

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN, NEVILLE'S CROSS, DURHAM

England & Wales - Charity number 1131053

Details

Other names ST JOHN'S NEVILLE'S CROSS PCC

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-08-10

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

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

Activities: Regular public worship open to all; the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation; pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved; teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups; taking of religious assemblies in schools; the provision of a youth club with a Christian ethos; promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and meetings,

Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £172,867 | £175,098 | - | - |
| 2023-12-31 | £165,118 | £136,125 | - | - |
| 2022-12-31 | £146,791 | £148,112 | - | - |
| 2021-12-31 | £122,983 | £146,682 | - | - |
| 2020-12-31 | £139,557 | £153,401 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|-------------------------------|------|------------|
| ADRIEL LIAN HO YAP | | |
| Andrew William Mattches | | 2022-05-22 |
| David Atkinson | | 2017-04-02 |
| Janet Hilary Phillips | | 2021-05-09 |
| Jo Cundy | | 2017-04-02 |
| MICHAEL WILLIAM EDWARD CHATER | | 2013-09-18 |
| REV DR NICHOLA CARLA CHATER | | 2013-09-12 |
| Rev Barnaby Thomas Huish | | |
| Susan Massey | | 2018-04-22 |

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CHURCH OF SAINT JOHN, NEVILLE'S CROSS, DURHAM

**ANNUAL REPORT
and ACCOUNTS**

of the

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ended 31st December 2024

Incumbent :

The Reverend Barnaby T. Huish
The Rectory,
10 Westhouse Avenue,
Durham, DH1 4FH.

Presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 11th May 2025

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No. 1131053*

St John's Church, Neville's Cross, Durham
Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council
for the year ended 31st December 2024

Administrative information

St. John's Church is situated in Neville's Cross, Durham. It is part of the Diocese of Durham within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Antioch House, 66 Crossgate, Durham DH1 4PR. Since 1st August 2021 the Parish has formed part of the United Benefice of Durham St Margaret, Neville's Cross St John and Bearpark St Edmund.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) was formerly exempt from registering as a charity, however in May 2009 it did register with the Charity Commission under the terms of the Charities Act 2006 (Charity No. 1131053). The members of the PCC are the Trustees of the Charity.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent: The Revd Barnaby Huish Chairman

Churchwardens:

 Mrs Jo Cundy Vice-chair
 Mrs Kathryn Shanks

Licensed Associate Minister:

 The Revd Canon Dr Nichola Chater

Lay Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

 Mr Michael Chater (also PCC Secretary)
 Mr Adriel Yap

Elected members:

 Mr David Atkinson
 Mr Michael Bullock
 Rachel Lillycrop (from 19th May 2024)
 Mrs Susan Massey PCC Treasurer
 Mr Andrew Matches
 Mr Samuel Padfield (from 19th May 2024)
 Mrs Janet Phillips

Co-opted members:

 Mr Alexander Walker (from 13th June 2024)
 Miss Amy Ward

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC Standing Committee is empowered to transact business on the PCC's behalf outside regular meeting times if necessary; its current members are the Rector, Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and PCC Treasurer.

Objectives and Activities

St John's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Barnaby Huish, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and Church Centre complex of St John's, Neville's Cross. It also has responsibilities as an employer.

Achievements and Performance

Review of the year (January-December 2024):

St John's began the year with a newly-appointed Children, Youth and Families Worker, Alex Walker, who started in post in January. Over the course of the year, he opened up new areas of work with local primary schools and established a new after-school group for secondary-age children. With his involvement, St John's continued to work in partnership with King's Church Durham: the now long-established 'LOL Youth Ministry' partnership ran regular weekday groups for youth aged 11-18, as well as an annual weekend away and the 9-week 'Super6' after school programme for Primary School leavers. Building on work done in the previous year, the church sustained and supported a steady number of children of various ages attending regularly on Sunday mornings, with age-specific groups and activities. Messy Church continued to flourish, taking place once a month (usually on a Sunday afternoon); and likewise Playpeople (on Tuesday mornings, for toddlers).

St John's Church remained strongly committed to the diocesan Partnership for Missional Church (PMC) programme, however momentum was lost when the diocese withdrew its support for the project midway through a three-year commitment. The St John's 'core group' (responsible for co-ordinating our involvement in PMC) resolved to carry forward learning from the curtailed process as much as may be possible, and to persevere with the Mission Innovation Team's intention 'to create intentional pathways of hospitality to our Neville's Cross neighbours'. In September, to help keep the congregation connected with these aims, members of the church led a much-appreciated parish away day, which took place in St Brandon's Church, Brancepeth.

St John's shared with the wider diocese in giving thanks for the ministry of Paul Butler, who retired as Bishop of Durham in February, and in praying for Bishop Sarah Clark as she took on the role of acting diocesan bishop. The parish continued to prioritise safeguarding across its activities, in accordance with diocesan and national church guidance, and prayers and support were offered for victims of abuse following publication of reports into historic failings at a national level in this area.

The parish's Music Missioner, Amy Ward, continued to work across the parishes of St John, Neville's Cross, and St Edmund, Bearpark. In Bearpark she built on links with community groups and individuals, running a very popular holiday club for families during the summer (and at other school holiday times). Her work with Bearpark Primary School included composing a musical telling the story of the village, which was performed for parents in school (with some of the songs being sung again later in

the year, at a community service marking the 40th anniversary of closure of the village colliery).

The pattern of Sunday services was maintained and strengthened throughout the year, with a regular pattern of two morning services of Holy Communion (one of which is live streamed online), a monthly all-age Service of the Word (usually following the 'Café Church' format), 'Taste' once a month on a Sunday evening, and Messy Church once a month. Lunches were shared after the morning services from time to time, one of which provided an opportunity for the Rector to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination as deacon. A special service was held in June (in Bearpark) at which the formation of the United Benefice of St John's, St Margaret's and St Edmund's was celebrated by the three congregations, and during which Canon Alan Bartlett's ministry as 'Mission Priest' for the village was formally recognised and affirmed.

The PCC continued to maintain the church building, with major work undertaken to resolve a longstanding problem of water ingress to the transept. The PCC revised and renewed its various working policies during the course of the year.

The life of the church was pursued and enhanced in all sorts of other ways: including through home groups, prayer groups, a book group and breakfast meetings; in the work of the Mothers' Union, the preparation and presentation of candidates for Confirmation, the fortnightly Open Door café and the annual Eco Festival (which remains a very significant and widely-enjoyed event for and beyond the local community); and in less visible ways, such as through pastoral care and support, individual prayer, and preparing the building for worship. The church continues to support and oversee Cross Quarterly (a community newsletter for Neville's Cross, which celebrated its tenth anniversary this year) and the local Community Choir.

Both in individual lives and corporately, the church seeks to celebrate and to serve God, through all that we offer in his name.

Church Electoral Roll

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting it was reported that there were 115 parishioners listed on the Church Electoral Roll.

Financial Review, 2024

Overall receipts and payments accounts are showing a slight deficit for 2024, but there are receipts due in arrears from the Church Estate Charity to cover the Rector's Secretary's salary and a contribution to the salary of our Children, Youth and Families Worker.

Voluntary giving has been sustained from 2023 levels, both in general giving and donations to the Mission fund.

The Church Estate Charity supports the salary and expenses of the Rector's secretary, Jane Holmes, for which St John's is very grateful. The Charity has also supported

about half the cost of employing our new Children, Youth and Families Worker, Alex Walker, who started working with us full time in late January 2024.

Our Music Missioner, Amy Ward, now works 25 hours per week and is funded from contributions from parishioners. She spends time working with musicians in St John's, as well as outreach in Bearpark, plus with many less visible mission projects.

Income from wedding and funeral fees is showing on the accounts as a large increase from the previous year, but set against payments, yields us a small amount of income. Unusually, St John's hosted two weddings in 2024 which explains this. Our usual numbers for funerals each year is about half a dozen. Most of this income is passed to the Diocese.

Lettings income is lower than 2023 but there are some overdue receipts.

St John's also manages the finances of the Community choir. Numbers attending choir have blossomed, as well as there being an increase in the weekly subscription charge.

In terms of outgoings, the PCC agreed to meet the guided pledge to the Diocese of £63,525 in 2024 and has met the increased pledge for 2025. The PCC feels that the parish share is a fundamental part of our responsibility as a parish as this supports clergy provision within the Diocese.

The PCC made a difficult decision to adjust outward giving to a more flexible but manageable amount. £6000 was distributed to A Rocha (an environmental charity), Friends Families and Travellers (Gypsy and Roma), as well as Catherine Lee (CMS), Transform Trade and Nepacs (local prison visitor services), as decided by the PCC and congregation last year. Charitable collections were passed to the Children's Society and Dash (homeless in Durham).

There was also a notable increase in expenditure on the upkeep of the building both in terms of maintenance and major projects. The roof work to prevent damp ingress into the Baptistry cost over £6000 and there was also work on trees and vegetation in the grounds. These bills came after a period when some jobs had been overlooked due to the pandemic, and the work is continuing into 2025.

We have managed to reduce the wi-fi and phone bills, as well as the utilities by signing up to better deals with those companies.

As mentioned last year, our finances are now being strained by the costs of employing an additional person. Parish members will need to address this when considering their giving.



**Approved by the PCC at its meeting on 1st May 2025, and signed on its behalf by
The Reverend Barnaby Huish (Chairman).**

SUMMARY

RECEIPTS

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Unrestricted Receipts | £123,959 |
| Restricted Receipts | £48,908 |
| Total Receipts 2024 | £172,867 |

PAYMENTS

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Unrestricted Payments | £112,857 |
| Restricted Payments | £62,241 |
| Total Payments 2024 | £175,098 |

ASSETS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Investments | £259,821 |
| Bank Balances | £71,475 |
| Total Monetary Assets | £331,296 |

St John's Neville's Cross

Charity Number 1131053

Receipts & Payments Accounts for 2024

Receipts

General Fund Receipts

| | 2024 | 2024 Gift Aid | Budget 2024 | 2023 |
|--|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Planned Giving | 78,904 | | 80,000 | 80,991 |
| Gift Aid | | 19,292 | 25,000 | 17,700 |
| Gift Aid from previous year donations | | | | 7,733 |
| Loose Plate Collection | 2,684 | | 3,000 | 1,559 |
| Other Donations | 3,983 | | 5,000 | 2,810 |
| Fees (Banns, weddings, funerals, etc.) | 3,092 | | 500 | 191 |
| Whitby/Minsteracres weekend/day | | | 1,000 | |
| Sundry Church Activity | | | 250 | |
| Hire of Premises | 3,135 | | 4,000 | 4,898 |
| Messy Church | 294 | 76 | 400 | 380 |
| Open Doors | 462 | 113 | 400 | 805 |
| Solar Panels | 2,482 | | 2,500 | 2,479 |
| Other Income | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Interest/Dividends received | 8,422 | | 7,500 | 8,064 |
| Total General Fund Receipts | 103,459 | 19,481 | 129,551 | 127,611 |

Designated Funds Receipts

| | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Play People | 818 | 201 | 800 | 1,188 |
| Organ Fund | | | | |
| Total Designated Funds Receipts | 818 | 201 | 800 | 1,188 |

Restricted Funds Receipts

| | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Local Mission and Grants | 11,740 | 2,671 | 15,000 | 14,743 |
| Grants (Church Estate Charity and others) | 21,406 | | 27,000 | 11,638 |
| Eco Festival | 1,743 | 916 | 1,500 | 1,106 |
| LOL/ Whitaugh | 2,518 | 50 | 3,000 | 1,862 |
| Community Choir | 5,496 | 816 | 4,000 | 3,958 |
| Flower Fund | 120 | | | 214 |
| Special Collections | 932 | | | 2,298 |
| Cross Quarterly | 500 | | | 500 |
| Total Restricted Funds Receipts | 44,455 | 4,453 | 50,500 | 36,319 |

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|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Total All Receipts | 148,732 | 24,135 | 180,252 | 172,851 |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|

Payments
General Fund Payments

| | 2024 | Budget 2024 | 2023 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Parish Share | 63,525 | 63,523 | 62,504 |
| Office Sundries & Book-keeper | 4,054 | | 3,450 |
| Services & Music & MD | 3,494 | 1,600 | 3,591 |
| Organists | 1,485 | 1,200 | 1,445 |
| Messy Chuch | 496 | 750 | 843 |
| Café Church | 156 | 150 | 25 |
| Other mission and outreach/Open doors | 115 | 800 | 929 |
| PCC Expenses | 30 | | 719 |
| Clergy Expenses (water) | 528 | 1,000 | 396 |
| Maintenance | 7,562 | | 2,949 |
| Cleaning and Consumables | 2,391 | | 2,061 |
| Utilities | 5,337 | 16,500 | 6,140 |
| Accountancy | 269 | 500 | 1,387 |
| Printing | 263 | 50 | 110 |
| Telephone/Wi Fi | 580 | | 1,136 |
| Insurance | 3,500 | | 3,364 |
| Bank Charges | 60 | | 60 |
| Sundries | | 500 | 478 |
| SMDT/PMC Expenses | 350 | 400 | 360 |
| Fundraising (Sum up and Envelopes) | 106 | 200 | 551 |
| Whitby/Minsteracres weekend/day | 745 | 1,000 | |
| Other Sundry events | | 500 | |
| Funeral/Wedding fees Diocese | 1,606 | | |
| Total General Fund Payments | 96,651 | 88,673 | 92,498 |
| Designated Funds Payments | | | |
| Building Major Repairs | 9,303 | 5,000 | |
| Outward Giving | 6,000 | 9,000 | 8,000 |
| Organ Fund | | | 102 |
| Playpeople | 902 | 800 | 1,048 |
| Total Designated Funds Payments | 16,204 | 14,800 | 9,150 |
| Restricted Funds Payments | | | |
| Rector's Secretary Salary / expenses | 13,183 | 16,000 | 11,470 |
| Missioner Salary/ Expenses | 14,714 | 19,500 | 12,402 |
| Cross Quarterly | 1,258 | 1,000 | 1,059 |
| Eco Fest | 846 | 1,500 | 346 |
| LOL | 3,040 | 4,500 | 2,418 |
| Nevilles Cross Community Choir | 5,684 | 4,000 | 4,057 |
| Flowers | 179 | | 262 |
| Special Collections | 937 | | 2,298 |
| Children/Youth ministry Salaries | 22,401 | 26,000 | 165 |
| Total Restricted Funds Payments | 62,241 | 72,500 | 34,477 |
| Total All Payments | 175,096 | 175,973 | 136,125 |

Funds

| General Fund | 1st Jan 2024 | Receipts | Payments | Transfers IN | Transfers OUT | 31st Dec 2024 |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Investment | 64,333 | 1,766 | | | | 66,099 |
| Current Assets | 7,980 | 122,940 | 96,651 | | 11,000 | 23,270 |
| Total General Fund | 72,313 | 124,706 | 96,651 | - | 11,000 | 89,369 |

Designated funds

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------|---------------|
| Building Major Repairs | 40,553 | | 9,303 | 5,000 | | 36,250 |
| Mission & Gifts 10% Fund | | | 6,000 | 6,000 | | - |
| Playpeople | 2,640 | 1,019 | 902 | | | 2,758 |
| Organ Fund | 1,563 | | | | | 1,563 |
| Total Designated Funds | 44,756 | 1,019 | 16,204 | 11,000 | - | 40,571 |

Restricted Funds

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------|----------|--------------|
| Rector's Secretary & Office | - 2,724 | 13,406 | 13,183 | | | - 2,501 |
| LOL Youth Ministry | 3,054 | 2,568 | 3,040 | | | 2,582 |
| Environment & Community Fund | 2,804 | 2,659 | 846 | | | 4,617 |
| Harold Lister Fund | 700 | | | | | 700 |
| Flowers | 115 | 120 | 179 | | | 56 |
| Community Choir | 1,933 | 6,312 | 5,684 | | | 2,562 |
| Church Youth Worker | - 165 | 8,000 | 22,401 | | | - 14,566 |
| Cross Quarterly Newsletter | - 559 | 500 | 1,258.15 | | | - 1,317 |
| Missioner Salary & Expenses | 15,810 | 14,411 | 14,714 | | | 15,507 |
| Special Collections | - | 932 | 937 | | | - 5 |
| Total Restricted Funds | 20,968 | 48,908 | 62,241 | - | - | 7,635 |

Endowment Funds

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--|--|----------------|
| Church Hall Trust | 189,387 | 4,335 | | | | 193,722 |
| Total funds | 327,424 | 178,968 | 175,096 | | | 331,296 |

Assets

Bank Accounts

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--|--|--|--|---------------|
| CafCash Account | 8,142 | | | | | 8,608 |
| CafCash (LOL) Account | 3,024 | | | | | 2,553 |
| CafGold Account | 38,865 | | | | | 36,632 |
| Lloyds TSB | 12,472 | | | | | 6,713 |
| Vicarage Fund CCLA | 404 | | | | | 426 |
| CBF Deposit fund (Church Hall) | 10,797 | | | | | 16,544 |
| Total Bank Accounts | 73,704 | | | | | 71,475 |

| Investments | 1st Jan 2024 | Gain on Valuation | Loss on Valuation | Units Sold | 31st Dec. 2024 |
|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|----------------|
| COIF Ethical Fund | 64,333 | 1,766 | | | 66,099 |
| CBF Investment Fund | 189,387 | 4,335 | | | 193,722 |
| Total Investments | 253,720 | 6,101 | | - | 259,821 |

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|---------------------|----------------|
| Total Assets | 331,296 |
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Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 1st May 2025 and signed on its behalf

The Revd Barnaby T Huish (Chairman)



Notes

Designated Funds

Major building Repairs. The PCC has continued its policy of transferring £5,000 p.a. into this fund from the General Fund. They may, from time to time, review whether this is an appropriate amount.

