

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, GOSFORTH

England & Wales · Charity number 1131094

Details

Other names	ALL SAINTS' GOSFORTH PCC, PCC ALL SAINTS GOSFORTH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-08-12
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: Serving local community providing church services and wide ranging activities open to the community including regular playgroup in the church hall as well as hosting occasional concerts in the church and a multitude in between.

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
- Newcastle Upon Tyne City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£228,935	£209,973	-	-
2024-12-31	£210,776	£251,588	-	-
2023-12-31	£246,362	£273,830	-	-
2022-12-31	£358,858	£257,256	-	-
2021-12-31	£238,435	£240,135	-	-
2020-12-31	£203,535	£194,029	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
REV ANDREW SHIPTON	Chair	2014-09-08
Alison Jane Wilson		2020-10-18
DIANA LYNNE LAVIN		2018-04-29
DIANE HENDERSON		2012-10-16
Dana Corso		2023-04-30
Dr Alison Mary Charlewood		2022-05-09
Dr Claudia Newbegin		2025-05-11
Dr Helen Fraser		2025-05-11
Felicity Shoesmith		2024-04-28
JOYCE JENNINGS		2022-04-24
KATHERINE DAVIES		2017-05-08
Lee Best		2025-05-11
MRS PAM TAYLOR		2013-04-29
Marian Coulson-Cave		2020-10-18
Michael John Wickham		2025-05-11
Pauline Gallacher		2022-04-24
Rosamund Place		2016-04-17

Accounts

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2025

The Parochial Church Council of All Saints Church, Gosforth

Registered Charity number: 1131094

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Trustees' Annual Report for 2025

All Saints' Parochial Church Council

Structure, Governance, and Responsibilities

All Saints' Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible for cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Canon Andrew Shipton, in promoting the whole mission of the Church, including pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical work within the parish. The PCC also has responsibility for the maintenance of All Saints Church, the Church Centre, the Green, and two properties adjacent to the Centre.

During the year, the Vicar, assisted until the end of June by the Assistant Curate, the Revd Miriam Jones, also had responsibility for the neighbouring parish of St Hugh's, Gosforth, which has its own PCC. Miriam Jones completed her four-year licence in the diocese at the end of June and moved to the Vale Benefice in the Oxford Diocese in August.

The PCC consists of 17 members. The Standing Committee, which sets the agenda for PCC meetings, includes the Vicar, the Vice-Chair, two Churchwardens, and the PCC Secretary. Much of the Treasurer's work during the year was undertaken by this group with support from the Parish Administrator. A more business-like "next steps" approach continued to be used in PCC meetings.

The work of the PCC was supported by a number of subcommittees, including Fabric, Eco, Safeguarding, Youth, Social, and Communications, all of which reported regularly to the PCC. The PCC operated within an agreed framework of policies agreed in 2024, including a Trustee Conflict of Interest Policy, a Data Protection Policy, and an Internal Risk Policy agreed in January 2025.

Objectives and Public Benefit

The PCC, working with the Vicar, seeks to guide the life of the church in its mission, ministry, witness, and service. Responsibility is held for the care of all people within the parish, not only those who attend services. The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at All Saints and to become part of the parish community.

In planning its activities, the PCC has had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. The vision of the church remains to place All Saints at the heart of the wider community, aspiring to be vibrant, inclusive, compassionate, and outward-looking, with a thoughtful and sensitive approach to faith. Central to this vision is worship and the expression of the merciful love of God in all that the church does. Maintaining the fabric of the church and the Church Centre is essential to enabling this mission and remains an ongoing responsibility of the PCC.

Worship and Spiritual Life

Throughout 2025, the PCC remained committed to sustaining a rich and varied programme of worship. On Sundays, at least three services with addresses were held, alongside services during the week. Almost all services were livestreamed on YouTube, with each service receiving an average of

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35 views in the week following. Worship opportunities were promoted through the church website and a weekly newsletter, and invitation cards were delivered to homes across the parish to advertise Easter and Christmas services.

There are currently 159 parishioners on the Electoral Roll, including a number of non-resident members. Average Sunday attendance during the year was 94 adults and two children, with numbers increasing significantly at festival times. On Christmas Eve, the church welcomed 1,014 worshippers.

The devotional life of the church was enriched through a Lent course and full programmes for Holy Week, Easter, and Christmas. The final hour on Good Friday was led by the Revd Adam Romanis. A dedicated group of volunteers planned services for Mothering Sunday, Harvest, Christmas, and Good Friday, with particular attention given to involving younger members in worship. Although the choir lost some long-standing members during the year, new members joined and the choir continued to make an important contribution to worship.

Occasional Offices

During the year there were seven funerals held in church, fourteen funerals conducted solely at crematoria, and twelve services for the burial of ashes. There were three weddings and one wedding blessing, nine baptisms, and one confirmation conducted by the Bishop of Berwick.

Pastoral Care and Fellowship

Clergy visited parishioners and church members who requested visits, including those in hospital. The Pastoral Care Group maintained regular contact with those who were unwell and met to ensure that housebound members were followed up appropriately. Monthly Home Communion was provided for six individuals unable to attend church because of illness or age, and the sacrament was administered monthly in a local care home.

Fellowship lunches were held monthly on Sundays in the Church Centre and provided valuable support for those who were alone. A range of weekday activities continued to flourish, including Coffee and Conversation on Mondays, Sing at the Centre on Tuesdays, and the Sew, Knit and Natter group on Wednesdays. An occasional gardening group helped maintain the church grounds, and during August church members opened their gardens on Sunday afternoons to offer hospitality. The Mothers' Union, Film Club, and All Saints Reading Group continued to meet monthly. A Men's Group was established during the year. Bible study continued at Eothen Care Home, and a house group met for Bible study during the autumn.

Children, Young People, and Schools

The Youth Committee met throughout the year under the chairmanship of the Curate and later the Vicar to review progress and set objectives. Events and services were planned to welcome and engage young families. In July, Archbishop Runcie First School held an afternoon concert in the church. Throughout the autumn, the Vicar welcomed hundreds of children through school visits from Newcastle School for Boys, Gosforth Junior Academy, and Archibald School, and led assemblies weekly at Archbishop Runcie School and monthly at Regent Farm and Archibald Schools. The church oversaw School Easter Services and Harvest services.

Following the departure of the Curate in June, Faith at 4 came to an end and Messy Church began in September as a monthly service for younger children held in the Parish Centre. A monthly teenage

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film club was also launched. Art classes were offered earlier in the year, and the weekly pre-school “Little Saints” group continued to be well supported.

Clergy regularly visited schools to lead worship and teach RE. Four Schools were welcomed into church for their Christmas carol services. The Vicar and two PCC representatives serve on the Governing Body of Archbishop Runcie Church of England School. During the year, the school governors at Archbishop Runcie School decided to remove church attendance at All Saints as a criterion for admission. Uniformed organisations continued to flourish, including Scouts, Guides, Brownies, and the Rainbow Group.

Engagement with the Wider Community

Support for a nominated charity each month continued, alongside ongoing support for Kenton Food Bank. A group of church members worked with Tyneside Welcomes to oversee the support for a Syrian refugee family, a project which came to an end during the year. The Amnesty Group continued its correspondence on behalf of those unjustly imprisoned but no longer monthly. The church hosted four well-attended Farmers’ Markets during the year, offering live music and hospitality within the church building. The Green was used during the summer to host the Handlebards’ production of ‘Much Ado About Nothing.’ A number of professional classical music concerts were held, including World Organ Day and a visit from the Northumbria Chamber Choir.

In November Uniformed, schools and community groups contributed to the Angel Festival, filling the church with hundreds of angels suspended in the nave. The Christmas Fair was once again a major success, both as a fundraiser and as a community event. Theatre visits, parish meals, games evenings, a nature prayer walk, and seasonal brunches were all well supported.

A group trained in community organising carried out one-to-one listening conversations within the church community. Since November 2024, the Vicar has participated in a scheme ran by the church of England based on community organising model. The aim has been to encourage church growth through relational culture and community engagement.

Buildings, Fabric, and Environment

Following an assessment that repair was no longer cost effective, a new boiler was installed in the church in October, after greener alternatives had been explored. After an initial pump failure, it was necessary to replace the pump.

The PCC explored proposals to develop the All Saints Church Centre and engaged an architect to bring forward plans. Costings were received from RNJ Partnership, with projected costs rising to approximately £160,000 including VAT and inflation. A PCC Away Day planned to consider the future development of the Centre was postponed and rescheduled for January 2026.

A contract was signed with NE Community Forest, with Northumberland Wildlife Trust to undertake tree planting on church land which is to happen in 2026.

Wider Church and Diocese

Four members of the PCC represented the parish on the Deanery Synod. Following discussions with the Archdeacon of Northumberland, housing on the St Nicholas site became part of the parish from September. In June, it was confirmed that further diocesan funding would be required before progress could be made towards establishing a House for Duty post at St Hugh’s.

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Church Community Life

During the year, the church community mourned the loss of several faithful members, including Charles Foister, Muriel Dart, Marjorie Forster, Edith Davison, and Ian Stuart. Their lives and contributions were remembered in Keeping in Touch, the quarterly parish magazine.

In November, Katherine Vacher-Day, a final-year student on the Lindisfarne Course, joined the parish.

Financial Review

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds (funds that are not subject to restriction regarding their use) comprise of two funds, the General Fund and a Legacy Fund which is credited with legacies and gifts in memoriam and used primarily for major repairs or capital projects.

General Fund: Income for the year amounted to £228,342 (2024, £210,197). The increase in surplus is due to a £20,000 legacy and a £2,000 grant being received and last year there were large repairs which have not been replicated this year.

Voluntary donations, excluding legacies and grants, amounted to £142,558 (2024, £142,527). Planned giving at £94,107 was slightly down on last year (£97,247) with a net increase in scheme membership of 7 people. Other voluntary donations of £24,687 came in 32% ahead of last year (£18,649) with the receipt of eleven individual gifts of more than £300 accounting for most of this increase together with an improvement in card donations. Income tax recovered of £23,764 (202, £26,631) also benefitted from the increase in other voluntary donations.

Activities for generating funds provided £51,151 (2024, £48,791). Church Centre lettings of £22,934 improved by 25% over 2024 (£18,403) with income from uniformed groups linked to the church a contributory factor. Rental income of £20,540 from the two residential properties adjacent to the Church Centre was broadly in line with 2024 (£20,569) with both properties fully occupied throughout the period. Fundraising was strong with good contributions from musical concerts, farmers markets and the annual Christmas fair.

Income from investments amounted to £4,358 (2024, £3,801) with improved interest rates largely offsetting lower investment levels to maintain the overall income level.

Total expenditure charged against the General Fund amounted to £209,594 (2024, £249,988). The reduction in the Dicesan Share was £25,000 less than last year.

Overall, the PCC incurred a surplus (before investment gains/(losses)) on the General Fund of £18,748.

Legacy Fund: Income for the year amounted to £20,000 (2024, £6,763). During the year, the PCC received one legacy amounting to £20,000 (2024, £2,000). Grants received under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme provided £nil (2024, £4,763). Dividend income amounted to £1,108 (2024, £1,053). There was no expenditure this year. Overall, the PCC incurred a surplus (before investment gains/(losses)) of £20,000 compared to a deficit of £25,861 in 2024.

Restricted Fund Income

Restricted income amounted to £593 being dividends received from the MacMahon permanent endowment. Expenditure amounted to £379.

Valuation of Fixed Assets

A valuation review of the Verger's House and the Old Clergy House carried out at the end of the financial year indicated a market value for each house of £290,000, the same as at 31 December 2024.

Outlook

The reduction in the Parish Diocese share of £25,000 has improved the cashflow of the PCC this year, with the PCC recording a surplus of £18,962 over all funds.

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Reserves

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free or unrestricted reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £54,000. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The balance of the free reserves at the year-end was £100,962.

Investment Policy

Central to the PCC's longer term investment policy is to place funds in investments offering a good level of distributions and long term protection from inflation. The PCC's sole investment rests with The CBF Church of England Investment Fund where the fund aims to provide a long-term total return comprising growth in capital and distributions. The PCC currently invests £59,464 in this fund.

The PCC will from time to time make short term deposits up to a maximum of two years with UK based banks authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. As of 31st December 2025, the PCC held £86,275 with Cambridge and Counties Bank.

Risk factors

The trustees have reviewed the risks to the Charity's assets and income and are satisfied that adequate controls are in place.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a registered charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At All Saints, the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens, co-opted members appointed by the PCC and members elected by those of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of All Saints. All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance of the parish, including deciding on how funds of the PCC are spent.

The PCC has nominated officers responsible for Health and Safety (including disability discrimination issues) and Safeguarding (of children and vulnerable adults) who receive training and information from the diocese and cascade this to the wider PCC as appropriate. These issues are standing items on the agenda of the PCC.

The full PCC met six times during the year with an average attendance of 78%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees dealing with a particular aspect of parish life as follows:

The Standing Committee
The Fabric Committee
The Safeguarding Committee
The Youth Committee
The Social and Events Committee
The Communications Committee
The Eco Committee

There is also a group of volunteers that help look after the gardens and green.

The Standing Committee comprises of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Lay Vice-Chair, Treasurer (vacant) and Secretary. The Standing Committee deals with routine operational issues, provides advice and information to the PCC and has the power to transact business of their behalf between its meetings.

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Administrative information

All Saints Church is situated in Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne. It is part of the Diocese of Newcastle within the Church of England. The correspondence address is, All Saints Parish Office, West Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 4ES. Registered Charity number 1131094.

Advisors: The Independent examiner for the Annual Report and Accounts 2025 was Craig Henderson, S&W Audit, 17 Queens Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1RN.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1 January 2025 until the date of this report are:

Ex officio members:

Incumbent	The Reverend Canon Andrew Shipton (Chairman)
Wardens:	Mr Nick Glover until 11 th May 2025 Mrs Dana Corso Mrs Joyce Jennings
Assistant Curate	Revd Dr Miriam Jones until 30 th June 2025

Observer

Assistant Priest	Revd Ruth Birnie
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Deanery Synod members:

Mrs Joyce Jennings
Mrs Rosamund Place
Mrs Pamela Taylor
Mrs Diana Lavin

Elected Members:

Ms Alison Wilson
Mrs Marian Coulson-Cave
Mrs Felicity Shoesmith
Dr Helen Fraser from 11th May 2025
Mr Lee Best from 11th May 2025
Mrs Francine Bain until 11th May 2025
Mrs Pauline Gallacher
Mrs Valerie Hedley until 11th May 2025
Dr Claudia Newbegin from 11th May 2025
Mr Michael Whickham from 11th May 2025
Mrs Lesley Ogilvie until 13th May 2025

Co-opted for one year:

Safeguarding Officer	Ms Kath Davies
Treasurer	Vacant
Secretary	Dr Alison Charlewood

This report was approved by the PCC on 26 April 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Andrew Shipton
Vicar and Chair of the Council

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of All Saints
Church, Gosforth
For the year ended 31 December 2025

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 10 to 21.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 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.

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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Craig Henderson FCCA

S&W Audit

Chartered Accountants

29 May 2026
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Date

17 Queens Lane
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ending 31 December 2025

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL	TOTAL
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2025	2024
Note		£	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Voluntary income	2(a)	164,558	—	—	164,558	150,138
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	51,151	—	—	51,151	48,791
Income from investments	2(c)	5,466	593	—	6,059	5,433
Income from church activities	2(d)	7,167	—	—	7,167	4,653
Other incoming resources	2(e)	—	—	—	—	1,761
		<u>228,342</u>	<u>593</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>228,935</u>	<u>210,776</u>
TOTAL INCOME						
EXPENDITURE	3(a)	208,594	—	—	208,973	248,088
Church activities	3(b)	1,000	379	—	1,000	3,500
Cost of generating funds		<u>209,594</u>	<u>379</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>209,973</u>	<u>251,588</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE						
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		18,748	214	—	18,962	(40,812)
BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS	7	(1,604)	—	(853)	(2,457)	1,334
Net (losses)/gains on investments		17,144	214	(853)	16,505	(39,478)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)						
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation of fixed assets		—	—	—	—	80,000
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS						
		<u>17,144</u>	<u>214</u>	<u>(853)</u>	<u>16,505</u>	<u>40,522</u>
Total funds brought forward		692,585	56,994	21,342	770,921	730,399
Total funds carried forward		<u>709,729</u>	<u>57,208</u>	<u>20,489</u>	<u>787,426</u>	<u>770,921</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible	6	580,000	580,000
Investments	7	59,464	60,814
		<u>639,464</u>	<u>640,814</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and prepayments	8	10,023	7,788
Short-term deposits		86,275	85,000
Cash at bank and in hand		59,216	46,562
		<u>155,514</u>	<u>139,350</u>
LIABILITIES			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	9	7,552	9,243
NET CURRENT ASSETS/LIABILITIES		<u>147,962</u>	<u>130,107</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURENT LIABILITIES		787,426	770,921
Creditors - amounts falling due after one year		—	—
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>787,426</u>	<u>770,921</u>
PARISH FUNDS			
Endowment	10 & 11	20,489	21,342
Restricted	10 & 11	57,208	56,994
Unrestricted	10 & 11	137,257	120,113
Revaluation Reserve	10 & 11	572,472	572,472
		<u>787,426</u>	<u>770,921</u>

26 April 2026
 Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 26 April 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Andrew J Shipton

Andrew Shipton
 Vicar and Chair of the Council

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2025

1. Accounting Policies

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Basis of financial statements

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations Act 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, and under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2019 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

Going Concern

The members of the PCC have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the PCC is a going concern. After making reasonable enquiries, the members of the PCC do not consider there are any material uncertainties about All Saints' ability to continue for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approving these financial statements.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are funds that are not subject to any restriction regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted funds are funds held on specific trusts under charity law. The specific trusts may be declared by the donor when making the gift or may result from the terms of an appeal for funds. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Permanent endowment funds are restricted funds which represent monies or other assets given with the specific instruction that only the income from them may be spent and that the capital must be retained permanently.

Income and Endowments

Voluntary income

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Income tax recoverable on donations is recognised when the donations are received. Legacies are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount is quantifiable and its receipt is reasonably certain.

Trading activities

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised on an accruals basis when the Church is entitled to the rent.

Income from investments

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes. It includes dividends and interest. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2025 (continued)

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on the revaluation of investments at the balance sheet date.

Expenditure

Church activities - The Diocesan Parish Share is accounted for when paid. Mission Giving and donations are accounted for when paid or when awarded if that award carries a binding obligation on the PCC. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by Chapter 2, Section 10 of the Charities Act 2011. Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as unalienable property unless consecrated. In the case of unalienable property acquired prior to 1 January 2001 there is insufficient information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings: individual items under £2000, or the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2001 is written off. Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment used within the church premises are normally depreciated on a straight-line basis over three years. Individual items of equipment with a net cost of £2,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

The properties are held at fair value in the accounts. The most recent valuation was held at 31 December 2025.

Investments are stated in the balance sheet at their market value on 31 December 2025.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at the balance sheet date in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less a provision for any amounts which may prove uncollectable.

Pension fund

All Saints participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of the Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) for lay staff. CWPF is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the CWPF assets separately from those of All Saints and other participating employers.

CWPF has two sections, the Defined Benefits Scheme and the Pension Builder Scheme which has two subsections, a deferred annuity section known as Pension Builder Classic, and a cash balance section known as Pension Builder 2014.

Pension Builder Scheme

Both sections of the Pension Builder Scheme are classed as defined benefit schemes.

Pension Builder Classic provides a pension, accumulated from contributions paid and converted into a deferred annuity during employment based on terms set and reviewed by the Church of England Pensions Board from time to time. Discretionary increases may also be added, depending on investment returns and other factors.

Pension Builder 2014 is a cash balance scheme that provides a lump sum which members use to provide benefits at retirement. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member. Discretionary bonuses may be added before retirement, depending on investment returns and other factors. The account, plus any bonuses declared is payable, unreduced, from age 65.

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There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme.

The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year are the contributions payable (2025: £1,386, 2024: £1,232).

A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent valuation was carried out as at 31 December 2022.

For the Pension Builder Classic section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £34.8m on the ongoing assumptions used. At the most recent annual review effective 1 January 2025, the Board chose to grant a discretionary bonus of 6.7% to both pensions not yet in payment and pensions in payment in respect of service prior to April 1997; and a bonus on pensions in payment in respect of post April 2006 service so that the pension increase was 2.7% (where usually it would be calculated based on inflation up to 2.5%). This followed improvements in the funding position over 2024. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

The next valuation was due as at 31 December 2025 and will be updated shortly.

For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £8.5m on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, All Saints could become responsible for paying a share of the failed employer's pension liabilities.

Cash flow statement

The PCC have taken advantage of the exemption conferred by FRS 102 to dispense with the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement as the income is less than £500,000.

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2. Income and endowments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
2(a) Voluntary income					
Planned giving	94,107	—	—	94,107	97,247
Other donations	24,687	—	—	24,687	18,649
Tax recoverable	23,764	—	—	23,764	26,631
Legacies	20,000	—	—	20,000	2,000
Grants	2,000	—	—	2,000	5,611
	<u>164,558</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>164,558</u>	<u>150,138</u>
2(b) Activities for generating funds					
Church Centre lettings	22,934	—	—	22,934	18,403
Property rental income	21,540	—	—	21,540	20,569
Fundraising	6,677	—	—	6,677	9,819
	<u>51,151</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>51,151</u>	<u>48,791</u>
2(c) Income from investments					
Dividends on CCLA Investment Fund	1,108	593	—	1,701	1,632
Bank Interest	4,358	—	—	4,358	3,801
	<u>5,466</u>	<u>593</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>6,059</u>	<u>5,433</u>
2(d) Income from church activities					
Fees for weddings and funerals	7,167	—	—	7,167	4,653
	<u>7,167</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>7,167</u>	<u>4,653</u>
2(e) Other incoming resources					
Insurance claims	—	—	—	—	1,761
Other Income	—	—	—	—	—
	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,761</u>
Total income	<u>228,342</u>	<u>593</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>228,935</u>	<u>210,776</u>

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3. Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
3(a) Church activities					
Ministry					
Diocesan parish share	86,500	—	—	86,500	111,500
Clergy and staffing					
Clergy housing and expenses	7,825	—	—	7,825	9,775
Support staff	29,090	—	—	29,090	25,861
Church					
Altar requisites and vestments Church running expenses:	887	—	—	887	1,091
Cleaning and general maintenance	19,248	139	—	19,387	6,046
Energy costs	4,701	—	—	4,701	4,136
Insurance	10,254	—	—	10,254	9,662
Printing, stationery, supplies	5,508	—	—	5,508	6,185
Other	3,588	—	—	3,588	4,022
Major repairs		—	—		33,677
Music (organ, organist, music)	7,724	240	—	7,964	7,541
Centre and Grounds					
Centre running costs Major repairs:	25,576	—	—	25,576	21,545
Independent examination costs	2,400	—	—	2,400	1,848
Old Clergy and Verger House	3,936	—	—	3,936	4,146
Mission and education					
Youth Work	—	—	—	—	720
Mission giving shortfall	1,357	—	—	1,357	333
	<u>208,594</u>	<u>379</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>208,973</u>	<u>248,088</u>
3(b) Cost of generating funds					
Stewardship costs	—	—	—	—	—
Fund raising costs	1,000	—	—	1,000	3,500
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>3,500</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>209,594</u>	<u>379</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>209,973</u>	<u>251,588</u>

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4. Mission giving

The PCC continues to dedicate open plate collections to the chosen mission of the month

	Special Collections £	Church Funds £	Total 2025 £
Monthly donations:			
St Pauls	146	151	297
Tyneside Welcomes	138	159	297
Friends of Murambinda Hospital, Zimbabwe	257	40	297
Church Mission Society	284	13	297
US	193	104	297
Cornerstone	221	76	297
Mission to Seafarers	46	251	297
Practical Compassion for Destitute Children	407	—	407
Linda Norgrove Foundation	187	110	297
Operation Noah	219	78	297
MACS	419	—	419
West End Refugee Service	262	35	297
	<u>2,779</u>	<u>1,017</u>	<u>3,796</u>
Other donations			
Christingle	44	—	44
British Red Cross - Christmas Eve	908	—	908
Save The Children - Christmas Day	107	—	107
Other	<u>2,653</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2,653</u>
Total for 2025	<u>6,491</u>	<u>1,017</u>	<u>7,508</u>

Notes

The amounts listed above are considered to be direct income for the charities concerned and only pass through All Saints' bank account for recording purposes. Therefore, these amounts are not included in either the income or the expenditure in these accounts.

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5. Staff costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	27,716	24,630
Social security costs	—	—
Pension costs	1,386	1,231
Organists' fees	6,500	6,500
	<u>35,602</u>	<u>32,361</u>
Average number of employees	2	2

The PCC employed one part-time administrator and one part-time caretaker throughout 2025. Fees paid to organists are also shown.

6. Fixed assets

	At 1 Jan. 2025	Revaluation	At 31 Dec. 2025
	£	£	£
Properties at fair value	580,000	0	580,000

The properties comprise of two houses, the Verger's House and the Old Clergy House. The Verger's House and the Old Clergy House are both valued at £290,000 with both properties similar with respect to floor area and number of rooms.

The title to the land on which the All Saints Centre and the two houses are situated is vested in the Newcastle Diocesan Society.

All office equipment is fully depreciated or in the case of individual items costing less than £2,000, was written off on acquisition.

7. Investments

	2025
	£
Market value at 1 January 2024	60,814
Additions	1,109
Unrealised gains /(losses)	<u>(2,457)</u>
Market value at 31 December 2025	<u>59,464</u>

These comprise 2,630 shares (2024 - 2,630) in the Central Board of Finance of The Church of England Investment Fund and are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Their cost was £18,231 (2024 - £18,231).

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8. Debtors and other amounts receivable

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments	2,772	2,716
Gift Aid	3,003	2,931
Other debtors	3,002	2,141
PAYE and National insurance contributions	1,246	—
	<u>10,023</u>	<u>7,788</u>

9. Creditors and other amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Creditors for goods and services	4,818	5,443
Accruals	2,734	3,649
PAYE and national insurance contributions	—	151
	<u>7,552</u>	<u>9,243</u>

10 Summary of assets by fund

	Endowments	Restricted	Unrestricted Legacy	Unrestricted General	Revaluation Reserve	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Investments	20,489	—	38,975	—	—	59,464
Net current assets	—	57,208	83,035	7,719	—	147,962
Properties	—	—	—	7,528	572,472	580,000
	<u>20,489</u>	<u>57,208</u>	<u>122,010</u>	<u>15,247</u>	<u>572,472</u>	<u>787,426</u>

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11. Statement of funds

	Fund balances b/f £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers between funds £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances c/f £
PERMANENT ENDOWMENT						
MacMahon Fund	21,342	—	—	—	(853)	20,489
	<u>21,342</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(853)</u>	<u>20,489</u>
RESTRICTED FUNDS						
Gloria Smith (Youth Work) Fund	54,189	—	(379)	—	—	53,810
Older Persons Activities	1,979	—	—	—	—	1,979
Church Christmas Lights	296	—	—	—	—	296
Income from permanent endowment	530	593	—	—	—	1,123
	<u>56,994</u>	<u>593</u>	<u>(379)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>57,208</u>
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
Revaluation Reserve	572,472	—	—	—	—	572,472
General Fund	18,103	208,342	(209,594)	—	(1,604)	15,247
Legacy Fund	102,010	20,000	—	—	—	122,010
	<u>692,585</u>	<u>228,342</u>	<u>(209,594)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(1,604)</u>	<u>709,729</u>
	<u>770,921</u>	<u>228,935</u>	<u>(209,973)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(2,457)</u>	<u>787,426</u>
TOTAL FUNDS						

MacMahon Permanent Endowment Fund

Under the Will of Alice Mary MacMahon, who died on 6 April 1966, this fund is held on trust to apply the income of the fund in the maintenance, repair and upkeep of the fabric of the church and the churchyard.

Gloria Smith (Youth Work) Fund

This represents the monies raised less expenditure to date for youth work in the parish and community of All Saints.

Old Persons Activities

This represents funds for the provision of social and pastoral care of older people within the parish and community of All Saints.

