

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS' CLEADON

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Details

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Activities

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

Activities: All Saints' Church is in Cleadon Village, Sunderland and is part of the Church of England's Diocese of Durham. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It has responsibilities for the maintenance of the Church buildings.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- South Tyneside

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£67,860	£73,950	-	-
2023-12-31	£66,827	£77,533	-	-
2022-12-31	£117,819	£71,638	-	-
2021-12-31	£59,736	£62,823	-	-
2020-12-31	£80,212	£81,332	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev VERNON JOHN CUTHBERT	Chair	
Anne Hudson		
Beverley George BA Hons		2018-04-29
Caroline Jane Snaith		2025-05-18
Jennifer Frances Flanagan		2025-05-18
John Keith Higgin		
LINDA ROSS		2022-05-15
Marie Therese Philpott		2017-07-23

Accounts

The Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints, Cleadon



**Annual Report 2024
and
Agenda for the
Annual Vestry Meeting
&
Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

3.00pm Sunday 18 May 2025

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Agenda for the 2025 Vestry Meeting Sunday 18 May.

1. Minutes of the Vestry Meeting 2024
2. Churchwardens Report including the Annual Report on the Terrier and Inventory
3. Election of Churchwardens

Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2025

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the APCM 2024
3. Reports of the PCC
 - 3.1. Electoral Roll
 - 3.2. Proceedings of the PCC
 - 3.3. PCC membership
 - 3.4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts
 - 3.5. Deanery Synod Report
4. Group Reports
5. Elections
 - 5.1. Elections to the PCC
 - 5.2. Appointment of Sidespeople
6. Appointment of the Independent Examiner
7. Vicar's Report

Agenda for the first Parochial Church Council Meeting 2025/2026

In the Vestry

1. Elections
 - 1.1. Lay Vice-Chair
 - 1.2. Treasurer
 - 1.3. Secretary
2. Any Other relevant Business

Minutes of Vestry Meeting and APCM 2024

1. Minutes of the 2024 Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Held on Sunday 28th April 2024 at 3.00pm in Church

Introduction

14 members were present. Apologies were received from Bob and Robina Lawson. The Annual Report for 2023 had been circulated beforehand. The Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert chaired the meeting.

Vestry Meeting

1) The Minutes of the Vestry Meeting (Annual Report p4) were accepted as an accurate record. There were no questions or comments.

2) The Churchwardens' report (Annual Report pp 8-9) was received. There were no questions. The Churchwardens confirmed that the terrier had been checked, although this was not noted in the report. Jenny Grant and Beverley George were thanked for their hard work during the year. The PCC expressed their thanks to Jenny for her five years of service as churchwarden. Jenny is not standing for re-election as she is moving away from the area.

3) Beverley George was elected as Churchwarden for the 2024-2025 year. There was no volunteer as second churchwarden therefore the PCC will need to look for an additional churchwarden as the year goes on.

This concluded the Vestry Meeting

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence

Bob and Robina Lawson

2. The minutes of the 2023 APCM

(Annual Report pp4-6) were accepted as an accurate record.

3. The reports of the PCC for 2023

were presented (pp 6-16).

3.1. It was noted that the Electoral Roll had 70 members and we are one year away from full renewal of the Electoral Roll. (i.e. the electoral roll will be renewed at the 2025 APCM)

3.2 Proceedings of the PCC (pp7-8) were presented

3.3 PCC membership (p8) the PCC recalled with gratitude the service of Cathy Barnes who has sadly passed away: Jill Rowden, Marie Philpott, Linda Ross and Caroline Snaith were thanked for their service on completion of their 1-year terms of office as members of the PCC. Caroline joined PCC mid-year to fill a vacancy. It was noted that there was an error under this heading in the report viz. Linda Ross was elected until April 2024, not 2025 as stated.

PCC members were reminded that DBS checks lasted three years, and that training must be renewed /updated in this period.

3.4 The Treasurer's Report and Accounts (pp 10-15) for 2023 were received.

The Treasurer clarified for non-PCC members that this has been quite a tough year for the church financially. Income from planned giving and hall letting is down on last year. Expenditure has increased on utility bills and more significantly on unforeseen repairs and maintenance. The deficit has been covered through drawing upon legacy funding, which now stands at £28,000

Keith Higgin was thanked for his work as Treasurer, and the accounts were accepted.

3.5 The Deanery Synod Report (p 9) was presented

There were no questions

4 Group reports for 2023 were received
(pp 17-22)

There were no questions

PCC thanked all those who are involved in
Support activities for their service.

5. 2023 Elections

5.1 Elections to the PCC

Jill Rowden, Caroline Snaith, Linda Ross,
Jenny Grant and Marie Philpott were
elected to the PCC for 1 year. Anne
Hudson and Keith Higgin will attend PCC
as Deanery Synod representatives.

This leaves 4 vacancies to be carried
forward.

5.2 Appointment of Sides-people: This
was delegated to the churchwardens as
previously.

6. Appointment of the Independent Examiner

for 2024 will be Peter Calvert

7. Vicar's Report – Rev'd Cuthbert
presented his report orally. There were no
questions.

Report of the PCC

for the year ended 31 December 2024

Administrative information

All Saints' Church is situated in Cleadon Lane, Cleadon, Sunderland, SR6 7UU. It is part of the Church of England's Diocese of Durham.

The correspondence address is
c/o All Saints' Parish Hall,
1 Sunderland Road,
Cleadon,
Sunderland
SR6 7UR.

Aims and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It has responsibilities for the maintenance of the Church building, the Parish Hall and the Old School Room.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. In particular, we try to enable all people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- 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.
- Mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the All Saints Church and its associated buildings.

Public Benefit

Our worship is open to all regardless of faith or affiliation. The resources available

to the PCC are used to further its aims and purposes. The PCC takes as wide an interpretation of the 'whole mission of the Church' as possible to enable community use of its buildings, whilst retaining the right to not allow use that is contrary to this mission.

Structure, governance and management

The 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 No. 1132228 with the title "The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints Cleadon".

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

Objectives and Activities

Electoral Roll 2025

Over the last year there have been several names taken off the Electoral Roll for a variety of reasons. We have had 2 new names added. The roll now stands at 66 members, 5 of whom live outside the Parish Boundary and 61 live within Cleadon Village. A new Electoral Roll has been compiled, please check with me to ensure your name is included.

Robina Lawson

Safeguarding

There have not been any safeguarding referrals or any concerns raised this year.

The Church of England Safeguarding Policy has been accepted by the PCC.

The parish dashboard and safeguarding hub are now in use, and many thanks to Vernon for all his hard work inputting all of the data; in the long term this makes

things easier, short term it's created a lot of work!

All members of PCC have enhanced DBS and these will be updated upon expiry and have or are in the process of completing their required level of training; Basic and Foundation level training for all PCC members, with other roles requiring higher levels of training.

In keeping with Church of England Guidance; other training has been offered to PCC members to complete if they are able to.

Deborah Wood

Attendance

There were 25 communicants on Easter Day from 35 worshippers. On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 243 people attended services of which 36 took communion. The Usual Sunday Attendance is 18 adults and 4 under the age of 16.

Proceedings of the PCC

The PCC continues to move forward with The Rainbow Way, All Saints strategic plan for 2030, and the joint Co-ordination group with members from All Saints and Whitburn Parish is proving to be very effective in bringing items of significance to PCC which are common to both parishes. We continue to seek out ways of working with our local schools and the community, and with our support of Key2Life foodbank. More details of specific activities can be found in the Rainbow Way report and the 2024 monitoring booklet.

Numbers attending our Sunday and midweek services remain small but are stable and we have some families who come regularly now to Young Saints: it is lovely to see the children grow in confidence as they present what they have learned during the service. As always, there was high attendance at the Remembrance service in November and at the interactive Christmas Eve Carol service.

The Lent course this year was based on "The Joy of the Gospel" and Rev'd Vernon led "Calling the Wounded earth Home" a bible study to action course on Thursday afternoons over the summer. PCC completed their course on the leadership role of the PCC in June.

We still struggle to recruit volunteers to the PCC and began the year carrying three vacancies, (which increased to four following the APCM) and without a vergers. All members of the PCC have enhanced DBS and there have been no concerns regarding safeguarding. The PCC is committed to working towards Net Zero and have appointed a Net Zero working group to take forward initiatives in this area.

The Archdeacon's inspection took place in July and PCC were delighted to receive a glowing report. PCC would like to thank Jenny and Bev for gathering the papers together, those who supported the data collection process and to the Gardening Team for their hard work in preparing the church grounds for his visit: the gardens looked lovely.

After much prayerful consideration the PCC decided to seek a tenant on a longterm lease for the Old School Room. Bradley Hall estate agents have been engaged to help us with this, and PCC are pleased to report that we have agreed to let the space to a local business as a café / cocktail and craft ale bar. We are now waiting on solicitors and the council to take the process forward. Our financial position remains fragile and the letting of the Old School Room will bring in much needed revenue.

Ongoing maintenance of our buildings continues to be a drain on our resources in terms of time, energy and money. However, following meetings with some of our user groups PCC invested in repairs and redecoration of the upper room, parish

hall and administrator's office, and replacement of the toilets. It was fifteen years since the hall was last painted and the upgrading has been very well received, making the community space more attractive and fit for purpose.

The PCC were able to meet the reduced Parish Share pledge that we made for 2024, and have been able to increase our pledge for the coming year by £6000 taking the total pledge for 2025 to £30,000.

The PCC recorded its thanks to Beverley our Churchwarden, and Shirley our Administrator, for their hard work, good humour and unwavering support.

Marie Philpott (PCC Secretary)

PCC Membership

Vernon Cuthbert* Priest-in-charge

Beverley George* Churchwarden

Jenny Grant* Churchwarden to 28 Apr 2024

Keith Higgin* Deanery Synod to 30 Jun 2026,

Diocesan Synod to 2027

Anne Hudson* Deanery Synod to 30 Jun 2026

elected until APCM 2024

Cathy Barnes (d7 Jan 2024)

elected until APCM 2025

Jill Rowden

Marie Philpott

Caroline Snaith

Linda Ross

Jenny Grant (resigned 13 Dec 2024)

Anne Hudson

(* denotes an ex-officio member of the council by way of their post).

The Standing Committee consists of the Priest-in-charge, the Churchwardens, and the Vice Chairman, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary of the PCC. It meets on an occasional basis when urgent business needs to be transacted by the PCC.

Appointment of Sidespeople

As is the local custom appointments to Sidespeople was deferred to the Churchwardens.

Churchwardens' Report

There has been a good and regular attendance at both Sunday midweek services this year, but sadly numbers are still low. Our number of regular attendees at Young Saints has remained steady and enthusiastic.

During the year we have had 6 Funerals., 4 Baptisms, 2 Weddings and one Marriage Blessing in church. Cleadon Primary School have also continued to attend for some special services. We have continued to welcome staff from the school to church on a regular termly basis, to enhance their knowledge of church life and Christianity and to further develop our close links and their teaching in school.

We were also delighted to have Bishop Sarah in Church on 17th December to present the Growing Faith Foundation Partnership Award jointly to Cleadon Academy and All Saints Church recognising the exceptional partnership work between us: only the second such award in the Diocese. A great accolade to both the school and the church demonstrating our close relationship- which includes congregation members holding a bible study session every Thursday in school.

Links between All Saints and Whitburn churches continue to strengthen ensuring that both churches run smoothly while we share one Vicar.

Our Lent Course was based on a document issued by Pope Francis, The Joy of The Gospel. It was an encouragement to share our faith.

We also held our first Family Pet Service on 20th October, sadly this was not as well

attended as we hoped but our pets were impeccably behaved.

In November church volunteers again put up beautiful and very effective poppy installations at the Village centre to commemorate Remembrance Sunday. Poppies were reused from the previous year; made by the school and many of the groups who use our hall including scouts and the Cleadon Craft Club.

We also had a very successful and well attended Carols around the Tree in December, supported by JWBrass band. The collection at the end enabled us to donate £170 for our local foodbank. And our Family Carol Service on 24th December was the best yet; it was really wonderful to see so many people of all ages enjoying the fun service as a start to their Christmas celebrations.

During the early part of the year the PCC made the sad decision to put the Old School Room up for a five year lease. This will ensure that Old School Room is used and still supports the community but will reduce our church financial outgoings and generate much needed income.

We have continued to address ongoing issues emerging with our building estate over the year and also updated our toilets in the Parish hall as well as refurbishing our Upper Room. Grateful thanks to the congregation members who spent their spare time on these tasks (Marie Philpot and Ian Ross).

I was re-elected as Church Warden at the APCM and would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support.

I would also like to thank all those members of the congregation who perform a lot of the invisible roles and tasks that enables our church to successfully operate. The tasks and people are too many to mention but include opening and locking

up each weekday, Readings at each service, laundering church linens, delivering donations to the food bank etc. etc.; it is not unnoticed – thank you all so much.

Bev George

Deanery Synod Report

Jarrow Deanery consists of 17 parishes (22 churches) spread across Hebburn, Jarrow, South Shields, the Boldons, Cleadon and Whitburn. The Deanery Synod is made up of all the clergy and elected lay representatives from each parish in the Deanery. Anne Hudson and Keith Higgin are the representatives for our parish. They report back to the PCC.

The Synod only meets twice each year now, with the expectation that local clusters of churches will meet separately on at least two occasions during the year to form closer links and discuss matters of mutual interest. This arrangement has not been successful as few clusters actually meet. Our cluster includes Whitburn and the Boldons but has not met formally during 2024.

At the Synod meeting in May, which was poorly attended, Gilliam Melvin was appointed as Lay Chair. Ali Bianchi, the Diocesan Transformation Officer for Church Growth and Resource Churches, was the first speaker. His role is to assist Deaneries and parishes in engaging with ideas to enable growth, especially with young children, families, young adults and lay leaders.

The second speakers were Bethan Still, Diocesan Environmental Officer, and Clare Gibb, Creation Care Officer. They gave a joint presentation about the Diocesan Plan for aiming to achieve Net Zero Carbon Emissions by 2030, with ideas and suggestions about how this could be followed up in parishes.

In November, again poorly attended, the speakers were Maddie Fisher, Development Worker, Community Together Durham and Claire and Janice, two members of her team. Their mission is challenging poverty. They shared some of the projects happening within their own churches to alleviate poverty, isolation, mental health issues and working with asylum seekers and refugees. They then outlined their own individual specialisms.

Keith Higgin

Treasurer's Report and Accounts

These appear on pages 11-16 following.

Keith Higgin

This annual report was adopted by the PCC on 23rd April 2025 and signed on their behalf by the Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert, PCC Chairman.

Financial Review

In accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and in particular the 5th Edition PCC Accountability, the Annual Accounts are presented adopting the Receipts and Payments basis.

Total Receipts into Unrestricted Funds are up at £67,860 (2023 £64,422).

Planned Giving has increased slightly at £27,583 (2023 £27,075) and we had the benefit of legacies totalling £5,250 (2023 £1,000). Hall Lettings are up at £13,098 (2023 £12,330). The other major changes in receipts are from social & fund-raising activities, Church Coffee at £3,552 (2023 £4,740) and Wedding & Funeral fees £2,506 (2023 £1,377). Magazine income increased to £2,113 (2023 £1,183).

Total Payments from Unrestricted Funds are similar at £73,950 (2022 £74,800). There have been some decreases in Utility bills. The main increase is in repairs to the church and halls £17,010 (2023 £13,660). We met our Parish Share pledge in full at £24,000. Whitburn Parish Church now make a contribution towards the salary of the Parish Administrator for work she carries out for them.

The end result is an excess of payments over receipts, after transfers, of £6,071 on the General Account for the year. This deficit has been covered by transfer of funds from the General Fund Deposit account.

The Friends Designated Account shows a surplus of £433.

Acting as agent, we have raised and paid over the following amounts to these charities:

Children's Society	£586.12
Christian Aid	£170.00
Church Mission Society	£133.00
Key2Life Foodbank	£169.56
St Benedict's Hospice	£150.00

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to endeavour to maintain a balance in Unrestricted and Designated accounts equivalent to 3 months payments, to cover cash flow and emergency situations that may arise. The balances available are presently well above this requirement.

Investment Policy

It is the PCC policy to invest any surplus fund balances with the CCLA Central Board of Finance Church of England Deposit account.

Future Plans

The PCC is forming a strategic plan incorporating proposals for refurbishing the Parish Hall and kitchen as well as continuing to carry out ongoing maintenance and repairs.

The Old School Room has been advertised for let and one tenant has been selected who has sought permission for change of use before carrying out some changes and refurbishment, expecting to complete the lease and then open for business soon after Easter 2025.

All Saints' Church Cleadon
Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>				
Donations and legacies	44,460.47	—	44,460.47	40,828.29
Income from charitable activities	6,057.69	—	6,057.69	10,123.68
Other trading activities	15,211.65	481.58	15,693.23	14,331.50
Investments	1,785.24	130.81	1,916.05	1,415.38
Other income	344.95	—	344.95	128.10
Total income and endowments from:	67,860.00	612.39	68,472.39	66,826.95
<i>Expenditure on:</i>				
Raising funds	182.12	—	182.12	—
Expenditure on charitable activities	31,346.43	—	31,346.43	33,090.44
Other expenditure	42,421.31	160.00	42,581.31	44,442.31
Total expenditure on:	73,949.86	160.00	74,109.86	77,532.75
Net income / (expenditure)	(6,089.86)	452.39	(5,637.47)	(10,705.80)
<i>Transfers</i>				
Gross transfers between funds - in	28.58	10.00	38.58	2,435.50
Gross transfers between funds - out	(10.00)	(28.58)	(38.58)	(2,435.50)
Net income / (expenditure)	(6,071.28)	433.81	(5,637.47)	(10,705.80)
<i>Other recognised gains / losses</i>				
Net movement in funds	(6,071.28)	433.81	(5,637.47)	(10,705.80)
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>				
Total funds brought forward	47,652.84	3,199.37	50,852.21	61,558.01
Total funds carried forward	41,581.56	3,633.18	45,214.74	50,852.21

All Saints' Church Cleadon

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted	Designated	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments				
<i>Donations and legacies</i>				
0100 - Bank S/O's Gift Aided	5,340.00	—	5,340.00	6,240.00
0110 - Parish Giving Sch Gift Aided	19,197.51	—	19,197.51	17,135.16
0120 - Planned Giving Env Gift Aided	2,516.60	—	2,516.60	3,560.70
0130 - Other Giving Gift Aided	509.00	—	509.00	—
0200 - Bankd S/O's Non Gift Aid	20.00	—	20.00	120.00
0220 - Planned Giving Env Non Gift Aid	—	—	—	20.00
0300 - Loose collections	1,723.93	—	1,723.93	1,260.29
0310 - Collections - Funerals	264.35	—	264.35	17.50
0330 - Collections - Baptisms	103.18	—	103.18	41.35
0400 - Donations - Sundry	1,403.12	—	1,403.12	3,867.32
0600 - Gift Aid reclaimed	7,233.18	—	7,233.18	6,792.18
0610 - Gift Aid Small Don Scheme	899.60	—	899.60	773.79
0700 - Legacies	5,250.00	—	5,250.00	1,000.00
<i>Donations and legacies Totals</i>	44,460.47	—	44,460.47	40,828.29
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>				
0900 - Social Events	828.30	—	828.30	1,581.98
0910 - Church Coffee	1,289.39	—	1,289.39	1,574.38
0920 - Saturday Morning Coffee	663.00	—	663.00	639.85
0940 - Grand Draw - Christmas Events	—	—	—	530.00
0950 - Fund Raising Events	771.00	—	771.00	413.85
0960 - Charitable Events	—	—	—	990.62
1100 - PCC Fees Funerals	1,688.00	—	1,688.00	1,377.00
1110 - PCC Fees Weddings	818.00	—	818.00	—
1120 - Fees for DBF, Organist Verger & Bells	—	—	—	3,016.00
<i>Income from charitable activities Totals</i>	6,057.69	—	6,057.69	10,123.68
<i>Other trading activities</i>				
1200 - Friends subscriptions	—	438.00	438.00	528.00
1210 - Friends sale of goods	—	10.00	10.00	10.00
1220 - Friends donations	—	33.58	33.58	280.00
1250 - Magazine Subs and Adverts	2,113.40	—	2,113.40	1,183.00
1270 - Hall, OSR and Chapter House Lettings	13,098.25	—	13,098.25	12,330.50
<i>Other trading activities Totals</i>	15,211.65	481.58	15,693.23	14,331.50
<i>Investments</i>				
1000 - Bank and CBF Interest	1,785.24	130.81	1,916.05	1,415.38
<i>Investments Totals</i>	1,785.24	130.81	1,916.05	1,415.38
<i>Other income</i>				
0800 - Grants HMRC and LPW Scheme	344.95	—	344.95	128.10
<i>Other income Totals</i>	344.95	—	344.95	128.10
Income and endowments Grand totals	67,860.00	612.39	68,472.39	66,826.95

Expenditure

Raising funds

1720 - Fund Raising Events	167.40	—	167.40	—
1730 - Sum Up Commission	14.72	—	14.72	—

Raising funds Totals	182.12	—	182.12	—
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Expenditure on charitable activities

1810 - Children's Society	—	—	—	663.10
1820 - Church Mission Society	—	—	—	155.50
1830 - Charitable donations	—	—	—	585.87
1900 - Parish Share current year	24,000.00	—	24,000.00	24,000.00
2000 - Church Staff and Services	20.00	—	20.00	—
2010 - Parish Administrator	4,293.01	—	4,293.01	4,224.60
2015 - Parish Administrator Pension	792.87	—	792.87	624.57
2025 - HMRC	445.23	—	445.23	171.26
2030 - Organ/Verger/Bells-Wed-Fun	—	—	—	760.00
2110 - Vicar's expenses	778.06	—	778.06	1,170.15
2120 - Vicarage Water Rates	593.09	—	593.09	535.71
2130 - Assistant Clergy Travel	27.32	—	27.32	22.10
2140 - Visiting Clergy	371.85	—	371.85	106.20
2200 - Mission and Evangelism	25.00	—	25.00	—
2210 - Baptism costs	—	—	—	71.38

Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	31,346.43	—	31,346.43	33,090.44
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Other expenditure

2011 - Whitburn Parish Admin	(668.46)	—	(668.46)	—
2300 - Church Gas	1,567.21	—	1,567.21	4,087.63
2310 - Church Electricity	1,001.90	—	1,001.90	1,106.98
2320 - Church Water	133.55	—	133.55	116.31
2330 - Church Insurance EIG	3,050.64	—	3,050.64	3,050.62
2340 - Church Routine repairs	549.00	—	549.00	2,989.71
2360 - Church Cleaning wages	1,227.24	—	1,227.24	1,107.63
2370 - Upkeep of Services	91.94	—	91.94	359.30
2380 - Organ tuning and repairs	432.24	—	432.24	357.22
2390 - Worship materials	89.04	—	89.04	56.30
2395 - Governance/Fees to Diocese	33.53	—	33.53	2,181.00
2400 - Friends expenditure	—	160.00	160.00	1,327.50
2500 - Hall Running expenses & Administration	710.77	—	710.77	298.38
2510 - Hall Cleaning wages	4,908.72	—	4,908.72	4,430.34
2520 - Hall Gas	3,087.22	—	3,087.22	3,562.37
2530 - Hall Electricity	902.59	—	902.59	2,411.03
2540 - Hall Water	572.23	—	572.23	342.86
2550 - Cleaning materials and refuse	1,014.83	—	1,014.83	873.46
2560 - Hall Insurance EIG	1,525.32	—	1,525.32	1,525.31
2570 - Telephone	649.20	—	649.20	513.37
2575 - Printing, Stationery and postages	910.07	—	910.07	1,247.72
2580 - Hall Routine repair/maint'ce	1,996.56	—	1,996.56	10,127.82
2600 - O S R Routine repair/maint'ce	948.00	—	948.00	542.93
2605 - O S R Letting expenditure	3,051.94	—	3,051.94	791.55
2610 - Old School Room Gas	387.48	—	387.48	378.36
2620 - Old School Room Electricity	494.00	—	494.00	364.91
2630 - Old School Room Water	237.80	—	237.80	291.70
2700 - Major Repairs to church	10,464.24	—	10,464.24	—
2720 - Major Repairs to Hall	808.51	—	808.51	—
2740 - Major Repairs to Old School Room	2,244.00	—	2,244.00	—

Other expenditure Totals	42,421.31	160.00	42,581.31	44,442.31
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Expenditure Grand totals	73,949.86	160.00	74,109.86	77,532.75
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All Saints' Church Cleadon

Balance sheet As at: 31 December 2024

	As at 31/12/2024 £	As at 31/12/2023 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets Parish Hall at cost	2,228.00	2,228.00
	<u>2,228.00</u>	<u>2,228.00</u>
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	42,986.74	48,624.21
	<u>42,986.74</u>	<u>48,624.21</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>42,986.74</u>	<u>48,624.21</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>45,214.74</u>	<u>50,852.21</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>45,214.74</u>	<u>50,852.21</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	41,581.56	47,652.84
Designated		
Designated - Friends of All Saints Fund	3,633.18	3,199.37
Restricted		
Restricted - Repair and Maintenance Fund	—	—
Restricted - Charities Fund	—	—
Funds of the church	<u>45,214.74</u>	<u>50,852.21</u>

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31st December 2025

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the PCC Accountability 5th Edition. The Charities Act 2011 is a consolidation of previous Acts but did not introduce new legislation. The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Restricted Funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) 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 the year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund.

Designated Funds are funds earmarked by the PCC for specific purposes. In these accounts they represent the funds of the Friends of All Saints' Church.

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

Incoming resources

Planned Giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC

receives the amounts due. All other income is recognised when it is received. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

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 Parish Share 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.

Funds received and paid over as agent are excluded from these accounts, these being funds raised specifically for charities to which they are paid, or from occasional offices which are due to the Diocesan Board of Finance or organist.

Assets Retained for Church Use

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with 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 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. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £5,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of All Saints' Church, Cleadon.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Trustees of All Saints' Church, Cleadon

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on the previous seven pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required 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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

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 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 matters have come to my attention:

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - 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.



Jen Flanagan,
69 Windsor Drive
Cleadon
Sunderland

Independent Examiner

28th March 2025.

Organisation Reports 2024

Children and Young People

Non-Uniformed Children's and Youth work

ABC Toddlers@All Saints

During the year the numbers have sadly reduced. This is probably due to parents returning to work and free early years child care provision being extended to 2 year olds rather than what we provide. Those that come appear to enjoy the sessions and grow in confidence.

At Easter we donated Easter eggs to the food bank.

At our summer celebration we said goodbye to some of our toddlers as they prepared to move on to fulltime nursery and we also presented 'Biscuit Janet' (Janet Birchall) with flowers and a plant from the children to say thank you for all the biscuits, juice, coffee and tea she had made for us. As she was turning in the Autumn we decided it was fair to let her retire, but we definitely miss her.

We visited the church for our final toddlers before Christmas, using the chapter house to play and listen to the Christmas story before investigating under the tree for their Christmas books.

Janet Cuthbert

Young Saints

During 2024 we have regularly had 5 to 7 Young Saints and their parents attending worship.

The children appear to enjoy being participants in worship and the young saints group. We have mainly used the Roots material this year. The children

always enjoy reporting back what we've been learning to the rest of the congregation and it is a delight to observe them participating through music and dance during the final hymn. They particularly enjoy the clapping Gloria! Their thought provoking prayers on the prayer tree are worth reading!

It has been encouraging that some of the parents stay in the main worship as well as joining the children in the chapter house. A big thanks to Claire for her practical help during sessions and for making sure we have a weekly photo record of what we have been up to - ensuring safeguarding is implemented. She has also taken the lead on a number of occasions through the year when I am unavailable.

