

THE PCC OF GREAT AYCLIFFE

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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THE PARISH OF GREAT AYCLIFFE
CHURCH INFORMATION

Diocese ORD Number	248711
Charity Commission Registration Number	1131381
Team Rector	Reverend Canon A. Anderson
Bank	Barclays Bank plc 1 Churchill Place London E14 5HP
Independent Examiner	Mrs L Armstrong Armstrong Accountancy 68 Leander Drive Henley Grange Baldon Colliery NE35 9LS

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

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Reference and administration details

Charity Name: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Great Aycliffe (other name or acronym: PCC of Great Aycliffe)

Registered charity number: 1131381

Charity's principal address: The Parish Office
St Clare's Church
St Cuthbert's Way, Newton Aycliffe
DL5 5NT

Names of the charity trustees at the date the report was approved

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Rev. Canon A. Anderson	Team Rector	
Rev. J. Anderson	Team Vicar	
Rev. D. Hudson	Curate	
Rev. S. Price	Assistant Curate	
Mrs. H. McCormick	Church Warden (St Clare's)	Resigned 23 April 2022
Mr. D. Scott	Church Warden (St. Elizabeth's)	
Mrs. D. Herbert	Church Warden (St Andrew's)	Resigned 23 April 2022
Mr. A. E. Temple	Treasurer	
Mrs. N. Scott		Resigned 23 April 2022
Mrs. M. Duffin		
Mrs. E. Waggott		Resigned 23 April 2022
Mrs. M. Eyres		Resigned 23 April 2022
Mrs. S. Brodhurst		Resigned 23 April 2022
Mr. R.. Hargreaves		
Mr. D. Blair	Church Warden (St Andrew's)	
Mrs. E. Bowman	Licensed Lay Reader	
Mrs. M. Wilson		Started 23 April 2022
Mrs. C. Halford		Started 23 April 2022
Ms. J. Fay		Started 23 April 2022

Administrative information

The Parish of Great Aycliffe is made up of four churches, St. Clare's Church, St. Cuthbert's Way, Newton Aycliffe; St. Elizabeth's Church, Woodham; St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village and St. Francis' Church which is a part of St. Francis Church of England aided Junior School, Horndale. The parish is a part of the Durham Diocese within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St. Clare's Rectory, St. Cuthbert's Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 5NT

Structure, governance and management

PCC's are governed by two "Church of England Measures"; the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 as amended and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. In the Parish of Great Aycliffe, the PCC consists of the Incumbent, Team Vicar, Curate(s), Licensed Lay Minister, Parish Treasurer, Church Wardens, two representatives from each of the District Church Councils of St. Andrew's Church, St. Clare's and St. Elizabeth's Church, and three Deanery Synod Representatives. The Parish Safeguarding Officer attends by invitation around three times per year and as necessary. All are registered on the electoral roll, all who attend our churches are encouraged to register. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The PCC is the governing body of the DCC's and therefore any faculty applications or other major decisions need to be approved at the PCC meetings. Both PCC and dcs meet bi-monthly and therefore six times each year. Subcommittees at DCC level have certain responsibilities and are able to deal with the ongoing development, upkeep and maintenance of the church. These committees include pastoral care, hall management, buildings committee, funding application committee, communications, and missional leadership for growth. They are responsible to the PCC and DCC's and report back regularly with minutes of their decisions being received and discussed as necessary.

Aims and purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish of Great Aycliffe has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Canon Ann Anderson in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the promotion of the Christian faith in the Church of England Aided School of St. Francis, Horndale.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at each of our churches of St. Clare, St. Andrew, St. Elizabeth and St. Francis. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. As the pandemic continued last year the MLG/Covid 19 support group continued to monitor our activities regarding safeguarding and infection rates. As activities resumed this group did not meet and the PCC have taken up the reigns of responsibility once again. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. We have tried to fulfil the aims of the church for the benefit our church and the wider community. With that in mind we undertook a "Know Your Church, Know your community" with the guidance of Communities Together Durham. The results of this survey showed that our activities are meeting the needs of our community. We are trying to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community.

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

Achievements and performance

Worship and Prayer

The PCC are committed to providing services that our church family and wider community find fulfilling and nurturing to their faith. During the pandemic which lasted throughout 2022 we continued to livestream evening prayer and each week a service of the word on our parish Facebook page

which reached many more people than our congregation. Through the services of the word, we are nurturing lay leaders and growing the number of laity involved in reading and praying in church. These services are also different as they use multimedia and offer a range of worship styles/music. With regard to occasional offices, we have remained busy with the number of funerals and catching up with baptisms that had to be delayed due to Covid 19. The number of people on the electoral roll this year is 130 spread across the four churches.