Income from Permanent Endowment

Income from the MacMahon fund is credited to this fund. Costs in connection with maintenance as defined above are charged against it to the extent that the available income allows.

Legacies Fund

This fund is credited with the value of legacies and gifts in memoriam received with or without specific instructions as to their use and provides funds primarily for major repairs or capital projects associated with the Church or Church Centre.

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12. Related Party Transactions

Expenses payable to the Revd Canon Andrew Shipton and the Revd Miriam Jones amounted to £745 (2024, £2,053). The Revd Canon Andrew Shipton has occupied a house attached to his appointment since September 2014. Costs borne by the PCC in connection with the Vicarage during 2025 totalled £4,712 (2024 £4,404). The Revd Miriam Jones has occupied a house attached to her appointment as Curate since September 2022. Costs borne by the PCC in connection with her house during 2025 totalled £2,367 (2024, £3,319). No allowances for expenses incurred in the course of work for the church were paid to any other member of the PCC during 2025.

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For the year ended 31 December 2024

The Parochial Church Council of All Saints Church, Gosforth

Registered Charity number: 1131094

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Trustees Report for 2024

Aims and purposes

All Saints' Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Canon Andrew Shipton, in promoting the whole mission of the church, including pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical aspects within the ecclesiastical parish. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church, the Church Centre, and two properties adjacent to the Centre. The Vicar and assistant curate are also responsible for the neighbouring parish of St Hugh's, Gosforth, which has a separate PCC.

Objectives and activities

The PCC, together with the vicar, helps to guide the life of the church in its mission, ministry, witness, and service within the parish. The incumbent and PCC have responsibility for the care of all people in the parish, not just those who attend services. The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at All Saints and to become part of the parish community. Through worship, prayer, engagement with the Bible, and participation in the sacraments, the church aims to be a positive force within the wider community.

When planning activities, the PCC has taken into account the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, particularly the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In working together as a church, the vision remains to place All Saints at the heart of the wider community. The church aspires to be vibrant, inclusive, compassionate, and outward-looking, with a sensitive and thoughtful approach to faith. It aims to provide excellent pastoral care, encourage all who engage with it, welcome diversity, and offer worship that inspires individuals to transform the world. The central concern remains worship and the expression of the merciful love of God in all endeavours.

To facilitate this work, it is essential to maintain the fabric of All Saints Church, the green, and the Church Centre. For ease of discussion and decision-making over the mission and ministry of the church, it was agreed to reduce the membership of the PCC from 24 to 20 members, and to reduce the size of the standing committee to include the vicar, PCC vice-chair, two churchwardens, the secretary, and the treasurer. The proposal to reduce the size of the PCC was agreed upon at the AGM and is set to be adopted in 2025. During the year, a more business-like "next steps" approach to managing PCC meetings was introduced.

Alongside the existing Fabric, Safeguarding, and Youth subcommittees, a decision was made to establish a Social and Events Committee and a Communications Subcommittee, both of which report back to the PCC. The PCC also approved several policies during 2024, including a Trustee Conflict of Interest Policy and a Data Protection Policy.

Achievements and performance

Throughout 2024, the church community collectively endeavoured to respond to the call of God in a changing context, marked by new patterns of living and working, as well as emerging visible needs, especially over the past five years. Considerable energy was devoted to maintaining the worshipping life of the church and upholding the commitment to fostering an outward-looking, inclusive, nurturing, and engaged worshipping community. The mission and ministry of All Saints continue to extend beyond the walls of the church, encompassing everyone within the parish. Almost all services were broadcast live on YouTube, with each service being visited on average 35 times in the following week.

Worshipping Life

The PCC remains dedicated to offering a range of services throughout the week and over the course of the year, which the community has found both beneficial and inspiring. On Sundays, at least three different services with addresses were held, and all were conveniently available for viewing on the church's YouTube channel. The website and a weekly newsletter advertised worship opportunities, and extensive programmes of worship were prepared for festival times. An invitation card was delivered to homes across the parish to advertise Easter and Christmas services.

All are welcome to attend regular services. At present, there are 211 parishioners on the church electoral roll, of whom 106 are non-resident. The average Sunday attendance in the year was 93 adults and two children, with numbers increasing significantly at festivals. On Christmas Eve, the church welcomed 1,008 worshippers.

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The devotional life of the church was enriched for particular seasons of the church, for example, by the Lent course and full programmes for Holy Week, Easter, and Christmas. The Very Reverend Geoff Miller, former Dean of Newcastle, conducted the final hour on Good Friday. The church choir has gone from strength to strength, welcoming new members and enhancing worship.

A dedicated group of volunteers maintained the 'All Together' monthly communion service, designed for all age groups, with a special focus on younger members, actively involving them in various aspects of worship. However, in the autumn, it was decided to concentrate these services on festival occasions such as Harvest, Christmas, and Good Friday.

In the autumn, the PCC Away Day proved to be a productive gathering where discussions focused on the theme of welcome to our worship. Over the year, fourteen church funerals or thanksgiving services were held, along with one service at the crematorium without a church service and one service for the burial of ashes. Additionally, there was a wedding and a wedding thanksgiving. Fourteen children were baptised, and four adults were baptised before being confirmed by the Bishop of Newcastle in November. A thanksgiving for a birth was also held.

Deanery Synod

Four members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod, providing an important link between the parish and the wider structure of the Church.

Pastoral Care and Fellowship

Clergy members visited all church members and parishioners who requested it, including those in hospital. The Pastoral Care Group maintained contact with those who were unwell. Monthly Home Communion was provided for six individuals unable to attend church due to illness or age, and visits to two care homes took place each month.

Fellowship lunches, held monthly on Sundays in the Centre, provided valuable support for those who were alone. The Monday morning Coffee and Conversation sessions and Tuesday afternoon Sing at the Centre meetings remained popular, as did the Wednesday Sew, Knit, and Natter group. A gardening group met occasionally to help maintain the church grounds, and church members opened their gardens on Sunday afternoons in August to offer refreshments.

The Mothers' Union, the Film Club, and the All Saints' Reading Group continued to meet monthly. In November, a Men's Group gathered for the first time. A Monthly Bible studies group at Eothen Care Home continued, and a house group met for Bible study in the autumn.

Young people

The Youth Committee, under the chairmanship of the curate, met throughout the year to review progress and set objectives. Events and services were planned to welcome and engage young families, including a Mothering Sunday Service and a fun event in September. On July 11th, Archbishop Runcie First School held an afternoon concert in church, attended by parents, followed by an event on the Green for Year 4 children from local schools transitioning to Middle School in September. This event included activities such as a bouncy castle and pizza.

Art classes were offered in the Centre for young people, along with a monthly service for younger children in the Parish Centre. Two schools were invited for RE lessons, and clergy regularly visited two schools, leading worship, with one of them receiving visits twice a week. The Vicar and two PCC representatives serve on the Governing Body of Archbishop Runcie Church of England School. Additionally, two independent schools were welcomed for worship for major festivals.

The Uniformed Groups continued to flourish, with the addition of a new Rainbow Group complementing the Guides and Brownies. The weekly pre-school "Little Saints" group was also well supported.

Engagement with the wider community

Support for a nominated charity each month was continued, as was support for the Kenton Food Bank. A group of church members worked with Tyneside Welcomes to provide housing and care for a Syrian refugee family. The Amnesty Group continued its monthly correspondence on behalf of those unjustly imprisoned.

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The church hosted five highly popular Farmers' Markets, which included live entertainment and a warm welcome inside the church. The Green was once again used in the summer to host the Handlebards' production of *The Comedy of Errors*. Ten professional classical music concerts were hosted throughout the year.

In November, five schools and community groups contributed to the Star Festival, filling the church with hundreds of stars that were suspended in the nave. The Christmas Fair was once again a tremendous success, both as a fundraiser and as a community event.

Since November, the vicar has participated in a national community organising course overseen by Citizens UK, with the hope of encouraging church growth through relational culture and community involvement.

Church community life

The church community mourned the loss of several devoted members, including Margaret Wilkinson, Lionel Crawford, and Judith Scrivener, whose lives were honoured in *Keeping in Touch*.

Buildings and Infrastructure

During the year, a new carpet was fitted throughout the church, and major work was undertaken on the organ. The PCC decided to explore proposals to develop the All Saints Centre, with an architect engaged to bring forward plans in 2025. A new PC was purchased for the office, and a large television was donated to the church by the family of Maxine Peel.

Financial Review

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds (funds that are not subject to restriction regarding their use) comprise of two funds, the General Fund and a Legacy Fund which is credited with legacies and gifts in memoriam and used primarily for major repairs or capital projects.

General Fund: Income for the year amounted to £202,380 (2023, £219,795). The shortfall over last year of £17,415 was due to the settlement of an insurance claim in 2023 of £29,113 offset in part by a net increase in other income.

Voluntary donations amounted to £143,375 (2023, £135,495). Planned giving at £97,247 was in line with last year (£97,618) with a net increase in scheme membership of 7 people. Other voluntary donations of £18,649 came in 52% ahead of last year (£12,275) with the receipt of nine individual gifts of more than £300 accounting for most of this increase together with an improvement in card donations. Income tax recovered of £26,631 (2023, 25,451) also benefitted from the increase in other voluntary donations. Grants received under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme allocated to the General Fund provided £848 to cover VAT incurred on building repairs.

Activities for generating funds provided £48,791 (2023, £42,348). Church Centre lettings of £18,403 improved by 27% over 2023 (£14,533) with income from uniformed groups linked to the church a contributory factor. Rental income of £20,569 from the two residential properties adjacent to the Church Centre was broadly in line with 2023 (£20,398) with both properties fully occupied throughout the period. Fundraising was strong with good contributions from musical concerts, farmers markets and the annual Christmas fair.

Income from investments amounted to £3,801 (£2023, £3740) with improved interest rates largely offsetting lower investment levels to maintain the overall income level. Two insurance claims were settled in 2024 amounting to £1,761 significantly below the £29,113 received in 2023 for the replacement of the church carpet damaged by water ingress.

Total expenditure charged against the General Fund amounted to £216,310 (2023, £241,040). The cost of replacing church carpet in 2023 was significant to this fall in expenditure.

Overall, the PCC incurred a deficit (before investment gains/(losses)) on the General Fund of £13,930.

Legacy Fund: Income for the year amounted to £7,816 (2023, £23,937). During the year, the PCC received one legacy amounting to £2,000 (2023, £22,929). Grants received under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme provided £4,763 (2023, Nil). Dividend income amounted to £1,053 (2023, £1,009). The sole item of expenditure related to restoration work on the church organ totalling £33,677. Overall, the PCC incurred a deficit (before investment gains/(losses)) of £25,861 compared to a surplus of £10,642 in 2023.

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Restricted Fund Income

Restricted income amounted to £579 being dividends received from the MacMahon permanent endowment fell short of last year by £2,051 which benefitted from donations and fund raising totalling £2,060. Expenditure amounted to £1,600

Revaluation of Fixed Assets

A re-valuation review of the Verger's House and the Old Clergy House carried out at the end of the financial year indicated a market value for each house of £290,000. The revised valuations have been reflected in the 2024 accounts.

Outlook

Despite some success in recruiting new members to the planned giving scheme and improved levels of general donations it has not been possible to achieve a breakeven position on the general fund. The average annual deficit for the three years to 31st December 2024 before investment gains/(losses) was £17,184 and with a closing balance on the General Fund of £10,575 the PCC reluctantly decided to reduce Parish Share to the Diocese of Newcastle by £25,000 for 2025.

Reserves

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free or unrestricted reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £54,000. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The balance of the free reserves at the year-end was £73,113.

Investment Policy

Central to the PCC's longer term investment policy is to place funds in investments offering a good level of distributions and long term protection from inflation. The PCC's sole investment rests with The CBF Church of England Investment Fund where the fund aims to provide a long-term total return comprising growth in capital and distributions. The PCC currently invests £60,814 in this fund.

The PCC will from time to time make short term deposits up to a maximum of two years with UK based banks authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. As of 31st December 2024, the PCC held £85,000 with Cambridge and Counties Bank.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a registered charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At All Saints, the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens, co-opted members appointed by the PCC and members elected by those of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of All Saints. All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance of the parish, including deciding on how funds of the PCC are spent.

The PCC has nominated officers responsible for Health and Safety (including disability discrimination issues) and Safeguarding (of children and vulnerable adults) who receive training and information from the diocese and cascade this to the wider PCC as appropriate. These issues are standing items on the agenda of the PCC.

The full PCC met six times during the year with an average attendance of 78%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees dealing with a particular aspect of parish life as follows:

The Standing Committee
The Fabric Committee
The Safeguarding Committee
The Youth Committee
The Social and Events Committee
The Communications Committee

The Standing Committee comprises of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Lay Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. The Standing Committee deals with routine operational issues, provides advice and information to the PCC and has the power to transact

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business of their behalf between its meetings.

Administrative information

All Saints Church is situated in Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne. It is part of the Diocese of Newcastle within the Church of England. The correspondence address is, All Saints Parish Office, West Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 4ES. Registered Charity number 1131094.

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PCC members who have served at any time from 1 January 2024 until the date of this report are:

Ex officio members:

Incumbent	The Reverend Canon Andrew Shipton (Chairman)
Wardens:	Mrs Christine Willoughby (until 30 th April 2024)
	Mr Nick Glover
	Mrs Dana Corso
Assistant Curate	Revd Dr Miriam Jones

Observer

Assistant Priest	Revd Ruth Birnie
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Deanery Synod members:

Ms Diane Henderson
Mrs Rosamund Place
Mrs Pamela Taylor
Mrs Diana Lavin

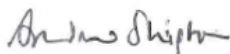
Elected Members:

Mr Peter Brown (until 30th April 2024)
Ms Alison Wilson
Mrs Marian Coulson-Cave
Mrs Felicity Shoesmith (from 30th April 2024)
Mrs Karen Parkhouse (until 30th April 2024)
Mrs Katie Hogg (until 30th April 2024)
Mrs Francine Bain
Mrs Pauline Gallacher
Mrs Valerie Hedley
Mrs Joyce Jennings
Mrs Lesley Ogilvie
Mr Robert Golden (until 30th April 2024)

Co-opted for one year:

Safeguarding Officer	Ms Kath Davies
Treasurer	Mr Chris Bolland (until 31 st December 2024)
Secretary	Dr Alison Charlewood

This report was approved by the PCC on 23rd April 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Andrew Shipton
Vicar and Chair of the Council
11th May 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of All Saints
Church, Gosforth
For the year ended 31 December 2024

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 9 to 20.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 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.

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.

Skw Partners Newcastle

S&W Partners Newcastle Limited

Chartered Accountants

17 May 2025

Date

17 Queens Lane

Newcastle upon Tyne

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, GOSFORTH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ending 31 December 2024

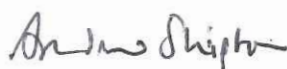
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Voluntary income	2(a)	150,138	—	—	150,138	159,723
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	48,791	—	—	48,791	43,108
Income from investments	2(c)	4,854	579	—	5,433	5,318
Income from church activities	2(d)	4,653	—	—	4,653	9,100
Other incoming resources	2(e)	1,761	—	—	1,761	29,113
TOTAL INCOME		210,197	579	—	210,776	246,362
EXPENDITURE						
Church activities	3(a)	246,488	1,600	—	248,088	271,385
Cost of generating funds	3(b)	3,500	—	—	3,500	2,445
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		249,988	1,600	—	251,588	273,830
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		(39,791)	(1,021)	—	(40,812)	(27,468)
Net gains/(losses) on investments	7	857	—	477	1,334	4,980
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(38,934)	(1,021)	477	(39,478)	(22,488)
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS						
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		80,000	—	—	80,000	—
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		41,066	(1,021)	477	40,522	(22,488)
Total funds brought forward		651,519	58,015	20,865	730,399	752,887
Total funds carried forward		692,585	56,994	21,342	770,921	730,399

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, GOSFORTH

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible	6	580,000	500,000
Investments	7	60,814	58,426
		<u>640,814</u>	<u>558,426</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and prepayments	8	7,788	7,789
Short-term deposits		85,000	110,000
Cash at bank and in hand		46,562	75,692
		<u>139,350</u>	<u>193,481</u>
LIABILITIES			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	9	9,243	21,508
NET CURRENT ASSETS/LIABILITIES		<u>130,107</u>	<u>171,973</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURENT LIABILITIES		770,921	730,399
Creditors - amounts falling due after one year		—	—
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>770,921</u>	<u>730,399</u>
PARISH FUNDS			
Endowment	10 & 11	21,342	20,865
Restricted	10 & 11	56,994	58,015
Unrestricted	10 & 11	120,113	159,047
Revaluation Reserve	10 & 11	572,472	492,472
		<u>770,921</u>	<u>730,399</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 23rd April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Andrew Shipton
Vicar and Chair of the Council
11th May 2025

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, GOSFORTH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2024

1. Accounting Policies

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Basis of financial statements

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations Act 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, and under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2019 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

Going Concern

The members of the PCC have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the PCC is a going concern. After making reasonable enquiries, the members of the PCC do not consider there are any material uncertainties about All Saints' ability to continue for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approving these financial statements.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are funds that are not subject to any restriction regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted funds are funds held on specific trusts under charity law. The specific trusts may be declared by the donor when making the gift or may result from the terms of an appeal for funds. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Permanent endowment funds are restricted funds which represent monies or other assets given with the specific instruction that only the income from them may be spent and that the capital must be retained permanently.

Income and Endowments

Voluntary income

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Income tax recoverable on donations is recognised when the donations are received. Legacies are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount is quantifiable and its receipt is reasonably certain.

Trading activities

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised on an accruals basis when the Church is entitled to the rent.

Income from investments

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes. It includes dividends and interest. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on the revaluation of investments at the balance sheet date.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, GOSFORTH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Expenditure

Church activities - The Diocesan Parish Share is accounted for when paid. Mission Giving and donations are accounted for when paid or when awarded if that award carries a binding obligation on the PCC. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by Chapter 2, Section 10 of the Charities Act 2011. Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as unalienable property unless consecrated. In the case of unalienable property acquired prior to 1 January 2001 there is insufficient information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings: individual items under £2000, or the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2001 is written off. Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment used within the church premises are normally depreciated on a straight-line basis over three years. Individual items of equipment with a net cost of £2,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

The properties are held at fair value in the accounts. The most recent valuation was held at 31 December 2024.

Investments are stated in the balance sheet at their market value on 31 December 2024.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at the balance sheet date in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less a provision for any amounts which may prove uncollectable.

Pension fund

All Saints participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of the Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) for lay staff. CWPF is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the CWPF assets separately from those of All Saints and other participating employers.

CWPF has two sections, the Defined Benefits Scheme and the Pension Builder Scheme which has two subsections, a deferred annuity section known as Pension Builder Classic, and a cash balance section known as Pension Builder 2014.

Pension Builder Scheme

Both sections of the Pension Builder Scheme are classed as defined benefit schemes.

Pension Builder Classic provides a pension, accumulated from contributions paid and converted into a deferred annuity during employment based on terms set and reviewed by the Church of England Pensions Board from time to time. Discretionary increases may also be added, depending on investment returns and other factors.

Pension Builder 2014 is a cash balance scheme that provides a lump sum which members use to provide benefits at retirement. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member. Discretionary bonuses may be added before retirement, depending on investment returns and other factors. The account, plus any bonuses declared is payable, unreduced, from age 65.

There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme.

The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year are the contributions payable (2024: £1,232, 2023: £1,207).

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, GOSFORTH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent valuation was carried out as at 31 December 2022.

For the Pension Builder Classic section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £34.8m on the ongoing assumptions used. At the most recent annual review effective 1 January 2025, the Board chose to grant a discretionary bonus of 6.7% to both pensions not yet in payment and pensions in payment in respect of service prior to April 1997; and a bonus on pensions in payment in respect of post April 2006 service so that the pension increase was 2.7% (where usually it would be calculated based on inflation up to 2.5%). This followed improvements in the funding position over 2024. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

The next valuation is due as at 31 December 2025.

For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £8.5m on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, All Saints could become responsible for paying a share of the failed employer's pension liabilities.

Cash flow statement

The PCC have taken advantage of the exemption conferred by FRS 102 to dispense with the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement as the income is less than £500,000.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, GOSFORTH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

2. Income and endowments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
2(a) Voluntary income					
Planned giving	97,247	—	—	97,247	97,618
Other donations	18,649	—	—	18,649	13,725
Tax recoverable	26,631	—	—	26,631	25,451
Legacies	2,000	—	—	2,000	22,929
Grants	5,611	—	—	5,611	—
	<u>150,138</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>150,138</u>	<u>159,723</u>
2(b) Activities for generating funds					
Church Centre lettings	18,403	—	—	18,403	14,533
Property rental income	20,569	—	—	20,569	20,398
Fundraising	9,819	—	—	9,819	8,177
	<u>48,791</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>48,791</u>	<u>43,108</u>
2(c) Income from investments					
Dividends on CCLA Investment Fund	1,053	579	—	1,632	1,578
Bank Interest	3,801	—	—	3,801	3,740
	<u>4,854</u>	<u>579</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>5,433</u>	<u>5,318</u>
2(d) Income from church activities					
Fees for weddings and funerals	4,653	—	—	4,653	9,100
	<u>4,653</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>4,653</u>	<u>9,100</u>
2(e) Other incoming resources					
Insurance claims	1,761	—	—	1,761	29,113
Other Income	—	—	—	—	—
	<u>1,761</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,761</u>	<u>29,113</u>
Total income	<u>210,197</u>	<u>579</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>210,776</u>	<u>246,362</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, GOSFORTH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

3. Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
3(a) Church activities					
Ministry					
Diocesan parish share	111,500	—	—	111,500	117,000
Clergy and staffing					
Clergy housing and expenses	9,775	—	—	9,775	8,769
Support staff	25,861	—	—	25,861	25,262
Church					
Altar requisites and vestments	1,091	—	—	1,091	1,739
Church running expenses:					
Cleaning and general maintenance	5,166	880	—	6,046	4,128
Energy costs	4,136	—	—	4,136	3,388
Insurance	9,662	—	—	9,662	8,101
Printing, stationery, supplies	6,185	—	—	6,185	8,265
Other	4,022	—	—	4,022	3,231
Major repairs	33,677	—	—	33,677	29,113
Music (organ, organist, music)	7,541	—	—	7,541	8,688
Centre and Grounds					
Centre running costs	21,545	—	—	21,545	16,722
Major repairs:					
Calvary Cross & field drainage	—	—	—	—	23,676
Assurance					
Independent examination costs	1,848	—	—	1,848	1,133
Trustee training	—	—	—	—	—
Property related expenditure					
Old Clergy and Verger House	4,146	—	—	4,146	4,498
Mission and education					
Youth Work	—	720	—	720	7,607
Mission and education	—	—	—	—	—
Mission giving shortfall	333	—	—	333	65
	<u>246,488</u>	<u>1,600</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>248,088</u>	<u>271,385</u>
3(b) Cost of generating funds					
Stewardship costs	—	—	—	—	—
Fund raising costs	3,500	—	—	3,500	2,445
	<u>3,500</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>2,445</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>249,988</u>	<u>1,600</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>251,588</u>	<u>273,830</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, GOSFORTH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

4. Mission giving

The PCC continues to dedicate open plate collections to the chosen mission of the mon

	Special Collections £	Church Funds £	Total 2024 £
Monthly donations:			
The Cedarwood Trust	428	—	428
Tyneside Welcomes	307	—	307
Friends of Murambinda Hospital, Zimbabwe	502	—	502
Church Mission Society	290	—	290
uS	458	—	458
Cornerstone	414	—	414
Mission to Seafarers	237	57	294
Practical Compassion for Destitute Children	379	—	379
Linda Norgrove Foundation	447	—	447
Walking With	309	—	309
West End Refugee Service	221	59	280
The Ripple Effect	63	217	280
	<u>4,055</u>	<u>333</u>	<u>4,388</u>
Other donations			
Christingle	103	—	103
British Red Cross - Christmas Eve	1,195	—	1,195
Save The Children - Christmas Day	438	—	438
Other	3,669	—	3,669
	<u>5,405</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>5,405</u>
Total for 2024	<u>9,460</u>	<u>333</u>	<u>9,793</u>
Total for 2023	<u>10,185</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>10,251</u>

Notes

The amounts listed above are considered to be direct income for the charities concerned and only pass through All Saints' bank account for recording purposes. Therefore, these amounts are not included in either the income or the expenditure in these accounts.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, GOSFORTH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

5. Staff costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	24,630	24,055
Social security costs	—	—
Pension costs	1,231	1,207
Organists' fees	6,500	6,550
	<u>32,361</u>	<u>31,812</u>
Average number of employees	2	2

The PCC employed one part-time administrator and one part-time caretaker throughout 2024. Fees paid to organists are also shown.

6. Fixed assets

	At 1 Jan. 2024	Revaluation	At 31 Dec. 2024
	£	£	£
Properties at fair value	<u>500,000</u>	<u>80,000</u>	<u>580,000</u>

The properties comprise of two houses, the Verger's House and the Old Clergy House. The Verger's House and the Old Clergy House are both valued at £290,000 with both properties similar with respect to floor area and number of rooms.

The title to the land on which the All Saints Centre and the two houses are situated is vested in the Newcastle Diocesan Society.

All office equipment is fully depreciated or in the case of individual items costing less than £2,000, was written off on acquisition.

7. Investments

	2024
	£
Market value at 1 January 2024	58,426
Additions	1,054
Unrealised gains	<u>1,334</u>
Market value at 31 December 2024	<u>60,814</u>

These comprise 2,630 shares (2023 - 2,585) in the Central Board of Finance of The Church of England Investment Fund and are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Their cost was £18,231 (2023 - £17,177).

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, GOSFORTH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

8. Debtors and other amounts receivable

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments	2,716	2,239
Gift Aid	2,931	3,474
Other debtors	2,141	2,076
	<u>7,788</u>	<u>7,789</u>

9. Creditors and other amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Creditors for goods and services	5,443	3,377
Accruals	3,649	17,993
PAYE and national insurance contributions	151	138
	<u>9,243</u>	<u>21,508</u>

10 Summary of assets by fund

	Endowments	Restricted	Unrestricted Legacy	Unrestricted General	Revaluation Reserve	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Investments	21,342	—	39,472	—	—	60,814
Net current assets	—	56,994	62,538	10,575	—	130,107
Properties	—	—	—	7,528	572,472	580,000
	<u>21,342</u>	<u>56,994</u>	<u>102,010</u>	<u>18,103</u>	<u>572,472</u>	<u>770,921</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, GOSFORTH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

11. Statement of funds

	Fund balances b/f £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers between funds £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances c/f £
PERMANENT ENDOWMENT						
MacMahon Fund	20,865	—	—	—	477	21,342
	<u>20,865</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>477</u>	<u>21,342</u>
RESTRICTED FUNDS						
Gloria Smith (Youth Work) Fund	54,909	—	(720)	—	—	54,189
Older Persons Activities	1,979	—	—	—	—	1,979
Church Christmas Lights	296	—	—	—	—	296
Income from permanent endowment	831	579	(880)	—	—	530
	<u>58,015</u>	<u>579</u>	<u>(1,600)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>56,994</u>
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
Revaluation Reserve	492,472	—	—	—	80,000	572,472
General Fund	32,034	202,380	(216,311)	—	—	18,103
Legacy Fund	127,013	7,817	(33,677)	—	857	102,010
	<u>651,519</u>	<u>210,197</u>	<u>(249,988)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>80,857</u>	<u>692,585</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>730,399</u>	<u>210,776</u>	<u>(251,588)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>81,334</u>	<u>770,921</u>

MacMahon Permanent Endowment Fund

Under the Will of Alice Mary MacMahon, who died on 6 April 1966, this fund is held on trust to apply the income of the fund in the maintenance, repair and upkeep of the fabric of the church and the churchyard.

Gloria Smith (Youth Work) Fund

This represents the monies raised less expenditure to date for youth work in the parish and community of All Saints.

Old Persons Activities

This represents funds for the provision of social and pastoral care of older people within the parish and community of All Saints.

Income from Permanent Endowment

Income from the MacMahon fund is credited to this fund. Costs in connection with maintenance as defined above are charged against it to the extent that the available income allows.