Bishop Paul said that if we had children in our midst we were doing something right. Long may this continue!

Janet Cuthbert

Uniformed Children's and Youth work

1st Cleadon Rainbows

Our unit continues to go from strength to strength, we are full with 18 Rainbows, 2 leaders and 3 young leaders.

We have had another busy year having lots of fun. We went to the Cinema to see the new Disney film Moana 2, the girls loved it. We also went to a silent disco at St Andrew's, Roker held by our Division.

The Rainbows are also really enjoying working on their interest badges at home, the most popular badge still seems to be the Family Tree one. We have completed the Know Myself and Express Myself Theme Awards.

The Rainbows continue to enjoy taking Rainbow Bear home for a week and telling

everyone what they got up to with her. We ended the year with a Christmas party.

Thank you to everyone who helps at Rainbows, parents and the girls themselves, without them we wouldn't have so much fun.

**Lisa Nesworthy and Gemma Connolly
(Rainbow Leaders)**

1st Cleadon Guides

Our number increased from 13 in January to 20 by end of December, some of these Guides started as a result of friendships rather than Brownies moving up which was really positive news.

Our leadership team is 3 leader, 1 leader in training and a young leader.

We continued with our usual Guide program doing activities across all the 6 themes and we did a Take Action Skills builder which our unit had not completed before which was about no matter who we are we can help things looking at environment, community and politically. We also made more time to play games this last year and introduced a few new ones, also easier with greater numbers. Crafts also included flowers for Mother's Day, some tie dying and making Christmas choir boys.

We had a few trips out to the local park for games and camp skills, to the beach, the division silent disco and bowling at Christmas.

Some of our Guides went to Camp House in April with East Boldon Guides and we also shared a fab camp in July at Whittonstall having a festival theme which went down very well (that is after we got the Guide trailer out of the mud!!!).

Lynne Carr (Guide Leader)

1st Cleadon Rangers

Our Ranger unit struggled in 2024 due to numbers as no new Guides due to move

up and we were down to 3, of which one was doing exams so naturally took time out. They continued to enjoy crafts and some varied program activities. One came with the Guides and Rangers to our joint camp with East Boldon at Whittonstall in the summer.

We made the decision when 2 of the girls decided to leave that we had to suspend the unit in September since Guide still did not have any 14 year olds looking to move up.

East Boldon Guides opened a Ranger unit so it is hoped our older Guides in due course will join with them to make a bigger unit. Rangers often has peaks and troughs, and units come and go with the local needs so maybe back one day!

Lynne Carr (Rangers Leader)

Fellowship Groups

Friends in Faith

Friends in Faith is a Christian group meeting each month, except July and August, for fellowship and friendship.

Members meet on the third Monday of the month at 11, Laburnum Grove, at 7.30pm.

There was a maximum of 15 members attending this year.

In 2024 we welcomed speakers on a variety of subjects including Rev'd Dick Bradshaw on Japan, Revd Kath Long on her time working in Salisbury Cathedral, the Quakers. the work of St. Benedict's Hospice and Rev'd Jonathan Adams on his work in Palestine.

At Christmas, the group held our usual bring your own food party, which included a quiz and carols accompanied by David Scrafton on his guitar.

The group also held a coffee morning in May in aid of the St. Benedict's Hospice.

New members are always welcome.

Jean Higgin

Mothers' Union

In 2024 Mothers' Union met every 2nd Thursday afternoon at 2.00pm in the Chapter House except for January and August. We have 18 members, including five who have joined us from closed Mothers' Unions. We are now the only remaining one in the Jarrow Deanery. We have one member from Cleadon Methodist Church. We also have two home members, Margaret Robson and Kathleen Robinson.

At every meeting we commenced with a service, led by President Linda Ferries. We used our blue MU book which includes services and prayers including prayers for members throughout the world. We also used various Mothers' Union service

sheets. Linda chose the hymns and Bible readings. We then welcomed our speakers who included Rev'd Kath Long, Jean Baker, Gill Griffiths, Jenny Grant and Emma Duffy from Wearside Women in Need, to which we gave a donation of £100. On two occasions we held discussions amongst ourselves. Noelle Hayes continues to write excellent revues for the Courier.

In June we enjoyed attending the Mothers' Union Festival in Durham Cathedral, proudly carrying our banner. Our final meeting of the year was our Advent service, held in church, led by Linda and accompanied by organist Simon.

At the end of each meeting, we relaxed and chatted, with refreshments most generously provided by Margaret Laws. New members are always made most welcome.

Jean Higgin

Mission

Children's Society

It was 114 years ago when a Sunday School teacher, called Edward Rudolph, founded The Children's Society. Since then, the society has deeply valued the support, prayers and donations of Church of England parishes and supporters across the country. In helping children and young people live a happy, carefree childhood.

I am pleased to report that All Saints' Church, Cleadon continues to support the work of the Children's Society and has over the last year contributed to the £870,000 raised nationally to improve the lives of over 72,000 children in need.

The supporters within the parish who are part of the home box collection scheme raised over £554. Guests at the coffee morning in July gave £133 and £28 was collected from the Christingle candles. Every coin counted and every donation gathered makes a difference. There are lots of other ways you can get involved in the work of The Children's Society. To find out more you can visit childrenssociety.org/support.

As home box coordinator thank you for your prayers, generosity and continued commitment.

Anne Hudson

Outreach

Pastoral Care Group

We have eight members who meet each month at 11 Laburnum Grove. They are Beverley George, Jean Higgin, Anne Hudson, Jan McGill, Linda Ross, Ellen Smith, Val Wallbank and Margaret Westerberg. We were also joined by Methodist representative, Ian Sturrock.

The group meet in person to pray and share thoughts and ideas with each other. Each member has a designated Care List which covers all those on the electoral roll and on the Parish Network. We are committed to contacting them in some way at least once a month, if not more. These contacts are reported on each month and action taken, if needed.

The Parish Network has been kept up to date, with new members having been recruited. They work quietly, mostly unseen but vitally essential. They deliver cards and pray for those on their patch. We held a Get-Together for them in September to which many attended.

There were five baptisms this year. Baptism, wedding and bereavement anniversary cards have been sent by Ellen, Linda and Val respectively. Gifts of bowls of hyacinths were again sent to more than ten sick or lonely people at Christmas, mainly thanks to George Wilson.

Jean keeps a record of all funerals and arranges invitations to the All Souls 'service, which was held in October. These were delivered or e-mailed.

The intercessions and request lists were sent out each week.

We hope we have been able to respond to those in need in 2024, always with God's help and grace.

Jean Higgin

Worship

Home Communion

Home Communion is available to anyone in the parish who is baptised and unable to attend Church. Please contact Rev Vernon Cuthbert if you wish to have home Communion.

Vernon Cuthbert

Readers, Sides People, Intercessors and Eucharist Assistants

All Saints Church relies on a small number of volunteers from the congregation to support key roles in church services. These duties as Readers, Sides People and Eucharist Assistant are essential to the smooth running of services enabling the priest to focus on his role. We are truly grateful for their support.

We welcome anyone who would like to join our volunteers and support our services.

Beverley George

Sunday Worship 9am

This is our main act of worship as it has Young Saints in the Chapter House running alongside the early part of the service, and we sing.

We use seasonal booklets for variety when the service is a celebration of Holy Communion.

Our singing is supported by CD with some sung responses as part of the liturgy as well as the hymns. Participation is encouraged with Bible readers, intercessors and assistants at the Communion table all playing a role.

Vernon Cuthbert

Thursday Worship 10am

This is a said service with an accompanied hymn sung at the preparation of the table for Holy Communion.

We use the seasonal booklets from Sunday's 9am service unless outside of the seasons (Ordinary time if it is not Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, or Eastertide) when a booklet specifically for midweek worship is used.

On some 1st Thursdays of the month our congregation is swelled by members of the Mothers' Union. There are opportunities for the set Bible readings to be read by those attending.

Vernon Cuthbert

Support Activities

Coffee

On the second Saturday of each month throughout the year there has been a coffee morning held in the Old School Room. Six of these happy social gatherings have been aimed towards raising money for Church funds, the remaining months have been set aside to raise funds for designated charities such as Church Missionary Society, Christian Aid and The Children's Society. Hospitality, in the way of coffee, tea, biscuits and scones have been provided by Margaret Laws, Leslie Smith and Anne Hudson. Help has also been gratefully accepted from everyone who gives a lending hand to putting up tables, clearing away and cleaning up after these events.

During the morning of socialising, the chat is interrupted for the raffle which still proves popular. There is always a table full of a variety of prizes, which are kindly donated each month.

As more coffee house venues are springing up within the community it is hoped that these regular monthly Saturday get togethers can be sustained.

The Chapter House and Church are the chosen venues for coffee and catch up following the weekly services held on Sunday and Thursday morning. Fairtrade coffee is served from the pump flasks and it's thanks to Helen Belsham and Lesley Smith who prepare these in advance prior to the Sunday and Thursday services respectively. Milk, tea, biscuits, and on special occasions cake, is all donated generously and much appreciated, as is the offer of help with washing up etc. It's a joy that we have these welcoming facilities available.

Anne Hudson

Communications Group

As church members will know, we lost Brian Bage and Gordon Coxon during the year and Allan Bailey resigned due to ill health. We have recruited David Scrafton to the Group to enable things to carry on.

We produce The Cleadon Courier each month. We really would welcome articles from anyone wishing to contribute, particularly the uniformed organisations and other groups such as Rainbow Way that do not already feature. The collation team included Allan Bailey, Anne Hudson, Margaret Laws, Ann Richardson, Walter Carr and Ken Oley. Shirley Newton does the printing. Thanks are due to them all for this work.

Anne Hudson maintains the distribution lists and collects the subscriptions, as well as being Advertising Manager. Thank you, Anne, for this. Our advertisers change very frequently nowadays and some have withdrawn during the year. If you know of anyone who might wish to advertise, please pass their name to Anne. It also helps if readers who use businesses that advertise, mention The Courier, so that they know that their contribution is appreciated.

The Thirty Second edition of the Information Booklet was produced at the beginning of the year, including information on the Methodist Church personnel and events. Copies are always available at the back of church and Parish Network members give a copy to newcomers as part of the welcome.

Easter and Christmas cards were produced for village-wide distribution in conjunction with the Methodists.

We are most grateful to all the distributors and would welcome a few more people to lighten the load for some. An advertisement on the All Things Cleadon Facebook page produced several willing

volunteers. Celia Moore, who worships at Whitburn Parish Church, produced the paintings for both cards and we are grateful for her skilled artistry.

Keith Higgin

Friends of All Saints

The membership of the Friends at the start of 2024 was 49 adults. We purchased 320 Cleadon Couriers at a cost of £160.00

Again we were unable to sell any plants and jams in the chapter house, however we did sell plants privately at a cost of £10.00.

We wish to thank our 'Friends' for their help and support. Anyone interested in joining The Friends please contact us at 5 Woodlands Road. It is £10 for an individual £15 for a couple per year.

Helen and Ernie Belsham

Gardening Team

The church gardening team consists of about ten volunteers who meet up every other Monday morning. Our task is to keep the gardens looking good. To that end we cut and edge the lawns, trim the hedges, and maintain the flower beds.

To fund the ongoing project, we have an annual coffee morning, and we also will be having an afternoon tea in June.

We are a happy band of workers and welcome anyone who wishes to join our group.

Dave Scrafton

GiftAid

During 2024 Jenny Grant passed on the role of GiftAid Administrator to Jen Flanagan.

As always, we are very grateful to those who are able to GiftAid their donations allowing us to claim an extra 25% on the amount. If you are a taxpayer and would

like to gift aid in future through the Parish Giving Scheme, by standing order or using the envelope scheme, please speak to Jen or the treasurer.

The Sum Up machine close to the main door allows us to take money by card or phone app; this has proved useful as so many people no longer carry cash. We are able to claim GiftAid on any donations under £30 made in this way.

GiftAid is a very valuable part of our income.

Vernon Cuthbert

Health and Safety

Health and Safety checks have been carried out in the church, wires from microphone by lectern need to be secured to the floor as this could be a trip hazard. This will be done immediately. Chapter House, Parish Hall and Old School Room have no other issues.

First aid boxes all up to date. Fire alarm tests are ongoing weekly. Steps to boiler house are cleared of leaves periodically especially in winter.

Church grounds and outbuildings all appear to be in order. Car park is in need of some repair but not essential.

Health and Safety continues to be everyone's responsibility, if anyone sees anything untoward please report it to me it will be noted and addressed if necessary.

Helen Belsham

Net Zero Working Group

All Saints Church Net Zero Working Group The Church of England's General Synod has recognised the climate emergency and called on all parts of the Church to become net zero carbon by 2030.

One of the major causes of climate change is carbon dioxide emissions, which act as a

greenhouse gas, trapping the heat of the sun.

Net zero carbon means carbon emissions, which are eliminated/balanced with the use of renewables and carbon removal. So as a faithful response to the climate crisis, we are all called to reduce our carbon emissions.

This commitment requires us all to take action to reduce our carbon footprint. This will involve making material changes to our buildings and adopting new behaviours that both reduce our energy use and switch usage to renewable sources. Our Diocese advised all churches in 2024 of the requirement to support the aim to achieve Net Zero by 2030.

At All Saints we have taken a number of actions to support this aim:

- Appointed a PCC member to be lead Net Zero Champion – Beverley George.
- We have set up a working group dedicated to achieving Net Zero with volunteers from the congregation.
- We have completed the Diocese Energy Footprint Tool in 2024 to give us a baseline of our energy footprint for our church and church buildings.
- Produced an Action Plan up to 2030 with initiatives and actions to drive down our energy footprint.
- Successfully applied for a Diocesan grant to support repairs to our parish hall flat roof to reduce damp entering and reduce warm air escaping.
- Assessed our overall church estate and the rental offerings and agreed the decision to reduce the size of our church estate and reduce our utility bills through offering the Old School Room on a long lease.
- Investigated the option to install Infra Red panels to one of our rooms to pilot the effectiveness and cost – installation not progressed at this time. But the data and information is ready for a future point.
- Improved our facilities available for rental to generate more income to invest in facilities and make more

carbon efficient. This included the refurbishment of our Upper Room and the toilets in the Parish Hall.

We will be progressing to our year two elements of the Action Plan.

Beverley George

Parish Administrator

Another year has passed and I am happy to say the groups here are still doing really well. I would like to welcome our latest group Swing fit who seem to have settled in nicely.

I would like to thank you all for your patience concerning the Old Schoolroom, especially the groups that have been moved to other rooms hopefully everyone is now sorted and happy where they are.

As always I think it's important to mention the volunteers here at All Saints Church. We have several volunteers here at the Church. We have the ones who do the monthly magazine, then there are the ones that do the Church coffee morning and the social evening events, and then there's the gardening team who keep the gardens looking so good especially this time of year and on into the summer. A big thank you to you all.

I always try to call in after the Church service on a Thursday for a coffee and a chat it is so nice to see you all and I do appreciate it.

Finally to the people who just call into the office to say hello my office door is always open and it is always a pleasure to see you.

Shirley Newton

Rainbow Way

As in previous years, in 2024 the Rainbow Way Group focused our activities on actions towards the long term goals of All Saints Strategic Plan for 2030. Our work has covered four key areas which are

identified as the Red, Orange, Yellow and Green strands, and we have tried to work in ways which enable us to change and adapt to be relevant in today's world, use our assets and resources for the benefit of all and work in partnership with others. Examples of our activities include:

Red Strand: Be visible in our community as people who live and share Christian values

We continue to develop our partnership with Cleadon Academy through regular weekly and one-off events. Bible stories Club is very popular and enjoyed by both the children and members of the congregation who lead the activities. In June we joined with the school to create a mini version of the Peace Doves art installation which was taking place at Durham Cathedral, with paper doves from all the children on display inside our church and a focus on praying for peace in our homes, communities and across the world. Over 170 children and adults visited the church to see the exhibition. The effectiveness of our church-school partnership was recognised on 17th December when Bishop Sarah presented us jointly with the Growing Faith Foundation Partnership Award.

Orange Strand – Seek out and support where God is working in the community

We are committed to working in partnership with our local community, starting with groups that use our facilities. In June we held meetings with leaders of the uniformed organisations and U3A to find out what was going well and where there was scope for development. Outcomes from these discussions were fed back to the PCC and resulted in action immediately on some items e.g. supporting indoor overnight camping experiences, and some longer projects such as making the parish hall a more attractive space for the community. We also had some very enjoyable social events including a Valentine's quiz night, Christmas Quiz and Grand Prize draw.

Yellow Strand – Encourage and develop leaders for worship, fellowship and mission

In February the Rainbow Way group had a half day at Cuthbert House to concentrate on our own spiritual development.

Facilitated by Revd Canon Dr Alan Bartlett we reviewed, refreshed and re-focused ourselves. PCC's six part in-house training which explored the role of PCC in leading worship, mission, and fellowship was completed in June.

Green Strand – Care for God's creation and live sustainably

We continue to support Friends of Oakleigh Gardens and are taking steps through the work of the Net Zero Working Group to combat climate change and live sustainably.

Our thanks to everyone who has helped us in moving forward this year.

Marie Philpott.

Accounts

The Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints, Cleadon



**Annual Report 2023
and
Agenda for the
Annual Vestry Meeting
&
Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

3.00pm Sunday 28 April 2024

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Agenda for the 2024 Vestry Meeting Sunday 28 April.

1. Minutes of the Vestry Meeting 2023
2. Churchwardens Report including the Annual Report on the Terrier and Inventory
3. Election of Churchwardens

Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2024

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the APCM 2023
3. Reports of the PCC
 - 3.1. Electoral Roll
 - 3.2. Proceedings of the PCC
 - 3.3. PCC membership
 - 3.4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts
 - 3.5. Deanery Synod Report
4. Group Reports
5. Elections
 - 5.1. Elections to the PCC
 - 5.2. Appointment of Sidespeople
6. Appointment of the Independent Examiner
7. Vicar's Report

Agenda for the first Parochial Church Council Meeting 2024/2025

In the Vestry

1. Elections
 - 1.1. Lay Vice-Chair
 - 1.2. Treasurer
 - 1.3. Secretary
2. Any Other relevant Business

Minutes of Vestry Meeting and APCM 2023

1. Minutes of the 2023 Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Held on Sunday 30th April 2023 at 2.45pm in Church

Introduction

9 members were present. Apologies were received from Val Wallbank, Bob and Robina Lawson and Jean Higgin. The Annual Report for 2022 had been circulated beforehand. Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert chaired the meeting.

Vestry Meeting

i) The Minutes of the Vestry Meeting (Annual Report p4) were accepted as an accurate record. There were no questions or comments.

ii) The Churchwardens' report (Annual Report pp 8-9) was received. There were no questions. The Churchwardens confirmed that the terrier had been checked. Jenny Grant and Beverley George were thanked for their hard work during the year.

iii) Jenny Grant and Beverley George were elected as Churchwardens for the 2023-2024 year.

This concluded the Vestry Meeting

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence

Val Wallbank, Bob and Robina Lawson and Jean Higgin

2. The minutes of the 2022 APCM (Annual Report pp4-6) were accepted as an accurate record.

3. The reports of the PCC for 2022 were presented (pp 6-17).

3.1. It was noted that the Electoral Roll had 79 members at the end of 2022, and we are two years away from full renewal of the Electoral Roll.

3.2 Proceedings of the PCC (p7) were presented

3.3 Jill Rowden was thanked for her service on completion of her 3-year term of office with the PCC, and Anne Hudson and Linda Ross for their service on completion of their 1-year terms of office as members of the PCC.

3.4 The Treasurer's Report and Accounts (pp 11-17) for 2022 were received.

The Treasurer clarified for non-PCC members

- that the entries into Unrestricted Fund includes a legacy, a one-off donation, and a utility grant from the Diocese (p11) and that without these exceptional items we would have only a very small surplus this year

- Planned giving is decreasing and that if members were considering reviewing their giving it would be a good time to so

- the PCC have agreed that a small committee should discuss how best to use the legacy and then present their findings to PCC for a decision

Keith Higgin was thanked for his work as Treasurer, and the accounts were accepted.

One question was raised under the heading of Safeguarding (pp6-7) Is All Saints sharing a Parish Safeguarding Officer with Whitburn Parish Church? Rev'd Cuthbert responded to confirm that this was correct.

3.5 The Deanery Synod Report (p 9) was presented

There were no questions

4 Group reports for 2022 were received (pp 18-24)

Two questions were raised under the heading of Church Reports (pp-18-28)

i. Under the heading Pastoral Care Group (p 23)

Why is baptism information no longer passed onto the Pastoral Care Group? Rev'd Cuthbert responded that this had been an oversight.

ii. Under the heading Children and Young People (pp19-22)

Why is there no group report for scouts?
Churchwardens responded that Scouts had been invited to produce a report but none had been forthcoming.

- It was noted that as 1st Cleadon Brownies has closed, girls will be with All Saints as Rainbows, then transfer to the Methodist for Brownies and then return to All Saints for Guides.

5. 2023 Elections

5.1 Anne Hudson and Keith Higgin were elected to the Deanery Synod.

5.2 Linda Ross, and Cathy Barnes were elected to the PCC for 1 year. Jill Rowden is expected to stand again. Marie Philpott continues her term of office. This leaves 3 vacancies to be carried forward.

Anne Hudson and Keith Higgin will attend PCC as Deanery Synod representatives.

6. Appointment of the Independent Examiner

for 2023 will be Peter Calvert

7. Vicar's Report – Rev'd Cuthbert presented his report orally. There were no questions.

Report of the PCC

for the year ended 31 December 2023

Administrative information

All Saints' Church is situated in Cleadon Lane, Cleadon, Sunderland, SR6 7UU. It is part of the Church of England's Diocese of Durham.

The correspondence address is
c/o All Saints' Parish Hall,
Sunderland Road,
Cleadon,
Sunderland
SR6 7UR.

Aims and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It has responsibilities for the maintenance of the Church building, the Parish Hall and the Old School Room.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. In particular, we try to enable all people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- 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.
- Mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the All Saints Church and its associated buildings.

Public Benefit

Our worship is open to all regardless of faith or affiliation. The resources available

to the PCC are used to further its aims and purposes. The PCC takes as wide an interpretation of the 'whole mission of the Church' as possible to enable community use of its buildings, whilst retaining the right to not allow use that is contrary to this mission.

Structure, governance and management

The 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 No. 1132228 with the title "The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints Cleadon".

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

Objectives and Activities

Electoral Roll 2023

The current roll was originally compiled in 2019 and has been reviewed for 2024. Next year will see a complete renewal of the roll with all requiring to apply for inclusion before the 2025 APCM. Unfortunately our electoral roll numbers are still declining. I added one new member in 2023 but due to deaths and movement out of the parish our numbers as of December 2023 are 77. Please ensure your name is included if you worship at our Church.

Robina Lawson

Safeguarding

There have not been any safeguarding referrals or any concerns raised this year.

The Church of England Safeguarding Policy has been accepted by the PCC.

DBS checks are being updated as and when they expire.

Debbie completed her induction training- Role of Parish Safeguarding Officer in November.

All members of PCC need to have a Church Of England; Enhanced DBS and complete Basic and Foundation Training, which is in progress. Some other roles, require higher level training.

In keeping with Church of England Guidance; other training has been offered to PCC members to complete if they are able to.

Deborah Wood

Attendance

There were 29 communicants on Easter Day from 67 worshippers. On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 258 people attended services of which 12 took communion. The Usual Sunday Attendance is 18 adults and 2 under the age of 16.

Proceedings of the PCC

2023 has been a mixed year of joys and challenges. The PCC is trying to be more outward looking in terms of mission, and continues to make progress with The Rainbow Way, All Saints strategic plan for 2030. There have been some notable successes, including the poppy cascades for Remembrance Sunday, the Summer Fair and further development of our links with Cleadon Academy.

Numbers attending services have risen slightly compared with 2022 and PCC is delighted to see some families with Young Saints on Sundays. Overall numbers still remain well below pre-covid except on special occasions such as the family service at Easter and the interactive Christmas Eve Carol service.

At the APCM in April, despite the re-structuring the PCC in 2022, we still

struggle to recruit volunteers to the PCC and began the year carrying three vacancies and without a vergers.

Following a recommendation by the Archdeacon, a Co-ordination group with members from All Saints and Whitburn Parish was set up in May, to ensure coherence and streamline the work of both PCCs. There is a common format for PCC meetings and matters that are of significance for both churches are prioritised in the agenda. This is working well.

The Church of England have introduced a new mandatory Safeguarding Action Plan with three levels. The PCC are working through the criteria for these: Safeguarding level 2 must be reviewed every three years.

Towards the end of the year, the PCC was delighted to achieve the Bronze Award for Eco-church, although we recognise there is a long way to go to Net Zero!

In spring the PCC was relieved that the report from The Quinquennial Review had raised no significant issues, although it carried a strong recommendation to be vigilant about maintenance especially with regard to water ingress and the condition of the fleche. Unfortunately, as the year progressed, strong winds and heavy rain led to substantial issues with the roofs of all our buildings.

The cost of repairs to the Hall, Old School Room and Church roofs and other essential repairs, including upgrading the electrics following an unsatisfactory electrical survey, has cost around £13,000 this year. Coupled with the increased cost of utilities, which are coming in at an annual cost of about £12,000, the PCC is being forced to consider creative ways of generating income in order to balance the books. PCC are thankful for a legacy that was received at the start of 2022, or we

might have been in serious trouble by the end of the year. The financial position remains fragile.

The PCC were able to meet the reduced Parish Share pledge that we made for 2023, but regrettably have been unable to increase the pledge for 2024.

In autumn the PCC began an in-house training programme based on "PCC tonight" which looks at the role of PCC in leading the three dimensions of church life, Worship, Mission and Fellowship: a refreshing change from talking about finance and buildings.

The PCC recorded its thanks to Jenny and Beverley our Churchwardens, and Shirley our Administrator, for their hard work, good humour and unwavering support.

Marie Philpott (PCC Secretary)

PCC Membership

Vernon Cuthbert* Priest-in-charge
Beverley George* Churchwarden
Jenny Grant* Churchwarden
Keith Higgin* Deanery Synod to 30 Jun 2026,
Diocesan Synod to 2024
Anne Hudson* Deanery Synod to 30 Jun 2026

elected until APCM 2024

Jill Rowden
Marie Philpott
Cathy Barnes (d7 Jan 2024)
Caroline Snaith (from 29 Nov 2023)

until APCM 2025

Linda Ross
Anne Hudson

(* denotes an ex-officio member of the council by way of their post).

The Standing Committee consists of the Priest-in-charge, the Churchwardens, and the Vice Chairman, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary of the PCC. It meets on an occasional basis when urgent business needs to be transacted by the PCC.

Appointment of Sidespeople

As is the local custom appointments to Sidespeople was deferred to the Churchwardens.

Churchwardens' Report

There has been a good attendance at midweek services this year, but sadly numbers are still low on a Sunday morning although we are delighted to have regular attendees at Young Saints again. During the year we have had 8 funerals and 5 baptisms in church. The school have attended on numerous occasions for services, their Nativity and for Experience Pentecost and Harvest. The school staff have also held two meetings in church, learning about the religious significance of parts of the building and also about the church's year.

We have increased our contact with Whitburn church and now have a co-ordination group made up of members of both churches which decides the PCC agenda so that things run smoothly and in parallel. We have also had two social events with Whitburn and the Boldons as part of working together across the deanery.

The Lent course was based on How To Eat Bread by Miranda Threfall-Holmes and covered different methods of reading the bible from Lectio Divina to experimental play.

