

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

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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 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 22 nd 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 22 nd May 2022)
Mrs Judith Bumby	(until 22 nd May 2022)
Miss Abigail Clark	(until 22 nd May 2022)
Mrs Jenny Halford	
Mrs Susan Massey	PCC Treasurer
Mr Andrew Mattches	(from 22 nd May 2022)
Mrs Janet Phillips	
Professor Thomas Shanks	
Miss Amy Ward	(co-opted member after 22 nd 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', followed by a small horizontal line.

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

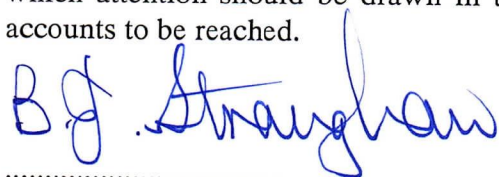
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures 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.



B J Straughan
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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

25th April 2023

Date

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St John's Church Neville's Cross, Durham

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 December 2022

INCOMING RESOURCES	Note	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
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	1(c)		
Tangible fixed assets	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	9		
Unrestricted			
General Fund		54,646	73,467
Designated Funds		49,252	48,649
Restricted		22,021	14,257
Endowment		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) <i>Grants</i>						
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) <i>Diocesan and Deanery Parish Share</i>	69,188	0	0	0	69,188	67,650
3(c) <i>Activities directly relating to the work of the church</i>						
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) <i>Administration</i>						
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) <i>LOL Youth Ministry</i>						
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) <i>Depreciation</i>	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
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9. FUND DETAILS	b/f 1 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfer in (out)	c/f 31 Dec 2022
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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
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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 sometimes 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