Playpeople is administered by the PCC who provide premises and staff for this community activity. The church acquired funds of £961 from this once independent group which can be used to purchase equipment as deemed necessary.

Organ Fund. A generous gift was designated to be spent on the organ at some time in the future. There was no expenditure on organ maintenance during 2024.

Restricted Funds

Rector's Secretary and Office. The Rector's secretary is employed by St John's on behalf of St. John's, St Margaret's and St Edmund's churches. The salary and general office expenses are fully reimbursed by the Church Estate charity.

LOL Youth Ministry Fund. LOL (Living out Love) Youth Ministry was originally a project of St. John's, St Margaret's, St Oswald's and Emmanuel churches. It continues, on a voluntary basis, with St John's and King's church. St. John's takes legal and financial responsibility for the project.

Environment and Community Fund. The PCC decided to place the surplus generated from the EcoFest (and similar events) since 2014 in a restricted fund for environmental and community projects, including the annual EcoFest.

Harold Lister Fund The fund results from a legacy in the will of the late Harold Lister. It was stipulated that the sum of £1,000 'shall be used for the Church purposes by the Rector from time to time at his discretion'.

Flower Fund The fund is used for money collected for church flowers.

Community Choir The PCC decided to support the formation of Neville's Cross Community Choir, allowing the choir to use the church without charge. The funds are administered by the church and the legal position is that the choir is under the control of the PCC.

Church Youth Worker The PCC has appointed a Children's and Youth worker. Applications are made for grants in support of employment and other costs.

Cross Quarterly News Letter The publication of the Community newsletter, Cross Quarterly, is a Church initiative for the benefit of the wider community. A grant of £500 was received from the local Councillor.

Local Mission Fund. In 2020 the PCC agreed to fund a Local Mission Worker for 21 hours a week. Work is done within the parish and outreach extends to the neighbouring parish of Bearpark. The post is funded by donations and grants..

Endowment Funds.

Church Hall Trust Fund. The fund originated from the sale of the site of the old church hall. The capital was invested in 8,378 units of the Central Board of Finance Investment fund at a cost of £62,627. The use of the fund is restricted to the building of a new hall. As this restricted use is unlikely to be fulfilled, it is included in these accounts as an endowment fund. Dividends and interest are available for furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England within the parish and are therefore included in the assets of the General Fund. The value of the fund at the year end was £193,722.

Restricted Grants Received

The Church Estates Charity. The objects of the Church Estate charity are "furthering the religious and other work of the Church of England within the area of benefit, i.e. the parishes of St Margaret's and St. John's. In practice the cost of the Rector's Secretary and office expenses are paid by the charity. In 2024, this amounted to £13,406.



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of PCC of St John's, Neville's Cross

On accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 Charity no (if any) 1131053

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signed: [Signature] Date: 22/04/2025

Name: Antony Friswell

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

(if any):

Address:

Section B

Disclosure

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

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

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Achievements and Performance

Review of the year (January-December 2023):

In several ways this year was one of prayer and consolidation. The church continued in its commitment to Partnership for Missional Church (PMC): a three-year programme, undertaken at the Bishop's invitation and with Diocesan support, for lay-led missional growth. The theme for most of this year was 'listening', which involved the PMC core team and others in interviewing members of the congregation and wider local community, finding and evaluating data on the parish from the 2021 census and other sources, and regularly 'dwelling in the Word' (helping us attend to God through the words of the Bible). Later in the year the focus moved on to 'experimenting' and, following a PCC away-day, a Mission Innovation Team was formed to develop ideas for engaging with our local community within the geographical area of the parish.

Since the departure of the parish's Children & Youth Worker the previous year, teams of lay people had maintained the variety of youth and children's activities in and around the church, and this continued throughout 2023: Messy Church continued to flourish under the dedicated and inspired leadership of Joan together with a committed and imaginative team of helpers; Playpeople likewise, thanks to Annette and Eleanor and others. Amy, our Music Missioner, led a regular sixth-form discussion group through the year, and for a number of Sundays she planned and led all-age services with younger members of the congregation. Meanwhile the St John's youth ministry partnership with King's Church ('LOL: Living Out Love') continued to run 'Dive' (for those in Year 7-9 on a Monday evening, which gradually grew in numbers during the year) and Super6 (which saw around thirty Year 6 children from local schools, and seven secondary school-age helpers, meeting in St John's after school on Fridays through the Spring term).

Neville's Cross Primary school held Easter, Remembrance and Christmas services in church; the Rector was invited to lead worship in the school on a number of occasions, and the school contributed artwork to the church for Easter and Remembrance Sunday. The Rector and Joan continued to serve as Foundation Governors at St Margaret's CE Primary School; the Rector led collective worship there for Infants and Juniors once a week, and Joan devised and led Prayer Spaces events at Easter and Christmas (the latter involving children from both local primary schools, with over six hundred coming to the church in the space of a week to explore the Christmas story through prayer-related activities).

On Sunday mornings, Sarah, Sarah, Janet, Robert, Joy and others maintained a provision of primary and secondary-age related activities during the 10.30 service,

albeit for much of the year there were few (or no) children in attendance. Thankfully, and following much prayer and perseverance, numbers of children returned to church in the autumn, and since then they have continued to form part of our worshipping community. At the end of the year the church proceeded to appoint a new Children, Youth and Families worker (to begin work in 2024).

Amy planned and hosted a vibrant and poignant concert in church, attended by a number of Ukrainian families, to mark the first anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February. In line with her contract, she continued to build on our relationship with the parish of Bearpark, being involved in the school and the church there and in various community initiatives and activities. Assisted by members of Bearpark Methodist Church, as well as people from St John's and St Edmund's, she ran a popular holiday club which was attended by children and families from the village, and she also led the Good Friday act of witness in the churchyard (which again involved a large number of children).

During the year St John's PCC committed to build on its recently-conferred Silver Eco Church award, and also committed to work towards becoming a GRT (Gypsy Roma Traveller) Friendly Church. In November, Nicky (Associate Minister at St John's) was appointed a non-residentiary Canon of Durham Cathedral in recognition of her work regionally and nationally with GRT communities.

We continued to hold two services for the most part every Sunday morning (except during August), at 8.45 and 10.30am. Between them our congregations have welcomed new members and have increased in size in the course of the year. The 10.30 service continues to be live streamed online each week, thanks to our dedicated a/v team; and similarly dedicated small teams of people work behind the scenes each week to set up for services, decorate the church with flowers and keep the building in order, as well as those who help enhance our worship through reading, leading prayers, making music, welcoming people and so forth.

Beyond Sunday mornings a good range of regular events and activities took place: over the year the monthly Taste service, led by Mike, welcomed a range of speakers from across the church community to talk about life and faith. The Mothers' Union, led by Annette, also welcomed a wide range of speakers to its monthly meeting. The Open Door Café and Community Choir continued to flourish, each run by a committed team of volunteers, hosted by the church while engaging members of the wider community. Cross Quarterly, our printed community newsletter, is delivered by a team of volunteer helpers, again from within and beyond the church, reflecting its broad appeal and readership. Home groups continue to meet regularly during the week, involving a growing number of people from across the congregations. A number of concerts took place in church during the year.

Routine and other work on the church building and grounds continued through the year; and the PCC worked to ensure that compliance with our policies, and broader good practice, was maintained. Many people worked, on a voluntary basis, to make this happen, including our parish safeguarding officer Jan, our health and safety officer Lavinia, the churchwardens, the fabric committee and others.

In the course of the year St John's was delighted to share in celebrating the 100th birthday of Derek, a regular worshipper here since the 1940s; it gave us occasion to reflect that while much has changed, St John's remains, as it always has been, a community hoping to welcome and sustain people as we share in Word and in Sacrament, in prayer, in worship and in service of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Church Electoral Roll

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting it was reported that there were 109 parishioners listed on the Church Electoral Roll.

Financial Review, 2023

The planned giving has seen a healthy rise of over 10% in commitment from the congregation at St John's. Well done! There was also a push to claim outstanding Gift Aid from donations which had been missed in the previous years. This has been allocated to the various funds where applicable.

Plate donations are a less convenient way of collecting income. We have invested in a Sum Up electronic device which, although slow to get off the ground, is now yielding an income by a means which many prefer to use. We can claim Gift Aid via the GASD scheme of small donations, as well as use the usual method for known donors.

Thanks are due to the Churches Estates Charity which supports the Rector's secretary and associated expenses. We also had grants to support the Missioner's work in Bearpark (£1,200) which allowed the play and lunch club to operate over six Mondays in the summer. The community magazine- Nevilles Cross Quarterly, also has a grant from the councillors to cover about half the expenses.

The church has also seen a revival in income for hire of the premises which had been affected by the pandemic over recent years.

The volatile nature of the market shows a rise in the value of investments this year to regain losses recorded last year. The capital with the Diocese is not accessible under the endowment rules but yields about £5,000 in interest.

The Parish Share to the Diocese was set at an affordable level for 2023, but the PCC felt able to make an extra one-off donation of £2,000. The PCC has already agreed to meet its pledge of £63, 525 in 2024.

St Johns's gave £8000 to outward giving. Research was carried out amongst the congregation to advise the PCC of charities they wished to support. Two new charities were A Rocha – a Christian environmental charity, and Friends Families and Travellers supporting the GRT community. We have continued the support of Catherine Lee through CMS, Transform Trade and Nepacs which supports local work with families who have loved ones in prison. The flexibility in our outward giving policy may see a reduction in this figure as our employment expenses increase in 2024.

Special collections included the proceeds of a concert in aid of Ukraine in February 2023, as well as the donation of Christmas collections to DASH – a housing charity.

Inevitably the upkeep of the building has increased with higher utilities bills. We also spent more on consumables as the building was used more frequently.

The main focus in 2023 was to firm up our financial position after several years of planned deficit budgets. It feels positive to have had an excess of £29,000 of receipts over outgoing payments. There are potentially quite a few building projects to complete in the near future. Obviously, it has benefitted our finances not to have employed a full time youth worker for eighteen months. This hopefully creates a way forward in 2024.

Amy is now employed for 21 hours per week as Missioner, which is debited from the restricted fund. We charge the Sunday Service provision of Music Director (4 hours) to church expenses. With the appointment of Alex Walker as CYFW in January 2024, we are going to stretch our financial resources in the future. The congregation needs to be aware that giving into the Mission fund does need to increase to fulfil this aim. Antony Friswell has done a sterling job of preparing the accounts over several months as he gains insight to how St John's works. Next year we are hoping that tracking the finances will be easier as Antony has prepared this groundwork. So many thanks are due to Antony for this invaluable work and his patience as we have tried to simplify the system in a meaningful way. Thanks are also due to Michael Bullock who has helped and offered encouragement.

Approved by the PCC at its meeting on 12th May 2024, and signed on its behalf by The Reverend Barnaby Huish (Chairman).



SUMMARY

RECEIPTS

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Unrestricted Receipts | £128,799 |
| Restricted Receipts | £36,319 |
| Total Receipts 2023 | £165,118 |

PAYMENTS

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|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Unrestricted Payments | £101,648 |
| Restricted Payments | £34,777 |
| Total Payments 2023 | £136,125 |

ASSETS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Investments | £253,720 |
| Bank Balances | £73,704 |
| Total Monetary Assets | £327,424 |

St John's Neville's Cross
Charity Number 1131053
Receipts & Payments Accounts for 2023

Receipts

General Fund Receipts

| | 2023 | Budget 2023 | 2022 |
|--|----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Planned Giving | 80,991 | 75,000 | 69,158 |
| Gift Aid | 17,700 | 18,000 | 12,268 |
| Gift Aid from previous year donations | 7,733 | | 2,223 |
| Loose Plate Collection | 1,559 | 3,000 | 2,247 |
| Other Donations | 2,810 | 2,000 | 4,710 |
| Fees (Banns, weddings, funerals, etc.) | 191 | 500 | 646 |
| Whitby/Minsteracres weekend/day | | 1,000 | |
| Sundry Church Activity | | 250 | 500 |
| Hire of Premises | 4,898 | 3,000 | 2,673 |
| Messy Church | 380 | | 138 |
| Open Doors | 805 | 500 | 471 |
| Solar Panels | 2,479 | 2,500 | 2,383 |
| Other Income | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Interest/Dividends received | 8,064 | 6,000 | 7,599 |
| Total General Fund Receipts | 127,611 | 111,751 | 105,017 |

Designated Funds Receipts

| | | | |
|--|--------------|------------|------------|
| Play People | 1,188 | 800 | 591 |
| Organ Fund | | | 135 |
| Total Designated Funds Receipts | 1,188 | 800 | 726 |

Restricted Funds Receipts

| | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Local Mission and Grants | 14,743 | 20,000 | 14,062 |
| Grants (Church Estate Charity and others) | 11,638 | 14,000 | 19,889 |
| Eco Festival | 1,106 | 1,500 | 1,210 |
| LOL/ Whitaugh | 1,862 | 3,000 | 392 |
| Community Choir | 3,958 | 3,000 | 4,203 |
| Flower Fund | 214 | | 162 |
| Special Collections | 2,298 | | 1,625 |
| Cross Quarterly | 500 | | |
| Total Restricted Funds Receipts | 36,319 | 41,500 | 41,543 |

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|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Total All Receipts | 165,118 | 154,051 | 149,509 |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|

Payments
General Fund Payments

| | 2023 | Budget 2023 | 2022 |
|--|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Parish Share | 62,504 | 60,500 | 69,188 |
| Office Sundries & Book-keeper | 3,450 | | 1,979 |
| Services & Music & MD | 3,591 | 1,400 | 2,869 |
| Organists | 1,445 | 1,000 | 1,120 |
| Messy Chuch | 843 | 400 | 885 |
| Café Church | 25 | 150 | 17 |
| Other mission and outreach/Open doors | 929 | 800 | 576 |
| PCC Expenses (mainly first aid course) | 719 | 400 | 511 |
| Clergy Expenses (water) | 396 | 1,000 | 372 |
| Maintenance | 2,949 | | |
| Cleaning and Consumables | 2,061 | | |
| Utilities | 6,140 | | 6,460 |
| Accountancy | 1,387 | 1,000 | 1,009 |
| Printing | 110 | 50 | 202 |
| Telephone/Wi Fi | 1,136 | | 2,414 |
| Insurance | 3,364 | | 3,186 |
| Bank Charges | 60 | | |
| Sundries | 478 | 500 | 26 |
| SMDT/PMC Expenses | 360 | 400 | 19 |
| Fundraising (Sum up and Envelopes) | 551 | 200 | |
| Whitby/Minsteracres weekend/day | | 1,000 | |
| Other Sundry events | | 500 | 190 |
| Previous year funeral fees | | | 891 |
| Total General Fund Payments | 92,498 | 69,300 | 91,914 |

Designated Funds Payments

| | | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Building Major Repairs | | | 5,775 |
| Outward Giving | 8,000 | 8,000 | 7,000 |
| Organ Fund | 102 | | |
| Playpeople | 1,048 | 800 | 276 |
| Total Designated Funds Payments | 9,150 | 8,800 | 13,051 |

Restricted Funds Payments

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|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Rector's Secretary Salary / expenses | 11,470 | 14,000 | 12,113 |
| Missioner Salary/ Expenses | 12,402 | 15,000 | 5,893 |
| Cross Quarterly | 1,059 | 1,000 | 1,065 |
| Eco Fest | 346 | 1,500 | 922 |
| LOL | 2,418 | 4,500 | 996 |
| Nevilles Cross Community Choir | 4,057 | 4,000 | 3,758 |
| Flowers | 262 | | 115 |
| Special Collections | 2,298 | | 1,625 |
| Children/Youth ministry Salaries | 165 | 7,500 | 12,742 |
| Total Restricted Funds Payments | 34,477 | 47,500 | 39,229 |