During the summer we had a very enjoyable concert by the Argus singers followed by Pimms, strawberries and cream and in December a crib festival with over fifty cribs lent for display.

The Quinquennial report was received in the spring highlighting some repairs and maintenance that needed to be done as well as the routine five yearly surveys. Unfortunately other problems have appeared since and we will need to spend a large amount on the heating.

Our finances and buildings have been a major source of concern throughout the year. We have been paying £1000 /month for gas and electricity across the site and our income has not risen to match this. As a consequence we have been discussing the future use of the buildings.

Both churchwardens were re-elected at the APCM and would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support.

Jenny Grant & Bev George

Deanery Synod Report

Jarrow Deanery consists of 17 parishes (22 churches) spread across Hebburn, Jarrow, South Shields, the Boldons, Cleadon and Whitburn. The Deanery Synod is made up of all the clergy and elected lay representatives from each parish in the Deanery. Elections took place in 2023 and Anne Hudson and Keith Higgin were elected for All Saints, Cleadon for 3 years. They report back to the PCC.

Since 2022 the Synod has only met twice each year, with the expectation that local clusters of churches would meet separately on at least two occasions during the year to form closer links and discuss matters of mutual interest. This arrangement has not been successful as few clusters actually meet. Our own cluster includes Whitburn and the Boldons but has not met formally during 2023, although there has been one social event.

At the Synod meeting in May, which was poorly attended, members divided into groups to discuss how they were emerging from Covid; what were their concerns; and what possibilities were seen.

In November, again poorly attended, the first meeting of the new triennium commenced with a celebration of the Eucharist. There was no outside speaker, so the business merely consisted of the election of members to the official

positions and the Standing Committee. No one was proposed as Lay Chair; in the absence of any other nominations, Mary Thompson was re-elected as secretary, Keith Higgin was re-elected as treasurer and Christine Alder was elected as a lay member of the standing committee. There was another vacancy for a lay member and two vacancies for clergy members on the standing committee.

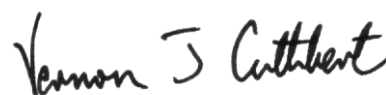
Keith Higgin

Treasurer's Report and Accounts

These appear on pages 10-15 following.

Keith Higgin

This annual report was adopted by the PCC on 10th April 2024 and signed on their behalf by the Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert, PCC Chairman.



Financial Review

In accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and in particular the 5th Edition PCC Accountability, the Annual Accounts are presented adopting the Receipts and Payments basis.

Total Receipts into Unrestricted Funds are down at £64,422 (2022 £115,200), but we did have exceptional receipts of £48,249 in 2022, so that the net figure in 2022 was £66,951. In 2023 we had unexpected donations and legacies of £4,827, without which income would have been £59,595.

Planned Giving has decreased at £26,936 (2022 £27,118) and Hall Lettings are down at £12,330 (2022 £16,544). The other major changes in receipts are from social & fund raising activities and Church Coffee at £4,740 (2022 £3,522) and Wedding & Funeral fees £1,377 (2022 £2,280). Magazine income decreased to £1,183 (2022 £2,514) largely because of a delay in invoicing advertisers.

Payments from Unrestricted Funds have increased to £74,800 (2022 £66,891). There have been some increases in Utility bills, but the main increase is in repairs to the church and hall £13,117 (2022 £4,078). We met our Parish Share pledge in full at £24,000, a decrease of £12,000 on the amount paid in 2022.

The end result is an excess of payments over receipts of £10,378 on the General Account for the year, with transfers between funds decreasing the deficit to £7,973. This deficit has been covered by transfer of funds from the General Fund Deposit account.

The Friends Designated Account shows a deficit of £814 and the Repair Fund Restricted Account a surplus of £53 before closure, reducing the Total Funds surplus to £50,852.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to endeavour to maintain a balance in Unrestricted and Designated accounts equivalent to 3 months payments, to cover cash flow and emergency situations that may arise. The balances available are presently well above this requirement.

Investment Policy

It is the PCC policy to invest any surplus fund balances with the CCLA Central Board of Finance Church of England Deposit account.

Future Plans

The PCC intends to form a strategic plan incorporating proposals for refurbishing the Parish Hall and carrying out all necessary repairs to all the properties. These repairs are estimated to cost in the region of £15,000.

All Saints' Church Cleadon
Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>					
Donations and legacies	40,760.79	67.50	—	40,828.29	85,244.51
Income from charitable activities	8,719.21	—	1,404.47	10,123.68	10,836.31
Other trading activities	13,528.50	803.00	—	14,331.50	20,040.25
Investments	1,285.68	76.54	53.16	1,415.38	60.68
Other income	128.10	—	—	128.10	1,637.00
Total income and endowments from:	64,422.28	947.04	1,457.63	66,826.95	117,818.75
<i>Expenditure on:</i>					
Raising funds	—	—	155.50	155.50	161.00
Expenditure on charitable activities	31,685.97	—	1,248.97	32,934.94	44,530.35
Other expenditure	43,114.81	1,327.50	—	44,442.31	26,946.36
Total expenditure on:	74,800.78	1,327.50	1,404.47	77,532.75	71,637.71
Net income / (expenditure)	(10,378.50)	(380.46)	53.16	(10,705.80)	46,181.04
<i>Transfers</i>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	2,420.50	15.00	—	2,435.50	685.75
Gross transfers between funds - out	(15.00)	(449.00)	(1,971.50)	(2,435.50)	(685.75)
Net income / (expenditure)	(7,973.00)	(814.46)	(1,918.34)	(10,705.80)	46,181.04
<i>Other recognised gains / losses</i>					
Net movement in funds	(7,973.00)	(814.46)	(1,918.34)	(10,705.80)	46,181.04
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>					
Total funds brought forward	55,625.84	4,013.83	1,918.34	61,558.01	15,376.97
Total funds carried forward	47,652.84	3,199.37	—	50,852.21	61,558.01

All Saints' Church Cleadon

Analysis of income and expenditure 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments					
<i>Donations and legacies</i>					
Bank S/O's Gift Aided	6,240.00	—	—	6,240.00	7,075.00
Parish Giving Sch Gift Aided	17,135.16	—	—	17,135.16	15,087.35
Planned Giving Env Gift Aided	3,560.70	—	—	3,560.70	4,666.11
Other Giving Gift Aided	—	—	—	—	80.00
Bankd S/O's Non Gift Aid	120.00	—	—	120.00	—
Planned Giving Env Non Gift Aid	20.00	—	—	20.00	210.00
Other Giving Non Gift Aid	—	—	—	—	400.00
Loose collections	1,260.29	—	—	1,260.29	1,220.60
Collections - Funerals	17.50	—	—	17.50	239.00
Collections - Baptisms	41.35	—	—	41.35	158.38
Donations - Sundry	3,827.32	40.00	—	3,867.32	4,140.59
Gift Aid reclaimed	6,764.68	27.50	—	6,792.18	7,051.21
Gift Aid Small Don Scheme	773.79	—	—	773.79	859.71
Legacies	1,000.00	—	—	1,000.00	44,056.56
<i>Donations and legacies Totals</i>	40,760.79	67.50	—	40,828.29	85,244.51
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>					
Social Events	1,581.98	—	—	1,581.98	1,252.72
Church Coffee	1,574.38	—	—	1,574.38	1,212.71
Saturday Morning Coffee	639.85	—	—	639.85	833.10
Coffee Shop O S R	—	—	—	—	16.10
Grand Draw - Christmas Events	530.00	—	—	530.00	—
Fund Raising Events	—	—	413.85	413.85	207.00
Charitable Events	—	—	990.62	990.62	1,576.68
PCC Fees Funerals	1,377.00	—	—	1,377.00	964.00
PCC Fees Weddings	—	—	—	—	1,316.00
Fees for DBF, Organist Verger & Bells	3,016.00	—	—	3,016.00	3,458.00
<i>Income from charitable activities Totals</i>	8,719.21	—	1,404.47	10,123.68	10,836.31
<i>Other trading activities</i>					
Friends subscriptions	15.00	513.00	—	528.00	611.75
Friends sale of goods	—	10.00	—	10.00	45.00
Friends donations	—	280.00	—	280.00	325.00
Magazine Subs and Adverts	1,183.00	—	—	1,183.00	2,514.50
Hall, OSR and Chapter House Lettings	12,330.50	—	—	12,330.50	16,544.00
<i>Other trading activities Totals</i>	13,528.50	803.00	—	14,331.50	20,040.25
<i>Investments</i>					
Bank and CBF Interest	1,285.68	76.54	53.16	1,415.38	60.68
<i>Investments Totals</i>	1,285.68	76.54	53.16	1,415.38	60.68
<i>Other income</i>					
Grants HMRC and LPW Scheme	128.10	—	—	128.10	1,637.00
<i>Other income Totals</i>	128.10	—	—	128.10	1,637.00
Income and endowments Grand totals	64,422.28	947.04	1,457.63	66,826.95	117,818.75

Expenditure

Expenditure on charitable activities

Mission Giving	—	—	—	—	518.20
Children's Society	—	—	663.10	663.10	667.48
Church Mission Society	—	—	155.50	155.50	161.00
Charitable donations	—	—	585.87	585.87	230.00
Parish Share current year	24,000.00	—	—	24,000.00	36,000.00
Parish Administrator	4,224.60	—	—	4,224.60	4,372.76
Parish Administrator Pension	624.57	—	—	624.57	296.52
HMRC	171.26	—	—	171.26	7.00
Organ/Verger/Bells-Wed-Fun	760.00	—	—	760.00	714.40
Vicar's expenses	1,170.15	—	—	1,170.15	800.61
Vicarage Water Rates	535.71	—	—	535.71	494.27
Assistant Clergy Travel	22.10	—	—	22.10	23.23
Visiting Clergy	106.20	—	—	106.20	337.90
Mission and Evangelism	—	—	—	—	4.79
Baptism costs	71.38	—	—	71.38	63.19

Expenditure on charitable activities Totals

31,685.97	—	1,404.47	33,090.44	44,691.35
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Other expenditure

Church Gas	4,087.63	—	—	4,087.63	1,087.34
Church Electricity	1,106.98	—	—	1,106.98	1,227.15
Church Water	116.31	—	—	116.31	90.00
Church Insurance EIG	3,050.62	—	—	3,050.62	2,773.40
Church Routine repairs	2,989.71	—	—	2,989.71	841.72
Church Cleaning wages	1,107.63	—	—	1,107.63	1,029.60
Upkeep of Services	359.30	—	—	359.30	483.39
Organ tuning and repairs	357.22	—	—	357.22	441.00
Worship materials	56.30	—	—	56.30	129.61
Governance/Fees to Diocese	2,181.00	—	—	2,181.00	2,743.60
Friends expenditure	—	1,327.50	—	1,327.50	81.75
Hall Running expenses & Administration	298.38	—	—	298.38	1,129.79
Hall Cleaning wages	4,430.34	—	—	4,430.34	4,118.40
Hall Gas	3,562.37	—	—	3,562.37	1,276.41
Hall Electricity	2,411.03	—	—	2,411.03	592.08
Hall Water	342.86	—	—	342.86	153.34
Cleaning materials and refuse	873.46	—	—	873.46	1,149.01
Hall Insurance EIG	1,525.31	—	—	1,525.31	1,386.70
Telephone	513.37	—	—	513.37	662.80
Printing, Stationery and postages	1,247.72	—	—	1,247.72	657.94
Hall Routine repair/maint'ce	10,127.82	—	—	10,127.82	3,237.02
O S R Routine repair/maint'ce	542.93	—	—	542.93	616.56
O S R Letting expenditure	791.55	—	—	791.55	416.38
Old School Room Gas	378.36	—	—	378.36	335.89
Old School Room Electricity	364.91	—	—	364.91	113.68
Old School Room Water	291.70	—	—	291.70	171.80

Other expenditure Totals

43,114.81	1,327.50	—	44,442.31	26,946.36
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Expenditure Grand totals

74,800.78	1,327.50	1,404.47	77,532.75	71,637.71
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Balance sheet (Church of England)

As at: 31 December 2023

	As at 31/12/2023 £	As at 31/12/2022 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	2,228.00	2,228.00
	<u>2,228.00</u>	<u>2,228.00</u>
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	48,624.21	59,330.01
	<u>48,624.21</u>	<u>59,330.01</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>48,624.21</u>	<u>59,330.01</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>50,852.21</u>	<u>61,558.01</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>50,852.21</u>	<u>61,558.01</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	47,652.84	55,625.84
Designated		
Designated - Friends of All Saints Fund	3,199.37	4,013.83
Restricted		
Restricted - Repair and Maintenance Fund	—	1,918.34
Restricted - Charities Fund	—	—
Funds of the church	<u>50,852.21</u>	<u>61,558.01</u>

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the PCC Accountability 5th Edition. The Charities Act 2011 is a consolidation of previous Acts but did not introduce new legislation. The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Restricted Funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) 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 the year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund.

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

Incoming resources

Planned Giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC receives the amounts due. All other income is recognised when it is received. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

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 Parish Share 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.

Assets Retained for Church Use

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with 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 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. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £5,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of All Saints' Church, Cleadon.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Trustees of All Saints' Church, Cleadon Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required 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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

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 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 matters have come to my attention:

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - 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.



Peter Calvert,
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Independent Examiner

4th March 2024.

Organisation Reports 2023

Children and Young People

Non-Uniformed Children's and Youth work

ABC Toddlers@All Saints

During 2023 I gave Toddlers a little bit of a rebrand by creating an 'ABC Toddlers@AllSaints' banner in order to publicise the group. ABC standing for Adults, Babies, Children. The reason being I wished to encourage parents and carers that it didn't matter how young the children coming to the group were. I'm pleased to say that although numbers vary from week to week the group continues to be a popular place for children to grow in confidence and improve their social skills. For many of the children this has been really important post covid lockdowns. Janet Birchall continues to enjoy helping set up and provide refreshments and the children love her, missing her if she is unable to join us. I value her help enormously.

Janet Cuthbert

Young Saints

During 2023 it has been an absolute joy to welcome back on a regular basis 6 to 8 Young Saints and their parents. The children enjoy being in church and exploring faith at their level. It has also been lovely that the parents get involved and assist. The children have got more confident in their reporting back when we return to church. The social area in church has encouraged the families to stay for refreshments at the end of the service and both the parents and children enjoy chatting with the rest of the congregation.

Janet Cuthbert

Cleaddon Church of England Academy

This academic year we have really "gone to town" on harnessing the potential of our amazing school environment, particularly the outdoor areas. We are extremely fortunate to have extensive school grounds; including trim trails, a Spiritual Garden, fields and a games area and it has been wonderful to see the potential of the outdoor areas maximized in supporting pupil development and general progress.

We are so blessed to have access to our very own small, wooded area, the Forget Me Not Garden, where our Forest School lessons take place. Forest School is a program that has really "taken off" in Early Years, Nursery and Reception. It is great to see the children in their outdoor clothes and wellies, exploring the natural environment in a meaningful and structured way, in all weathers! Skills such as collaboration, safe risk-taking and creativity are supported; whilst increasing pupils' positive relationship with the natural world. The outdoor environment supports positive physical and mental health and starts the journey on a lifelong love of nature and respect for the natural world, as well as harnessing an attitude of awe and wonder towards God's wonderful creation.

Another exciting and enjoyable outdoor project that has really taken root this year is Commando Joes. Commando Joes is a program that is implemented consistently in school, with several year groups participating. Using an engaging, practical, fun-filled approach, Commando Joes uses an active, problem solving, adventure theme to support the development of resilience and collaboration. Children work in teams to complete practical problem-solving challenges, which are set outdoors and use a range of equipment to make the challenges fun and engaging. Through inspirational role models, whom the challenges are built around, children develop an understanding of character

development, such as respect, teamwork and compromise. It is always heart-warming to observe groups of children working co-operatively, and purposefully, to accomplish Commando Joe "missions" such as crossing "crocodile filled rivers" (bean bags on a canvas ground cover, with planks as walkways) to take supplies to the other side!

Because of the strong link between physical and mental health, school has also prioritised outdoor playtimes as an important part of the school day to further enrich and develop. Opal Play has been introduced into our school this year. It is a program that has revolutionized playtimes at school. Opal Play is based on mixed age groups playing together, with the outdoor area of the school being divided into different play areas. With an imaginary play area, ball games area, dressing up area and building area, amongst others, there is something for everyone! Opal play ensures that children's playtimes are productive, supporting their social and emotional development, their physical skills and their co-operation and team skills. It has been heart-warming to observe children dressed as wizards and police, dancing along in the Performance Area while others collaborate to use old tyres and planks into interesting structures in the Building Area! Playtimes have certainly become even more popular than they were, amongst the pupil population, and staff are pleased to know that they are now much more purposeful and enriching for all.

Our wonderful school community, including our PTA have been so supportive of the development of our outdoor area and the schemes we have implemented. Thank you to all who have contributed through attending our fundraising events and contributions of practical resources too. We continue to be extremely grateful for the positive support of the Church Community in providing spiritual guidance

for our pupils, through the wonderful opportunities provided to our pupils: the regular worships led by Reverend Vernon, the celebration services held in All Saints Church and the Experience Visits which the children love and which really bring alive some of the significant events of the Christian year. The support of All Saints Church helps bring to life our Christian Ethos and the lived values we promote.

Mr G. Scott (Principal)

Uniformed Children's and Youth work

1st Cleadon Rainbows

We have had another busy year having lots of fun. We had a fun evening exploring the outdoors at West Hall. Some of the activities we have done during the year include toasting marshmallows on a BBQ, making animals from Hama Beads and making Christmas decorations using clay. We also went to the Cinema to see the new Disney film Wish, the girls loved it.

The Rainbows are also really enjoying working on their interest badges at home, the most popular badge seems to be the Family Tree one. We have completed the Have Adventures and Take Action Theme Awards. Some of the Rainbows have gained their Bronze award by completing all the parts of two Theme Awards.

We ended the year with a Christmas party, we played games and met Santa in his sleigh. Thank you to the Rotary for making that possible.

Thank you to everyone who helps at Rainbows, parents and the girls themselves, without them we wouldn't have so much fun.

**Lisa Nesworthy and Gemma Connolly
(Rainbow Leaders)**

1st Cleadon Guides

Our number remained lower than our normal still at an average of 10 Guide throughout 2023.

We continued with our usual Guide program which nationally has 6 themes (Know Myself, Express Myself, Be Well, Have Adventures, Take Action and Skills for My Future), this provides scope for a good spread of activities. This included some things such as cooking, sculpting with playdoh, planting basil seeds in self-watering used plastic bottles. We still had time for Christmas crafts, Chinese new year activities, Easter crafts, Coronation party and still time for games. We were also able to get outside for a couple of nights in our summer term to the park.

A few of our Guides went to a PGL weekend with Cleadon and Boldon's Brownies and Guides in September. It was at Ford Castle in Northumberland which was a great venue and they did various outdoor activities such as abseiling, zip wire, buggy building and problem-solving activities.

A high light for our Guiding County was a trip in May to Beamish for our County's Coronation celebration day. 6 of our Guides attended and enjoyed a look around and did a few craft and historical activities. There was also a flag parade.

At the end of the summer term we had a night at West Hall Scout site and the following week 5 of our Guides went to a Silent Disco at St Gabriel's which was being held for the Sunderland North and South units.

Our Christmas trip was to the Supertramp trampoline centre.

Our leadership team is generally 3 of us with Lynne splitting her time with Rangers every other fortnight. Karen our unit

helper started doing her leadership training which is great news.

Lynne Carr (Guide Leader)

1st Cleadon Rangers

Our year started with the 4 Rangers who had started the previous term and all but one stayed with our unit all year. Whilst 3 is a very small number they do get on well together.

We continue to meet fortnightly and dip in and out of the Girlguiding national program with it's 6 wide ranging themes. The girls do sometimes join in with things the Guides are doing if something special, but generally the 3 of them like to do crafts and a having a good chat! Rangers need to be that place where they don't need to overthink things as they have enough going with their final school years and exams.

In May, 2 of our Rangers attended a trip in May to Beamish for our Guiding County's Coronation celebration day. They enjoyed a look around and did a few craft and historical activities. There was also a flag parade.

In June they had a BBQ at West Hall Scout site and for their last night in July they had a pizza night in.

Lynne Carr (Rangers Leader)

30th South Shields (Cleadon All Saints') Scout Group

This year has been another exciting and fun filled year for our scout group. We have hosted a variety of camps including Hawkhurst, space camp, Beaver camp and many more. In sessions we have had fun both indoors and out. Beavers have cooked on fires, went on scavengers' hunts, visits from our local paramedics, yoga teachers and our local bank to teach us all about money. In our Cub section we have also had a visit to our local Town hall to meet the Mayor, learnt about Chinese New Year and our mental wellbeing.

Scouts this years have a fun time getting to use a Flight simulator, making outdoor ovens and learning how to budget and make tasty meals from our local supermarket. We are excited to continue with our Adventures next year and are looking forward to expanding our group with a new Squirrel and Explorer unit.

Glyn Purvis-McGinn

Fellowship Groups

Friends in Faith (monthly 3rd Mon. eve.)

Friends in Faith is a Christian group meeting each month, except July and August, for fellowship and friendship.

Members meet on the third Monday of the month at 11, Laburnum Grove, at 7.30pm. There was a maximum of 17 members this year. New members are always welcome.

This year we have had speakers on a variety of subjects; a Buckingham Palace garden party, attending the King's coronation, working for the Bible Society in Burkino Faso, famous people from the North East, Water Aid, Glenn Miller, Memory, woodwork carving and working as a magistrate.

At Christmas, the group held a shared party with the Men's Fellowship which included a quiz and carols accompanied by David Scrafton on his guitar.

The group also held a coffee morning in aid of the Alzheimers' Society which raised £200. Some members ran the bottle tombola at the Summer Fair.

Jean Higgin

Men's Fellowship

Frailty has caught up with the members of the Men's Fellowship and a decision was made to cease meeting.

Mothers' Union

In 2023 Mothers' Union met every 2nd Thursday afternoon at 2.00pm in the Chapter House except for January and August. We have 15 members, including five who have joined us from closed Mothers' Unions. We are now the only remaining one in the Jarrow Deanery. We have one member from Cleadon Methodist Church. We also have two home members, Margaret Robson and Kathleen Robinson.

At every meeting we commenced with a service, led by President Linda Ferries. We used our blue MU book which includes services and prayers including prayers for members throughout the world. We also used various Mothers' Union service sheets. Linda chose the hymns and Bible readings. We then welcomed our speakers who included Helen Belsham, Walter Carr, Christine Alder, Kathleen Wilson and Jean Baker. On two occasions we held discussions amongst ourselves.

In June many of us enjoyed attending the Mothers' Union Festival in Durham Cathedral, proudly carrying our banner. Our final meeting of the year was our Advent service, held in church and led by Linda.

At the end of each meeting, we relaxed and chatted, with refreshments most generously provided by Margaret Laws. New members are always made most welcome.

Jean Higgin

Mission

Children's Society

The first event of the year to support the Children's Society was a coffee morning held in July 2023. It was a happy and successful occasion and over £100 was raised. During the months of August and September the home collection boxes were emptied and collectively reached a total of £673.85. Finally in November and into December, Christingle collection candles were available and the monies received from those returned will be forwarded to The Children's Society.

The generosity and commitment of the supporters of The Children Society, including those at All Saints' have helped to secure more than £1.5 billion during the past year. This allows children the support they need, when they need it, and work with them to build the futures they deserve. Your donations are crucial, as many children are already living in poverty. On behalf of the Children Society, thank you for standing with the young people.

Anne Hudson

Outreach

Pastoral Care Group

We have nine members who meet each month at 11, Laburnum Grove. They are Jean Higgin, Anne Hudson, Jan McGill, Linda Ross, Ellen Smith, Val Wallbank and Margaret Westerberg. We were also joined by Beverley George and our new Methodist representative, Ian Sturrock, who replaced Kathleen Robinson during the year. We also have an honorary member, Lesley Smith.

The group meet in person to pray and share thoughts and ideas with each other. Each member has a designated Care List which covers all those on the electoral roll and on the Parish Network. We are committed to contacting them in some way at least once a month, if not more. These contacts are reported on each month and action taken, if needed.

The Parish Network has been kept up to date, with new members having been recruited. They work quietly, mostly unseen but vitally essential. They deliver cards and pray for those on their patch. We held a Get-Together for them in September and over twenty attended.

There were five baptisms during the year. Jean and Anne assisted with two of them from the same family. All the baptism equipment, candles, books, etc. has now been stored in the vestry for use by those now helping with baptisms. Sadly, a group member no longer visits the families beforehand so little or no contact for follow up is possible.

Happily, however, baptism, wedding and bereavement anniversary cards have still been sent by Ellen, Linda and Val respectively. Gifts of bowls of hyacinths were again sent to ten sick or lonely people at Christmas, thanks to George Wilson.

Jean keeps a record of all funerals and arranges invitations to the All Souls' service which was held on 29th October. These were delivered or e-mailed.

The intercessions and request lists were sent out each week.

We hope we have been able to respond to those in need in 2023, always with God's help and grace.

Jean Higgin

Worship

Home Communion

Home Communion is available to anyone in the parish who is baptised and unable to attend Church. Please contact Rev Vernon Cuthbert if you wish to have home Communion.

Vernon Cuthbert

Readers, Sides People, Intercessors and Eucharist Assistants

Over the course of the year All Saints Church has relied heavily on a small number of volunteers from the congregation to support key roles in church services. These duties as Readers, Sides People, Intercessors and Eucharist Assistants are fundamental to the smooth running of services enabling the priest to focus on his role.

Our volunteers at All Saints are few so the rotation of their support is more frequent than we would like and makes it all the more important that we recognise their contribution.

Thanks to all our volunteers your help and support is invaluable.

We welcome anyone who would like to join our volunteers and support our services.

Beverley George

Sunday Worship 9am

This is our main act of worship as it has Young Saints in the Chapter House running alongside the early part of the service, and we sing.

We use seasonal booklets for variety when the service is a celebration of Holy Communion.

Our singing is supported by CD with some sung responses as part of the liturgy as well as the hymns. Participation is encouraged with Bible readers,

intercessors and assistants at the Communion table all playing a role.

Vernon Cuthbert

Thursday Worship 10am

This is a said service with an accompanied hymn sung at the preparation of the table for Holy Communion.

We use the seasonal booklets from Sunday's 9am service unless outside of the seasons (Ordinary time if it is not Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, or Eastertide) when a booklet specifically for midweek worship is used.

On some 1st Thursdays of the month our congregation is swelled by members of the Mothers' Union. There are opportunities for the set Bible readings to be read by those attending.

Vernon Cuthbert

Support Activities

Coffee

A small group of volunteers make it possible for coffee and refreshments to be served following the weekly services on Sunday and Thursday. We continue to use Fairtrade ground coffee which is generally appreciated. Tea is available for those who prefer. It was necessary last year to purchase a new coffee machine along with a pump flask. For many years Jean Higgin has managed the ordering of coffee and regularly sterilising the flasks. Helen Belsham has kindly offered to take over this role.

There have been six Saturday coffee mornings held throughout the year to raise money for church funds. Again a few volunteers regularly man these events. It appears that some months are better supported than others. However, we should be thankful that we can continue to offer hospitality to our community. Special thanks to everyone who supports in this service.

Anne Hudson

Communications Group

The committee members continue to be Brian Bage, Allan Bailey, Gordon Coxon and Keith Higgin.

We produce The Cleadon Courier each month. We would welcome articles from anyone wishing to contribute, particularly the uniformed organisations and other groups that do not already feature. The collation team includes Allan Bailey, Anne Hudson, Margaret Laws, Walter Carr and Ken Oley. Shirley Newton is now doing the printing, which is much easier to complete on the new printer. Thanks are due to them all for this work.

