

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HILLSIDE

(ALL SAINTS, LOBLEY HILL and St CUTHBERTS, MARLEY HILL)

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1153663

ANNUAL REPORT

INCLUDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

The Parochial Church Council of Hillside (PCC) presents its annual report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2021. The financial statements have been prepared based on the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements.

AIM AND PURPOSES

Hillside PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Glen MacKnight, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish community at Hillside. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

When planning activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Offering people, the opportunity to gather for worship, prayer and teaching at a range of services and meetings throughout the week;
- providing pastoral care in a variety of ways e.g. visiting the sick, supporting those with special needs, providing help and advice at times of birth, marriage, and bereavement;
- offering programmes of teaching to young people in conjunction with relevant events and activities;
- promoting and supporting partnerships with churches, organisations and people involved in the faith, love and hope of Christ in action at home and abroad;
- providing facilities for the use of voluntary organisations within the locality;
- active participation in local events and voluntary work within our community.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Vicar's report

During summer last year I took an interest in the Rowan tree beside the drive leading to the Community Hub. Its leaves had a dry look about them but not yet crinkled and round the base fungi had begun to colonise.



I remember thinking. "You don't look healthy". Then in the November wind it was uprooted. More was to come with the next big blast that snapped the climbing frame and brought down a large cherry tree, breaking through the vicarage fence and settling comfortably in an apple tree. Most of us will have stories from this time of slates off roofs, lorries overturned or even being knocked off our feet. This we are told is the tangible effects of climate change and action is needed to mitigate its affects.

These events can take away our peace. And then there is Covid, blowing hard against so many lives and again taking away our peace. These things and war in the Ukraine, reminds me of what Isaiah wrote.

¹⁰ *Though the mountains be shaken, and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,' says the LORD, who has compassion on you.* **Isaiah 54: 10**

We could easily remain here and rehearse those words again and again using the Dwelling in the Word skills we are familiar with from PMC. To be shaken and yet be at peace. How does this work? I turned to John 14:27 to hear the words Jesus spoke to his friends and it helped me think about this further.

²⁷ *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.* **John 14: 27**

There is a maturity required and perseverance needed to allow these verses to work in our hearts. I find that I'm more mature and have greater perseverance when we as church, share the peace of the Lord – together.

Together we give thanks that we have not sat twiddling our thumbs during a difficult year but have been actively employing our faith in the tasks set before us. Not only on behalf of Hillside Church but active in the community supporting other groups through your volunteer work. Read the Messy Church account of Lina delivering 45 activity bags per month. The Churchwarden's report of working with the challenge of some major repairs. The Joshua Tree Cafe and All Saints Toddlers, creating a synergy of food and of play. It has even emerged that for some people it is the only time they're able to get out of the house during the week, and they choose to come to us. Humbling!

The PMC process has come to an end, but PMC continues. It's important that it does so if we are to be confident of keeping a focus on being an outward looking church to the Glory of God and the Extension of his Kingdom. Alan leads the Steering Group reporting back to the PCC.

It's a joy to see people wanting to be part of all we do, and I hope you feel inspired to join in too because we are all needed. Our strap line is Get Involved Together because it is only in our togetherness that we can be an expression of Christ, his hands and feet. His body ministering with the love of God into many lives that have little or no peace.

Hillside has been a driver in the Deanery for both the Climate Change service at Gibside chapel and the deanery youth event. Rory worked to bring the youth together in exploring their faith, playing games, and of course eating.



As Rory comes to the end of his curacy, he and Izzi will be seeking to move on and take up new responsibilities. We can be proud that Hillside Church is respected as a place of training. We provide placement opportunities for Cranmer Hall students, such as Lorna who was with us until just recently. In July Amanda will take up her Curacy and together we can flourish and be that encouragement to one another.

There is still much to be done. Many areas that require attention and you'll have your own sense of priorities and ideas. By Getting Involved Together we can realise more of what God wants to do through us.

The noticeable group, who have largely and understandably, been absent from Zoom services have been the younger families. We will be endeavouring to reach out to them. As part of this process All Age Sunday is to be moved. This will enable us to offer two points of contact in the month between Messy Church and All Age

Sunday. Joel with the support of Louise did much to keep Sunday school on zoom but this now needs to come back into church. We need to be ready to move into action when children come to us and not be on the back in having to react to their presence.

I continue to be grateful to all in the church family who have prayed and worked to see God's blessing realised. As we look forward I pray that we would be inspired by Jesus' lesser known commission to his disciples,

³⁶ *When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.* ³⁷ *Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."* **Matthew 9:36-38**



The harvest remains plentiful but the workers seem few. Ask the Lord therefore to send out workers into his harvest field. All begins with prayer. Our perseverance, our peace, our ability to stay the course, our grateful thanks for all he has done, begins with prayer.