Legacies Fund

This fund is credited with the value of legacies and gifts in memoriam received with or without specific instructions as to their use and provides funds primarily for major repairs or capital projects associated with the Church or Church Centre.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, GOSFORTH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

12. Related Party Transactions

Expenses payable to the Revd Canon Andrew Shipton and the Revd Miriam Jones amounted to £2,053 (2023, £2,029). The Revd Canon Andrew Shipton has occupied a house attached to his appointment since September 2014. Costs borne by the PCC in connection with the Vicarage during 2024 totalled £4,404 (2023 £4,236). The Revd Miriam Jones has occupied a house attached to her appointment as Curate since September 2022. Costs borne by the PCC in connection with her house during 2024 totalled £3,319 (2023, £2,504). No allowances for expenses incurred in the course of work for the church were paid to any other member of the PCC during 2024.

Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2023

The Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Church, Gosforth

Registered Charity number: 1131094

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, GOSFORTH

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, GOSFORTH

Trustees Report for 2023

Aims and purposes

All Saints' Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Canon Andrew Shipton, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church, the Church Centre and two properties adjacent to the Centre.

Objectives and activities

The PCC helps steer the life of the church in its mission, witness and service in the parish. The PCC has responsibility for the care of all the people in the parish and not just the people who go to the church. It is also committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at All Saints. We aim that through our worship, prayer, engagement with the Bible and participation in the sacraments, we become a positive force within the wider community.

When planning our activities, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Working together as a church we are pursuing a vision to put All Saints at the heart of the wider community. Our vision is to be vibrant, inclusive, compassionate, outward looking church with a sensitive and thoughtful approach to faith, where there is excellent pastoral care with encouragement for all, where diversity is welcomed, and our worship inspires us to transform the world.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church of All Saints and the Church Centre.

Achievements and performance

Throughout 2023, there persisted a collective endeavour to try to respond to the call of God in a changing context following the pandemic and its aftermath. Considerable energy was devoted to maintaining our worshipping life and upholding our commitment to fostering an outward looking, inclusive, nurturing, and engaged worshipping community. As stated above, All Saints mission and ministry continues to extend beyond the walls of the church to encompass everyone within the parish.

Worshipping Life

The PCC continue to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and inspiring. On Sundays at least three different services with addresses were held and all were conveniently available for viewing on our YouTube channel.

In Autumn the PCC Away Day proved to be a productive gathering where key priorities were discussed, and actions agreed upon. There was a consensus that the variety of worship formats, executed well, align with the vision of being diverse, open, thoughtful, humble, kind, just, and generous.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. At present there are 214 parishioners on the church electoral roll of which 106 are non-resident. The average Sunday attendance, counted in October, was 95 adults and 6 children, but this number increased at festivals, and for example on Christmas Eve, we welcomed 863 worshippers.

In response to falling attendance of children at our 09:30 Sunday service our Young Saints Group was suspended. This change prompted the introduction of the 'All Together' monthly communion service, tailored for all age groups but with a special focus on our younger people, actively involving them in various aspects of worship. Also, from the Autumn, in preparation for the All Together Services, art classes in the Centre were provided for young people. In addition, a monthly service for younger children was also offered in the Parish Centre as has a session for Christian Meditation.

Our devotional life was enriched by the Lent course and full programmes for Easter and Christmas. The church choir has gone from strength to strength to enhance worship with the welcoming of new members.

During the year there were fourteen church funerals/thanksgiving services, six services at the crematorium without a church service, and eleven services for the burial of ashes. Additionally, there were two weddings and a thanksgiving for a wedding. The baptisms of nine children were celebrated.

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Ordination of Miriam to the Priesthood: On July 1st, Miriam was one of six ordained by Bishop Helen-Ann; a momentous occasion shared with her family and friends, marking a significant milestone on her journey. She celebrated the Eucharist for the first time on July 9th.

Rededication of the Calvary Cross: March 26th marked a significant occasion for the worshipping and wider community as Bishop Mark Wroe and guests were welcomed to commemorate the rededication of the Calvary Cross in the Remembrance Garden. Heartfelt gratitude was expressed to all who generously supported this project, including the Community Foundation and many private individuals.

Deanery Synod

Four members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structure of the Church.

Pastoral Care and Fellowship

Members of the clergy have visited all church members who have requested it. A Pastoral Care group have also kept in touch with those unwell. Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age and monthly Home Communion was provided to 6 people and visits to 2 care homes, also monthly, took place.

Fellowship lunches, monthly on Sundays, in the Centre, provided valuable support to those on their own. The Monday morning 'Coffee and Conversation' sessions and 'Sing at the Centre' Tuesday afternoon meetings continued to be popular as did the 'Sew Knit and Natter group' on Wednesdays. The Mothers' Union, the Film Club and the All Saints Reading Group also met monthly.

Young people

Throughout the year, the Youth Forum met to review progress and set objectives. Sadly, the Children and Young Families' Youth Worker, Jaddai Kambeya, who worked for Youth for Christ, concluded his time with us in July due to relocation. Conversations with YFC (on how best to work in partnership to engage young people in the parish) continued.

On July 11th, Archbishop Runcie First School held an afternoon concert in church (attended by many parents) which was followed by an event on the Green specifically for Year 4 children from local schools who would be transitioning, in September, from First to Middle School. To commemorate this significant milestone, they enjoyed an afternoon filled with activities including a bouncy castle and pizza. Visits to Archbishop Runcie School continued twice weekly to lead worship and offer music support.

The ever-popular Uniformed Groups continued to flourish, and a new Rainbow Group commenced on Mondays, complementing the Guides and Brownies. The weekly pre-school 'Little Saints' group was also well supported.

Engagement with the wider community

Support for a nominated charity each month was gladly continued likewise for the Kenton Food Bank. A group of church members worked hard with 'Tyneside Welcomes' to provide housing and care for a Syrian Refugee family. The Amnesty Group continued their monthly correspondence on behalf of those unjustly imprisoned.

In April, the first of four highly popular Farmers' Markets of the year took place on the pathways around church. Visitors to the markets were entertained by a wide range of vocal and instrumental groups and welcomed into church.

Following a special commemorative service on May 7th for the Coronation of the King, a day of workshops led by church members took place. These sessions provided opportunities to explore new activities and engage with those using the All Saints Centre.

In August, very many were welcomed to the Green (for the third consecutive summer) when All Saints hosted the 'Handlebards' for their unique rendition of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Throughout the year, ten professional classical music evening concerts were hosted in church.

In December the Christmas Fair was a tremendous success.

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Church community life

Very sadly we lost several devoted church members including Ronnie Robson, Meriol Penn, Ann Shaw, John Norris, Tony Armitage, Sonia Downing, Shelia Piper, Elizabeth Crawford, Ethel Randall, and Michael Fisher. Appreciations of their lives appeared in our magazine, 'Keeping in Touch'.

On Advent Sunday, gifts were given to retiring members Fred Carr, Vic Spong, and Margaret Patterson and gratitude was expressed for their dedicated service. Meanwhile, Chris Bolland assumed the role of Treasurer, ensuring the smooth transition and functioning of our financial affairs.

As always, ongoing sincere gratitude is conveyed most notably to the clergy team, Churchwardens, Parish Administrator and Caretaker. We would also like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is.

Buildings and Infrastructure

During the year there were two developments of note.

A new drainage system to the church green was installed to increase access and use for both the church and wider community. The total cost amounted to £23,676 of which related fundraising, mainly brought forward from last year covered £10,381 with the balance paid from unrestricted funds.

A flood in the tower ringing chamber brought about water damage to the baptistry carpet. Fortunately, we were covered by insurance which paid for the replacement of all the carpet in the church at a cost of £29,113. The replacement carpet will be laid in quarter one of 2024.

Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £243,732 of which £97,618 was unrestricted planned voluntary donations, and a further £22,599 came from related Gift Aid. Other voluntary donations including recovered income tax amounted to £15,277. During the year the PCC received two unrestricted legacies amounting to £22,929. In total, unrestricted voluntary donations amounted to £158,423.

Rental income from the two residential properties adjacent to the Church Centre amounted to £20,398 which together with Church Centre lettings, £14,533 and fundraising activities, £7,417 provided a further unrestricted income of £42,348.

Fee income and income from investments amounted to £13,848.

Total expenditure charged against unrestricted funds amounted to £254,335. Our contribution to the diocesan parish share increased by 5% to £117,00, the cost of the carpet replacement was £29,113 and the balance of the field drainage system amounted to £13,295.

Overall, the PCC incurred a deficit (before investment gains) of £10,603 on unrestricted funds made up of a gain on the Legacy Fund of £10,642 and a deficit on the General Fund of £21,245. This disappointing result followed a deficit on the General Fund in 2022 of £16,378 with the loss of regular planned giving donors and the difficulty in raising funds during the pandemic and its immediate aftermath were significant factors. In Quarter 4 an appeal was made asking existing donors to review their giving levels and in Quarter 1 of 2024 this appeal will be extended to the wider community of All Saints.

Our unrestricted funds comprise of a General Fund and a designated Legacy Fund arising out of legacies and gifts in memoriam received and provides funds primarily for major repairs or capital projects associated with the Church or Church Centre. In 2022, the PCC was the beneficiary of a legacy of £132,500 and in 2023 two further legacies totalling £22,929 which significantly increased our Legacy Fund and our free reserves. At the same time our General Fund has fallen sharply due to the deficits highlighted above and while the PCC remain committed to maintaining a strong Legacy Fund it was decided to transfer £40,000 into the General Fund. Overall, the net movement on unrestricted funds was an outflow £7,418 to leave a balance of £151,519 of which £113,958 is represented by net current assets.

The overall balance on restricted funds fell by £16,865 and was largely accounted for by the completion of the field drainage project, £9,681 and the cost of our youth work amounting to £7,292.

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Reserves

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free or unrestricted reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £56,306. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The balance of the free reserves at the year-end was £113,958 which is significantly ahead of the amount required to comply with this policy. This is viewed as reasonable to cover the approved work to the organ in 2024 at an estimated cost of £26,000 and the possibility of a further deficit on unrestricted funds in 2024.

Investment Policy

Central to the PCC's longer term investment policy is to place funds in investments offering a good level of distributions and long term protection from inflation. The PCC's sole investment rests with The CBF Church of England Investment Fund where the fund aims to provide a long-term total return comprising growth in capital and distributions. The PCC currently invests £58,426 in this fund.

The PCC will from time to time make short term deposits up to a maximum of two years with UK based banks authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. As at 31st December 2023 the PCC held £60,000 with Cambridge and Counties Bank and £50,000 with United Trust Bank.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a registered charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representative Rules. At All Saints, the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens, co-opted members appointed by the PCC and members elected by those of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of All Saints. All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance of the parish, including deciding on how funds of the PCC are spent.

The PCC has nominated officers responsible for Health and Safety (including disability discrimination issues) and Safeguarding (of children and vulnerable adults) who receive training and information from the diocese and cascade this to the wider PCC as appropriate. These issues are standing items on the agenda of the PCC.

The full PCC met six times during the year with an average attendance of 73%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees dealing with a particular aspect of parish life as follows:

The Standing Committee
The Fabric Committee
The Safeguarding Committee

The Standing Committee comprises of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Lay Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and three members of the PCC. The Standing Committee deals with routine operational issues, provides advice and information to the PCC and has the power to transact business of their behalf between its meetings.

Administrative information

All Saints' Church is situated in Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne. It is part of the Diocese of Newcastle within the Church of England. The correspondence address is, All Saints' Parish Office, West Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 4ES. Registered Charity number 1131094.

Advisors: The Independent Examiners for the Annual Report and Accounts 2023 were, Haines Watts, 17 Queens Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1RN.

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PCC members who have served at any time from 1 January 2022 until the date of this report are:

Ex officio members:

Incumbent	The Reverend Canon Andrew Shipton (chairman)
Wardens:	Mrs Christine Willoughby
	Mr Nick Glover
Assistant Curate	Revd Dr Miriam Jones

Observer

Assistant Priest	Revd Ruth Birnie
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Deanery Synod members:

Ms Diane Kirkup
Mrs Rosamund Place
Mrs Pamela Taylor

Elected Members:

Mr Peter Brown
Ms Alison Wilson
Dr Claudia Newbegin (until 30th April 2023)
Mrs Marian Coulson-Cave
Mrs Felicity Shoesmith (until 30th April 2023)
Mrs Karen Parkhouse
Mrs Dorothy Henderson (until 28th May 2022)
Mrs Katie Hogg
Mrs Diana Lavin
Mrs Francine Bain
Mrs Pauline Gallacher
Mrs Valerie Hedley
Mrs Joyce Jennings
Mrs Lesley Ogilvie
Mrs Dana Corso (from 30th April 2023)
Mr Robert Golden (from 30th April 2023)

Co-opted for one year:

Safeguarding Officer	Ms Kath Davies
Treasurer	Mr Fred Carr (until 5 th September 2023) Chris Bolland (from 5 th September 2023)
Secretary	Dr Alison Charlewood

This report was approved by the PCC on 12th March 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Andrew Shipton
Vicar and Chair of the Council
28th April 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of All Saints'
Church, Gosforth
For the year ended 31 December 2023

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 9 to 19.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 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.

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:

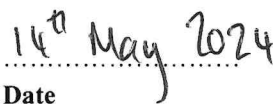
1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and 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.



Haines Watts

Chartered Accountants



Date

17 Queens Lane
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 1RN

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ending 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Voluntary income	2(a)	158,423	1,300	—	159,723	306,070
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	42,348	760	—	43,108	41,766
Income from investments	2(c)	4,748	570	—	5,318	2,781
Income from church activities	2(d)	9,100	—	—	9,100	8,385
Other incoming resources	2(e)	29,113	—	—	29,113	1,536
TOTAL INCOME		<u>243,732</u>	<u>2,630</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>246,362</u>	<u>360,538</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Church activities	3(a)	251,925	19,460	—	271,385	252,629
Cost of generating funds	3(b)	2,410	35	—	2,445	6,307
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>254,335</u>	<u>19,495</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>273,830</u>	<u>258,936</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		(10,603)	(16,865)	—	(27,468)	101,602
Net gains/(losses) on investments	7	3,185	—	1,795	4,980	(6,911)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(7,418)	(16,865)	1,795	(22,488)	94,691
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS						
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		—	—	—	—	35,000
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>(7,418)</u>	<u>(16,865)</u>	<u>1,795</u>	<u>(22,488)</u>	<u>129,691</u>
Total funds brought forward		658,937	74,880	19,070	752,887	623,196
Total funds carried forward		<u>651,519</u>	<u>58,015</u>	<u>20,865</u>	<u>730,399</u>	<u>752,887</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible	6	500,000	500,000
Investments	7	58,426	52,439
		<u>558,426</u>	<u>552,439</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and prepayments	8	7,789	18,210
Short-term deposits		110,000	120,000
Cash at bank and in hand		75,692	70,418
		<u>193,481</u>	<u>208,628</u>
LIABILITIES			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	9	21,508	8,180
NET CURRENT ASSETS/LIABILITIES		<u>171,973</u>	<u>200,448</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURENT LIABILITIES		730,399	752,887
Creditors - amounts falling due after one year		—	—
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>730,399</u>	<u>752,887</u>
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted	10 & 11	651,519	658,937
Restricted	10 & 11	58,015	74,880
Endowment	10 & 11	20,865	19,070
		<u>730,399</u>	<u>752,887</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 12th March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Andrew Shipton

Andrew Shipton
Vicar and Chair of the Council
28th April 2024

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2023

1. Accounting Policies

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Basis of financial statements

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations Act 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, and under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2019 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

Going Concern

The members of the PCC have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the PCC is a going concern. After making reasonable enquiries, the members of the PCC do not consider there are any material uncertainties about All Saints' ability to continue for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approving these financial statements.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are funds that are not subject to any restriction regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted funds are funds held on specific trusts under charity law. The specific trusts may be declared by the donor when making the gift or may result from the terms of an appeal for funds. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Permanent endowment funds are restricted funds which represent monies or other assets given with the specific instruction that only the income from them may be spent and that the capital must be retained permanently.

Income and Endowments

Voluntary income

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Income tax recoverable on donations is recognised when the donations are received. Legacies are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount is quantifiable and its receipt is reasonably certain.

Trading activities

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised on an accruals basis when the Church is entitled to the rent.

Income from investments

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes. It includes dividends and interest. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on the revaluation of investments at the balance sheet date.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Expenditure

Church activities - The Diocesan Parish Share is accounted for when paid. Mission Giving and donations are accounted for when paid or when awarded if that award carries a binding obligation on the PCC. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by Chapter 2, Section 10 of the Charities Act 2011. Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as unalienable property unless consecrated. In the case of unalienable property acquired prior to 1 January 2001 there is insufficient information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings: individual items under £2000, or the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2001 is written off. Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment used within the church premises are normally depreciated on a straight-line basis over three years. Individual items of equipment with a net cost of £2,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

The properties are held at fair value in the accounts. The most recent valuation was held at 2022.

Investments are stated in the balance sheet at their market value on 31 December 2023.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at the balance sheet date in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less a provision for any amounts which may prove uncollectable.

Pension fund

All Saints participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of the Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) for lay staff. CWPF is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the CWPF assets separately from those of All Saints and other participating employers.

CWPF has two sections, the Defined Benefits Scheme and the Pension Builder Scheme which has two subsections, a deferred annuity section known as Pension Builder Classic, and a cash balance section known as Pension Builder 2014.

Pension Builder Scheme

Both sections of the Pension Builder Scheme are classed as defined benefit schemes.

Pension Builder Classic provides a pension, accumulated from contributions paid and converted into a deferred annuity during employment based on terms set and reviewed by the Church of England Pensions Board from time to time. Discretionary increases may also be added, depending on investment returns and other factors.

Pension Builder 2014 is a cash balance scheme that provides a lump sum which members use to provide benefits at retirement. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member. Discretionary bonuses may be added before retirement, depending on investment returns and other factors. The account, plus any bonuses declared is payable, unreduced, from age 65.

There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme.

The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the SoFA in the year are the contributions payable (2023: £1,207, 2022: £1,100).

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1. Accounting Policies (continued)

A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent valuation was carried out as at 31 December 2019.

For the Pension Builder Classic section, the 2019 valuation revealed a deficit of £4.8m on the ongoing assumptions used. At the most recent annual review effective 1 January 2024, the Board chose to grant a discretionary bonus of 6.7% to both pensions not yet in payment and pensions in payment in respect of service prior to April 1997; and a bonus on pensions in payment in respect of post April 2006 service so that the pension increase was 5% (where usually it would be calculated based on inflation up to 2.5%). This followed improvements in the funding position over 2023. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the 2019 valuation revealed a surplus of £5.5m on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

The next valuation is due as at 31 December 2022. Calculations for this are currently under way.

The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, All Saints could become responsible for paying a share of the failed employer's pension liabilities.

All Saints had two active members and no deferred members in the Pension Builder Classic Scheme at 31 December 2023.

Cash flow statement

The PCC have taken advantage of the exemption conferred by FRS 102 to dispense with the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement as the income is less than £500,000.

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2. Income and endowments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
2(a) Voluntary income					
Planned giving	97,618	—	—	97,618	100,361
Other donations	12,425	1,300	—	13,725	31,493
Tax recoverable	25,451	—	—	25,451	30,830
Legacies	22,929	—	—	22,929	132,500
Grants	—	—	—	—	10,886
	<u>158,423</u>	<u>1,300</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>159,723</u>	<u>306,070</u>
2(b) Activities for generating funds					
Church Centre lettings	14,533	—	—	14,533	14,647
Property rental income	20,398	—	—	20,398	17,330
Fundraising	7,417	760	—	8,177	9,789
	<u>42,348</u>	<u>760</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>43,108</u>	<u>41,766</u>
2(c) Income from investments					
Dividends on CCLA Investment Fund	1,008	570	—	1,578	1,542
Bank Interest	3,740	—	—	3,740	1,239
	<u>4,748</u>	<u>570</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>5,318</u>	<u>2,781</u>
2(d) Income from church activities					
Fees for weddings and funerals	9,100	—	—	9,100	8,385
	<u>9,100</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>9,100</u>	<u>8,385</u>
2(e) Other incoming resources					
Insurance claims	29,113	—	—	29,113	—
Other Income	—	—	—	—	1,536
	<u>29,113</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>29,113</u>	<u>1,536</u>
Total income	<u>243,732</u>	<u>2,630</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>246,362</u>	<u>360,538</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, GOSFORTH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

3. Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
3(a) Church activities					
Ministry					
Diocesan parish share	117,000			117,000	111,505
Clergy and staffing					
Clergy housing and expenses	8,769	—	—	8,769	6,888
Support staff	25,262	—	—	25,262	23,083
Church					
Altar requisites and vestments	1,739	—	—	1,739	1,492
Church running expenses:					
Cleaning and general maintenance	3,012	1,116	—	4,128	1,271
Energy costs	3,388	—	—	3,388	4,009
Insurance	8,101	—	—	8,101	7,561
Printing, stationery, supplies	8,265	—	—	8,265	4,783
Other	3,117	114	—	3,231	3,989
Major repairs	29,113	—	—	29,113	29,560
Music (organ, organist, music)	8,446	242	—	8,688	8,545
Centre and Grounds					
Centre running costs	16,722	—	—	16,722	19,013
Major repairs:					
Calvary Cross & field drainage	13,295	10,381	—	23,676	12,818
Completed in 2022	—	—	—	—	9,712
Assurance					
Independent examination costs	1,133	—	—	1,133	1,094
Trustee training	—	—	—	—	—
Property related expenditure					
Old Clergy and Verger House	4,498	—	—	4,498	4,500
Mission and education					
Youth Work	—	7,607	—	7,607	1,564
Mission and education	—	—	—	—	1,197
Mission giving shortfall	65	—	—	65	45
	<u>251,925</u>	<u>19,460</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>271,385</u>	<u>252,629</u>
3(b) Cost of generating funds					
Stewardship costs	—			—	—
Fund raising costs	2,410	35	—	2,445	6,307
	<u>2,410</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2,445</u>	<u>6,307</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>254,335</u>	<u>19,495</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>273,830</u>	<u>258,936</u>

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4. Mission giving

The PCC continues to dedicate open plate collections to the chosen mission of the month

	Special Collections £	Church Funds £	Total 2023 £
Monthly donations:			
The Cedarwood Trust	458	—	458
Tyneside Welcomes	369	—	369
Friends of Murambinda Hospital, Zimbabwe	432	—	432
Church Mission Society	471	—	471
uS	338	—	338
Cornerstone	415	—	415
Mission to Seafarers	361	—	361
Practical Compassion for Destitute Children	523	—	523
Linda Norgrove Foundation	479	—	479
Walking With	467	—	467
Feeding Families	382	—	382
West End Refugee Service	214	66	280
	<u>4,909</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>4,975</u>
Other donations			
Christingle	250	—	250
Christmas Eve (carol services)	1,186	—	1,186
Christmas Day	242	—	242
Other	3,598	—	3,598
	<u>5,276</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>5,276</u>
Total for 2023	<u>10,185</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>10,251</u>
Total for 2022	<u>9,197</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>9,241</u>

Notes

The amounts listed above are considered to be direct income for the charities concerned and only pass through All Saints' bank account for recording purposes. Therefore, these amounts are not included in either the income or the expenditure in these accounts.

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5. Staff costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	24,055	21,997
Social security costs	—	—
Pension costs	1,207	1,086
Organists' fees	6,550	6,625
	<u>31,812</u>	<u>29,708</u>
Average number of employees	2	2

The PCC employed one part-time administrator and one part-time caretaker throughout 2023. Fees paid to organists are also shown.

6. Fixed assets

	At 1 Jan. 2023	Revaluation	At 31 Dec. 2023
	£	£	£
Properties at fair value	<u>500,000</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>500,000</u>

The properties comprise the All Saints' Centre, which was written off in previous years and the two adjacent houses, the Verger's House and the Old Clergy House. The Verger's House and the Old Clergy House are both valued at £250,000 with both properties similar with respect to floor area and number of rooms.

The title to the land on which the All Saints' Centre and the two houses are situated is vested in the Church Commissioners.

All office equipment is fully depreciated or in the case of individual items costing less than £2,000, was written off on acquisition.

7. Investments

	2023
	£
Market value at 1 January 2023	52,439
Additions	1,008
Unrealised gains	<u>4,979</u>
Market value at 31 December 2023	<u>58,426</u>

These comprise 2,585 shares (2022 - 2,538) in the Central Board of Finance of The Church of England Investment Fund and are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Their cost was £17,177 (2022 - £16,169).

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8. Debtors and other amounts receivable

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments	2,239	7,462
Income tax recoverable	3,474	3,923
Other debtors	2,076	6,825
	<u>7,789</u>	<u>18,210</u>

9. Creditors and other amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Creditors for goods and services	3,377	4,540
Accruals	17,993	3,543
PAYE and national insurance contributions	138	97
	<u>21,508</u>	<u>8,180</u>

10 Summary of assets by fund

	Endowments	Restricted	Unrestricted Legacy	Unrestricted General	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Investments	20,865	—	37,561	—	58,426
Net current assets	—	58,015	89,452	24,506	171,973
Properties	—	—	—	500,000	500,000
	<u>20,865</u>	<u>58,015</u>	<u>127,013</u>	<u>524,506</u>	<u>730,399</u>

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11. Statement of funds

	Fund balances b/f £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers between funds £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances c/f £
PERMANENT ENDOWMENT						
MacMahon Fund	19,070	—	—	—	1,795	20,865
	<u>19,070</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,795</u>	<u>20,865</u>
RESTRICTED FUNDS						
Gloria Smith (Youth Work) Fund	62,201	315	(7,607)	—	—	54,909
Calvary Cross & Field Drainage	9,681	700	(10,381)	—	—	—
Music Fund	242	—	(242)	—	—	—
Flower Fund	104	10	(114)	—	—	—
Older Persons Activities	1,704	275	—	—	—	1,979
Church Christmas Lights	296	—	—	—	—	296
Farmers' Market	392	759	(1,151)	—	—	—
Income from permanent endowment	260	571	—	—	—	831
	<u>74,880</u>	<u>2,630</u>	<u>(19,495)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>58,015</u>
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
Property	500,000	—	—	—	—	500,000
General Fund	5,750	219,795	(241,039)	40,000	—	24,506
Legacy Fund	153,187	23,937	(13,296)	(40,000)	3,185	127,013
	<u>658,937</u>	<u>243,732</u>	<u>(254,335)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>3,185</u>	<u>651,519</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>752,887</u>	<u>246,362</u>	<u>(273,830)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>4,980</u>	<u>730,399</u>

MacMahon Permanent Endowment Fund

Under the Will of Alice Mary MacMahon, who died on 6 April 1966, this fund is held on trust to apply the income of the fund in the maintenance, repair and upkeep of the fabric of the church and the churchyard.

Gloria Smith (Youth Work) Fund

This represents the monies raised less expenditure to date for youth work in the parish and community of All Saints.

Old Persons Activities

This represents funds for the provision of social and pastoral care of older people within the parish and community of All Saints.

Income from Permanent Endowment

Income from the MacMahon fund is credited to this fund. Costs in connection with maintenance as defined above are charged against it to the extent that the available income allows.

Legacies Fund

This fund is credited with the value of legacies and gifts in memoriam received with or without specific instructions as to their use and provides funds primarily for major repairs or capital projects associated with the Church or Church Centre.

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12. Related Party Transactions

Expenses payable to the Revd Canon Andrew Shipton and the Revd Miriam Jones amounted to £2,029. The Revd Canon Andrew Shipton has occupied a house attached to his appointment since September 2014. Costs borne by the PCC in connection with the Vicarage during 2023 totalled £4,236. The Revd Miriam Jones has occupied a house attached to her appointment as Curate since September 2022. Costs borne by the PCC in connection with her house during 2023 totalled £2,504. No allowances for expenses incurred in the course of work for the church were paid to any other member of the PCC during 2023.

Accounts

All Saints' Church, Gosforth
Annual Report
And
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
for the year ended 31 December 2022

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ALL SAINTS' PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Aims and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (referred to as 'the PCC' or as 'the Council' of All Saints' Church, Gosforth, in the diocese of Newcastle) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent ('the Vicar') in promoting the whole mission of the church in the ecclesiastical parish.