Anne Hudson maintains the distribution lists and collects the subscriptions, as well as being Advertising Manager. Thank you,

Anne, for this. Our advertisers change very frequently nowadays and some have withdrawn during the year. If you know of anyone who might wish to advertise, please pass their name to Anne. It also helps if readers who use businesses that advertise, mention The Courier, so that they know that their contribution is appreciated.

The Thirty First edition of the Information Booklet was produced at the beginning of the year, including information on the Methodist Church personnel and events. Copies are always available at the back of church and Parish Network members give a copy to newcomers as part of the welcome.

Easter and Christmas cards were produced for village-wide distribution in conjunction with the Methodists.

We are most grateful to all the distributors and need a few more volunteers to lighten the load for some. Celia Moore, who worships at Whitburn Parish Church, produced the paintings for both cards and we are grateful for her skilled artistry.

Keith Higgin

Friends of All Saints

The membership of The Friends at the start of 2023 was 60. We purchased 385 Cleadon Couriers at a cost of £192.50.

The Gardening Team shed roof was leaking, this was covered with a waterproof membrane at a cost of £850.00, which The Friends paid for. The Friends also paid for the renewal of the door from the car park to the Old School Room at a cost of £350.00

We wish to thank our 'Friends' for their continued help and support. Anyone wishing to join The Friends please contact us at 5 Woodlands Road. It is £10 for an individual £15 for a couple per year.

Helen and Ernie Belsham

Gardening Team

The Garden Team continues to meet every fortnight from the end of March until the end of November. Our main focus is maintaining and improving the church garden, we renew many plants seasonally, mow the lawns regularly, and trim the hedges as required.

During the past year we have also refurbished the gate to the main road and re-coated the seats facing the lawns. In addition, we have replaced the felt roof of our store shed.

Our team will miss Derek and Bryan, they contributed much to our gatherings. We are always pleased to welcome new recruits, no experience is needed, the coffee and snacks tasteful, and humour and repartee abundant.

We want to thank the congregation at All Saints' and the wider village community for their continued support.

John Byers

GiftAid

As always, we are very grateful to those who are able to gift aid their donations allowing us to claim an extra 25% on the amount. If you are a taxpayer and would like to gift aid in future through the Parish Giving Scheme, by standing order or using the envelope scheme, please speak to myself or the treasurer.

This year we have purchased a Sum Up machine allowing us to take money by card or phone app; this has proved useful as so many people no longer carry cash. We are able to claim gift aid on any donations under £30 made in this way.

Gift aid is a very valuable part of our income, during 2023 we reclaimed more than £7500 on donations made to us.

Jenny Grant

Health and Safety

Health and Safety checks have been carried out throughout the year, in the Church, Chapter House, Parish Hall, Old School Room.

First aid boxes have been checked and all are correctly stocked.

The church grounds and outbuildings were inspected and all appear to be in order, however the car park is in need of some repair. The Gardening Team shed roof was leaking badly but has been repaired and paid for by the Friends.

There was glass on the stage in the hall, where a child had cut their foot, this was reported to the Church Wardens and the Health and Safety Officer who duly noted the accident, however no further action was taken by the parents.

On 17th April there was a fire in the bin outside of the church porch main door, this was extinguished by the fire brigade. Health and Safety Officer dealt with the remnants of the bin safely. The bin has not and will not be renewed.

Health and Safety is everyone's responsibility, so if anyone observes anything untoward please report it to me and it will be noted and addressed.

Helen Belsham

Parish Administrator

As always I would like to start by mentioning the groups here at All Saints.

I would like to thank you all for working together alongside myself to make sure everything runs smoothly and everyone is happy. All groups seem to be doing really well and some even joining together to keep their groups going.

As always I would like to give a special mention to the volunteers here at All Saints Church so many people give up

their own time. We have several different groups. We have the ones who do the monthly magazine, then there are the ones that do coffee morning and evening events, and last but, by no means least I would like to mention the gardening team. Last year some of our groups even used the outdoor space for their groups as the gardens looked so nice over summer so a big thank you to you all.

I am now a familiar face after the Church service on a Thursday and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all as you are all so very welcoming and take the time to have a coffee and a chat.

Finally to the people who just call into the office to say hello my office door is always open and it is always a pleasure to see you.

Shirley Newton

Rainbow Way

Throughout 2023 the Rainbow Way Group focused all our activities on the long term goals linked to the four strands of the Rainbow Way Strategic Plan. Although it is not possible to list everything that has been done, we are pleased to report good progress overall, as can be seen in the examples that follow.

Red Strand – Be visible in our community as people who live and share Christian values

We are reaching a wider audience by making use of social media to advertise what the church is doing in terms of worship and social events. In February we hosted a successful get-together with congregations from Whitburn and The Boldons. We were delighted with peoples' reaction in the village to the poppy cascades and on lamp-posts for Remembrance Sunday which were achieved by working in partnership with our uniformed organisations, Crafty Ladies and The Rotary Club.

Relationships with Cleadon Academy are flourishing through hosting staff meetings in the church, supporting with PTFA social events, leading lunchtime bible story club, and activities in church for various groups of children.

Orange Strand – Seek out and support where God is working in the community
We are building up our links with users of our premises and in June had a fun summer fair to share and celebrate what goes on in and around the church complex. In July we had a lovely summer concert in the church by The Argus Singers followed by Pimms and strawberries. We continue to support Key2Life foodbank. At Christmas we held a Crib Festival with over 50 cribs attended by 87 people.

Yellow Strand – Encourage and develop leaders for worship, fellowship and mission
In autumn 2023 we began a training programme to strengthen the effectiveness of the PCC. A Co-ordination group has been set up with Whitburn to ensure there is a coherent approach to leadership. We are carrying out an audit to identify the many and varied roles and responsibilities that exist and to support succession planning.

Green Strand – Care for God's creation and live sustainably

We supported Friends of Oakleigh Gardens as they worked towards becoming an established volunteer group. We worked with Durham Wildlife Trust to set up an after school information and workshop session for us and the children, and we were delighted to be awarded the Bronze Eco-church Award just before Christmas.

Our thanks to everyone who helped in any way towards these goals. The work goes on.

Marie Philpott.

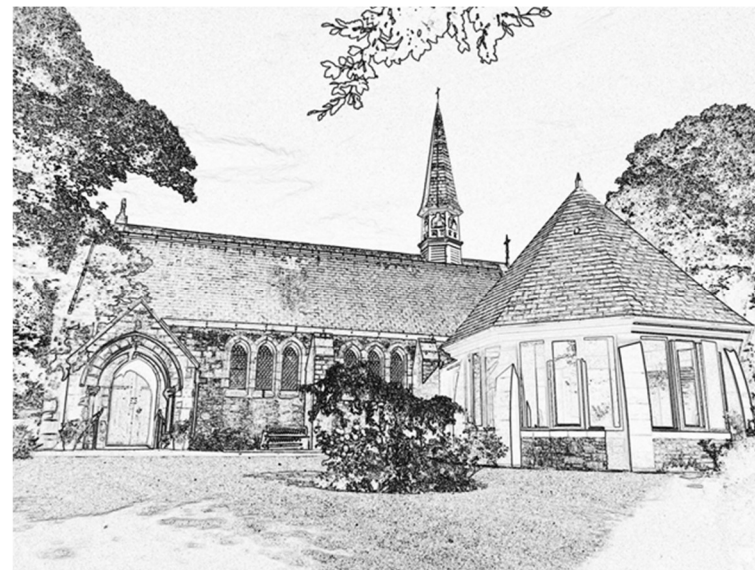
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- Organising prayers for Ukraine at the war memorial (April – being visible)
- Offering a big breakfast in the Old School Room for Christian Aid (May – being visible)
- Working with beavers on their “Faith” badge (May - community)
- The re-authorisation of Jenny Grant as Authorised Lay Funeral Minister (May – leadership)
- Organising a Picnic in the Park for Queens Jubilee, attended by about two hundred people during the afternoon (June – community)
- Carrying out an eco-survey around the church and with our congregation to raise awareness of the need to live sustainably (June – God’s creation)
- Supporting our Methodist friends with “Holiday at home” (August – community)
- Supporting Friends of Oakleigh Gardens in setting up a community volunteer group to develop Oakleigh Gardens the site for leisure, sport and learning (on going – God’s Creation)
- Building up our relationships with our local schools eg Hosting a Cleadon Academy school staff meeting in church, our congregation attending a bible study at school, reception classes coming to church to learn about baptism, Y5/6 Christingle in church (on-going – being visible)
- Beginning to build up our presence on social media as a way of being visible to a wider audience in our community (on-going – being visible)
- Publishing articles in the Courier to encourage people to embrace a sustainable lifestyle (September – God’s creation)

It has been a busy year but we go into 2023 with a strategy and an action plan that gives us clear goals which, we pray, with God’s guidance, will take All Saints Church forward.

Marie Philpott

The Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints, Cleadon



Annual Report 2022 and Agenda for the 2023 Annual Vestry Meeting & 2023 Annual Parochial Church Meeting

held on 30th April 2022 at 2.45pm in Church

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Helen Belsham

Parish Administrator

Well here we are again another year gone by so fast. I would like to start off by mentioning the groups here at All Saints.

Sorry to say we have lost a few groups along the way and I know for others it was a slow and worrying start but, I am pleased to say over time the ones remaining have settled back in nicely and getting use to the new normal after the challenges over the past few years.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome a couple of new groups we have a yoga class and Tiny Tweeties both proving to be very popular and doing really well.

As I do every year I would like to give a mention to the volunteers here at All Saints Church they all work so hard from running the coffee mornings, doing the Church magazines and also working in the Church gardens.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the people who attend Church and are always welcoming when I call in afterwards for a coffee and a chat.

Finally, to the people who just call into the office to say hello my office door is always open and it is always a pleasure to see you.

Shirley Newton

The Rainbow Way

The start of the year saw the SMDT/PMC teams planning for the

formal end of Partnership for Missional church in March 2022. They reviewed All Saints "Rainbow" plan on a page strategy for 2030 and updated it to take into account changing priorities and the learning from Partnership for Missional Church. A copy of the updated plan on a page can be found in the church and parish hall.

The revised strategy, which was named "The Rainbow Way," identified four strands which will be the basis of action plans for development of our church to 2030. The 4 strands are:

- Red Be visible in our community as people who live and share Christian values
- Orange Seek out and support where God is working in the community
- Yellow Encourage and develop leaders for worship, fellowship and mission
- Green Care for God's creation and live sustainably

We also identified three ways of working that would help us achieve our aims, and these were included in the rainbow plan as:

- Blue Be ready to change and adapt to be relevant to today's world
- Indigo Maximise our resources and assets for the benefit of all
- Violet work in partnership with others

In recognition of the importance of the strategy the management group was renamed "The Rainbow Way" group and PCC decided that all future activities should be assessed in relation to how they might contribute to meeting the goals of the strategy.

With this in mind, the activities that took place during 2022 included

own plants and selling them from their front drive. They were able to contribute £30.00 to the Friends Account.

Whalton Show was cancelled in September as a mark of respect to the death of Queen Elizabeth II. This meant that we had to cancel the coach outing, which had already been arranged.

We wish to thank our 'Friends' for their help and support over the year. Anyone interested in joining the Friends contact us at 5 Woodlands Road, Cleadon.

Helen and Ernie Belsham

Gardening Team

The Garden Team has continued to meet fortnightly on Monday mornings from April through to October. We have tried to keep our Church gardens attractive and well maintained. Regular lawn mowing, hedge trimming, and seasonal planting are our routine tasks, as, of course, is our coffee and snack break (also referred to as our "strategy meeting").

The gate is always open to more volunteers, we are all much older than when we embarked on taming the wilderness twelve years ago, the heavy work is done, but constant attention is needed. If you are willing to help, just turn up, no need to make an appointment, you will be very welcome.

We thank the members of the congregation and of the wider community for their continued encouragement and support of our fund-raising activities which are essential for income for our continued work.

John Byers

Gift Aid

We are very grateful to all of you who gift aid your donations so that we can collect the tax paid thus increasing the amount by 25%. This year the parish managed to reclaim over £7000 through gift aid, making this a very valuable resource for us.

If you are a UK tax payer all you need to do is sign a gift aid form from the back of church and arrange with us how you will make your donations. Please speak to either Keith Higgin or me about this. The preferred route is by direct debit using the Parish Giving Scheme for monthly, quarterly, annual or one-off donations. This can be arranged through their website parishgiving.org.uk or they can be contacted by email: info@parishgiving.org.uk or phone: 0333 002 1260. The parish is Cleadon All Saints and the code 130613108.

Alternatively, payments can be made by standing order through the bank or by using the envelope scheme.

Jenny Grant

Health and Safety

Health and Safety checks have been carried out in the Church, Chapter House, Parish Hall, Old School Room and the outside areas of the church grounds have been inspected and appear to be in good order. However, the car park is still in need of a little repair work as some of the surface areas are cracked and uneven in places.

First aid boxes have been checked and are all up to date. The fire alarm system is checked every 3 months with no reported issues. There have been no reports of injuries or incidents to me.

Agenda for the Vestry Meeting 2023

1. Minutes of the Vestry Meeting 2022
2. Churchwardens Report including the Annual Report on the Terrier and Inventory
3. Election of Churchwardens

Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2023

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the APCM 2022
3. Reports of the PCC 2022
 - 3.1. Electoral Roll
 - 3.2. Proceedings of the PCC
 - 3.3. PCC membership
 - 3.4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts
 - 3.5. Deanery Synod Report
4. Group Reports for 2022
5. 2023 Elections
 - 5.1. Election Of Deanery Synod Representatives 2023-2026
 - 5.2. Elections to the PCC 2023
6. Appointment of the Independent Examiner
7. Vicar's Report

Minutes of 2022 Vestry Meeting & Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Held on Sunday 15th May 2022 at 4pm in Church

Introduction

10 members were present. Apologies were received from Cathy Barnes, Rob Lawson and Helen Belsham. The Annual Report for 2021 had been circulated beforehand. Revd Vernon Cuthbert chaired the meeting.

Vestry Meeting

i) The Minutes of the 2021 Vestry Meeting (Annual Report p4) were accepted as an accurate record. There were no questions or comments.
ii) The Church Wardens' report (Annual Report pp 8-9) was received. There were no questions. Jenny Grant and Beverley George were thanked for their hard work during the year. Jenny Grant and Beverley George were elected as Church Wardens for the 2022-2023 year. This concluded the Vestry Meeting.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

- i. The Minutes of the 2021 APCM (Annual Report, p 4) were accepted as an accurate record.
- ii. The Reports of the PCC for 2021 were presented (pp 6-17).
It was noted that the Electoral Roll had 88 members at the end of 2021. Anne Hudson, Helen Belsham and Rob Lawson were thanked for their service on completion of their 3-year term of office as members of the PCC.
- iii. The Treasurer's Report and Accounts (pp 10-17) for 2021 were received.

The Treasurer clarified for non-PCC members

- the entries under Unrestricted funds, Designated funds and Restricted funds (p11)
- there were no legacies this year, and that lettings had gone up and continued to do so (p12)
- the grants under income (p13) referred to government grant in relation to job retention scheme
- the Restricted Repair Fund (p15) stood at £4,977.22, but £3,000 has subsequently been spent on repairs, so the balance is now just under £2,000.

Keith Higgin was thanked for his work as Treasurer, and the accounts were accepted.

- iv. Group reports for 2021 were received (pp 18-29).

Two questions were raised under the heading of Worship (p18)

1. Was it possible to consider having an 11am service at Cleadon, perhaps once per month?
Rev'd Cuthbert responded that this was unlikely as services at Whitburn would be affected by any changes of this kind, and the two PCCs had agreed the present arrangements.
2. Could an evening service at Cleadon be considered, perhaps once per month?
It was agreed that this proposal should be brought to the next PCC meeting for discussion.

It was noted that the entry for Mothers' Union in the annual report (p23) had been done by another party to help Margaret Robson, who was standing down as president. Linda Ferries will be taking over as President.

and Anne Hudson, who also maintains the distribution lists and collects the subscriptions.

Additionally, Anne is Advertising Manager, collecting the money due and seeking new advertisers. If you know of anyone who may wish to advertise, please do let Anne know as some advertisers have cancelled this year.

We were also able to produce a Christmas card for distribution village-wide, letting everyone know of the services that we and the Methodist Church were offering. We also include the services at Whitburn Parish Church.

The 31st edition of the Information Booklet was in process of being compiled at the end of the year.

Especially with the demise of the two W.I. groups, we would very much like to have more regular articles from other church groups, to communicate what is happening within the church family.

Keith Higgin

Social Committee

The Social Committee, which comprised Lesley, Anne, Marie, Dave, Gill, Robina, Helen, Walter and Amy-Jane, met on 5 occasions during the year to make arrangements for forthcoming events. The first event of the year was the Valentine's Quiz night in February. Rob Lawson planned and presented the Quiz while the committee organised ticket sales, advertising, a raffle and a supper of pies, peas and roast potatoes provided by Whitburn Caterers. It was a very pleasant evening which raised £662 for Church funds.

In April, Compass Acapella returned to give us a wonderful concert in our hall

which raised £492 for our funds. Their music was perfect with a mixture of nostalgia, fun and sheer musical delight. The group have been entertaining us for some years now, giving their time and considerable talent to help our funds. They deserve our thanks and our praise.

The committee, in addition to planned events, agreed to help to organise our Christian Aid Big Breakfast in May, a Strawberry Tea Dance in June, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Picnic in the park, also in June, and a Paddy's Market in July.

The last planned event of the year was the fifteenth appearance in our hall of the Custom's House Big Band, featuring Ruth Lambert as their resident singer. They gave a fantastic mix of swing and jazz, together with their usual section of Christmas music presented in their own inimitable style. 64 tickets were sold for this event which made up a very appreciative audience.

However, some committee members found it was becoming more difficult to sell tickets for these events and consequently decided that as a social committee we had outrun our course, but we remained willing to volunteer help in whatever social events our Rainbow Way were providing.

Lesley Smith

Friends of All Saints

The membership of the Friends at the start of 2022 was 72 Adults and 10 Children. We purchased 513 copies of the Cleadon Courier at a cost of £256.50.

As we no longer meet in the Church Hall on a Sunday after church, Helen and Ernie took the initiative of growing their

The intercessions and request lists were sent out each week.

We hope we have been able to respond to those in need in 2022, always with God's help and grace.

Jean Higgin

The Children's Society

As home box collection coordinator for The Children's Society, I am pleased to report that during 2022 box holders within the parish network raised £587.70. To add to this, £120 was collected from a coffee morning held in July and over £70 given via the Christingle candles. Collectively, an amazing total of over £777 was gratefully received by The Children's Society.

Within their thank you letter they make it clear that, through our generosity, we are helping to improve the lives of children who feel scared, unloved and like they simply do not matter. As the cost of living crisis deepens and young people's lives become increasingly difficult it is more important than ever that we let children know how much they matter and make sure their needs are addressed. Every coin given and every donation made helps children in this country to find hope.

On behalf of The Children's Society thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Anne Hudson

Support Activities

Coffee

Throughout the year coffee mornings have been held in the Old School Room on the second Saturday of each month. During 2022 there were six organised to aid Church funds and six for chosen charities e.g. Church Missionary Society, The Children Society and Christian Aid. There is always a friendly welcome with coffee, tea, scones and biscuits to enjoy and time to meet up with friends for a chat. A moderate fee of £2.50 is charged and raffle tickets are available.

Following the Sunday and Thursday Communion services, coffee, tea, biscuits and an occasional cake treat are served in the south aisle of the Church. Again this is a chance to socialize over a hot drink. The pump flasks continue to successfully operate and the Fair Trade coffee well accepted. Donations received go towards Church funds.

We are thankful to be served on these occasions by a small group of willing helpers and grateful for all contributions of refreshments and raffle prizes.

Anne Hudson

Communications Group

The committee members continue to be Brian Bage, Allan Bailey, Gordon Coxon and Keith Higgin. We produced a Cleadon Courier each month.

Printing the magazine is now carried out by Shirley Newton following the purchase of another printer, which is proving to be much faster and cheaper to run.

The collation team includes Allan Bailey, Margaret Laws, Walter Carr, Ken Oley

The Communications group (p25) made an appeal for more support with their activities

v. Elections to the PCC 2022.

Following prior consideration by the PCC, two proposals were put to the APCM:

Proposal 1: to reduce the size of the PCC from 9 to 7 elected members, from APCM in 2023

After discussion it was agreed, unanimously, that from the APCM in 2023, the size of the PCC be reduced to 7 elected members.

Proposal 2: to change elected PCC members' term of office from 3 years to 1 year, with option to serve up to 6 consecutive years, from 15th May 2022

After discussion it was agreed, unanimously, that elected PCC members' term of office would change from 3 years to 1 year, with option to serve up to 6 consecutive years, with immediate effect.

The above decision meant that there were 7 vacancies for elected PCC members for 2022.

The following were elected, for a period of 1 year

Anne Hudson, Linda Ross

The remaining 5 vacancies will be carried forward.

Reports for 2022

Report of the PCC

for the year ended 31 December 2022

Administrative information

All Saints' Church is situated in Cleadon Lane, Cleadon, Sunderland, SR6 7UU. It is part of the Church of England's Diocese of Durham.

The correspondence address is c/o All Saints' Parish Hall, Sunderland Road, Cleadon, Sunderland SR6 7UR.

Aims and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It has responsibilities for the maintenance of the Church building, the Parish Hall and the Old School Room.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. In particular, we try to enable all people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- 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.
- Mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the All Saints Church and its associated buildings.

Public Benefit

Our worship is open to all regardless of faith or affiliation. The resources available to the PCC are used to further its aims and purposes. The PCC takes as wide an interpretation of the 'whole mission of the Church' as possible to enable community use of its buildings, whilst retaining the right to not allow use that is contrary to this mission.

Structure, governance and management

The 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 No. 1132228 with the title "The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints Cleadon".

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

Electoral Roll

A new Electoral Roll is compiled every 6 years, with a revision in the years in between. The Roll compiled in 2019 was revised in 2023, and at the end of the year our Electoral Roll stood at 79.

Robina Lawson

Safeguarding

There have not been any safeguarding referrals or any concerns raised this year.

Debbie Wood has taken up the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer for Whitburn

The June meeting was extra special as we welcomed our Diocesan President, Carol Hopkinson. After giving her talk she thanked Margaret Robson on her retirement from ten years as our President and presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Carol then officially enrolled Linda as President and four new members. Our final meeting of the year was our Advent service, led by Linda and Vernon.

At the end of each meeting, we relaxed and chatted, with refreshments most generously provided by Margaret Laws and Shirley Peel.

New members are always made most welcome. Come and join us.

Jean Higgin

Mission/Outreach

Pastoral Care Group

We have nine members who meet each month at 11, Laburnum Grove. They are Audrey Bolam, Jean Higgin, Anne Hudson, Jan McGill, Linda Ross, Ellen Smith, Val Wallbank and Margaret Westerberg, plus our Methodist representative, Kathleen Robinson. We also have an honorary member, Lesley Smith.

The group met in person each month to pray and share thoughts and ideas with each other.

Each member has a designated Care List which covers all those on the electoral roll and on the Parish Network. We are committed to contacting them in some way at least once a month, if not more. The Parish Network has been kept up to date, working quietly, mostly unseen but vitally essential.

There were fourteen baptisms at which a member assisted. Sadly, we were still not able to visit the families beforehand because information is not passed on as it used to be.

Happily, however, baptism, wedding and bereavement anniversary cards have still been sent by Ellen, Linda and Val respectively. Gifts of bowls of hyacinths were again sent to ten sick or lonely people at Christmas, thanks to George Wilson. The Pastoral Network has been working quietly, mostly unseen but vitally essential.

Invitations to the All Souls' service were delivered or e-mailed.

We averaged 12 Guides throughout the year. Sadly, this was lower than ever.

We have 2 leader, 1 part time leader and 1 unit helper.

Lynne Carr & Val Cram

1st Cleadon Rangers

With the rise in Covid cases we went back to Zoom for January before returning face to face.

We only meet fortnightly but that seems a good balance for our 4 Rangers with their schoolwork. We continued using the Ranger program over the year interspersed with other random activities they wanted to do – as usual with Rangers, food is often a feature!

We went bowling in May, joined the Guides on the beach and to the chippy in July and went to an Escape Room in December – at least the owners let us out as we didn't escape on our own!

We had some visits from 4 of the Guides during the Autumn term as they were all turning 14 and moving up in January. That meant for some evenings we had 8 which was a nice change, however our original 4 left at the end of the year due to schoolwork so we were back to 4 for 2023.

We have 2 leaders.

Lynne Carr

Fellowship Groups

Friends in Faith

Friends in Faith are a group of men and women from All Saints congregation who meet to listen to speakers, to discuss topics related to our faith and to socialise. If you would like to join us or have further information please contact Robina on 0191 537 3119.

Robina Lawson

Men's Fellowship

The Mens Fellowship group continues to meet on the last Monday of the month during January to May then September to December with exceptions when we are invited to join the Friends in Faith group for their quiz and Christmas Party.

The subjects that have entertained us during 2022 have ranged from events during World War 1 to scenes in South Shields after bombing raids to the building of the Tyne Bridge.

Gordon Coxon

Mothers' Union

In 2022 Mother's Union met every 2nd Thursday afternoon at 2.00pm in the Chapter House except for January and August. We now have 15 members, including three who have joined us from Mother's Unions which have closed in the Diocese. We also have two members from Cleadon Methodist Church. We commenced with a service, led by Linda Ferries. We used our blue MU book which includes prayers for members throughout the world. Linda chose the hymns and Bible readings. We then welcomed our speakers who included Rev'd Margaret Devine, Margaret Wright, Wilf Kelly, Walter Carr, Wendy Harrison and Marie Philpott.

in December 2022; following a period of transition in the summer of 2022 from Michael O'Brien.

Debbie has now completed her safeguarding training to Leadership Level, alongside some other training including Domestic Abuse, Safer Recruitment, Modern Slavery.

A big thank you, to Michael for his help and support ; easing me into the role.

All members of PCC need to complete training to Foundation Level and this is currently in progress.

In keeping with Church of England Guidance; other training has been offered to PCC members to complete if they are able to.

DBS checks are being updated as and when they expire.

**Deborah Wood
Safeguarding Officer**

Proceedings of the PCC

Following the end of the pandemic PCC meetings in 2022 were once again able to take place face-to-face. After such a sustained period of uncertainty and disruption PCC business focused, throughout the spring, on "renewing and refreshing" our ways of working.

The SMDT/ PMC team, on behalf of the PCC, reviewed the 2030 strategy plan and presented a revised strategy and action plan "The Rainbow Way" which was accepted by PCC as a way forward. PCC monitored the plan throughout 2022 as a standing agenda item.

In January, Deacons and Eucharistic Assistants were authorised for the next three years, and in May, Jenny Grant was re-authorised as Lay Funeral

Minister. The PCC recruited a new Parish Safeguarding Officer and PCC recorded their thanks to Michael O'Brien for his past service in this role, and his support whilst the new officer was trained.

Numbers attending services have not, even yet, recovered from the pandemic and having a smaller pool of church members it was a struggle to find people willing to undertake service to the church. In consequence, at the APCM in May 2022, two changes to the structure of the PCC were proposed and accepted viz.

- i) To reduce the number of elected PCC members from 9 to 7 and
- ii) To change elected members term of office from 3 years to 1 year, with the option to serve up to six consecutive years.

We carried forward five vacancies on the PCC and a vacancy for Verger.