Ask God to open hearts and minds, as we scatter the seed of the gospel message.

**Yours in Christ
Reverend Glen MacKnight**

Churchwarden report



What a wonderfully busy year since we re-opened for in person worship on Easter Sunday last year! Both the St Cuthbert's and All Saints sites have come back to life and are being regularly used by our Church family and local communities.

As we emerge from Covid restrictions St Cuthbert's has been able to open its doors again for Messy Church, the Toddler group and Baptisms. The Hub is once again in regular use, not least on a Friday with the success of the Joshua Tree Cafe and Toddler group. Grants have been successfully applied for enabling some structural repairs to be completed without Hillside having to pay the total costs. Numerous lighting and other issues have been resolved and there are more to come which will impact our stretched financial resources.

With much attention, the heating in the Hub and St Cuthberts limped through from November to February but the systems have been fixed and are operating well now. In cooperation with us, Gateshead Council are continuing to improve the St Cuthbert's churchyard walls. Many unwanted goods from the Hub, St Cuthbert's and the All Saints Band room have been cleared, a time consuming job when undertaken with an eye to sustainability where possible.

The Hillside internet has been frustratingly unreliable, as many of you will be aware, throughout the last twelve months and a church needs a reliable connection to operate efficiently in 2022. Due to many demands this has not been moved on as quickly as it might have been, but recent work has brought some improvement and a consultant is now helping.



All Saints repair to ceiling (Choir Vestry)Before and After

With more use come more maintenance requirements. In addition to the practical maintenance jobs there are many unseen tasks in today's church. With such a heart at Hillside to become more involved in our community there is a real need for the full quota of four Churchwardens to move us on as we feel God is asking us to.

It has been a blessing that so many of you have volunteered to undertake practical tasks; this year there are too many of you to mention by name! Thank you. Without your help Hillside wouldn't be where we are in moving forward with our mission to spread God's love and word in our community.



St Cuthberts repair to gate Before and After

Gill Corner
Churchwarden

Hillside PMC Report

Despite all the restrictions of Covid, it has been a busy and ultimately very positive year for our PMC programme. As a church, we have made many links, through HCA, Twos Company, Messy Church and, of course, the Joshua Tree Café which brings many people on site on a Friday and links very well with the presence of the Toddlers' group.

Our congregational 'Balloon Ride' event in October was very well supported, and was a big help in guiding the Steering Group on where church members would like to see our church in 3 – 5 years' time – all we need to do now is determine HOW to get there! The vision of the congregation is to see both churches and the hub used regularly, with families flocking to church and lots of happy noisy people. We want to work with the community, regardless of whether or not they are Christians.

Although we still may not know what the community wants, we know that God is bringing people to Hillside Church, particularly through use of The Hub, but we also have new members of our congregation, as well as visitors using the Lady Chapel for prayer. Therefore, although PMC encourages us to go out and join in with whatever is already going on in the community, we believe that God wants us to offer opportunities for community members to come to us, rather than vice versa, initially at least.

The congregational vision threw up 3 main areas to consider as we move forwards:

- We want to have increased contact with young people
- We want to see increased use of St. Cuthbert's
- Food events work well for Hillside

We are still to firm up a plan to take us through the next 3 – 5 years. We have decided that we need to have a proper communications team to help us get the word about Hillside and about God out into the community, so first we need to build this team and find a leader for it.

Alan Corner
21/03/22

Twos Company

The Two's Company telephone befriending and home visiting service is run by the National Christian Charity Linking Lives UK which was set up to tackle loneliness in the UK. In January 2021 Hillside signed up to Linking Lives and became a partner for the Telephone Befriending outreach.

We received our first referral from the Sunnyside practice in February 2021 whom I matched up the following March as soon as the volunteers were recruited and trained. I understood that telephone befriending isn't for everyone but I always knew there would be some folk out there somewhere who would appreciate a friendly phone call. This was prayed about in their monthly prayer meeting, and I appreciate anyone else who has prayed for this outreach. We also decided to 'cast our nets' out further afield beyond our own parish to include Whickham, Dunston and parts of Gateshead.

Since September last year I have received a befriending request every other month and so we now have five out of six volunteers matched up and I thank God for these. One of the 'Link Friends' manages to attend the Joshua Tree cafe now and again and another one sometimes meets up at her local cafe with our volunteer (at the Link Friend's request).

Please pray for these calls and meetings that Jesus love will shine through. Thanks to Glen, Alan and Gloria for your help and support in this outreach.

