

**The Parish of St. Andrew's Corbridge with St. Oswald, Halton
and Newton Hall.**



ANNUAL REPORT

for year ending 31st March 2021

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Parish of Corbridge with Halton and Newton Hall

Our Parish Mission Statement

Sharing the length and breadth of the love of Jesus

We are a community of Christians, committed to serve the Living God we know in Jesus Christ. Along with every Church in the Diocese of Newcastle we strive to grow the Church and bring hope



- through worship and prayer that is engaged and holy
- in living out and sharing the Gospel by word and deed
- through reaching out to the entire community by caring for all
- by seeking to grow in faith as Christian disciples
- by welcoming visitors into our buildings and our Church life
- by working in partnership with other Christians in our parish, deanery and diocese



To this end

- our doors are open
- our minds are open
- our hearts are open



Inspired by the example of St Andrew, we strive to bring children, teenagers and adults to Jesus.

July 2019

We are now in lockdown – 23rd March 2020



Our first public service after reopening on 4th July – we welcomed Rev'd Sam Lohead as Assistant Curate to Corbridge.

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CHURCH AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS
HELD IN THE CHURCH AT 11.00am ON SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER**

PRESENT:

Canon David Kennedy, Rev'd Lynn Caudwell and 34 laity.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Ron and Jane Gold	Barbara and John McNamara	Michael Priestley
Fay Dickinson	Suzette Milne	Edward Pybus
Michael and Mary Rae	Alistair and Kate Jenkins	Rev'd S. Lohead
Janet Kennedy	Rachel Kennedy	
Canon Campbell and Mrs Monica Matthews		

MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL CHURCH AND PAROCHIAL MEETINGS:

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Sunday 14th April were approved and accepted as a true record. Proposed by Warwick Milne and seconded by Pauline Bennett. Agreed unanimously. There were no matters arising.

ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS:

The Vicar thanked Linda Hunter and Mike Collins, the present Church Wardens for their unstinting work and support over the past 18 months – he feels blessed to have two exceptional people as wardens.

Mike is to stand down this year and the Vicar thanked him for his years of service as a calm, cheerful and smiling ambassador of St Andrew's, presenting him with a gift of appreciation. Linda Hunter also expressed her thanks for his ready availability and steadying hand, particularly during the appointment of the new Vicar. Mike in turn expressed his thanks to the clergy and congregation and said it had been an honour and privilege to serve. The Vicar also expressed gratitude to Linda Hunter who works tirelessly for this Church and others, much of what has been achieved could not have been done without her efforts.

Two nominations were received for the two vacancies, Linda Hunter and Jean Wilks. As there were no further nominations both were re-elected unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Cliff Wright spoke to the report, recording accurately and consistently the financial situation throughout the year. Looking back over the year would normally give some insight into the coming year. However, this has been no normal year and therefore the accounts do not provide much of a guide to the future.

There have been important highlights through 2019 when in April the Giving Appeal saw a 30% increase in giving; the Organ Appeal launched in October within 2 months had raised more than 50% of the total required, as well as the Wedding Festival, Flower Festival, Music Festival and Christmas Tree Festival all raising considerable sums, as well as two exceptional legacies amounting to £80k. However, the year ends with a small surplus, due in large part to our £75k contribution to Parish Share which is set to rise to £78k in 2020.

In 2019 half our income came from standing orders which remain strong so far. The second half from all other fund raising, front of house sales etc., and have been severely affected by Covid. However, we will meet all our commitments including 10% to charitable giving and will end the year with around a £40k loss – though it will not be necessary to release funds from investment where we have considerable reserves.

Cliff invited anyone who had any questions or would like more information to contact him.

The Vicar thanked Cliff for his enormous contribution, delivered with a lightness of touch, that provides insight and wisdom with a sense of calm.

Liz Buckley proposed, seconded by Brenda Ford and agreed unanimously that the Treasurers report be accepted and signed off.

REPORTS:

The Vicar thanked Linda Hunter for compiling the very comprehensive Annual Report, gathering information from all the many contributors. It displays an active, wide ranging and spiritual Church continuing to grow within our community. Copies are available on line, or printed copies can be made available.

Maureen Davison provided updated Electoral Roll figures, which in April stood at 156 and now at 162.

ELECTIONS:

Deanery Synod – The Vicar expressed gratitude to Monica and Max Philbrick and Jennifer Wright who have agreed to re-election for a second 3-year term. He believes this to be an increasingly important role as the deanery work closely together to further the ministry of the church. Mike Collins proposed, Paul Morris seconded and it was agreed unanimously the three be re-elected.

Parochial Church Council – Kate Jenkins, Anne King Lewis and Edward Pybus have all agreed to a further term as PCC members and 3 new members appointed as follows: -

John Williams	Proposed:	Michael Rae	Seconded:	Margaret Dowdeswell
David McEwan		Michael Priestley		Warwick Milne
David Preece		Suzette Milne		Warwick Milne

All appointments agreed unanimously and duly elected. There remains one PCC vacancy and anyone interested should contact David, Lynn or Linda for more information.

Warwick and Suzette Milne, are standing down this year, they were thanked for their tireless contributions and commitment to St Andrew's and will be greatly missed.

The Vicar thanked everyone for the many gifts and wisdom they brought to PCC and looked forward to furthering the progress already made during 2020.

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:

Mr Roger Jones has said he is willing to continue.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Linda Hunter expressed personal and PCC thanks to David for the time, energy, joy and commitment he has brought to the life of St Andrew's alongside his work as the Area Dean, the Prayer Strand and working alongside Bishop Christine. She expressed the thanks of everyone to Janet and her unfailing support behind the scenes for David and the Parish.

David too expressed his delight at being at St Andrews and working with a team of colleagues he values highly and despite this difficult year, looks forward to getting back fully on track in 2021. The meeting closed at 11. 50am with the grace.



During Advent 2020



Palm Sunday 2021

In my report last year, the reality of Covid was still very new and we wondered what the year would bring. I'm not sure any of us at that stage quite realized how much things would change both in our Church and in the wider community and nation. It has been a very tough year indeed, a year of restriction, fear, loss, isolation and disappointment for so many. But I feel proud of the way everyone has pulled together. And there is hope, not least from the amazing vaccine programme for which we thank God daily. Our pastoral and prayer network was and continues to be a real means of support and care and I am more than grateful for the hub leaders who fulfilled their duties so whole-heartedly and well. We have sought to keep the life of St Andrew's and Halton as full as possible and there has been much to learn and things to celebrate, even in the midst of all we have missed. I am also grateful to everyone who has continued to support the work of this Parish, not least financially, as the result of restrictions and lockdowns meant that many sources of income dried up. And thank you to everyone who responded to our Giving Commitment Sunday on Passion Sunday. Your continued support is a cause for joy and thanksgiving.

Worship

Through the first lock-down we quickly established YouTube on-line services. Initially, we were recording from our homes and it was a steep learning curve! Once we were allowed back into St Andrew's, we have pre-recorded in Church, and I am grateful to Rachel Kennedy and Sam Lohead who have recorded and uploaded the weekly services and to Simon Hunter who sent out the links. Our on-line presence will be part of our future ministry, and as I write this report, wi-fi is being installed in Church which in time will enable us to 'live-stream'. Also, our thanks are due to the Messy Church team who have produced regular YouTube recordings over the course of the year.

We were pleased to be able to worship in Church at Christmas, even if with greatly reduced accommodation. The abiding memory, however, is our two open-air Carol Services on 23 and 24 December in the churchyard, as out-door singing was permitted. Colin Williams arranged for members of Hexham Brass and friends to play, and while on 23 December the service was held in the midst of 'tempest, storm and wind', Christmas Eve was a beautiful evening and we were delighted that some 400 people attended the two services. Ian Wylie also generously filmed our Festival of Lessons and Carols for Christmas Eve, and many found that recording a means of both 'comfort and joy' in a difficult time. The diocesan 'Christmas in a Bag' initiative enabled us to provide a creative alternative to our popular Crib Service.