The impact of COVID and the war in Ukraine combined to make 2022 a difficult year for everyone financially. Inflation and soaring fuel costs were significant concerns with the PCC having to negotiate four new energy contracts and carry out required maintenance around the church complex. Despite our reduced income we were able to meet our Parish Share pledge for 2022, however, with regret, the PCC have had to substantially reduce our Parish Share pledge for 2023.

Over the year it has been a joy to welcome back many of the community groups that use our premises and to continue to develop our relationship with Cleadon Academy. The PCC has focused on resuming "normal" service in our interactions with the local community, e.g. Remembrance Sunday, and Christmas but also on developing new

opportunities / partnerships to take us forward.

The PCC recorded its indebtedness to Jenny and Beverley our Churchwardens, and Shirley our Administrator, for their hard work and support to Vernon and the PCC, in what has been a challenging year.

Marie Philpott
PCC Secretary

PCC Membership

Vernon Cuthbert*	Priest-in-charge/ Chair
Jenny Grant*	Churchwarden
Beverley George*	Churchwarden
Keith Higgin*	Deanery Synod to 30.06.23
	Diocesan Synod to 2024/Treasurer
Cathy Barnes*	Deanery Synod to 30.06.23/Vice Chair
Elected until APCM 2023	
Jill Rowden	
Anne Hudson	
Linda Ross	
Elected until APCM 2024	
Marie Philpott	PCC Secretary
<i>(* denotes an ex-officio member of the council by way of their post).</i>	

The **Standing Committee** consists of the Priest-in-charge, the Churchwardens, and the Vice Chairman, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary of the PCC. It meets on an occasional basis when urgent business needs to be transacted by the PCC.

Churchwardens' Report for 2022

Whilst we have maintained our regular pattern of worship, sadly attendance has remained low with numbers at the midweek service exceeding those on a Sunday. We have continued to deliver Communion at the chancel steps making access easier and thus allowing more

people to come forward, although it is always available in the pew.

During the year there have been 16 baptisms, 7 funerals, 3 weddings and 1 Thanksgiving for Marriage in church.

As Vernon is now priest in charge of two parishes we are trying to work more closely with Whitburn and three or four times a year the churchwardens of both parishes meet together. A lent course 'Where the lost things go', based on the film Mary Poppins Returns, was run for the two parishes and had a small but active attendance.

There were over 200 people at the war memorial for Remembrance and also a good number at Carols Round the Tree in December both supported by music from J W Brass. Our other Christmas activities included Christingle and a lively all age service on Christmas Eve which received very positive feedback. This year, Midnight Mass was held at Whitburn and the Christmas morning service at Cleadon where we were delighted to welcome the choir from Whitburn and Christine Alder to play the organ.

At the APCM Jenny Grant and Bev George were re-elected as churchwardens. This year there was a Bishop's Visitation for the whole diocese in Durham Cathedral during which he thanked everyone for their hard work and support during the last few difficult years.

You will read elsewhere about Rainbow Way where one of our aims has been to work more closely with other groups. As part of this we have strengthened our links with the school who have visited church for Experience Easter and Christmas, nativity plays and end of

see the positive impact this is having on staff and pupil enthusiasm to learn more about the Bible. Church members from All Saints, were also able to welcome the school staff team into the church to complete an interesting and interactive training session about the church.

May I take this opportunity to thank Reverend Vernon, those involved in governance and the members of All Saints Church, for their support and prayers, as well as their kindness in providing wonderful experiences for the children and their support of school staff regarding advice and guidance in the Christian Faith. It has been exciting to start building firmer links, between church and school, over the past year, and we look forward to continuing working together during the next year, showing Christian faith in action; through endeavouring to support children, families and the wider community.

Gary Scott, Headteacher

1st Cleadon Rainbows

We continue to have a full unit and a long waiting list. Anyone who wants to add their daughters name to the waiting list needs to go to www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested and add it online, the earlier the better.

We have had another busy year having lots of fun. We particularly enjoyed having a party with West Boldon Rainbows to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We have had fun creating seasonal crafts and playing games, one of our favourites is "the hedgehog game". The Rainbows are also really enjoying working on their interest badges at home, which is a new part of our programme for Rainbows as well as working on badges in the unit.

We ended the year with a Christmas party, we played games and had a special guest appearance from Santa.

We have 2 Leaders, 4 Young Leaders/D of E girls and 17 Rainbows.

Thank you to everyone who helps at Rainbows, parents and the girls themselves, without them we wouldn't have so much fun.

**Lisa Nesworthy and
Gemma Connolly**

1st Cleadon Brownies

It is with sadness that we had to close the Brownie unit last year.

Girls are able to attend at 2nd Cleadon (Methodist) Brownies.

Lisa Nesworthy

1st Cleadon Guides

With the rise in Covid cases we went back to Zoom for January 2022 before returning to the church hall. We continued with our usual Guide program. In addition, we had a joint Jubilee evening with East Boldon Guides and also a trip to the beach in July.

We organised a Guide camp with outdoor activities to Moor House in the summer holidays. Due to a lack of numbers we opened up our invite and ended up with some Guides and leaders from Boldon and 2 Washington Guide units.

In the autumn we commemorated the Queens life with some art we displayed in the hall. We ended our year with a trip to the bowling alley.

our prayer activity. All the children then received a chocolate buttons egg. Thank you to all those who helped in anyway and to those who provided the eggs to give away. Any remaining eggs were donated to key to life.

As a follow up we organised a summer family celebration which wasn't as well attended sadly, but we will try both again.

Janet Cuthbert

Cleadon Church of England Academy

During the year of 2022 we have been pleased to be "back to normal" post pandemic and being able to meet parents and wider community members on a face-to-face basis, with class worships for parents, Harvest and Christmas Services, all being important within the life of the school and the local community. It has also been wonderful to be able to be "out and about" with the children, enabling them to have valuable experiences in the "wider world".

As a school, we are keen that our pupils are motivated and engaged by their learning and that, whenever possible, memorable experiences are built into their school days. With this in mind, we have been pleased to continue offering wonderful experiences to the children. The whole school were able to experience the wonders of the animals at Northumberland Zoo, during a fortnight of visits, and as a school we have "adopted" several of the animals!

The Christmas pantomime at the Tyne Theatre was a memorable experience for all children from Year 2 to Year 6, to experience fun and joy through the performing arts. And our link with the

Laing Art Gallery continues, enabling year groups to experience wonderful works of art and to practise creative art skills at the Laing and back at school. The School Council have recently visited London, to tour the Houses of Parliament, and both Year 5 and Year 6 pupils have had the opportunity for a residential stay at Thurston, over the past year.

Our Year 2 and Year 5 children enjoyed participating in the South Tyneside Music Festival, along with other schools from South Tyneside, whilst our Year 3 children took part in The Big Sing at The Sage. It is great to see the growing confidence and collaboration of the children, at these times, as well as the great joy that they experience from singing and performing together.

It has been wonderful to be able to celebrate important Christian festivals within All Saints Church, where the children are able to connect with their sense of spirituality and to experience Christian celebrations within the church environment. There have been several opportunities over the last year, including special services, Christingle celebrations and church "experiences" where staff and pupils have received a real welcome by Reverend Vernon and the congregation of All Saints Church.

Staff training has been a real priority over the last year. "The Big Story" training about the Bible, which was completed through the Diocese, enabled all staff to be emerged in the history and beliefs of the Christian Faith. It was great to invite church representatives to attend the training too and staff and church representatives alike felt inspired by the refreshing approach to teaching children about the Bible. It is good to

term services and the staff came on one occasion to learn more about the church. We have also been invited to school for a session on 'Understanding the bible' and to watch nativity plays and Vernon continues to visit and lead worship there. We have worked with the Beavers too, who have been given a tour of the church and Jenny has attended their meeting to talk about St George's Day.

The church continues to support Key2Life, the Children's Society and Christian Aid.

Happily, there have been no major repairs this year but we await the report of the Quinquennial inspection carried out in December which may highlight some issues needing attention.

We would like to thank the many volunteers who regularly help with jobs such as making coffee, washing linen and locking the church so that everything runs smoothly.

Jenny Grant and Beverley George

Deanery Synod Report

Jarrow Deanery consists of 17 parishes (22 churches) spread across Hebburn, Jarrow, South Shields, the Boldons, Cleadon and Whitburn. The Deanery Synod is made up of all the clergy and elected lay representatives from each parish in the Deanery. The lay representatives are elected for 3 years and elections are to take place again in 2023. We elect two representatives who report back to the PCC. Everyone on a church electoral roll is entitled to vote for members of their local Deanery Synod.

Partly because of the effect that Covid had on meetings, attendance has not been as good as in years past. The

format was therefore changed in 2022, so that there were only two meetings of the full Synod. The local clusters of churches were expected to meet separately on at least two occasions during the year to form closer links and discuss matters of mutual interest and concern.

At the May meeting of Synod, members split into groups and discussed their parish perspectives on Covid; how were they emerging; what are the concerns for the future; and what new possibilities are to be seen.

In October Rev'd Cameron Abernethy gave a presentation on Resourcing Church and spoke of his experiences working across four churches in the Deanery, revitalising existing communities and reaching out to new communities, as well as working with schools.

We then had a presentation from the Advisor in Discipleship and Evangelism on Developing Lay Ministry. Rejuvenation is necessary in our churches to reach out within our communities and bring new members into the church.

Our cluster group of the Boldons, Cleadon and Whitburn met once and laid plans for how we can work more closely together both on parish initiatives and on social occasions.

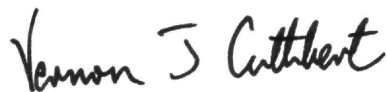
Keith Higgin

Treasurer's Report and Accounts

These appear on pages 11-17 following.

Keith Higgin

This annual report was adopted by the PCC on 19/04/2023 and signed on their behalf by the Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert, PCC Chairman.



Children and Young People

Toddlers@All Saints

During the early part of 2022 numbers attending were not always high but steady and faithful, but in September when we re-opened after our summer break, Janet and I were amazed and delighted by the number of children and adults attending. We have consistently had as few as 10 and as many as 18 children having fun in the hall. At Christmas if all the children who had attended during the autumn had come to the Christmas celebration we would have had 32 children.

For our final meeting in the summer we took the toys up to the church garden and had a lovely afternoon playing in the sunshine.

As the heating was not working in the parish hall on December 14th we decamped to church for the whole session. Celebrating Christmas with toddler friendly songs telling the story of Christmas, singing happy birthday to Jesus and finding presents under the tree. We followed this by enjoying eating the birthday cake and playing. It was great being in church, just a shame the space doesn't currently fully lend itself to making this a regular occurrence.

We have had a number of parents comment how welcoming they find our group. It is lovely to know we are demonstrating God's love for our community through the group.

Thanks to Janet Birchall from me for all her help on Wednesdays.

Janet Cuthbert

Young Saints and Saintlets

It has been a joy to welcome and get to know better Edward and Charlie on Sundays at 9am.

The toys for the children are ready available in the chapter house cupboard for the occasions when the space needs to be parent led, ie. when I am unavailable.

During the autumn I came across 'weekend @', the diocesan children's resource material produced by Blackburn Diocese and have been downloading it to use. It follows the lectionary and suggests easy ways to present it to children of varying ways, simply and is easily adaptable.

Janet Cuthbert

Easter Eggstra

We were delighted that Easter Sunday was bright and sunny to welcome families to church for the Easter Eggstra service.

We invited families to join us for refreshments from 10.15 at the end of the morning communion service. Easter themed activities were provided for the children along with an Easter scavenger hunt looking for symbols of the Easter story hidden around the church grounds.

We rounded the time off with a short act of worship focusing on the tomb created for Experience Easter. The storyteller bible was used to re-enact the story using children and adults to take the parts of the main characters.

The laminated eggs collected during the hunt were laid at the tomb as part of

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Worship

Services

During the year worship was largely uninterrupted by Covid, yet still mitigations were required. In time we were able to resume offering the common cup for wine to be taken along with bread. We still maintain that to receive Communion in either form is to receive Christ fully and there are those that prefer to receive only bread.

Vernon Cuthbert

Home Communion

Home Communion is normally available to any baptised Christian within our parish who is unable to get to church. If you would like Home Communion, please contact the Revd. Vernon Cuthbert.

Robina Lawson

Intercessions and Readers

Reading from the Bible, and leading God's people in prayer, are important ministries in the Body of Christ. A small but loyal group of people fulfil these roles: we have a rota of Bible readers at Sunday and Thursday services, and another group who lead the Intercessions on Sundays.

The teams have reduced in number over the years – anyone who would like to join either team would be warmly welcomed. Readings and prayers are provided well in advance, and guidance/training can be given.

Cathy Barnes

Posada

It was a great delight to send the holy family of Mary, Joseph and the donkey

on their travels round not just our parish on the way to the stable. They in fact began their journey in the parish of St Thomas, Gateshead and also visited Whitburn and the Boldons.

They stayed with 28 host families and each day photos were posted on the church Facebook page. They met elves, had showers(!), went to a big band concert, Friends in Faith's Christmas party to name but a few of the activities they got up to.

Prayers and thought provokers were included in the box.

Finally on 24th December they arrived at church for the family carol service where Grace their final host brought them to the front and placed them in the stable to await the arrival of Jesus the following day.

It is proving a great way to involve folk of all ages to get involved with the Christmas story. Thanks go to all who participated and to Niamh Cuthbert for pulling all the photos together into a presentation we were able to project onto the wall for folk to see on their way into church on Christmas Eve

Janet Cuthbert

Financial Review

In accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and in particular the 5th Edition PCC Accountability, the Annual Accounts are presented adopting the Receipts and Payments basis.

Total Receipts into Unrestricted Funds are up at £115,200 (2021 £58,050), but much of this increase is explained by a legacy of £44,056, a donation from Cleadon Day Club of £2,556 and a Diocesan utility grant of £1,637. The net figure of £66,951 is an increase on 2021. Planned Giving has decreased at £27,118 (2021 £29,504) but Hall Lettings are up at £16,544 (2021 £10,566). The other major changes in receipts are from social activities at £3,522 (2021 £935) and Wedding & Funeral fees £2,280 (2021 £960). Magazine income increased to £2,514 (2021 £1,025).

Payments from Unrestricted Funds have increased to £66,891 (2021 £61,427). There have been some increases in Utility bills, but the full effect of higher charges has not yet been felt for the winter period, partly due to changes in suppliers delaying bills. We met our Parish Share pledge in full at £36,000, an increase of £4,000 on the amount paid in 2021.

The end result is an excess of receipts over payments of £48,309 on the General Account for the year, with transfers between funds increasing this surplus to £48,663. Excluding the three exceptional items totalling £48,249, the surplus would have been £414.

The Friends Designated Account shows a surplus of £577 and the Repair Fund Restricted Account a deficit of £3,059.

reducing the Total Funds surplus to £46,181.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to endeavour to maintain a balance in Unrestricted and Designated accounts equivalent to 3 months payments, to cover cash flow and emergency situations that may arise. The balances available are presently well above this requirement.

Investment Policy

It is the PCC policy to invest any surplus fund balances with the CCLA Central Board of Finance Church of England Deposit account.

Future Plans

The PCC proposes to form a strategic plan incorporating proposals for refurbishing the Parish Hall and carrying out all necessary repairs to all the properties.

Keith Higgin

All Saints' Church Cleadon - Receipts and Payments Account
For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	85,244.51	—	—	—	85,244.51	38,272.90
Income from charitable activities	9,259.63	—	1,576.68	—	10,836.31	4,626.46
Other trading activities	19,058.50	981.75	—	—	20,040.25	12,484.75
Investments	—	31.00	29.68	—	60.68	4.59
Other income	1,637.00	—	—	—	1,637.00	4,348.22
Total receipts	115,199.64	1,012.75	1,606.36	—	117,818.75	59,736.92
Payments						
Raising funds	416.38	—	161.00	—	577.38	213.76
Expenditure on charitable activities	43,114.67	—	1,415.68	—	44,530.35	39,119.64
Other expenditure	23,359.67	81.75	3,088.56	—	26,529.98	23,490.01
Total payments	66,890.72	81.75	4,665.24	—	71,637.71	62,823.41
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	48,308.92	931.00	(3,058.88)	—	46,181.04	(3,086.49)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	520.00	105.75	60.00	—	685.75	2,282.75
Gross transfers between funds - out	(165.75)	(460.00)	(60.00)	—	(685.75)	(2,282.75)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	48,663.17	576.75	(3,058.88)	—	46,181.04	(3,086.49)
Net movement in funds	48,663.17	576.75	(3,058.88)	—	46,181.04	(3,086.49)
Reconciliation of funds						
All assets at 01 January 2022	6,962.67	3,437.08	4,977.22	—	15,376.97	18,463.46
All assets at 31 December 2022	55,625.84	4,013.83	1,918.34	—	61,558.01	15,376.97
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	55,625.84	—	—	—	55,625.84	6,962.67
Designated						
Friends of All Saints Fund	—	4,013.83	—	—	4,013.83	3,437.08
Restricted						
Repair and Maintenance Fund	—	—	1,918.34	—	1,918.34	4,977.22

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Trustees of All Saints' Church, Cleadon
Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on the previous seven pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required 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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

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 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 matters have come to my attention:

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - 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.

Peter Calvert,
23, Bardolf Drive,
Southwick,
Sunderland, SR5 2EL


Independent Examiner

17th March 2023

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31st December 2022

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the PCC Accountability 5t^h Edition. The Charities Act 2011 is a consolidation of previous Acts but did not introduce new legislation. The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investments of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted Funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) 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 the year must be carried forward a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund.

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

Incoming Resources

Planned Giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC receives the amounts due. All other income is recognised when it is received. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

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 Parish Share 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.

Assets Retained for Church Use.

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with 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 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. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £5,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

All Saints' Church Cleadon

Analysis of receipts and payments 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Receipts					
Donations and legacies					
Bank S/O's Gift Aided	7,075.00	—	—	7,075.00	7,440.00
Parish Giving Sch Gift Aided	15,087.35	—	—	15,087.35	14,245.65
Planned Giving Env Gift Aided	4,666.11	—	—	4,666.11	6,937.99
Other Giving Gift Aided	80.00	—	—	80.00	204.74
Planned Giving Env Non Gift Aid	210.00	—	—	210.00	676.00
Other Giving Non Gift Aid	400.00	—	—	400.00	350.00
Loose collections	1,220.60	—	—	1,220.60	557.33
Collections - Funerals	239.00	—	—	239.00	50.00
Collections - Baptisms	158.38	—	—	158.38	268.16
Donations - Sundry	4,140.59	—	—	4,140.59	499.31
Gift Aid reclaimed	7,051.21	—	—	7,051.21	6,743.15
Gift Aid Small Don Scheme	859.71	—	—	859.71	300.57
Legacies	44,056.56	—	—	44,056.56	—
Donations and legacies Totals	85,244.51	—	—	85,244.51	38,272.90
Income from charitable activities					
Social Events	1,252.72	—	—	1,252.72	173.00
Sunday Coffee	1,212.71	—	—	1,212.71	315.89
Saturday Morning Coffee	833.10	—	—	833.10	288.60
Coffee Shop O S R	16.10	—	—	16.10	157.60
Fund Raising Events	207.00	—	—	207.00	—
Charitable Events	—	—	1,576.68	1,576.68	863.37
PCC Fees Funerals	964.00	—	—	964.00	524.00
PCC Fees Weddings	1,316.00	—	—	1,316.00	436.00
Fees for DBF, Organist Verger & Bells	3,458.00	—	—	3,458.00	1,868.00
Income from charitable activities Totals	9,259.63	—	1,576.68	10,836.31	4,626.46
Other trading activities					
Friends subscriptions	—	611.75	—	611.75	578.00
Friends sale of goods	—	45.00	—	45.00	95.50
Friends donations	—	325.00	—	325.00	220.00
Magazine Subs and Adverts	2,514.50	—	—	2,514.50	1,025.00
Hall, OSR and Chapter House Lettings	16,544.00	—	—	16,544.00	10,566.25
Other trading activities Totals	19,058.50	981.75	—	20,040.25	12,484.75
Investments					
Bank and CBF Interest	—	31.00	29.68	60.68	4.59
Investments Totals	—	31.00	29.68	60.68	4.59
Other income					
Grants HMRC and LPW Scheme	1,637.00	—	—	1,637.00	4,348.22
Other income Totals	1,637.00	—	—	1,637.00	4,348.22
Receipts Grand totals	115,199.64	1,012.75	1,606.36	117,818.75	59,736.92

All Saints' Church Cleadon

Analysis of receipts and payments
01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Payments					
Raising funds					
Social Events	416.38	—	—	416.38	213.76
Church Mission Society	—	—	161.00	161.00	—
Raising funds Totals	416.38	—	161.00	577.38	213.76
Expenditure on charitable activities					
Mission Giving	—	—	518.20	518.20	664.93
Children's Society	—	—	667.48	667.48	198.44
Charitable donations	—	—	230.00	230.00	—
Parish Share current year	36,000.00	—	—	36,000.00	32,000.00
Parish Administrator	4,372.76	—	—	4,372.76	4,280.04
Parish Administrator Pension	296.52	—	—	296.52	279.84
HMRC	7.00	—	—	7.00	—
Organ/Verger/Bells-Wed-Fun	714.40	—	—	714.40	130.00
Vicar's expenses	800.61	—	—	800.61	630.52
Vicarage Water Rates	494.27	—	—	494.27	454.05
Assistant Clergy Travel	23.23	—	—	23.23	6.53
Visiting Clergy	337.90	—	—	337.90	—
Mission and Evangelism	4.79	—	—	4.79	437.60
Baptism costs	63.19	—	—	63.19	37.69
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	43,114.67	—	1,415.68	44,530.35	39,119.64
Other expenditure					
Church Gas	1,087.34	—	—	1,087.34	1,410.61
Church Electricity	1,227.15	—	—	1,227.15	593.45
Church Water	90.00	—	—	90.00	84.95
Church Insurance EIG	2,773.40	—	—	2,773.40	2,634.02
Church Routine repairs	841.72	—	—	841.72	2,898.74
Church Cleaning wages	1,029.60	—	—	1,029.60	987.96
Upkeep of Services	483.39	—	—	483.39	948.23
Organ tuning and repairs	441.00	—	—	441.00	—
Worship materials	129.61	—	—	129.61	10.48
Governance/Fees to Diocese	2,743.60	—	—	2,743.60	1,617.00
Friends expenditure	—	81.75	—	81.75	532.31
Hall Running expenses & Administration	1,129.79	—	—	1,129.79	300.78
Hall Cleaning wages	4,118.40	—	—	4,118.40	3,951.96
Hall Utilities Gas	1,276.41	—	—	1,276.41	569.18
Hall Electricity	592.08	—	—	592.08	530.20
Hall Water	153.34	—	—	153.34	670.69
Cleaning materials and refuse	1,149.01	—	—	1,149.01	1,087.59
Hall Insurance EIG	1,386.70	—	—	1,386.70	1,317.00
Telephone	662.80	—	—	662.80	781.46
Stationery and postages	657.94	—	—	657.94	762.87
Hall Routine repair/maint'ce	765.02	—	2,472.00	3,237.02	965.43
O S R Routine repair/maint'ce	—	—	616.56	616.56	—
Old School Room Gas	335.89	—	—	335.89	432.24
Old School Room Electricity	113.68	—	—	113.68	212.04
Old School Room Water	171.80	—	—	171.80	160.82
Transfers	—	—	—	—	30.00
Other expenditure Totals	23,359.67	81.75	3,088.56	26,529.98	23,490.01
Payments Grand totals	66,890.72	81.75	4,665.24	71,637.71	62,823.41

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Balance Sheet as at: 31 December 2022

All Saints' Church Cleadon

Balance sheet
As at: 31 December 2022

	As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
	£	£
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	2,228.00	2,228.00
	2,228.00	2,228.00
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	59,330.01	13,788.97
	59,330.01	13,788.97
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	—	640.00
Net current assets less current liabilities	59,330.01	13,148.97
Total assets less current liabilities	61,558.01	15,376.97
Total net assets less liabilities	61,558.01	15,376.97
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	55,625.84	6,962.67
Designated		
Designated - Friends of All Saints Fund	4,013.83	3,437.08
Restricted		
Restricted - Repair and Maintenance Fund	1,918.34	4,977.22
Restricted - Charities Fund	—	—
Funds of the church	61,558.01	15,376.97

Accounts

The Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints, Cleadon



Annual Report 2021 and Agenda for the 2022 Annual Vestry Meeting & 2022 Annual Parochial Church Meeting

held on 15th May 2022 at 4pm in Church

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2. Churchwardens Report including the Annual Report on the Terrier and Inventory
3. Election of Churchwardens

Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2022

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the APCM 2021
3. Reports of the PCC 2021
 - 3.1. Electoral Roll
 - 3.2. Proceedings of the PCC
 - 3.3. PCC membership
 - 3.4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts
 - 3.5. Deanery Synod Report
4. Group Reports for 2021
5. 2022 Elections
 - 5.1. Proposal 1: to reduce the size of the PCC from 9 to 7 elected members, from APCM in 2023

5.2. Proposal 2: to change elected PCC members' term of office from 3 years to 1 year, with option to serve up to 6 consecutive years, from 15th May 2022

5.3. Elections to the PCC 2022

6. Appointment of the Independent Examiner

7. Vicar's Report

Minutes of 2021 Vestry Meeting & Annual Parochial Church Meeting

held on Sunday 25th April 2021 at 3pm via Zoom. 16 people were present. The Annual Report for 2020 had been circulated beforehand. The Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert chaired the meeting.

1. Vestry Meeting

i) The Minutes of the 2020 Vestry Meeting (2020 Annual Report p4) were accepted as an accurate record.

ii) The Church Wardens' report (2020 Annual Report pp 8-9) was received: it was noted that due to COVID-19 restrictions the inspection of the Terrier and Inventory was incomplete, as some items had been stored and could not be inspected, however almost all had been found to be in order. There were no questions. Jenny Grant and Marie Philpott were thanked for their hard work during the year. Marie Philpott stepped down as Church Warden after almost four years and was thanked for her service. Jenny Grant and Beverley George were elected as Church Wardens for the 2021-2022 year. This concluded the Vestry Meeting.

2. Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

i) The Minutes of the 2020 APCM (Annual Report, pp 4-5) were accepted as an accurate record.

ii) The Reports of the PCC were presented (pp 6-15). It was noted that the Electoral Roll had 100 members following its revision in March 2021. Beverley George, Robina Lawson and

gift-aid during the year, neither of which could be anticipated in 2021. There were no questions, and the accounts were accepted.

iv) Group reports were received (pp 16-30). There were no questions or comments.

v) Elections to the PCC.

There were 3 vacancies for three years, and 1 vacancy for one year. Marie Philpott was elected to the PCC. The remaining vacancies were carried forward.

vi) Appointment of Independent Examiner

The 2020 accounts had been independently examined by Mr Peter Calvert, who was willing to continue in this role. Mr Calvert was therefore appointed as Independent Examiner for 2021-22.

vii) Vicar's Report

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However we continued to
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holding meetings, services
and courses through the
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COVID-19 le to meet up once

Because of the disruptions and restrictions we experienced throughout the year our 2021 Annual Report is once again less full than would normally be expected - although many church activities did manage to continue, to the credit of those who organised them and found new ways to operate.

In these pages you will find reports from church organisations, perhaps somewhat briefer than usual, as well as the usual information on the governance and finance of the church - our financial position for the year, and the proceedings of the PCC.

Reports for 2021

Report of the PCC

for the year ended 31 December 2021

Administrative information

All Saints' Church is situated in Cleadon Lane, Cleadon, Sunderland, SR6 7UU. It is part of the Church of England's Diocese of Durham.

The correspondence address is c/o All Saints' Parish Hall, Sunderland Road, Cleadon, Sunderland SR6 7UR.