The PCC has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and the Church Centre, both of which are in West Avenue Gosforth, and also for two properties adjacent to the Centre. The Church Office is located within the Church Centre.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the PCC are defined by the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 as 'to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical'.

The All Saints' mission statement is:

Working together as a church we are pursuing a vision to put All Saints at the heart of the wider community. Our vision is to be a vibrant, inclusive, compassionate, outward looking church with a sensitive and thoughtful approach to faith, where there is excellent pastoral care with encouragement for all, where diversity is welcomed and our worship inspires us to transform the world.

The main activities of the All Saints' PCC are:-

- co-operation with the incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and commercial.
- the provision of regular public worship that is open to all.
- the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation.
- the provision of pastoral work including the visiting of the sick, the elderly and the bereaved.
- the teaching of the Christian faith through sermons, home groups, youth and children's meetings and links with local schools.
- the promotion of the Christian faith through various events for the elderly, parents, children, young people and other special needs groups organised by the clergy and PCC and through the distribution of the parish newsletter and magazine.
- making known and putting into effect any provision made by the Diocesan Synod or the Deanery Synod, but without prejudice to the powers of the PCC on any particular matter.
- giving advice to the Diocesan Synod and the Deanery Synod on any matter referred to the PCC.
- raising such matters as the Council consider appropriate with the Diocesan Synod or Deanery Synod
- repairing and maintaining all church buildings, and raising the money for this purpose.
- providing proper insurance for all aspects of the parish life.
- responsibilities under the Health and Safety Act, Data Protection Act, the Food Act, Copyright Act and Child Protection Act.

Membership

Members of the PCC are ex officio, co-opted, or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) or at the first meeting of the PCC in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year, the following served as members of the Council:

Incumbent	Revd Canon Andrew Shipton	From Sept. 2014
Churchwardens	Mr Nick Glover	From 2022 APCM
	Mrs Christine Willoughby	From 2020 APCM
Deanery Synod representatives Until 2023 (ex-officio)	Mr Peter Brown (Lay Vice Chair)	
	Ms Diane Kirkup	
	Mrs Rosamund Place	
	Mrs Pamela Taylor	
Elected members Until 2023	Ms Alison Wilson	
	Dr Claudia Newbegin	
	Mrs Marian Coulson-Cave	
	Mrs Felicity Shoesmith	
	Miss Edith Davison	Resigned Sept. 2022
Elected members Until 2024	Mrs Karen Parkhouse	
	Mrs Dorothy Henderson	Died May 2022
	Mrs Katie Hogg	
	Mrs Diana Lavin	
Elected members Until 2025	Mrs Francine Bain	
	Mrs Pauline Gallacher	
	Mrs Valerie Hedley	
	Mrs Joyce Jennings	
	Mrs Margaret Patterson	Resigned Sept. 2022
	Mrs Lesley Ogilvie	
Assistant Priest	Revd Ruth Birnie (ex-officio)	
Assistant Curate	Revd Beverley Davies (ex-officio)	Until August 2022
Assistant Curate	Revd Miriam Jones (ex-officio)	From October 2022
Safeguarding Officer	Ms Kath Davies, co-opted for 1 year	
Treasurer	Mr Fred Carr, co-opted for 1 year	
Secretary	Dr Alison Charlewood, co-opted for 1 year	

Ms Kath Davies was co-opted at the first meeting of the PCC following the 2022 APCM and continued to serve as the Safeguarding Officer. Mr Fred Carr was co-opted at the same PCC meeting, and continued to serve as PCC Treasurer. Dr Alison Charlewood was co-opted at the same PCC meeting to serve as PCC Secretary.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. Following changes in the relevant legislation it has registered as a charitable body with the Charity Commission. The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules.

The PCC has nominated officers responsible for Health and Safety (including disability discrimination issues) and Safeguarding (of children and vulnerable adults) who receive training and information from the diocese and cascade this to the wider PCC as appropriate. These issues are standing items on the agenda for meetings of the PCC.

The Standing Committee, comprising the Vicar, the Churchwardens, Lay Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and two members of the PCC, has the power to transact the business of the Council between its meetings. The Standing Committee deals with detailed operational issues concerning the deployment of resources (buildings, money and staff) within the overall strategic framework determined by the PCC, and reports to each Council meeting. A sub-group of the Standing Committee, the Fabric Committee, deals with more detailed fabric issues. Working Groups of the PCC meet regularly and conduct business on behalf of the PCC. One or more of these groups provides feedback at each PCC Meeting. These groups act as official sub-groups of the PCC covering between them all areas of church life and mission: Pastoral, Education and Discipleship, Outreach and Communication, Mission and Justice, Social and Events. The groups meet approximately four to six times a year and report regularly to the PCC.

Other subcommittees include the Youth Committee, which is responsible for the work with children and young people and the Safeguarding Group, which is responsible for child protection, the care of vulnerable adults and related issues. Other time-limited sub-groups may be formed and then disbanded once their remit has been fulfilled, according to the direction of the PCC. Numerous other groups and committees operate within the auspices of the church. Whilst not formal sub-committees of the PCC, they play a valuable part in church life and their activities are explained in more detail later in the document which accompanies this report.

The major risks to which the PCC is exposed are identified and managed through the appropriate officer or sub-group (e.g. through insurances or Health and Safety assessments). One-off issues are risk-assessed as required by the PCC.

Vicar's report

There were many tests and obstacles to overcome throughout 2020/21, but much was (and continues to be) learned from this challenging time.

In 2022, my role and responsibilities to animate the life of All Saints continued as we moved out of the pandemic and looked ahead, discerning a way forward. In September 2021, I introduced a Renewal and Funding Group to help us think through, together with the PCC, how we might engage and welcome afresh the wider community. I am heartened to say that throughout 2022, numerous group discussions and actions enabled many new initiatives to be promoted and trialled. (I mention more of these in the calendar.)

I hope my Annual Report 2022 illustrates that despite uncertainty and far fewer volunteers, we endeavoured to ensure that our worshipping life and pastoral work continued (especially to the older members of our community) and that, with tenacity, we have continued to develop both our Mission and Ministry in new ways.

St Hugh's, throughout 2022, has faced its own range of challenges and I am only too aware of my responsibilities to those parishioners. Whilst not being referred to here, I shall speak about these at the Annual Meeting.

The Year

A team of churchwardens, volunteers and paid employees worked hard to sustain our life as a Community of Faith which included the routine schedule of services on Sundays and Festivals, work to welcome and accommodate groups in the Centre, also to maintain the buildings and fabric and do the essential administrative tasks.

Services

There was a total of 5 Weddings; 1 Thanksgiving for a child; 17 Baptisms; 1 Blessing of a Marriage; 23 Funerals (11 in church); and 9 Services for the Burial of Ashes.

School Assemblies were led by clergy at the Archbishop Runcie First School (at least once a week), Archibald First School, and in Regent Farm School in the St Hugh's parish. I am a Foundation Governor at Archbishop Runcie Church of England School as are three others from All Saints.

The church was used additionally throughout the year for School Services and/or curriculum visits by Gosforth Junior Academy, Westfield School for Girls; Archibald First School; Archbishop Runcie First School and also Newcastle School for Boys (both Juniors & Seniors).

Care homes were regularly visited in the parishes of St Hugh's and All Saints and services led in Eothen, Moorfield, and Kenton Hall.

Calendar 2022

January

- The Volunteer Project leaflet promotion continued (it was launched on Advent Sunday 2021) having been disrupted by bad weather
- Meetings via Zoom began for many committees including the Parochial Church Council
- A Hub Church concept (All Saints with St Hugh's, Ascension, & St Mary's) was revisited and questioned. (It would be revised later in 2022.)
- The Archbishop Runcie First School Admissions Policy proposed change was debated (the Parochial Church Council accepted residence in either parish of All Saints /St Nicholas and active members of another Christian Church within the parish as a qualification for admission)
- Rehearsals for the Good Friday performance of the musical 'Jesus Christ Superstar' began
- The Church Centre activities including 'Coffee & Conversation' also 'Choir at the Centre' re-convened, attracting members beyond our community.
- We were loaned a grand piano (installed in church) heralding the first of monthly concerts until December (organised by Rosamund Place with Master Musicians International). One of the most moving performances of the year was to be that of Khrystyna Mykhailichenko from the Ukraine who played works by Beethoven, Chopin, Brahms and Liszt.
- Research began as to the possibility of Farmers' Markets on the Green.

February

- On the first Friday of every month, from 10:00 – 11:30, a dedicated gardening group began work on the Garden of Remembrance and its surroundings
- At the 9:30 service on Sunday 6 February, we welcomed Gosforth Air Cadets to celebrate 81yrs since their foundation.

March

- The Northumberland Wildlife Trust staff and volunteers worked to improve the health of our West Ave hedge and make it a more welcoming haven for wildlife (part of the Urban Rewilding Project)
- An Appeal was launched resulting in an overwhelming response for items to assist refugees arriving in the North East from Eastern Europe and Ukraine.
- A Café Church took place in the Centre and was led by the Young people's group 'Evolution' recounting what they had learned during lockdown.
- A Lent study began. This was a 5-week programme on 'Superstar', (afternoons in the Centre or evenings via Zoom) - an exploration and reflection of issues raised by the production.
- During Lent, on Sunday evenings in church, members of the congregation were invited to reflect on their understanding of the Gospel.
- On Saturday 19 March, in the afternoon, a 'Cake and Nursery Rhymes' event for parents and under 5s took place in the Centre with 12 children attending. Parents enjoyed refreshments and children took away laminated Nursery Rhyme flip books made in-house (*enabled and organised by Louise Waugh, Dorothy Henderson, Diana Lavin, Felicity Shoesmith and Katie Hogg*).
- At 7:30, a Quiz Night organised by 'Tyneside Welcomes' in conjunction with All Saints raised a considerable sum and pleasingly attracted a number of new volunteers for the project.

- Before the month end, The Calvary Cross Faculty arrived and a crowdfunding Appeal was launched via a company, 'Spacehive', (*with advice from Felicity Shoesmith*) to help cover the cost of CCTV & security lighting alongside our insurance claim (*pursued by Peter Brown*).

April

- A fallen chunk of stone was discovered from an East window mullion and on the advice of the Church Architect, urgent work was advised. Subsequently, 2 panels of stained glass were removed, a new mullion was inserted and the very dirty East window stained glass was cleaned.
- On Palm Sunday afternoon an informal communion service in the Centre was held to welcome people who had not felt able to attend church since prior to Covid. Nearly 40 people attended followed by refreshments and music was provided by the Semitones Orchestra.
- On Good Friday we welcomed Rev Christopher Wardale to lead our 3 hours of devotion. That morning, there was also a children's event on the Green
- On Good Friday evening, a Concert Performance of 'Jesus Christ Superstar' took place in church, (led by John Lewis).
- Easter Day, following the 9:30 service, families gathered on the Green for an hour of Easter crafts and activities, the children making Easter bonnets/hats and hunting for chocolate eggs whilst parents enjoyed the sunshine.
- On Saturday 23 April we hosted an event to celebrate International Organ Day.
- The 2022 Annual Meeting took place on Sunday 24 April in the Centre. Paul Wilkinson also completed his service as Church Warden.

May

- During Christian Aid Week, 15- 21 May (*organised by Lesley Atkinson*) it was not possible to do house-to-house collections so envelopes were left in church and an e-envelope was put in place for online donations.
- Saturday 14 May: a new event 'Games on the Green' followed by pizza & ice cream took place and was attended by 24 children plus 20 adults (*organised by Diana Lavin, Felicity Shoesmith and Katie Hogg*)
- An application for a licence from Newcastle City Council to hold 6 Farmers' Markets (up to 12 stalls) on the Church Green to start in September was approved (*Diana Lavin on behalf of the Parochial Church Council*).

June

- A 'Jubilee Picnic', was held on Saturday, 4 June. Brilliant sunshine helped set the mood on the Green whilst attendees enjoyed a quiz, walking-corgi balloon races (fun for both adults & children) and celebratory cake (*Judy Riseborough*) with cups of tea whilst being entertained with music and song by Richard Hazelwood on his guitar.
- Sunday 26 June, the Rev Helen Lunn was licensed to the parish by the Bishop of Berwick, (her intended focus to be the Church of the Ascension).

July

- On Saturday 9 July, another new event, 'Teddy Bears' Picnic' was held on the Green. Children delighted in entering their teddy bears to abseil from the church tower, each complete with safety harness and all were awarded with a certificate – all landing safely!
- On Sunday 17 July, we welcomed to the Green a folk band 'Timbre' who sang an eclectic range of European songs, mostly from Scandinavia.
- The Parochial Church Council meeting welcomed a visit by Archdeacon Rachel Wood and Chris Elder to 'explore' a formal framework for All Saints to be a hub church.

August

- The popular 'Open Gardens' event returned on Sunday afternoons.
- Monday 15 August heralded the start of the well overdue facelift to the Centre hall, kitchen, toilets, staircase and Columba room. The electricity sockets in the Centre and the west end of church were upgraded.
- On 19 August, we welcomed the Jigsaw Choir to sing from Shrewsbury.

- On Tuesday 23 August, the 'Handlebards' very popular return to the Green with their production of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night was well-attended by residents from all over the local community (*organised by Ros Place*).
- At the end of the month we said goodbye to Rev Beverley Davies. At her leaving event in October we reflected on how Beverley always related her faith in a down-to-earth way, using life experiences to reinforce her message. We also remembered how she patiently assembled the weekly YouTube services during lockdown. We wished her well in her new position at Benfield School.

September

- We cautiously reintroduced wine at Holy Communion. Members of the congregation were given the option of accepting one or both elements.
- On Saturday 15 September, our first ever Farmers' Market was held on the Green, in glorious sunshine with just 9 stalls present including pies, honey, bread, specialist cakes and our own charity stall of recycled kitchen/table equipment. Our appeal for donations for the East Window (rather than an entry fee) achieved a considerable sum (*organised by Diana Lavin and Marian Cave*).
- On Sunday 18 September, we welcomed Rev. Dr Miriam Jones, a Deacon who had been serving in the Diocese. She moved into St Hugh's Vicarage.
- On the same day, we held a special Commemoration Service for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We opened church and invited visitors to sign a book of condolence
- Our bells were rung in honour of the Queen's funeral on Monday 19 September.
- The following week, on Sunday the 25 September, at the 9:30 service, Felicity Shoesmith spoke about our work with Young People, highlighting the pressing need of how to welcome and engage potential younger members from our area.

October

- On Sunday 2 October at 9:30 we held our Harvest Festival with all our Uniformed Groups invited. Donations went to the 'Walking with Project' at Wallsend. At 3pm, in the Centre there was a Thanksgiving Service for those whom attending church is a challenge. This was followed with tea and music from the Semitones Orchestra
- The Calvary Cross was finally reinstated in the Garden of Remembrance on a stone plinth with uplighters and CCTV in place
- On Saturday 29 October, there was an afternoon celebration tea (pizza and cake) cup presentation and party games in the Centre for the Uniformed Groups and their families who had taken part in the Enterprise Challenge. (They had each been given £50 to see how they could make it grow.) In the evening, there was a sell-out Parish Quiz and delicious supper
- The average Sunday attendance count for the year 2022 was noted to be 134 (112 in October 2021).

November

- The Clergy from All Saints led the Remembrance Day Service in Gosforth Park. It was attended by many hundreds of local people.
- On Saturday 19 November, we held the annual (indoor) Church Christmas Fair (*organised by Valerie Farthing & Francine Bain*) and the second (outdoor) Farmers' Market. The events were financially successful and despite the cold wet day, the locals flocked to enjoy both.
- On Sunday 20 November, we were delighted to welcome Bishop Mark Bryant to church to confirm 5 candidates from All Saints and also St George's, Jesmond and The Ascension, Kenton. Those Confirmed from All Saints were Helen Christian; Roo Davies; David Kelechi Chibyeze-anoma; Garwain Hedley and Pamela Hedley, who was also baptised that evening.
- Paul Cross retired as a dedicated Bell Tower Captain after 12 years! We welcomed Yvonne Cairns to take on the responsibility for the day-to-day running of the tower.

December

- On Saturday 10 December the first Christmas Tree Festival event took place from 10–12:30. Schools and all Groups with regular links with All Saints were invited to donate an upcycled/recyclable tree to help decorate our windows.
- We welcomed our new Youth Worker Jaddai Kambeya following 2 previous attempts to appoint a Youth Worker. After discussions with the Youth Committee and careful negotiating, we entered into a partnership with North East Youth For Christ. Jaddai will work with us one day weekly during term time and on occasional Sundays.
- The very cold weather leading up to Christmas had a detrimental effect on our Parish Carol Singing
- On Sunday 18 December, the Christingle Service clashed with the Football World Cup Final
- On Christmas Eve, a new, afternoon intergenerational event was trialled; it was planned particularly aimed at those families having young children (*organisation by Ros Place*). This was followed by the 2 traditional Carol services at 4:30 and 6pm and a midnight Eucharist.
- A total of 934 people attended worship on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Acknowledgements

Much could be said of *Ruth Birnie's* steady and faithful service. Ruth continues to be committed to her ministry among us. We are grateful also to *Vic Spong* for his contributions to our life. *Christine Willoughby* and *Nick Glover* have given most generously of their time as Churchwardens. (Nick had previously served on the PCC for over 6 years being Secretary for much of that time.) At the Annual Meeting in 2022, we gave thanks to *Paul Wilkinson* for his four years of devoted service (including his extra year to see us through the Covid changes) so freely given. We are very glad to have *Miriam* working among us. Her ministry is already bearing fruit especially in thinking how we reach young families.

Louise Waugh has overseen much of our operations with patience and flair. We are grateful that she has so many skills, is conscientious and always carefully manages conflicting demands. *Tricia Maylia* has again taken great care of both the church and Centre and helped to oversee many funerals and weddings in church.

Fred Carr has continued to dutifully and carefully oversee our finances. There is much work he does that often goes unnoticed and we remain indebted to him for his hard work. We appreciate too our dedicated Gift Aid Recorder, *Margaret Patterson* and our Fees Treasurer, *Chris Bolland*, whose roles are quietly but most ably undertaken.

Peter Brown, acting in his role as vice-chair of the PCC has generously given time to attend to all church fabric matters and was very busy whilst overseeing the vital restoration of the Calvary Cross and repair of the east window. We are grateful to *Alison Charlewood* for taking on the (often onerous) role of PCC Secretary and her requisite set of administrative skills.

The Church Choir continues to progress in leaps and bounds under the directorship of *John Lewis* - his Superstar production, only possible after a tremendous amount of work, had the audience truly mesmerised. Continuing the musical theme, there are our bell ringers, in whose vital role we delight. Paul Cross was Tower Captain until November, retiring after 12 years inspiring and sharing his skills with his ringers. We are indebted to Paul and welcome *Yvonne* into the role

Thanks to *Lesley Atkinson* for running Young Saints and Little Saints and to *Diana Lavin* for leading the Tuesday 'Choir at the Centre' and her pioneering Farmers' Markets. Also to Katie Hogg who became a Foundation School Governor at Archbishop Runcie School and to both Marian Coulson Cave and Craig Dallison who stepped down from being Governors during the year.

Rosamund Place who has overseen our You Tube broadcasts and recordings, those that work on the Sunday coffee rota and the amnesty group.

Much appreciation is directed to the work Mother's Union, the Monday Club, Gosforth 'Tyneside Welcomes' (*Andrew Cole*), the 'Keeping in Touch' magazine editing team, the Christian mediation Group, Sew Knit and Natter, and the Amnesty Group; those who cut the grass (*Keith Davies and Tricia Maylia*) and tidy the church grounds; the readers, the intercessors, the Stewards and indeed, all those who enable our worship to continue each Sunday and many more whose work is done quietly and in the background.

Obituaries

Dorothy Henderson

Dorothy's sudden death was an awful shock. She possessed a "can do" attitude accompanied by much energy and commitment; the more challenging something seemed, the more she seemed to want to do it. Dorothy was a valued and loved member of our choir, was involved with our Sew, Knit and Natter group where she was treasurer, and she arranged and promoted our hugely successful Christmas Fair last year. Dorothy was our branch leader of the Mothers' Union and diocesan treasurer. She was an integral part of all the new children's events. She served on the Tyneside Welcomes committee and had offered a home for refugees from Ukraine. Sadly, she died suddenly before the work was complete.

Alfhild Wellborne

Alfhild, who died in July is also a terrible loss. Alfhild, as well as being a caring mother and grandmother, had worked at The Seaman's Mission Church, at Archibald First School and she also took on a role at the City Centre Chaplaincy. She had been a Branch Leader for All Saints' Mothers' Union and also co-ordinated the 'World Day of Prayer' for several years. Her life had been full and her faith was at the very centre of everything she did. We miss her strong presence among us.

Hilary Hide

Hilary was a very good friend to many of us and her loss is keenly felt. Hilary demonstrated her flair for many things in a range of ways, to many people. She was a core member of the Sew Knit and Natter Group, an expert gardener and excellent cook. Sympathetic and observant, she was a superb counsellor. She remained positive and brave in the face of loss and illness and had enabled David, throughout changing times, to have a most effective ministry as diocesan secretary for 22 years. Her thoughtfulness and wisdom will long be remembered.

And Finally

We have a vision that by 2026, we shall be a diverse community of all ages, of more than 300 active members, who, inspired by their encounter with God, are making a real difference in our context. We wish for our worship to be thoughtful, rich, the distinctive musical, liturgical and theological inheritance of All Saints reinterpreted to engage the present. We seek to be open and receptive to those who feel particularly on the edge.

We did so well in 2022 to maintain momentum and try out new ventures. This was a great achievement. I believe that ultimately our vision will be brought into reality by us living out the Christian hope entrusted to us in simple and sincere ways, and above all, by us embodying God's reconciling presence to each other and to others. I am always comforted by the fact that we are not called by God to be successful but fruitful. I believe being fruitful involves us going deeper in our prayers and being sensitive to others. I believe that the growth and development we seek will come from our journey inward both individually and as a community. I hope that in 2023 we will take more time to ponder the deeper things and so shine brightly to draw many afresh to the fire of God's love.

Andrew Shipton

Congregation and PCC Meeting Details

There were 219 members on the Electoral Roll on 31 December 2022 (220 on 31 December 2021).

The PCC met 6 times in 2022. The average attendance was 82% (78% in 2020) The PCC regularly receives reports from the its working groups and the Fabric committee, in particular, has provided a great deal of valuable and relevant material. Regular reports have also been received from the Deanery Synod. There were also 2 Open PCC meetings on Sunday mornings after the 9.30 service.

Finance

All Saints' finances have slowly recovered from the Coronavirus pandemic which had a significant negative in 2020, and to a lesser effect, in 2021.

The accounts show a surplus of £101,602 for 2022 before taking account of the deficit of £6,911 in the market value of our investments. The accounts at the end of 2021 showed a deficit of £1,700 before an investment gain of £7,244.

Income

Total income, excluding legacies and grants decreased from £219,915 in 2021 to £215,472 in 2022.

Planned Giving

There were 134 members in our Planned Giving scheme at 31 December 2022 compared with 137 at the end of 2021, the reduction caused by deaths and parishioners who have relocated for family or employment reasons having exceeded new members joining during 2022. Planned Giving decreased by £6,163 (£106,524 in 2021, £100,361 in 2022).

Donations

Donations in 2022 totalled £31,493 which included £13,900 donated for particular purposes, the remaining £17,593 being from general ad hoc donations.

Tax Recovery

For 2022 we have claimed the maximum GASDS allowance of £8,000 giving an income of £2,000. GASDS and the gift aid recovered on Planned Giving and donations increased from £28,462 in 2021 to £30,830 in 2022.

Crowdfunding Appeal (using Spacehive)

In order to provide funds for projects involving the Calvary Cross Security and draining of the grass area adjacent to the Church, it was decided to seek matching funding from Crowdfunding North of Tyne set up by the North of Tyne Mayor. The result of the Crowdfunding appeal was as follows:

Offline contributions received by All Saints and transferred to Spacehive:	(£)
Donations	8,225
Fundraising	84
Grant from Community Foundation	1,000
Gift Aid from Donations	<u>1,306</u>
Total of offline contributions	11,215
Individual donations to Spacehive	1,845
Grant from the North of Tyne Combined Authority	<u>8,886</u>
Overall Total of Contributions	21,946
 Spacehive Charges:	
Spacehive Fee	1,025
Transaction Fee	58
VAT	207
Total of Spacehive Charges	1,290
 Amount Received from Spacehive	20,646

Grants

In addition to the two grants identified in the preceding section, Crowdfunding Appeal, a Parish Support Grant was received from the Newcastle Diocese Board of Finance for £1,000.

Expenditure

98% of expenditure is on activities related to the work of the church. The Parish Share and clergy costs support the ministry at All Saints and elsewhere in the diocese. Church costs provide for worship at ordinary and special services. Expenditure on the All Saints' Centre assists the mission of the church in the community at large.

Expenses for the year totalled £257,256 compared with £240,135 in 2021.

Properties

In order to comply with the Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102 and the Charities Act 2011, the houses were re-valued at the date of transition to FRS 102 of 1 January 2015 with assigned values as follows:

- Old Clergy House - £210,000
- Verger's House - £225,000

The properties have now been re-valued at 31 December 2022 as follows:

- Old Clergy House - £250,000
- Verger's House - £250,000

The two properties now have identical valuations as it has been established that they are similar with respect to floor area and number of rooms.

Rents

The All Saints' Centre continued to be used by a variety of different organisations and private parties. Rents received totalled £14,647 (£18,223 in 2021).

The Old Clergy House was occupied throughout the year. £7,925 was received in rent against expenses of £3,085.

The Verger's House was occupied throughout the year. £9,405 was received in rent against expenses of £1,415.

Mission Giving

The PCC continued to support the work of the worldwide church by dedicating open plate cash collections at services to our Mission of the Month.

Donations to the Mission of the Month charities are underwritten by the PCC to guarantee that each charity receives a sum equal to 3% of All Saints' previous year's planned giving and associated gift aid.

Donations paid to charities totalled £9,241 (£12,639 in 2021) of which £45 was contributed from church funds to comply with the underwriting guarantee. £4,514 of this amount was collected at funerals and other events using the church and sent to their nominated charities.

McMahon Permanent Endowment Fund

Income from this fund was £567 which, together with the £593 held over from 2021, was used to pay £900 for the repair of the Reredos in the Church leaving £260 to be carried over into 2023.

The Youth Project

The Youth Worker project income was £12,609 and the expenditure was £1,564 giving a surplus for the year of £11,045.

Legacies

Credit has been taken in the accounts for the amount of £132,500 from the legacy of Florence Muriel Atkinson.

Expenditure from the Legacies Fund in 2022 was £34,362 for the cost of the repair of the east wall of the Church, the provision of an electricity ring main in the west end of the Church, the decoration of the church centre, some of the costs of the Calvary Cross restoration, the church centre roof repairs and the provision of equipment storage sheds and fencing in the church centre.

Bank Balances and Reserves

Bank balances and cash at 31 December 2022 totalled £190,418 compared with £104,700 at the end of 2021. £119,818 is in the Legacies fund, £62,201 is held in the Gloria Smith fund that finances the Youth Worker project and £12,679 is held in other funds for particular purposes. The resulting cash deficit of £4,280 (reduced from a surplus of £27,007 in 2021) of the General Income fund, together with the £18,210 due from debtors, is used to meet the amount of £8,180 due to the creditors and to provide working capital.

The Legacy fund has increased from £57,327 in 2021 to £153,187 in 2022

Going Forward

The receipt of the £132,500 from the legacy of Mrs Atkinson has improved our overall financial position significantly. From this legacy there is a residue of funds so we may receive another £1,000 or so during 2023. We have also been notified of another legacy from the will of Mr Michael Ramsey Scott which should provide a sum of over £15,000 during 2023.

However, there are significant future costs already known about which have to be taken into account. The Church organ requires remedial works, the cost of which is estimated at £107,000. Also, the Parish Share has increased by about 5% to £117,000 per annum and will increase by another 5% during 2024.

The General Income fund is of considerable concern as it's liquid reserves is a negative of £4,282 before taking into account the £18,210 due from debtors and the £8,180 due to the creditors. From January 2023, all of the Planned Giving and associated gift aid is to be allocated against the General Income fund instead of a portion being allocated to the Gloria Smith fund. This should cause a very gradual transfer from the totally overfunded Gloria Smith fund to the General Income fund by about £12,000 per year. However, the effect on the General Income fund will be reduced by about £5,500 due to the increase in the Parish Share.