Across our churches, we have conducted 65 funerals, 13 weddings and 59 baptisms in 2022. We have celebrated in church with St. Francis' Church of England Aided Junior School (including parents) every important occasion for both school and Christian church year. At Christmas and Easter, we reached out to the community through Christingle, Relaxed Carols and Candlelight Carols, similarly appropriate services across Holy Week and Easter. At St. Clare's Church a Sunday Club for the children has been relaunched and Messy Church has continued to grow having been temporarily halted in its' tracks by the pandemic. Our services of meditation and healing.

Deanery synod

Deanery Synod have met as agreed once each quarter, alternating between online meetings and in-person meetings. Co-operation within the Deanery is very good with ministers very generous in providing "cover" for services when requested. In particular, we are blessed with retired clergy who so often are forgotten; for their ministry we are very grateful.

Warm spaces

We are fortunate to have been able to register both the Welcome Café and Weekly Wednesday as a Warm Space, both are attracting well people who need to stay warm and gain interaction with others. This attracted a Fuel Subsidy Grant from the Diocese. A warm space created at St. Francis' School, unfortunately, did not really prove successful.

Community development

A small group of volunteers have expanded and continue to run the free Welcome Café each Tuesday morning providing a simple breakfast and a two-course meal in St. Clare's Church Hall. Effectively showing the love of God in practical ways it attracts people from all walks of life who come together as a new community every Tuesday. Similarly, Weekly Wednesday at St. Elizabeth's Church is open to a small group to spend time together chatting, crafting, and engaging in seasonal activities, sharing refreshments time and friendship. Coffee mornings in these two churches have flourished; not just a fundraiser but knitting people together in friendship including, at St. Clare's the Syrian families who gather for other activities alongside the coffee morning. Kidzflicks and Tiddlers and Toddlers also draw families together in community.

Pastoral care

We have been fortunate to have Reverend Daniel Hudson, Distinctive Deacon, who served us well in providing training, with his ministry, inspiration and encouragement. Together with some lay leaders that he encouraged they have provided Mental Health First Aid workshops, as well as visits, training for Holy Communion in the home and co-ordinating the team in all things pastoral. He called together a Prayer Chain which was particularly invaluable during the pandemic. Eileen Bowman, APA and LLM has been at hand to assist. Care Home ministry, hampered by the pandemic sprang back to life as much as possible according to infection rates.

Mission and evangelism

As a staff team and wider team of lay leaders, having very few Missional Leadership for Growth meetings due to volunteer shortage, have instead tried to keep everything we do intentionally missional. Messy Church continues to attract new families and is recovering from the lockdowns of

the pandemic. The work at St. Francis' School has involved wider families on a regular basis. We are involving families in a mission to buy a school bus for a school in Tanzania; we have prepared 18 young people to receive Holy Communion; we advertise the Messy Church sessions at school; we retained contact with Year 6's last year. Eighteen year 6's attended a Pizza Party at the end of term and we continued contact with them weekly across the six weeks holiday. From this a weekly Youth group for those young people has emerged. The Parish Youth group has re-grouped and meets regularly once again with the youth leaders who have been alongside these young people for some time now, engaging in serious thought; the overnight prayer vigil for Ukraine and subsequent fundraising for the DEC just some of their work together. We have run Holiday clubs which have led to two new families regularly attending at St. Clare's Church. The Welcome Café and Weekly Wednesday are missional as they act as doorways to church and Offer a welcome that is infectious. Our primary school contact has grown massively as each of the clergy team adopted particular schools; Reverend Steph has grown relationships with both Woodham Burn and Vane Road, Reverend Daniel with Byerley Park and Reverend Jeff with Aycliffe Village. Again, parents are invited to attend seasonal celebrations where God's word is spoken clearly. Tiddlers and Toddlers has included an element of Christian teaching and the Parish booklet of information and invitation is shared widely. Our online presence continues and offers a forum for faith sharing, as does our Parish magazine. Our many occasional offices offers an opportunity to share faith and invitation. St. Andrew's Church remains a popular choice for weddings though these are often going elsewhere as permissions to marry in other places has widened. Work which must be considered missional, has continued against the odds (and at times frustratingly due to tensions/pandemic) to further the project to build a toilet/kitchen/new heating system at St. Andrew's Church. We will get there!