Aims and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It has responsibilities for the maintenance of the Church building, the Parish Hall and the Old School Room.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. In particular, we try to enable all people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- 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.
- Mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the All Saints Church and its associated buildings.

Public Benefit

Our worship is open to all regardless of faith or affiliation. The resources available to the PCC are used to further its aims and purposes. The PCC takes as wide an interpretation of the 'whole mission of the Church' as possible to enable community use of its buildings, whilst retaining the right to not allow use that is contrary to this mission.

Structure, governance and management

The 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 No. 1132228 with the title "The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints Cleadon".

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

Electoral Roll

A new Electoral Roll is compiled every 6 years, with a revision in the years in between. The Roll compiled in 2019 was revised in 2021, and at the end of the year our Electoral Roll stood at 88.

Robina Lawson

Safeguarding

This year there have been no incidents or referrals to report to the diocese. However, we are not complacent and members of the PCC, myself and those who work with children and vulnerable young people and adults on behalf of our church have undergone appropriate training and DBS clearance in order to comply with the Church of England Safeguarding requirements.

In November of this year, I undertook training and then gave a presentation to the PCC on the newly introduced Safer Recruitment Policy which we would need to implement if we were to appoint people to work on our behalf. In relation to this, I believe that it is important that we also set out a series of role expectations for some of the roles within the church. It is vital that as new people take up these roles we offer support to assist them in carrying them out: by doing so, we will avoid awkward situations whereby confusion thwarts job satisfaction and effectiveness.

With effect from 2024 the cycle of DBS renewal will be over a period of three years and not, as currently, five years. This means that anyone due to renew their DBS certification in the coming two years will then move onto the three-year cycle.

The PCC has recently updated our Lone-Working policy which applies to anyone carrying out jobs on their own in the church or hall, and is intended to ensure their safety when working on their own. If anyone carries out such a role then they should follow the guidance in this policy.

Michael O'Brien
Safeguarding Officer

Proceedings of the PCC

The majority of PCC meetings in 2021 took place via Zoom, although we were able to meet face-to-face for three meetings in the Autumn.

PCC business focused on making decisions in response to COVID restrictions, monitoring our financial position, and planning services etc for special occasions: Harvest, Remembrance, and Christmas. Income to the church was a constant worry, as attendance had fallen during the pandemic, but bills still had to be paid and repairs carried out. We were unable to increase our Parish Share pledge to the Diocese of £32,000, but we did manage to honour this pledge by the year end.

Access to the church via the vicarage steps had been closed during the pandemic, and following discussion it was agreed that, as coffee after services would be served from the Chapter House, and people with mobility difficulties could now park on Cleadon Lane with level access to the church, there was no longer a need for people to move to the Hall/OSR for refreshments after services. Closing this access route would give the vicarage family privacy, so it was agreed that the vicarage gate and door should remain locked, with access to the church from Cleadon Lane only. On rare occasions when an event involving use of both the church and the hall required travel between the two via the vicarage steps, this would be negotiated and agreed beforehand.

At the APCM in April it was only possible to recruit one new PCC member, leaving four vacancies. This is a worrying situation for the future, if people continue to be unwilling to offer service to the church in this way.

Members of the PMC team, on behalf of the PCC, undertook a review of the church's committees and fellowship groups, to make sure that they continue to be effective and responsive to current needs. The results showed that fellowship groups remain active and purposeful, but 'working' groups are in serious need of new members to help carry the load.

The Church of England has set a target to be carbon-neutral by 2030. The PCC considered how we might work towards achieving this target: an 'Eco-Church' survey will enable us to audit our position in a number of key areas, potentially leading to a 'Eco-Church' Gold, Silver or Bronze award. It was agreed that we would assess our position annually and look for low-carbon options at appropriate times.

The PCC once again recorded its indebtedness to Jenny, Marie and Beverley our Churchwardens, and Shirley our Administrator, who continued to work with Vernon to 'keep the show on the road' when other volunteers weren't able to help.

Cathy Barnes
PCC Secretary

PCC Membership

Vernon Cuthbert* Priest-in-charge/
Chair

Jenny Grant* Churchwarden
Beverley George* Churchwarden
Keith Higgin* Deanery Synod
to 30.06.23
Diocesan Synod
to 2024

Cathy Barnes* Deanery Synod
to

30.06.23/Vice

Chair

Elected until APCM 2022

Anne Hudson

Helen Belsham

Rob Lawson

Elected until APCM 2023

David Scrafton (*resigned*)

15.07.21)

Jill Rowden

Elected until APCM 2024

Marie Philpott

(* denotes an *ex-officio* member of
the council by way of their post).

The Standing Committee

consists of the Priest-in-charge, the Churchwardens, and the Vice Chairman, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary of the PCC. It meets on an occasional basis when urgent business needs to be transacted by the PCC.

Churchwardens' Report for 2021

The year began with all services and meetings online but since Easter we have restored our regular pattern of twice weekly services in church and have gradually relaxed social distancing. As people gained confidence, numbers gradually increased but are still way below those of 2019. We started serving coffee in church after services in the autumn, which allowed much needed social interaction. During the year we had three funerals, one wedding and five baptisms in church and two of our members were confirmed by

the Bishop of Durham at St George's, East Boldon. The monthly Sunday afternoon café church by Zoom was stopped due to lack of support and a meeting was held with Young Saints families to determine the best way forward. Sadly many families have not returned to regular worship so this is still a work in progress.

In April, we acknowledged the death of the Duke of Edinburgh by displaying his photograph and using the special service provided by the Church of England. Two year-groups from Cleadon C of E primary School came to 'Experience Harvest' in October. In November, there was a well-attended All Souls Memorial Service and we took part in the Remembrance service at the War Memorial. We provided bacon rolls between the church and village services which were very popular.

In December, we were actively involved in Carols Round the Tree where over 200 people took part. Christingle in the hall was well attended and we were delighted to welcome some from the scout organisation. Instead of our usual packed family carols on Christmas Eve we set up a walk-through nativity around the church which allowed families to attend and experience the Christmas story whilst maintaining social distance. The midnight Christmas service was very poorly attended and is unlikely to happen again here.

The internet has been very useful to us. As well as services, it allowed us to run a Lent course (whilst forbidden to meet in person) and to keep in touch with regular

newsletters until things opened up in June. The APCM was also held on Zoom. At that time Marie Philpott resigned as church warden after four years, Beverley George was elected for the first time and Jenny Grant was re-elected. The Archdeacon's Visitation also took place on the internet. We have continued to support the Key2Life foodbank with special efforts in Lent and before Christmas. Thanks go to Marie, Cathy and Janet who transport the donations for us. There have been no major works carried out this year and many of the minor repairs and maintenance jobs have been carried out by volunteers for which we are extremely grateful.

Jenny Grant and Beverley George

Deanery Synod Report

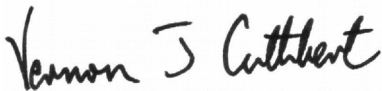
Jarrow Deanery consists of 14 parishes (22 churches) spread across Hebburn, Jarrow, South Shields, the Boldons, Cleadon and Whitburn. The Deanery Synod is made up of clergy and elected lay representatives from each parish in the Deanery, whose role is to act as a link between individual parishes and the Diocese as a whole, and to discuss issues relating to mission and ministry in the local area. Deanery Synods are elected every three years - a new Synod was elected in December 2020. Everyone on a church electoral roll is entitled to vote for members of their local Deanery Synod.

In 2021 there were two meetings of Deanery Synod: in January elections took place to the Standing Committee, and in September a full meeting of Synod

was held at Hebburn St John. The Deanery Standing Committee met twice more, to review and update the Deanery Plan.

Keith Higgin & Cathy Barnes

Treasurer's Report and Accounts



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Annual Review

In accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and in particular the 5th Edition PCC Accountability, the Annual Accounts are presented adopting the Receipts and Payments basis.

Total Receipts into Unrestricted Funds are down at £58,050 (2020 £70,874), but this is not surprising given the situation during 2021. Planned Giving has held up well at £29,504 (2020 £30,422)and Hall Lettings are up at £10,566 (2020 £7,219). The other major changes in receipts are from Gift Aid £7,044 (2020 £17,413) where last year's claim included £12,000 from previous years. We had no social events, but the contribution from magazine advertisements increased. We also continued to benefit from the government Job Retention Scheme.

Payments from Unrestricted Funds have reduced to £61,427 (2019 £73,412). There have been reductions in Utility bills because of closure of the buildings. We met our Parish Share pledge in full at £32,000, a decrease of £8,000 on the amount paid in 2020.

These appear on pages 10-17 following.

Keith Higgin

This annual report was adopted by the PCC on 27/04/2022 and signed on their behalf by the Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert, PCC Chairman.

The end result is an excess of payments over receipts of £3,377.27 on the General Account for the year, but transfers between funds reduced this deficit to £1,556.02.

The Friends Designated Account shows a surplus of £448.17 and the Repair Fund Restricted Account a deficit of £1,978.64, reducing the Total Funds deficit to £3,086.49.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to endeavour to maintain a balance in Unrestricted and Designated accounts equivalent to 3 months payments, to cover cash flow and emergency situations that may arise. The balances totalling £10,236.31 are below this requirement.

Investment Policy

It is the PCC policy to invest any surplus fund balances with the CCLA Central Board of Finance Church of England Deposit account.

Keith Higgin

All Saints' Church Cleadon - Receipts and Payments Account

For the period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Un-restricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts					
Donations and legacies	38,242.90	—	30.00	38,272.90	52,145.67
Income from charitable activities	3,763.09	—	863.37	4,626.46	3,503.07
Other trading activities	11,696.25	788.50	—	12,484.75	8,965.95
Investments	—	123	3.36	4.59	46.69
Other income	4,348.22	—	—	4,348.22	15,550.78
Total receipts	58,050.46	789.73	896.73	59,736.92	80,212.16
Payments					
Raising funds	213.76	—	198.44	412.20	67.54
Expenditure on charitable activities	38,256.27	—	664.93	38,921.20	46,900.47
Other expenditure	22,957.70	532.31	—	23,490.01	34,364.58
Total payments	61,427.73	532.31	863.37	62,823.41	81,332.59
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	(3,377.27)	257.42	33.36	(3,086.49)	(1,120.43)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	2,052.00	190.75	40.00	2,282.75	4,256.88
Gross transfers between funds - out	(230.75)	—	(2,052.00)	(2,282.75)	(4,256.88)
Excess of receipts over payments	(1,556.02)	448.17	(1,978.64)	(3,086.49)	(1,120.43)
Net movement in funds	(1,556.02)	448.17	(1,978.64)	(3,086.49)	(1,120.43)
Reconciliation of funds					
All assets at 01 January 2021	8,518.69	2,988.91	6,955.86	18,463.46	19,583.89
All assets at 31 December 2021	6,962.67	3,437.08	4,977.22	15,376.97	18,463.46
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	6,962.67	—	—	6,962.67	8,518.69
Designated					
Friends of All Saints Fund	—	3,437.08	—	3,437.08	2,988.91
Restricted					
Repair and Maintenance Fund	—	—	4,977.22	4,977.22	6,955.86

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Analysis of Receipts and

Payments

for the period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestrict ed	Desig - nated	Re- strict ed	This year	Last year
Receipts					
<i>Donations and legacies</i>					
Bank S/O's Gift Aided	7,440.00	—	—	7,440.00	7,702.00
Parish Giving Sch Gift Aided	14,245.65	—	—	14,245.65	12,897.06
Planned Giving Env Gift Aided	6,937.99	—	—	6,937.99	8,671.61
Other Giving Gift Aided	204.74	—	—	204.74	540.00
Planned Giving Env Non Gift Aid	676.00	—	—	676.00	612.00
Other Giving Non Gift Aid	350.00	—	—	350.00	439.68
Loose collections	557.33	—	—	557.33	375.70
Collections - Funerals	50.00	—	—	50.00	—
Collections - Baptisms	268.16	—	—	268.16	—
Donations - Sundry	469.31	—	30.00	499.31	494.00
Gift Aid reclaimed	6,743.15	—	—	6,743.15	15,774.37
Gift Aid Small Don Scheme	300.57	—	—	300.57	1,639.25
Legacies	—	—	—	—	3,000.00
<i>Donations and legacies Totals</i>	38,242.90	—	30.00	38,272.90	52,145.67
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>					
Social Events	173.00	—	—	173.00	—
Sunday Coffee	315.89	—	—	315.89	175.72
Saturday Morning Coffee	288.60	—	—	288.60	131.00
Coffee Shop O S R	157.60	—	—	157.60	400.00
Fund Raising Events	—	—	—	—	426.00
Charitable Events	—	—	863.37	863.37	102.35
PCC Fees Funerals	524.00	—	—	524.00	402.00
PCC Fees Weddings	436.00	—	—	436.00	422.00
Fees: DBF Organist Verger Bells	1,868.00	—	—	1,868.00	1,444.00
<i>Income from charitable activities Totals</i>	3,763.09	—	863.37	4,626.46	3,503.07
<i>Other trading activities</i>					
Friends subscriptions	105.00	473.00	—	578.00	613.00
Friends sale of goods	—	95.50	—	95.50	141.80
Friends donations	—	220.00	—	220.00	230.00
Magazine Subs and Adverts	1,025.00	—	—	1,025.00	762.15
Hall, OSR Chapter House Lettings	10,566.25	—	—	10,566.25	7,219.00
<i>Other trading activities Totals</i>	11,696.25	788.50	—	12,484.75	8,965.95

	Unrestrict ed	Desig - nated	Re- strict ed	This year	Last year
<i>Investments</i>					
Bank and CBF Interest	—	1.23	3.36	4.59	46.69
<i>Investments Totals</i>	—	1.23	3.36	4.59	46.69
<i>Other income</i>					
Grants HMRC and LPW Scheme	4,348.22	—	—	4,348.22	3,511.08
Sundry Receipts	—	—	—	—	406.99
Transfers	—	—	—	—	11,632.71
<i>Other income Totals</i>	4,348.22	—	—	4,348.22	15,550.78
Receipts Grand totals	58,050.46	789.73	896.73	59,736.92	80,212.16

Payments

Raising funds

Social Events	213.76	—	—	213.76	—
Giving Envelopes	—	—	—	—	67.54
Children's Society	—	—	198.44	198.44	—

Raising funds Totals

213.76	—	198.44	412.20	67.54
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Expenditure on charitable activities

Mission Giving	—	—	664.93	664.93	102.35
Parish Share current year	32,000.00	—	—	32,000.00	40,000.00
Parish Administrator	4,280.04	—	—	4,280.04	4,146.00
Parish Administrator Pension	279.84	—	—	279.84	256.52
Organist	—	—	—	—	252.00
HMRC	—	—	—	—	225.40
Organ/Veiger/Bells-Wed-Fun	130.00	—	—	130.00	165.00
Vicar's expenses	630.52	—	—	630.52	1,041.41
Vicarage Water Rates	454.05	—	—	454.05	476.09
Assistant Clergy Travel	6.53	—	—	6.53	—
Mission and Evangelism	437.60	—	—	437.60	235.70
Baptism costs	37.69	—	—	37.69	—

Expenditure on charitable activities Totals

38,256.27	—	664.93	38,921.20	46,900.47
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Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
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Other expenditure

Church Gas	1,410.61	—	—	1,410.61	1,396.03
Church Electricity	593.45	—	—	593.45	645.27
Church Water	84.95	—	—	84.95	98.03
Church Insurance EIG	2,634.02	—	—	2,634.02	2,660.61
Church Routine repairs	2,898.74	—	—	2,898.74	2,685.82
Church Cleaning wages	987.96	—	—	987.96	923.00
Upkeep of Services	948.23	—	—	948.23	843.27
Worship materials	10.48	—	—	10.48	70.00
Governance/Fees to Diocese	1,617.00	—	—	1,617.00	1,413.00
Friends expenditure	—	532.31	—	532.31	247.39
Hall Running expenses & Administration	300.78	—	—	300.78	394.01
Hall Cleaning wages	3,951.96	—	—	3,951.96	3,681.90
Hall Utilities Gas	569.18	—	—	569.18	1,393.70
Hall Electricity	530.20	—	—	530.20	509.32
Hall Water	670.69	—	—	670.69	790.51
Cleaning materials and refuse	1,087.59	—	—	1,087.59	439.08
Hall Insurance EIG	1,317.00	—	—	1,317.00	1,330.31
Telephone	781.46	—	—	781.46	746.83
Stationery and postages	762.87	—	—	762.87	702.22
Hall Routine repair/maint'ce	965.43	—	—	965.43	289.78
O S R Routine repair/maint'ce	—	—	—	—	515.82
Old School Room Gas	432.24	—	—	432.24	555.46
Old School Room Electricity	212.04	—	—	212.04	233.31
Old School Room Water	160.82	—	—	160.82	167.20
Transfers	30.00	—	—	30.00	11,632.71

Other expenditure Totals

22,957.70	532.31	—	23,490.01	34,364.58
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Payments Grand totals

61,427.73	532.31	863.37	62,823.41	81,332.59
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**All Saints' Church Cleadon - 1132228
December 2021**

Balance Sheet as at: 31

	As at 31/12/2021	As at 31/12/2020
	£	£
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	2,228.00	2,228.00
	<u>2,228.00</u>	<u>2,228.00</u>
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	13,788.97	16,875.46
	<u>13,788.97</u>	<u>16,875.46</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	640.00	640.00
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>13,148.97</u>	<u>16,235.46</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>15,376.97</u>	<u>18,463.46</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>15,376.97</u>	<u>18,463.46</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	6,962.67	8,518.69
Designated		
Designated - Friends of All Saints Fund	3,437.08	2,988.91
Restricted		
Restricted - Repair and Maintenance Fund	4,977.22	6,955.86
Restricted - Charities Fund	—	—
Funds of the church	<u>15,376.97</u>	<u>18,463.46</u>

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31st December 2021

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the PCC Accountability 5th Edition. The Charities Act 2011 is a consolidation of previous Acts but did not introduce new legislation. The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investments of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted Funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) 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 the year must be carried forward a balance on that

fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund.

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

Incoming Resources

Planned Giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC receives the amounts due. All other income is recognised when it is received. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

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 Parish Share 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.

Assets Retained for Church Use

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with 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 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. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than

£5,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years.

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Church Reports 2021

Vernon Cuthbert

Worship

Services

At the beginning of the year we were able to offer worship through 'Zoom' as we were prevented from on-site worship by the third national lockdown for Covid-19. We resumed services on site on Easter Day, praise be.

With the resumption of on-site worship there was not the capacity to continue offering worship via zoom, although for a while the sermon was recorded to enable it to be incorporated into a recording for transmission via our church website and our dial-in facility.

Worship in the building was able to happen with appropriate mitigations, the most significant of these being the continued distribution of bread only, with only the priest receiving wine for hygiene reasons.

Vernon Cuthbert

Music

Sadly, without an organist, our singing is to the accompaniment of CDs. We sing on Sunday during our 9.00am service, but not during the Thursday 10.00am service, to provide an option for those not wishing to sing. This will be kept under review, as with all other mitigations put in place for Covid-19.

We would still like to appoint an organist if possible, so if you know someone who might be willing to offer this important ministry to the church please get in touch.

Home Communion

Home Communion is normally available to any baptised Christian within our parish who is unable to get to church, although due to COVID restrictions our Home Communion offer has been limited, especially as we have been unable to enter care homes. If you would like Home Communion please contact Revd. Vernon Cuthbert.

Robina Lawson

Intercessions and Readers

Reading from the Bible, and leading God's people in prayer, are important ministries in the Body of Christ. A small but loyal group of people fulfil these roles: we have a rota of Bible readers at Sunday and Thursday services, and another group who lead the Intercessions on Sundays.

The teams have reduced in number over the last two years due to the effect of the pandemic – anyone who would like to join either team would be warmly welcomed. Readings and prayers are provided well in advance, and guidance/training can be given.

Cathy Barnes

Children and Young People

Toddlers@All Saints

During the initial part of 2021 the stories on facebook and craft pack collection from the pond continued, until March when story and craft inspiration ran out. Both seemed well received and looked forward to.

Post lockdown in May it was decided that given the short number of weeks before the summer break it would make more sense to restart in-person Toddlers in September. The numbers were small but given the lack of social interaction that most of these children had had since birth it was a nice number. It has been a joy to see them begin to grow less shy and more confident.

We went to church to Experience Harvest, adapting the tasks at each station. The children loved it, one even asked the following week when could we go up to church again! Sadly, we didn't manage it at Christmas, but we did sing happy birthday Jesus in the hall and enjoy birthday cake and candles.

Thank you to Janet Birchall for joining us on Wednesdays to make our refreshments and help generally. It's really great to have a regular helper who is enjoying getting to know the children and their carers.

Janet Cuthbert

Young Saints and Saintlets

During 2021 contact with the youngsters and their families has

been maintained with Easter chocolate and mothering Sunday flowers being delivered to their homes. Unfortunately we have only had a small number of the children actually make it to the 9 o'clock Sunday service. Some of this may be having got out the habit, some of it may be sporting activities clashing with the change of service times. We have seen a few children coming along and enjoying time in the chapter house. Many of them did attend the Christingle service. Young Saints has been available most Sundays since September and will remain so if children appear.

Janet Cuthbert

Easter Trail 2021

Due to the continuing restrictions, it was decided that the best way to get the Easter story into the community was to use QR-coded eggs laid out round the village in the form of a story walk. The final code was back at church where the youngsters could collect an Easter garden kit, including a small chocolate egg and a copy of the bible society Easter story they had followed round the village.

A number of people completed the trail.

Thanks to Helen and Niamh for sorting out the QR coded eggs, planning the route, creating an online map to follow and putting the laminated eggs out.

Janet Cuthbert

Cleadon Church of England Academy

It has certainly been a very difficult and unsettled time for all of us, and staff, pupils, families and our wider community have all been

significantly affected in one way or another by the COVID pandemic. We have found that missed learning and opportunities for social interaction especially affected our pupils and we are immensely grateful to the hard work of our parents and carers; who worked in partnership with our dedicated school staff to ensure that children's academic progress could still be built on during the lockdowns.

Throughout this time of uncertainty, it has been especially important to ensure that school remains a safe, stable and secure place for all of our pupils; where they are able to thrive academically but also grow in their SMSC (Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural) skills and knowledge. Pupils' social emotional and mental health continues to be high on our priorities and is centered on our school values.

On returning to a "new normal" we were able to appoint a School Counsellor, Mr Chris Ampeliotis, who has provided support to individuals and small groups of pupils with social, emotional or mental health needs, working collaboratively with parents to support pupils.

Dress to Express Day, for Mental Health Week, was a great success and helped everyone to celebrate their uniqueness. The wellbeing of pupils and staff was also enhanced through the presence of Maggie, the school dog, who brought lots of happiness to all during a difficult time. Maggie is now having some "down time" at home with Mrs Gray, but it has been great to

welcome two new members of the school family – Tim and Jerry guinea pigs, who have proved very popular with all and particularly our more vulnerable pupils, who find them a calming influence.

After such a long time of not being able to welcome visitors into school, or being able to make visits, it has been wonderful to be involved in working with the Laing Art Gallery, through class workshops at the gallery and visits to school by the Educational Officers. This partnership has really helped support cultural and spiritual growth, through the experience of studying and creating works of art. Year 5 pupils had a wonderful residential visit to Thurston and Year 3 pupils have loved being back at the swimming pool. We look forward to providing further exciting experiences through future visits and visitors to the school.

In this technological age of computers, mobile phones and other devices, the humble book can feel like a long lost friend. However, the launch of the School Library, in a central area of the school building, has been met with great enthusiasm and excitement by both children and staff. The story book character murals have added to a magical reading environment and will help nurture our pupils' love of books that hopefully will stay with them for life.

May I take this opportunity to thank Reverend Vernon, those involved in governance and the members of All Saints Church, for their support and prayers, as well as their kindness in providing wonderful experiences

for the children through Experience Christmas and Experience Easter. I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you as we move forward to the next exciting chapter in the life of the school.

Gary Scott, Headteacher

1st Cleadon Rainbows

We met in the park for one week at the end of the summer, we made nests for the birds. We then had a week at West Hall in September before returning to the Church Hall. It was lovely seeing the girls again after so long apart, we had a couple of meetings before the older girls moved up to Brownies. The girls have been working towards their Theme Awards, some have completed Interest badges. We joined units from South Shields at the Customs House to see Rapunzel in December, they all had a great time. We ended the year with a Christmas party in the hall. I'd like to thank Rachel and Katherine for all their help and support at the weekly meetings, without them Rainbows wouldn't have been able to open.

Lisa Nesworthy

1st Cleadon Brownies

We met for one week at the end of the summer at West Hall, then again in September before returning to the Church Hall: we made minibeast mansions and thought about how to get out of sticky situations. It was lovely seeing the girls again after so long apart, we had a couple of meetings before the older girls moved up to Guides. The girls have been working towards their Theme Awards, some have completed Interest badges and made their Promise. Some girls

chose the First Aid activities, others chose the Feel Well ones. We joined units from South Shields at the Customs House to see Rapunzel in December, they all had a great time. We ended the year with a Christmas party in the hall.

I'd like to thank Emily, Alice, Emily and Millie for all their help and support at the weekly meetings. Congratulations to Emily Davies for completing her Leadership Qualification.

Lisa Nesworthy

1st Cleadon Guides

During the first part of 2021 the Guides (and often the Rangers too) continued to run via Zoom usually every other week with usually around 9-12 girls taking part. We did a combination of online games and activities, including cooking and crafts which were fun, and we also had a lady from a hedgehog rescue centre Zoom visiting with some of her hedgehogs to give us a talk. Just before the school summer holidays, we did manage to go to West Hall Scout site at Whitburn to run a couple of outdoor evenings which was a lovely opportunity to meet face to face.

We returned to the church hall from late September and continued to meet face to face for the rest of the year running a mixture of activities whilst trying to keep the girls a little more spaced from one another. We ended our term with a Christmas outing to the temporary ice skating rink in Sunderland.

Our numbers went up a little in September to 17 with some new starters, but sadly we then lost some Guides mainly due to a

changed dancing timetable clash so we went into 2022 with 12.

We continue with 2 leaders, 1 part time leader and a unit helper.

Lynne Carr & Val Cram

1st Cleadon Rangers

Since we only have 4 Rangers, during the first part of 2021 we continued to run some occasional Ranger-only Zoom meetings, but generally we continued to join in with the Zoom meetings being held with the Guides which were every other week.

We did a combination of online quizzes, games and activities including crafts and cooking together and had a visit on Zoom by a lady from a hedgehog rescue centre. Along with the Guides, the Rangers attended the 2 outdoor evenings we ran at West Hall Scout site at Whitburn just before the school summer holidays.

We returned to the church from mid-September and starting meeting separately from the Guides once more, on a fortnightly basis upstairs. We have done a range of crafts and a few food related activities which always go down well with their age group (age 14-16 at present)!

We did join the Guides for Ice Skating in Sunderland on the last night before Christmas.

Lynne Carr

30th South Shields (Cleadon): Beavers

Beavers spent a mixture of the year both in person and online due to covid. To start the year Beavers ran via zoom, while doing this they

engaged in a variety of activities from cooking to a night learning about reptiles from a specialist.

After Easter we then returned to face-to-face Scouting. We ran our sessions outside as much as we could so we could have a wide range of activities: Beavers had the opportunity to cook outside, compete in a mini-Olympics, making bird feeders and many more activities. In the Autumn we had our Halloween party and our big Christmas dinner with a visit from Santa.

Georgia Purvis-McGinn

30th South Shields (Cleadon): Cubs

Cubs had to adapt to a mixture of online and face-to-face meetings. While online our Cubs had visits from Liz Million where they learnt to draw, looked at the blue cross and learnt all about the war planes in our history.