The reduction in Planned Giving continues which is a major factor in the low level of the General Income fund. Planned Giving has been the backbone of All Saints' income for many years and its reduction has to be at least halted and if possible reversed.

The future will be challenging, in particular to ensure that the General Income fund has sufficient liquid reserves for day-to-day expenditure.

Acknowledgements

The PCC wish to express their gratitude for the generous legacies that have been received, to thank the many donors to the various appeals that have been made, and to pay tribute to all those members of the congregation who contribute regularly to the finances of All Saints or give of their time and talents to support its many activities.

On behalf of the Council

Andrew Shipton

Vicar, Chair of the Council
9 April 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of All Saints' Church, Gosforth Charity

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 15 to 26.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the 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 (Account 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.

Date 10 April 2023

D Bulmer BA(Hons) ACA
For and on behalf of Haines Watts, Chartered Accountants

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**Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2022**

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	MacMahon Permanent Endowment fund £	Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Income and Endowments	Note					
Voluntary income	2(a)	269,574	36,496	-	306,070	176,838
Trading activities	2(b)	31,977	-	-	31,977	36,763
Income from charitable activities	2(c)	13,081	3,413	-	16,494	14,647
Other income	2(d)	1,052	484	-	1,536	8,063
Income from investments	2(e)	2,214	567	-	2,781	2,124
Total income and endowments		317,898	40,960	-	358,858	238,435
Expenditure						
Raising funds	3(a)	5,676	631	-	6,307	1,318
Church activities	3(b)	228,373	22,576	-	250,949	238,817
Total expenditure		234,049	23,207	-	257,256	240,135
Net income / (expenditure) before investment gains		83,849	17,753	-	101,602	(1,700)
Net gains on investments		(4,367)	-	(2,544)	(6,911)	7,244
Net movement in funds		79,482	17,753	(2,544)	94,691	5,544
Gain on revaluation of fixed assets		35,000	-	-	35,000	30,000
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2022		544,455	57,127	21,614	623,196	587,652
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2022		658,937	74,880	19,070	752,887	623,196

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Balance sheet as at 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Properties	6		500,000		465,000
Investments	7		52,439		58,375
			<u>552,439</u>		<u>523,375</u>
Current assets					
Debtors and other amounts receivable	8	18,210		10,440	
Bank balances and cash in hand		190,418		104,700	
		<u>208,628</u>		<u>115,140</u>	
Creditors falling due within one year	9	<u>8,180</u>		<u>15,319</u>	
Net current assets			200,448		99,821
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>752,887</u>		<u>623,196</u>
Net assets			<u><u>752,887</u></u>		<u><u>623,196</u></u>
Funds					
Unrestricted - General Funds	10		166,465		86,983
Unrestricted - Revaluation Reserve			492,472		457,472
Restricted	10		74,880		57,127
MacMahon Permanent Endowment	10		19,070		21,614
Total funds	11		<u><u>752,887</u></u>		<u><u>623,196</u></u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 9 April 2023 and signed on its behalf

Andrew Shipton

Vicar, Chair of the Council
9 April 2022

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of financial statements and assessment of going concern

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011, in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations Act 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions and under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2019 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Going concern

Having considered a period of at least 12 months from the date of approving these financial statements the trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about All Saints' ability to continue as a going concern. Overall funds are still substantial despite having had significant costs, particularly for the Church decoration and lighting, Church bells refurbishment and the repair of the Church East Wall over the last 5 years.

Funds

Unrestricted or general funds are funds that are not subject to any restriction regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are restricted funds.

Restricted funds are funds that are subject to specific trusts as to how they may be used, which may be declared by the donors, or on their authority (as in the case of a public appeal) but still within the objects of the Church. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Permanent endowment funds are restricted funds which represent monies or other assets given with the specific instruction that only the income from them may be spent and that the capital must be retained permanently.

Income and Endowments

Voluntary income

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the donations are received.

Legacies are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount is quantifiable and its receipt is reasonably certain.

Trading activities

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised on an accruals basis when the Church is entitled to the rent.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Income from investments

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes. It includes dividends and interest. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on the revaluation of investments at the balance sheet date.

Expenditure

Church activities

The Diocesan Parish Share is accounted for when paid. All of the Parish Share due for 2022 was paid in 2022. Mission Giving and donations are accounted for when paid or when awarded if that award carries a binding obligation on the PCC.

All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by Chapter 2, Section 10 of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as unalienable property unless consecrated. In the case of unalienable property acquired prior to 1 January 2001 there is insufficient information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £2000, or the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2001 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is normally depreciated on a straight line basis over three years. Individual items of equipment with a net cost of £2,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Houses

The Old Clergy and Verger's Houses are valued in the accounts as at the 31 December 2022 market value.

Investments

Investments are stated in the balance sheet at their market value on 31 December 2022.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at the balance sheet date in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less a provision for any amounts which may prove uncollectable.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Pension fund

For eligible salaried employees All Saints participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of the Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) for lay staff. CWPF is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the CWPF assets separately from those of the Employer and other participating employers.

There are two sections in the Pension Builder Scheme, the Pension Builder Classic (PB Classic) and the Pension Builder 2014 which are both classed as defined benefit schemes. All Saints participates in the PB Classic scheme.

There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of of the Pension Builder Scheme.

The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme.

The PCC contributes 5% of basic salary and employees contribute a minimum of 3.5% of basic salary, 0.5% being for life insurance cover. The contributions in 2022 totalled £1,086 (2021 - £1,325) and there were no contributions outstanding at year end.

A valuation of the scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent scheme valuation was carried out as at 31 December 2019. This showed a funding deficit of £4.8 million. At the most recent annual review, the Board chose to grant a discretionary bonus of 10.1% following improvements in the funding position. over 2021.

The legal structure of the scheme is such that if any another employer fails, All Saints could become responsible for paying a share of the failed employer's pension liabilities.

All Saints had 2 active members and 0 deferred members in the PB Classic Scheme at 31 December 2022.

Reserves

Reserves are held to cover liabilities shown in the balance sheet, future projects and to meet unexpected demands. The trustees aim to maintain overall reserves of cash and investments at a level which equates to 3 months of average expenditure while maintaining a positive balance of cash in the General Income fund.

Cash flow statement

The PCC have taken advantage of the exemption conferred by FRS 102 to dispense with the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement as the income is less than £500,000.

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Notes

2. Income and Endowments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds Youth project £	Other funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
2(a) Voluntary income					
Planned giving	90,429	9,932	-	100,361	106,524
Donations	17,593	-	13,900	31,493	15,021
Income tax recoverable	28,052	2,193	585	30,830	28,462
Furlough	-	-	-	-	8,311
Legacies and gifts in memoriam	132,500	-	-	132,500	8,800
Grants	1,000	-	9,886	10,886	9,720
	269,574	12,125	24,371	306,070	176,838
2(b) Trading activities					
All Saints' Centre lettings	14,647	-	-	14,647	18,223
Rent of Old Clergy House	7,925	-	-	7,925	9,000
Rent of Verger's House	9,405	-	-	9,405	9,540
	31,977	-	-	31,977	36,763
2(c) Income from charitable activities					
Fundraising and other events	7,386	-	2,403	9,789	4,306
Fees	5,695	-	1,010	6,705	10,341
	13,081	-	3,413	16,494	14,647
2(d) Other income					
Costs recovered - expenses, insurance claim and office charges	1,052	-	-	1,052	7,840
Subscriptions and travel costs recovered	-	484	-	484	223
	1,052	484	-	1,536	8,063
2(e) Income from investments					
Dividends	975	-	567	1,542	1,466
Bank interest received	1,239	-	-	1,239	658
	2,214	-	567	2,781	2,124
Total income and endowments	317,898	12,609	28,351	358,858	238,435

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3. Expenditure		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
3(a) Raising funds					
Planned giving renewal expenses		-	-	-	-
Fundraising costs		5,676	631	6,307	1,318
		<u>5,676</u>	<u>631</u>	<u>6,307</u>	<u>1,318</u>
3(b) Church activities					
Ministry: Parish Share		111,505	-	111,505	111,505
Clergy housing costs		5,617	-	5,617	4,109
Clergy expenses		1,332	-	1,332	1,213
Church: Altar requisites, vestments etc		1,492	-	1,492	1,170
Cleaning, repairs and maintenance		372	900	1,272	3,200
Livestream		-	-	-	8,496
East wall repairs		20,353	3,752	24,105	-
West End electricity ring main		2,645	2,810	5,455	-
Light and heat		4,009	-	4,009	3,049
Insurance		7,561	-	7,561	7,286
Organist, choir, music etc		7,080	1,464	8,544	4,524
Centre: Cleaning, repairs and maintenance		13,340	-	13,340	22,837
Stonework pointing		-	-	-	16,320
Access path lighting		-	-	-	2,742
Dishwasher		-	-	-	3,128
Calvary Cross restoration		1,652	-	1,652	-
Calvary Cross security / Field drainage		-	11,166	11,166	-
Decoration of church centre hall etc		6,552	-	6,552	-
Centre Roof Repairs		960	-	960	-
Equipment Storage Sheds & Fencing		2,200	-	2,200	-
Insurance		2,029	-	2,029	1,953
Light and heat		3,498	-	3,498	4,439
Caretaker costs		7,364	-	7,364	7,217
Misc. Mission and education		1,221	63	1,284	892
Youth worker project		-	1,564	1,564	8,140
Old Clergy House expenses		3,085	-	3,085	3,188
Verger's House expenses		1,415	-	1,415	1,267
Church Office		18,780	-	18,780	17,145
Independent Examiners' costs		1,094	-	1,094	1,084
Mission Giving shortfall		45	-	45	995
Other costs		3,172	857	4,029	2,918
		<u>228,373</u>	<u>22,576</u>	<u>250,949</u>	<u>238,817</u>
Total expenditure		<u>234,049</u>	<u>23,207</u>	<u>257,256</u>	<u>240,135</u>

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4. Mission giving

The PCC continues to dedicate open plate collections to the Mission of the Month.

		<i>From Special Collections £</i>	<i>From Church Funds £</i>	<i>Total paid 2022 £</i>		<i>Total paid 2021 £</i>
Mission of the Month						
January	Cedarwood Trust	403	-	403	Cedarwood Trust	350
February	Tyneside Welcomes	446	-	446	NIDAS	325
March	Friends of Murambinda Hospital, Zimbabwe	414	-	414	Friends of Murambinda Hospital, Zimbabwe	1,380
April	Church Mission Society	249	44	293	Church Mission Society	501
May	uS	385	-	385	uS	501
June	Cornerstone	441	-	441	Cornerstone	501
July	Mission to Seafarers	417	-	417	Mission to Seafarers	501
August	PCDC	476	-	476	PCDC	501
September	Northumbria Deaf Church	335	-	335	Northumbria Deaf Church	501
October	Walking With	464	-	464	Walking With	581
November	Shelter Box	324	-	324	Shelter Box	501
December	West End Refugee Service	329	-	<u>329</u>	West End Refugee Service	<u>501</u>
				<u>4,727</u>		<u>6,644</u>
Other donations						
Christingle	Children's Society	128	-	128	Children's Society	133
Christmas Eve	Shelter Box	572	-	572	Christians Against Poverty	246
	Feeding Families	572	-	572	Destiny Streetworx	246
Christmas Day	Sabeel Jerusalem	344	-	344	Caritas Baby's Hospital	142
	Other charities	2,897	-	<u>2,897</u>	Other charities	<u>5,228</u>
				<u>4,514</u>		<u>5,995</u>
				<u>9,241</u>		<u>12,639</u>

Note

The amounts listed above are considered to be direct income for the charities concerned and only pass through All Saints' bank account for recording purposes. Therefore these amounts are not included in either the income or the expenditure in these accounts. Any addition from church funds listed is included under miscellaneous expenditure.

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5. Staff costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	21,997	25,898
Social security costs *	-	-
Pension costs	1,086	1,325
Organists' fees	6,625	3,067
	<u>29,708</u>	<u>30,290</u>

* Employer National Insurance has a 5,000 allowance.

The PCC has employed a part-time administrator and a part-time caretaker throughout 2022.

The Fees paid to organists are also shown.

6. Fixed assets

	At 1 Jan. 2022	Revaluation	At 31 Dec. 2022
	£	£	£
Properties at fair value	465,000	35,000	500,000

The properties comprise the All Saints' Centre (previously called the Church Hall), which has been written off in previous years, and the two adjacent houses, the Verger's House and the Old Clergy House. The Verger's House and the Old Clergy House are both valued at £250,000 a review having established that the houses are similar with respect to floor area and number of rooms.

The title to the land on which the All Saints' Centre and the two houses are situated is vested in the Church Commissioners.

All office equipment is fully depreciated or, in the case of individual items costing less than £2000, written off on acquisition.

7. Investments

These comprise 2,538 shares (2021 - 2,493) in the Central Board of Finance of The Church of England Investment Fund and are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Their cost was £16,169 (2021 - £15,194).

	£
Market value at 1 January 2022	58,375
Dividends reinvested	975
Unrealised gains	<u>(6,911)</u>
Market value at 31 December 2022	<u>52,439</u>

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8. Debtors and other amounts receivable

	2022	2021
	£	£
Prepayments	7,462	1,543
Income tax recoverable	3,923	3,584
Other debtors	6,825	5,313
	<u>18,210</u>	<u>10,440</u>

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Creditors for goods and services	4,540	12,071
Accruals	3,543	3,148
PAYE and national insurance contributions	97	100
	<u>8,180</u>	<u>15,319</u>

10. Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by :

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	MacMahon Permanent Endowment fund	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Properties	500,000	-	-	500,000
Office equipment	-	-	-	-
Investments	33,369	-	19,070	52,439
Net current assets	125,568	74,880	-	200,448
	<u>658,937</u>	<u>74,880</u>	<u>19,070</u>	<u>752,887</u>

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11. Statement of funds

	Balance 01-Jan-22 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Revaluation/ Investment gains £	Balance 31-Dec-22 £
Permanent endowment	21,614	-	-	(2,544)	19,070
Restricted Funds					
Music development	588	665	1,011	-	242
Gloria Smith fund	51,156	12,609	1,564	-	62,201
Donations and fundraising for specific purposes*	4,790	27,119	19,732	-	12,177
Income from Permanent Endowment	593	567	900	-	260
Total restricted funds	57,127	40,960	23,207	-	74,880
Unrestricted					
General income					
Properties	465,000	-	-	35,000	500,000
Cash Deposits	22,128	183,309	199,687	-	5,750
Legacies fund	57,327	134,589	34,362	(4,367)	153,187
	544,455	317,898	234,049	30,633	658,937
Total funds	623,196	358,858	257,256	28,089	752,887

* 5 Dormant items in the restricted fund which have unspent income as follows:

Café Church & Evolution publicity	£106.10
Defibrillator purchase & installation	£411.84
West End development	£2,062.75
Kneeler cushions repair	£141.00
Disabled facilities	£88.00

have had the unspent income assigned towards the cost of the West End electricity ring main.

This was voted upon by the PCC and received no objection from the Charities Commission.

MacMahon Permanent Endowment Fund

Under the Will of Alice Mary MacMahon, who died on 6 April 1966, this fund is held on trust to apply the income of the fund in the maintenance, repair and upkeep of the fabric of the church and the churchyard.

Gloria Smith Fund

This represents the monies raised less expenditure to date for the Youth Project.

Donations and fundraising for other specific purposes

This comprises donations, fundraising and grants for specific items such as the refurbishment of the Church and All Saints' Centre and its equipment.

Income from Permanent Endowment

Income from the MacMahon fund is credited to this fund. Costs in connection with maintenance as defined above are charged against it to the extent that the available income allows.

Music Development Fund

This provides funds for improvements to music for worship including the funding of an Organ Scholar.

11. Statement of funds (continued)

Legacies Fund

Legacies are often accompanied by instructions as to the use of the monies. Alternatively an attempt may be made to match a legacy with the purchase of a specific item or the funding of specific expenditure that results in something of a permanent nature. The balance of the fund held represents the value of legacies and gifts in memoriam received without specific instructions as to their use. This is used for significant capital projects associated with the Church or Church Centre. 90% of the bank interest earned in 2022 has been allocated to the Legacies fund and 10% to the General Income fund.

The resulting position is as set out in the following table:

	General income £	Legacies fund £	Total unrestricted funds £
Properties	500,000	-	500,000
Investments	-	33,369	33,369
Net current assets	5,750	119,818	125,568
	<u>505,750</u>	<u>153,187</u>	<u>658,937</u>

12. Related party transactions

Expenses payable to the Revd Canon Andrew Shipton, the Revd Beverley Davies and the Revd Miriam Jones amounted to £1,272.

The Revd Canon Andrew Shipton has occupied a house attached to his appointment since September 2014. Costs borne by the PCC in connection with the Vicarage during 2022 totalled £4,087

The Revd Miriam Jones has occupied a house attached to her appointment as Curate since September 2022. Costs borne by the PCC in connection with her house during 2022 totalled £1,529.

No allowances for expenses incurred in the course of work for the church were paid to any other member of the PCC during 2022.

Accounts

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Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
for the year ended 31 December 2021

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ALL SAINTS PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Aims and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (referred to as 'the PCC' or as 'the Council' of All Saints Church, Gosforth, in the diocese of Newcastle) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent ('the Vicar') in promoting the whole mission of the church in the ecclesiastical parish.

The PCC has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and the Church Centre, both of which are in West Avenue Gosforth, and also for two properties adjacent to the Centre. The Church Office is located within the Church Centre.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the PCC are defined by the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 as 'to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical'.

The All Saints mission statement is:

Working together as a church we are pursuing a vision to put All Saints at the heart of the wider community. Our vision is to be a vibrant, inclusive, compassionate, outward looking church with a sensitive and thoughtful approach to faith, where there is excellent pastoral care with encouragement for all, where diversity is welcomed and our worship inspires us to transform the world.

The main activities of the All Saints PCC are:-

- co-operation with the incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and commercial.
- the provision of regular public worship that is open to all.
- the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation.
- the provision of pastoral work including the visiting of the sick, the elderly and the bereaved.
- the teaching of the Christian faith through sermons, home groups, youth and children's meetings and links with local schools.
- the promotion of the Christian faith through various events for the elderly, parents, children, young people and other special needs groups organised by the clergy and PCC and through the distribution of the parish newsletter and magazine.
- making known and putting into effect any provision made by the Diocesan Synod or the Deanery Synod, but without prejudice to the powers of the PCC on any particular matter.
- giving advice to the Diocesan Synod and the Deanery Synod on any matter referred to the PCC.
- raising such matters as the Council consider appropriate with the Diocesan Synod or Deanery Synod
- repairing and maintaining all church buildings, and raising the money for this purpose.
- providing proper insurance for all aspects of the parish life.
- responsibilities under the Health and Safety Act, Data Protection Act, the Food Act, Copyright Act and Child Protection Act.

Membership

Members of the PCC are ex officio, co-opted, or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) or at the first meeting of the PCC in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year, the following served as members of the Council:

Ms Kath Davies was co-opted at the first meeting of the PCC following the 2021 APCM and

Incumbent	Revd Canon Andrew Shipton	From Sept. 2014
Churchwardens	Mr Paul Wilkinson	From 2021 APCM
	Mrs Christine Willoughby	From 2020 APCM
Deanery Synod representatives Until 2023 (ex-officio)	Mr Peter Brown (Lay Vice Chair)	
	Ms Diane Kirkup	
	Mrs Rosamund Place	
	Mrs Pamela Taylor	
Elected members Until 2022	Mrs Diana Lavin	
	Mrs Ethel Randall	
	Mrs Margaret Patterson	
	Mrs Lesley Ogilvie	
Elected members Until 2023	Ms Alison Wilson	
	Dr Claudia Newbegin	
	Mrs Marian Coulson-Cave	
	Mrs Felicity Shoesmith	
	Miss Edith Davison	
	Mr Joe Vera-Sanso	Resigned Jan. 2022
Elected members Until 2024	Mrs Karen Parkhouse	
	Mrs Dorothy Henderson	
	Mrs Katie Hogg	
Assistant Priest	Revd Ruth Birnie (ex-officio)	
Assistant Curate	Revd Beverley Davies (ex-officio)	
Safeguarding Officer	Ms Kath Davies, co-opted for 1 year	
Treasurer	Mr Fred Carr, co-opted for 1 year	
Secretary	Mr Nick Glover, co-opted for 1 year	

Ms Kath Davies was co-opted at the first meeting of the PCC following the 2021 APCM and continued to serve as the Safeguarding Officer. Mr Fred Carr was co-opted at the same PCC meeting, and continued to serve in his capacity as PCC Treasurer. Mr Nick Glover was also co-opted at the same meeting and continued to serve in his capacity as PCC Secretary.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. Following changes in the relevant legislation it has registered as a charitable body with the Charity Commission. The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules.

The PCC has nominated officers responsible for Health and Safety (including disability discrimination issues) and Safeguarding (of children and vulnerable adults) who receive training and information from the diocese and cascade this to the wider PCC as appropriate. These issues are standing items on the agenda for meetings of the PCC.

The Standing Committee, comprising the Vicar, the Churchwardens, Lay Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and two elected members of the PCC, has the power to transact the business of the Council between its meetings. The Standing Committee deals with detailed operational issues concerning the deployment of resources (buildings, money and staff) within the overall strategic

framework determined by the PCC, and reports to each Council meeting. A sub-group of the Standing Committee, the Fabric Committee, deals with more detailed fabric issues. Working Groups of the PCC meet regularly and conduct business on behalf of the PCC. One or more of these groups provides feedback at each PCC Meeting. These groups act as official sub-groups of the PCC covering between them all areas of church life and mission: Pastoral, Education and Discipleship, Outreach and Communication, Mission and Justice, Social and Events. All PCC members serve on at least one of these groups, most of which also have co-opted members from the wider congregation. The groups meet approximately four to six times a year and report regularly to the PCC.

Other subcommittees include the Youth Committee, which is responsible for the work with children and young people and the Safeguarding Group, which is responsible for child protection, the care of vulnerable adults and related issues. Other time-limited sub-groups may be formed and then disbanded once their remit has been fulfilled, according to the direction of the PCC. Numerous other groups and committees operate within the auspices of the church. Whilst not formal sub-committees of the PCC, they play a valuable part in church life and their activities are explained in more detail later in the document which accompanies this report.

The major risks to which the PCC is exposed are identified and managed through the appropriate officer or sub-group (e.g. through insurances or Health and Safety assessments). One-off issues are risk-assessed as required by the PCC.

Vicar's report

Summing up, 2021 was neither straightforward nor an easy twelve months, but placing events chronologically will hopefully aid my recall and help give a perspective to the year. However, I am only too aware that this may not capture the fact that, despite a seemingly continuous daily wave of disruption, the ongoing routines of the church (worship, rotas and timetables) were upheld. (At this time, Louise Waugh, our administrator, was on furlough until April, Tricia Maylia, our Caretaker until September returning briefly in the summer, with Jamie Donaldson, the Youth Worker, from Christmas until after Easter.) Administration and practical care of the buildings for the first part of the year fell to the churchwardens, Beverley and myself which made it another extraordinary year.

A programme of Services and activities was gradually reinstated during 2021. A flexible and creative approach was paramount as we responded to the anxieties and concerns of Centre users and others. It was abundantly clear from the outset that the re-engagement of families, young people and children would be a particular challenge. Also pastoral care, particularly in those first months required the ministry team to be creative as we sought to maintain contact with many members restricted to their homes. Unable to visit our care homes and hospitals until the autumn, Beverley, Ruth, Vic and I were glad to help by listening via a phone call or out for a stroll in the Park. It was good to visit people on their doorsteps and the church was used as a safe place for necessary meetings.

When the third National Lockdown began in January, the Government did not suspend public worship. However, after much consideration and consultation, it was decided that our Sunday services in January and February would be live-streamed onto our Facebook page. We celebrated Epiphany but did not return to worship in church until Passion Sunday, with numbers restricted to adhere to social distancing regulations. In the intervening time, Services were filmed by Peter Mitchell using a laptop two microphones and cameras. The Facebook Live set-up permitted not just livestreaming but also enabled convenience for people to view later. Peter's dedication throughout this time was much appreciated. There were also audio recordings of Evening Prayer available from 6pm on Sunday evenings on the website. We so hoped that our use of media served as a "shop window" on All Saints to generate interest in the Church by those who preferred to look online.

From January, our use of Zoom was invaluable for PCC meetings, Tuesday 'Morning Coffee' sessions, later 'Sew Knit and Natter' catch ups and 'Just Sing' on Friday mornings (with Diana Lavin and Thomas Moorin) continuing for a total of 65 weeks singing over 400 songs! Morning Prayer was zoomed, as was Café Church on February 28th, exploring Lent through an interactive 'Mission Impossible' theme. On Ash Wednesday we joined Bishop Christine as President and Preacher at a

Deanery Eucharist from St Nicholas' Gosforth. A series of reflections "It made me think: breakthroughs in my understanding" were available on our website from 6pm on Sundays throughout Lent. We also studied (on Zoom), Rowan Williams' book, "Candles in the Dark: Faith, Love and Hope in a Time of Pandemic". In addition, the Church was open on four Sunday afternoons for an hour of private prayer and reflection during which time we collected donations for the West End Food Bank.

Our 'Keeping in Touch' magazine was maintained and a well-attended online 'Shrove Tuesday Quiz' was held (thanks to Ann Cross, Marian Cave, Valerie Farthing and Diana Lavin). In March, Ros Place, with approval from the PCC, proposed and obtained a quotation for a permanent live-streaming system – flexible, with 2 portable cameras, allowing us to film from any point in the Church and enabling us to stream onto YouTube at a cost of approximately £7.5k. (We had received a grant for £3.5k.) By May, the money was raised and an order placed, by July the live-streaming was operating with the new equipment and despite teething problems we are making progress. We were most grateful to Ros for all her hard work on the project. The Parish website was updated in the early months by Beverley.

Easter

A plan for a programme of services for the Easter weekend was drawn up with outdoor singing only. All services remained subject to changes in regulations and booking was required via the Eventbrite for the 9.30 services on Palm Sunday and Easter Day.

On Palm Sunday we heard a most moving recorded drama of the passion with music organised by John Lewis. During the weekdays of Holy Week, a recorded Compline and address, (a reflection by a member of the congregation), was offered. On Maundy Thursday Holy Communion in Church was celebrated followed by a Vigil on Zoom. On Good Friday there was an outdoor service on the Green using stations to explore key parts in Holy Week. Hot cross buns were served and there were Creme Eggs for everyone. The Last Hour 'The cost of Love': reflections around the Cross followed. The Easter Vigil started outdoors on the Green called this year 'God acts in the Darkness'. Surprise 'afternoon teas in a box' for the Tuesday Tea Club members were distributed on Easter Saturday. These included Easter cards and chicks, individually wrapped scones, and cakes. Our thanks to Beverley for the idea and Elizabeth Crawford together with those who prepared them. Beverley and I prepared a special Easter service YouTube video for Archbishop Runcie School with music recorded by Diana Lavin. The Easter Morning scene, prepared by the 'Sew Knit and Natter' group was displayed in church, an electronic Easter card was sent out to young families and a Safe Service of Easter Hymns took place at Eothen House.

Spring

In April, following the death of Prince Philip, provision was made for floral tributes to be left at the Cross in the memorial garden. The church was open for personal prayer on Friday 16th April from 4.30pm, until a special service of remembrance was held at 6pm. On Saturday 17th April, the bells were tolled immediately prior to the funeral service at 3pm. Also in April a letter was received by the PCC from Elizabeth Crawford raising the issue of the need for a dishwasher in the Centre kitchen. This was installed in the autumn after many generous donations were forthcoming.

At the Annual meeting we gave thanks for the great contribution that Ros Place had made to the Church Community over the past 3 years as churchwarden. Ros served with such dedication, thoughtfulness and energy and she accomplished so much. We welcomed Christine Willoughby as churchwarden and were delighted when Paul Wilkinson agreed to continue in the role. I will give thanks for the contribution of many at the end of this report.