Ecumenical relationships

Unfortunately, the Churches Together of Great Aycliffe folded during the pandemic and has not re-formed since.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all of the volunteers who work so hard to make our churches the lively, welcoming place it is. In particular we want to mention the Church Wardens and their assistants. Parish Treasurer Mr. Ernie Temple has faithfully kept our heads above water, in 2022 he steered us to paying our Parish Share in full whilst always putting mission first. In a challenging time which has caused a huge stress on financial resources he has remained a faithful, steady, calming influence for which we are very grateful.

Financial Review

Charity's policy on reserves

Reserves are held against the future costs of maintaining the fabric of the church buildings, are largely made up of funds donated for this purpose. A modest reserve is held as a buffer fund for current expenditure. The PCC keep the level of reserves under review and regard them as being realistic under current circumstances.

Financial review details

The net movement in unrestricted funds shows a surplus of £3,228 (2021 : £-14,926) the parish ends the year with £19,177 (2021 : £15,033) of unrestricted reserves.

The primary source of income is the giving of church congregations which together with Gift Aid recovered, accounts for 50% (2021 : 50%) of unrestricted income. Other general fundraising activities generated 24% (2021 : 17%) of unrestricted income.

In 2022 a parish share of £48,600 (2021 : £55,000) was paid to the diocese, during the year, an extra £8,000 for 2022 was paid early 2023, which represents in total 82% (2021 : 75%) of the voluntary giving of church congregations.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:

Full Name: Rev Ann Anderson (Team Rector)
Position: Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the PCC of the Parish of Great Aycliffe

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 2 to 10, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

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 the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act, which has not been met.

Signed

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Independent Examiner

3rd April 2023

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

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Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2,022 £	Total Funds 2,021 £
Voluntary receipts					
Planned Giving	36,523	-	591	37,114	37,516
Gift Aid donations	137	-	-	137	50
Income Tax Recovery	3,851	-	-	3,851	7,636
Open Plate collections	8,576	-	-	8,576	4,536
Other voluntary receipts					
Donations and Appeals	5,222	-	4,851	10,074	2,320
Sundry donations	8,727	-	135	8,862	21,248
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	63,036	-	5,577	68,613	73,306
Activities for generating funds					
Fetes Bazaars, other fund raising events	7,812	-	3,636	11,448	5,222
Church Hall lettings etc	13,253	-	-	13,253	7,258
Candles	107	-	-	107	74
Baptism/wedding certificates and banns	5,877	-	-	5,877	243
Internment of ashes	197	-	-	197	1,149
Headstones	319	-	-	319	140
Sundry income	130	-	-	130	866
	27,695	-	3,636	31,331	14,952
Investment income					
Dividends	-	-	40	40	49
Interest	54	-	10	65	29
Surplus/-Deficit on investments	-	-	213	213	229
	54	-	162	108	307
Church activities					
Fees	17,709	-	-	17,709	22,933
Magazines	297	-	-	297	6
Grants	7,273	-	13,740	21,013	11,720
Refunds	1,017	-	-	1,017	-
Advertising	150	-	-	150	475
Memorial book	250	-	-	250	-
Sundry Receipts	314	-	239	553	2,150
	27,010	-	13,979	40,989	37,284
Total receipts	117,796	-	23,030	140,825	125,849
Excess/-Deficit of receipts over payments	3,228	- 165	10,670	13,733	- 25,566
Transfers between funds	916	- -	916	-	- 165
Cash at bank at 1 January 22	15,033	181	39,995	55,209	80,940
Cash at bank at 31 December 22	19,177	16	49,749	68,942	55,209