Linda Cranney Two's Company Co-ordinator

Deanery Report

Gateshead West Deanery, 2021- APR 2022

The Deanery Development Plan accepted in 2019 restructured our deanery, re incumbent paid clergy numbers (reduced to six). Due to retirements/resignations we have been able to put this structure into place. In the process we have gained two women incumbents - a change from all male! Some clergy are now

responsible for two parishes. As part of this restructure Blaydon and Swalwell have split, back into separate parishes. Swalwell is now under the wing of Whickham. Lay ministry is being encouraged as part of the plan.

Hillside hosted a successful deanery youth event (“Unite”) last summer, headed up by Rory with involvement from Swalwell and other parishes. We hope there will be a similar event this summer. To keep the young people in touch with each other, we plan to have a termly get together – the first being “pizza and praise” at Swalwell on 26 March 2022.

As a response to COP26/the climate crisis the deanery had a service at Gibside chapel on 31 October 2021. We hope to build on this with another service in October this year and get a higher profile, including from passing visitors at Gibside.

I have been your only Deanery synod rep. Please consider if this is something you might do in future. Glen and I continue to be on the Deanery Mission & Pastoral Committee, which does most of the synod’s work.

Catharine Howe (Deanery Synod rep)

Messy Church



Following a good response to our Messy Bags each month which averaged in the 40’s we relaunched Messy Church again in September 2021 with a Messy barbeque. This was reasonably well attended but many of the families we had linked with during lockdown did not come so that was a little disappointing. October was much more encouraging after more posts on FB, word of mouth via Toddler Group which had also restarted and some personal invitations from Sheila Wood around St Cuthbert’s estate. 47 adults and children took part with only 7 of these being regular church helpers. In November Messy concentrated on preparing for the Community Service of Remembrance and we created a Messy Church Remembers memorial area and the children enjoyed exploring our photo booth area.

December was our Christingle so there was no specific Messy Church but as the Messy Bags proved to be so popular we used Children’s Society Christingle carrier bags to get the Christmas message out to our families. 45 bags were made containing a story book by Hartman, a colouring book and crayons, cut and create Christmas decoration to hang on the Christmas Tree and some chocolate. Children who attended the service picked up their Christingle and their bags at the service and the rest were either given to families to give to neighbouring families or hand delivered by myself, including their Christingles. We had about 5 Christingles left over which I gave to Toddler families, along with spare story books.



As we began 2022 we had a break in January as Messy fell on 2nd January restarting in February. Numbers are steady and we are seeing some new families joining us. Messy Church is very much a blessing for St Cuthbert's end of the parish but how to meet and provide for our families during the rest of the month still remains a concern. **Lina Beck**

Toddler Group at Hillside St Cuthberts Marley Hill



The Toddler Group at St Cuthbert's restarted again in September as schools reopened. I was concerned that we may not have much uptake as most of our Pre Covid children have now moved on to full time Nursery or Reception. There are 18 children on the new register but we average between 5 and 7 regular toddlers. We have had weeks where only 1 or 2 children have attended but we did peak one week with 14 children which was very exciting.

The group, although often small is very welcoming and friendly sharing experiences with other parents of the group at Whickham on Tuesday, Vineyard Café and play area on Thursday, and the group that runs alongside Joshua Tree Café on Friday. This friendly sharing has resulted in some new children coming to Cuthbert's so it is mutually beneficial. The feedback about Cuthbert's is that it is small and reasonably unstructured and children have freedom to play. Following children's interests we now have a simple craft table, mostly folding and stickers and play dough. As the summer approaches I hope to introduce some sand and water play outside which would need a small monetary input to buy water aprons. Fees continue to be £2 which covers electricity and heating but that may need to be reviewed should utility costs escalate in the future.

Lina Beck

Toddler Group at Hillside All Saints Lobley Hill



We are now nearing the end of our fifth year at All Saints toddler group. This year we have enjoyed offering two sessions throughout the day and have welcomed back a few old regulars along with lots of new families, mams, dads, grandparents, childminders and sometimes refugees who have enjoyed coming every Friday morning from 10am to 11.30am and afternoon from 1pm to 2.30pm. Most attend regularly and we have up to 20 children aged from 0 - 4 attending each session. They enjoy a mixed variety of toys and resources that we are fortunate and grateful to have along with song times, story times, snack time, birthday celebrations and other traditional celebrations throughout the year.