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|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Total All Payments | 136,125 | 125,600 | 144,194 |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|

Funds

| General Fund | 1st Jan 2023 | Receipts | Payments | Transfers IN | Transfers OUT | 31st Dec 2023 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Investment | 58,580 | 5,453 | | | | 64,333 |
| Current Assets | - 23,667 | 127,611 | 92,498 | 1,534 | 5,000 | 7,980 |
| Total General Fund | 34,913 | 133,064 | 92,498 | 1,534 | 5,000 | 72,313 |

Designated funds

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Building Major Repairs | 35,553 | | | 5,000 | | 40,553 |
| Mission & Gifts 10% Fund | 8,050 | | 8,000 | | 50 | - |
| Solar Panels | 1,484 | | | | 1,484 | - |
| Playpeople | 2,500 | 1,188 | 1,048 | | | 2,640 |
| Organ Fund | 1,665 | | 102 | | | 1,563 |
| Total Designated Funds | 49,252 | 1,188 | 9,150 | 5,000 | 1,534 | 44,756 |

Restricted Funds

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|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| Rector's Secretary & Office | - 2,892 | 11,638 | 11,470 | | | - 2,724 |
| LOL Youth Ministry | 3,610 | 1,862 | 2,418 | | | 3,054 |
| Environment & Community Fund | 2,044 | 1,106 | 346 | | | 2,804 |
| Harold Lister Fund | 700 | | | | | 700 |
| Flowers | 163 | 214 | 262 | | | 115 |
| Community Choir | 2,032 | 3,958 | 4,057 | | | 1,933 |
| Church Youth Worker | - | | 165 | | | - 165 |
| Cross Quarterly Newsletter | - | 500 | 1059 | | | - 559 |
| Missioner Salary & Expenses | 13,469 | 14,743 | 12,402 | | | 15,810 |
| Special Collections | - | 2,298 | 2,298 | | | - |
| Total Restricted Funds | 19,126 | 36,319 | 34,477 | - | - | 20,968 |

Endowment Funds

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------|--------|--|--|--|---------|
| Church Hall Trust | 172,792 | 16,595 | | | | 189,387 |
|-------------------|---------|--------|--|--|--|---------|

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| Total funds | 276,083 | 187,166 | 136,125 | 6,534 | 6,534 | 327,424 |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|

Assets

Bank Accounts

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--|--|--|--|---------------|
| CafCash Account | 6,038 | | | | | 8,142 |
| CafCash (LOL) Account | 3,531 | | | | | 3,024 |
| CafGold Account | 5,202 | | | | | 38,865 |
| Lloyds TSB | 24,158 | | | | | 12,472 |
| Vicarage Fund CCLA | 392 | | | | | 404 |
| CBF Deposit fund (Church Hall) | 5,565 | | | | | 10,797 |
| Total Bank Accounts | 44,886 | | | | | 73,704 |

Investments

| | 1st Jan 2023 | Gain on Valuation | Loss on Valuation | | Units Sold | 31st Dec. 2023 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|---------------|-------------------|
| COIF Ethical Fund | 58,580 | 5,753 | | | | 64,333 |
| CBF Investment Fund | 172,791 | 16,596 | | | | 189,387 |
| Total Investments | 231,371 | 22,349 | | | | 253,720 |

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| Total Assets | 327,424 |
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Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 12th May 2024 and signed on its behalf

The Revd Barnaby T Huish (Chairman)



Notes

Accounts Format. In recent years the year end accounts have been presented in “Accruals” format. The 2023 accounts are presented in simpler “Receipts and Payments” format. R & P accounts record only the actual monetary transactions that have taken place during the period. They do not include a valuation of fixed assets (AV equipment, solar panels etc.) and they also do not include an allowance for year-end “debtors, creditors and accruals” (amounts owing). There has been no change in the methods of recording financial activity (book-keeping).

Funds. Fund values have been brought forward from the 2022 accounts with adjustments for the exclusion of fixed assets, debtors, creditors and accruals.

Designated Funds

Outward Giving Fund. The stated intention has been that 10% of the previous year’s voluntary income should be transferred to this fund to be disbursed at the discretion of the PCC to local and other charities. There appears to have been some confusion regarding this definition with the result that a balance of £8,050 had accumulated in this fund before any transfer for 2023. A total of £8,000 was disbursed in 2023 and the balance of £50 transferred back to the general fund. The PCC has adjusted the policy and there is now an opportunity to make a more flexible decision regarding this.

Solar Panels. The £1,484 brought forward in this fund was a consequence of “accrual accounting”, whereby the value of the panels was depreciated over 15 years and a generous gift towards the original cost of the panels was written down over the same period. This residual amount has been transferred to the General Fund.

Playpeople is now administered by the PCC who provide premises and staff for this community activity. The Church acquired funds of £961 from this once independent group which can be used to purchase equipment as deemed necessary.

Organ Fund. A generous gift was designated to be spent on the organ “at some time in the future”. This year £102 was spent on organ maintenance.

Restricted Funds

Rector’s Secretary and Office. The Rector’s secretary is employed by St. John’s on behalf of the PCCs of St John’s, St Margaret’s and St Edmund’s churches. The salary and general office expenses are fully reimbursed by the Church Estates Charity.

LOL Youth Ministry Fund. LOL (Living out Love) Youth ministry was originally a project of St. John’s, St Margaret’s, St. Oswald’s and Emmanuel churches. It continues, on a voluntary basis, with St. John’s and King’s Church. St. John’s takes legal and financial responsibility for the project.

Environment and Community Fund. The PCC decided to place the surplus generated from the EcoFest (and other similar events) since 2014 in a restricted fund for environmental and community projects, including the annual EcoFest.

Harold Lister Fund. The fund results from a legacy in the will of the late Harold Lister. It was stipulated that the sum of £1,000 shall be used for Church purposes by The Rector from time to time at his discretion.

Flower Fund. The fund is used for money collected for church flowers.

Community Choir. The PCC decided to support the formation of Neville's Cross Community Choir, allowing the choir to use the church without charge. The funds are administered by the church and the legal position is that the choir is under the control of the PCC.

Church Youth Worker. The PCC appointed a Children's and Youth worker early in 2024. Applications are to be made for grants in support of employment and other costs.

Cross Quarterly. The publication of the Community newsletter, Cross Quarterly, is a Church initiative for the benefit of the wider community.

Local Mission Fund. In 2020 the PCC agreed to fund a Local Mission Worker for 21 hours a week. Work is done within the parish and outreach extends to the neighbouring parish, Bearpark. The post is funded by donations and grants.

Endowment Funds.

Church Hall Trust Fund. The fund originated from the sale of the site of the old church hall. The capital was invested in 8,378 units of the Central Board of Finance Investment Fund at a cost of £62,627. The use of the fund is restricted to the building of a new hall. As this restricted use is unlikely to be fulfilled, it is included in these accounts as an endowment fund. Dividends and interest are available for furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England within the parish and are therefore included in the assets of the General Fund. The value of the fund at the year-end was £189,387.

Restricted Grants Received

The Church Estates Charity. One of the objects of Church Estate charity are "furthering the religious and other work of the Church of England within the area of benefit, i.e. the parishes of St Margaret's and St John's. In practice the cost of the Rector's Secretary and office expenses are paid by the Charity in arrears. In 2023, this amounted to £11,638.

Cross Quarterly. A grant of £500 was received from Local Councillors' Small Grants Budget for the publication of the Community Newsletter.

Local Mission (Bearpark). Grants were received of £500 from Believe Housing, £500 from Diocese of Durham, £200 from Councillors' Small Grants Budget.

Accounts

CHURCH OF SAINT JOHN, NEVILLE'S CROSS, DURHAM

**ANNUAL REPORT
and ACCOUNTS**

of the

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ended 31st December 2022

Incumbent :

The Reverend Barnaby T. Huish
The Rectory,
10 Westhouse Avenue,
Durham, DH1 4FH.

Presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 21st May 2023

*St John's Neville's Cross is a Registered Charity
No. 1131053*

St John's Church, Neville's Cross, Durham
Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council
for the year ended 31st December 2022

Administrative information

St. John's Church is situated in Neville's Cross, Durham. It is part of the Diocese of Durham within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Antioch House, 66 Crossgate, Durham DH1 4PR. Since 1st August 2021 the Parish has formed part of the United Benefice of Durham St Margaret, Neville's Cross St John and Bearpark St Edmund.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) was formerly exempt from registering as a charity, however in May 2009 it did register with the Charity Commission under the terms of the Charities Act 2006 (Charity No. 1131053). The members of the PCC are the Trustees of the Charity.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent: The Revd Barnaby Huish Chairman

Churchwardens:

 Mrs Jo Cundy Vice-chair
 Mrs Kathryn Shanks (from 22nd May 2022)

Licensed Associate Minister:

 The Revd Dr Nichola Chater

Lay Representatives on the Deanery Synod (Jo Cundy is also churchwarden, as listed above):

 Mr Michael Chater
 Mrs Jo Cundy
 Mr Adriel Yap

Elected members:

 Mr David Atkinson PCC Secretary
 Mr Michael Bullock (from 22nd May 2022)
 Mrs Judith Bumby (until 22nd May 2022)
 Miss Abigail Clark (until 22nd May 2022)
 Mrs Jenny Halford
 Mrs Susan Massey PCC Treasurer
 Mr Andrew Mattches (from 22nd May 2022)
 Mrs Janet Phillips
 Professor Thomas Shanks
 Miss Amy Ward (co-opted member after 22nd May 2022)

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC Standing Committee is empowered to transact

business on the PCC's behalf outside regular meeting times if necessary; its current members are the Rector, Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and PCC Treasurer.

Objectives and Activities

St John's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Barnaby Huish, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and Church Centre complex of St John's, Neville's Cross. It also has responsibilities as an employer.

Achievements and Performance

Review of the year (January-December 2022):

The Church at the start of the year was still feeling the impact of covid-19, which had been declared a global pandemic in March 2020. As of January 2022, the wearing of face coverings was still mandatory in church and (among other things) the serving of refreshments after services had not yet resumed. In the course of the year more familiar patterns of life and worship were gradually restored, both in and out of church; nevertheless the series of national lockdowns which had affected churches (along with everything else) over the preceding two years had a lingering impact, not least in levels of attendance (with the numbers of children and teenagers on Sunday mornings having been particularly noticeably affected).

The decision was taken to continue broadcasting services live online via Facebook (an innovation which had begun during lockdown). Thanks to the work of our dedicated a/v teams, this is now part of our regular Sunday offering, and enables people (near and far) who cannot be present in the building still to be part of the service.

Covid had a long-term adverse effect on the health of one of our employees, who happily began a phased return to work after Easter this year. With the revised job title of Music Missioner she began to resume her work across the parish (and in the neighbouring parish of St Edmund, Bearpark), which includes work in school and in the local communities, overseeing music at the 10.30 Sunday service, convening a Sixth-formers' discussion group and engagement across a range of other activities.

In May the Shared Ministry Development Team (SMDT) arranged a Parish Away Day, which took place in and around St Brandon's Church, Brancepeth with the tagline "Reflect, Refresh, Renew and Reconnect". The day provided space and time for a variety of prayer activities, around which constructive conversations took place. Use of the common cup (chalice) for administering Communion resumed in June, at Pentecost, and a parish 'bring & share' lunch was also held on this day to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. Later that same month a 'musical evening' was held in church involving two student choirs: an *a capella* group and a gospel choir.

A full EcoFestival was held in the church grounds for the first time since 2019, with live music, lunches provided by REfUSE (a local sustainable food charity), hourly talks on the importance of soil, Messy Church on the theme of creation, and a variety of stalls and activities. In advance of the festival the parish Eco group had built some

raised flowerbeds and compost heaps alongside the church centre, which are being used as a resource for the church and community. Later in the year the Church was awarded a Silver Eco Church award by the national environmental charity ARocha.

In the course of the year the Rector was appointed Interim Area Dean of Durham, and the Associate Minister was appointed Diocesan Chaplain for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities. We were sorry to say farewell in July to Abigail Clark, who had served as the parish's full-time-employed Children & Youth Worker since 2017. The church had been greatly blessed by Abby's ministry over the past five years, during which she had been creatively, cheerfully and tirelessly involved across all areas of the life of the Church. Her '*al fresco*' farewell service in July brought together a great range of people from across the community to say thank-you to her, and to pray God's blessing on her as she moved to new work in Derbyshire.

Routine and other work on the church building continued through the year. In the autumn scaffolding was erected in the church in order for the plaster surrounding the chancel arch to be replaced, and for further inspections to be made.

Harvest Festival was combined this year with a parish Gift Day. The 10.30 service was planned and led by teenage members of the congregation, and ongoing financial support was sought for the mission and ministry of the Church (including among children and young people). Gift Day pledges helped secure the work of our parish Music Missioner moving forward, and the PCC pledged to continue to discern whether and when it might be right to appoint a new Children and Youth Worker. In the meantime, our ministry among children and young people continued thanks to the dedication of members of the congregation, including in relation to: Messy Church (once a month) John's Juniors & Think Tank (every Sunday), Playpeople (every Tuesday), Super6 (an after-school club for Year 6s), DIVE every week (for young teenagers, in partnership with King's church Durham) and our local schools.

In October we welcomed a visit from our CMS Link Missioner Catherine Lee, from Taiwan. Over the course of the year a variety of people spoke about their life and faith at the monthly Sunday evening Taste service, and guest speakers were welcomed by the Mothers' Union at their monthly meetings (which resumed at the start of the year). The Open Door Café continued to thrive, on alternate Wednesday mornings, and the Community Choir returned to weekly practices in church.

The parish responded positively to an invitation from the Bishop to commit to Partnership for Missional Church (PMC): a three-year programme (undertaken with Diocesan support) for lay-led missional growth. To enable this, the SMDT was reconfigured to serve as the core group for PMC, with the Rector serving as 'spiritual leader', as required.

On Remembrance Sunday a framed display of the names on the parish War Memorial was unveiled in church (to complement the lists carved on the memorial itself, which have naturally degraded over time). Art, created by pupils of Neville's Cross school was displayed inside church leading up to and including Remembrance Sunday. The school also attended a Service of Remembrance in church during the week leading up to 11th November. Among those whose death was mourned in the course of the year was Mavis Atkinson, a longstanding member of the congregation, who (prior to

covid) had baked bread each week for use at Holy Communion; and in common with many others the Church was open for public prayer following the death of H.M. The Queen.

During the October half-term our Music Missioner organised a day for young people and little ones to indulge in some scarecrow making and other crafts for families.

As winter approached, there was widespread concern (nationally) around the rising cost of living. In response to this the church supported the establishment of 'warm hubs' both in Bearpark and in Neville's Cross.

During Advent there was more interaction between St. John's and both primary schools. The children at St. Margaret's school were able to experience the Advent Prayer Spaces and Neville's Cross Primary students attended a special Christmas service in church.

At the beginning of the Christmas holiday, our Music Missioner facilitated another outreach activity, featuring a Christmas Carol workshop in the morning and working with musicians later in the day.

The Home groups organised Christmas carol singing outside, in front of church, followed by hot drinks and mince pies, while a splinter group continued carolling along St. John's Road.

One of the Home Groups (which meet regularly in the parish through the year) committed to providing a shared lunch on Christmas Day for parishioners who might otherwise be on their own, and this was enjoyed by a variety of people.

Church Electoral Roll

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting it was reported that there were 110 parishioners on the new Roll.

Financial Review, 2022

This year has seen the emergence of the Parish of St. John's Neville's Cross from the restrictions of the pandemic lockdowns of the previous two years. The pattern of services has resumed and there has been an upturn in numbers attending services, as well as the full restoration of activities such as Play People, Open Doors, Messy Church and the Community Choir. The Parish Giving Scheme continues to ensure a regular cash flow, including Gift Aid, into the parish accounts throughout the year. There has been a healthy increase in the number of subscribers as new members have joined our congregation. The Treasurer really values this way of giving as being extremely efficient in collecting Gift Aid, and time spent making these claims.

In 2022, regular income from the Parish Giving Scheme, standing orders, and loose plate collections (with Gift Aid reclaimed) increased by a significant 27% to £94,062 (2021: £73,582). This response is heartening and will allow us to move forward during 2023.

We also received about £16,850 from the Church Estates Charity, which exists to support work within the parishes of St Margaret's and St. John's. About £12,000, funded the Rector's Secretary and office expenses, which are claimed regularly. We also received a one-off grant of £5,000 to help with the salary costs of our Church Youth Worker, for which the parish is very grateful. There were also some further grants from our local Councillors to support the Community Choir and the Garden project, initiated by the environmental team.