The second lock-down was a blow, but gradually since mid-March, we have begun to resume worship and we were delighted to have a full Holy Week programme of services, including two ecumenical services with Corbridge Methodist Church. On Easter Day, having the congregation singing in the churchyard was a real joy and we have continued singing the final hymn outdoors throughout Eastertide.

Meanwhile, a planning group has been meeting to scope a new Sunday afternoon service to be called *River at St Andrew's*. We are planning two summer pilot services with a view to this becoming a weekly informal and creative service open to all ages and giving an alternative style to our Sunday morning worship. We see this as central to our mission to grow our work with children, teenagers, families and all who would value an accessible and informal approach to worship. We will say more about this in the June *Parish News*.

The Organ

The Church organ fell silent in March 2020 as the £100,000 restoration project began.

The Lady Chapel was sealed off as a 'works area'. It was fascinating to see the organ completely dismantled, much of it removed to Lightbown's workshop in North Shields and then gradually re-assembled. The results are amazing; the organ sounds so much brighter and louder and we have new additions, including trumpet and trombone stops. The work was completed for Holy Week, and we are in the process of final adjustments and snagging. I am delighted to report that we have raised the £100,000 pounds, aided by some generous grants, overseen by Jean Wilks. The grants are due to the enormous generosity of the congregation and Village in response to our Gift Day in raising the first £60,000 ourselves. We are making plans for the Organ Re-dedication festival later this year (details will be published asap) when we can thank everyone for this amazing joint initiative.

We are grateful to Marc Bryant, both for playing all services during the summer and early autumn after John's retirement and for the loan of his own electric organ during the refurbishment. We are also most grateful to Simon Caudwell who shared services with Marc during the winter and spring, playing our piano beautifully.

People

Rosemary Hendry's placement with us as part of her ordination training was sadly brought to a premature end by the first lock-down. However, we were delighted when Rosemary was ordained Deacon in the autumn, serving at Greenside and Crawcrook. Rosemary's smile and positive ministry among us are abiding memories.

In July we were delighted to welcome Sam Lohead as Assistant Curate. Sam was initially licensed as a Lay Minister because of Covid but was eventually ordained Deacon in Hexham in October. Sam has made an excellent start to his ministry here, and we look forward to his ordination as priest on 3 July at St George's Jesmond and his first presidency of the Eucharist at St Andrew's on Wednesday 7 July at 7.30pm.

Also, in October we had the joy of seeing Lynn Caudwell ordained priest here at St Andrew's by Bishop Christine. Lynn's first presidency at the Eucharist was an evening to remember, with the Revd Jonathan Lawson, Vicar of Heaton, preaching at Lynn's invitation. It has been very good to receive Lynn's ministry among us as priest.

In December, after going through diocesan and national discernment, Linda Hunter was recommended to training for ordained ministry. There was great joy when this was announced in Church on the Sunday before Christmas, and Linda has begun her contextually-based training here in Corbridge under my supervision. Please keep her in your prayers.

In August, John Ross decided to retire as one of our Church Organists, having given years of service to St Andrew's and the music of our worship. We are greatly indebted to John for this ministry. In recognition of his outstanding service, the PCC appointed him as Organist Emeritus.

To succeed John, we are delighted that John Roper has been appointed as Job-Share Organist beginning this month. We are fortunate indeed to have a musician of John's calibre to join the music team and to be part of the life and worship of our Church.

Jean Wilks has made a splendid contribution in her first year as Churchwarden, working alongside Linda. As well as using her skills in grant applications for the Organ and mechanisation of the clock, Jean has taken on the fabric aspects of the warden's role, while continuing to sing in the choir and being Choir Secretary.

We were saddened by the death of a number of members of our Church community over the recent year, Nancy Dickinson, Anna Colquhoun, Tony Blofield, Helga Marshall, Margaret Coulson, Wilfrid Fawcett, Eileen Hopkins, and Paul Davison. Despite the restrictions we have been under, their funerals were moving and fitting thanksgivings for their life and faith as we rejoice that they are now with God in glory.

Mission and Ministry

I am grateful to Lynn, Sam and Linda for the written reflections they have provided throughout the year. This began as a means of providing spiritual sustenance for those who couldn't access YouTube or Zoom, but they have had much wider appeal as reflections on aspects of the Bible, prayer, theology and Christian living. Again, this is an aspect of ministry that we hope to continue so that we can grow in faith and in our grasp of the depth of Christian wisdom and spirituality.

Lynn has led on two excellent projects. The first is the Book Club, of which we have two currently running, with the possibility of further groups as the year progresses in and beyond Corbridge. The series of books explore our growth in faith and in prayer and have been hugely appreciated by the members. The second is the 'Take 5' Mission initiative. Lynn has led a small group scoping our annual charitable giving (10% of our planned giving), but also by real engagement with the 5 projects we are supporting and praying for weekly in our services. 'Take 5' will be a growing part of our Church life, and arising from it, in partnership with A Rocha UK we will begin to engage seriously with becoming an Eco-Church.

Jan Williams and Sam Lohead devised an outstanding Lent Course, delivered on Zoom, and exploring the new 'Northern Saints' Trails. Jan gave 6 outstanding talks from her knowledge and experience as a senior Blue Badge Guide and Sam responded with spiritual reflections. The Zoom audience was extensive, far beyond Corbridge, with 100 screens each week. We hope that we can 'try out' parts of the walks as the year progresses and how we might develop pilgrimage and as part of our corporate spirituality.

I have been involved in setting up lay training courses for Corbridge, Hexham and Bellingham deaneries on leading worship and pastoral care, with some members of St Andrew's undertaking the latter, and we will develop worship gifts as the *River* service moves forwards.

Members of the Parish Home Group, Prayer Group, and Women's Fellowship have continued through meeting on Zoom, and indeed most routine meetings have used the same medium. As we emerge from lock-down we need to press on with the next stage of embedding our Parish Mission Statement and restoring regular aspects of our 'normal' ministry. This will include occasional offices, seeking to welcome and inform those who will move into the new estate being built in the parish, and developing our faith formation. There is much to do.

Many, many people contribute to the diverse life of our Church and I will make that a feature of what I say at the APCM.

Conclusion

In the Book of Revelation, there is a repeated phrase in chapters 2 and 3: 'Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Churches'. What is the Spirit saying to us, in this parish, to our Diocese, and to the Church nationally and internationally? Where is the wind of the Spirit blowing us? Where is the breath of the Spirit inspiring us into new ways of mission and service? Things are changing, and there will be new opportunities, new people, new initiatives if we can but respond in prayer, in love and in our commitment to our Lord and the gospel. May we listen together and discern together the way forward. Thank you for your love, forbearance, prayers, friendship and commitment to the God we know in Jesus and through the Spirit. At the last PCC I spoke on St Paul's conclusion to his great exposition of the Resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15. In view of the risen life of Christ and the sure and certain hope that we have of being raised through him to eternal life, St Paul brings us back to the present:

Therefore my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, since you know that in the Lord, your labour is not in vain.



The Ministry Team recording their weekly Youtube service.

ELECTORAL ROLL

Maureen Davison

The total number at the beginning of the year was 156. During the year there have been 12 removals and fifteen additions. The current total of names on the Electoral Roll is 159.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

MEMBERSHIP

Members of the PCC are either exofficio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with Church Representation Rules or co-opted by the PCC.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Vicar:	Canon David J Kennedy
Assistant Curate:	Rev'd Lynn Caudwell
Assistant Curate:	Rev'd Sam Lohead
Churchwardens:	Linda E Hunter and Jean Wilks

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Max Philbrick, Monica Philbrick, Jennifer Wright

Elected Members:

Jon Williams	David McEwan	David Preece	
Pauline Bennett	Edward Pybus	Ian Graves	Kate Jenkins
Anne King Lewis			

Co-opted	Cliff Wright	Treasurer
	Carol Moffatt	Minute Secretary

It is a requirement by law that a Standing Committee is appointed. It sets the agenda for the PCC meeting and deals with business in between meetings.