An event took place on May 13th which brought us not only national but also international fame. In the early hours of Thursday, thieves stole the bronze Calvary Cross from the Garden of Remembrance. The theft was discovered on Thursday morning just before Morning Prayer. Northumbria Police were informed and after raising with them the significance of the sculpture, a publicity campaign began involving articles in the press, on TV and messages on social media. Even a reward was offered. Investigations by Northumbria Police successfully tracked down our Calvary sculpture to a scrapyard in Walker and it was recovered. I was interviewed by ITV News and by BBC

Radio Newcastle. On one afternoon for 37 minutes the theft and its return were the top UK News on the BBC News Website. The story was picked up by news networks all over the world and I received messages from Australia, Canada and Nigeria as well as from all over the UK and of course Gosforth!

Until it was stolen, we did not realise its significance. In 1965, the sculptor, Frank Roper, cast the torso, arms and head separately, then welded them together. On its return we saw the welding of the head has become detached. To re-secure it, specialist welding would be needed. An able conservation specialist Graciela Ainsworth was appointed to carry out the repair. It was pointed out that a Calvary cross reinstatement event could be a valuable opportunity to involve the wider community. Future work will include uplighters, new security cameras and new plinth stonework.

In May, a Code of Conduct for PCC members and those who hold responsibility was brought to the PCC. This was as a result of people, on occasion, becoming less tolerant and thoughtful in their communications, particularly in e-mails (especially over the last difficult 16 months). The PCC affirmed that no-one must ever feel intimidated or anxious in their church role.

Once again, in May, we supported the Christian Aid collection, raising money for the world's poorest by making donations. The total raised by gifts rather than house collection, was a staggering £2565 - a magnificent achievement. Our thanks to Lesley Atkinson for overseeing the week. From 17th May it was possible to meet again indoors and with reduced restrictions, from 23rd May, it was possible once again, to hold parish breakfast in the Centre, remaining seated in groups of 6. After Zooming during April, Evolution Youth Group was able to meet in person at the end of May.

The bell-ringers were able to resume normal activities again at the end of June. Numbers in church were restricted until 21st June. The Tuesday Service of Holy Communion started on 15th June. Little Saints toddler group reopened on Tuesday 22nd June. In July, Ann Cross promoted a sponsored walk around the parish boundary (maps and description provided) in order to raise funds for major cancer charities in the North East.

Summer

In the summer, the significant importance of the Green was highlighted as an outdoor social, performance and practice area. A picnic was organised on the church green on July 4th. The weather was glorious and there was the opportunity to relax in the open air, enjoy the moment, exchange news and views and feel normal. We appreciated a variety of music played by the Semitones, who were openly grateful to have an audience, having been confined to practising since March 2020. We wrote messages of gratitude for positive experiences during the pandemic and lockdowns, a set of messages pegged up in church afterwards and left on display. Safety was maintained. Chairs were placed in socially-distanced groups so individuals could monitor their own movement and distance. The All Saints Centre defibrillator was deployed for effective use one summer night by a member of the Tennis Club. The following Sunday, the long-awaited and eagerly anticipated Pet Service was held on the church green (having been marked into suitably distanced family spaces), the sound system had been set up and a banner provided by the Evolution Youth Group had been strung at the entrance. Diana Lavin and Thomas Moorin provided music for the service. Beverley Davies and Jamie Donaldson were ready to welcome families with their pets. Despite the torrential rain, the owners were interviewed and each pet blessed.

Around thirty attended Dorothy Henderson's beautiful garden on a sunny Sunday afternoon at the end of July to enjoy the delicious cakes and strawberry cream scones. The Handlebards' performance of Macbeth on the Church Green in August was a great success. The event had been postponed for a year due to Covid restrictions. There were contingencies for bad weather but happily the sun shone. Our thanks to Ros Place for arranging this event (significantly well supported by the wider community).

Autumn

On 5th September we were delighted to welcome Bishop Mark to confirm four candidates from All Saints. Congratulations to Sadie McCabe, Joyce Jennings, Mina Corso and Imogen Longstaff. We marked a day of real celebration with our first hymn singing in church for over a year (behind masks of course!), and a slightly more formal service – as well as meeting Bishop Mark and the candidates over coffee and cake in the Centre after the service.

A Hub Church Model was explored during this time, heralding a possible change in our relationships with surrounding parishes beyond St Hugh's, with All Saints providing help and support. This could have led to the creation of a Hub Team. However, it later seemed that with the failure of the diocese to gain the support of the National Churches Strategic Investment Board in its bid for funding, the concept of hub churches was less certain.

Planning a music concert programme was possible in the autumn and gradually groups returned to the Centre after the summer break. On Sunday 19th September the street carnival band Meze Mundo launched our 'Music on the Green' project. On Sunday October 17th Heaton Voices sang to an audience. We were also able to host four world-class musicians for recitals at All Saints in the autumn, three piano soloists, and the fourth a guitarist. A new choir was started, led by Diana Lavin on a Tuesday afternoon, meeting in the Centre from October 12th from 4-5pm. A variety of genres to suit all tastes would be planned.

It was good to sing together again in church in September despite continued use of facemasks. School Harvest Services went ahead in October and the number of Home Communion services increased once these were possible. At our Harvest Service this year we were joined by our uniformed organisations. A humorous but powerful sketch about climate change was delivered as we remembered the COP26 conference in Glasgow in November. Prayers were also offered from Greta Thunberg's speech and the Beatles song 'Imagine' was 're-imagined' by Diana Lavin. We returned to taking Services in Eothen in November but could not do so in Moorfield House. School visits became possible once more and we welcomed over 200 children into church during November. I conducted assemblies every Friday and Beverley every two weeks in Archbishop Runcie School. We were also invited to conduct the Harvest Service in Archibald school. At the beginning of term comfort packs for Mums, prepared by the Mothers' Union to take home on their child's first day, were distributed at Archbishop Runcie School.

As regulations were eased, the Covid Risk Assessments for Church and the Centre had to be re-done by the clergy and churchwardens. Whereas before we were working to government regulations, it became the responsibility of the Churchwardens and PCC to set the regulations. Track and Trace was suspended but mask wearing in church continued to be the norm. In the Centre, all returning groups had to undertake a risk-assessment. All social events were expected to take great care. We were grateful for Charlie Mussett for his advice throughout the year.

As in previous years, the All Saints clergy were in charge of the Remembrance Day Service in Gosforth Park which again was attended by hundreds. Beverley largely organised the event, liaising with councillors, the military and uniformed groups. Beverley led the Service. It went very smoothly, thanks to careful preparation. Beverley and I also devised and led a Remembrance Service with the Lord Mayor of Newcastle at Kenton Hall, which was live streamed to Care Homes across the north east and Yorkshire.

During October there were four face-to-face discussion sessions to consider the book 'Walk Humbly' by Samuel Wells. On 12th December, the church Amnesty International Group met again in the Centre to recommence their writing of greetings cards.

The Renewal and Funding Group was formed in the summer to look at how we could best begin to deliver the All Saints Vision for the next five years. The group wrestled with a number of issues such as how are we to attract and retain newcomers? How do we involve more members of the congregation in the active life of the church in various roles? Also, how do we work to raise our profile in the wider community? The group looked at our current strengths and weaknesses and identified

three priority areas on which to focus our efforts. First, to consider how best All Saints can encourage families and children back into church. We sought feedback on how people might suggest ways this could be done. Second, rebuilding our volunteer base. The group were clear that many areas of our life that we took for granted are no longer happening or are being retained by a very small group of dedicated volunteers. We need more people to sign up to the many opportunities there are/will be for both regular and occasional support to help build our church community. Last of all, widening our funding base, particularly in the context of a drop in giving and a shortfall in funding. At our services on Advent Sunday we publicised our work so far and gave the congregation the opportunity to give their voice by responding to questionnaires. The group will continue to meet in 2022 to consider our new plans and action them.

At the November PCC Andrew Cole presented a proposal that we should support a Gosforth Branch of Tyneside Welcomes with the aim of enabling the resettlement of a refugee family. This would involve providing support, finding a residential property, getting local authority agreement and fund raising for a period of two years. Andrew reported that a local committee has been formed and good progress is being made, with local contacts made and good progress with fund raising. In November Hannah Marshall prepared afternoon teas in aid of the project. This will be an important project for 2022.

Advent and Christmas

A popular Advent Carol Service was held with fine singing by the choir followed by mulled wine. Three thousand Christmas cards were printed and distributed along with a note advertising our Christmas Fair and the community support project. The Fair proved to be a successful event with many visitors attracted both to the stalls in the Centre and the organ music, refreshments and model railway display in the church. We raised over £1700 - no mean feat in 2 hours - and it was a wonderful community event. Our grateful thanks go to the Fair mastermind - Dorothy Henderson! Local schools had to cancel their in-church services at the last minute (Covid reasons), however, Newcastle School for Boys recorded their Carol Service privately in Church. There was singing around the Parish on Tuesday 14th December at Moorfield's House, Eothen House, and Kenton Lodge. After Christmas carol singing on the green, a Christingle Service was held on the 19th December - with those baptised over the past 3 years invited. On Christmas Eve, the Crib Service (led by Ruth Birnie) and Stuart Henderson proved popular. The 4pm outdoor service, with about 200 attendees, was successful in that it attracted many who may not have felt comfortable at a formal service. Although 250 tickets had been allocated for the 6.30pm service, the actual attendance was nearer to 170. The Midnight Service was attended by around 40. In all, approximately 495 attended services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The Christmas lights at the top of the Tower that have served us well for the past 7 years were used once again!

Many losses

Very sadly we lost dear members of our community and reflections on their lives appeared in 'Keeping in Touch'. Among them were in February Bill Shaw, a true gentleman, modest and self-effacing, and friendly and welcoming, with that twinkle in his eye. The loss of David Hide was such a great blow. David had been Reader at All Saints since the 1970's being first licenced in 1954 and had played a prominent role as Diocesan Secretary for 22 years David was renowned for his generosity and kindness, for his clarity of thought and speech, and his beautifully crafted sermons. We were all deeply shocked by the death of Dee Matthews and with the loss of Chris Matthews. We would all acknowledge that they have left a huge hole in the life of our church. Both Dee and Chris were great givers and doers. Both were so respected and admired, hard-working, unfaltering and approachable, indeed, friends to many of us. The loss of Constance was also sorely felt. Faithful and ever hard working, Constance took part in bible study and discussion groups, was an intercessor, reader, tea maker and provider. She served on the Church Council and on the Deanery Synod. Lilian Henderson who died in April was a faithful member of the congregation for many years, and was famous for her scones which she regularly distributed at parish breakfast. Always unassuming, she made no claims for herself. Our hearts went out to the many loved ones in their grief.

Youth Work

Jamie Donaldson was appointed during March 2020 (but was unable to start work till September) at which time his 6 months' probation period had been interrupted by the two lockdowns when he was furloughed. Jamie's probationary period came to an end in the summer and his work with All Saints ended on 16th July. Our thanks to him for his contribution to our life. Since September, our Evolution Youth Group has been overseen by sessional youth workers from 'Youth for Christ'. The Youth Committee met to discuss a new appointment and design a new job description in November and December.

Other notable events

There were 11 weddings, 3 baptisms, 23 funerals and 3 burial of ashes during the year. A number of Weddings and Funerals were broadcast through YouTube. We were reminded in October of the important work that the Eco Group has done to make us aware of not using plastic. The Safeguarding Committee produced a flow chart that helped us understand how to obtain DBS and how best to raise an issue of concern. This was published on our website and is also available as a hard copy. During the year there was a discussion about Archbishop Runcie School Admissions Policy and 3 proposals were debated by the Governors: to retain the church qualification as at present, to extend the church qualification to all Christian churches in Gosforth or to drop any church qualification and make the school simply a neighbourhood school. The consultation began in December. The replacement of the lighting bollards outside the west end with LED ground lights was successfully completed at the end of the year and a web designer identified to help develop a new website. Keith Kennils stepped down from his role as our insurance representative. He had fulfilled the role since 2004 and we are grateful for all his attention and advice. John Lewis signed his contract to become Director of Music. A major Parish Self-Review document for the Diocese was completed (also one for St Hugh's) in the autumn and Katie Hogg became our Vulnerable and Young Persons Advocate.

St Hugh's

Beverley and I took on the responsibility for looking after the maintenance the building, with the help of Stuart Henderson.

Services resumed in March. On Easter Sunday the congregation was joined by members of Coxlodge Methodist Church. There was interest in new lettings during the year of the building space; not necessarily coming to fruition, but a number did, which meant that by the end of the year the building was used 6 days a week. After June the toddler group and ballet class restarted. During July and August and part of September we were delighted to offer St Hugh's as an NHS covid vaccination Centre for the area. Beverley oversaw a community event at St Hugh's on Saturday 17th July after local businesses, as well as local residents were contacted.

The church building went under a quinquennial inspection in July. The first baptism for two years took place on Sunday 11th July. The Liberdade Community Development Trust, the Disability Arts Organisation who run Gosforth Civic Theatre started using the church two days a week from September. First we kept in touch with the elderly congregation by phone and by letter and news sheets earlier in the year but were able to visit later in the year. Sadly two long standing members of the church died. Beverley visited Abbey Court Care Home, and children and staff from Regent Farm School were welcomed into the church. We were grateful to Canon Syd Connolly and Canon Richard Hill who covered a number of Services on Sundays. Our thanks also to Stuart as a financial assistant and to Fred Carr for the annual financial report.

Our Thanks

In conclusion I must first pay tribute to and thank all those who have given so much, voluntarily, to the mission and ministry of All Saints throughout 2021 including those I have already named. Peter Brown – our wise PCC Vice-Chair; Fred Carr – our dedicated Treasurer; Nick Glover – our committed PCC Secretary; to the Standing Committee of the PCC and the PCC itself. Lesley Atkinson for her overseeing many activities for the young, Charlie Mussett for his Covid-19 Risk Assessments and Centre Risk Agreements; Ann Shaw who single handed produced our Christingles; Pam Taylor and

Ann Cross who maintained regular contact with many who may have felt isolated; Paul Wilkinson, Christine Willoughby and Ros Place, our churchwardens who have worked immensely hard as the goalposts moved during the year. Chris Bolland has again been generous with his time and attention to our fees; Tom Barber, our new missions' secretary and Kath Davies our parish Safeguarding Officer who has kept us up to date with policy and training. There is also the choir and bell ringers. Additionally I think of those who kept the grounds tidy such as Keith Davies who cut the grass, all who acted as stewards, counted our collections, and served coffee at Parish Breakfast and many more.

I would like to thank Louise Waugh for her dedication and persistence along with John Lewis for his energy and imagination. I am very grateful to Tricia for her work as verger and caretaker and I pay tribute to the Ministry Team: to Beverley for her dedication and resilience in pursuing initiatives; to Ruth for taking a full part in the services and for following up individuals and also to Vic for maintaining contact with so many together with his contributions to our worship. Two of my quotes from last year's report seem a fitting conclusion here: 'We finished the year tired but more hopeful' and 'The essential issues of the human condition don't go away ... we have a Gospel to share ... we are well-placed to do this'. I am looking forward to 2022.

Andrew Shipton

Congregation and PCC Meeting Details

There were 220 members on the Electoral Roll on 31 December 2021 (222 on 31 December 2020). The average Sunday attendance counted in October 2021 was 112 (81 in October 2020). Services in church were suspended during the Coronavirus lockdown period from January until the end of March. Attendance numbers were much reduced because of restrictions due to space and caution among many. Online services continued throughout the year and were appreciated.

The PCC met 6 times in 2021; the first two meetings of the year being successfully held over Zoom. The average attendance was 78% (68% in 2020.) The PCC regularly receives reports from the its working groups and the Fabric committee, in particular, has provided a great deal of valuable and relevant material. Regular reports have also been received from the Deanery Synod. It was only possible to hold one Open PCC meeting on a Sunday morning, rather than the two that were planned.

Finance

The Coronavirus pandemic has continued to have a significant effect on All Saints finances in 2021, income and expenditure both being much lower than in other years.

The accounts show a deficit of £1,700 for 2021 before taking account of the gain of £7,244 in the market value of our investments. The accounts at the end of 2020 showed a surplus of £9,506 before taking into account an investment gain of £3,576.

Income

Total income, excluding legacies and grants increased from £191,092 in 2020 to £219,915 in 2021, the increase being due to the recovery of hall rent and church service collections after the coronavirus pandemic.

Planned Giving

There were 137 members in our Planned Giving scheme at 31 December 2021 compared with 141 at the end of 2020, the reduction being caused by deaths and parishioners who have relocated for family or employment reasons having exceeded new members joining during 2021. Planned Giving decreased by £2,439 (£108,963 in 2020, £106,524 in 2021).

Donations

Donations in 2021 totalled £15,021 which included £5,979 donated for particular purposes, the remaining £9,042 being from general ad hoc donations.

Tax Recovery

For 2021 we have claimed a GASDS allowance of £3,904 giving an income of £976. This is much less than the maximum GASDS allowance of £8,000 that we have claimed in previous years due to the large reduction in charity and general donations. GASDS and the gift aid recovered on Planned Giving and donations increased from £27,037 in 2020 to £28,462 in 2021.

Grants

During 2021 we were awarded two grants of £7,526 and £2,194 by Newcastle City Council for loss of business.

Expenditure

98% of expenditure is on activities related to the work of the church. The Parish Share and clergy costs support ministry at All Saints and elsewhere in the diocese. Church costs provide for worship at ordinary and special services. Expenditure on the All Saints Centre assists the mission of the church in the community at large.

Expenses for the year totalled £240,135 compared with £194,029 in 2020. As the expenditure this year is still affected by Coronavirus, comparison of individual category expenditure is not appropriate.

Livestream in the Church and a dishwasher in the Centre kitchen were paid for entirely by donations from parishioners.

Properties

In order to comply with the Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102 and the Charities Act 2011, the houses were re-valued at the date of transition to FRS 102 of 1 January 2015 with assigned values as follows:

- Old Clergy House - £210,000
- Verger's House - £225,000

The properties have now been re-valued at 31 December 2021 as follows:

- Old Clergy House - £225,000
- Verger's House - £240,000

Accurate valuation of the two properties is difficult as they are in the grounds of the Church with no vehicular access and are in an area of large expensive properties.

A review of average prices in the Gosforth area and in Tyne & Wear generally shows that there has been a small increase in property prices between 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2021. Each property has therefore been increased in value by £15,000 (approximately 7% increase).

Rents

The All Saints Centre continued to be used by a variety of different organisations and private parties except for a Coronavirus lockdown during January until March 2021. For the remainder of the year it has been used on and off by a small number of organisations. Rents received totalled £18,223 (£13,163 in 2020).

The Old Clergy House was occupied throughout the year. £9,000 was received in rent against expenses of £3,188.

The Verger's House was occupied most of the year. £9,540 was received in rent against expenses of £1,267.

Mission Giving

The PCC continued to support the work of the worldwide church by dedicating open plate cash collections at services to our Mission of the Month.

Donations to the Mission of the Month charities are underwritten by the PCC to guarantee that each charity receives a sum equal to 5% of All Saints previous year's planned giving and associated gift aid. During normal years, donations from the congregation have exceeded the underwritten amount so the underwriting guarantee was not relevant. During 2021 donations from the congregation have been significantly lower than usual, in some months zero. For this reason, the underwriting guarantee was reduced to 3% during January to March 2021.

Donations paid to charities totalled £12,639 (£8,958 in 2020) of which £996 was contributed from church funds to comply with the underwriting guarantee to Mission of the Month charities. £5,228 was collected at funerals and other events using the church.

McMahon Permanent Endowment Fund

Income from this fund was £549 which has been kept together with the £44 held over from 2020 to be carried over into 2022.

The Youth Project

The Youth Worker project income was £15,591 and the expenditure was £8,140 giving a surplus for the year of £7,541.

Legacies

Credit has been taken in the accounts for legacies from Elayne Nanette Thorburn and Mary Elizabeth Willetts and donations in memory of Marjorie McCain, Lilian Henderson, Margaret and John Calvert, Christopher Denys and Ann Deidre Matthews.

Expenditure from the Legacies Fund in 2020 was £19,062 for the cost of stonework pointing of the Church Centre and access lighting on the path at the north end of the church.

Bank Balances and Reserves

Bank balances and cash at 31 December 2021 totalled £104,700 compared with £100,177 at the end of 2020. £20,566 is in the Legacies fund, £51,156 is held for the Gloria Smith fund that finances the Youth Worker project and £5,971 is held in other funds for particular purposes. The remaining £27,007 (increased from £16,127 in 2020) is held in the General Income fund, together with the £10,440 due from debtors, to meet the amount of £15,319 due to the creditors and to provide working capital.

The Legacy fund has reduced from £62,556 in 2020 to £57,327 in 2021.

The Future

All Saints has substantial cash reserves but many of these are held in the Legacies fund and in the Gloria Smith fund. The low level of the General Income fund has been of particular concern for some time. In 2021 the General Income fund liquid reserves increased by £5,641 to £24,029 which is still a very low level considering that this is the fund that has to provide the resources for the all of the day-to-day transactions such as Parish Share, Clergy housing cost, salaries, energy costs, insurance, office supplies, Church, Church Centre and properties maintenance.

In 2021 there has been a significant surplus generated from the rents of the 2 houses and the surplus generated by the Centre rent was still significant, if reduced. Hopefully these rents' surpluses can be maintained during 2022. In 2022, the Parish Share is staying the same at £111,505. Hopefully the Planned Giving will hold up well enough during 2022 to at least maintain the General Income fund liquid reserves at its current level. New members are desperately required by the Planned Giving fund to offset the loss of donors through death, moving away or other reasons. A Renewal and Funding group has been formed to review the future finances of All Saints.

This together with other fund-raising activities and control of costs by ensuring best value for purchases and other expenses will hopefully allow the General Income fund to grow to a more comfortable level.

Acknowledgements

The PCC wish to express their gratitude for the generous legacies that have been received, to thank the many donors to the various appeals that have been made, and to pay tribute to all those members of the congregation who contribute regularly to the finances of All Saints or give of their time and talents to support its many activities.

On behalf of the Council

Andrew Shipton

Vicar, Chair of the Council
3 April 2022

**Independent Examiner's Report
For The Year Ending 31 December 2021**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 15 to 26.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

The church's trustees 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.

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 Church Accounting Regulations 2006 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.

Date 4 April 2022

**D Bulmer BA(Hons) ACA
For and on behalf of Haines Watts, Chartered Accountants**

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**Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2021**

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	MacMahon Permanent Endowment fund £	Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Income and Endowments	Note					
Voluntary income	2(a)	153,977	22,861	-	176,838	163,238
Trading activities	2(b)	36,763	-	-	36,763	31,703
Income from charitable activities	2(c)	12,572	2,075	-	14,647	4,568
Other income	2(d)	7,840	223	-	8,063	1,935
Income from investments	2(e)	1,576	548	-	2,124	2,091
Total income and endowments		212,728	25,707	-	238,435	203,535
Expenditure						
Raising funds	3(a)	1,318	-	-	1,318	707
Church activities	3(b)	217,438	21,379	-	238,817	193,322
Total expenditure		218,756	21,379	-	240,135	194,029
Net income / (expenditure) before investment gains		(6,028)	4,328	-	(1,700)	9,506
Net gains on investments		4,539	-	2,705	7,244	3,576
Net movement in funds		(1,489)	4,328	2,705	5,544	13,082
Gain on revaluation of fixed assets		30,000	-	-	30,000	-
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2021		515,944	52,799	18,909	587,652	574,570
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2021		544,455	57,127	21,614	623,196	587,652

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Balance sheet as at 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Properties	6		465,000		435,000
Investments	7		58,375		50,214
			<u>523,375</u>		<u>485,214</u>
Current assets					
Debtors and other amounts receivable	8	10,440		10,334	
Bank balances and cash in hand		104,700		100,177	
		<u>115,140</u>		<u>110,511</u>	
Creditors falling due within one year	9	<u>15,319</u>		<u>8,073</u>	
Net current assets			99,821		102,438
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>623,196</u>		<u>587,652</u>
Net assets			<u><u>623,196</u></u>		<u><u>587,652</u></u>
Funds					
Unrestricted - General Funds	10		86,983		88,472
Unrestricted - Revaluation Reserve			457,472		427,472
Restricted	10		57,127		52,799
MacMahon Permanent Endowment	10		21,614		18,909
Total funds	11		<u><u>623,196</u></u>		<u><u>587,652</u></u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 3 April 2022 and signed on its behalf

Andrew Shipton

Vicar, Chair of the Council
3 April 2022

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of financial statements and assessment of going concern

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011, in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations Act 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions and under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2019 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about All Saints' ability to continue as a going concern. Overall funds are still substantial despite having had significant costs, particularly for the Church heating system, the Church decoration and lighting and the Church bells refurbishment over the last 5 years.

Funds

Unrestricted or general funds are funds that are not subject to any restriction regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are restricted funds.

Restricted funds are funds that are subject to specific trusts as to how they may be used, which may be declared by the donors, or on their authority (as in the case of a public appeal) but still within the objects of the Church. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Permanent endowment funds are restricted funds which represent monies or other assets given with the specific instruction that only the income from them may be spent and that the capital must be retained permanently.

Income and Endowments

Voluntary income

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the donations are received.

Legacies are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount is quantifiable and its receipt is reasonably certain.

Trading activities

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised on an accruals basis when the Church is entitled to the rent.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Income from investments

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes. It includes dividends and interest. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on the revaluation of investments at the balance sheet date.

Expenditure

Church activities

The Diocesan Parish Share is accounted for when paid. All of the Parish Share due for 2021 was paid in 2021. Mission Giving and donations are accounted for when paid or when awarded if that award carries a binding obligation on the PCC.

All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by Chapter 2, Section 10 of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as unalienable property unless consecrated. In the case of unalienable property acquired prior to 1 January 2001 there is insufficient information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £2000, or the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2001 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is normally depreciated on a straight line basis over three years. Individual items of equipment with a net cost of £2,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Houses

The Old Clergy and Verger's Houses are valued in the accounts as at the 31 December 2021 market value.

Investments

Investments are stated in the balance sheet at their market value on 31 December 2021.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at the balance sheet date in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less a provision for any amounts which may prove uncollectable.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Pension fund

For eligible salaried employees the PCC participates in the Church of England Pension Builder Classic Scheme (PB Classic), within the Church Workers Pension Fund.

The PB Classic is a type of defined benefit scheme invested in line with the Church of England ethical investment policies. The assets of the PB Classic are held separately from those of the employer.

The PCC is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities as each employer is exposed to actuarial risks associated with the current and former employees of the other entities participating in the scheme. For schemes like this FRS 102 requires the PCC to account for the Scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme and recognise costs on the basis of contributions actually payable to the Scheme in the year.

The PCC contributes 5% of basic salary and employees contribute a minimum of 3.5% of basic salary, 0.5% being for life insurance cover. The contributions in 2021 totalled £1,325 (2020 - £961) and there were no contributions outstanding at year end.

A valuation of the scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent scheme valuation was carried out as at 31 December 2019. This showed a funding deficit of £4.8 million. At the most recent annual review, the Board chose to grant a discretionary bonus of 3% following improvements in the funding position. over 2021.

All Saints had 2 active members and 0 deferred members in the PB Classic Scheme at 31 December 2021.

Reserves

Reserves are held to cover liabilities shown in the balance sheet, future projects and to meet unexpected demands. The trustees aim to maintain overall reserves of cash and investments at a level which equates to 3 months of average expenditure while maintaining a positive balance of cash in the General Income fund.

Cash flow statement

The PCC have taken advantage of the exemption conferred by FRS 2 to dispense with the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement as the income is less than £500,000.