The need to support a Church Youth Worker ended at the end of June as Abby moved to pastures new. Although this has been a great loss to the parish, the subsequent rest from this financial commitment is allowing us to take stock of the financial situation and work out how we can fund a similar post in the future. To this end, St John's had a Gift Day in October and people gave generously to support the Mission fund as well as gifting to the general upkeep of the church. Our Music Missioner, Amy, is funded from the Mission fund and we have been blessed that after a long period of recuperation from Covid, Amy was fulfilling a contract of 17 hours per week up to the end of the year after a programme of phased return to work.

Our largest expenditure continues to be the Parish Share which funds ministry at St. John's and throughout the Diocese. We paid £69,188 to the Diocese in 2022, which was a 2% increase from 2021. However, it was felt that St John's was unable to meet the new suggested pledge of over £70,000 for 2023. The PCC had written to the Diocese in 2021 suggesting St John's may not be able to sustain this level of funding in the light of much reduced giving in 2021.

The cost of inspecting and renewing plasterwork in the chancel (£3,882) was charged to the Building and Organ Maintenance fund this year. This was a result of falling plaster over the chancel steps. The routine £5,000 transfer to this designated fund has continued.

Day to day expenditure has increased in 2022. Much of this can be attributed to very high energy costs as well as inflationary cost of living rises.

£7,000 was distributed to outside charities in equal shares to Traidcraft Exchange, Nepacs, CMS and the Durham Foodbank, each receiving £1,750. There has been discussion in 2022 of whether this can be sustained at 10% if there are other calls on this income. The financial policy has been adjusted to give flexibility for up to 10% of income to be distributed to chosen charities.

The PCC had a planned deficit in the 2022 budget of £45,000 to be met from reserves. However, as a result of increased giving during the year, the Statement of Financial Activities shows a loss of just £1,321 before investment gains/losses. This increased giving from our congregation and the financial implications of Abby's departure have protected us from a fairly bleak financial scenario.

The value of investment holdings fell by £42,274 in the volatile markets of 2022. This includes £10,000 drawn to fund the impending deficit in the budget for 2022. The fall eradicated much of the gains made in 2021. The endowment fund from the sale of the

Church Hall continues to yield interest of over £5,000 but the capital funds are not accessible to the Church.

The main financial strategy for 2022 was to halt the leakage of funds from the reserves which are now at a level recommended by the Diocese for sound financial planning. The PCC was able to pass a budget for 2023, which was not a deficit budget. In this way the Church is in a position to make prudent planning decisions about the level of Parish Share, an amount of outward giving which is affordable, and uppermost in many people's minds, our ability to fund another mission employee at an affordable level for a reasonable period of time.

Approved by the PCC at its meeting on 30th March 2023, and signed on its behalf by The Reverend Barnaby Huish (Chairman).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barnaby Huish', written in a cursive style.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St John's Church, Neville's Cross

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2022 in respect of my examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('The Regulations') and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('The Act').

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the 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.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

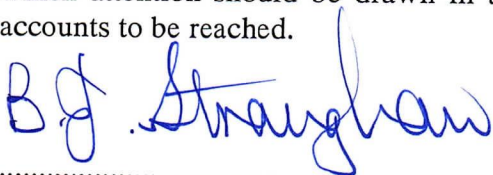
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



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B J Straughan
B J Straughan and Co
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

25th April 2023
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Date

Epworth House
7 Lucy Street
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St John's Church Neville's Cross, Durham

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 December 2022

| | Note | General Fund | Designated Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total Funds 2022 | Total Funds 2021 |
|---|----------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| INCOMING RESOURCES | | | | | | | |
| Incoming resources from donors | 2(a) | 90,843 | 0 | 3,219 | 0 | 94,062 | 73,582 |
| Other voluntary incoming resources | 2(b) | 4,845 | 0 | 18,630 | 0 | 23,475 | 30,586 |
| Incoming resources to further the Council's objects | 2(c) | 5,890 | 591 | 15,487 | 0 | 21,968 | 11,318 |
| Income from investments | 2(d) | 2,137 | 0 | 0 | 5,148 | 7,286 | 7,497 |
| TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES | | 103,715 | 591 | 37,336 | 5,148 | 146,791 | 122,983 |
| RESOURCES EXPENDED | | | | | | | |
| Mission Giving | 3(a) | 0 | 7,000 | 395 | 0 | 7,395 | 8,000 |
| Diocesan and Deanery parish share | 3(b) | 69,188 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69,188 | 67,650 |
| Activities directly relating to the work of the church | 3(c) | 21,735 | 4,993 | 5,296 | 0 | 32,024 | 24,049 |
| Church management and administration | 3(d) | 12,483 | 0 | 22,801 | 0 | 35,285 | 42,915 |
| LOL Youth Ministry | 3(e) | 0 | 0 | 1,079 | 0 | 1,079 | 425 |
| Depreciation | 4(a) | 3,141 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,141 | 3,643 |
| TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED | | 106,548 | 11,993 | 29,571 | 0 | 148,112 | 145,682 |
| NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS | | -2,832 | -11,402 | 7,765 | 5,148 | -1,321 | -23,700 |
| GROSS TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS | | -6,857 | 12,005 | 0 | -5,148 | 0 | 0 |
| NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES | | -9,689 | 603 | 7,765 | 0 | -1,321 | -23,700 |
| GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENT | 4(b)/(c) | -9,132 | 0 | 0 | -23,143 | -32,275 | 35,850 |
| NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS | | -18,821 | 603 | 7,765 | -23,143 | -33,596 | 12,151 |
| BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2022 | | 73,467 | 48,649 | 14,257 | 195,935 | 332,307 | 320,156 |
| BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2022 | | 54,646 | 49,252 | 22,021 | 172,792 | 298,711 | 332,307 |

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

| | Note | 2022 £ | 2021 £ |
|--|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| FIXED ASSETS | | | |
| Tangible fixed assets | 1(c) 4(a) | 14,690 | 17,831 |
| Investment assets | 4(b)/(c) | 231,371 | 273,645 |
| Total fixed assets | | 246,061 | 291,476 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Debtors | 6 | 9,612 | 8,872 |
| Bank deposits | | 10,853 | 17,421 |
| Bank Current Accounts | | 33,725 | 17,119 |
| Cash | | 26 | 26 |
| Total current assets | | 54,216 | 43,438 |
| LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE | | | |
| Creditors and Accruals | 7 | 1,566 | 2,609 |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | 52,650 | 40,829 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 298,711 | 332,306 |
| FUNDS | | | |
| Unrestricted | | | |
| General Fund | | 54,646 | 73,467 |
| Designated Funds | | 49,252 | 48,649 |
| Restricted | | | |
| Endowment | | 22,021 | 14,257 |
| | | 172,792 | 195,934 |
| TOTAL | | 298,711 | 332,306 |

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 30th March 2023 and signed on its behalf by

The Revd Barnaby T Huish (Chairman)



Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- (a) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 as amended by the Church Accounting (Amendment) Regulations 2001 together with applicable accounting standards and Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP FRS102).
- (b) The Church Hall Trust Fund is invested in 8,378 units of the Central Board of Finance Investment Fund. The investment is revalued on 31 December each year; any gain or loss in value during the year is shown in the Statement of Financial Activities.
- (c) We are required to produce a balance sheet which includes the value of fixed assets; any assets that are considered to have a limited useful life are depreciated. Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011. Alterations to the Church Building, as part of the reordering project were therefore charged to the 2007 revenue account and are not shown as fixed assets. Furniture and equipment still having a value, purchased since 1 January 2007 are included in the balance sheet as fixed assets and depreciated as follows:

| | | | |
|---------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Audio Visual System | 10 years | Laptop | 3 years |
| Chairs | 15 years | Chancel furniture | 15 years |
| Solar Panels | 15 years | Altar rail | 15 years |

The land to the South side of the church building (approximately 2,454 sq.m.) is owned by the Church. As it is effectively landlocked, it is considered to have no commercial value. The 19th Durham Scouts have a lease of that part of this land on which their hut is situated. The lease is for 20 years from 1 January 2007; the rent is £1 p.a.

2. INCOMING RESOURCES

| | General Fund | Designated Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total Funds 2022 | Total Funds 2021 |
|---|----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| <i>2(a) Incoming resources from donors</i> | | | | | | |
| Planned Giving | 68,637 | 0 | 393 | 0 | 69,030 | 57,677 |
| Income Tax Recoverable | 19,439 | 0 | 2,826 | 0 | 22,265 | 14,026 |
| Loose plate Collections | 2,768 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,768 | 1,879 |
| | 90,843 | 0 | 3,219 | 0 | 94,062 | 73,582 |
| <i>2(b) Other voluntary incoming resources</i> | | | | | | |
| Grants (Note 11) | 0 | 0 | 16,842 | 0 | 16,842 | 23,325 |
| LOL participating churches | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Donations | 4,845 | 0 | 1,788 | 0 | 6,633 | 7,260 |
| | 4,845 | 0 | 18,630 | 0 | 23,475 | 30,586 |
| <i>2(c) Incoming resources to further the Council's objects</i> | | | | | | |
| Statutory fees | -257 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -257 | 961 |
| Sundry events | 500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 500 | 0 |
| Local Mission | 0 | 0 | 11,486 | 0 | 11,486 | 5,180 |
| LOL Activities | 0 | 0 | 142 | 0 | 142 | 680 |
| Messy Church | 138 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 138 | 0 |
| Play People | 0 | 591 | 0 | 0 | 591 | 107 |
| Open Doors | 471 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 471 | 178 |
| EcoFest | 0 | 0 | 850 | 0 | 850 | 0 |
| Nevilles Cross Community Choir | 0 | 0 | 3,010 | 0 | 3,010 | 1,407 |
| Hire of premises | 2,653 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,653 | 655 |
| Solar Panels | 2,383 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,383 | 2,149 |
| Other income | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | 5,890 | 591 | 15,487 | 0 | 21,968 | 11,318 |
| <i>2(d) Income from investments</i> | | | | | | |
| Interest & dividends received | 2,137 | 0 | 0 | 5,148 | 7,286 | 7,497 |
| TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES | 103,715 | 591 | 37,336 | 5,148 | 146,791 | 122,983 |

| 3. RESOURCES EXPENDED | General Fund | Designated Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total Funds 2022 | Total Funds 2021 |
|--|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 3(a) Grants | | | | | | |
| Mission Giving | 0 | 7,000 | 0 | 0 | 7,000 | 8,000 |
| Restricted Collections | 0 | 0 | 395 | 0 | 395 | 0 |
| | 0 | 7,000 | 395 | 0 | 7,395 | 8,000 |
| 3(b) Diocesan and Deanery Parish Share | 69,188 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69,188 | 67,650 |
| 3(c) Activities directly relating to the work of the church | | | | | | |
| Missions and outreach | 796 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 796 | 1,453 |
| Local Mission | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69 |
| Children and youth work (excluding salaries) | 95 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 95 | 103 |
| Messy Church | 885 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 885 | 226 |
| EcoFest | 0 | 0 | 922 | 0 | 922 | 117 |
| Play People | 0 | 276 | 0 | 0 | 276 | 58 |
| Cross Quarterly | 565 | 0 | 500 | 0 | 1,065 | 920 |
| Neville's Cross Community Choir | 0 | 0 | 3,759 | 0 | 3,759 | 2,029 |
| Sundry events (note 8) | 193 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 193 | 0 |
| Clergy expenses | 372 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 372 | 340 |
| Church services | 798 | 0 | 115 | 0 | 913 | 493 |
| Music Director/Organists | 3,120 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,120 | 1,700 |
| Church maintenance, utilities & insurance | 14,411 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14,411 | 10,070 |
| Major repairs and refurbishment | 500 | 4,717 | 0 | 0 | 5,217 | 6,470 |
| | 21,735 | 4,993 | 5,296 | 0 | 32,024 | 24,049 |
| 3(d) Administration | | | | | | |
| Staff costs | 10,080 | 0 | 20,108 | 0 | 30,188 | 37,553 |
| Office expenses | 1,545 | 0 | 1,463 | 0 | 3,008 | 3,290 |
| Accountancy | 828 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 828 | 828 |
| Sundries | 30 | 0 | 1,230 | 0 | 1,260 | 1,245 |
| Fund raising costs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 12,483 | 0 | 22,801 | 0 | 35,285 | 42,915 |
| 3(e) LOL Youth Ministry | | | | | | |
| Project costs | 0 | 0 | 1,079 | 0 | 1,079 | 425 |
| Whithaugh Weekends | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 0 | 0 | 1,079 | 0 | 1,079 | 425 |
| 3(f) Depreciation | 3,141 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,141 | 3,643 |
| TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED | 106,548 | 11,993 | 29,571 | 0 | 148,112 | 146,682 |

4. FIXED ASSETS

| | Cost | Net value at 01/01/22 | Depreciation Charge for year | Net value at 31/12/22 |
|--|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>(a) Tangible</i> | | | | |
| Chancel furniture | 6,204 | 1247 | 413 | 834 |
| Solar Panels | 14,240 | 3801 | 949 | 2,852 |
| Av Equipment | 4,290 | 3432 | 429 | 3,003 |
| Computer | 620 | 206 | 206 | 0 |
| Audio Visual Equipment | 9,094 | 8185 | 909 | 7,276 |
| Laptop | 495 | 330 | 165 | 165 |
| Fridge | 150 | 135 | 15 | 120 |
| Networking equipment | 550 | 495 | 55 | 440 |
| | 35,643 | 17,831 | 3,141 | 14,690 |
| <i>(b) Investment (General Fund)</i> | | | | |
| Market value at 1 January 2022 | | 77,712 | | |
| Value of units disposed | | -10,000 | | |
| Gain (Loss) on valuation at 31 December 2022 | | -9,132 | | |
| Market value at 31 December 2022 | | 58,580 | | |
| <i>(c) Investment (Endowment Fund)</i> | | | | |
| Market value at 1 January 2022 | | 195,934 | | |
| Gain (Loss) on valuation at 31 December 2022 | | -23,143 | | |
| Market value at 31 December 2022 | | 172,791 | | |

5. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

| | General Fund | Designated Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total Funds 2022 | Total Funds 2021 |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Tangible fixed assets | 14,690 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14,690 | 17,831 |
| Investment fixed assets | 58,580 | 0 | 0 | 172,791 | 231,371 | 273,645 |
| Current assets | -17,057 | 49,252 | 22,021 | 0 | 54,216 | 43,438 |
| Current liabilities | 1,566 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,566 | 2,609 |
| Fund balance | 54,646 | 49,252 | 22,021 | 172,791 | 298,711 | 332,306 |

6. DEBTORS

| | General Fund | Designated Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total Funds 2022 | Total Funds 2021 |
|------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Income tax recoverable | 6,718 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6,718 | 1,770 |
| Church Estate Charity | 0 | 0 | 2,895 | 0 | 2,895 | 7,102 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 6,718 | 0 | 2,895 | 0 | 9,613 | 8,872 |

7. LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Accountancy | 828 | 828 |
| Mission giving | 0 | 0 |
| Other creditors | 738 | 1,781 |
| Total | 1,566 | 2,609 |

8. SUNDRY EVENTS

| Event | Receipts | Expenditure | Net income |
|-------|----------|-------------|------------|
|-------|----------|-------------|------------|

| 9. FUND DETAILS | b/f 1 Jan 2022 | Income | Expenditure | Transfer in (out) | c/f 31 Dec 2022 |
|--|----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Restricted Funds | | | | | |
| Rector's Secretary and Office Expenses | 0 | 10,682 | 10,679 | 0 | 3 |
| LOL Youth Ministry | 3,904 | 785 | 1,079 | 0 | 3,610 |
| Environment and Community Fund | 2,256 | 1,210 | 1,422 | 0 | 2,044 |
| Lockdown Letters | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Minsteracres Weekend 2020 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Harold Lister Fund | 700 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 700 |
| Flowers | 115 | 163 | 115 | 0 | 163 |
| Community Choir | 1,982 | 3,810 | 3,759 | 0 | 2,032 |
| Church Youth Worker | 0 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Cross Quarterly Newsletter | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Local Mission | 5,300 | 14,062 | 5,893 | 0 | 13,469 |
| Special Collections etc. | 0 | 1,230 | 1,230 | 0 | 0 |
| Collections on behalf of others | 0 | 395 | 395 | 0 | 0 |
| | 14,256 | 37,336 | 29,571 | 0 | 22,021 |

| Unrestricted Funds | b/f 1 Jan 2022 | Receipts | Expenditure | Transfer in (out) | Gain (loss) on revaluation | c/f 31 Dec 2022 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| General Fund | 73,467 | 103,715 | 106,548 | -6,857 | -9,132 | 54,646 |
| Designated Funds | | | | | | |
| Building and Organ Maintenance Fund | 34,435 | 0 | 3,882 | 5,000 | 0 | 35,553 |
| Mission & Gifts | 7,550 | 0 | 7,000 | 7,500 | 0 | 8,050 |
| Solar Panels | 1,979 | 0 | 0 | -495 | 0 | 1,484 |
| Playpeople | 2,185 | 591 | 276 | 0 | 0 | 2,500 |
| Organ Fund | 2,500 | 0 | 835 | 0 | 0 | 1,665 |
| | 48,649 | 591 | 11,993 | 12,005 | 0 | 49,252 |
| Endowment Funds | | | | | | |
| Church Hall Trust | 195,935 | 5,148 | 0 | -5,148 | -23,143 | 172,792 |

Notes on Funds

10(a) Restricted Funds

Rector's Secretary

The Rector's secretary is employed by St John's on behalf of the PCCs of St John's and St Margaret's churches. The salary and general office expenses are fully reimbursed by the Church Estates Charity.