Members: Vicar, Assistant Curates, Churchwardens, Treasurer, Kate Jenkins and David Preece.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

7 meetings of the PCC and 8 of the Standing Committee were held during the last year, some on zoom and some face to face. The APCM was postponed and held on 13th September. Despite covid the PCC has still been very busy throughout the year with a range of topics discussed. Despite the last APCM being later this review covers March 2020 to March 2021 but only covers material which is not reported on in other reports in this booklet. More detail may be found in the Minute file available at the back of church and on the website.

TOPICS COVERED

As well as our regular business, reports of which are included elsewhere in this report. We have also discussed:

- Refurbishment of the Organ and the appointment of Organists
- Safeguarding Dashboard
- Patterns of worship – in particular how we would open up after covid, what our worship may look like under restrictions.
- Legacies
- Broadband
- On line giving
- Ministry of Welcome



The first recordings from the vicarage – March 2020



Rev'd Sam Lohead, ordained deacon at Hexham Abbey.



Rev'd Lynn Caudwell, ordained priest at St. Andrew's Church.

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT:

Linda Hunter and Jean Wilks

In Autumn 2020, Mike Collins stood down after 4½ years as Churchwarden. We are grateful to him for all his work over that time. Jean stepped into his shoes and is steadily learning the job. After 11 years as Churchwarden, Linda will stand down in May 2021 to take up her new journey as an Ordinand. So, it's a time of change for us all.

As ever, we thank our Ministry team for their tireless work and enthusiasm. We also thank their partners and families for supporting them in all the work that they do. It has been good to welcome Sam Lohead, our new Assistant Curate, who quickly rose to the extra challenge of joining a new parish during a pandemic and lockdown. For all of the team, ministry during Covid-19 has been full of new challenges; a closed church increased their workload rather than reduced it, and they have all enthusiastically embraced the brave new world of on-line broadcasting.

Covid safety has been a major part of the Churchwardens' year too. We have worked hard on risk assessments, seating plans, timetables, booking systems, pew cleaning and other procedures to make our church as safe as it can be for all who visit and worship here.

We are responsible for maintaining the church building and property, and for addressing health and safety issues, and we are active members of the Maintenance Committee. This has included raising grant income to automate the church clock, applying for Faculty to automate the clock and install broadband, liaising with our insurers, and commissioning an architect to conduct the quinquennial inspection of our two churches.

We would like to thank everyone involved in all the different tasks, rotas and committees to ensure that things run smoothly for all our different services and activities. There are far too many of you to mention by name, but we really do appreciate all that you do.

HALTON ST. OSWALD

Edward Pybus

Little did we know at the time of our service on 1 March last year that it would be seven months before we would be seeing each other again at Halton. Lockdown intervened before the end of that March and our services were suspended until the following October and then again from early January to mid-March this year.

Services with celebration of Holy Communion resumed last October with our Harvest Thanksgiving and continued with our regular monthly (1st Sunday) service in November and December and our service on Christmas Day. There was one more service at the beginning of January before the second lockdown and then another suspension until the middle of March which served as preparation for Easter and was especially welcome.

All the services have been conducted by our Vicar, Canon David Kennedy, save on Christmas Day when the celebrant was our Assistant Curate, Rev'd Lynn Caudwell. Lynn also preached in October and our other Assistant Curate, Rev'd Sam Lohead, in November. Attendance on Christmas Day at 21 was reduced by reason of lockdown conditions and at other services has held steady at an average 14. All the services have had special significance as we have come to realise, the constraints of social distancing and the curtailment of music notwithstanding, what we are missing when they cannot be held. We are ever grateful to David, Lynn and Sam for the spiritual strength and support which they bring to us and which have been so much needed in the solitary months of lockdown. The large number of comments written in the Visitors Book, all appreciative and many inspiring too, would indicate that there have been more visitors than ever over the year, another manifestation perhaps of the lockdown and the pressing need we all feel to break its hold on us.

Day to day arrangements continue as before. Most particularly, Suzette Milne orders the regular internal cleaning of the church and a flower rota and Sir Hugh Blackett the essential external maintenance of the church and the churchyard including the extensive mowing. We are deeply grateful to them and to all those who help.

Parish Safeguarding Team

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'The Church of England is committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of everyone within the church community so that all can flourish in faith and know the love of God.

We all have a responsibility to care for one another, and to keep people safe from harm, and it is especially important that children and vulnerable adults are protected. '

Quote from the Church of England website.

Here in St. Andrew's and Halton we need to remember that we are all responsible for keeping each other safe. Mandy is always available to talk to if you have any safeguarding concerns. She can also point you in right direction if you need any information. Richard looks after the recruitment paperwork in particular the Volunteer forms and on-line DBS checks, new and renewals.

All those involved in roles which require Safeguarding training have participated in the appropriate course for their role - Basic Awareness, Foundation or Leadership. Basic Awareness training is available for any interested person through the on-line training portal, if you want to find out more look on the C of E Safeguarding training page.

Safeguarding is on the agenda of every PCC meeting and we try to keep as up to date as possible with all the current legislation and guidance. Our Safeguarding policy is updated in line with the National guidance annually, and agreed at our October PCC meeting. We have a parish Domestic Abuse policy. Leaflets about Domestic abuse have been produced and are available at the back of the church. We have a Social Media policy and are signed up to the Church of England digital charter to help make social media and the web more widely positive places for conversations to happen. We are using the new safeguarding dashboard.

For further information please go to the Diocese of Newcastle website

www.newcastle.anglican.org/safeguarding

and the Church of England Safeguarding Page

www.churchofengland.org/more/safeguarding

FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Michael Rae and Jon Williams

Maintenance Committee

Jean Wilks

Churchwarden

The fabric of the Church is in serviceable condition, and all goods and ornaments are as required for worship and events to take place in both St. Andrew's and St. Oswald's.

Quinquennial inspection.

The last inspections were in 2015 for St Andrew's and 2016 for Halton. The next inspection of both churches, and the cottage, will take place during 2021.

Statutory Requirements.

During the year we have had inspection of the fire extinguishers and boilers, and regular inspections of ladders. Inspection of the alarm system has been arranged.

St. Andrew's Church: Maintenance and Works undertaken:

- Pointing repairs were done in August and April.
- Memorial Garden: our contractor carries out new inscriptions each Summer.
- Churchyard Maintenance: We have a close working relationship with the Parish Council who have responsibility for the church yard, including grass cutting and safety of footpaths.

St. Andrew's Church: works planned.

- Church Clock: the annual maintenance inspection was delayed due to Covid-19, but will take place later in 2021 at the same time as the clock automation.
- Repairs are needed to North Transept roof, following water ingress in wet weather. Quotes and permission have been obtained, and a contractor instructed.
- Gutters and gullies: quotes for cleaning and repainting have been obtained, and a contractor instructed.
- The Atkinson memorial door shattered without warning in the first week of April. We are urgently working on a permanent replacement, in conjunction with our insurers and the Atkinson family.

Application was made in February 2021 for Faculty (church planning permission) for three projects. Faculty was granted in April 2021, and work will be completed soon:

- Automatic winding for the church clock. This will avoid the need for the clock to be manually wound three times a week. It is fully funded by grant aid from Corbridge Parish Council, Corbridge W.I., Corbridge Village Trust, Catherine Cookson Trust, Allchurches Trust, and Ecclesiastical Trust; we are very grateful to them all.
- Installing broadband in the church, enabling us to live-stream services and events, and allowing people to take part in services on-line. A cable will enter the church through the choir vestry, leading to a broadband router in a concealed position in the Baptistry.
- Displaying an icon in the Sanctuary. This is a Romanian icon of St Andrew, donated to the parish in 2012 by Sir Miles Irving.

