

**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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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.

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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 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:

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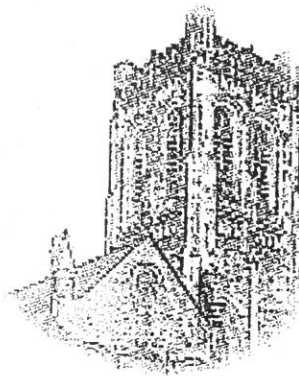
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**Financial Statements
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Financial Review of the Year Ended 31st December 2023

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

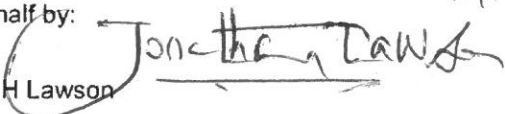
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Cash Funds		£	£	£	£
Bank Current Accounts		17,323	1,410	8,072	26,805
CCLA		0	63,996	18,548	82,544
Monmouthshire Blg Soc		15,800	0	0	15,800
		33,123	65,406	26,620	125,149
Other Monetary Assets					
VAT Grant due				5,737	5,737
Gift 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	
Licensed 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

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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.

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Section B

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No Items to disclose.



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