LOL Youth Ministry Fund

LOL (Living Out Love) Youth Ministry was originally a project of St John's, St Margaret's, St Oswald's and Emmanuel churches. It continues on a voluntary basis with King's Church and St John's Church, with St John's church taking legal and financial responsibility for the project.

Environment and Community Fund

The PCC decided to place the surplus generated from the EcoFest (and other similar events) since 2014 in a restricted fund for environmental and community projects, including the annual EcoFest and the Cross Quarterly newsletter.

Harold Lister Fund

This fund results from a legacy in the will of the late George Harold Lister. It is stipulated that the sum of £1,000 'shall be used to create or supplement a discretionary fund to be used for Church purposes by The Rector from time to time at his discretion.'

Flower Fund

This fund is used for money collected for church flowers.

Neville's Cross Community Choir

The PCC decided to support the formation of Neville's Cross Community Choir, allowing the choir to use the church without charge. Presently the funds are administered by the church and the legal position is that the choir is under control of the PCC.

Cross Quarterly

The publication of the Community newsletter, Cross Quarterly, is a Church initiative for the benefit of the wider community. Grants are sometime applied for and the Environment and Community Fund can also sponsor this.

Local Mission Fund

In 2020 the PCC agreed to fund a Local Mission Worker for 21 hours a week. Work is done within the parish such as with students, and outreach work extends to a neighbouring parish, Bearpark. The post is funded by donations and grants.

Children and Youth Worker

This fund has been supported by a grant from the Church Estates Charity of £5,000. The CYW left the post at the end of June.

10(b) Endowment Funds

Church Hall Trust Fund

This fund originated from the sale of the site of the old church hall. The capital was invested in 8,378 units of the Central Board of Finance Investment Fund at a cost of £62,727. The use of this fund is restricted to the building of a new hall. As this restricted use of the fund is unlikely to be fulfilled, it is included in these accounts as an endowment fund. Dividends and interest are available for furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England within the parish and are therefore included in the assets of the general fund. The value of the fund at the year end was £172,971.35

10(c) Designated Funds

Playpeople

Play people is now administered by the PCC who provide the premises and the staff for this community facility. The Church acquired funds of £961 from this once independent group which can be used to purchase equipment as deemed necessary.

Building and Organ Maintenance Fund

The PCC transfers £5,000 each year from the General Fund to pay for large major building and organ maintenance projects. In 2022. The chancel arch was replastered and repainted at a cost of £3882.

Organ Fund

A generous gift was designated to be spent on the organ at some time in the future. This year we used £835 to protect the organ during building work.

Missions & Gifts

The current policy of the PCC is that up to 10% of general income (defined as planned giving, gift-aid reclaimed, non-specific collections, interest and investment income, the calculation being based on the previous year's income) should be given to missions. £7,500 has been set aside from 2022 income for giving to external charities/missions in 2023. Current beneficiaries are NEPACS, CMS, Traidcraft and the Durham Food Bank.

Solar Panels

This fund relates to a donation of £7,424 towards the cost of installing solar panels at the church; the restrictions on the fund have been fulfilled. In accordance with Charity Commission best practice, a designated fund of the same amount has been set up and will be transferred to general funds over the same period over which the asset is depreciated, which is 15 years.

11 Restricted Grants Received

The Church Estate Charity Durham

The objects of the Church Estate Charity include 'furthering the religious and other work of the Church of England within the area of benefit,' i.e. the parishes of St Margaret's and St John's. In practice the cost of the Rector's Secretary and office expenses are paid by the Charity in arrears. In 2022, this amounted to £10,679. The Church Estate Charity also agreed to a grant of £5,000 for the employment of a Children and Youth Worker at St John's.

Cross Quarterly

There was no grant from the local Councillors Liz Scott and Liz Brown from the Neighbourhood Budget (Small Grants) Fund for the publication of the Community newsletter, so half the cost of the circular was paid by Ecofest

Environment and Community Fund

Ecofest was awarded £360 from the councillors' small grant fund to move earth in preparation for the garden to the west of the Church.

Local Mission Fund

No grants were applied for this year.

Community Choir

The choir received £800 from the councillors' small grants budget to help fund a production of Stainer's Crucifixion at Ushaw.

12 Insurance

The insured value of the church buildings and contents has a loss limit of £5,408,000

Accounts

CHURCH OF SAINT JOHN, NEVILLE'S CROSS, DURHAM

**ANNUAL REPORT
and ACCOUNTS**

of the

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ended 31st December 2021

Incumbent :

The Reverend Barnaby T. Huish
The Rectory,
10 Westhouse Avenue,
Durham, DH1 4FH.

Presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 22nd May 2022

*St John's Neville's Cross is a Registered Charity
No. 1131053*

St John's Church, Neville's Cross, Durham
Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council
for the year ended 31st December 2021

Administrative information

St. John's Church is situated in Neville's Cross, Durham. It is part of the Diocese of Durham within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Antioch House, 66 Crossgate, Durham DH1 4PR. As of 1st August 2021 the Parish forms part of the United Benefice of Durham St Margaret, Neville's Cross St John and Bearpark St Edmund. (Prior to this date it had been part of a two-parish Benefice with St Margaret.)

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) was formerly exempt from registering as a charity, however in May 2009 it did register with the Charity Commission under the terms of the Charities Act 2006 (Charity No. 1131053). The members of the PCC are the Trustees of the Charity.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent: The Revd Barnaby Huish Chairman

Churchwardens:

Mr Michael Chater
Mrs Jo Cundy (from 9th May 2021)
Mrs Joan Twomey (until 9th May 2021)

Licensed Associate Minister:

The Revd Dr Nichola Chater

Lay Representatives on the Deanery Synod (Michael Chater and Jo Cundy are also churchwardens, as listed above):

Mr Michael Chater
Mrs Jo Cundy
Mr Adriel Yap

Elected members:

Mr David Atkinson PCC Secretary
Mrs Judith Bumby
Miss Abigail Clark
Mr John Duff (until 9th May 2021)
Mrs Jenny Halford
Mrs Susan Massey PCC Treasurer
Mrs Janet Phillips (from 9th May 2021)
Professor Thomas Shanks
Miss Amy Ward

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC Standing Committee is empowered to transact

business on the PCC's behalf outside regular meeting times if necessary; its current members are the Rector, Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and PCC Treasurer.

Objectives and Activities

St John's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Barnaby Huish, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and Church Centre complex of St John's, Neville's Cross. It also has responsibilities as an employer.

Achievements and Performance

Review of the year (January-December 2021):

The UK entered a third national lockdown in January 2021, to mitigate spread of the 'alpha variant' of the COVID-19 coronavirus. Public worship in church was suspended until April. In the intervening time Sunday services took place online, via zoom (in the case of Café Church) or as pre-recorded videos. Messy Church on Good Friday took place in the church grounds, while services in the church building resumed on Easter Day (from which point the 10.30 service was regularly livestreamed via facebook using a newly-installed camera system).

During Lent, parish groups followed the diocesan racial justice course, meeting online. Later in the year Canon Remi Omole, the Diocesan Equality, Diversity and Inclusion enabler, attended the PCC with Margaret Omole to encourage the church to think more deeply across these areas. Remi was one of a number of clergy (along with Joanne Thorns, Judy Hirst and Caroline Friswell) who regularly presided and preached at St John's, both online and in church (alongside the licensed clergy and the licensed Reader, Mike Chater). Thanks are due to all who have come together in many different ways to make services happen through changing circumstances, to the glory of God.

The parish's Children & Youth Worker, Abby Clark, worked through the year to support younger members of the congregation and their families in faith. Groups for secondary-aged children once again took place online during lockdown, and home-packs were produced and distributed for younger children. Later, occasional open-air 'picnic church' services were held (based on the 'Café Church' service structure), which were popular with families and children. Messy Church also continued to be held outdoors. In-person John's Juniors (Sunday School) groups resumed meeting in September. School visits and church-school activities were not possible for most of the year due to the restrictions in place because of covid, though Neville's Cross Primary School did once again hold its Christmas service in church in December.

A new Shared Ministry Development Team was formed early in the year, which began to meet via zoom with a view to further renewing the church in mission and ministry; however Amy Ward, the parish's Missioner and Music co-ordinator, was furloughed off work from February due to the ongoing effects on her of the post-viral condition known as long covid.

Improvements were made to the church building during the year, including provision of new polycarbonate protective coverings to the church windows. During the year St

John's, along with two other nearby churches, was part of a research project undertaken by the university which aims to contribute to development of a decarbonisation plan for the Church of England. During the year a new St John's Eco Group was set up to promote further awareness of the need to care for the environment, and to encourage reduction of our carbon footprint.

An illuminated cross was mounted on the north exterior wall of the church during Lent, which prompted positive feedback from members of the local community. Later in the year people were invited to tie ribbons to the tree in front of the church as a sign of prayer; and in the run-up to Christmas knitted angels and stars were provided along the fence for passers-by to take away with them. These were very widely appreciated.

In June, a lunchtime 'EcoFest Picnic Church' service was held outdoors in the Church Field (in place of the customary all-day community festival, which could not take place due to the covid restrictions in place at that time). A number of different speakers took part and videos were posted online (on subjects including waste electrical recycling, a local 'weigh shop' and a vision for community-wide low-carbon living). With the absence of the festival, the opportunity was taken to hold an autumn 'EcoFeast' in September, with around 90 people sitting at candle-lit tables under gazebos in the field. Members of the church congregation, of various different ages, spoke and played live music at this event, and food was provided, prepared and served by the food charity REFUSE with which St John's has longstanding links.

On 1st August a new Pastoral Scheme came into effect, resulting in the parish of St Edmund, Bearpark being incorporated into the United Benefice (on equal terms with St John's, Neville's Cross, and St Margaret's, Durham). During August members of the three PCCs met via zoom to pray; but planned large in-person gatherings in September and December had to be put off due to ongoing covid concerns.

In the course of the year a number of activities which had had to cease (or move online) during covid were resumed, including delivery to 2,000 local households of the Cross Quarterly newsletter, rehearsals in church of the Community Choir, the monthly Sunday evening 'Taste' service, the 'Open Door' community café, church Home Groups (for prayer and Bible study) and Playpeople (toddler group). Members of the pastoral links group continued to keep in touch with members of the congregation, particularly those who were staying at home or who had no internet connection. The church community mourned the deaths of Diane Barthel and Louie Macgregor, among others that took place during the year.

On Monday 18th October a special service took place in church, by request of the Parish Council, to mark the 675th anniversary of the Battle of Neville's Cross. Pupils from the local Primary and Secondary Schools were in attendance; artwork from the schools on the theme of the anniversary were exhibited in church during October.

At the end of the year, as at the beginning, activities in churches and elsewhere were affected and curtailed by a new ('omicron') strain of the covid virus. However, the Rector's 50th birthday in December provided an opportunity for a low-key but important and enjoyable celebration of his ministry and contribution to our growing benefice and its churches; and then Christmas was celebrated, both in church and

online, providing a timely reminder of the truth of love, joy and hope in our midst, which we know above all through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Church Electoral Roll

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting it was reported that there were 112 parishioners on the new Roll.

Financial Review, 2021

This year has seen the continuation of lockdown periods and restrictions on worship and activity in St John's from the Covid 19 pandemic. Reduced numbers attending services has inevitably led to a fall in income. Although reduced, the Parish Giving Scheme has been crucial to St John's and has ensured a regular cash flow, including Gift Aid, into the parish accounts throughout the year.

In 2021, regular income from the Parish Giving Scheme, standing orders, and loose plate collections (with Gift Aid reclaimed) decreased by a significant 8.5% to £73,582 (2020: £80,437). There has been a slight fall in regular subscribers who are sadly deceased or have moved away from Durham. Loose plate and associated Gift Aid is still well below pre pandemic levels.

We received a generous donation to a designated organ fund and there needs to be some discussion on how to use this. We have seen a reduction in rental fees for the Church Centre as there has been a very limited demand for rental space during the Pandemic. Unsurprisingly most church activities show a reduction of income as these were not running for a large part of the year.

We also received about £23,500 from the Church Estates Charity which exists to support work within the parishes of St Margaret's and St. John's. About £12,500 funded the Rector's Secretary and office expenses, which are claimed regularly. We also received a one-off grant of £10,000 to help with the salary costs of our Church Youth Worker, for which the parish is very grateful. There was also some further grant from our local Councillors to support the Lockdown Letters initiative starting in early 2021, in addition to their support for the Cross Quarterly.

Our largest expenditure continues to be the parish share which funds ministry at St. John's and throughout the Diocese. We paid £67,650 to the Diocese in 2021, which was a 2.5% increase from 2020. The PCC sees this as an important priority and is minded to meet the suggested Diocesan Pledge £69,188 in 2022, a further 2% increase. St John's pays beyond the expected share calculated on the size of its income and reserves. The PCC has written to the Diocese suggesting that in the future St John's may not be able to sustain this level of funding.

The cost of polycarbonate shields for the external windows (£6,470) was charged to the Building and Organ Maintenance fund this year. This was a recommendation from the quinquennial revue. The routine £5,000 transfer to this designated fund has continued. The PCC also invested in more Audio-Visual (AV) equipment in Church, which needed further updating for live streaming. The hardware for this appears in the

accounts under the depreciation of tangible assets, as the cost will be spread over ten years for accounting purposes.

Day to day expenditure has been stable in 2021, but we are already noticing a large increase in energy bills over this winter.

The PCC has been keen to continue with its policy of giving 10% of its general income to charity and £7,500 has been set aside in a designated fund for distribution in 2022. In 2021 the beneficiaries were Traidcraft Exchange, Nepacs, CMS and the Durham Foodbank, each receiving £2,000. There will be some discussion in 2022 of whether this can be sustained as we face employment costs for Youth and Mission work. There is no guarantee of assistance from the Church Estates as other requests on this money may need to be considered.

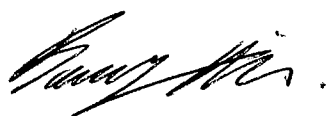
The PCC had a planned deficit in the 2021 budget of £36,000 to be met from reserves and the Statement of Financial Activities shows a loss of £23,700 before investment gains. Although a lower deficit than anticipated, this shows a considerable inroad into the reserves and some expenditure had to be generated from the sale of £17,500 worth of units from invested funds.

The value of investment holdings increased by £35,850, three times the increase in of 2020. The increase was made in spite of drawing funds down from investments. The increase tends to mask the amount of overspend that has occurred in 2021. Most of the increase is with the Church Hall Investment Fund which increased by £24,632. We receive income from this fund but cannot access the capital. The interest from this was similar to that of 2020. However, the markets continue to be volatile, and this gain may easily be eroded with a change in global or national circumstances.

Sadly, our Missioner has had poor health since March 2020, and from February 2021, a decision was made to furlough this position under the Government's Job Retention Scheme. From October 2021 Statutory Sick Pay has been paid and Parishioners have helped meet these costs. In April 2022, we look forward to seeing the Missioner return on a phased return to work. This position will need to be funded by further donations into this restricted fund through the generosity of Parishioners.

It is prudent to suggest that this level of spend is unsustainable as the current holding in the general fund is £12,105 less than it was at the beginning of the year. We are reaching a point where our reserves are at a level suggested by the Diocese for prudent financial management. Unless the Parish is able to raise further funding, difficult decisions will be needed to consider how we meet the large items of expenditure. These are employees, the parish share and the 10% charitable donations.

Approved by the PCC at its meeting on 24th March 2022, and signed on its behalf by The Reverend Barnaby Huish (Chairman).



Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St John's Church, Neville's Cross

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2021 in respect of my examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('The Regulations') and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('The Act').

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the 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.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

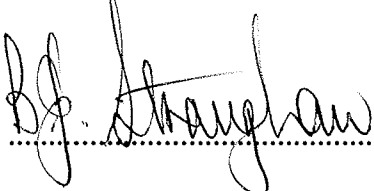
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



B J Straughan
B J Straughan and Co
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

20th April 2022
Date

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St John's Church Neville's Cross, Durham

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 December 2021

| | Note | General Fund | Designated Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total Funds 2021 | Total Funds 2020 |
|---|----------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| INCOMING RESOURCES | | | | | | | |
| Incoming resources from donors | 2(a) | 72,170 | 500 | 912 | 0 | 73,582 | 80,437 |
| Other voluntary incoming resources | 2(b) | 4,003 | 2,000 | 24,582 | 0 | 30,586 | 26,442 |
| Incoming resources to further the Council's objects | 2(c) | 3,944 | 107 | 7,267 | 0 | 11,318 | 24,912 |
| Income from investments | 2(d) | 2,515 | 0 | 0 | 4,982 | 7,497 | 7,765 |
| TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES | | 82,633 | 2,607 | 32,761 | 4,982 | 122,983 | 139,557 |
| RESOURCES EXPENDED | | | | | | | |
| Mission Giving | 3(a) | 0 | 8,000 | 0 | 0 | 8,000 | 9,000 |
| Diocesan and Deanery parish share | 3(b) | 67,650 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 67,650 | 66,000 |
| Activities directly relating to the work of the church | 3(c) | 11,872 | 6,529 | 5,648 | 0 | 24,049 | 26,928 |
| Church management and administration | 3(d) | 15,405 | 0 | 27,511 | 0 | 42,915 | 48,164 |
| LOL Youth Ministry | 3(e) | 0 | 0 | 425 | 0 | 425 | 803 |
| Depreciation | 4(a) | 3,643 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,643 | 2,506 |
| TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED | | 98,570 | 14,529 | 33,584 | 0 | 146,682 | 153,401 |
| NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS | | -15,937 | -11,922 | -823 | 4,982 | -23,700 | -13,844 |
| GROSS TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS | | -7,387 | 12,005 | 364 | -4,982 | 0 | 0 |
| NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES | | -23,324 | 83 | -459 | 0 | -23,700 | -13,844 |
| GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENT | 4(b)/(c) | 11,219 | 0 | 0 | 24,632 | 35,850 | 11,573 |
| NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS | | -12,105 | 83 | -459 | 24,632 | 12,151 | -2,271 |
| BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2021 | | 85,572 | 48,566 | 14,716 | 171,303 | 320,156 | 322,427 |
| BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2021 | | 73,467 | 48,649 | 14,257 | 195,935 | 332,307 | 320,156 |

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2021

| | Note | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|--|----------|----------------|----------------|
| FIXED ASSETS | 1(c) | | |
| Tangible fixed assets | 4(a) | 17,831 | 11,185 |
| Investment assets | 4(b)/(c) | 273,645 | 257,377 |
| Total fixed assets | | 291,476 | 268,562 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Debtors | 6 | 8,872 | 9,069 |
| Bank deposits | | 17,421 | 38,679 |
| Bank Current Accounts | | 17,119 | 15,155 |
| Cash | | 26 | 0 |
| Total current assets | | 43,438 | 62,903 |
| LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE | | | |
| Creditors and Accruals | 7 | 2,609 | 11,309 |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | 40,829 | 51,594 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 332,306 | 320,156 |
| FUNDS | 9 | | |
| Unrestricted | | | |
| General Fund | | 73,467 | 85,572 |
| Designated Funds | | 48,649 | 48,566 |
| Restricted | | 14,257 | 14,716 |
| Endowment | | 195,934 | 171,302 |
| TOTAL | | 332,306 | 320,156 |

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 24th March 2022 and signed on its behalf by

The Revd Barnaby T Huish (Chairman)



Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- (a) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 as amended by the Church Accounting (Amendment) Regulations 2001 together with applicable accounting standards and Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP FRS102).
- (b) The Church Hall Trust Fund is invested in 8,378 units of the Central Board of Finance Investment Fund. The investment is revalued on 31 December each year; any gain or loss in value during the year is shown in the Statement of Financial Activities.
- (c) We are required to produce a balance sheet which includes the value of fixed assets; any assets that are considered to have a limited useful life are depreciated. Consecrated and benefited property is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011. Alterations to the Church Building, as part of the reordering project were therefore charged to the 2007 revenue account and are not shown as fixed assets. Furniture and equipment still having a value, purchased since 1 January 2007 are included in the balance sheet as fixed assets and depreciated as follows:

| | | | |
|---------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Audio Visual System | 10 years | Laptop | 3 years |
| Chairs | 15 years | Chancel furniture | 15 years |
| Solar Panels | 15 years | Altar rail | 15 years |

The land to the South side of the church building (approximately 2,454 sq.m.) is owned by the Church. As it is effectively landlocked, it is considered to have no commercial value. The 19th Durham Scouts have a lease of that part of this land on which their hut is situated. The lease is for 20 years from 1 January 2007; the rent is £1 p.a.

2. INCOMING RESOURCES

| | General Fund | Designated Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total Funds 2021 | Total Funds 2020 |
|---|---------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| <i>2(a) Incoming resources from donors</i> | | | | | | |
| Planned Giving | 57,677 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 57,677 | 61,525 |
| Income Tax Recoverable | 12,615 | 500 | 912 | 0 | 14,026 | 17,332 |
| Loose plate Collections | 1,879 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,879 | 1,580 |
| | 72,170 | 500 | 912 | 0 | 73,582 | 80,437 |
| <i>2(b) Other voluntary incoming resources</i> | | | | | | |
| Grants (Note 11) | 0 | 0 | 23,325 | 0 | 23,325 | 23,312 |
| LOL participating churches | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Donations | 4,003 | 2,000 | 1,257 | 0 | 7,260 | 3,130 |
| | 4,003 | 2,000 | 24,582 | 0 | 30,586 | 26,442 |
| <i>2(c) Incoming resources to further the Council's objects</i> | | | | | | |
| Statutory fees | 961 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 961 | 454 |
| Sundry events | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,169 |
| Local Mission | 0 | 0 | 5,180 | 0 | 5,180 | 12,175 |
| LOL Activities | 0 | 0 | 680 | 0 | 680 | 808 |
| Play People | 0 | 107 | 0 | 0 | 107 | 217 |
| Open Doors | 178 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 178 | 273 |
| EcoFest | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nevilles Cross Community Choir | 0 | 0 | 1,407 | 0 | 1,407 | 1,812 |
| Hire of premises | 655 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 655 | 1,828 |
| Solar Panels | 2,149 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,149 | 2,175 |
| Other income | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | 3,944 | 107 | 7,267 | 0 | 11,318 | 24,912 |
| <i>2(d) Income from investments</i> | | | | | | |
| Interest & dividends received | 2,515 | 0 | 0 | 4,982 | 7,497 | 7,765 |
| TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES | 82,633 | 2,607 | 32,761 | 4,982 | 122,983 | 139,557 |

3. RESOURCES EXPENDED

| | General Fund | Designated Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total Funds 2021 | Total Funds 2020 |
|--|---------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 3(a) Grants | | | | | | |
| Mission Giving | 0 | 8,000 | 0 | 0 | 8,000 | 9,000 |
| Restricted Collections | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 0 | 8,000 | 0 | 0 | 8,000 | 9,000 |
| 3(b) Diocesan and Deanery Parish Share | 67,650 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 67,650 | 66,000 |
| 3(c) Activities directly relating to the work of the church | | | | | | |
| Missions and outreach | 216 | 0 | 1,238 | 0 | 1,453 | 212 |
| Local Mission | 0 | 0 | 69 | 0 | 69 | 153 |
| Children and youth work (excluding salaries) | 103 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 103 | 176 |
| Messy Church | 226 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 226 | 278 |
| SPLAT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| EcoFest | 0 | 0 | 117 | 0 | 117 | 68 |
| Play People | 0 | 58 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 31 |
| Cross Quarterly | 420 | 0 | 500 | 0 | 920 | 690 |
| Neville's Cross Community Choir | 0 | 0 | 2,029 | 0 | 2,029 | 2,667 |
| Sundry events (note 8) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6,448 |
| Clergy expenses | 340 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 340 | 326 |
| Church services | 416 | 0 | 77 | 0 | 493 | 831 |
| Music Director/Organists | 1,700 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,700 | 2,324 |
| Church maintenance, utilities & insurance | 8,452 | 0 | 1,618 | 0 | 10,070 | 8,470 |
| Major repairs and refurbishment | 0 | 6,470 | 0 | 0 | 6,470 | 4,254 |
| | 11,872 | 6,529 | 5,648 | 0 | 24,049 | 26,928 |
| 3(d) Administration | | | | | | |
| Staff costs | 13,104 | 0 | 24,448 | 0 | 37,553 | 43,875 |
| Office expenses | 1,329 | 0 | 1,961 | 0 | 3,290 | 3,407 |
| Accountancy | 828 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 828 | 852 |
| Sundries | 143 | 0 | 1,102 | 0 | 1,245 | 30 |
| Fund raising costs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 15,405 | 0 | 27,511 | 0 | 42,915 | 48,164 |
| 3(e) LOL Youth Ministry | | | | | | |
| Project costs | 0 | 0 | 425 | 0 | 425 | 803 |
| Whithaugh Weekends | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 0 | 0 | 425 | 0 | 425 | 803 |
| 3(f) Depreciation | 3,643 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,643 | 2,506 |
| TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED | 98,570 | 14,529 | 33,584 | 0 | 146,682 | 153,401 |

4. FIXED ASSETS

| | Cost | Net value at 01/01/21 | Depreciation Charge for year | Net value at 31/12/21 |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>(a) Tangible</i> | | | | |
| Altar Rail | 4,236 | 274 | 274 | 0 |
| Chairs | 3,377 | 227 | 227 | 0 |
| Chancel furniture | 6,204 | 1660 | 413 | 1,247 |
| Solar Panels | 14,240 | 4750 | 949 | 3,801 |
| Av Equipment | 4,290 | 3861 | 429 | 3,432 |
| Computer | 620 | 413 | 207 | 206 |
| Audio Visual Equipment | 9,094 | | 909 | 8,185 |
| Laptop | 495 | | 165 | 330 |
| Fridge | 150 | | 15 | 135 |
| Networking equipment | 550 | | 55 | 495 |
| | 43,256 | 11,185 | 3,643 | 17,831 |

(b) Investment (General Fund)

| | |
|--|--------|
| Market value at 1 January 2021 | 86,074 |
| Value of units disposed | -17585 |
| Gain (Loss) on valuation at 31 December 2021 | 9,223 |
| Market value at 31 December 2021 | 77,712 |

(c) Investment (Endowment Fund)

| | |
|--|---------|
| Market value at 1 January 2021 | 171,302 |
| Gain (Loss) on valuation at 31 December 2021 | 24,632 |
| Market value at 31 December 2021 | 195,934 |

5. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

| | General Fund | Designated Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total Funds 2021 | Total Funds 2020 |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Tangible fixed assets | 17,831 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17,831 | 11,185 |
| Investment fixed assets | 77,712 | 0 | 0 | 195,934 | 273,645 | 257,377 |
| Current assets | -19,467 | 48,649 | 14,257 | 0 | 43,438 | 62,903 |
| Current liabilities | 2,609 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,609 | 11,309 |
| Fund balance | 73,467 | 48,649 | 14,257 | 195,934 | 332,306 | 320,156 |

6. DEBTORS

| | General Fund | Designated Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total Funds 2021 | Total Funds 2020 |
|------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Income tax recoverable | 1,770 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,770 | 3,387 |
| Church Estate Charity | 0 | 0 | 7,102 | 0 | 7,102 | 5,635 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 47 |
| Total | 1,770 | 0 | 7,102 | 0 | 8,872 | 9,069 |

7. LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Accountancy | 828 | 828 |
| Mission giving | 0 | 9,000 |
| Other creditors | 1,781 | 1,481 |
| Total | 2,609 | 11,309 |

8. SUNDRY EVENTS

| Event | Receipts | Expenditure | Net income |
|-------|----------|-------------|------------|
|-------|----------|-------------|------------|

| 9. FUND DETAILS | b/f 1 Jan 2021 | Income | Expenditure | Transfer in (out) | c/f 31 Dec 2021 |
|--|----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Restricted Funds | | | | | |
| Rector's Secretary and Office Expenses | -328 | 12,493 | 12,529 | 364 | 0 |
| LOL Youth Ministry | 3,479 | 850 | 425 | 0 | 3,904 |
| Environment and Community Fund | 2,374 | 0 | 117 | 0 | 2,256 |
| Lockdown Letters | 905 | 333 | 1,238 | 0 | 0 |
| Minsteracres Weekend 2020 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Harold Lister Fund | 700 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 700 |
| Flowers | 37 | 155 | 77 | 0 | 115 |
| Community Choir | 2,603 | 1,407 | 2,029 | 0 | 1,982 |
| Church Youth Worker | 0 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Cross Quarterly Newsletter | 0 | 500 | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| Local Mission | 4,946 | 5,922 | 5,567 | 0 | 5,300 |
| Special Collections etc. | 0 | 1,102 | 1,102 | 0 | 0 |
| | 14,715 | 32,761 | 33,584 | 364 | 14,256 |

| Unrestricted Funds | b/f 1 Jan 2021 | Receipts | Expenditure | Transfer in (out) | Gain (loss) on revaluation | c/f 31 Dec 2021 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| General Fund | 85,572 | 82,633 | 98,570 | -7,387 | 11,219 | 73,467 |
| Designated Funds | | | | | | |
| Building and Organ Maintenance Fund | 35,905 | 0 | 6,470 | 5,000 | 0 | 34,435 |
| Mission & Gifts | 8,050 | 0 | 8,000 | 7,500 | 0 | 7,550 |
| Solar Panels | 2,474 | 0 | 0 | -495 | 0 | 1,979 |
| Playpeople | 2,137 | 107 | 58 | 0 | 0 | 2,185 |
| Organ Fund | 0 | 2,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,500 |
| | 48,566 | 2,607 | 14,529 | 12,005 | 0 | 48,649 |
| Endowment Funds | | | | | | |
| Church Hall Trust | 171,302 | 4,982 | 0 | -4,982 | 24,632 | 195,934 |

Notes on Funds

10(a) Restricted Funds

Rector's Secretary

The Rector's secretary is employed by St John's on behalf of the PCCs of St John's and St Margaret's churches. The salary and general office expenses are fully reimbursed by the Church Estates Charity.

LOL Youth Ministry Fund

LOL (Living Out Love) Youth Ministry was originally a project of St John's, St Margaret's, St Oswald's and Emmanuel churches. It continues on a voluntary basis with King's Church and St John's Church, with St John's church taking legal and financial responsibility for the project.

Environment and Community Fund

The PCC decided to place the surplus generated from the EcoFest (and other similar events) since 2014 in a restricted fund for environmental and community projects, including the annual EcoFest and the Cross Quarterly newsletter.

Harold Lister Fund

This fund results from a legacy in the will of the late George Harold Lister. It is stipulated that the sum of £1,000 'shall be used to create or supplement a discretionary fund to be used for Church purposes by The Rector from time to time at his discretion.'

Flower Fund

This fund is used for money collected for church flowers.

Neville's Cross Community Choir

The PCC decided to support the formation of Neville's Cross Community Choir, allowing the choir to use the church without charge. Presently the funds are administered by the church and the legal position is that the choir is under control of the PCC.

Cross Quarterly

£500 was received from the local Councillors Liz Scott and Liz Brown from the Neighbourhood Budget (Small Grants) Fund for the publication of the Community newsletter, Cross Quarterly. This is a Church initiative for the benefit of the wider community.

Local Mission Fund

In 2020 the PCC agreed to fund a Local Mission Worker for 21 hours a week. Work is done within the parish such as with students, and outreach work extends to a neighbouring parish, Bearpark. The post is funded by donations and grants.

Children and Youth Worker

This fund has been supported by a grant from the Church Estates Charity of £10,000.

Lockdown Letters

This is a community initiative supported by the Church for maintaining contact with those who are isolated during the pandemic. £1238 was received from the Councillors as funding for the Lockdown Letters initiative.