Finally, face-to-face Scouting arrived, and our Cubs took part in many outdoor activities. They ranged from surfing to litter picking on Cleadon hills. In our Autumn term we moved indoors and took part in some intriguing and interesting activities such as dissecting owl pellets and visiting the Buddhist temple.

At Christmas time our Cubs were planning and rehearsing for their Nativity however due to COVID this was cancelled, they all worked extremely hard and are looking forward to having the opportunity to do it again this year.

Our Cub section also had their first section camp after 2 years at West

Hall, and had cookery camp where they learnt all the basics of cooking and made some incredible meals.

Victoria Purvis-McGinn

30th South Shields (Cleadon): Scouts

Our Scouts also had to adapt to mixing between face-to-face and online Scouting. To start the year, they were online and had visits from Northumbria police where they learnt all about knife crime, they also learnt how to cook a cake using a mug and microwave.

When we were able to return to face-to-face scouting, we spent lots of time outside lighting fires and cooking, even learning how to cook a rabbit from scratch. The Scouts have also been on many hikes including their incident hike, where they learnt essential skills along the way.

When they returned in the Autumn term, they did lots of first aid, cooking, and even ventured into discussing and looking at gender equality and how they felt about this.

Phillip Jordan (Scout Leader)

30th South Shields (Cleadon): Group

Despite the complications COVID caused our children were resilient and adapted well to the circumstances and made the most of the opportunities they were given. We were able to organise two group camps where all of our sections came together. Our first one in September was our first camp back in two years, safe to say everyone was very excited. We spent the night at Beamish and even got to get a behind-the-

scenes walk through the forest when it was shut.

In November we went to Hawkhurst where the youngsters spent the weekend participating in water activities, climbing, den building and obstacle courses. We look forward to this coming year hopefully with no COVID interruptions, allowing us to give our children the best experiences and giving us the opportunity to get back in the local community and bring us all together.

Glyn Purvis-McGinn

Fellowship Groups

refreshments, and some time of fellowship.

Margaret Robson

Friends in Faith

Friends in Faith have resumed their meetings on the third Monday of each month. We are a group of men and women from All Saints congregation who meet to listen to speakers, to discuss topics related to our faith and to socialise. If you would like to join us or have further information please contact Robina on 01915373119

Robina Lawson

Men's Fellowship

We meet on the last Monday of the month, and were able to resume our meetings from September 2021.

We continue to meet monthly, with entertainment from members' talks or DVDs which we all enjoy. Our meetings have moved from the Upper Room to the Old School Room to accommodate members who had difficulty with the stairs.

Gordon Coxon

Mothers' Union

Our regular members have been pleased to be joined by Linda Ferries from Hebburn, one of the Diocese Vice Presidents.

We continue to meet in the Chapter House on the second Thursday of the month at 2pm. On the first Thursday some of our members join with other members of the church family for Holy Communion.

Our meetings consist of a short prayer and praise service followed by a speaker, and we always conclude with tea, light

Mission/Outreach

Pastoral Care Group

We now have ten members who meet each month at 11 Laburnum Grove. They are Audrey Bolam, Jean Higgin, Anne Hudson, Margaret Robson, Jan McGill, Linda Ross, Ellen Smith, Val Wallbank and Margaret Westerberg, plus our Methodist representative, Kathleen Robinson. We also have two honorary members, Janet Birchall and Robina Lawson.

The group met in person in September and November to pray and share thoughts with each other. However, during the rest of 2021, we kept in touch, either in person, by telephone or by e-mail. Each member has a designated Care List which covers all those on the electoral roll and on the Parish Network. We are committed to be in touch with them at least once a fortnight.

There were three baptisms at which a member assisted. Unfortunately, we have not been able to visit the families beforehand as in previous years. This is a vital part of pastoral care which will, hopefully, restart in 2022. Happily, however, baptism, wedding and bereavement anniversary cards have still been sent by Ellen, Linda and Val respectively.

Gifts of bowls of hyacinths were again sent to ten sick or lonely people at Christmas, thanks to George Wilson. Intercessions and request lists were sent out each week to those who had requested them. Invitations to the All Souls' service were delivered or e-mailed. The service was well attended.

We hope we have been able to respond to those in need in 2021, always with God's help and grace.

Jean Higgin

The Community Brew

After much heartache, we decided that trying to keep this facility open, especially during the Covid scares, was not sustainable: however we haven't given up completely. The Thursday meeting is still running after the 10am service in the church and people seem to appreciate the socialising that it enables.

A once-a-month meeting is also served by the Community Brew workers on Wednesdays in the Chapter House, which is a clear link with those who use our facilities; this is something we hope we can continue and perhaps build up gradually.

We are also ready to set up the whole procedure again if and when it seems appropriate to do so. None of our buildings lend themselves to a regular coffee shop because we are on the outskirts of the village and we would have to have something really special to offer the community – but the thought is always there. Can I say how grateful I am to all of those people who have worked for Community Brew in the past and now and I know I will be able to call upon them if the situation should change.

Lesley Smith

Children's Society.

Throughout 2021 supporters of The Children's Society have helped the charity in 3 ways:

During the summer months, with the co-operation of approximately 30 box holders, it was possible to collect and empty the boxes, to find that over the year an amazing total of £653.13p had been raised in this way.

In September, supporters gathered in The Old School Room for coffee , social time and chat. Proceeds from this happy event totalled £135.

On Sunday 12th December, the Parish Hall was filled with families and friends for a Christingle Service. Christingle collection-box candles had been available earlier and were either brought along on the day or left in Church at a later date. £74.28p was collected.

I want to emphasise again just how thankful everyone at The Children's Society is for your support. With your continued help they are confident they will be able to reverse the damaging effects of recent times and have young people feeling happier and more hopeful for the future.

Anne Hudson

Support Activities

Coffee

We now serve coffee in Church following the 9.00am Sunday and 10.00am Thursday services. Pews in the south aisle have been rearranged to accommodate four small tables providing ample space for coffee and chat. We continue to use ground coffee served from flasks and it is ideal that the coffee can be prepared prior to the service.

On a Sunday Helen, Marie, Jenny and I have taken on the role of making and serving of coffee and washing up afterwards; on Thursdays, Lesley kindly looks after refreshments.

All donations received from coffee and biscuits go to Church funds.

In 2021 we held two Saturday coffee mornings for Church funds; one in October and one in December. Val McIntosh, Margaret Laws, Lesley Smith and I set up the Old School room and welcomed guests to an enjoyable morning.

A further five Saturday coffee mornings are programmed to take place in 2022.

It is good that we offer hospitality within our community while at the same time helping to raise Church funds. However, for this to be sustained more willing volunteers are needed.

Anne Hudson

Communications Group

The group's members continue to be Brian Bage, Allan Bailey, Gordon Coxon and Keith Higgin. We

managed to produce a 'Courier' magazine each month, although two editions in 2021 were website-only, rather than being delivered.

Printing the magazine is carried out by Shirley Newton and Gordon Coxon and it would be good to have a couple of others to help with this. The collation team includes Allan Bailey, Margaret Laws, Walter Carr, Ken Oley and Anne Hudson, who also maintains the distribution lists and collects the subscriptions. Additionally, Anne is Advertising Manager, collecting the money due and seeking new advertisers. If you know of anyone who may wish to advertise, please let Anne know.

We were also able to produce a Christmas card for distribution village-wide, letting everyone know of the services that we and the Methodist Church were offering.

The 30th edition of the Information Booklet was compiled at the end of the year, but won't be available until early 2022 as our duplicator became inoperative and had to be replaced.

We would very much like to have: more people submitting articles for possible inclusion in the Courier; more people offering to help with printing, collation or distribution. No need to come to our meeting, but you will be very welcome if you wish to attend as we are always on the look-out for new ideas and content.

Keith Higgin

Finance and Property Group

The group did not meet during 2021, but the treasurer has continued to monitor the income

and expenditure, including payment of the Parish Share pledge of ££32,000.

The churchwardens have looked after property repairs where possible and Walter Carr carried out other relatively minor work when necessary. It is hoped that meetings will re-commence in 2022.

Keith Higgin.

Social Committee

Most social occasions were curtailed because of Covid so very little happened during the year. However we decided to try to end 2021 with the Big Band Concert which turned out to be a really special occasion. It was the 14th visit of the Customs House Big Band at the beginning of the Christmas period and this year was quite special, since we had had very little social contact over the year. The evening was full of excellent music, some with a Christmas feel, and the whole atmosphere was one of joy. We also managed to make a profit which was given to church funds and the promise that the band would return for Christmas 2022.

Since then the committee has made some plans for the 2022 year which include a Valentine's Quiz, a concert by Compass Acapella and the Christmas concert by the Big Band. We meet fairly regularly and have grown in size, but we welcome anyone with ideas to keep us all socially together, either just for the ideas or to come and join the committee. Many thanks for the work of the present committee in all ways. You are all appreciated.

Lesley Smith

Friends of All Saints

The membership of the Friends at the start of 2021 was 62 adults and 9 children. We purchased 328 copies of the Cleadon Courier, at a cost of £164.

As we no longer have an organist the Friends purchased a set of CDs with hymn music so we could resume singing during the services. These cost £189.29.

Again we were unable to sell any plants and jams in the church hall, so with the help of Ron Richardson we managed to sell items for The Friends through Boldon Auction House, making a total of £70 for the group. We also sold plants at the door and made £20.

Our trip to Whalton had to be cancelled again which was most disappointing.

We wish to thank our 'Friends' for their help and support. Anyone interested in joining The Friends please contact us at 5 Woodlands Road.

Helen and Ernie Belsham

Gardening Team

The Garden Team continued to meet every alternate Monday morning. Respecting social distancing, we managed to maintain the church garden and keep it tidy.

As restrictions eased we were able to hold a Coffee Morning in September to help finance our future expenses, and we thank all who supported us.

Unfortunately we have lost to illness one of our original members, Derek Bage, but we are pleased to welcome David Herbert and Amy Milburn to join our happy band. As we are all growing older new volunteers are always welcome (gardening experience is not required!) and we will resume our activities in April.

John Byers

Gift Aid

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to gift-aid their giving to the church. This means we can claim back an extra 25% on their donations from HMRC. In the year 2020-2021 we reclaimed just over £7000 in this way which provided more than 10% of our income for the year.

We currently have 25 people donating regularly with Gift Aid, either through the Parish Giving Scheme or the bank, and a few more who use the weekly envelopes for their giving. If you are a UK taxpayer and feel able to do this in future, please speak to either the treasurer or me; this extra income is critical to our church.

Jenny Grant

Health and Safety

Despite Covid, Health and Safety checks were carried out at a safe distance in the Church, Chapter House, Parish Hall, and Old School Room and there were no issues to report.

The first aid boxes have been checked and are all up to date.

The church grounds and outbuildings were inspected and all appears to be in order. However,

the car park is in need of some repair as the surface is cracked and uneven in places.

Health and Safety is everyone's responsibility, so if anyone observes anything untoward please report it to me and it will be noted and addressed.

Helen Belsham

Parish Administrator

The beginning of 2021 was difficult for everyone due to COVID and the restrictions it imposed on us.

However after a lot of uncertainty all the original groups were finally starting to return and we all so welcomed several new ones.

The groups here at All Saints have been amazing, working to the new rules and regulations to not only keep themselves safe but also other users.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the groups for adapting and working to the new systems now in place.

Shirley Newton

Shared Ministry Development Team: Partnership for Missional Church

At the start of 2021, with the lockdown still in place, our work in Partnership for Missional Church crept forward slowly. In February, as a small "Thankyou," Jenny and Marie visited all the businesses in the village with biscuits, and took cake to the staff of Busy Bees Nursery and Cleadon Academy – just a token to show our appreciation of their on-going service to our community.

The Steering team continued to meet regularly via Zoom and attended virtual cluster meetings with other church groups throughout the third year of the programme. We have continued to use "Dwelling in the Word" at the start of all our meetings. We have also explored with our congregation how to celebrate and share where we see God at work in the world through the strategy of "See it, Say it, Share It!"

The focus of Partnership for Missional Church is to join in "where God is at work in our community" and 2021 raised important issues related to God's creation, the environment and climate change. In June, we met with a group of local residents who are interested in creating a Community Forum and the possibility of developing the Oakleigh Gardens site as a community green space with a community orchard, wild flower garden and improved facilities for local sports. There will be an open meeting to discuss this further on 24th May 2022 and we are looking forward to attending and hearing how we might join in with this initiative.

On three Saturday mornings in August we were delighted to help out by providing refreshments for families with pre-school children who met in the Parish Hall, to enable them to get to know each other a little before starting school.

In September the COP 26 conference took place in Glasgow, and thanks to our improving IT and social media skills we were able to

put daily prayers for the success of the conference on Facebook.

As restrictions were lifted more of the community groups that use our facilities were able to return to face-to-face meetings and we hope to strengthen our partnerships with them over the coming year. As a starting point we asked Cubs, Rainbows and Brownies to our Christingle service and it was lovely to see the parish hall full again.

As the formal programme for Partnership for Missional Church finishes in March 2022, we spent some time towards the end of the year considering where and how God might be directing us to focus our energies as we move forward. We revisited our 2030 Strategy document to discern the areas that God was drawing our attention to and we are looking forward to sharing these with the PCC and the wider congregation in 2022.

Marie Philpott

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The Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints, Cleadon



Annual Report 2020 and Agenda for the 2021 Annual Vestry Meeting & 2021 Annual Parochial Church Meeting

held on 25th April 2021 at 3pm, via Zoom

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Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2021

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 - 5.2. Elections to the PCC
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7. Vicar's Report

In October 2020 we reported on activities in 2019:

Minutes of 2020 Vestry Meeting & Annual Parochial Church Meeting

held on Sunday 11th October 2020 at 3pm in the Parish Hall (under COVID-19 restrictions). 16 people were present. The Annual Report for 2019 had been circulated beforehand. The Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert chaired the meeting.

1. Vestry Meeting

i) The Minutes of the 2019 Vestry Meeting (Annual Report p4) were accepted as an accurate record.

ii) The Church Wardens' report (Annual Report pp 8-9) was received: it was noted that due to COVID-19 restrictions the inspection of the Terrier and Inventory had not been carried out in the usual way. The vicar had checked the furniture and the wardens had checked the silverware. All had been found to be in order. There were no questions. Jenny Grant and Marie Philpott were thanked for their hard work during the year.

iii) Marie Philpott and Jenny Grant were elected as Church Wardens for the 2020-2021 year, until the next APCM in March 2021.

This concluded the Vestry Meeting.

2. Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

i) The Minutes of the 2019 APCM (Annual Report, pp 4-5) were accepted as an accurate record.

ii) The Reports of the PCC were presented (*pp 6-15*), with the following additional comment: The Electoral Roll now had 98 members (2 fewer than in the Annual Report)

iii) The Treasurer's Report and Accounts (pp 10-15) were received. There were no questions.

iv) Group reports were received (*pp 16-30*). It was noted that Anne Hudson had taken on the co-ordination role of Sunday

morning after-service refreshments. Enid Bage was thanked for carrying out this role for 12 years.

v) Elections to the Deanery Synod.

There were 2 vacancies for 3 years, until 30th June 2023. Keith Higgin and Cathy Barnes were elected to the Deanery Synod.

vi) Elections to the PCC.

There were 2 vacancies for 3 years, until the APCM 2023. David Scrafton and Jill Rowden were elected.

vii) Appointment of Independent Examiner

The 2019 accounts had been independently examined by Mr Peter Calvert, who is willing to continue in this role. Mr Calvert was therefore appointed as Independent Examiner for 2020-21.

viii) Vicars Report

The APCM had been delayed for over 6 months due to COVID-19, which meant that reviewing 2019's activities in October 2020 felt very strange! 2019 had been dominated by building work on the spire, and repairs to the Old School Room following the accident in March 2019. As a result, the planned celebrations of the church's 150th anniversary had been somewhat overshadowed.

Our participation in the 'Partnership for Missional Church' initiative had begun, aiming to build up the people of our community, and it was hoped that this could be revitalised soon.

We face an uncertain future at the moment, but God is in control, he has a plan, he works through people to achieve it, though not necessarily when and where we expect it. We need to keep faith in God, as he does with us.

The APCM concluded at 3.20pm.

COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 brought illness, anxiety and distress to many, and a new and unsettling normality for us all. Although our buildings had to close for a while, the Church (by which we mean its people) has not been closed, and has continued to support our communities in all sorts of ways, through acts of community service, praying for the needs of the parish and through online worship.

The Archbishop of Canterbury writes: *'At some point, when it is safe to do so, the doors of our buildings will open again, and when that time comes, we will continue to serve, giving people space to reflect, to grieve, to say thank you, to renew hope. The Church of England is the Church for England and we are utterly committed to serving our communities with the physical resources we have.'*

At All Saints Cleadon, although many of our activities were curtailed or shut down, we have tried to keep in contact with our church members through telephone calls and online meetings and services. Nevertheless it is fair to say that in 2020 there was a lot less going on (our Parish Hall was closed to group meetings), and face-to-face contact - a key part

of fellowship for many - was very restricted.

As a consequence of this our 2020 Annual Report is a slimmed-down version of that which we normally provide. In these pages you will find the usual information on the governance and finance of the church: our financial position for the year, and the proceedings of the PCC.

Reports from church organisations, however, are understandably much briefer than usual, because many groups were unable to meet in the normal way. It is gratifying, though, to read how these groups kept in touch and managed to maintain some semblance of 'normal' during 2020.

Reports for 2020

Report of the PCC

for the year ended 31 December 2020

Administrative information

All Saints' Church is situated in Cleadon Lane, Cleadon, Sunderland, SR6 7UU. It is part of the Church of England's Diocese of Durham.

The correspondence address is
c/o All Saints' Parish Hall,
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Aims and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It has responsibilities for the maintenance of the Church building, the Parish Hall and the Old School Room.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. In particular, we try to enable all people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- 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.
- Mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the All Saints Church and its associated buildings.

Public Benefit

Our worship is open to all regardless of faith or affiliation. The resources available to the PCC are used to further its aims and purposes. The PCC takes as wide an interpretation of the 'whole mission of the Church' as possible to enable community use of its buildings, whilst retaining the right to not allow use that is contrary to this mission.

Structure, governance and management

The 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 No. 1132228 with the title "The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints Cleadon".

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

Electoral Roll

At the end of 2020, our Electoral Roll stood at 100. This total comprises 31 men and 69 women, of which 76 live in Cleadon and 24 attend from outside the parish boundary.

Val Wallbank

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and

vulnerable adults). Thankfully there have been no incidents to report.

Members of the PCC have completed elements of the Church of England Safeguarding Training programme during the year.

Vernon Cuthbert

Proceedings of the PCC

The PCC continued to meet throughout 2020, although from June the meetings were held via Zoom. During the pandemic it was agreed that the Standing Committee would act on behalf of the full PCC for everyday decision-making and maintenance: decisions made were put before the full PCC as soon as reasonably practicable. Aspects of PCC work delegated to Standing Committee in the early part of lockdown included: keeping the congregations informed about suspension of Public Worship (for 3 months from March); preparing for re-opening for private prayer and services; payment when possible of the Parish Share; and administering the furlough scheme arrangements for our Cleaner/Administrator. Permission was given by the Church of England to delay the Annual Parochial Church Meetings (normally required to take place by 31st May) until October. Our APCM, suitably socially distanced, was held in the Parish Hall on 11th October.

Early in the year considerable discussion time was given to preparing for Vernon's licencing to both Cleadon and Whitburn parishes, which took place on 4th May. Changes to services times and other arrangements were agreed amicably by both churches, and from May it was agreed that our main Sunday service would move to 9am.

A concern for the PCC was whether we would be able to pay the 2020 Parish Share that we had pledged to the Diocese, given that the closure at times of both Church and Parish Hall meant reduced income. However at the year-end we were pleased to be able to pay the 2020 pledge of £40,000 in full.

Following the resignation of Helen Belsham as Treasurer we were grateful to Keith Higgin for taking over until a new Treasurer could be found. The PCC expressed its thanks to Helen for her work in this role since 2015. Keith worked during 2020 on the new 'Data Developments' accounting system, so that it would be in a good state to hand over to a new person at a later date. The PCC also recorded its thanks to Gordon Trewhitt, who retired after many years as our organist.

As we began to offer online services it became clear that this new way of reaching worshippers needed effective resourcing, and so it was agreed that broadband would be installed in church, and licences to stream recorded music would be purchased. Thanks to a generous donation, these were introduced without cost to the church.

The PCC recorded its indebtedness to Jenny & Marie our churchwardens, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes doing all the jobs that locked-down volunteers were unable to do, to make things work smoothly and safely throughout the year.

Cathy Barnes (PCC Secretary)

PCC Membership

Vernon Cuthbert*	Priest-in-charge/ Chair
Marie Philpott*	Churchwarden
Jenny Grant*	Churchwarden
Keith Higgin*	Deanery Synod to 30.06.23
	Diocesan Synod to 2021
Cathy Barnes*	Deanery Synod to 30.06.23/Vice Chair

Elected until APCM 2021

Nigel Thomas
Beverley George
Robina Lawson

Elected until APCM 2022

Anne Hudson
Helen Belsham
Rob Lawson

Elected until APCM 2023

David Scrafton
Jill Rowden

(denotes an ex-officio member of the council by way of their post).*

The **Standing Committee** consists of the Priest-in-charge, the Churchwardens, and the Vice Chairman, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary of the PCC. It meets on an occasional basis when urgent business needs to be transacted by the PCC.

Churchwardens' Report for 2019

This has been a year to learn new skills and for innovation. Services proceeded as normal until the middle of March when the church was shut following government guidelines. A pre-recorded service was introduced, available online or by telephone, and this has continued throughout the year. Services were streamed on You Tube for All Souls Day, Remembrance Sunday, Christingle, and Family carols on Christmas Eve.

Whilst the church building has been closed, we have met on Zoom for Morning Prayer on a Thursday which allows different people to participate and some social interaction after the service. We are grateful to the anonymous donor who paid for us to extend the Wi-Fi (from the Parish Hall to the church) and for the additional copyright licence which will allow livestreaming of services from the church building in future.

The church re-opened for worship from August until November and again for most of December with a capacity of 16 households. Initially we operated a booking system but the demand was not great enough to warrant this so it was abandoned after a month, services being on a first come basis although we have never needed to turn anybody away.

Funerals have continued in church when allowed and we have celebrated one wedding and one baptism with restricted numbers.

On May 4th, during a Zoom service, Vernon was licenced as Priest-in-Charge of Whitburn and All Saints, Cleadon and since then has been splitting his time between the two parishes. This has meant that both churches needed to change the time of their Sunday services. When we are able to use the church building Cleadon now has one service on a Sunday at 9am and the usual 10am Thursday service.

We had a Cranmer student on placement over the summer who started a monthly All Age Café Church on the third Sunday of the month. This has continued with varying numbers and has been enjoyed by those attending. There has usually been a short bible story, a

related talk and craft activity over a cup of tea or juice.

From March until the end of August we ran a 'telephone tree', trying to contact weekly all members of the church family known to us, and since the first lockdown a weekly email has been produced by the vicar or churchwardens. This has been sent to all whose email addresses we have.

Social functions have been few this year but in January we had a quiz with fish and chips and managed another on Zoom in December with sing-along carols between rounds.

Missional activity has been limited but we have made a particular effort to support the Key 2 Life foodbank and have twinned the church toilet with one in North Kivu, DRC using donations collected during Lent. Janet and Helen Cuthbert cooked and delivered apple crumbles and mince pies to some of the more vulnerable members of the community (see page 23) and we have been paying socially distanced calls when allowed.

In advent, we erected a nativity scene next to the village Christmas tree and figures from the nativity story travelled around the community.

We carried out the required annual inspection of the terrier and inventory as best we could under the restrictions imposed by the pandemic.

We would like to thank Vernon for the many hours he has put in to ensure the services run smoothly and are grateful that he understands the technology so well.

Jenny Grant and Marie Philpott

Deanery Synod Report

The Deanery Synod was only able to meet once in 2020. The Deanery Plan was approved, which included the need to set up a Mission & Pastoral Working Group to consider how to implement the aims in the Plan.

At our meeting in February we heard from agencies working in South Tyneside to address poverty: we were shocked to learn that 36% of children in the Borough live in poverty, and more children suffer deprivation during school holidays. Hebburn Helps and Churches Together (the Key2Life Food Bank) provide food parcels, uniforms, holiday meals for kids, sanitary protection, and referrals to debt support agencies.

Although the pandemic intervened with plans to take the Plan forward, a proposal for the Deanery to adopt a 'poverty project' remains on the table.

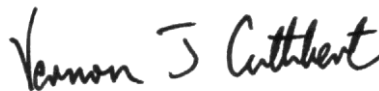
**Keith Higgin, Jenny Grant
& Cathy Barnes**

Treasurer's Report and Accounts

These appear on pages 10-15 following.

Keith Higgin

This annual report was adopted by the PCC on 07/04/2021 and signed on their behalf by the Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert, PCC Chairman.



Financial Review

In accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and in particular the 5th Edition PCC Accountability, the Annual Accounts are presented adopting the Receipts and Payments basis.

Total Receipts into Unrestricted Funds are down at £70,874 (2019 £79,591), but this is not surprising given the situation during 2020. Planned Giving has held up well at £30,422 (2019 £33,161), but Hall Lettings are down at £7,219 (2019 £16,451). The other major reductions are in receipts from loose collections, our social and fund-raising events, occasional offices and magazine advertisements. We have, however, received £12,000 more from catching up on our Gift Aid Claims and £3,000 from Legacies.

Payments from Unrestricted Funds have reduced at £73,412 (2019 £75,960). There have been reductions in Utility bills because of closure of the buildings. We met our Parish Share pledge in full at £40,000, a slight increase on the amount paid in 2019.

The end result is an excess of payments over receipts of £2,538.40 on the General Account for the year.

The Friends Designated Account shows a surplus of £747.37 and the Repair Fund Restricted Account a surplus of £670.60, reducing the Total Funds deficit to £1,120.43.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to endeavour to maintain a balance in General and Designated accounts equivalent to 3 months payments, to cover cash flow and emergency situations that may arise. The balances totalling £9,919.60 are below this requirement.

Investment Policy

It is the PCC policy to invest any surplus fund balances with the Central Board of Finance Church of England Deposit account.