St Andrew's Cottage

- Replacement of the roof was completed in Spring 2020.
- There is damp in the cottage walls and kitchen floor. Some external damp was caused by a leak, now repaired. Internally, damp is being dried out gradually by a dehumidifier. We have had a damp survey done, and are considering the cost and implications of some of the recommendations.
- The boiler may need replacing soon.
- We are very grateful to Warwick and Suzette Milne who continue to keep the cottage garden tidy.

St Oswald's, Halton

- Pointing to the east gable was completed in August.
- The path to the church door has been cleared.

Contract Renewal:

Electrical contracts for St. Andrew's, Halton and the Cottage have now been fixed until 2023. The cottage gas contract has been fixed until 2024. The Church gas contract runs until 2025.

Health and Safety:

A risk assessment is always carried out when we carry out a new event. During covid it was reviewed regularly. Health and Safety action plans for both St. Andrew's' and St. Oswald's are in place. Our health & safety audit checklist was reviewed this year and all policies will be looked

at over the coming year.

Security Review:

If you have a key and you are no longer in the role you received it for, please return to the Churchwardens. We are continually monitoring our security arrangements and take advice from our insurers.

THANK YOU.

The fabric of our churches is well looked after and we are extremely grateful to all those who contribute to this in any way, either in person or financially. It is impossible to thank all those who play a part in this. Many people are involved. Thank you to all volunteers.

Churchwarden's note: We are especially indebted to the Michael and Jon for all their work.



Mike Collins winding the clock – thanks to the winding team

MISSION AND MINISTRY

CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

JUNIOR CHURCH

Louise Stubbs, Leader

Due to the onset of the coronavirus pandemic and the enforced closures of our Church, (at various times during March 2020 to March 2021) we have been unable to make any provision for Junior Church.

Easter Sunday (12.4.20)

The traditional egg hunt and Easter activities for the children were also cancelled, however, chocolate eggs were made available, in Church, throughout the Easter period. There were a considerable number of eggs and they all disappeared, at some point, over Easter! The Easter garden was in place outside the main entrance to Church. Unfortunately, the school were, once again, unable to help with this activity but David and Margaret Preece kindly carried on to construct the garden. Our grateful thanks to them both.

Christmas at the Crib (24.12.20)

Ninety adults and forty-five children attended this event. Prior to the day, 200 Christmas activity bags were assembled, in Church, by volunteers. The contents were substantial with the aim of keeping children focused and occupied throughout Christmas. The bags were collected from Church and members of the congregation took bags to give to relatives or people living in their vicinity.

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church is now in its eleventh year and reflecting on a somewhat different year, as far as maintaining our provision for our Messy Church families. At the start of the pandemic the Messy Church team were able to have a few meetings, in person, at the Church. It was then decided 'ZOOM' meetings would be the way forward. The meetings were well attended by the team members and for the 'uninitiated', mastering the technology was a challenge at first but one which we all mastered! The same format as previously (pre-pandemic) was adapted to enable us to present everything online. We were able to include an introduction to the theme and or story, craft activities, songs and prayers. Occasionally, a physical activity was also included which could be carried out in the home or garden environment. We were delighted to have the support of some Messy Church families who helped the team by contributing videos of activities filmed at home, which were very entertaining. Messy Church 'ZOOM' planning meetings have continued to take place, to plan for our themes, focused around the Church calendar.

Canon. David Kennedy, Rev'd. Lynn Caudwell and Rev'd. Sam Lohead attend our meetings whenever they are available. They have all regularly had a role in the videos produced and we value their input. Linda Hunter (Lay Minister) continues to lead the team and encourages all the team in ensuring Messy Church continues to survive and thrive despite the current situation. (Linda also regularly contributes to the video presentations) We all appreciate her enthusiasm, patience and understanding. Thank you, Linda.

Some of the themes we have addressed have included; Easter activities in 2020, Testing Times, Fish related Bible stories (This prompted a fish outline which was then covered with decorated pebbles brought by Messy Church team, our Messy Church families and members of the general public). Decorated pebbles were consequently laid out in the Church grounds and were greatly admired. One of the pebbles had an amazing likeness of Canon. David Kennedy which was expertly painted! Peter in prison, Saints, it's a mystery, Light, Faith (Trusting in God), Breaking out! (Easter theme including a resurrection trail in the Churchyard, 2021) Viewing figures for these presentations have varied considerably between 204 and 31. *The videos for all these presentations can be viewed on the St. Andrew's You Tube channel.

At this point in my report, I would like to thank all the members of the Messy Church team whose dedication throughout these difficult times have enabled us to maintain the Messy Church provision. A special thank you must also go to Max Philbrick. He has been responsible for collating/ editing all the activities and videos submitted by the team, Max has continued to do this every month, since we began to present Messy Church online. The end product is always so expertly presented and his skills are greatly appreciated. Thank you, Max.

Hopefully, and in the not-too-distant future, we may be able to meet up in person with our team and Messy Church families but in the meantime our thoughts and prayers are with them all.





OUTSIDE MISSION AND GIVING: 'TAKE 5'

Rev'd Lynn Caudwell

Lynn Caudwell was asked to set up a group to consider how to distribute our planned giving in line with our mission statement. Currently the members of the group are Richard Adams, Anne King-Lewis, Coleen Petrie, Max and Monica Philbrick and Jennifer Wright. We will be adding to that number as the year goes on.

We engaged in an on-line process of collaboration and established a decision-making framework, based upon the 5 Marks of Mission. This helped us to form a rationale as we considered how we could encourage more missional awareness in the congregation through supporting various projects, which were approved by the PCC. The result is a group calling itself "Take 5" and each member acts as a champion for one of the 5 different projects. The projects have a variety of emphases both in terms of the 5 marks of mission, geographical reach and potential practical involvement. So far, we have created some background documents on the various projects with a recognisable logo. A prayer diary is continually updated and cycles around the five projects in order to raise awareness through the weekly intercessions. These documents are available for all to read on the website. We are in the process of developing material for a church notice board. The Eco church project (Mark of mission 5) is forming a subcommittee in order to take forward a church survey on how we can improve our environmental awareness and become more carbon neutral as a church community.



The only opportunities to sing over the last 12 months have been between the two lockdowns, and briefly at Christmas. Our heartfelt thanks are due to Jean Wilks, our indefatigable choir secretary who has not only produced a constant issue of emails but as acted as the choir's Zoom Meister, hosting the regular Friday on-line chats, which have gone a long way to maintaining the esprit de corps.

Leading up to Christmas we were able to have some limited rehearsal time and produced a recording of the Christmas Carol service which was made available on line. We are very grateful to Ian Wylie who patiently recorded, filmed and edited the video.

On the Sunday before Christmas Eve and on Christmas Eve we were joined by members of Hexham Brass for two open air services (which despite the weather on the Sunday) were well attended. Christmas Eve particularly was a memorable service, singing in the heart of the village in the churchyard festooned with festive lights. We are grateful to Roger Carr of Hexham Brass for his help and support and assembling his brass-playing colleagues.

With the slight relaxing of restrictions, we are now singing as a small group on Sunday Mornings, and we are all looking forward to when we can re-start rehearsals, rediscover our repertoire and, most importantly, join in with the congregation.

We have said goodbye to Paul Hagger (although I am sure it should be au revoir) who after an association with the choir for more than 20 years has moved south to be nearer his grandchildren.

