

# **The Ecclesiastical Parish of Great Ayton with Easby**

**Charity No 1131499**



## **Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council**

**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

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**The Parochial Church Council of Great Ayton with Easby**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Full Parochial Name**

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Great Ayton with Easby (PCC)

**Location and Address**

Christ Church, Guisborough Road, Great Ayton

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**MEMBERSHIP**

**Incumbent & Assistant Clergy**

The Revd Paul Peverell (Vicar of the benefice of Great Ayton with Easby and Newton under Roseberry.).

The Revd Geoff Jaques

The Revd Jon Dean

The Revd Jane Robson (Curate)- till September 2023

**PCC Members**

Helen Land	-	Churchwarden
Jonathan Winterschladen	-	Churchwarden
Nick Land	-	Deanery Synod Representative
Rosemary Wheway	-	Deanery Synod Representative
Ken Taylor	-	Treasurer & Deanery Synod Representative
Celia Wilson	-	PCC Secretary
Frances Brown	-	PCC
Robin Harmar	-	PCC & Vice Chairman
Margaret Lewis	-	PCC
Peter Titchmarsh	-	PCC
Mary Mason	-	PCC & Child Protection Officer
Gill Hendry	-	PCC
Ian Wilson	-	PCC
John Dickinson	-	PCC
Rodney Wildsmith	-	PCC
Linda King	-	PCC
Andrew Prunty	-	PCC

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

**2023**

**2022**

Members of Electoral Roll

209

215

Average Sunday attendance - Adult

75

- Children

15

## AIMS AND ORGANISATION

The object of the PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Great Ayton with Easby is to further the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 states the PCC 'is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical'.

To enable the efficient discharge of its duties, the PCC has delegated various responsibilities to committees:

**All Saints Committee** – the maintenance of the former 12<sup>th</sup> Century Parish Church

**Fabric Committee** – overseeing day to day maintenance and major projects for Christ Church, chaired by the Churchwardens

**Church Hall Committee** – to manage and promote the use of the Hall for the benefit of the Church and the community of Great Ayton

**Standing Committee** – organizing PCC business and dealing with day to day and urgent matters.

**Staff Meeting** – a bi-monthly meeting of staff and Churchwardens to review worship and events.

**Child Protection Officer** – reports regularly to the PCC and monitors groups and practices.

The PCC is a body corporate; the composition and procedure is regulated by the church representation rules as contained in schedule 3 of the synodical government measure (as amended), the Councils (powers) Measure 1956, as amended by the 1969 Measure.

Elections to the PCC are held annually, all members of the Church Electoral Roll are entitled to vote and stand for election; there is also provision for the co-option of members of the PCC and the incumbent is ex-officio a member and the Chairman.

The PCC has had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

2023 was a significant year, for having marked the Platinum Jubilee and Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Parish were able to join together for a Service to Celebrate the Coronation of King Charles II. It was also a notable year for the Parish Clergy, for several achieved certain anniversaries of Ordination to the Priesthood in June– Paul Peverell (40), Geoff Jaques (25) Jon Dean (15) and our Curate, Jane Robson who left us in June to take on her own Parish of Kirkleatham, Redcar. We also welcomed a new PCC Secretary.

**Worship** Sunday Worship is the backbone of Church life strengthening us for the week ahead and this has continued. The morning attendance remains similar to the previous year, and the Café Church is showing good signs of growth. We also have a regular virtual congregation as we continue to stream our services on both Zoom and Facebook. The former is particularly enjoyed by two retired clergy from outside the Parish who value the chat before the service each week.

Our Sunday Facebook stream is usually over 200 per week, and the Christmas Carol Service and Midnight Mass were viewed by well over 400 – although we can't guarantee how long people watch for! Comments received show that this is still valued.

Our Christmas attendances at our Carol Services and Christmas Eve & Day Services were up on last year. We are fortunate in having an excellent choir that adds to our worship.

Church Parades took place 4 times in 2023, including another good attendance for Remembrance Sunday.

In the Summer, we opened our 12<sup>th</sup> Century Church for weekly communion and some Sunday evening Taize worship. The Church also hosts an annual Captain Cook Service (he attended the church whilst growing up in the village) and also an annual Christmas Carol Services. We also live streamed our daily Prayer for the Day from there for Thy Kingdom Come. Our daily streamed worship continues every day and is greatly appreciated.