At the moment we charge a fee of £1.50 which also covers a variety of fruit, snacks and juice for the children. We are open every Friday term time and look forward to offering hopefully by September some new ideas and plans for the future. **Lisa and Susan**

Sunday School

During the last year Sunday school has continued to take place over Zoom at 11:15am following the main church service. It was led by Joel until his departure for University in September and then by Louise. We have continued to base the session content upon the Scripture Union “Bubbles” material, although somewhat adapted for online delivery. We have been enjoying watching the Saddleback Kids cartoon adaptation of Bible stories on YouTube; check them out if you get the chance! We’ve made models, done jigsaw puzzles, played guessing games, memory games and Pictionary (my IT skills have certainly been tested!) and James has had us playing musical statues and musical bumps on a regular basis! We are now looking forward to coming back into the church building and resuming in-person sessions once again. **Louise Parry**

Hillside Youth



The Youth Group continues to meet in person every Friday Night for a fun filled night of learning, snacks, and games. COVID-19 is still with us however we do not let this stand in the way of our nights, we ensure that we are following all Government Guidelines, and the National Youth Agency Guidelines as requested by the Diocese of Durham. We hope in the not too distant future to bring more Children and

Young People to the Youth Group from other ministries within Hillside Church (Messy Church ext...), and planning for this has already begun to how this could look, and how all Children/Youth ministries could connect to each other so a young persons journey through Hillside Church is clear.

Matty

Joshua Tree Café

After a good deal of planning, decoration and preparation together with invaluable support from the wider church and from volunteers willing to be involved, the Joshua Tree Café launched during the autumn. It has been a journey of discovery, and hugely rewarding.

In conjunction with the toddler group we are seeing new people and familiar people enjoy what we have to offer in a busy yet friendly atmosphere. A place to relax, meet people, make connections, and enjoy good food on a pay as you feel basis – so affordable to all. **Joe**

Pastoral Report

This is an informal arrangement and is supported by :-

Gill Corner, Ellen Miller, Pat Grey, Janice Garfoot, Maureen Shreeve, Damian Parry, Deborah Caisley Jacqui Thompson, Sue Osman, Gill Brotherston, Janice MacKnight, Lina Beck

Context

The original purpose of the group was to ensure the pastoral oversight of the congregation, during a period of change with the life groups.



Joshua Tree Café

Open Fridays 10am to 3pm
Hillside All Saints Community Hub (Hall)

- Selection of homemade cakes and bakes
- Soup of the day
- Cold Sandwiches with side salad
- Toasted Teacake
- Breakfast Baps
- Teas/Coffees/Soft Drinks

Our Café is 'pay as you feel'!

Current situation

During the past year the team have continued to meet needs as and when they arise. Often through meals, prayer support or meeting to talk. The team continue to be supported by Glen and Rory and aim to address issues in a confidential, sensitive and Godly manner. In January 2021 we were supporting 44 people with regular phone contact as a consequence of Covid.

Since being able to meet once again in church and other settings, contact calls are not as necessary. Some people are still contacted by phone as it is valued as an important connection.

The team have met approximately once every three months to pray and encourage one another. This has given members of the group an opportunity to lead and share what they feel God is saying to them. The continued use of Zoom for prayer meetings and Sunday Church continues to be important in maintaining church community links.

Again I would like to add that the pastoral team is one part of the body of Christ working to meet need. There continues to be examples of unsung heroes who as members of the body of Christ, support people quietly in the background. Again, I would like to say a personal thank you to them and to the pastoral team.

One of the pastoral team recently reflected on the initial lockdown. How she saw the pastoral team come together, be there for one another in times of laughter and times of sadness. She challenged us to emerge from this time in that same spirit and continue to support and be there for one another.

As Body of Christ, we are working together as his hands and feet. Each of us coming with our own gifting and way of relating. One of the strengths of Hillside is the welcome it gives to new people and I would like to thank everyone for the role you play in this expression of hospitality.

Safeguarding

There continues to be a close link between the group and Alan Corner (Safeguarding Lead). Therefore, in accordance with Durham Diocese Safeguarding Policy all members of the team are trained to level C0. Gill Corner and Janice MacKnight are trained to C2 level. All members of the team have a current DBS.

Prayer Phone

This is used urgent prayer needs and is held by Maureen Shreeve. She forwards prayer requests to a team of people who are committed to praying. This is a well-used form of communicating prayer requests and Maureen is excellent at communicating with the team and reminding us of answered prayer.

Prayer Ministry

As Covid restrictions are lifted the opportunity for personal prayer ministry following services will be reinstated in the coming weeks. The names of the people currently in this group are:- Rory Balfour, Ellen Miller, John Gray, Damian Parry, Sue Osman, Louise Parry, Lina Beck and Janice MacKnight.

We hope that you find this information useful and if you have any suggestions please let me know.