Sadly, the choir was honoured to sing at the funeral of Paul Davidson, who sang with us for several years until he became increasingly unwell. I personally would like to thank all the choir for rallying round and supporting Paul until it became too difficult for him. His enthusiasm and engaging smile will remain in our memories.

Musically, the biggest significant event during the last year has been the completion of the restoration of the organ, (details are covered elsewhere), and as we slowly emerge from the pandemic, we will begin to exploit in full its glorious new sound and increased range of voices.

Finally, after a very long association with St Andrew's as both organist and choirmaster John Ross has decided to retire for health reasons. We are delighted that he has now fully recovered from a

very serious operation, and equally delighted that he has accepted the post of Organist Emeritus, and we look forward to his occasional guest appearance in the future.

And to end on something very exciting: John Roper has accepted the shared post of organist. His first Sunday will be 9th May, and with Marc Bryant and the Choir we look forward to a long and inspiring association as we seek to develop the music of St Andrew's and leave the pandemic behind us.



Carols for All in the churchyard.



BOOK GROUP

Rev'd Lynn Caudwell

After an initial delay following the disruption of the first lockdown, six members of the original book group decided to continue on zoom with the book series 'Sensible Shoes'. We have met weekly, and it has proved to be a source of real encouragement and spiritual formation for all those taking part. This group has continued on throughout the year and are now completing book 3 with plans to go onto the final book, starting in May. A second group has formed and is finishing book 1 with plans to go on with the series. Again, this second group has found it to be a relationally rewarding and spiritually significant exercise. Jennifer Wright, one of the members of the first group, is helping to co-lead the second group with Lynn Caudwell. There are plans to offer this study to those who would like to meet in person when things open up again. We are also hoping that leaders will emerge from both groups to see this going forward in the coming year.

HOME GROUP

Anne King-Lewis, Max Philbrick, Paul Morris.

We all wondered how we would manage to continue Home Group throughout the Covid restrictions, but we soon became accustomed to using Zoom and perhaps were able to be more relaxed and open in our discussions and our fellowship together certainly deepened and grew. A non-Zooming member was kept involved by a telephone call after each meeting. Here are some comments from the group:

"I have never belonged to a home group before and since joining have looked forward to meeting other Christians and sharing our Faith together."

"It's 'body-building' in Christ if you like. Home group gives us space to think as we all search God's Word, ask questions, air doubts and be vulnerable with one another. In the dark days of Covid, I have been very grateful for the group. It helped enormously to have Christian fellowship."

"Home groups help the individual to grow in their Christian faith."

"It has been really good to share our faith in a more meaningful personal way without fear of criticism."

We have been able to share more deeply with Methodist friends and also with others who have moved out of the area. The studies have been led in a conversational style which has meant they are more informal and relaxed. Any who would like to join us would be most welcome!!

NORTHERN SAINTS TRAILS

Rev'd Sam Lochhead

Over Lent St Andrew's hosted a series of talks and reflections on Zoom based around the Northern Saints Trails. The trails comprise six walking routes exploring the North East's cultural, historical and spiritual landscape.

We were guided along the routes by our own Jan Williams - who shared both her deep knowledge of the region's history as well as a sense of how that history informs and shapes the region today.

Each week Jan focused on one of the routes, highlighting significant landmarks and exploring the stories behind many of the churches found on each of the trails.

Alongside this, each route also explored a different theme - such as the Way of the Sea which emphasised the region's ecological significance and conservation, or the Way of Life which offered a chance to consider the significance of many kinds of craftsmanship in the region's history. As part of this, at the end of each talk Sam offered a short reflection, inspired by what Jan had spoken about and also by various texts or images from the Christian tradition.

Together these talks and reflections offered a slightly different way of approaching Lent - thinking about our place in the world around us, and how our region's very rich history, culture, and spirituality informs our way of life, our relationships with others and our relationship with God.

It was a real delight to see how much enthusiasm the talks generated - it has been great to be able to offer these talks not just to the congregation at St Andrew's, but also to the wider community and even further afield - having guests join us from as far away as Germany and Spain! We hope to be able to build on all this in the future - when restrictions allow - by walking some of the more local parts of the routes together. With any luck, it will be a chance to translate all the virtual pilgrimages of Lent (just short of 200 miles in total!) into some communal pilgrimages later in 2021.



St Andrew's Church,
Corbridge



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Linda E Hunter, Leader

The year 2020 has been a different year for Women's Fellowship as we have not met face to face since February 2020, despite that we have tried as best as we can to keep in touch with one another. For those who were able, we have had zoom meetings when we have had the opportunity, through breakout rooms to get to know one another a little more. Jan Williams gave us a talk about being a Blue Badge Guide and our Lent service took place over zoom too. The committee have met regularly and we are currently reviewing our timing and place of meeting. If you would like to join, please do get in touch. Thank you to Mary Rae and Mary Gray who retired from the committee. Welcome to Janet Kennedy who has joined the committee. Special thanks to Rosemary Rayfield, Sheila Neilson, Liz Buckley, Elsie Fletcher and Janet Kennedy, who have all helped to keep things running smoothly.

PRAYER GROUP

Jennifer Wright

The prayer group has kept meeting every Thursday morning during the pandemic using the on-line facility of Zoom. We continue to pray for current issues relevant to our lives here in Corbridge as well as those relating to the country and the rest of the world.

We pray for the work of the Ministry team and all of the groups working within our church including for the regular church services, Messy Church, book groups, home group, YouTube services etc. We also pray for people we know of who are unwell, or have asked for us to pray about their particular needs.

In addition, we remember those we have chosen to support financially through the "Take 5" initiative. This includes:

- Stop Gap - helping Hexham's homeless.
- The Lighthouse Project- a church in Byker where they are working to make their church into not only a place of worship but also a flexible modern space for the community, especially the young people.
- CMS (Church Mission Society) - for Phil and Sylvie Good in Lebanon and their work with Emil and Reem Bourizk who run a school for Syrian refugee children.
- Getachew and his family in his work as a Bible translator in Ethiopia.
- The Eco Church programme involving St Andrew's in environmental issues and looking at ways we can get involved as a church.

We all value and enjoy the time together each week, and when we are allowed to meet in person again, we hope to resume our meetings in church.

OUTREACH

FOODBANK

Monica Philbrick

Covid has of course affected how many donations we have picked up from the church, and how easy it has been for people to drop them off. But despite these limitations the Food Bank in Hexham has been at work!

500 households in the area of Hexham, Haltwhistle and Prudhoe have received parcels. The Food Bank set up a helpline and delivery service in March 2020, rather than people visiting their Haugh Lane site. 150 personalised parcels are delivered each week.... a total of 6,000 parcels and 6,000 miles from March – September 2020. They estimate that £90,000 worth of food has been donated in that time.

For more really interesting information do look at their website - and read their annual report! westnorthumberlandfoodbank.org.uk.

CHURCH WELCOMERS and GUIDES

Elizabeth Collins, Convenor

Over the last year it has not been possible for the Church Guides to be present in St. Andrew's. We hope that later in 2021 we may be able to start up again.

St. Andrew's is mentioned on the National Churches Trust – explore churches website. The link below will take you onto the website.

<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/explore-churches/st-andrew-corbridge>



ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

Simon Hunter

Over the last year our communication has become increasingly important. We have sent out a weekly church email which has helped to keep everyone up to date. It has provided links to the YouTube services, the bulletin, reflection, a letter from David, orders of services, the monthly Messy Church YouTube video and other relevant information. In addition, some members of the congregation have received paper copies of the information emailed out.

The increased use of social media, smart phones and mobiles devices means it is essential to be able to communicate with as many people as possible.

Website: Each week the website is updated with the Sunday service resources and also the link to the YouTube channel. We are streaming on our YouTube channel at 10.00am. each Sunday. You can access it via the Church website, the weekly email, or directly via YouTube: St. Andrew's Church, Corbridge. You can sign up to the weekly email via the website.