10(b) Endowment Funds

Church Hall Trust Fund

This fund originated from the sale of the site of the old church hall. The capital was invested in 8,378 units of the Central Board of Finance Investment Fund at a cost of £62,727. The use of this fund is restricted to the building of a new hall. As this restricted use of the fund is unlikely to be fulfilled, it is included in these accounts as an endowment fund. Dividends and interest are available for furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England within the parish and are therefore included in the assets of the general fund. The value of the fund at the year end was £195,933.77

10(c) Designated Funds

Playpeople

Play people is now administered by the PCC who provide the premises and the staff for this community facility. The Church acquired funds of £961 from this once independent group which can be used to purchase equipment as deemed necessary.

Building and Organ Maintenance Fund

The PCC transfers £5,000 each year from the General Fund to pay for large major building and organ maintenance projects. In 2021, the external polycarbonate screening was replaced on the windows costing £6,470.

Missions & Gifts

The current policy of the PCC is that 10% of general income (defined as planned giving, gift-aid reclaimed, non-specific collections, interest and investment income, the calculation being based on the previous year's income) should be given to missions. £7,500 has been set aside from 2021 income for giving to external charities/missions in 2021. Current beneficiaries are NEPACS, CMS, Traidcraft and the Durham Food Bank.

Solar Panels

This fund relates to a donation of £7,424 towards the cost of installing solar panels at the church; the restrictions on the fund have been fulfilled. In accordance with Charity Commission best practice, a designated fund of the same amount has been set up and will be transferred to general funds over the same period over which the asset is depreciated, which is 15 years.

11 Restricted Grants Received

The Church Estate Charity Durham

The objects of the Church Estate Charity include 'furthering the religious and other work of the Church of England within the area of benefit,' i.e. the parishes of St Margaret's and St John's. In practice the cost of the Rector's Secretary and office expenses are paid by the Charity in arrears. In 2021, this amounted to £12,493. The Church Estate Charity also agreed to a grant of £10,000 for the employment of a Children and Youth Worker at St John's.

Cross Quarterly

£500 was received from the local Councillors Liz Scott and Liz Brown from the Neighbourhood Budget (Small Grants) Fund for the publication of the Community newsletter,

Environment and Community Fund

Ecofest did not apply for a grant in 2021 due to the pandemic cancelling this public event. The event was a community meal supported by Refuse.

Local Mission Fund

No grants were applied for during the pandemic,

Lockdown Letters

The Councillors granted £1,238 over two financial years (£333 2021 £905 2020) to support this project for the

12 Insurance

The insured value of the church buildings and contents has a loss limit of £5,408,000

Accounts

CHURCH OF SAINT JOHN, NEVILLE'S CROSS, DURHAM

**ANNUAL REPORT
and ACCOUNTS**

of the

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ended 31st December 2020

Incumbent :

The Reverend Barnaby T. Huish
The Rectory,
10 Westhouse Avenue,
Durham, DH1 4FH.

Presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 9th May 2021

*St John's Neville's Cross is a Registered Charity
No. 1131053*

St John's Church, Neville's Cross, Durham
Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council
for the year ended 31st December 2020

Administrative information

St. John's Church is situated in Neville's Cross, Durham. It is part of the Diocese of Durham within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Antioch House, 66 Crossgate, Durham DH1 4PR. The Parish forms part of the Joint Benefice of Durham St Margaret & St John.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) was formerly exempt from registering as a charity, however in May 2009 it did register with the Charity Commission under the terms of the Charities Act 2006 (Charity No. 1131053). The members of the PCC are the Trustees of the Charity.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent: The Revd Barnaby Huish Chairman

Churchwardens:

 Mr Michael Chater (also a Deanery Synod Representative)
 Mrs Joan Twomey Vice-chair

Licensed Associate Minister:

 The Revd Dr Nichola Chater

Lay Representatives on the Deanery Synod (see also Mr Michael Chater, above):

 Mrs Jo Cundy Deputy Churchwarden
 Mr Adriel Yap

Elected members:

 Mr David Atkinson PCC Secretary
 Mrs Judith Bumby
 Miss Abigail Clark
 Mrs Joy Cook (until 18th October 2020)
 Mr John Duff
 Mrs Jenny Halford (from 18th October 2020)
 Mrs Susan Massey PCC Treasurer
 Mrs Margaret Omole (until 18th October 2020)
 Professor Thomas Shanks (from 18th October 2020)
 Miss Amy Ward

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC Standing Committee is empowered to transact business on the PCC's behalf outside regular meeting times if necessary; its current members are the Rector, Churchwardens, Deputy Churchwarden, PCC Secretary and PCC Treasurer.

Objectives and Activities

St John's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Barnaby Huish, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and Church Centre complex of St John's, Neville's Cross. It also has responsibilities as an employer.

Achievements and Performance

Review of the year (January-December 2020):

At its regular January meeting, St John's PCC heard from Jennifer Thompson, chair of the Neville's Cross Community Association, about plans for building a new community centre at Lowes Barn; and from Professor Robert Song, about local, national and international responses to climate change.

In early February, the government had launched a public health campaign to raise awareness of a new coronavirus: it encouraged regular handwashing and using tissues to catch coughs and sneezes. The Church took stock of this advice (little knowing that within the space of a few weeks the increased spread of COVID-19 would bring drastic and unprecedented changes to people's lives).

On 6th-8th March, just under 50 members of the church community gathered at Minsteracres monastery for a Parish Weekend Away, led by the Bishop of Jarrow (The Rt Revd Sarah Clark). Bishop Sarah had been invited to speak on the theme 'Free to be', and led sessions entitled 'Free to be: God's own people', 'Free to be: Sabbath rest' and 'Free to be: Bound'. The weekend included children's activities, communal worship and meals, a ceilidh and time/space for reflection. The event was gratefully enjoyed, and the Bishop was thanked for her engaging interactive approach, her rich use of scripture and her thought-provoking words.

A few days later the PCC held its regular meeting, but the Rector was absent 'self-isolating due to feeling unwell'. By the following Sunday, with several other members of the congregation reportedly unwell, the decision was taken to cancel worship at St John's Church in compliance with the newly-issued 'Coronavirus Parish Contingency Plan'. Nationally the situation was escalating fast and on 23rd March the Prime Minister announced a series of 'lockdown' measures to try to prevent the spread of what was now acknowledged to be a global pandemic, including the requirement that all places of worship be closed with immediate effect.

St John's, in common with every other affected church, individual and organisation, began to adjust to a different pattern of being. On 26th March the PCC met online for the first time using a video-conferencing application called 'zoom'. This emergency meeting focussed on: pastoral care of the congregation; contingency plans for illness among key people; welfare of employees and support for home/online working; updating the church's online presence; cash flow. Shortly afterwards, the Pastoral Links Group set up a structure for keeping in regular touch by telephone with those on the Church Electoral Roll; arrangements were made for sending our regular bulletins by post and email; and work was begun on upgrading the church website. The feasibility of holding church services, youth and children's work, and other activities online began to be explored.

For Palm Sunday, the Rector was able to use his phone to record a walk from St John's to St Margaret's (permitted as 'daily exercise' under the restrictions then in force): a 12-minute video which included parts of the customary liturgy for the day. Holy Week was marked with a series of services from the Rectory garden, using and adapting the traditional forms and orders. For Easter Day, Amy Ward (St John's Church Missioner and Music co-ordinator) compiled and produced an uplifting Communion Service on video, which involved multiple singers, instrumentalists and other participants (all of whose contributions she pre-recorded via zoom). The Revd Dr Nicky Chater preached, and the Rector presided (with viewers being invited to share with him in a 'spiritual communion' of the Body and Blood of Christ). On the same day, the Rector phoned members of the congregation who were unable to access the online provision, to share with them verbally in a short Easter service. Fifty days later, Pentecost would be marked with a similar large-scale service.

After Easter, a regular weekly pattern of online Sunday services was maintained between the two churches). From May 'Café Church' resumed, once a month on zoom: an interactive and relatively informal service; and in June clergy were permitted to re-enter churches to pray and to film services. The Revd Remi Omole, a member of the congregation, facilitated regular meetings for a group of people to reflect on the virus and its impact on people's lives. On 21st June the Neville's Cross EcoFestival took place online, hosted as always by the Church, with several talks through the day (involving both regular participants and guest speakers); there were also musical contributions from near and far (including from Africa, led by our one-time music director Peter Okeno) and a video-based Messy Church event.

From mid-July, after careful consideration and preparation, St John's Church began to reopen on Sunday mornings for private prayer. Public worship resumed in the building in August with a Communion service every Wednesday evening; weekly Sunday morning services recommenced in September (with provision of online Sunday services being maintained alongside, aided by the launch of a new St John's website: www.sjnx.org). Sunday morning 'Think Tank' gatherings, for secondary-age children, resumed at the same time; and arrangements began to be made for midweek youth meetings to resume on church premises, beginning the following month.

Through the year the routines of church administration were maintained, as necessary, not least in the areas of safeguarding and data protection. The PCC was able to maintain its level of giving towards central diocesan costs (the 'Parish Share'), which remains fully in line with the amount requested of us by the Diocesan Board of Finance under its new 'Guided Pledge' arrangement. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place in Church in October (delayed from April because of the lockdown). Moves were initiated by Bishop with the Church Commissioners toward amalgamating the parish of 'Bearpark St Edmund' with the parishes of 'Durham St Margaret' and 'Neville's Cross St John' to form a single United Benefice.

In all activities, the safety and health of participants was prioritised; when a second national lockdown was declared for the month of November, the PCC took the decision to suspend public worship in line with it. Remembrance Sunday was duly marked online, with the two-minute silence live streamed from the war memorial outside the church, in line with national guidelines.

Services resumed in church in December. Advent was characterised by the provision of numerous knitted angels, which were attached to the fence and railings outside the Church for members of the public to take away as a Christmas gift. A 'Muddy Church' Christingle Service for families was held in the Church Field; and a Community Carols event took place in the car park. Christ's coming was proclaimed to passers-by in December by a back-lit cross temporarily attached to the Church exterior, with an illuminated Christmas tree alongside. On Christmas Eve, the St John's Church Carol Service took place online, again involving multiple participants; and on Christmas morning Holy Communion was celebrated in church (albeit, as had been the case since March, without congregational singing). Christmas morning Communion would, however, prove to be the last service to be held in Church for some time, as in the New Year services were once again suspended as the country entering a third, and extended, period of lockdown.

In the course of the year the Church mourned the death of John Benstead, Douglas McMurtrie and Sylvia Welby, among others. COVID-19 continues to take its toll on church, society, communities, families and individuals, in a variety of ways, and it is far from clear what the long-term impact will be. The PCC, along with the wider Church, continues to try to discern the best way of responding and of moving forward in the longer term: in faith and hope and love.

Church Electoral Roll

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting it was reported that there were 114 parishioners on the new Roll.

Financial Review, 2020

This year of the Covid 19 pandemic has been difficult for many churches, particularly those dependent on plate collections, which have been very low during times when services in the church buildings were suspended. The Parish Giving Scheme has been crucial to St John's and has ensured a regular cash flow, including Gift Aid, into the parish accounts throughout the year.

In 2020, regular income from the Parish Giving Scheme, standing orders, and loose plate collections (with Gift Aid reclaimed) decreased by 3.8% to £81,226 (2019: £84,500). In addition, we were grateful to receive a legacy to commemorate Colin Tonks. Most of the decrease can be attributed to loss in plate collections and the yellow Gift Aid envelopes. In addition members donated about £12,000 (inc. Gift Aid) to fund the continued employment of our part-time local mission worker. This included a substantial donation to commemorate the life of Sylvia Welby who was born in this parish. The PCC acknowledges the generosity of giving to St John's to allow this valuable work to happen.

We also received about £23,000 from the Church Estate Charity which exists to support work within the parishes of St Margaret's and St. John's. About £12,000 funded the Rector's Secretary and office expenses, which are claimed regularly. We also received a one-off grant of £10,000 to help with the salary costs of our Church Youth Worker, for which the parish is very grateful. Another small grant (£960)

helped fund the youth work at the Parish Weekend. There was also a grant from our local Councillors to support the Lockdown Letters initiative starting in early 2021, in addition to their support for the Cross Quarterly.

Our largest expenditure continues to be the parish share which funds ministry at St. John's and throughout the Diocese. We paid £66,000 to the Diocese in 2020, which was a 3.1% increase from 2019. The PCC sees this as an important priority and is minded to meet the suggested Diocesan Pledge £67,650 in 2021, a further 2.5% increase. St John's pays beyond the expected share calculated on the size of its income and reserves.

Church expenses have actually decreased in 2020 as the closure of the building meant that utility bills were less, as were cleaning bills, and we had a reduced need for organists. The cost of replacement windows (£4,254) was charged to the Building and Organ Maintenance fund this year. The routine £5,000 transfer to this designated fund has continued with a view to further expenditure in 2021. The PCC also invested in Audio-Visual (AV) equipment in Church, which needed updating with some preparation for live-streaming. This bill had to be paid (£4290) but appears in the accounts under the depreciation of tangible assets as the cost will be spread over ten years for accounting purposes. Further live-streaming AV provision will be carried out in 2021.

The PCC is keen to continue with its policy of giving 10% of its general income to charity and £8,000 has been set aside in a designated fund for distribution in 2021. In 2020 the beneficiaries were Traidcraft Exchange, Nepacs, CMS and the Durham Foodbank, each receiving £2,250.

The PCC had a planned deficit in the 2020 budget of £35,000 to be met from reserves but the Statement of Financial Activities shows a loss of £13,844 before investment gains. The lower level of deficit was due to a grant from the Church Estate Charity and enforced reduced spending across many areas. Parishioners also helped meet the costs of the Missioner beyond the level budgeted.

The value of investment holdings increased by £11,573. Most of this is within the Church Hall endowment fund which increased by over £11,000. We receive income from this fund but are unable to access the capital. The income from this was very similar to 2019. The markets are very volatile, however, and this gain might easily be eroded as conditions change with global and national circumstances. In the current climate it was pleasing to note that the value of investments did not plummet below their 2019 value but, as expected, the growth has been much slower.

The PCC has, again, planned a deficit budget of £36,000 for 2021. This is to allow the continuation of our Local Mission work and the employment of our Church Youth Worker. The budget has anticipated that members of the parish will continue their generosity in supporting Local Mission, but we have not allowed for the one-off grant from the Church Estates Charity, to be repeated as there may be other priorities its trustees feel need to be met first.

However, it is prudent to suggest that drawing from the reserves to this extent is not sustainable in the long term as our policy is to hold unrestricted General Fund reserves of about £75,000 (6 months of regular expenditure). The balance in the

General Fund is now almost £15,000 less than that at the start of 2020, and if we do not do better than budgeted in 2021, this level could fall to just £50,000. If an increase in regular and one off giving is not achieved, the PCC may therefore be forced to look at difficult decisions to reduce expenditure.

Approved by the PCC at its meeting on 15th April 2021, and signed on its behalf by The Reverend Barnaby Huish (Chairman).

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Barnaby Huish', written in dark ink.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St John's Church, Neville's Cross

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2020 in respect of my examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('The Regulations') and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('The Act').