Janice MacKnight and the Team

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All those regular members of our congregations are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

Hillside comprises two places of worship, All Saints, Lobley Hill and St Cuthbert's, Marley Hill. Both are part of the Diocese of Durham within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Church Office, All Saints, Rowanwood Gardens, Lobley Hill, Gateshead, NE11 0DP.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006). PCC members who have served from 1st January 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

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| Ex Officio Members: | Incumbent: | The Reverend Glen MacKnight (Chairman) |
| | Curate: | The Reverend Rory Balfour |
| | Warden: | Gill Corner |
| | Deanery Synod: | Catharine Howe |
| | Licensed Reader | Lina Beck |

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| Elected Members: | PCC Secretary | Gloria Anderson |
| | | Matthew Brotherston |
| | | Sarah Morden |
| | | Abi Sanders |
| | | Rita Muse |
| | | Christine Cowans |
| | | John Gray (Term Started 25 April 2021) |
| | | Susan Osman (Term Started 25 April 2021) |

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| Co-opted Members: | PCC Treasurer | Robert Brotherston |
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The PCC met **10** times in 2021. Minutes are taken at all PCC meetings and approved copies are displayed on Church notice boards and made available on individual request.

Revision of Hillside Church Electoral Roll

At the time of submitting this report there are 74 members on the Hillside Church Electoral roll which includes 36 members who reside outside the parish boundary.

Risk Review

The PCC continually reviews the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. The risks facing the charity include the state of repair of the Churches and the financial requirements to meet its stated activities, including payment of its annual Parish Share.

The work of the Church is governed by safeguarding policies of the Church of England and in particular with due regard to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.

There have been no serious incidents or other matters relating to this charity's financial year that we should have brought to the attention of the Charity Commissioners.

Hillside Safeguarding Report for 2021/22

I am happy to report that there have been no safeguarding incidents to deal with during the past year. During 2021/22, 7 members of the congregation completed the relevant level of training through the Diocese. 5 members went through the DBS process.

As from January 4th 2022, a new Safer Recruitment Process was put in place by Durham Diocese for all employees and volunteers who may have significant contact with vulnerable adults, young people or children. This involved training for me, Glen and Gill and a lot of administrative work to update procedures. It is a somewhat cumbersome process, but it is valuable to ensure that all people associated with Hillside Church are as kept as safe as possible in this respect. DBS checks are now only valid for 3 years which, at a stroke, increases our DBS applications by 40%! in line with the 2022 Diocesan Safeguarding Policy, we now have a Whistle Blowing Policy, and an updated Recruitment of ex-Offenders Policy. We are compliant with all parts of the Safeguarding Annual Parish Checklist,

Alan Corner
21/03/22

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Another challenging year operating under the restrictions imposed by Covid-19 although the gradual easing of those restrictions has brought some semblance of normality back to Church life albeit not to pre-pandemic levels. Our regular planned giving has again remained resolute, and we were delighted to welcome back the Ukulele Group, Slimmer's World, Baby Sensory Group and Bodyshox Keep Fit to our Hall. Thank you to all for your patience and loyalty.

October 2021, we welcomed the opening of the Joshua Tree Café. This has proved to be a resounding success and congratulations must go to Joe Osman and his team who have built on the solid foundations of the "Coffee Drop In" developed by Ellen Miller. A successful application to "Local Connections" resulted in a grant of £2,500 towards Café Equipment.

The decision to restrict our Parish Share to £2,500pm has proved prudent and successful in its aim of producing a break-even situation on the General Fund (Unrestricted) excluding grants received.

| RETURN OF PARISH FINANCE | Unrestricted Funds | Designated Funds | Restricted Funds | Total Funds | Last Year |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Tax Efficient Planned Giving | 30,374 | | | 30,374 | 33,227 |
| Other Planned Giving | 9,880 | | | 9,880 | 9,571 |
| Collections at Services | 1,149 | | | 1,149 | 1,991 |
| All Other Giving & Voluntary Receipts | 2,876 | 1,944 | 4,814 | 9,634 | 10,533 |
| Gift Aid | 10,113 | | | 10,113 | 13,782 |
| Grants | 10,572 | | 3,744 | 14,316 | 2,003 |
| Statutory Fees Retained | 394 | | | 394 | 428 |
| Gross Income from Trading | 5,791 | | | 5,791 | 4,035 |
| Total Incoming Resources | 71,149 | 1,944 | 8,558 | 81,651 | 75,571 |
| Mission Giving & Donations | 320 | | | 320 | 620 |
| Diocesan Parish Share Contribution | 31,057 | | | 31,057 | 43,444 |
| Administration and Office Expenses | 11,631 | | 7 | 11,638 | 11,285 |
| Clergy & Staff Expenses | 328 | | 1,008 | 1,336 | 1,979 |
| Mission & Evangelism Expenses | 350 | 73 | 3,917 | 4,340 | 731 |
| Service Expenses | 1,064 | | | 1,064 | 915 |
| Maintenance | 3,317 | | 2,823 | 6,140 | 1,910 |
| Cleaning Expenses (Inc Wages) | 287 | | | 287 | 2,723 |
| Insurance | 5,584 | | | 5,584 | 3,979 |
| Depreciation | 306 | 770 | 1,655 | 2,731 | 927 |
| Telephony | 1,217 | | | 1,217 | 1,010 |
| Utility Costs | 4,010 | | | 4,010 | 5,103 |
| General Expenses | 703 | | | 703 | 355 |
| Costs of Trading | 685 | | | 685 | 3,875 |
| Governance Costs | 43 | | | 43 | 14 |
| Resources Used | 60,902 | 843 | 9,410 | 71,155 | 78,870 |
| Net Income / (Expenditure) | 10,247 | 1,101 | (852) | 10,495 | (3,299) |