Website: www.corbridgechurch.org.uk

Facebook: We have two Facebook pages: Corbridge Church and Corbridge Church Families

and a twitter account: Corbridge Church tweets@CorbridgeChurc1

At the main festive seasons i.e., Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter we produce a booklet containing all the relevant service and event information. Paper copies are available along with electronic ones

We would welcome contribution for the News and Events section these can be emailed to sahunter@corbridgechurch.org.uk.

PARISH NEWS

Max Philbrick

With so few special events and activities to advertise and then report on, the Parish News faltered during the first lockdown in 2020, and then ceased publication after July.

Anticipating the emergence from lockdown in spring and summer 2021, the Parish News re-appeared in April 2021. As well as reporting forthcoming events, we look forward to again sharing contributions from members of St Andrew's (and Halton), so articles and photos are always welcome. Please give or send them to max.philbrick@gmx.co.uk

EVENTS & FUNDRAISING

EVENTS

Linda E Hunter and Jean Wilks

A small team comprising Mary Oswell, Jenny Watson, Coleen Petrie, Gail Williams and ourselves was set up to oversee the musical events and we had some interesting concerts planned for 2020. We began our lunchtime music series with an organ recital by Marc Bryant, followed by a piano recital by Cristo Harijan, we then had to stop the series in church. We were very grateful to Ian Wylie who recorded a concert by Deborah Thorne and a concert by Faye Robinson accompanied by Sarah Robinson which went out via facebook.



The Chamber Music Festival is back in July and we hope to commence lunchtime musical concerts after that. We have further plans for late Summer and the Autumn.

FUNDRAISING

Thanks to Suzette and Warwick for arranging the Grand Draw which brought in over £1,000.

CHURCH COTTAGE

Suzette Milne, Convenor

This year we have not had any lets at all. The cottage is in need of considerable work, you will have seen that reported elsewhere in this report.

Special thanks to Michael Rae for his willingness to help when needed.

CHURCH FLOWERS

Sheila Goldsworthy, Convenor

During lockdown we were unable to come into church to arrange flowers. Since reopening we have tried hard to keep the church looking cheerful.

If there are flower arrangers, water and sort ladies who would like to join our teams, please contact Sheila Goldsworthy 632595. A huge "Thank You" for all the donations you give to the Easter Box and the Christmas donation boxes.



David after recording his VE 75 day prayers and message.

CORBRIDGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND AIDED FIRST SCHOOL

Gayle Baty, Chair of Governors / Jennifer Ainsley, Head Teacher

Parochial Church Council (PCC) Annual Report



Current number on roll	144	% of SEND pupils (Special Education Need / disability)	8
Age range of pupils	3-9	% of disadvantaged pupils	18

Our annual report this year reports on a year like no other, but as Executive Headteacher of Corbridge and Broomhaugh First Schools I continue to be proud to work with a team of fully dedicated staff and governors to ensure the best education and social experiences for our children, enabling them to flourish and be self-confident, proud members of their community. This has never been truer than over the past 18 months as we have engaged in a blend of in-school learning as well as remote and blended learning for our children and their families. We are dedicated and committed to seeing our school thrive.

We welcomed a more 'normal' autumn term and both embraced and enjoyed having all children back in school where they belong. We were thrilled with how well our families had juggled their working commitments to continue to support us in providing an excellent, broad curriculum, even in challenging times. Unfortunately, another lockdown in January meant we had to go back to managing the various situations for key workers and families at home but again, we are so proud of staff, children and their families for all they have done. This time around we were able to be much more prepared and engagement levels were very high through our online Google Classroom provision.

Our staff team have been, and continue to be, fantastic and have continually adapted to the changing circumstances, as have we all, and we are very proud of the provision our children have continued to receive. We truly hope that the rest of this academic year and beyond will continue to be stable, with school fully open allowing the children to flourish and take their place as the heart of the school.

We are currently in the process of consulting on making our soft federation arrangement of shared leadership formal, through forming a hard federation with Broomhaugh C of E First School. We have seen so many positive benefits in working together and know that this has enabled us to be stronger. We look forward to continuing this positive relationship moving forwards.

STAFFING UPDATES

In September 2021 we will also be welcoming a new Executive Deputy Head Teacher who will be appointed in the coming weeks. Mrs Sarah Gray will be leaving us at the end of the summer term as she is moving to Dubai with her family to begin a new chapter of their lives. There is no question her skills and amazing presence will be a huge miss in school as she has been a driving force in so many accomplishments for our schools over the last two years. We cannot thank her enough for all she has done and will continue to achieve, over this final summer we have together. We wish her all the best for her new adventure overseas.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

The Shared Leadership of Broomhaugh and Corbridge Church of England First Schools have now been in place for 2 years. Children from both schools continue to benefit through additional experiences and shared resources. This year has seen both schools invest in staff development through training staff as Forest School leaders and the organisation of character education through Commando Joe's. We have also implemented new English resources and planning support which re-focusses our teaching on the power and love of reading. All feedback so far is extremely positive and will have a direct, positive impact for all pupils. We are also thrilled that sports clubs have been able to start back up and to try and compensate a little for what our children have missed; we have provided the opportunity for every child in school to access a free extra-curricular club. We continue to have specialist teaching through sports specialists, music specialists, and ICT technician support. We have also invested further in to our computing resources with the purchase of a half class set of laptops and iPads. The financial savings resulting from the shared leadership and joint procurement have also allowed us to focus the little money we have directly to Page 2 of 2 areas which have clear benefit for our children. Staff continue to benefit from working together and sharing skills across the schools and staff professional development opportunities are enabling us to grow and flourish.

The commitment and dedication of the staff team and all those involved in our school community are what continues to make us strong and I extend thanks for all these stake holders.

With God's guidance we strive each day to be the best we can be

Our two Assistant Curates



Sam leading the VJ75 prayers.



Lynn and Simon

Photographs: Ian Wylie, Janet Kennedy, Linda E Hunter.

The Parish of St Andrew's, Corbridge with St Oswald, Halton and St James, Newton Hall

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st December 2020



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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, CORBRIDGE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, CORBRIDGE

I report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are attached.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

As the members of the Parochial Church Council, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of the procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners and to be found in the church guidance 2011 edition. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Parochial Church Council and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as members concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

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

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the act; and
 - (ii) To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act;have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

R Jones

Roger Jones

Dated:

31.3.2021

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TREASURER'S REPORT

For the year ending 31st December 2020

1. Summary

The "bottom line" result for 2020 was a **deficit of £21,422**. This is shown as Net Movement in Funds on the Summarised Statement of Activities (SOFA). The underlying factors which combined to produce the result are

	£000's
Shortfall on Routine Activities	23.2
Outflow on Projects (Fabric Fund)	70.9
Reduction in Value of Investments	7.6
Legacies Received	80.3
Net Movement in Funds	-21.4

2. Routine (or Normal) Activities

Both income and expenditure fell in comparison to 2019:

	2019 £000's	2020 £000's	Change £000's %	
Net Income	139.7	101.4	-38.3	-27%
Net Expenditure	133.4	124.6	8.9	7%
Surplus/Shortfall	6.2	-23.2	-29.5	

2.1 Net Income

Although there was a commendable increase over 2019 in the value of income from Standing Orders (inc tax) of £7,100, all other categories fell. Hardest hit were Fund Raising Activities which fell by £21,800.

2.2 Net Expenditure

Expenditure levels generally decreased as activity in the church was restricted. Our largest cost is obviously Parish Share, however, and the apportionment of £78,000 for 2020 was £1,500 higher than the previous year.