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Notes

2. Income and Endowments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds Youth project £	Other funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
2(a) Voluntary income					
Planned giving	96,290	10,234	-	106,524	108,963
Donations	9,042	-	5,979	15,021	6,984
Income tax recoverable	24,652	2,297	1,513	28,462	27,037
Furlough	5,473	2,838	-	8,311	7,811
Legacies and gifts in memoriam	8,800	-	-	8,800	1,425
Grants	9,720	-	-	9,720	11,018
	153,977	15,369	7,492	176,838	163,238
2(b) Trading activities					
All Saints' Centre lettings	18,223	-	-	18,223	13,163
Rent of Old Clergy House	9,000	-	-	9,000	9,000
Rent of Verger's House	9,540	-	-	9,540	9,540
	36,763	-	-	36,763	31,703
2(c) Income from charitable activities					
Fundraising and other events	4,306	-	-	4,306	809
Fees	8,266	-	2,075	10,341	3,759
	12,572	-	2,075	14,647	4,568
2(d) Other income					
Costs recovered - expenses, insurance claim and office charges	7,840	-	-	7,840	1,630
Subscriptions and travel costs recovered	-	223	-	223	305
	7,840	223	-	8,063	1,935
2(e) Income from investments					
Dividends	918	-	548	1,466	1,391
Bank interest received	658	-	-	658	700
	1,576	-	548	2,124	2,091
Total income and endowments	212,728	15,592	10,115	238,435	203,535

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3. Expenditure		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
3(a) Raising funds					
	Planned giving renewal expenses	-	-	-	70
	Fundraising costs	1,318	-	1,318	637
		<u>1,318</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,318</u>	<u>707</u>
3(b) Church activities					
	Ministry: Parish Share	111,505	-	111,505	111,505
	Clergy housing costs	4,109	-	4,109	3,741
	Clergy expenses	1,213	-	1,213	1,061
	Church: Altar requisites, vestments etc	1,170	-	1,170	1,112
	Cleaning, repairs and maintenance	3,200	-	3,200	1,160
	Window repair	-	-	-	2,130
	Livestream	848	7,648	8,496	-
	Light and heat	3,049	-	3,049	2,224
	Insurance	7,286	-	7,286	7,630
	Organist, choir, music etc	3,177	1,347	4,524	3,920
	Centre: Cleaning, repairs and maintenance	22,837	-	22,837	9,712
	Stonework pointing	16,320	-	16,320	-
	Access path lighting	2,742	-	2,742	2,962
	Dishwasher	-	3,128	3,128	-
	Insurance	1,953	-	1,953	2,051
	Light and heat	4,439	-	4,439	3,709
	Caretaker costs	7,217	-	7,217	7,086
	Misc. Mission and education	872	20	892	701
	Youth worker project	-	8,140	8,140	5,385
	Old Clergy House expenses	3,188	-	3,188	1,773
	Verger's House expenses	1,267	-	1,267	1,417
	Church Office	17,145	-	17,145	16,327
	Independent Examiners' costs	1,084	-	1,084	776
	Mission Giving shortfall	995	-	995	3,527
	Other costs	1,822	1,096	2,918	3,413
		<u>217,438</u>	<u>21,379</u>	<u>238,817</u>	<u>193,322</u>
Total expenditure		<u>218,756</u>	<u>21,379</u>	<u>240,135</u>	<u>194,029</u>

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4. Mission giving

The PCC continues to dedicate open plate collections to the Mission of the Month.

		<i>From Special Collections £</i>	<i>From Church Funds £</i>	<i>Total paid 2021 £</i>		<i>Total paid 2020 £</i>
Mission of the Month						
January	Cedarwood Trust	350	-	350	Cedarwood Trust	737
February	NIDAS	325	-	325	NIDAS	500
March	Friends of Murambinda Hospital, Zimbabwe	1,380	-	1,380	Friends of Murambinda Hospital, Zimbabwe	699
April	Church Mission Society	460	41	501	Church Mission Society	496
May	uS	384	117	501	uS	496
June	Cornerstone	476	25	501	Cornerstone	496
July	Mission to Seafarers	193	308	501	Mission to Seafarers	496
August	PCDC	259	242	501	PCDC	496
September	Northumbria Deaf Church	391	110	501	Northumbria Deaf Church	496
October	Walking With	581	-	581	Walking With	496
November	Shelter Box	435	66	501	Shelter Box	496
December	West End Refugee Service	414	87	501	West End Refugee Service	496
				<u>6,644</u>		<u>6,400</u>
Other donations						
Easter Day	Smile for Life	-	-	-	Smile for Life	-
Christingle	Children's Society	133	-	133	Children's Society	289
Christmas Eve	Christians Against Poverty	246	-	246	DEC	164
	Destiny Streetworx	246	-	246	Destiny Streetworx	164
Christmas Day	Caritas Baby's Hospital	142	-	142	Caritas Baby's Hospital	75
	Other charities	5228	-	5,228	Other charities	966
				<u>5,995</u>		<u>1,658</u>
				<u>12,639</u>		<u>8,058</u>

Note

The amounts listed above are considered to be direct income for the charities concerned and only pass through All Saints' bank account for recording purposes. Therefore these amounts are not included in either the income or the expenditure in these accounts. Any addition from church funds listed is included under miscellaneous expenditure.

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5. Staff costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	25,898	22,656
Social security costs *	-	-
Pension costs	1,325	961
Organists' fees	3,067	2,575
	<u>30,290</u>	<u>26,192</u>

* Employer National Insurance has a £2,000 allowance.

The PCC has employed a part-time administrator and a part-time caretaker throughout 2021 and a part-time children's and youth worker until 16 July 2021. The Fees paid to organists are also shown.

£8,311 was received from the Government as furlough benefits for the administrator, caretaker and the children's and youth worker.

6. Fixed assets

	At 1 Jan. 2021	Revaluation	At 31 Dec. 2021
	£	£	£
Properties at net book values	<u>435,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>465,000</u>

The properties comprise the All Saints' Centre (previously called the Church Hall), which has been written off in previous years, and the two adjacent houses, the Verger's House and the Old Clergy House. The Verger's House is valued at £240,000 and the Old Clergy House at £225,000, an increase of approximately 7% compared with the last valuation at 1 January 2015

The title to the land on which the All Saints' Centre and the two houses are situated is vested in the Church Commissioners.

All office equipment is fully depreciated or, in the case of individual items costing less than £2000, written off on acquisition.

7. Investments

These comprise 2,493 shares (2020 - 2,451) in the Central Board of Finance of The Church of England Investment Fund and are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Their cost was £15,194 (2020 - £14,276).

	£
Market value at 1 January 2021	50,214
Dividends reinvested	917
Unrealised gains	7,244
Market value at 31 December 2021	<u>58,375</u>

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8. Debtors and other amounts receivable

	2021	2020
	£	£
Prepayments	1,543	1,367
Income tax recoverable	3,584	4,590
Other debtors	5,313	4,377
	<u>10,440</u>	<u>10,334</u>

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Creditors for goods and services	12,071	2,183
Accruals	3,148	5,702
PAYE and national insurance contributions	100	188
	<u>15,319</u>	<u>8,073</u>

10. Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by :

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	MacMahon Permanent Endowment fund	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Properties	465,000	-	-	465,000
Office equipment	-	-	-	-
Investments	36,761	-	21,614	58,375
Net current assets	42,694	57,127	-	99,821
	<u>544,455</u>	<u>57,127</u>	<u>21,614</u>	<u>623,196</u>

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11. Statement of funds

	Balance 01-Jan-21 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Revaluation/ Investment gains £	Balance 31-Dec-21 £
Permanent endowment	18,909	-	-	2,705	21,614
Restricted Funds					
Music development	1,060	875	1,347	-	588
Gloria Smith fund	43,705	15,591	8,140	-	51,156
Donations and fundraising for specific purposes	7,990	8,692	11,892	-	4,790
Income from Permanent Endowment	44	549	-	-	593
Total restricted funds	52,799	25,707	21,379	-	57,127
Unrestricted					
General income					
Properties*	435,000	-	-	30,000	465,000
Cash Deposits	18,388	203,434	199,694	-	22,128
Legacies fund	62,556	9,294	19,062	4,539	57,327
	515,944	212,728	218,756	34,539	544,455
Total funds	587,652	238,435	240,135	37,244	623,196

* Included in the Properties fund is a Revaluation Reserve of £457,472 (£427,472 in 2020)

MacMahon Permanent Endowment Fund

Under the Will of Alice Mary MacMahon, who died on 6 April 1966, this fund is held on trust to apply the income of the fund in the maintenance, repair and upkeep of the fabric of the church and the churchyard.

Gloria Smith Fund

This represents the monies raised less expenditure to date for the Youth Project.

Donations and fundraising for other specific purposes

This comprises donations, fundraising and grants for specific items such as the refurbishment of the Church and All Saints' Centre and its equipment.

Income from Permanent Endowment

Income from the MacMahon fund is credited to this fund. Costs in connection with maintenance as defined above are charged against it to the extent that the available income allows.

Music Development Fund

This provides funds for improvements to music for worship including the funding of an Organ Scholar.

11. Statement of funds (continued)

Legacies Fund

Legacies are often accompanied by instructions as to the use of the monies. Alternatively an attempt may be made to match a legacy with the purchase of a specific item or the funding of specific expenditure that results in something of a permanent nature. The balance of the fund held represents the value of legacies and gifts in memoriam received without specific instructions as to their use. This is used for significant capital projects associated with the Church or Church Centre. 75% of the bank interest earned in 2021 has been allocated to the Legacies fund and 25% to the General Income fund.

The resulting position is as set out in the following table:

	General income £	Legacies fund £	Total unrestricted funds £
Properties	465,000	-	465,000
Investments	-	36,761	36,761
Net current assets	22,128	20,566	42,694
	<u>487,128</u>	<u>57,327</u>	<u>544,455</u>

12. Related party transactions

Expenses payable to the Revd Canon Andrew Shipton and the Revd Beverley Davies amounted to £1,213. The Revd Canon Andrew Shipton has occupied a house attached to his appointment since September 2014. Costs borne by the PCC in connection with the Vicarage during 2021 totalled £4,109. No allowances for expenses incurred in the course of work for the church were paid to any other member of the PCC during 2021.

Accounts

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Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
for the year ended 31 December 2020

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ALL SAINTS' PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Aims and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (referred to as 'the PCC' or as 'the Council' of All Saints' Church, Gosforth, in the diocese of Newcastle) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent ('the Vicar') in promoting the whole mission of the church in the ecclesiastical parish.

The PCC has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and the Church Centre, both of which are in West Avenue Gosforth, and also for two properties adjacent to the Centre. The Church Office is located within the Church Centre.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the PCC are defined by the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 as 'to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical'.

The All Saints' mission statement is:

Working together as a church we are pursuing a vision to put All Saints at the heart of the wider community. Our vision is to be a vibrant, inclusive, compassionate, outward looking church with a sensitive and thoughtful approach to faith, where there is excellent pastoral care with encouragement for all, where diversity is welcomed and our worship inspires us to transform the world.

The main activities of the All Saints' PCC are:-

- co-operation with the incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and commercial.
- the provision of regular public worship that is open to all.
- the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation.
- the provision of pastoral work including the visiting of the sick, the elderly and the bereaved.
- the teaching of the Christian faith through sermons, home groups, youth and children's meetings and links with local schools.
- the promotion of the Christian faith through various events for the elderly, parents, children, young people and other special needs groups organised by the clergy and PCC and through the distribution of the parish newsletter and magazine.
- making known and putting into effect any provision made by the Diocesan Synod or the Deanery Synod, but without prejudice to the powers of the PCC on any particular matter.
- giving advice to the Diocesan Synod and the Deanery Synod on any matter referred to the PCC.
- raising such matters as the Council consider appropriate with the Diocesan Synod or Deanery Synod
- repairing and maintaining all church buildings, and raising the money for this purpose.
- providing proper insurance for all aspects of the parish life.
- responsibilities under the Health and Safety Act, Data Protection Act, the Food Act, Copyright Act and Child Protection Act.

Membership

Members of the PCC are ex officio, co-opted, or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) or at the first meeting of the PCC in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year, the following served as members of the Council:

Incumbent	Revd Canon Andrew Shipton	From Sept. 2014
Churchwardens	Mr Paul Wilkinson	From 2018 APCM
	Mrs Christine Willoughby	From 2020 APCM
Deanery Synod representatives Until 2023 (ex-officio)	Mr Peter Brown (Lay Vice Chair)	
	Ms Diane Kirkup	
	Mrs Rosamund Place	
	Mrs Pamela Taylor	
Elected members Until 2021	Mr Nick Glover	
	Ms Alison Proudfoot	
	Mrs Karen Parkhouse	
	Mrs Nicola White	
	Mrs Dorothy Henderson	
	Mrs Katie Hogg	
Elected members Until 2022	Mr Chris Jenkins	Resigned in Sept. 2020
	Mrs Diana Lavin	
	Mrs Ethel Randall	
	Mrs Margaret Patterson	
	Mrs Lesley Ogilvie	
Elected members Until 2023	Ms Alison Wilson	
	Dr Claudia Newbegin	
	Mrs Marian Coulson-Cave	
	Mrs Felicity Shoesmith	
	Miss Edith Davison	
	Mr Joe Vera-Sanso	
Assistant Priest	Revd Ruth Birnie (ex-officio)	
Assistant Curate	Revd Beverley Davies (ex-officio)	
Safeguarding Officer	Ms Kath Davies, co-opted for 1 year	
Treasurer	Mr Fred Carr, co-opted for 1 year	
Secretary	Mr Nick Glover	

Ms Kath Davies was co-opted at the first meeting of the PCC following the 2020 APCM and continued to serve as the Safeguarding Officer. Mr Fred Carr was co-opted at the same PCC meeting, and continued to serve in his capacity as PCC Treasurer.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. Following changes in the relevant legislation it has registered as a charitable body with the Charity Commission. The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules.

The PCC has nominated officers responsible for Health and Safety (including disability discrimination issues) and Safeguarding (of children and vulnerable adults) who receive training and information from the diocese and cascade this to the wider PCC as appropriate. These issues are standing items on the agenda for meetings of the PCC.

The Standing Committee, comprising the Vicar, the Churchwardens, Lay Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and two elected members of the PCC, has the power to transact the business of the Council between its meetings. The Standing Committee deals with detailed operational issues concerning the deployment of resources (buildings, money and staff) within the overall strategic framework determined by the PCC, and reports to each Council meeting. A sub-group of the Standing Committee, the Fabric Committee, deals with more detailed fabric issues. Working Groups of the PCC meet regularly and conduct business on behalf of the PCC. One or more of these groups provides feedback at each PCC Meeting. These groups act as official sub-groups of the PCC covering between them all areas of church life and mission: Pastoral, Education and Discipleship, Outreach and Communication, Mission and Justice, Social and Events. All PCC members serve on at least one of these groups, most of which also have co-opted members from the wider congregation. The groups meet approximately four to six times a year and report regularly to the PCC.

Other subcommittees include the Youth Committee, which is responsible for the work with children and young people and the Safeguarding Group, which is responsible for child protection, the care of vulnerable adults and related issues. Other time-limited sub-groups may be formed and then disbanded once their remit has been fulfilled, according to the direction of the PCC. Numerous other groups and committees operate within the auspices of the church. Whilst not formal sub-committees of the PCC, they play a valuable part in church life and their activities are explained in more detail later in the document which accompanies this report.

The major risks to which the PCC is exposed are identified and managed through the appropriate officer or sub-group (e.g. through insurances or Health and Safety assessments). One-off issues are risk-assessed as required by the PCC.

Vicar's report

As a prelude to the report proper, I firstly must pay tribute and say thanks to all who have given so much, voluntarily, to the mission and ministry of All Saints throughout 2020.

Peter Brown – PCC Vice Chair; Fred Carr – our dedicated Treasurer; Nick Glover – PCC Secretary; Dorothy Henderson & Dee Matthews – for masterminding the 'Taste of Christmas'; Stuart Henderson, who successfully acquired grants for St Hugh's and has helped continuously in maintaining the fabric of the building; Diana Lavin who set up a choir at Archbishop Runcie Church of England First School, redesigned the Newsletter, sang the Eucharist hymns and played the organ preludes and postludes during the first lockdown. She set up a Zoom 'Just Sing' in May and is now assisted by Thomas Moorin, an ex-chorister of ours; Peter Mitchell, who during the first lockdown provided Sunday Evening Prayer and has continued to make services accessible through his livestreaming each Sunday since July. Since then, his continued resilience in the face of many issues and provision of his own equipment for our benefit is to be applauded. He also enabled us to provide worship by telephone; Charlie Mussett for his Covid-19 Risk Assessments and Centre Risk Agreements. He has continued to update these Risk Assessments in the face of regularly changing Government guidelines so that not only were we able to continue to meet safely but also stay within the law; Ann Shaw – single handed production of our Christingles; Pam Taylor who maintained regular contact with her MU colleagues; Christine Willoughby who spearheaded the new 'Keeping in Touch' publication; Dawn Yeamans, who last January introduced a new weekly 'Mind and Body' Dance session at the Church Centre. Paul Wilkinson and Ros Place, our churchwardens, have given themselves generously in tackling so many challenges and we owe them a great debt of gratitude for their immense hard work. There are so many more to thank whom I do not have the space to mention by name, such as those who acted as stewards, maintaining the safety of worshippers. I will refer to the Ministry Team at the end of the report.

This past year was extraordinary for its trial and innovation in the face of threat with few of us realising that we would face more difficulties and deeper challenges in the latter months. After March there remained a post traumatic unease across the community which eased during the summer months but was keenly felt again as we approached the end of the year. As I write during this third lockdown, we remain unsure as to how the future will look.

Despite it being an unsettling and confusing period, the Ministry Team attempted to see this as a time of challenge and opportunity. An early mantra in the face of isolation and uncertainty was 'maintain connections, create new connections, and strengthen relationships.' It felt an appropriate time to hold a vision of life that looked beyond self-concern and explore in depth the wisdom of our ancient Christian faith in order to help us make sense of what we were experiencing. Trying to tell the story of the year is in itself a challenge because the context changed frequently. Looking back, utilising social media was vital. The temptation too often was to retreat - to bunker down and pretend that things would soon return to normal.

The year began with many plans and activities. Some of us will remember hearing speakers deliver their presentations. At the January PCC, the Diocesan Generous Giving Adviser (Joanne Christie) explained how contactless donations could be achieved by encouraging us to purchase a "Good Plate" whereby we could give by card. The following month at the Open PCC on 9th February, Simon Mason, from Tyne and Wear Citizens UK, quizzed us about our commitment to working towards challenging the structures of injustice in our society.

We made progress from the beginning of the year. The church sound system had been improved in January; a new Children, Families and Youth Co-ordinator's job description was re-crafted and the post advertised; we took long term loan of a Bechstein concert grand piano and a monthly concert programme was planned from March until December, as was an All Saints' Conference for the 27th June at Shepherds Dene for up to 35 people. (This was to be an opportunity to review our progress over the year). There was a service of prayer for Christian unity on 19th January attended by 75 which included many of our friends from 'Christians Together' in Gosforth and on 25th February we welcomed the congregation of the Holy Name, Jesmond to Evensong. As well as our weekly services, our monthly Café Church was popular and a well-attended Messy Church took place also in February. A weekly 'Mind, Body and Dance' session began in the Church Centre on 27th January. Two services were maintained weekly at St Hugh's. Subcommittees of the PCC met regularly. A Tyne & Wear Citizens listening campaign was under way. An Archbishop Runcie School Key Stage 2 choir (having been set up in September 2019) was now well established and helped support music in collective worship (now often taking place more than twice a week).

At St Hugh's much was being done by Beverley (Davies) and Isaac Wilkinson to rebuild relationships with the wider community. A Café Church - style service was soon to be tried, effectively trying to sow the seeds of a new congregation. Two toddler groups were thriving.

Early in February, Safeguarding Training took place in the Church Centre (relevant to all working with young people and the vulnerable); with thanks to John Lewis's inspiration and effort, plans were afoot for the performance of 'Jesus Christ Superstar' on Good Friday and the choir were practising the songs; there was to be Schools' Week in early June and we were also looking forward to Handlebards' performance of Shakespeare on the Church Green on 12th August; 13 weddings were booked; Beverley had led a retreat day for a Woman's Fellowship and following a successful interview on March 14, Jamie Donaldson was appointed as Youth Worker.

When the pandemic became a factor in March, we agonised over whether we should hold parish breakfast. It was mid-March when the government decreed that we must stay at home for the foreseeable future and it took some time to absorb what this meant. The Tuesday Tea Club had to close as did Sew Knit and Natter; the Painting Group, young people's activities and in fact all activities that took place in the Centre. Throughout March and April and for Easter, even I was not allowed to go into church. From the end of April Louise Waugh and Tricia Maylia joined the Government's Job Retention Scheme. Louise returned at the end of August to be furloughed once more during the second lockdown. Tricia returned to work solely for the month of October. They were a great miss. Their absences directly resulted in Beverley and myself absorbing extra administrative and other tasks.

So we embarked on a journey to a different place and we are still travelling! Although no real substitute for actually being together, the 'Zoom' platform afforded us many opportunities, over the year, to be able to see each other, to share conversations, as at parish breakfast, PCC, morning coffee events; to join the 'Just Sing' sessions on Friday morning, in a study group, and for the young

people in their 'Evolution' sessions. Notwithstanding its frustrations, it certainly has meant that many of us were enabled to see each other over the months.

During the first lockdown, attempts at maintaining services online were rapidly developed. Firstly the 'Cast Box' app was tried followed by a swift move to YouTube. In the beginning, not being permitted to enter the church I filmed from the vicarage. There were many frustrations – not only was grappling with the demands of filming and recording a challenge (with basic equipment) but also immense elation when something finally worked – progress! Beverley assembled the weekly power point presentations, incorporating the essential components for the 40 minute services appearing on our website. Some will remember the Easter Day Service partly filmed in the vicarage garden. All recordings had to be done at home. I was eventually permitted to access the church buildings in May and so filming could then take place on site. By the end of the month, still no news had been received from Church authorities concerning re-opening for communal worship. The Church Centre remained fully closed until June.

During that time, countless new ideas were tried, for example, reaching out to dozens of young families with an electronic Easter activity card. As you'd expect, some of these ideas produced mixed responses. There was a limerick competition, quizzes and an overwhelming response to the request for photos of beautiful spring flowers. A 'Tik Tok' style competition was offered to our teenagers, and who can forget the poem 'Coronavirus Spring' composed by Dermot Killingley that featured on our website? Many letters were sent and phone calls made to the St Hugh's congregation. There was much effort made to keep in touch and to help stay engaged with as many as possible. Beverley, Ruth, Vic and I had a long list of people we regularly attempted to phone. We all agreed how frustrating it was not to visit.

In June, when restrictions were first lifted, great effort went into being ready for the opening of the church (initially just for private prayer) and even more preparation was necessary for our first public service on 12th July, the first since March.

Sadly, we conducted a number of funerals (some of which were COVID-related). During the year, 17 services were conducted at the crematorium, we held 5 funerals in church and officiated at 7 burials of ashes, all subject to restrictions. In all this, our contact with families was, sadly, also limited. All weddings were postponed except for one in October and one in December, and we had one baptism. Memorial Services arranged for the autumn could not take place.

There were other initiatives. Always conscious that many in the two parishes would require not only practical help but also enjoy conversation in their isolation, the clergy, and others used an app to offer support and published phone numbers to ring on weekday afternoons. The first edition of a new monthly magazine 'Keeping in Touch' was launched. Aimed as a means of helping the people of both churches keep up with news, focus their prayers and provide light entertainment, so far, this has proved very popular. The weekly Friday online 'Just Sing' sessions have run from the start of the first lockdown and have remained very popular. The music range has been extensive, from musicals and songs of the 30's through to more contemporary music. The lyrics and YouTube links are sent out beforehand to enable participants, if appropriate, to practise. It has been a time to relax, share conversation, tell jokes and have fun on a Friday morning.

The clergy held Morning Prayer via 'Zoom' during the lockdowns. The continued input of Isaac Wilkinson our "Pastoral Assistant" at All Saints and St Hugh's in 2020 (part of the Ministry Experience Scheme offered by the Church of England for those wanting space to explore their vocation to ordained ministry) was much appreciated. We grieved with Isaac when he lost his father (the Vicar of Humshaugh with Wark and Simonburn) during Holy Week. Later in the summer, Isaac was selected for training for the ministry and started at Cranmer Hall, Durham in September. We enjoyed his sermons and vitality and his contribution to our life.

Private prayer in church was permitted by the government from the 13th June and thus it started, the result of meticulous preparation. Posters were designed, spaces in pews marked out, and even a video was produced on how to pray safely. There were 3 sessions per week, to keep to a manageable level. However, after a review of our arrangements, on the 22nd June (following 2

unfortunate incidents), we decided these sessions needed to be supervised. I cannot stress enough the tremendous effort taken to make the church safe. Calculations had to be made to ascertain the new permitted capacity of the church and to prepare what was to be a Risk Assessment for all that we do, now almost 100 pages long.

As stated above, lockdown has meant exploring different forms of worship, in addition to adapting to new guidelines and procedures in church (July). Our first act of public worship after the first lockdown was Morning Prayer on Sunday 12th July (also at St Hugh's). This was possible after careful preparation with the rules and guidelines strictly adhered to, paying particular attention to social distancing, automatic sanitiser machines, health check questions and track & trace. Doors remained open to assist ventilation. This was live streamed for the first time on 19th July. On Saturday 1st August we held our first Eucharist in church, (celebrated at the end of August at St Hugh's), said goodbye to Isaac Wilkinson at a special informal service on 9th August whilst at the same time welcoming our new Youth Worker Jamie Donaldson.

St Hugh's was an area which required careful thought and well-considered action. As stated earlier, Beverley and I kept in phone contact and sent out letters and cards. Members of All Saints bought and delivered shopping to those who were shielding. Sadly neither Weightwatchers nor the Bridge Club were able to return in the summer. The Toddler group met towards the end of the year and a new children's ballet class used the facilities. There was some rental interest from 3 other groups but the necessary Covid secure requirements proved an unacceptable obstacle for them. Services took place every two weeks. With no churchwardens, it was necessary for a team from All Saints to maintain the fabric of the building, cut the grass, clean the toilets and keep the kitchen in good order. After some difficulty, a claim for Gift Aid, was submitted and grants were received from government schemes in the summer with another later in the year. Our thanks to Fred Carr who prepared the accounts for the annual meetings at St Hugh's in October.

Broadcasting from church rather than creating a pre-recorded service was a theme of the weekly Standing Committee meetings in the summer. The Committee met from May through to July to deal with immediate issues including time spent investigating the best equipment for live streaming with several companies being approached and quotes obtained. The biggest challenge was to be clear about the specific equipment needed. Essentially, this would require Wi-Fi in church and well-positioned cameras. Wider community engagement was the overriding objective.

Streaming onto Facebook from 18th July was initially via mobile phone. There were many issues to contend with during this time, sound quality to name just one. Perseverance was appreciated, all of us being conscious that many, having neither the access nor the confidence to engage with technology just felt cut off. The next stage of this technology development is to commission a fully integrated streaming system and thanks to Ros Place we have received a grant of £3,350 to assist with this. We will be going out to tender shortly, with a much clearer idea of the system we are looking for. We were also glad to introduce telephone worship (now superseded by a superior one). In August much preparation work was done creating a series of Covid-19 specific Risk agreements and Risk Assessments for the Centre. These were sent to all Centre user groups explaining necessary action that the church would undertake and our expectation of what each group would do to avoid the spread of the virus.

From September, life did seem different. Jamie Donaldson joined us on 1st September and our first service, especially aimed at young families, 'Jonah and the whale', was prepared. This took place on 20th September and was well-attended. There were forward plans for a Pet Service on 15th November but unfortunately this had to be postponed due to the second lockdown. I continued to conduct worship at Archbishop Runcie Church of England First School every Friday but always outside in the playground, even on very cold mornings. Beverley and Jamie alternated on Wednesdays. A few young people did attend worship during the summer but parents were concerned about children joining groups outside their school bubble. This concern also curtailed other children's and youth activities. Some uniformed groups like the cubs and scouts met remotely. Jamie prepared videos for class worship which were sent to 3 schools. These were much appreciated and he was able to do some of his work, including the Evolution Group, using Zoom. On Saturday 10th October, Beverley Davies's delayed ordination as priest took place at St George's, Jesmond. We were

delighted that she was able to celebrate her first communion service the following day at All Saints and the week after at St Hugh's.

The annual meetings were held on 18th October in church and were also live-streamed. Being a churchwarden brings a big responsibility and in a time of transition and challenge it can be exhausting a fact that was recognised by all. We were immensely grateful for Ros' dedication, creativity and energy during her three and half years in office. She had given so much, been supportive, encouraging and practical. It had been more than a full-time job, and we wished her well-deserved space and a true sense of satisfaction knowing that she had fulfilled the role so well. We were also pleased to welcome Christine Willoughby as her successor.