INCOMING RESOURCES:

- **Tax Efficient Planned Giving:**
Money given regularly under Gift Aid.
- **Other Planned Giving**
Money given regularly without Gift Aid
- **Collections at Services:**
Open plate donations have been restricted to those times the church was able to open within governmental guidelines

- **All Other Giving & Voluntary Receipts**

Designated Funds includes proceeds from the sale of a Brass Lectern and fees received from Toddler Groups. Restricted Funds include receipts from the Joshua Tree Café. The Joshua Tree does not charge but accepts donations on a 'pay as you feel basis'

- **Gift Aid:**

Apart from gift aid paid as part of the Parish Giving Scheme this is accrued income and is receivable early April upon successful completion of claim to HMRC.

- **Grants:**

1. GMBC Additional Restriction Support Grant (£10,572)
2. National Lottery Community Fund "Local Connections" (£2,994) Joshua Tree
3. Allchurches Trust Limited (£750) Vestry Repairs

- **Statutory Fees Retained:**

Covid-19 restrictions has severely prohibited weddings, baptisms and funerals from taking place in church.

- **Gross Income from Trading:**

Primarily proceeds from the hire of the Church Hall.

RESOURCES USED:

- **Mission Giving & Donations:**

Suspended whilst under Covid-19 restrictions

- **Diocesan Parish Share Contribution:**

The PCC has enacted on its decision to limit its share to £2,500pm. This enabled the PCC to achieve its goal of a break-even position on its General Fund (excluding grants received)

- **Administration & Office Expenses:**

Includes salary of administrator.

- **Mission & Evangelism Expenses:**

Includes the cost of provisions for the Joshua Tree Café but also the purchase of café equipment paid for by way of grants received.

- **Maintenance:**

Includes repairs to the Choir Vestry, Church Hall Roof, and St Cuthberts Roof

Rob Brotherston

RESERVES POLICY

The PCC recognises the need to hold reserves to ensure funding is available to provide continuing mission but also to ensure that the PCC can meet its legal commitments should the Charity be unable to continue due to a lack of sustainable income stream.

The PCC have agreed that it would be prudent to maintain a cash and cash equivalent reserve at least equivalent to 3 months average monthly expenditure including any pledged Parish Share.

Approved by the PCC on 11 April 2022 date and signed on their behalf by The Reverend Glen MacKnight (Chairman)



THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HILLSIDE

(ALL SAINTS, LOBLEY HILL and St CUTHBERTS, MARLEY HILL)

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1153663

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Hillside Church

HILLSIDE CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

December 21

Charity no
(if any)

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 21 / 12 / 2021.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

B. Smith

Date:

19.3.22

Name: Mrs Denise Bratton

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): ACMA CGMA (CIMA ID-3372C9)

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Newcastle
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Section B

Disclosure

NA

Hillside Church - 1153663
Statement Of Financial Activities
For The Period 01 January 2021 To 31 December 2021