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

Basis of independent examiner's statement


My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



B J Straughan
B J Straughan and Co
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors



Date

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St John's Church Neville's Cross, Durham

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 December 2020

| | Note | General Fund | Designated Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total Funds 2020 | Total Funds 2019 |
|---|----------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| INCOMING RESOURCES | | | | | | | |
| Incoming resources from donors | 2(a) | 78,616 | 0 | 1,821 | 0 | 80,437 | 84,500 |
| Other voluntary incoming resources | 2(b) | 3,110 | 0 | 23,332 | 0 | 26,442 | 25,856 |
| Incoming resources to further the Council's objects | 2(c) | 4,731 | 217 | 19,964 | 0 | 24,912 | 28,757 |
| Income from investments | 2(d) | 2,912 | 0 | 0 | 4,854 | 7,765 | 7,888 |
| TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES | | 89,369 | 217 | 45,117 | 4,854 | 139,557 | 147,001 |
| RESOURCES EXPENDED | | | | | | | |
| Mission Giving | 3(a) | 0 | 9,000 | 0 | 0 | 9,000 | 8,870 |
| Diocesan and Deanery parish share | 3(b) | 66,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66,000 | 64,000 |
| Activities directly relating to the work of the church | 3(c) | 12,816 | 4,285 | 9,826 | 0 | 26,928 | 27,609 |
| Church management and administration | 3(d) | 14,858 | 0 | 33,305 | 0 | 48,164 | 42,990 |
| LOL Youth Ministry | 3(e) | 0 | 0 | 803 | 0 | 803 | 5,073 |
| Depreciation | 4(a) | 2,506 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,506 | 2,799 |
| TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED | | 96,181 | 13,285 | 43,934 | 0 | 153,401 | 151,340 |
| NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS | | -6,812 | -13,068 | 1,183 | 4,854 | -13,844 | -4,339 |
| GROSS TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS | | -7,907 | 12,505 | 256 | -4,854 | 0 | 0 |
| NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES | | -14,719 | -563 | 1,439 | 0 | -13,844 | -4,339 |
| GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENT | 4(b)/(c) | 508 | 0 | 0 | 11,065 | 11,573 | 38,255 |
| NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS | | -14,211 | -563 | 1,439 | 11,065 | -2,271 | 33,917 |
| BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2020 | | 99,783 | 49,129 | 13,277 | 160,238 | 322,427 | 288,510 |
| BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2020 | | 85,572 | 48,566 | 14,716 | 171,303 | 320,156 | 322,427 |

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020

| | Note | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|--|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| FIXED ASSETS | | | |
| Tangible fixed assets | 1(c) 4(a) | 11,185 | 8,782 |
| Investment assets | 4(b)/(c) | 257,377 | 245,804 |
| Total fixed assets | | 268,562 | 254,586 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Debtors | 6 | 9,069 | 8,532 |
| Bank deposits | | 38,679 | 41,786 |
| Bank Current Accounts | | 15,155 | 20,736 |
| Cash | | 0 | 21 |
| Total current assets | | 62,903 | 71,075 |
| LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE | | | |
| Creditors and Accruals | 7 | 11,309 | 3,235 |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | 51,594 | 67,840 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 320,156 | 322,427 |
| FUNDS | | | |
| Unrestricted | | | |
| General Fund | | 85,572 | 99,783 |
| Designated Funds | | 48,566 | 49,129 |
| Restricted | | | |
| Endowment | | 14,716 | 13,277 |
| | | 171,302 | 160,238 |
| TOTAL | | 320,156 | 322,427 |

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 15th April 2021 and signed on its behalf by

The Revd Barnaby T Huish (Chairman)



Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- (a) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 as amended by the Church Accounting (Amendment) Regulations 2001 together with applicable accounting standards and Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP FRS102).
- (b) The Church Hall Trust Fund is invested in 8,378 units of the Central Board of Finance Investment Fund. The investment is revalued on 31 December each year; any gain or loss in value during the year is shown in the Statement of Financial Activities.
- (c) We are required to produce a balance sheet which includes the value of fixed assets; any assets that are considered to have a limited useful life are depreciated. Consecrated and benefited property is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011. Alterations to the Church Building, as part of the reordering project were therefore charged to the 2007 revenue account and are not shown as fixed assets. Furniture and equipment still having a value, purchased since 1 January 2007 are included in the balance sheet as fixed assets and depreciated as follows:

| | | | |
|---------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Audio Visual System | 10 years | Laptop | 3 years |
| Chairs | 15 years | Chancel furniture | 15 years |
| Solar Panels | 15 years | Altar rail | 15 years |

The land to the South side of the church building (approximately 2,454 sq.m.) is owned by the Church. As it is effectively landlocked, it is considered to have no commercial value. The 19th Durham Scouts have a lease of that part of this land on which their hut is situated. The lease is for 20 years from 1 January 2007; the rent is £1 p.a.

2. INCOMING RESOURCES

| | General Fund | Designated Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total Funds 2020 | Total Funds 2019 |
|---|---------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| <i>2(a) Incoming resources from donors</i> | | | | | | |
| Planned Giving | 61,525 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 61,525 | 61,771 |
| Income Tax Recoverable | 15,510 | 0 | 1,821 | 0 | 17,332 | 16,345 |
| Loose plate Collections | 1,580 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,580 | 6,384 |
| | 78,616 | 0 | 1,821 | 0 | 80,437 | 84,500 |
| <i>2(b) Other voluntary incoming resources</i> | | | | | | |
| Grants (Note 11) | 0 | 0 | 23,312 | 0 | 23,312 | 23,063 |
| LOL participating churches | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Donations | 3,110 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 3,130 | 2,794 |
| | 3,110 | 0 | 23,332 | 0 | 26,442 | 25,856 |
| <i>2(c) Incoming resources to further the Council's objects</i> | | | | | | |
| Statutory fees | 454 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 454 | 167 |
| Sundry events | 0 | 0 | 5,169 | 0 | 5,169 | 0 |
| Local Mission | 0 | 0 | 12,175 | 0 | 12,175 | 10,320 |
| LOL Activities | 0 | 0 | 808 | 0 | 808 | 4,386 |
| Play People | 0 | 217 | 0 | 0 | 217 | 1,021 |
| Open Doors | 273 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 273 | 392 |
| EcoFest | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,252 |
| Nevilles Cross Community Choir | 0 | 0 | 1,812 | 0 | 1,812 | 4,938 |
| Hire of premises | 1,828 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,828 | 3,760 |
| Solar Panels | 2,175 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,175 | 2,521 |
| Other income | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | 4,731 | 217 | 19,964 | 0 | 24,912 | 28,757 |
| <i>2(d) Income from investments</i> | | | | | | |
| Interest & dividends received | 2,912 | 0 | 0 | 4,854 | 7,765 | 7,888 |
| TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES | 89,369 | 217 | 45,117 | 4,854 | 139,557 | 147,001 |

| 3. RESOURCES EXPENDED | General Fund | Designated Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total Funds 2020 | Total Funds 2019 |
|--|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 3(a) Grants | | | | | | |
| Mission Giving | 0 | 9,000 | 0 | 0 | 9,000 | 8,600 |
| Restricted Collections | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 270 |
| | 0 | 9,000 | 0 | 0 | 9,000 | 8,870 |
| 3(b) Diocesan and Deanery Parish Share | 66,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66,000 | 64,000 |
| 3(c) Activities directly relating to the work of the church | | | | | | |
| Missions and outreach | 212 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 212 | 586 |
| Local Mission | 0 | 0 | 153 | 0 | 153 | 1,959 |
| Children and youth work (excluding salaries) | 176 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 176 | 626 |
| Messy Church | 278 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 278 | 838 |
| SPLAT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| EcoFest | 0 | 0 | 68 | 0 | 68 | 967 |
| Play People | 0 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 444 |
| Cross Quarterly | 240 | 0 | 450 | 0 | 690 | 920 |
| Neville's Cross Community Choir | 0 | 0 | 2,667 | 0 | 2,667 | 3,633 |
| Sundry events (note 8) | 0 | 0 | 6,448 | 0 | 6,448 | 0 |
| Clergy expenses | 326 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 326 | 367 |
| Church services | 790 | 0 | 41 | 0 | 831 | 2,286 |
| Music Director/Organists | 2,324 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,324 | 3,359 |
| Church maintenance, utilities & insurance | 8,470 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8,470 | 11,624 |
| Major repairs and refurbishment | 0 | 4,254 | 0 | 0 | 4,254 | 0 |
| | 12,816 | 4,285 | 9,826 | 0 | 26,928 | 27,609 |
| 3(d) Administration | | | | | | |
| Staff costs | 13,009 | 0 | 30,866 | 0 | 43,875 | 37,857 |
| Office expenses | 967 | 0 | 2,439 | 0 | 3,407 | 4,213 |
| Accountancy | 852 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 852 | 828 |
| Sundries | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 34 |
| Fund raising costs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 |
| | 14,858 | 0 | 33,305 | 0 | 48,164 | 42,990 |
| 3(e) LOL Youth Ministry | | | | | | |
| Project costs | 0 | 0 | 803 | 0 | 803 | 1,854 |
| Whithaugh Weekends | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,218 |
| | 0 | 0 | 803 | 0 | 803 | 5,073 |
| 3(f) Depreciation | 2,506 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,506 | 2,799 |
| TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED | 96,181 | 13,285 | 43,934 | 0 | 153,401 | 151,340 |

4. FIXED ASSETS

| | Cost | Net value at 1/1/20 | Depreciation Charge for year | Net value at 31/12/20 |
|---------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>(a) Tangible</i> | | | | |
| Altar Rail | 4,236 | 557 | 283 | 274 |
| Chairs | 3,377 | 452 | 225 | 227 |
| Chancel furniture | 6,204 | 2,073 | 413 | 1,660 |
| Solar Panels | 14,240 | 5,699 | 949 | 4,750 |
| Computer | 620 | | 207 | 413 |
| AV Equipment | 4,290 | | 429 | 3,861 |
| | 32,967 | 8,781 | 2,506 | 11,185 |

(b) Investment (General Fund)

| | |
|--|--------|
| Market value at 1 January 2020 | 85,566 |
| Gain (Loss) on valuation at 31 December 2020 | 508 |
| Market value at 31 December 2020 | 86,074 |

(c) Investment (Endowment Fund)

| | |
|--|---------|
| Market value at 1 January 2020 | 160,238 |
| Gain (Loss) on valuation at 31 December 2020 | 11,065 |
| Market value at 31 December 2020 | 171,302 |

5. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

| | General Fund | Designated Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total Funds 2020 | Total Funds 2019 |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Tangible fixed assets | 11,185 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11,185 | 8,782 |
| Investment fixed assets | 86,074 | 0 | 0 | 171,302 | 257,377 | 245,804 |
| Current assets | -378 | 48,566 | 14,716 | 0 | 62,903 | 71,076 |
| Current liabilities | 11,309 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11,309 | 3,235 |
| Fund balance | 85,572 | 48,566 | 14,716 | 171,302 | 320,156 | 322,427 |

6. DEBTORS

| | General Fund | Designated Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total Funds 2020 | Total Funds 2019 |
|------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Income tax recoverable | 3,387 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,387 | 2,127 |
| Church Estate Charity | 0 | 0 | 5,635 | 0 | 5,635 | 6,255 |
| Other | 47 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 150 |
| Total | 3,434 | 0 | 5,635 | 0 | 9,069 | 8,532 |

7. LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Accountancy | 828 | 804 |
| Mission giving | 9,000 | 0 |
| Other creditors | 1,481 | 2,431 |
| Total | 11,309 | 3,235 |

8. SUNDRY EVENTS

| Event | Receipts | Expenditure | Net income |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Minsteracres 2020 | 6,192 | 6,448 | -256 |
| Other events | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 6,192 | 6,448 | -256 |

| 9. FUND DETAILS | b/f 1 Jan 2020 | Income | Expenditure | Transfer in (out) | | c/f 31 Dec 2020 |
|--|----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Restricted Funds | | | | | | |
| Rector's Secretary and Office Expenses | -70 | 10,996 | 11,254 | 0 | | -328 |
| LOL Youth Ministry | 3,304 | 978 | 803 | 0 | | 3,479 |
| Environment and Community Fund | 2,441 | 0 | 68 | 0 | | 2,374 |
| Lockdown Letters | 0 | 905 | 0 | 0 | | 905 |
| Minsteracres Weekend 2020 | 0 | 6,192 | 6,448 | 256 | | 0 |
| Harold Lister Fund | 700 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 700 |
| Flowers | 58 | 20 | 41 | 0 | | 37 |
| Community Choir | 3,458 | 1,812 | 2,667 | 0 | | 2,603 |
| Church Youth Worker | 0 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 0 | | 0 |
| Cross Quarterly Newsletter | 0 | 450 | 450 | 0 | | 0 |
| Local Mission | 3,386 | 13,764 | 12,204 | 0 | | 4,946 |
| Special Collections etc. | | | | | | |
| | 13,277 | 45,117 | 43,934 | 256 | | 14,715 |
| Unrestricted Funds | | | | | | |
| | b/f 1 Jan 2020 | Receipts | Expenditure | Transfer in (out) | Gain (loss) on revaluation | c/f 31 Dec 2020 |
| General Fund | 99,783 | 89,369 | 96,181 | -7,907 | 508 | 85,572 |
| Building and Organ Maintenance Fund | 35,159 | 0 | 4,254 | 5,000 | 0 | 35,905 |
| Mission & Gifts | 9,050 | 0 | 9,000 | 8,000 | 0 | 8,050 |
| Solar Panels | 2,969 | 0 | 0 | -495 | 0 | 2,474 |
| Playpeople | 1,951 | 217 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 2,137 |
| Endowment Funds | | | | | | |
| Church Hall Trust | 160,237 | 4,854 | 0 | -4,854 | 11,065 | 171,302 |

Notes on Funds

10(a) Restricted Funds

Rector's Secretary

The Rector's secretary is employed by St John's on behalf of the PCCs of St John's and St Margaret's churches. The salary and general office expenses are fully reimbursed by the Church Estates Charity.

LOL Youth Ministry Fund

LOL (Living Out Love) Youth Ministry was originally a project of St John's, St Margaret's, St Oswald's and Emmanuel churches. It continues on a voluntary basis with King's Church and St John's Church, with St John's church taking legal and financial responsibility for the project.

Environment and Community Fund

The PCC decided to place the surplus generated from the EcoFest (and other similar events) since 2014 in a restricted fund for environmental and community projects, including the annual EcoFest and the Cross Quarterly newsletter.

Harold Lister Fund

This fund results from a legacy in the will of the late George Harold Lister. It is stipulated that the sum of £1,000 'shall be used to create or supplement a discretionary fund to be used for Church purposes by The Rector from time to time at his discretion.'

Flower Fund

This fund is used for money collected for church flowers.

Neville's Cross Community Choir

The PCC decided to support the formation of Neville's Cross Community Choir, allowing the choir to use the church without charge. Presently the funds are administered by the church and the legal position is that the choir is under control of the PCC.

Cross Quarterly

£450 was received from the local Councillors Liz Scott and Liz Brown from the Neighbourhood Budget (Small Grants) Fund for the publication of the Community newsletter, Cross Quarterly. This is a Church initiative for the benefit of the wider community.

Local Mission Fund

In 2020 the PCC agreed to fund a Local Mission Worker for 21 hours a week. Work is done within the parish such as with students, and outreach work extends to a neighbouring parish, Bearpark. The post is funded by donations and grants.

Children and Youth Worker

This fund has been supported by a grant from the Church Estates Charity of £10,000.

Lockdown Letters

This is a community initiative supported by the Church for maintaining contact with those who are isolated during the pandemic. £905 was received from the Councillors as funding for the Lockdown Letters initiative.

Minsteracres 2020 weekend

This restricted fund existed to cover the costs of the Parish weekend in March 2020. The small deficit of £256 has been supported from the general fund as underwritten by the PCC.

10(b) Endowment Funds

Church Hall Trust Fund

This fund originated from the sale of the site of the old church hall. The capital was invested in 8,378 units of the Central Board of Finance Investment Fund at a cost of £62,727. The use of this fund is restricted to the building of a new hall. As this restricted use of the fund is unlikely to be fulfilled, it is included in these accounts as an endowment fund. Dividends and interest are available for furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England within the parish and are therefore included in the assets of the general fund. The value of the fund at the year end was £171,302.45

10(c) Designated Funds

Playpeople

Play people is now administered by the PCC who provide the premises and the staff for this community facility. The Church acquired funds of £961 from this once independent group which can be used to purchase equipment as deemed necessary.

Building and Organ Maintenance Fund

The PCC transfers £5,000 each year from the General Fund to pay for large major building and organ maintenance projects. In 2020 the Church Centre windows were replaced at a cost of £4250.

Missions & Gifts

The current policy of the PCC is that 10% of general income (defined as planned giving, gift-aid reclaimed, non-specific collections, interest and investment income, the calculation being based on the previous year's income) should be given to missions. £8,000 has been set aside from 2020 income for giving to external charities/missions in 2021. Current beneficiaries are NEPACS, CMS, Traidcraft and the Durham Food Bank.

Solar Panels

This fund relates to a donation of £7,424 towards the cost of installing solar panels at the church; the restrictions on the fund have been fulfilled. In accordance with Charity Commission best practice, a designated fund of the same amount has been set up and will be transferred to general funds over the same period over which the asset is depreciated, which is 15 years.

11 Restricted Grants Received

The Church Estate Charity Durham

The objects of the Church Estate Charity include 'furthering the religious and other work of the Church of England within the area of benefit,' i.e. the parishes of St Margaret's and St John's. In practice the cost of the Rector's Secretary and office expenses are paid by the Charity in arrears. In 2020, this amounted to £10,996.84. The Church Estate Charity also agreed to a grant of £10,000 for the employment of a Children and Youth Worker at St John's. They also granted £960 toward youth work at the Parish weekend.

Cross Quarterly

£450 was received from the local Councillors Liz Scott and Liz Brown from the Neighbourhood Budget (Small Grants) Fund for the publication of the Community newsletter,

Environment and Community Fund

Ecofest did not apply for a grant in 2020 due to the pandemic cancelling this public event. The event moved on line. £905 was received from the Councillors as funding for the Lockdown Letters initiative.

Local Mission Fund

No grants were applied for during the pandemic,

Lockdown Letters

The Councillors granted £905 to support this project for the community.

12 Insurance

The insured value of the church buildings and contents has a loss limit of £5,408,000