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Payments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2,022 £	Total Funds 2,021 £
Church activities					
Mission giving and donations					
Missionary & charitable giving	170	-	80	250	-
Church Overseas	-	-	1,806	1,806	99
Home missions & Church Societies	451	-	516	967	3,031
Secular charities	2	-	1,555	1,556	785
	623	-	3,955	4,579	3,915
Activities : related to church work					
Ministry : Parish share	48,600	-	-	48,600	55,000
Clergy Expenses	413	-	-	413	406
APA expenses	-	-	-	-	299
Visiting clergy	28	-	-	28	246
Clergy house (water)	683	-	-	683	788
Church running expenses	20,035	-	-	20,035	9,071
Rent	1,785	-	-	1,785	-
Church maintenance	5,097	-	395	5,492	11,029
Hall running costs	160	-	-	160	3,259
Major Repairs and decoration	245	-	6,213	6,458	38,152
Upkeep of church services	1,108	-	60	1,168	1,035
Copyright Licence	428	-	-	428	409
DBS checks	60	-	-	60	128
Holiday grant	-	-	-	-	846
Parish children	401	165	-	566	21
Community trip & entertainment	400	-	-	400	-
Salaries	3,239	-	-	3,239	3,013
Pensions	780	-	-	780	780
Sundry Expenses	748	-	27	775	2,831
Fees paid	14,051	-	-	14,051	13,832
Fees refunded	-	-	-	-	600
Organist	926	-	-	926	240
Vergers	938	-	-	938	688
Hampers and gifts	1,800	-	-	1,800	-
Equipment purchased	3,502	-	-	3,502	230
	105,426	165	6,695	112,285	142,903
Cost of generating funds					
Costs of fetes, bazaars etc	360	-	-	360	-
Welcome café	3,554	-	-	3,554	924
	3,915	-	-	3,915	924
Church Management & administration					
Accountancy	1,500	-	-	1,500	1,400
Professional fees	-	-	1,680	1,680	-
Sum up charges	14	-	-	14	-
Training	20	-	-	20	-
Advertising printing and stationery	1,264	-	30	1,294	1,075
Telephone	1,806	-	-	1,806	1,199
	4,604	-	1,710	6,314	3,674
Total payments	114,567	165	12,360	127,092	151,416

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as at 31 December 2022

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2,022 £	Total Funds 2,021 £
Cash Funds					
Bank accounts churches	17,930	16	43,151	61,097	48,453
Cash accounts	1,248	-	-	1,248	-
CCLA	-	-	4,181	4,181	4,127
Other monetary assets	-	-	-	-	-
Investment assets					
Investment funds (at market value)	-	-	2,416	2,416	2,629
Assets retained for Church use	-	-	-	-	-
	19,177	16	49,748	68,942	55,209
Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
	19,177	16	49,748	68,942	55,209

Approved by the Parish of Great Aycliffe, and signed on its behalf by Reverend A. Anderson (PCC Chairperson)

Reverend A. Anderson

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Notes to the financial Statements
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1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the receipts and payments basis.

2 Fixed assets under £5,000 are written off in the year of purchase.

3 Movements in designated and restricted funds were:-

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Excess/-Deficit of receipts over payments	3,228	- 165	10,670	13,733	- 25,566
Transfers between funds	916	- -	916	- -	165
Cash at bank at 1 January 22	15,033	181	39,995	55,209	80,940
Cash at bank at 31 December 22	19,177	16	49,749	68,942	55,209

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Movement in Funds

	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Surplus & (Deficit)	Interest	Closing Balance	
							Designated	Restricted
St Andrew								
Fabric fund	14962.97	985.17	2105.00	52.42		50.60		13946.16
Fabric fund - WC	0.00	1413.28						1413.28
Churchyard	882.68	50.00						932.68
Bells	1200.00	35.00						1235.00
General Maintenance	52.42			-52.42				0.00
Service requisites	50.00		60.11	10.11				0.00
Organ	665.60	20.00						685.60
Heritage fund	311.80							311.80
T Chapman	109.19				1.45			110.64
Tithe Act	407.67			-10.10	-46.59			350.98
AH Bowen	602.63				7.93			610.56
T Gibson	1558.85			-39.13	-175.68			1344.04
Charities	0.00							0.00
St Clare								
Youth ministry	179.21							179.21
Fabric fund	9430.40	2257.22	5260.00					6427.62
Roof fund	283.57							283.57
Memorial plaque	99.60							99.60
Messy church	0.00	100.00						100.00
Church garden.	10.00							10.00
Places of welcome	10.00							10.00
Noah's Ark	26.55		26.55					0.00
Festo and grace	79.62		79.62					0.00
Charities	43.99	3813.74	3780.39	-44.14				33.20
St Elizabeth of Hungary								
Fabric fund	1709.94	538.52	95.00					2153.46
Mother & Toddlers	132.74							132.74
Collections	100.00							100.00
Deanery weekly welcom	0.00	639.17		-340.80				298.37
Grants	0.00	13340.00	953.00					12387.00
Charities	0.00							0.00
St Francis								
Fabric	960.39							960.39
After school club	0.00							0.00
Parish								
Community fund	1745.00			-491.44				1253.56
Wardens fund	4046.00							4046.00
Holiday	307.30							307.30
Open the book	17.55							17.55
Youth development	181.00		165.00				16.00	
Pastoral care	8.17							8.17
	40174.84	23192.10	12524.67	-915.50	-212.89	50.60	16.00	49748.48