The Parish staff also support other Parishes nearby as well as one in Middlesbrough.

**Study Groups** we have several study groups taking place throughout the year which bring people together across the congregations, as well as a shared Lent Course with the other Churches in the village. Children are taught appropriately via Litte Fishes, Sunday School and also at Café Church.

Our Pastoral Visiting Group are kept busy visiting many who are housebound, and we also gather many older people together for twice monthly afternoon Services.

**Community Involvement** Many of our Church members have an active involvement in various groups in our village as well as a charity based in Middlesbrough. We also support the Foodbank in Middlesbrough with monthly collections of food. The Church also supports many causes, locally and nationally, with monetary donations. The Church also reaches out into the wider community through its monthly magazine – Spire. We have also used Church for various concerts again in 2023 and the Vicar appeared as Panto Dame for the last time after a 16 year run.

The Church Hall continues to be well maintained and used for the building up of the community.

**Occasional Offices** The Parish still has many Occasional Offices – Baptisms (13), Weddings (8) and Funerals (48)

**Church School** We are fortunate in having Marwood Church of England Infant School next to us, as well as Roseberry County Primary Academy in the village. The Vicar visits the former on a weekly basis with the school coming into Church for Festivals or an assembly each half term which are open to Parents and family. He also leads Collective Worship at the Primary Academy and half termly at a nearby Church school.

**Safeguarding:** This year we achieved Level 3 on our Safeguarding dashboard. There have been no Safeguarding instances to report in 2023.

**Maintenance** The Church continues to be well maintained, cleaned and decorated and remains open each day for visitors and private prayer, and is well used.

**Paul Peverell**

**Vicar of Great Ayton with Easby**

## **REVIEW OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND AFFAIRS**

After a year of solid growth from the Covid Pandemic in 2022, 2023 was a year which saw a general plateauing of both church numbers and finances. We lost a number of church members for a variety of reasons which was not compensated for by new additions so that our financial position deteriorated compared with 2022

Our planned giving decreased from £84,695 in 2022 to £81,853 in 2023 with a consequent reduction in gift aid. The effects of the high level of inflation and cost of living produced a disappointing result to a giving appeal with only 7 members increasing their giving by a total of just over £1,000. St Oswald's church in Newton made a donation of £500 towards our clergy costs which allowed our general level of donations to remain similar to last year. Income from fees and fundraising both fell below the budgeted level and we did not receive any grants or significant legacies this year. On the positive side, we were the fortunate recipients of an upgraded card reader from the Diocese which was well used by visitors and casual givers. Overall, our unrestricted income fell from £154,246 in 2022 to £127,884 this year compared to the budget of £133,500

The Freewill Offer to the Diocese was maintained at £91,440 as was our mission giving from general funds of £8,000. Clergy operating costs, service costs and general maintenance costs were all below budget this year which enabled us to make a reduction in unrestricted expenditure to £133,937 compared to the budget of £140,000.

Overall, the Church incurred a deficit of £6,053 compared to a budgeted deficit of £6,500

We ran several appeals during the year. In March we raised £1,168 for the Turkey/Syria earthquake appeal. The Christian Aid Week appeal raised £374 whilst in September we raised £762 for the victims of the floods in Morocco and Libya. The Christmas Appeal this year was directed towards Anglican International Development to support their work in Sudan - a total of £3,063 was raised.

From our general funds we made donations to nine worthy Christian charities both locally and nationally. Including collections taken at weddings, funerals, baptisms and appeals a total of £28,629 was distributed to 47 different charitable causes during the year

All Saints Church again opened as normal for visitors during the year. A highlight was the Deanery Eco Service which attracted a large congregation from around the Deanery and was held in glorious sunshine. The financial position continues to give concern with visitor numbers being well below recent levels. The Quinquennial Inspection also depleted the bank balance by over £1000

The Church Hall had an excellent year with regular user groups and several new users contributing to an income of £14,596. Following the work carried out in 2022, maintenance expenditure was much lower than usual resulting in a healthy bank balance of £5,677 at the year end.