| | Unrestricted Funds | Designated Funds | Restricted Funds | Total | Prior Year Funds |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Income And Endowments From: | | | | | |
| Donations And Legacies | 54,393 | 1,513 | 609 | 56,515 | 68,387 |
| Income From Charitable Activities | 394 | | | 394 | 428 |
| Other Trading Activities | 5,790 | 430 | 2,875 | 9,095 | 4,753 |
| Other Income | 10,572 | | 5,074 | 15,646 | 2,003 |
| Total Income | 71,149 | 1,944 | 8,558 | 81,651 | 75,571 |
| Expenditure: | | | | | |
| Charitable Activities | 60,582 | 843 | 9,410 | 70,835 | 78,250 |
| Other Expenditure | 320 | | | 320 | 620 |
| Total Expenditure | 60,902 | 843 | 9,410 | 71,155 | 78,870 |
| Net Income/(Expenditure) Resources Before Transfers | 10,247 | 1,101 | (852) | 10,495 | (3,299) |
| Transfers | | | | | |
| Gross Transfers Between Funds - In | | | 1,662 | 1,662 | |
| Gross Transfers Between Funds - Out | (1) | (1,279) | (382) | (1,662) | |
| Other Recognised Gains/(Losses) | | | | | |
| Net Movement In Funds | 10,246 | (178) | 428 | 10,495 | (3,299) |
| Reconciliation Of Funds | | | | | |
| Total Funds Brought Forward | 3,836 | 11,357 | 10,424 | 25,618 | 28,917 |
| Total Funds Carried Forward | 14,082 | 11,179 | 10,852 | 36,113 | 25,618 |
| Represented By: | | | | | |
| General Fund | 14,082 | | | 14,082 | 3,836 |
| All Saints Toddler Group | | 536 | | 536 | 299 |
| St Cuthberts Toddler Group | | 903 | | 903 | 783 |
| St Cuthberts Maintenance Fund | | 1,513 | | 1,513 | |
| Renes' Fund | | 8,226 | | 8,226 | 10,276 |
| All Saints Gas Boiler Fund | | | 7,207 | 7,207 | 8,862 |
| Pre School Fund | | | 659 | 659 | 1,259 |
| Sarah Jane Vickery Dale Fund | | | 322 | 322 | |
| Sponsor A Light Bulb | | | 3 | 3 | |
| Pulpit Bible Fund | | | 28 | 28 | 28 |
| Joshua Tree Café Fund | | | 2,633 | 2,633 | 275 |
| Funds Of The Church | 14,082 | 11,179 | 10,852 | 36,113 | 25,618 |

Hillside Church - 1153663

Balance Sheet As At 31 December 2021

| | General Fund | Designated Funds | Restricted Funds | Total | As At 31/12/2020 |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Fixed Assets | | | | | |
| Tangible Assets | 155 | 1,869 | 6,481 | 8,506 | 9,321 |
| Fixed Assets | 155 | 1,869 | 6,481 | 8,506 | 9,321 |
| Current Assets | | | | | |
| Debtors | 9,887 | | 206 | 10,093 | 13,088 |
| Cash At Bank And In Hand | 5,188 | 9,309 | 5,044 | 19,541 | 4,626 |
| Current Assets | 15,075 | 9,309 | 5,249 | 29,634 | 17,714 |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year | 1,149 | | 878 | 2,027 | 1,418 |
| Net Current Assets Less Current Liabilities | 13,926 | 9,309 | 4,371 | 27,607 | 16,296 |
| Total Net Assets | 14,082 | 11,179 | 10,852 | 36,113 | 25,618 |
| Represented By: | | | | | |
| General Fund | 14,082 | | | 14,082 | 3,836 |
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Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 1 – Basis of preparation

Basis of Accounting

Trustees' duties are set out in the Charities Act 2011 and Charity Trustee Act 1993. These Acts impose a duty on the trustees to direct the affairs of the charity, ensure that it is solvent, ensure that proper accurate accounting records are kept, and that statements of account which adhere to the charity law and accounting regulations are prepared in respect of each financial year.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with the applicable SORP (FRS102). Under the provisions of FRS102, the PCC is not classified as a larger charity and therefore is not required to produce a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Funds

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

Designated funds are those which have been nominally allocated for a particular purpose by the PCC but which can be applied to other general purposes if required and are therefore also classified as unrestricted.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

The PCC has no endowment funds.

INCOME

Voluntary Income and collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Tax recoverable is recognised in the same year in which the donations are made. Any recoverable tax not received is shown as a debtor in the balance sheet.

Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

The PCC deem all fees and Early Years Funding received by the Pre School as restricted in use and are classified as such in these accounts. Fees and funding received in advance of actual term times are held in the balance sheet as a creditor.

Funds raised by church events are accounted for when received and are shown gross.

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

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the PCC to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Any parish share that is unpaid at 31 December would be provided for in these financial statements as an operational (though not a legal) liability and would be shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

FIXED ASSETS

Consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements in accordance with s.10 (2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £500.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and depreciation is charged on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful economic life of each asset.

CURRENT ASSETS

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December 2021 in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provisions for amounts that are considered uncollectable.

Stocks held for sale as part of non-charitable trade are measured at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

CURRENT LIABILITIES

All known liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law up to 31 December 2021 are included in these financial statements.