Keith Higgin

All Saints' Church Cleadon - 1132228 Receipts and Payments Account
For the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endow- ment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<i>Receipts</i>						
Donations and legacies	52,145.67	—	—	—	52,145.67	114,337
Income from charitable activities	3,400.72	—	102.35	—	3,503.07	14,757
Other trading activities	8,096.15	869.8	—	—	8,965.95	21,711
Investments	—	9.96	36.73	—	46.69	112
Other income	7,231.55	115	8,204.23	—	15,550.78	3,207
Total receipts	70,874.09	994.76	8,343.31	—	80,212.16	154,124
<i>Payments</i>						
Raising funds	67.54	—	—	—	67.54	521
Expenditure on charitable activities	46,798.12	—	102.35	—	46,900.47	47,292
Other expenditure	26,546.83	247.39	7,570.36	—	34,364.58	100,456
Total payments	73,412.49	247.39	7,672.71	—	81,332.59	148,269
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	-2,538.40	747.37	670.6	—	-1,120.43	5,855
<i>Transfers</i>						
Gross transfers between funds - in	4,256.88	—	—	—	4,256.88	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	-4,256.88	—	-4,256.88	—
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	1,718.48	747.37	-3,586.28	—	-1,120.43	5,855
Net movement in funds	1,718.48	747.37	-3,586.28	—	-1,120.43	5,855
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>						
All assets at 01 January 2020	6,800.21	2,241.54	10,542.14	—	19,583.89	13,728
All assets at 31 December 2020	8,518.69	2,988.91	6,955.86	—	18,463.46	19,583
<i>Represented by</i>						
Unrestricted						
General fund	8,518.69	—	—	—	8,518.69	6,800
Designated						
Friends of All Saints Fund	—	2,988.91	—	—	2,988.91	2,241
Restricted						
Charities Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
Repair and Maintenance Fund	—	—	6,955.86	—	6,955.86	10,542

All Saints' Church Cleadon - 1132228 Analysis of Receipts and Payments
For the period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

Income and endowments						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endow-ment	Total this year	Total last year
Bank S/O's Gift Aided	7702.00	—	—	—	7702.00	11464
Parish Giving Sch Gift Aided	12897.06	—	—	—	12897.06	3254
Planned Giving Env Gift Aided	8671.61	—	—	—	8671.61	16243
Other Giving Gift Aided	540.00	—	—	—	540.00	—
Bank S/O's Non Gift Aid	—	—	—	—	—	—
Parish Giving Scheme Non Gift Aid	—	—	—	—	—	—
Planned Giving Env Non Gift Aid	612.00	—	—	—	612.00	2200
Other Giving Non Gift Aid	439.68	—	—	—	439.68	2270
Loose collections	375.70	—	—	—	375.70	—
Collections - Funerals	—	—	—	—	—)	1075
Collections - Weddings	—	—	—	—	—)	—
Collections - Baptisms	—	—	—	—	—	—
Donations - Sundry	494.00	—	—	—	494.00	2780
Donations - Appeals	—	—	—	—	—	69443
Gift Aid reclaimed	15774.37	—	—	—	15774.37	5608
Gift Aid Small Don Scheme	1639.25	—	—	—	1639.25	—
Legacies	3000.00	—	—	—	3000.00	—
<i>Donations and legacies Totals</i>	52145.67	—	—	—	52145.67	114337
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>						
Social Events	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sunday Coffee	175.72	—	—	—	175.72)	—
Saturday Morning Coffee	131.00	—	—	—	131.00)	3552
Coffee Shop O S R	400.00	—	—	—	400.00)	—
Grand Draw - Christmas Events	—	—	—	—	—	1513
Fund Raising Events	426.00	—	—	—	426.00	—
Charitable Events	—	—	102.35	—	102.35	2780
PCC Fees Funerals	402.00	—	—	—	402.00)	6912
PCC Fees Weddings	422.00	—	—	—	422.00)	—
Fees for DBF, Organist Verger & Bells	1444.00	—	—	—	1,444.00)	—
<i>Income from charitable activities Totals</i>	3400.72	—	102.35	—	3503.07	14757
<i>Other trading activities</i>						
Friends subscriptions	115.00	498.00	—	—	613.00	705
Friends sale of goods	—	141.80	—	—	141.80	135
Friends donations	—	230.00	—	—	230.00	1873
Magazine Subs and Adverts	762.15	—	—	—	762.15	2547
Hall, OSR and Chapter House Lettings	7219.00	—	—	—	7219.00	16451
<i>Other trading activities Totals</i>	8096.15	869.80	—	—	8965.95	21711

Investments	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endow-ment	Total this year	Total last year
Bank and CBF Interest	—	9.96	36.73	—	46.69	112
Investments Totals	—	9.96	36.73	—	46.69	112
Other income						
Grants HMRC and LPW Scheme	3511.08	—	—	—	3511.08	1894
Insurance claims	—	—	—	—	—	1030
Sundry Receipts	406.99	—	—	—	406.99	283
Transfers	3313.48	115.00	8204.23	—	11632.71	—
Other income Totals	7231.55	115.00	8204.23	—	15550.78	3207
Income and Endowments Grand Totals	70874.09	994.76	8343.31	—	80212.16	154124

Expenditure

Raising funds

Social Events	—	—	—	—	—	—
Christmas Events	—	—	—	—	—	—
Giving Envelopes	67.54	—	—	—	67.54	—
Children's Society	—	—	—	—	—	413
Church Mission Society	—	—	—	—	—	108
Raising funds Totals	67.54	—	—	—	67.54	521

Expenditure on charitable activities

Mission Giving	—	—	102.35	—	102.35	493
Parish Share current year	40000.00	—	—	—	40000.00	36387
Parish Share - prior year	—	—	—	—	—	1960
Church Staff and Services	—	—	—	—	—	—
Parish Administrator	4146.00	—	—	—	4146.00	3512
Parish Administrator Pension	256.52	—	—	—	256.52	—
Organist	252.00	—	—	—	252.00	1248
HMRC	225.40	—	—	—	225.40	—
Organ/Verger/Bells-Wed-Fun	165.00	—	—	—	165.00	1368
Vicar's expenses	1041.41	—	—	—	1041.41	1700
Vicarage Water Rates	476.09	—	—	—	476.09	546
Assistant Clergy Travel	—	—	—	—	—	—
Visiting Clergy	—	—	—	—	—	78
Mission and Evangelism	235.70	—	—	—	235.70	—
Baptism costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	46798.12	—	102.35	—	46900.47	47292

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endow- ment	Total this year	Total last year
<i>Other expenditure</i>						
Church Gas	1396.03	—	—	—	1,396.03)	—
Church Electricity	645.27	—	—	—	645.27)	2500
Church Water	98.03	—	—	—	98.03)	—
Church Insurance EIG	2660.61	—	—	—	2660.61	2584
Church Routine repairs	2685.82	—	—	—	2685.82	1620
Church Cleaning wages	923.00	—	—	—	923.00	948
Upkeep of Services	843.27	—	—	—	843.27	339
Organ tuning and repairs	—	—	—	—	—	—
Worship materials	70.00	—	—	—	70.00	—
Governance/Fees to Diocese	1413.00	—	—	—	1413.00	2137
Friends expenditure	—	247.39	—	—	247.39	1098
all Running expenses	394.01	—	—	—	394.01)	—
Hall Cleaning wages	3681.90	—	—	—	3,681.90)	3791
Hall Utilities Gas	1393.70	—	—	—	1,393.70)	—
Hall Electricity	509.32	—	—	—	509.32)	3817
Hall Water	790.51	—	—	—	790.51)	—
Cleaning materials and refuse	439.08	—	—	—	439.08	1013
Hall Insurance EIG	1330.31	—	—	—	1330.31	1309
Telephone	746.83	—	—	—	746.83	740
Stationery and postages	702.22	—	—	—	702.22	4062
Hall Routine repair/maintenance	289.78	—	—	—	289.78)	—
O S R Routine repair/maintenance	515.82	—	—	—	515.82)	3967
Old School Room Gas	555.46	—	—	—	555.46)	—
Old School Room Electricity	233.31	—	—	—	233.31)	1515
Old School Room Water	167.20	—	—	—	167.20)	—
Major Repairs to church	—	—	—	—	—	69016
Major Repairs to Hall	—	—	—	—	—	—
Major Repairs to Old School Room	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Building Work	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transfers	4062.35	—	7570.36	—	11632.71	—
<i>Other expenditure Totals</i>	26546.83	247.39	7570.36	—	34364.58	100456
Expenditure Grand totals	73412.49	247.39	7672.71	—	81332.59	148269

**All Saints' Church Cleadon – 1132228
as at: 31 December 2020**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Class	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
Parish Hall at Cost in 1938	2228.00	—	—	—	2228.00	2228
Total	2228.00	—	—	—	2228.00	2228
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Current account	6930.69	—	—	—	6930.69	4572
C B F Deposit account	—	—	6955.86	—	6955.86	10542
Friends Current account	—	633.04	—	—	633.04	-104
Friends CBF Deposit account	—	2355.87	—	—	2355.87	2345
Total	6930.69	2988.91	6955.86	—	16875.46	17355
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Deferred Income	640.00	—	—	—	640.00	—
Total	640.00	—	—	—	640.00	—
Net total assets	8518.69	2988.91	6955.86	—	18463.46	19583
Represented by						
Unrestricted - General	8518.69	—	—	—	8518.69	6800
Designated - Friends	—	2988.91	—	—	2988.91	2241
Restricted - Repair	—	—	6955.86	—	6955.86	10542
Total	8518.69	2988.91	6955.86	—	18463.46	19583

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31st December 2020

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the PCC Accountability 5th Edition. The Charities Act 2011 is a consolidation of previous Acts but did not introduce new legislation. The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investments of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted Funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) 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 the year must be carried forward a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund.

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

Incoming Resources

Planned Giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC receives the amounts due. All other income

is recognised when it is received. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

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 Parish Share 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.

Assets Retained for Church Use.

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with 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 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. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £5,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Trustees of All Saints' Church, Cleadon Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required 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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

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 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 matters have come to my attention:

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - 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.

P Calvert,
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Independent Examiner

15th March 2021.

Church Reports 2020

Worship

Services

Our normal pattern of worship was due to be changed from May 2020 to take account of the parishes of Whitburn and Cleadon sharing the ministry of the same priest, given the Sunday morning service times had considerable overlap. The Covid-19 pandemic just added to the disruption.

Initially worship was offered through an audio recording made available on a dial-up service (0191 814 1214) and the church website each Sunday. This was added to with a gathering across the internet using video-conferencing to enable Morning Prayer to be said on Sundays and Thursdays.

In between the three national lockdowns we met for socially distanced Holy Communion at 9.00am on a Sunday and 10.00am on a Thursday. These were limited to a maximum of 16 households to enable appropriate distancing to be kept.

Gathered Morning and Evening Prayer on a Saturday ceased and is not currently planned to restart.

Vernon Cuthbert

Music

In November Gordon Trew hitt our organist for the last 20 years informed us that the time had come for him to retire as our organist and choirmaster. We were very sorry to lose him after so many years of faithful and talented service. The PCC arranged for a small 'thank-you' gift to be delivered, and it is hoped that some time in 2021, when we

are allowed to meet again and sing again, we can invite Gordon back for a proper send-off – with cake!

COVID rules have prevented the choir from singing in church since the first lockdown in March 2020, and since then alternative ways of providing music in church have been explored and adopted: music from CDs has been played in church services, and in September we purchased the licences needed to broadcast recorded music during online services.

We are seeking a new organist to join us when regulations ease in 2021, so if you know someone who might be willing to offer this important ministry to the church please get in touch.

Vernon Cuthbert

Home Communion

Home Communion is normally available to any baptised Christian within our parish. However due to COVID restrictions it has not been possible to offer Home Communion since February 2020. For further information please contact Revd. Vernon Cuthbert.

Robina Lawson

Intercessions and Readers

For most of the year the rotas for intercessors and readers were somewhat disrupted.

With the onset of weekly audio services the Churchwardens took on the task of organising readers to participate in the recordings. Prayers of intercession were generally not included in the services but members of the congregation were encouraged to pray privately. A weekly prayer resource, including the names of those asking to be remembered in our

prayers, was circulated via email by Jean Higgin.

On the occasions when we were able to meet in Church for services of Holy Communion and Morning Prayer, Vernon led the intercessions and prior to the service the Churchwardens made requests for readers.

Anne Hudson

Children and Young People

Toddlers@All Saints

Initially the group closed and has not reopened in the normal way in the building, as it was felt that given the age of the group they were not able to social distance and avoid sharing of equipment. However part way through the year I decided, on observing how popular visits to the pond were by families to feed and watch the ducklings, that maybe I could read a story with a craft relating to the story, recording both to post on Facebook. The craft packs with all the necessary parts of the craft were then placed into zip-locked bags to be pegged on a line at the pond. This proved very popular and has continued throughout the year. Generally around 12 are collected each week, although one week 22 bags were taken to complete at home!

During advent our first craft was an advent candle ring with the children being encouraged to add their paper flames a week at a time, and part of the Christmas story was read to them as well as that week's story (conveniently there were four Wednesdays in December). The final story was Jesus' Christmas party and the children were able to make a nativity stable fridge magnet.

The feedback I have received has been really positive and encouraging. Some of the parents have inboxed pictures of their children and their completed crafts which has been delightful.

It's obviously not the same as meeting in person but I do feel it has filled a need in the community.

Janet Cuthbert

Young Saints and Saintlets

During 2020 it has been difficult to know how to continue Young Saints. I have tried online stories and craft, trying to link to the bible readings for the week. It was pointed out that many of the youngsters may be screened out with having to complete school work online. So I have tried to keep in touch with all our families at regular intervals, sometimes dropping a letter and sweets round to let them know we haven't forgotten them. A number of them have joined us on zoom for church on 3rd Sunday of month and it has been lovely to see them.

A number of the parents have said how much they miss church and young saints. Please pray for all our families (around 20 families) and how we can keep in touch .

Janet Cuthbert

Cleadon Church of England Academy

This has been a most unusual year for everyone, but schools have had a particularly turbulent time of it! We received the directive to close on 20th March 2020 to the majority of pupils, remaining open for key worker children and vulnerable children. Fortunately, we had anticipated this move and the children were armed with the tools to transfer their learning online. Strict protocols were put in place for those children attending school, with everyone maintaining their social distance – not so easy when you are a primary aged pupil.

The Academy continued in this way until June, staying open during holiday periods and even on Bank Holidays. Staff volunteered to work during these periods – we were all very happy to

support the key workers who needed to be at work.

At the beginning of June, when we were told that we could start to open up to more pupils, 'Bubbles' were born! The design of the Academy lent itself very well to the idea of operating within Bubbles and by the end of the Summer Term we had welcomed back all the children whose parents wished them to return – all except for our Nursery children as we had run out of room.

The Academy staff spent the summer preparing for the full return in September – a Recovery Curriculum was written, plans were made, detailed guidance written for staff, parents and of course the children. The building was given a thorough deep clean and everyone began to look forward to full classrooms once more.

The children returned to school happily, attendance was excellent and learning continued. We installed extra sinks into all the classrooms to help with the frequent handwashing requirement – which incidentally takes a lot of time! We did have a few positive cases of Covid, but the Bubble system was effective and minimised the number of children who had to isolate. Remote Learning recommenced for those children who now needed to work at home.

Christmas in school was slightly different, but we did manage to adapt: children learned to 'sign' carols rather than sing, Christmas parties were smaller and Santa visited virtually (although thankfully he still left presents!). The term went well, the children were quickly catching up with their academic work and we finished off

the term with a Brass band playing carols outside the Academy (at a safe distance of course!), getting everyone nicely in the festive mood.

The year has definitely been unlike any other school year I have ever known, but despite everything going on in the world around us, we have still found positive moments. The children have proved amazingly resilient, adapting quickly to a new way of learning. Relationships have actually been strengthened, every part of the school community has wanted to work together to do the very best for the children. The staff have worked relentlessly, acquiring many new computing skills needed to deliver lessons virtually and supporting the children and their families along the way, whilst juggling their own family challenges and commitments. We are still not sure what the year ahead of us will bring, but we know now we have the strength, skills and support to afford our children the opportunity to develop and thrive.

Mrs. J. Gray (Principal)

1st Cleadon Rainbows

We have 17 Rainbows and continued to work on the activities in the programme before the lockdown. Some of the Rainbows completed interest badges. I was given a surprise party, organised by Rainbow and Brownie leaders, to celebrate my 50th birthday in February. We all had a fabulous time.

Sarah got a new job during the year, unfortunately, this means she won't be able to return to Rainbows and we won't be able to have a farewell party. We wish her well and will miss her tremendously.

Thank you to all the parents for their continued support.

Lisa Nesworthy

1st Cleadon Brownies

We had 25 Brownies at the beginning of the year. We continued to work on the activities in the programme before the lockdown. Some of the Brownies completed interest badges. I was given a surprise party, organised by Rainbow and Brownie leaders, to celebrate my 50th birthday in February. We all had a fabulous time.

2 Brownies have moved up to Guides and have taken part in their zoom meetings. One of our leaders, Elizabeth, moved away to be nearer her daughter and granddaughter in September, and 2 of our Leaders in Training went away to University. We wish them well and good luck for their future.

Thank you to all the parents for their continued support.

Lisa Nesworthy

1st Cleadon Guides

Our unit numbers are down to 10, from 16 in last year's report. We have embraced Zoom meetings since September on a fortnightly basis. It has been tricky and not our usual programme, but we have still had some fun with quizzes, games, cooking, craft and even a Christmas Party.

Lyne Carr & Val Cram

1st Cleadon Rangers

The Rangers had 4 members at the start of the year, but they have now all left due to the added pressures of the year and being in 6th form now. However, they were replaced at the end of the year with 4 new Rangers who have moved up from Guides.

When we have had ad hoc Zoom meetings throughout the year, they are really been to just keep in touch and for a chat, we have however played some games, we did an online escape room and joined the Guides for a Christmas Party.

Lynne Carr

make a Bristlebot robot out of old toothbrushes.

The group has also still been able to camp while in lockdown with our Camp@Home weekends which we will continue into 2021.

Glyn Purvis-McGinn

30th South Shields (Cleadon) Beavers

Beavers met via Zoom when we could. We have been taking part in badge work this year - we have done lots of cooking, we had a pet shop owner come online to show us his reptiles. We have made a bug hotel and did a Scavenger hunt round Oakleigh gardens.

Georgia Purvis-McGinn

30th South Shields (Cleadon) Cubs

We have used a lot of online groups to help us with some of our nights: in one of our sessions a lady from an air museum came online to teach the cubs about planes in the war. Liz Million come on zoom to teach the cubs how to draw. The cubs have also enjoyed the Kahoot quizzes that we have done, and also the cooking sessions. And at Christmas the groups all joined together to watch a Pantomime.

Victoria Purvis-McGinn

30th South Shields (Cleadon) Scouts

Online meetings took a little while to get used to, but we have managed to still do a lot of badge work over zoom. The Scouts have done a Cooking night making Hokey Pokey Candy, and we have had Northumbria Police gave a session on being safe around knives. Scouts have been split into smaller groups to play Cluedo to find out who killed who, with what and where. In one of our sessions we got the Scouts to

Fellowship Groups

Friends in Faith

Our regular meeting is on the 3rd Monday of the month, and we managed to meet for the first 3 months of 2020, with speakers and our annual fish and chip supper after a few games of dominoes.

Gordon Coxon

Men's Fellowship

We meet on the last Monday of the month, but in 2020 we were only able to meet twice: in January Revd Cuthbert spoke about the Advent calendar displays in the village shops – an idea that came from a church in Norton (Stockton), and in February our member Walter Carr gave a video show.

Gordon Coxon

Mothers' Union

We are 13 in number, plus Linda Ferries from Jarrow, one of the Diocese Vice Presidents. Sadly we were unable to meet in 2020 after March, as our members were staying safe as best as they could.

In happier times we meet on the second Thursday of the month at 2pm. On the first Thursday some of our members join with other members of the church family for Holy Communion in the Chapter House.

Our meetings consist of a short prayer and praise service followed by a speaker, and we always conclude with tea, light refreshments, and some time of fellowship.

Margaret Robson

Mission/Outreach

Caring for the Community

During the Autumn we took the opportunity of an abundance of cooking apples to make two-portion apple crumbles and delivered them to all those we could think of living by themselves, including a number of the residents of Malvern Court. We felt it was a way of reminding them that they weren't forgotten during these isolating times. They were met with delight and brief enjoyable catch ups were had - socially distanced of course.

On 23rd December Helen took over the vicarage kitchen and set about mass-producing sweet-mince pies. She then delivered gift bags containing four mince pies and a shot glass of brandy butter, complete with festive beeswax lid, to about 30 individuals.

Janet & Helen Cuthbert

Pastoral Care Group

We still have eleven members, Audrey Bolam, Enid Bage, Jean Higgin, Anne Hudson, Margaret Robson, Jan McGill, Linda Ross, Ellen Smith, Val Wallbank and Margaret Westerberg, plus our Methodist representative, Kathleen Robinson. In addition we have three new "honorary" members, Robina Lawson, Janet Birchall and Helen Belsham, who joined us when the church's Telephone Tree ended.

The group met in the first three months of 2020 and, from then on, have been keeping in touch by telephone and e-mail. We have shared our knowledge of those needing pastoral care and acted upon it wherever possible. Each member has telephoned all those on the electoral roll, apportioned to them on

their Care Lists, thus covering everyone at least fortnightly. We also kept in touch with those on the Parish Network.

The intercession list has been updated and e-mailed to at least forty people each week.

The All Souls' Service invitations were sent out as usual, mainly by e-mail. Many bereaved people appreciated the service, especially the names being read out in the garden.

There was only one baptism, but Ellen has continued to post baptism anniversary cards. Val has sent bereavement cards and Linda has sent wedding anniversary cards. Ten gifts of hyacinth bulbs, donated again by George Wilson, were delivered to the sick and lonely at Christmas.

Although we have not held many of the normal activities, we have tried to show God's love and care for others in different ways, wherever possible.

Jean Higgin

The Community Brew

The Community Brew has been closed since March 2020, and will be for the foreseeable future. However, I am keeping the faith and expecting to welcome customers once again, as soon as that is legally allowable.

Lesley Smith

Children's Society.

As usual throughout the year, supporters of The Children's Society have been using the home box collection scheme to make their donations to this worthwhile charity. Ordinarily, the boxes would have been gathered in during the months of July and August but this year it had to be later, and some of the boxes from our

community are still being collected. Donations so far totalling £592 have been given to The Children's Society. In December, Vernon led a virtual Christingle Service and those who would normally bring along filled Christingle collection candles or offering envelopes in aid of The Children's Society, kindly returned them to Church. On behalf of The Children's Society, thank you for faithful and generous support.

Anne Hudson

Christian Aid

For many years the house-to-house collection has been the main fund-raiser for Christian Aid but sadly we did not manage a collection in 2020. However, if anyone like to make a donation to help this charity I would be willing to co-ordinate and send any monies to them.

It would be fantastic if someone were to come forward to co-ordinate a whole village collection for 2021 – if that is you, you can depend on my help. Contact me by phone (5363346) or email (lesley.smith@live.com)

Lesley Smith

Coffee

Just before Christmas 2007, I was invited to take over the running of the church coffee operation. This included coffee after Sunday morning worship, and also Saturday coffee mornings about 5-6 times per year. Luckily for me trained teams were already in place for these events and so all was well.

In last year's report I stated that it was time for me to step down after some 11 years or so at the helm. I am therefore very happy to record that Anne Hudson has stepped into the role, which is most welcome.

Because of the lockdown there were only four Sunday coffee mornings in 2020, donations from which contributed £61.70 for church funds.

One aspect I would stress: it is very important that all those attending are made welcome and spoken to, whether at tables at coffee mornings or in small groups on Sundays – all need to be made to feel welcome.

In closing I would like again to thank all team members, and other volunteers, who made and served refreshments for Saturday coffee mornings and on Sundays after 10am worship. Also the Cubs/Scouts who often arrange the tables and chairs after their meeting on Friday evenings. This allows setting of the tables the same evening so that when other members of the team arrive on Saturday they can prepare the refreshments.

Finally, hopefully it will not be too long before we can resume our normal service.

Communications Group

Members are Brian Bage, Allan Bailey, Gordon Coxon and Keith Higgin, assisted by Margaret Laws, Walter Carr, Ken Oley and Anne Hudson for collation. Anne also maintains distribution lists and acts as Advertising Manager. Thanks are due to all these helpers.

We produced 2 editions of The Courier in February and March, and resumed for October, November and December, when we hear that people were pleased to read the Courier again.

Easter and Christmas cards were not able to be produced and distributed and the Information Booklet still needs to be updated.

Keith Higgin

Finance and Property Group

The group monitors income and expenditure and also reviews the statutory fees at the beginning of the year. Helen Belsham had resigned as treasurer at the end of 2019 and Keith Higgin took over as treasurer in February. We have been able to meet our Parish Share pledge of £40,000 this year.

Work has been completed on the repairs to the Old School Room and the new coverings for the stained-glass windows in church have been fitted. Much other relatively minor work has been carried out and we are indebted to Walter Carr for all that he does unseen during the year.

Keith Higgin.

Social Committee

Like other groups, the planned activities of the Social Committee have been

disrupted, as no major events have allowed to happen over the year.

However we are feeling buoyant enough to think we will get some plans in place as soon as such social gatherings are possible.

Lesley Smith

Friends of All Saints

The membership of the Friends at the start of 2020 was 79 Adults and 9 Children. We purchased 271 copies of the Cleadon Courier at a cost of £135.50.

We were unable to sell many plants and jams once church services had to stop, so with the help of Ron Richardson we managed to sell several items through the internet. These included a set of dining chairs, an antique clock and camera, and bathroom equipment making a total of £220 for The Friends.

Our trip to Walton had to be cancelled which was most disappointing.

Again, we wish to thank our 'Friends' for their help and support. Anyone interested in joining The Friends please contact us at 5 Woodlands Road, Cleadon.

Helen and Ernie Belsham

Gardening Team

We held a fund-raising coffee morning just before lockdown, which enabled us to pay for lawn maintenance, green bins and some seasonal planting. Thanks to those who have kept the gardens tidy.

John Byers

Gift Aid

We currently have 27 people giving their gift-aided donations regularly either by standing order or by direct debit through

the Parish Giving Scheme, meaning the income from these has remained steady throughout the year. Others give weekly through the envelope scheme and we are extremely grateful to those who have continued returning their envelopes throughout this year. If anyone wishes to change to the Parish Giving Scheme and pay regularly by direct debit please speak to either myself or Keith Higgin.

I would like to thank Robina Lawson for all the help she has given me since I took over the role of gift aid secretary on a temporary basis until someone else can be found.

In the period from 01/01/2020-30/11/2020 we will have benefitted from a total of over £8000 in gift aid which is critical to our income. Thankyou everyone.

Jenny Grant

Health and Safety

2020 has been a very strange year for us all. The health and safety of everyone has never been more important than it is now.

Over the year I have carried out inspections where possible and have found nothing untoward to report.

My thanks go to those church members who have overseen the cleanliness of the church sites whilst keeping us safe, when I could not.

Helen Belsham

Parish Administrator

Normally I would start by saying 'where's the time gone', but not on this occasion as it has been a long year and we have all had to adapt to big changes that have come our way. I would like to

say thank you to all the Church users for all their support and also adapting to the changes that needed to be made. I know it has been very challenging at times.

I would also like to thank our Church Wardens who have worked so hard to make sure groups that were allowed to continue could do so safely.

On a personal note I would like to take this opportunity to say like many I have missed my daily work routine and that's mainly due to the people who take the time to call into the office even if it's just to say hello.

I hope eventually over time we will all adjust to the new normal. I look forward to welcoming everyone back but, more importantly I hope you all stay safe and well.

Shirley Newton

Shared Ministry Development Team: Partnership for Missional Church

The second year of Partnership for Missional Church began in March 2020. During the year the Steering Team have continued to meet regularly, mostly via zoom. There have also been virtual meetings of Steering Team leaders, clergy and cluster meetings which bring together all the churches in the cohort.

Being unable to meet with community groups has slowed progress on our missional challenge, but this true for the whole cohort, and we hope to make up for this next year.

We are continuing to develop our understanding of the six PMC spiritual practices. We now use "Dwelling in the Word" at the start of all our meetings

and just before Christmas the PCC agreed to upgrade zoom to enable pair and small group work, which has enriched this practice. This year we were introduced to two new spiritual practices, "Dwelling in the World" and "Hospitality" which will be important in building good relationships within the community as we move forward.

We are grateful to Craig at One Stop and Steve at Steve's News for enabling us to put prayer cards in our local shops at the start of the first lockdown, and to South Tyneside Council for permitting us to put up a nativity scene on the village green at Christmas, and we are looking forward to re-engaging with our community groups as soon as it is safe to do so.

Marie Philpott