2024 will see a steep rise in energy costs which will place further pressure on the budget. As the PCC have also decided to increase our freewill offer to the Diocese after two years of reduced giving, serious thought will need to be given to our level of planned giving which has remained fairly static for several years

Once again, I am indebted to our finance team - John & Ynez Clarke, Helen Dickinson, Jean Goat, Robin Harmar and the sides people for their hard work and support in ensuring that our finances are maintained in good order

**Ken Taylor**  
**Hon Treasurer**

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Great Ayton with Easby**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 which are set out on the following 7 pages.

### **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 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 there are no other 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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26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ending 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2023 £	2022 £
<b>INCOME</b>					
Income from donations and legacies	2(a)	116,526	21,340	137,866	169,466
Income from trading activities	2(b)	1,233	0	1,233	889
Income from investments	2(c)	986	0	986	334
Church activities	2(d)	8,336	14,596	22,932	21,583
Other incoming resources	2(e)	803	790	1,593	3,277
TOTAL INCOME		127,884	36,726	164,610	195,549
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
Church activities	3(a)	133,937	35,129	169,066	193,165
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		133,937	35,129	169,066	193,165
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>		(6,053)	1,597	(4,456)	2,384
Gain on revaluation of assets for charity's own use		0	22,134	22,134	21,489
Net movement in funds		(6,053)	23,731	17,678	23,873
Balances b/f 1 January 2023		50,470	742,982	793,452	769,579
Balances c/f 31 December 2023		44,417	766,713	811,130	793,452



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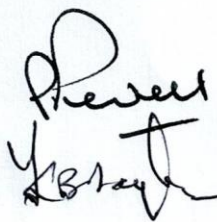
**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2023 £	2022 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible	5(a)	0	759,932	759,932	737,798
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>759,932</b>	<b>759,932</b>	<b>737,798</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors & prepayments	6	1,928	218	2,146	2,033
CBF Deposit Account		25,683	0	25,683	24,886
Santander Current Account		1,179	886	2,065	4,868
Santander Instant Access Account		14,848	0	14,848	19,678
Barclays Business Saver Account		779	0	779	2,053
Metro Bank Hall Account		0	5,677	5,677	2,136
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>44,417</b>	<b>6,781</b>	<b>51,198</b>	<b>55,654</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<b>44,417</b>	<b>766,713</b>	<b>811,130</b>	<b>793,452</b>
<b>PARISH FUNDS</b>					
Revaluation of Assets	7	0	759,932	759,932	737,798
General Fund (unrestricted)	7	44,417	0	44,417	50,470
Restricted	7	0	6,781	6,781	5,184
<b>Total</b>		<b>44,417</b>	<b>766,713</b>	<b>811,130</b>	<b>793,452</b>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on <sup>21</sup>~~16~~ February 2024 and signed on its behalf by Rev'd Paul Peverell  
(PCC Chairman) and Ken Taylor (PCC Treasurer)

Paul Peverell

Ken Taylor



# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF GREAT AYTON WITH EASBY

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

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a "true and fair" view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a "true and fair view". This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1st April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

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.

**Restricted funds** represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year is carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not normally invest separately for each fund.

**Unrestricted funds** are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes

**Income:** Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Interest is accounted for when received. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. Incoming resources are generally accounted for gross except fees which are net of amounts paid directly to the Diocese and other third parties

**Expenditure:** Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The Diocesan freewill offering is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2023 (contd)**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Fixed assets**

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in accordance with S10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected at any reasonable time. For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

**Investments** are valued at market value at 31 December

2. INCOME			TOTAL FUNDS	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income from donations and legacies</b>				
2(a) Planned giving:				
Tax efficient giving	74,139	0	74,139	75,689
Tax recoverable	19,590	651	20,241	21,401
Other	7,714	0	7,714	9,006
Loose plate collections	6,510	13,897	20,407	23,663
Special Appeals (inc Compassion UK)	0	6,792	6,792	7,741
One-off Grants	780	0	780	4,912
Donations	7,293	0	7,293	11,554
Coronavirus Hardship Fund	0	0	0	0
Legacies	500	0	500	15,500
	<b>116,526</b>	<b>21,340</b>	<b>137,866</b>	<b>169,466</b>
<b>Income from other fundraising activities</b>				
2(b) Fundraising	1,233	0	1,233	889
	<b>1,233</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,233</b>	<b>889</b>
<b>Income from investments</b>				
2(c) Bank interest	986	0	986	334
<b>Income from Church activities</b>				
2(d) Church Hall lettings	0	14,596	14,596	11,871
Fees from weddings and funerals	6,465	0	6,465	7,493
Church magazine sales	1,276	0	1,276	1,322
Admin income	41	0	41	241
Book Sales	554	0	554	656
	<b>8,336</b>	<b>14,596</b>	<b>22,932</b>	<b>21,583</b>
<b>Other incoming resources</b>				
2(e) All Saints collections & donations	0	635	635	2,434
Churches Together	0	155	155	150
Sundry income	803	0	803	693
	<b>803</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>1,593</b>	<b>3,277</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>127,884</b>	<b>36,726</b>	<b>164,610</b>	<b>195,549</b>