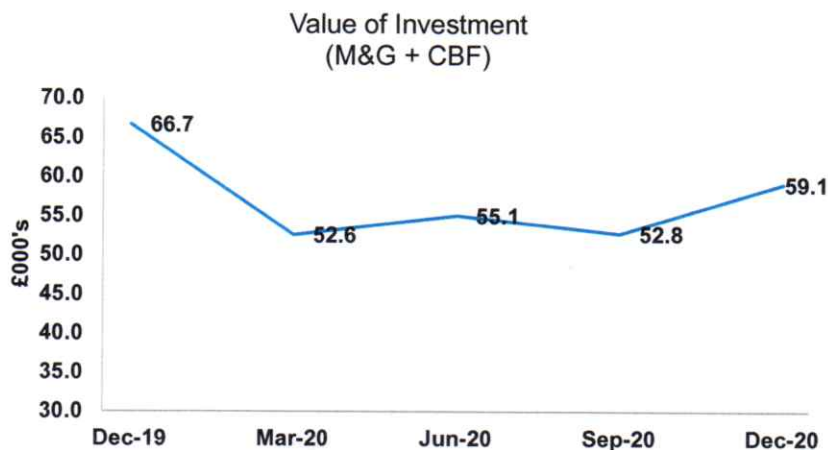
3. Projects (Fabric Fund)

On the face of it, an outflow of more than £70,000 seems dramatic. For the most part, however, this was associated with the organ project and, therefore, expected. Grants and donations have been received into 2021 and the project is very close to being fully funded.

The only other significant expenditure in 2020 was the re-roofing of St Andrew's Cottage at £15,000.

4. Investments

It was a turbulent year for our investments as the following chart shows:



Much of the turbulence was linked to effects on the financial markets of the pandemic although the relationship with the EU was also a factor in the final quarter..

5. Legacies

We were fortunate to receive 2 extremely generous legacies in 2020:

Legacy 1. £14,100 restricted to "Music in the Church". £3,300 has already been applied in supplying a new organists' stool.

Legacy 2. £66,200 which is "Unrestricted". These funds are to be designated(set aside) for specific purposes.

6. Reserves

After a year of financial extremes, we still hold very considerable reserves with a total of £182,000. The bulk of this (£132,000) is "Unrestricted" although it includes Legacy 2 (£66,200) for which specific objects are to be identified.

7. Conclusion

The effects of the pandemic were predictably severe with losses on Routine Activities and the value of Investments totalling almost £31,000 when a surplus could have reasonably been expected. The outflow arising from Organ Project was expected and a good proportion of the spend came from donations received in 2019. Generous Legacies have provided a welcome boost to our reserves and will help fund some essential work.

On Routine Activities, the result for 2020 highlights a reliance on healthy fund-raising work to cover regular expenses, such as Parish Share.

A partial recovery in staging fund-raising events combined with a positive response to the March giving appeal should ensure that the 2021 result will mark an improvement on 2020.

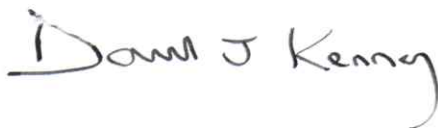
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SUMMARISED BALANCE SHEET – at 31st December 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
INVESTMENTS			
Investment assets	5		
CBF Fund (CCLA 1S 853.05 shares)		17477	16,352
M & G Fund (3033 units)		41630	50,369
		59107	66,721
CURRENT ASSETS			
CBF Fund (CCLA 1D + CCLA 2D)		11009	10,963
Cash at bank and in hand	7	111054	118,367
Halton General		6803	6,683
		128866	136,013
<u>ADD</u> ACCRUED INCOME & PREPAYMENTS	6	2972	10,631
<u>LESS</u> LIABILITIES FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	8	8723	9,722
NET CURRENT ASSETS		123114	136,922
NET ASSETS		182221	203,643
FUNDS			
Unrestricted	10	131838	94,703
Restricted		50383	108,940
		182221	203,643

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the PCC on
and signed on their behalf



Chairman

20.3.21



Treasurer

20.3.21

Parochial Church Council of Corbridge, with Halton and Newton Hall

SUMMARISED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
– for the year ending 31st December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2020 £	2019 £
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS					
Incoming resources from donors	2a	85,748	47	85795	91,411
Other voluntary income resources	2b	200	47,309	47509	99,290
Income from charitable and ancillary trading	2c	3,294	7,772	11066	18,743
Other ordinary incoming resources	2d	0	1,700	1700	5,203
Extraordinary Income	2e	0	0	0	0
Income from investments	2f	2,529	39	2568	3,075
Total Income & Endowments excl Legacies		91,771	56,866	148638	217,722
EXPENDITURE					
Grants	3a	5,908	1,700	7608	11,216
Activities related to the activities of church	3b	91,883	29,258	121141	129,730
Fund-raising and publicity	3c	0	184	184	3,767
Church management and administration	3d	4,035	0	4035	6,640
Repairs & Maintenance	3e	0	0	0	-368
Projects	3f	0	109,801	109801	7,285
Expenditure in relation to prior years		0	0	0	0
Total Expenditure		101,826	140,942	242768	158,270
Legacies Received	2g	66,245	14,077	80322	1,000
Net Income/Expenditure (-)		56,191	-69,999	-13808	60,453
Transfers Between Funds		-11,442	11,442	0	0
Other Recognised Gains/Losses (-)					
Gains/Losses (-) on Investments		-7,614	0	-7614	9,755
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		37,135	-58,557	-21422	70,207
BALANCES BROUGHT FWD AT 1 JAN 2019		94,703	108,940	203643	133,436
BALANCES CARRIED FWD AT 31 DECEMBER 2019		131,838	50,383	182221	203,643

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2011 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention.

Scope

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They include the transactions of directly related activities but do not include the transactions of any church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Restricted funds are maintained to ensure that donations or contributions made by donors for specific purposes are properly applied. Restricted funds are set up and removed at the direction of PCC. Unrestricted funds are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital resources

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

Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on covenants/gift aid donations is recognised in the year in which it applies.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Income from fund raising activities is accounted for gross.

Sales of books, magazines, postcards, etc. from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Income will be accrued as appropriate.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All costs have been directly attributed to the expenditure categories used in the statement of financial activities. The church is not registered for VAT, accordingly expenditure is shown gross of unrecoverable VAT.

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

The parish share is accounted for when payable. Any share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

No value is placed on movable furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which requires a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this an inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvements, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Investments

Investments are included at market value at 31 December. The statement of financial activity includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals during the year.

Net current assets

Current Assets include cash held on deposit, either with the CBF Church of England Funds, at the bank or in hand.

Amounts owing to, or prepaid by, PCC at 31st December are shown as "Accrued Income & Prepayments".

Amounts which have not been invoiced by service providers but are owed by PCC are shown as "Liabilities Falling Due Within One Year"

2. INCOME & ENDOWMENTS

		Unrestricted Income	Restricted Income	TOTAL FUNDS	
		£		2020	2019
		£		£	£
Incoming resources from donors					
2a	Bankers orders to Personal Giving account	64,323	0	64323	59,833
	Tax refunds from all gift aid donations to STA	16,732	0	16732	18,485
	Planned giving made with weekly envelopes	545	0	545	1,680
	Cash collections at all services	4,148	47	4195	11,413
Total: 2a		85,748	47	85795	91,411
Other voluntary income resources					
2b	Donations	200	4,564	4764	8,106
	Votive Candles/Literature/Wallbox	0	1,852	1852	3,440
	Other Fund raising	0	6,948	6948	27,345
	Organ Appeal	0	33,944	33944	60,125
Halton 2b	Church Box	0	0	0	274
Total: 2b		200	47,309	47509	99,290
Income from charitable & ancillary trading					
2c	Fees	3,294	7,295	10589	17,174
	Hire of Church/Cottage	0	477	477	1,569
Total: 2c		3,294	7,772	11066	18,743
Other ordinary incoming resources					
2d	Funeral collections	0	1,208	1208	4,611
	Special collections	0	491	491	592
Total: 2d		0	1,700	1700	5,203
Extraordinary items					
2e		0	0	0	0
Total: 2e		0	0	0	0
Income from investments					
2f	Dividends and interest	2,529	39	2568	3,075
Total: 2f		2,529	39	2568	3,075
Total incoming resources before Legacies: 2a-f		91,771	56,866	148638	217,722
Legacies 2g	Total: 2g	66,245	14,077	80322	1,000
Total incoming resources: 2a-g		158,017	70,943	228960	218,722

