairman					

Parochial Church Council of Newcastle, St Gabriel

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2011 using the Receipts & Payments basis.
2. Fixed assets retained for church use are the Parish Centre and the freehold house at 33 Swindon Terrace at an estimated valuation.
3. The movements in the designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal.B/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Bal. C/fwd	2019
Designated					
Rudge Legacy	83,014	674	4,585	79,103	83,014
Fabric	10,426	44	1,354	9,116	10,426
	93,440	718	5,939	88,219	93,440
Restricted					
Mission Fund	2,985	5,147	3,661	4,471	2,985
Restoration	10,604	54	1,923	8,735	10,604
Music	730	3	370	363	730
Choral	3,050	5,176	5,500	2,726	3,050
	17,369	10,380	11,454	16,295	17,369

The Rudge Legacy is distributed at the discretion of the Vicar and Church Wardens as needs arise.

The Fabric fund is set aside to cover repairs and maintenance costs over £500.

The Mission Fund represents donations and fund raising activities which is distributed amongst charities at home and abroad on a regular basis.

The Restoration Fund represents accumulated donations and fund raising for the restoration of the church building and can only be used for this purpose.

The Music Fund provides for the purchase of choral music for use by the choir.

The Choral Fund has been set to cover the services of a Choral Director to develop choral music and expand the choir.

4. Open Plate Collections comprise:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Baptism Collection	143	1,924
Funeral Collection	30	549
Digital	218	93
Loose Collections	1,575	4,203
Parish Breakfast	286	806
Wedding Colls	92	567
	2,344	8,142

5. **Gift Aid** recovered on open plate (OP) collections includes £1,126 recovered under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS).

6. Income from Church and Vestry Users:

	2020	2019
Pop In	0	150
Parent & Toddler	140	665
Guides	100	450
Brownies	100	300
Rainbows	80	160
Scouts	200	800
Art Group	665	1,050
A Palmer	200	0
Indigo	262	1,085
Zumba	280	875
Hire of Church	0	450
Miscellaneous	225	976
	2,252	6,961

7. Church and Vestry Running Costs:

	Unrestrict ed Funds	Designate d Funds	Restrict ed Funds	Total Funds	2019
Church HLW	5,222			5,222	4,799
Church Insurance	6,902			6,902	6,760
Church Maintenance	3,833	725	1,923	6,481	23,636
Organ and Choral	1,001		370	1,371	4,077
Vestry Cleaning	1,252			1,252	1,700
Vestry Gas	780			780	738
Vestry Maintenance	100			100	181
Wine Wafer Candles	649			649	1,612
				22,75	
	19,739	0	2,293	7	43,503

8. Church Administration Costs:

	Unrestrict ed Funds	Designate d Funds	Restrict ed Funds	Total Funds	2019
Printing & Stationery	1,779			1,779	1,736
Salaries	5,179			5,179	4,941
Telephone	218			218	204
	7,176			7,176	6,881

9. Parish Centre Running Costs:

	Unrestricte d Funds	Designate d Funds	Restrict e d Funds	Total Funds	2019
Parish Centre Cleaning	1,433			1,433	1,770
Parish Centre HLW	2,336			2,336	3,384
Parish Centre Insurance	1,406			1,406	1,376
Parish Centre Maintenance	1,140	5,214		6,354	5,025
	6,315	5,214		11,529	11,555

10. Parish Centre Administration Costs:

Unrestricte d Funds	Designate d Funds	Restrict e d Funds	Total Funds	2019
1,131			1,131	1177
218	-	-	218	204
1,349	-	-	1,349	1381

11. Income from Parish Centre Users:

	2020	2019
Cruse	6,220	13,043
Davis & Sibbald	3,600	3,600
LH Roll	3,304	3,304
M Charnock	3,600	3,600
D Cleary	308	517
M Hardman	2,640	1,300
Diocese	0	900
Miscellaneous	241	302
	19,913	26,566

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12. Income from Mission Activities:

	2020	2019
Cake Stall	96	517
Christmas services	0	513
Disaster Appeal	150	236
St Peter's & St Anthony's	128	179
Covid Appeal	2,270	2,171
USPG	22	25
Bake and Raffle	1,387	1,787
Donation	374	50
Bank Interest	2	4
Gift Aid	362	0
NBSE	356	0
	5,147	5,482

13. Distribution of Mission Income:

	2020	2019	
Cedarwood Trust	240	240	
Corrymeela Community	200	200	
Church Army	120	120	
Heaton Churches	0	500	
Leprosy Mission	120	120	
Licenced Readers	35	35	
Marygate House	70	70	
Mission to Seafarers	60	60	
Newcastle Women's Aid	185	185	
Northumbrian Deaf Mission	120	120	
People's Kitchen	135	135	
P.I.C.A.	150	150	
U.S.P.G	500	500	
Society of St Francis	200	200	
Changing Lives	70	70	
Church Urban Fund	150	150	
Martha & Marys	100	100	
DEC Cyclone Appeal	0	350	DEC Cyclone Appeal
Mission Initiative	150	150	Mission Initiative
West End Refugees	150	150	
Childrens Society	204	700	MSF
Action Foundation	150	700	NUHT Chaplaincy
AF & V Launchpad	100	0	Marie Curie
Expenses and Equipment	0	67	
Pop in	100	100	
Haven Tyneside	130	135	
MSF (Christmas)	0	513	
	3,439	5,820	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Ecclesiastical Parish of St Gabriel, Heaton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December, 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1130736

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

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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 Charity'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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- 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.

Signed:

Date:

31st March, 2021

Name:

Julian Brown

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Not Applicable

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Section B**Disclosure**

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

No Items to disclose.



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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