Of the total income of £164,610 (2022 : £195,549), £127,884 (2022 :£154,246) related to unrestricted funds and £36,726 (2022 : £41,303) related to restricted funds

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	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2023 £	2022 £
<b>3. EXPENDITURE</b>				
<b>3(a) Church activities</b>				
Mission and charitable giving				
Overseas missions & relief agencies	3,000	7,219	10,219	9,667
Home missions & church societies	5,030	3,582	8,612	11,505
Secular charities	0	10,397	10,397	13,626
Education and Development				
Youth expenses	512	0	512	481
Books & resources	2,375	0	2,375	2,686
Church magazine costs	1,463	0	1,463	1,547
Ministry				
Parish offer to Common Fund	91,440	0	91,440	91,440
Clergy operating costs	3,070	0	3,070	4,219
Vicarage costs	2,000	0	2,000	2,747
Service costs	1,306	0	1,306	2,120
Churches Together	0	308	308	143
Church maintenance & running costs				
Electricity and insurance	7,121	0	7,121	6,110
Maintenance & small projects	5,137	0	5,137	5,725
Lighting Project	0	0	0	14,951
Church Hall operating/maintenance costs	0	11,056	11,056	16,141
Salaries and honoraria	8,936	0	8,936	6,273
All Saints operating/maintenance costs	0	2,567	2,567	1,631
Administration expenses	1,176	0	1,176	1,282
Independent Examiner's fee	378	0	378	342
Sundry Expenses	993	0	993	529
	133,937	35,129	169,066	193,165

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE**

<b>133,937</b>	<b>35,129</b>	<b>169,066</b>	<b>193,165</b>
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Of the total expenditure of £169,066 (2022 : £193,165), £133,937 (2022 : £138,189) related to unrestricted funds and £35,129 (2022 : £54,976) related to restricted funds



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2022 (contd)**

**4(a) STAFF COSTS**

Wages and salaries

8,936	0	8,936	6,273
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During the year, the PCC employed a part-time administrator and organist/choirmaster but no payments were large enough to attract social security costs.

No employee received total employee benefits which exceeded £60000 in either the current or previous year.

**4(b) PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS (TRUSTEES)**

Allowances are made to the Vicar on a monthly basis to cover miscellaneous administration costs and a contribution towards vicarage utility costs. In addition telephone and water bills are paid for the Vicarage.

Five trustees received an annual book allowance of £100 each. Totals are:

	2023 £	2022 £
Vicar's operating costs allowance	2,040	2,040
Curate expenses	806	1,869
Vicarage gas and electricity allowance	1,119	1,280
Vicarage telephone paid	395	703
Vicarage water paid	279	344
Reader's expenses	0	225
Book allowances	500	600
	<b>5,139</b>	<b>7,061</b>

**5. FIXED ASSETS**

**5(a) Tangible**

		Church Hall £	Church equipment £	Total £
Actual/deemed cost	At 1 January 2023	737,798	27,160	764,958
	Revaluation	22,134	0	22,134
	Disposal	0	0	0
	Additions at cost	0	0	0
	At 31 December 2023	<b>759,932</b>	<b>27,160</b>	<b>787,092</b>
Depreciation	At 1 January 2023	0	27,160	27,160
	Withdrawn on disposals	0	0	0
	Charge for the year	0	0	0
	At 31 December 2023	<b>0</b>	<b>27,160</b>	<b>27,160</b>
Net Book Value	At 31st December 2023	759,932	0	759,932
	At 31st December 2022	<b>737,798</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>737,798</b>

The Church Hall is included as an asset and is valued at the 2006 insurance valuation escalated at 3% per annum. A new motorised screen, projector and camera were added as assets to the Church equipment in 2017 and are now fully depreciated.