Autumn saw further developments. Members of the choir began to sing during Eucharist with John Lewis as cantor. The carefully prepared Harvest Service was non Eucharistic. The Amnesty Vigil could be followed at home, with readings provided on the website to guide thoughts and prayers in remembering those unjustly imprisoned. All Saints' Day was celebrated in a quiet way. There were two All Souls services to which many who lost loved ones during the past 12 months were invited. An additional Service was held on Monday 2nd November when loved ones from previous years were remembered.

On Wednesday 25th November, a number of us were able to attend (via zoom) the Tyne & Wear Citizens Assembly when at the culmination of the listening campaign, decisions were made on priorities for Tyne & Wear Citizens for the next 2 years. Beginning on Wednesday 18th November and concluding on 9th December, the Advent themes were studied via four Zoom sessions. We looked at passages in St Luke's Gospel and we explored what they might mean for us today. The second Lockdown (which began on the 3rd November) meant we had to produce a further four YouTube services including one for Remembrance and also the first Sunday in Advent. The Gosforth Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph in the Park was a recorded event held an hour before the public would normally gather. During this time Peter Brown was able to win a second grant from the Council to support our work.

Despite the restrictions of Lockdown we made plans for Christmas. The Second Lockdown did not deter our attempt to bring a little Christmas cheer by a project that would seek to echo the experience of a Christmas fair. The Festive Cheer project was launched by a group of volunteers willing to bake and make craft items (all featured on the website) with all proceeds going to All Saints.

The 'Light in the Darkness' project, intended to illuminate the church in the run up to Christmas, was a journey in which much was learned. When we realised that a traditional Christmas could not take place we began working on an alternative plan to make the church into a beacon of light in the dark to the community. Initially our ambitious scheme was to employ lighting technicians to project coloured lights onto the exterior of our church and illuminate the columns and arches on the inside. However, Lockdown regulations prevented this plan. Undeterred, we sought to illuminate external architectural features and project light from the inside, through the stained glass windows. A test had taken place in mid- November. The tower looked impressive but the equipment needed supervision and this would be restricted to 2-3 hours a night. Also, the internal lights were not powerful enough to create the impact we desired. Next, we investigated installing powerful Christmas lights at the top of the tower but these could not be supplied in time (and we were concerned about any impact on neighbours and other regulations). In the end, our usual domestic Christmas lights were displayed around the tower. We gained much insight and knowledge through the project! Donations given have been ring-fenced to illuminate the church next Christmas (making reference to all experience gained). In future, we concluded that planning for an event such as this really needs to start up to a year in advance.

As Christmas approached we knew, because of their popularity, that services would have to be booked in advance. In addition there would be no congregational singing and that everyone would have to stay in their seats. The permission granted by the government later in December, for congregations to sing outside changed our plans. A Christmas card was prepared and printed in the office for distribution across the parish. Keith Davies recorded an encouraging message as Santa Claus for children which was featured on the website. An interactive Christingle service was well-

attended. Children signed one song, did actions for another and decorated their Christingles from materials individually wrapped and provided in the pews. For the Crib service, children were invited to come dressed up as Kings, Shepherds, and Sheep. There were activities to do by themselves in the pews. "Follow the Star" was an event involving a star-seeking interactive trail around the parish, ending at church with a nativity Scene (south porch). Participants brought a non-perishable gift of food to leave at the manger, for the West End Food Bank. There was a disappointing personal response but a lot of interest shown on Facebook.

On Christmas Eve the church was open from 9.30am – 10.30am for private Reflection. A great deal of work was put into the two Christmas Eve Carol Services on the green; they generated a lot of interest and appreciative comments. This was truly a military operation overseen by Charlie Mussett who had calculated that the green could accommodate 40 household units, in standing area pens, each pen holding a maximum of 6 people - a capacity of between 40 and 240 people. The Eventbrite booking system was used. There had been confusion over what booking a 'pen' meant. Volunteers were recruited and asked to read instructions and attend the briefing ahead of each service. We were grateful for the practical help in putting pins into the ground to construct the pens. On the morning, the gazebo sheltering the sound system almost blew away but many appreciated the opportunity to sing carols, even in the driving snow! Christmas Day proceeded 'as normal' with a non-bookable service.

I would like to pay tribute to the Ministry Team: to Beverley and her persistence and tenacity particularly in mastering YouTube and Eventbrite; to Ruth in taking a full part in the services and her diligence in phoning many over the months and Vic for also maintaining contact with many of the congregation together with his contributions to our worship. Between us, many sermons and prayers have been recorded.

Enduring 'lockdown' has brought home to me the importance of being adaptable, always improvisatory and agile as we look to the future. Our experience has led us to reflect on our internal and external communications and question how, as we move forward, a wider range of music and a greater variety of services can be incorporated into our worshipping life. During the year there have been changes. We have created a new logo, a fresh-looking newsletter, a re-designed 'Keeping in Touch' magazine, and a new look website is in the offing.

I came to the end of the year thinking that we as a faith community have much to share: we offer a sense of purpose, hope and the opportunity to start again. When things are tough, it is so tempting to look inward and be defensive, dig in and refuse to change, but now, more than ever, is the time to focus on our calling and see we are always on a journey. The preoccupations of the Christian faith are being focused on by many, as they try to make sense of their experience at this time. People in their everyday lives are thinking about issues such as what is just, the reality of undeserved suffering, on what forgiveness means and the importance of companionship and compassion. Also, how are we going to relate to each other post-pandemic?

The essential issues of the human condition don't go away. We have a gospel to share to address these concerns and as we begin 2021 we are well placed to do this. The journey continues!

Andrew Shipton

Congregation and PCC Meeting Details

There were 222 members on the Electoral Roll on 31 December 2020 (221 on 31 December 2019). The average Sunday attendance counted in October 2020 was 81 (196 in October 2019). Services in church were suspended during the Coronavirus lockdown periods in March, April, May and November but continued online. Attendance numbers were much reduced because of Coronavirus but online services continued throughout and were well attended and appreciated.

The PCC met 5 times in 2020; this was fewer meetings than normal for obvious reasons and two of the meetings were successfully held over Zoom. The average attendance was 68% (74% in 2019.) The PCC regularly receives reports from the its working groups and the Fabric committee, in particular, has provided a great deal of valuable and relevant material. Regular reports have also

been received from the Deanery Synod. It was only possible to hold one Open PCC meeting on a Sunday morning, rather than the two that were planned.

Finance

The Coronavirus pandemic has had a significant effect on All Saints' finances in 2020, income and expenditure both being much lower than in other years.

The accounts show a surplus of £9,506 for 2020 before taking account of the gain of £3,576 in the market value of our investments. The accounts at the end of 2019 showed a deficit of £8,497 before an investment gain of £6,824.

Income

Total income, excluding legacies and grants decreased from £218,666 in 2019 to £191,092 in 2020, the decrease being due to the reduction in hall rent and church service collections because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Planned Giving

There were 141 members in our Planned Giving scheme at 31 December 2020 compared with 154 at the end of 2019, the reduction caused by deaths and parishioners who have relocated for family or employment reasons having exceeded new members joining during 2020. Planned Giving decreased by £2,129 (£111,092 in 2019, £108,963 in 2020).

Donations

Donations in 2020 totalled £6,984 which included £852 donated for particular purposes, the remaining £6,132 being from general ad hoc donations.

Tax Recovery

For 2020 we have claimed a GASDS allowance of £2,860 giving an income of £715. This is much less than the maximum GASDS allowance of £8,000 that we have claimed in previous years due to the large reduction in charity and general donations. GASDS and the gift aid recovered on Planned Giving and donations decreased from £31,413 in 2019 to £27,037 in 2020.

Grants

During 2020 we were awarded two grants of £5,000 and £2,668 by Newcastle City Council for loss of business. We were also awarded a grant of £3,350 by Allchurches Trust towards the cost of a livestream system.

Expenditure

98% of expenditure is on activities related to the work of the church. The Parish Share and clergy costs support ministry at All Saints and elsewhere in the diocese. Church costs provide for worship at ordinary and special services. Expenditure on the All Saints' Centre assists the mission of the church in the community at large.

Expenses for the year totalled £194,029 compared with £232,236 in 2019. As the expenditure this year is so badly affected by Coronavirus, comparison of individual category expenditure is not appropriate.

Properties

In order to comply with the Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102 and the Charities Act 2011, the houses were re-valued at the date of transition to FRS 102 of 1 January 2015 with assigned values as follows:

- Old Clergy House - £210,000
- Verger's House - £225,000

and have been left unchanged for 2020.

Rents

The All Saints' Centre continued to be used by a variety of different organisations and private parties until March 2020 when the first Coronavirus lockdown occurred. For the remainder of the year it has been used on and off by a small number of organisations. Rents received totalled £13,163 (£25,922 in 2019). This includes £224 charged against the Dementia Tea Club project and £305 charged against Young Saints and Little Saints for use of the Centre.

The Old Clergy House was occupied throughout the year. £9,000 was received in rent against expenses of £1,773.

The Verger's House was occupied most of the year. £9,540 was received in rent against expenses of £1,417.

Mission Giving

The PCC continued to support the work of the worldwide church by dedicating open plate cash collections at services to our Mission of the Month.

Donations to the Mission of the Month charities are underwritten by the PCC to guarantee that each charity receives a sum equal to 5% of All Saints' previous year's planned giving and associated gift aid. During normal years, donations from the congregation have exceeded the underwritten amount so the underwriting guarantee was not relevant. During 2020 donations from the congregation have been significantly lower than usual, in some months zero.

Donations paid to charities totalled £8,058 (£22,820 in 2019) of which £3,527 was contributed from church funds to comply with the underwriting guarantee to Mission of the Month charities. £966 was collected at funerals and other events using the church.

McMahon Permanent Endowment Fund

Income from this fund was £530 which, together with the £231 held over from 2019, was used to pay £717 for Health & Safety costs leaving £44 to be carried over into 2021.

The Youth Project

The Youth Worker project income was £13,574 and the expenditure was £5,385 giving a surplus for the year of £8,189.

Legacies

Credit has been taken in the accounts for donations in memory of Sheila Hilton, Judith Barber, and Shirley Jacques. The donation in memory of Judith Barber together with the associated gift aid was, at the request of the donor, used for the insurance excess to repair a church window which had been vandalised.

Expenditure from the Legacies Fund in 2020 was £2,962 for the cost of installing lighting bollards on the path at the north end of the church.

Bank Balances and Reserves

Bank balances and cash at 31 December 2020 totalled £100,177 compared with £95,433 at the end of 2019. £31,251 is in the Legacies fund, £43,705 is held for the Gloria Smith fund that finances the Youth Worker project and £9,094 is held in other funds for particular purposes. The remaining £16,127 (reduced from £21,132 in 2019) is held in the General Income fund, together with the £10,334 due from debtors, to meet the amount of £8,073 due to the creditors and to provide working capital.

The Legacy fund has increased from £61,745 in 2019 to £62,556 in 2020.

The Future

All Saints has substantial cash reserves but many of these are held in the Legacies fund and in the Gloria Smith fund. The low level of the General Income fund has been of particular concern for some time. In 2020 the General Income fund liquid reserves reduced by £1,105 to £18,388 which is a very low level considering that this is the fund that has to provide the resources for the all of the day-to-day transactions such as Parish Share, Clergy housing cost, salaries, energy costs, insurance, office supplies, Church, Church Centre and properties maintenance.

In 2020 there has been a significant surplus generated from the rents of the 2 houses and the surplus generated by the Centre rent was still significant, if reduced. Hopefully these rents' surpluses can be maintained during 2021. In 2021, the Parish Share is staying the same at £111,505. Hopefully the Planned Giving will hold up well enough during 2021 to at least maintain the General Income fund liquid reserves at its current level. New members are desperately required by the Planned Giving fund to offset the loss of donors through death, moving away or other reasons. A Stewardship campaign is foreseen in late 2021.

This together with other fund-raising activities and control of costs by ensuring best value for purchases and other expenses will hopefully allow the General Income fund to grow to a more comfortable level.

Acknowledgements

The PCC wish to express their gratitude for the generous legacies that have been received, to thank the many donors to the various appeals that have been made, and to pay tribute to all those members of the congregation who contribute regularly to the finances of All Saints' or give of their time and talents to support its many activities.

On behalf of the Council

Andrew Shipton

Vicar, Chair of the Council
28 March 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of All Saints' Church, Gosforth Charity

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 14 to 25.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 examiners' statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date 29 March 2021

G Benjamin ACA

For and on behalf of Haines Watts, Chartered Accountants

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2020

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	MacMahon Permanent Endowment fund £	Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
Income and Endowments	Note					
Voluntary income	2(a)	145,228	18,010	-	163,238	166,954
Trading activities	2(b)	31,703	-	-	31,703	44,471
Income from charitable activities	2(c)	3,651	917	-	4,568	8,996
Other income	2(d)	-	1,935	-	1,935	1,410
Income from investments	2(e)	1,561	530	-	2,091	1,908
Total income and endowments		182,143	21,392	-	203,535	223,739
Expenditure						
Raising funds	3(a)	450	257	-	707	875
Church activities	3(b)	184,210	9,112	-	193,322	231,361
Total expenditure		184,660	9,369	-	194,029	232,236
Net income / (expenditure) before investment gains		(2,517)	12,023	-	9,506	(8,497)
Net gains on investments		2,223	-	1,353	3,576	6,824
Net movement in funds		(294)	12,023	1,353	13,082	(1,673)
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2020		516,238	40,776	17,556	574,570	576,243
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2020		515,944	52,799	18,909	587,652	574,570

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Balance sheet as at 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2020 £	2019 £	2019 £
Fixed assets					
Properties	6		435,000		435,000
Investments	7		50,214		45,776
			<u>485,214</u>		<u>480,776</u>
Current assets					
Debtors and other amounts receivable	8	10,334		8,564	
Bank balances and cash in hand		100,177		95,433	
		<u>110,511</u>		<u>103,997</u>	
Creditors falling due within one year	9	<u>8,073</u>		<u>10,203</u>	
Net current assets			102,438		93,794
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>587,652</u>		<u>574,570</u>
Net assets			<u><u>587,652</u></u>		<u><u>574,570</u></u>
Funds					
Unrestricted	10		88,472		88,766
Revaluation reserve			427,472		427,472
Restricted	10		52,799		40,776
MacMahon Permanent Endowment	10		18,909		17,556
Total funds	11		<u><u>587,652</u></u>		<u><u>574,570</u></u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 28 March 2021 and signed on its behalf

Andrew Shipton

Vicar, Chair of the Council
28 March 2021

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of financial statements and assessment of going concern

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011, in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations Act 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions and under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2019 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about All Saints' ability to continue as a going concern. Overall funds are still substantial despite having had significant costs, particularly for the Church and Centre (previously called the Church Hall) heating systems, the Church decoration and lighting and the Church bells over the last 5 years.

Funds

Unrestricted or general funds are funds that are not subject to any restriction regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are restricted funds.

Restricted funds are funds that are subject to specific trusts as to how they may be used, which may be declared by the donors, or on their authority (as in the case of a public appeal) but still within the objects of the Church. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Permanent endowment funds are restricted funds which represent monies or other assets given with the specific instruction that only the income from them may be spent and that the capital must be retained permanently.

Income and Endowments

Voluntary income

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the donations are received.

Legacies are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount is quantifiable and its receipt is reasonably certain.

Trading activities

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised on an accruals basis when the Church is entitled to the rent.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Income from investments

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes. It includes dividends and interest. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on the revaluation of investments at the balance sheet date.

Expenditure

Church activities

The Diocesan Parish Share is accounted for when paid. All of the Parish Share due for 2020 was paid in 2020. Mission Giving and donations are accounted for when paid or when awarded if that award carries a binding obligation on the PCC.

All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by Chapter 2, Section 10 of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as unalienable property unless consecrated. In the case of unalienable property acquired prior to 1 January 2001 there is insufficient information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £2000, or the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2001 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is normally depreciated on a straight line basis over three years. Individual items of equipment with a net cost of £2,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Houses

The Old Clergy and Verger's Houses are valued in the accounts as at the 31 December 2020 market value.

Investments

Investments are stated in the balance sheet at their market value on 31 December 2020.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at the balance sheet date in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less a provision for any amounts which may prove uncollectable.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Pension fund

For eligible salaried employees the PCC participates in the Church of England Pension Builder Classic Scheme (PB Classic), within the Church Workers Pension Fund.

The PB Classic is a type of defined benefit scheme invested in line with the Church of England ethical investment policies. The assets of the PB Classic are held separately from those of the employer.

The PCC is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities as each employer is exposed to actuarial risks associated with the current and former employees of the other entities participating in the scheme. For schemes like this FRS 102 requires the PCC to account for the Scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme and recognise costs on the basis of contributions actually payable to the Scheme in the year.

The PCC contributes 5% of basic salary and employees contribute a minimum of 3.5% of basic salary, 0.5% being for life insurance cover. The contributions in 2020 totalled £752 (2019 - £1,901) and there were no contributions outstanding at year end.

A valuation of the scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent scheme valuation was carried out as at 31 December 2019. This showed that the funding deficit, at December 2016, of over 11% of the liability value had reduced to about 4% of liability value. During the coronavirus pandemic in 2020 the funding level fell to a very low value but by November it had recovered to where it was at the valuation date. Membership of the scheme had increased from 6,200, in 2016, to 6,900 in 2019.

All Saints had 3 active member and 0 deferred members in the PB Classic Scheme at 31 December 2020.

Reserves

Reserves are held to cover liabilities shown in the balance sheet, future projects and to meet unexpected demands. The trustees aim to maintain overall reserves of cash and investments at a level which equates to 3 months of average expenditure while maintaining a positive balance of cash in the General Income fund.

Cash flow statement

The PCC have taken advantage of the exemption conferred by FRS 2 to dispense with the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement as the income is less than £500,000.

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Notes

2. Income and Endowments	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds Youth project £	Other funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
2(a) Voluntary income					
Planned giving	98,157	10,806	-	108,963	111,092
Donations	6,132	24	828	6,984	19,376
Income tax recoverable	24,435	2,439	163	27,037	31,413
Furlough	7,811	-	-	7,811	-
Legacies and gifts in memoriam	1,025	-	400	1,425	2,000
Grants	7,668	-	3,350	11,018	3,073
	<u>145,228</u>	<u>13,269</u>	<u>4,741</u>	<u>163,238</u>	<u>166,954</u>
2(b) Trading activities					
All Saints' Centre lettings	13,163	-	-	13,163	25,922
Rent of Old Clergy House	9,000	-	-	9,000	9,000
Rent of Verger's House	9,540	-	-	9,540	9,549
	<u>31,703</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,703</u>	<u>44,471</u>
2(c) Income from charitable activities					
Fundraising and other events	552	-	257	809	3,605
Fees	3,099	-	660	3,759	5,391
	<u>3,651</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>917</u>	<u>4,568</u>	<u>8,996</u>
2(d) Other income					
Costs recovered - expenses, insurance claim and office charges	-	-	1,630	1,630	685
Subscriptions and travel costs recovered	-	305	-	305	725
	<u>-</u>	<u>305</u>	<u>1,630</u>	<u>1,935</u>	<u>1,410</u>
2(e) Income from investments					
Dividends	861	-	530	1,391	1,326
Bank interest received	700	-	-	700	582
	<u>1,561</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>530</u>	<u>2,091</u>	<u>1,908</u>
Total income and endowments	<u>182,143</u>	<u>13,574</u>	<u>7,818</u>	<u>203,535</u>	<u>223,739</u>

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3. Expenditure		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
3(a) Raising funds					
	Planned giving renewal expenses	70	-	70	-
	Fundraising costs	380	257	637	875
		<u>450</u>	<u>257</u>	<u>707</u>	<u>875</u>
3(b) Church activities					
	Ministry: Parish Share	111,505	-	111,505	109,319
	Clergy housing costs	3,741	-	3,741	4,563
	Clergy expenses	1,061	-	1,061	1,624
	Church: Altar requisites, vestments etc	1,112	-	1,112	1,254
	Cleaning, repairs and maintenance	1,160	-	1,160	7,431
	Window Repair	-	2,130	2,130	-
	Bells refurbishment project	-	-	-	10,136
	Light and heat	2,224	-	2,224	4,011
	Insurance	7,630	-	7,630	7,152
	Organist, choir, music etc	3,710	210	3,920	7,409
	Centre: Cleaning, repairs and maintenance	9,712	-	9,712	14,194
	Access path lighting	2,962	-	2,962	-
	Paving Repair	-	-	-	9,024
	Insurance	2,051	-	2,051	1,884
	Light and heat	3,709	-	3,709	4,253
	Caretaker costs	7,086	-	7,086	7,511
	Misc. Mission and education	658	43	701	2,057
	Youth worker project	-	5,385	5,385	14,840
	Old Clergy House expenses	1,773	-	1,773	1,372
	Verger's House expenses	1,417	-	1,417	2,090
	Church Office	16,327	-	16,327	17,628
	Independent Examiners' costs	776	-	776	720
	Mission Giving shortfall	3,527	-	3,527	-
	Other costs	2,069	1,344	3,413	2,889
		<u>184,210</u>	<u>9,112</u>	<u>193,322</u>	<u>231,361</u>
	Total expenditure	<u>184,660</u>	<u>9,369</u>	<u>194,029</u>	<u>232,236</u>

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4. Mission giving

The PCC continues to dedicate open plate collections to the Mission of the Month.

		<i>From Special Collections</i> £	<i>From Church Funds</i> £	<i>Total paid 2020</i> £		<i>Total paid 2019</i> £
Mission of the Month						
January	Cedarwood Trust	737	-	737	Cedarwood Trust	1,011
February	NIDAS	500	-	500	Traidcraft Exchange	653
March	Friends of Murambinda Hospital, Zimbabwe	699	-	699	Friends of Murambinda Hospital, Zimbabwe	1,385
April	Church Mission Society	-	496	496	Church Mission Society	1,471
May	uS	20	476	496	uS	843
June	Cornerstone	20	476	496	Cornerstone	765
July	Mission to Seafarers	93	403	496	Mission to Seafarers	964
August	PCDC	119	377	496	PCDC	1,650
September	Northumbria Deaf Church	232	264	496	Northumbria Deaf Church	833
October	Walking With	188	308	496	Church Urban Fund	665
November	Shelter Box	223	273	496	Friends of Mandritsara Trust	634
December	West End Refugee Service	42	454	496	West End Refugee Service	837
				<u>6400</u>		<u>11,711</u>
Other donations						
Easter Day	Smile for Life	-	-	-	Smile for Life	272
Christingle	Children's Society	289	-	289	Children's Society	199
Christmas Eve	DEC	164	-	164	DEC	925
	Destiny Streetworx	164	-	164	Destiny Streetworx	785
Christmas Day	Caritas Baby's Hospital	75	-	75	Caritas Baby's Hospital	353
	Other charities	966	-	966	Other charities	8,575
				<u>1658</u>		<u>11,109</u>
				<u>8058</u>		<u>22,820</u>

Note

The amounts listed above are considered to be direct income for the charities concerned and only pass through All Saints' bank account for recording purposes. Therefore these amounts are not included in either the income or the expenditure in these accounts. Any addition from church funds listed is included under miscellaneous expenditure - other costs.

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5. Staff costs

	2020	2019
	£	£
Wages and salaries	22,656	30,647
Social security costs *	-	-
Pension costs	961	1,901
Organists' fees	2,575	5,633
	<u>26,192</u>	<u>38,181</u>

* Employer National Insurance has a £2,000 allowance.

The PCC has employed a part-time administrator and a part-time caretaker throughout 2020 and a part-time children's and youth worker since September 2020. The Fees paid to organists are also shown.

£7,811 was received from the Government as furlough benefits for the administrator and caretaker.

6. Fixed assets

	Properties	Office equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Properties at net book values At 31 December 2020	<u>435,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>435,000</u>

The properties comprise the All Saints' Centre (previously called the Church Hall), which has been written off in previous years, and the two adjacent houses, the Verger's House and the Old Clergy House. The Verger's House was valued at £225,000 and the Old Clergy House at £210,000, no change since 31 December 2019. The title to the land on which the All Saints' Centre and the two houses are situated is vested in the Church Commissioners.

All office equipment is fully depreciated or, in the case of individual items costing less than £2000, written off on acquisition.

7. Investments

These comprise 2,451 shares (2019 - 2,407) in the Central Board of Finance of The Church of England Investment Fund and are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Their cost was £14,276 (2019 - £13,415).

	£
Market value at 1 January 2020	45,777
Dividends reinvested	861
Unrealised gains	<u>3,576</u>
Market value at 31 December 2020	<u>50,214</u>

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8. Debtors and other amounts receivable

	2020	2019
	£	£
Prepayments	1,367	4,128
Income tax recoverable	4,590	4,391
Other debtors	4,377	45
	<u>10,334</u>	<u>8,564</u>

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Creditors for goods and services	2,183	3,345
Accruals	5,702	6,691
PAYE and national insurance contributions	188	167
	<u>8,073</u>	<u>10,203</u>

10. Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by :

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	MacMahon Permanent Endowment fund	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Properties	435,000	-	-	435,000
Office equipment	-	-	-	-
Investments	31,305	-	18,909	50,214
Net current assets	49,639	52,799	-	102,438
	<u>515,944</u>	<u>52,799</u>	<u>18,909</u>	<u>587,652</u>

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11. Statement of funds

	Balance 01-Jan-20	Income	Expenditure	Investment gains	Balance 31-Dec-20
	£	£	£	£	£
Permanent endowment	17,556	-	-	1,353	18,909
Restricted Funds					
Music development	1,060	210	210	-	1,060
Gloria Smith fund	35,516	13,574	5,385	-	43,705
Donations and fundraising for specific purposes	3,969	7,078	3,057	-	7,990
Income from Permanent Endowment	231	530	717	-	44
Total restricted funds	40,776	21,392	9,369	-	52,799
Unrestricted					
General income					
Properties*	435,000	-	-	-	435,000
Cash Deposits	19,493	180,593	181,698	-	18,388
Legacies fund	61,745	1,550	2,962	2,223	62,556
	516,238	182,143	184,660	2,223	515,944
Total funds	574,570	203,535	194,029	3,576	587,652

* Included in the Properties fund is the Revaluation Reserve of £427,472.

MacMahon Permanent Endowment Fund

Under the Will of Alice Mary MacMahon, who died on 6 April 1966, this fund is held on trust to apply the income of the fund in the maintenance, repair and upkeep of the fabric of the church and the churchyard.

Gloria Smith Fund

This represents the monies raised less expenditure to date for the Youth Project.

Donations and fundraising for other specific purposes

This comprises donations, fundraising and grants for specific items such as the refurbishment of the Church and All Saints' Centre and its equipment.

Income from Permanent Endowment

Income from the MacMahon fund is credited to this fund. Costs in connection with maintenance as defined above are charged against it to the extent that the available income allows.

Music Development Fund

This provides funds for improvements to music for worship including the funding of an Organ Scholar.

11. Statement of funds (continued)

Legacies Fund

Legacies are often accompanied by instructions as to the use of the monies. Alternatively an attempt may be made to match a legacy with the purchase of a specific item or the funding of specific expenditure that results in something of a permanent nature. The balance of the fund held represents the value of legacies and gifts in memoriam received without specific instructions as to their use. This is used for significant capital projects associated with the Church or Church Centre. 75% of the bank interest earned in 2020 has been allocated to the Legacies fund and 25% to the General Income fund.

The resulting position is as set out in the following table:

	General income	Legacies fund	Total unrestricted funds
	£	£	£
Properties	435,000	-	435,000
Investments	-	31,305	31,305
Net current assets	18,388	31,251	49,639
	<u>453,388</u>	<u>62,556</u>	<u>515,944</u>

12. Related party transactions

Expenses payable to the Revd Canon Andrew Shipton and the Revd Beverley Davies amounted to £1,061. The Revd Canon Andrew Shipton has occupied a house attached to his appointment since September 2014. Costs borne by the PCC in connection with the Vicarage during 2020 totalled £3,714. No allowances for expenses incurred in the course of work for the church were paid to any other member of the PCC during 2020.