Note 2 - Analysis of Income

| | | | Total | |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Unrestricted | Restricted | This year | Last year |
| Donations | | | | |
| Parish Giving Scheme | 11,414 | - | 11,414 | 9,807 |
| Planned Giving | 26,475 | - | 26,475 | 31,361 |
| Covenant Envelopes | 1,310 | - | 1,310 | 860 |
| Uncovenanted Envelopes | 1,055 | - | 1,055 | 770 |
| Open Plate | 1,149 | - | 1,149 | 1,991 |
| Gift Aid | 10,113 | - | 10,113 | 13,782 |
| Grant Income | 10,572 | 3,744 | 14,316 | 2,003 |
| Misc Income | 4,391 | 1,939 | 6,330 | 9,816 |
| Total | 66,478 | 5,683 | 72,161 | 70,390 |
| Income from Charitable Activities | | | | |
| PCC Fees | 394 | - | 394 | 428 |
| Total | 394 | - | 394 | 428 |
| Other Trading Activities | | | | |
| Toddler Groups | 430 | - | 430 | 272 |
| Traidcraft | 10 | - | 10 | 205 |
| Hire of Premises | 5,780 | - | 5,780 | 3,830 |
| Joshua Tree Community Café | - | 2,875 | 2,875 | 445 |
| Total | 6,220 | 2,875 | 9,095 | 4,753 |
| INCOME TOTAL | 73,092 | 8,558 | 81,651 | 75,571 |

Note 3 – Analysis of Expenditure

| | | | Total | |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Unrestricted | Restricted | This year | Last year |
| Expenditure on Charitable Activities | | | | |
| Diocesan Parish Share Contribution | 31,057 | - | 31,057 | 43,444 |
| Salaries, wages and honoraria | 10,352 | - | 10,352 | 10,536 |
| Redundancy Payments | - | - | - | 916 |
| Clergy and staff expenses | 328 | 1,008 | 1,336 | 1,979 |
| Church Event Costs | 423 | 3,917 | 4,340 | 731 |
| Cleaners Wages & Cleaning Expenses | 287 | - | 287 | 5,227 |
| Maintenance | 3,328 | 2,823 | 6,151 | 1,450 |
| Telephony | 1,217 | - | 1,217 | 1,010 |
| Administration | 1,273 | - | 1,273 | 921 |
| Depreciation | 1,076 | 1,655 | 2,731 | 927 |
| Insurance | 5,584 | - | 5,584 | 3,979 |
| Church Service Costs | 1,064 | - | 1,064 | 900 |
| Traidcraft | 675 | - | 675 | 273 |
| Gas | 2,586 | - | 2,586 | 3,583 |
| Electricity | 1,256 | - | 1,256 | 1,216 |
| Water | 168 | - | 168 | 304 |
| Governance | 43 | - | 43 | 474 |
| Miscellaneous | 709 | 7 | 716 | 366 |
| Total | 61,425 | 9,410 | 70,835 | 78,236 |
| Other Expenditure | | | | |
| Charitable Donations | 320 | - | 320 | 620 |
| Total | 320 | - | 320 | 620 |
| Total Expenditure | 61,745 | 9,410 | 71,155 | 78,856 |

Note 4 – Tangible Fixed Assets

| | Computer Equipment & Software | Plant & Machinery (3yrs) | Plant & Machinery (5yrs) | TOTAL |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Cost | | | | |
| At 1st Jan 2021 | 5,455 | 3,179 | 8,274 | 16,908 |
| Additions | | | 1,915 | 1,915 |
| Disposals | - | - | - | - |
| At 31st December 2021 | 5,455 | 3,179 | 10,189 | 18,823 |
| Depreciation | | | | |
| At 1st Jan 2020 | 4,994 | 2,455 | 138 | 7,586 |
| Disposals | - | - | - | - |
| Depreciation | 193 | 595 | 1,942 | 2,731 |
| At 31st December 2021 | 5,187 | 3,050 | 2,080 | 10,317 |
| Net Book Value | | | | |
| At 1st Jan 2021 | 461 | 724 | 8,136 | 9,321 |
| At 31st December 2021 | 268 | 129 | 8,109 | 8,506 |

Note 5 – Debtors

| | This year | Last year |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Gift Aid Recoverable | 5,996 | 9,107 |
| Prepayments | 4,097 | 4,051 |
| Accounts Receivable | 0 | (70) |
| | 10,093 | 13,088 |

Note 6 – Creditors

| | This year | Last year |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Accruals | 1,002 | 779 |
| HMRC | 20 | 22 |
| NEST Pension Costs | - | - |
| Agency Collections | 695 | 49 |
| Accounts Payable | 309 | 554 |
| | 2,027 | 1,403 |

Note 7 – Personnel Costs

| | This year | Last year |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Salaries and other emoluments | 10,232 | 13,060 |
| Employers National Insurance | - | - |
| NEST Pension Costs | 120 | 120 |
| | 10,352 | 13,180 |

| | | |
|--|------|------|
| Number of employees in post 31 December. | 1 | 1 |
| Average number of employees over the year. | 1.00 | 4.08 |

There were no employees who met the definition of "key management personnel" during the year. [0]
 No salary or employee benefits have been paid to Trustees in respect of their membership of the PCC. [0]
 Incumbent clergy salaries are paid directly by the Durham Diocese and not by the PCC.

Redundancy payments of £0 have been recognised in salaries and other emoluments in this financial year.
 [£916]