3. EXPENDITURE

		Unrestricted Expenditure	Restricted Expenditure	TOTAL FUNDS	
		£	£	2020	2019
		£	£	£	£
Grants					
3a					
	PCC donations	0	491	491	592
	PCC grants	5,908	0	5908	6,012
	Funeral services	0	1,208	1208	4,611
	Total: 3a	5,908	1,700	7608	11,216
Activities directly related to the activities of the church					
3b	Ministry				
	– Parish Share + Dioc Serv Fees	77,998	5,046	83044	81,727
	– Vicarage	3,739	0	3739	2,318
	– Vicar	2,724	0	2724	3,057
	– Other Clergy	5,434	0	5434	2,801
	Church and Services				
	– Building + building insurance	0	14,260	14260	19,420
	– Service requisites	1,765	400	2165	3,658
	– Music				
	Organ/Pianos	0	55	55	160
	Choir	0	1,150	1150	2,080
	Camerata	0	611	611	2,355
	Organists	0	5,509	5509	8,093
	Messy Church + Women's Fellowship	-5	128	123	1,085
	St Andrew's Cottage	0	2,099	2099	2,975
	Memorial Garden Engraving	227	0	227	0
	Total: 3b	91,883	29,258	121141	129,730
Fund-raising and publicity					
3c	Cost of events	0	184	184	3,767
	Total: 3c	0	184	184	3,767
Church management and administration					
3d	Copying, stationery and telephone	3,216	0	3216	4,303
	Bank charges + prof fees + misc	819	0	819	2,337
	Total: 3d	4,035	0	4035	6,640
Repairs and maintenance					
3e	Miscellaneous		0	0	-368
	Total: 3e	0	0	0	-368
Projects					
3f	Cottage Roof	0	14,938	14938	755
	Heritage			0	175
	Organ Renovation		89,540	89540	5,947
	Cottage Other		5,323	5323	0
	Quinquennial Inspection	0	0	0	408
	Total: 3f	0	109,801	109801	7,285
Total expenditure: 3a–f		101,826	140,942	242768	158,270

4 STAFF COSTS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	5,009	7,498

During the year, the PCC paid fees for organists and a pianist. None of the recipients were paid more than £50,000. No member of the PCC received any remuneration or benefit during the year.

5 INVESTMENTS

CBF CCLA 1S Investment Fund: Units = 853.05 Historic cost = £3,519. Market value at 31 Dec 2020 = **£17476.69** (31 Dec 2019 = **£16352.20**).

M&G Investment Fund. Units = 3033 Historic cost = £12,000. Market value at 31 Dec 2020 = **£41630.05** (31 Dec 2019 = **£50368.73**).

6 DEBTORS

	2020	2019
Prepayments and Accrued Income		
Other Debtors		
– General		
Catholic Church	0	0
Prepayments/Accrued Income	1767	4,520
Gift Aid	1205	6,111
	2972	10,631

Gift Aid tax claimed has been accrued this year. This accrual is in line with guidance provided from PCC accountability and the Charities Act.

7 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2020	2019
Bank		
– Corbridge PCC (Lloyds)	29,724	18,134
– Planned Giving	3,524	16,656
– Corbridge PCC (Barclays)	14,142	53,312
– Womens Fellowship	272	267
– Fabric	63,386	29,838
Petty Cash	5	160
	111,054	118,367

8 LIABILITIES: FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
Accruals	8,723	9,722
	8,723	9,722

9 FUND DETAILS

The church maintains restricted funds for specific short and long term purposes for St Andrew's and Halton as well as those associated with specific fund raising initiatives and donations. Financial transactions in which the church is simply an intermediary, receiving and passing on charitable donations as in the cases of funeral services or "bucket" collections, are also treated as belonging to restricted funds.

10 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Investments	59,107		59,107
Current Assets	73,806	55,060	128,866
Current Debtors	1,306	1666	2,972
Current Liabilities	(2,381)	(6,342)	(8,723)
	131,838	50,383	182,221

Restricted funds:

	At 1 January 2020	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	At 31 December 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Projects (Fabric Fund)	42,145	15,784	20,261		37,668
Halton	7,088	100	0		7,188
Church Music	0	1,044	6,714	5,670	0
Building Running Costs	1,864	9,287	16,543	5,392	0
Funerals	0	1,208	1,208		0
Other Charities	0	491	491	0	0
PCC Charities	0	0	0		0
Local Emergency	1,159	0	0		1,159
Messy Church	426	47	128		345
Vicar/Churchwardens etc	1,206	0	0		1,206
Camerata	0	231	611	380	0
Heritage Boards	736	0	0		736
DBF	0	5,046	5,046	0	0
Organ Appeal	54,178	37,250	89,540		1,888
Other Minor	139	455	400		194
	108,940	70,943	140,942	11,442	50,383

Regular income such as standing order receipts, plate collections and parish fees tends to be "unrestricted". This means that the income can be used for any legitimate expenditure incurred subject to normal approval procedures. We carry unrestricted funds which represent the surplus of income over expenditure at any one point in time. These funds can obviously be applied to any legitimate purpose.

When finance which is to be applied to a particular object (for example the Organ Appeal) is received from a donor, it is "restricted" to that purpose. The money has, in effect, been given on condition that it will be spent in that way. Where, however, more money is collected for a particular object than we need, surplus funds can be applied to a purpose which is a "near hit". In the case of the Organ Appeal, for example, this could be some other form of music in the church subject to the approval of PCC. It is not normally possible to hold a negative fund. That would be a situation where we have spent more on a restricted object than we had received. In a case such as that, the shortfall would be made up out of unrestricted funds.

Within our total closing unrestricted funds for 2020 (£151,838), £66,245 came from a legacy. Although not restricted, this generous donation is to be "designated" (set aside) by PCC for specific purposes. Designation in this way allows PCC the flexibility to apply funds where most needed.

PCC Grants & Donations

	2017	2018	2019	2020
	£	£	£	£
Buque Family - Support for medical studies	1,169	1160	395	
Tearfund	1,346			
Christian Aid	580	117	115	
The Peoples Kitchen	433			
Royal British Legion	555	734	328	
The Children's Society	239	162		
Great North Childrens Hospital	348			
Church Urban Fund	1,416			
Marie Curie Hospice	1,346			
West End Refugee Service	756			
Reaching The Unreached	756	876	1725	
Christians Against Poverty	756			
Nightstop		876	1725	
Stop Gap		876	1725	1096
Church Mission Society				1918
A Rocha UK				250
The Yohannes family				1644
Lighthouse Project				1000
	<u>9,700</u>	<u>4,801</u>	<u>6,012</u>	<u>5,908</u>

Note that the payments in 2017 made to Tearfund, Church Urban Fund and Marie Curie Hospice related to our 2016 programme

It is anticipated that a further £500 from the 2020 programme will be spent in support of the work of A Rocha UK during 2021

The benefit of gift aid will increase the value of the donations shown where collections were involved.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, CORBRIDGE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, CORBRIDGE

I report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are attached.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

As the members of the Parochial Church Council, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of the procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners and to be found in the church guidance 2011 edition. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Parochial Church Council and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as members concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

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

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the act; and
 - (ii) To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act;have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

R Jones

Roger Jones

Dated:

31.3.2021