

THE SHIRLEY COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY (North East)

ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022

As we have emerged from lockdown restrictions, Shirley has gladly been re-engaging with clients face-to-face over the past year, although it has not been able to recommence some group activities, largely due to medical issues and the terms of clients' licences. The description of contacts at the end of this report (appendix 1) indicates something of the range and depth of chaplaincy engagements, and we acknowledge warmly the dedication and hard work, ability and flexibility of the chaplain, volunteers and clients.

The Chaplaincy was founded in 2014, and the first two years of operations focused largely upon activities with men from HMP Northumberland, whom the Chaplain had known in his time as Chaplain there. In the last six years, the Chaplaincy's scope has broadened through referrals from existing members, regional prison chaplains, probation officers and other agents. The Chaplaincy is a member of the Community Chaplaincy Association.

Shirley is a client-centred organisation, and the chaplain seeks to accommodate the wide variety of needs, energies and skills in a range of activities and engagements. In previous years there have been several group events, outings and meetings, and it is good to note that, although the pandemic and its aftermath have curtailed some of these, there has been a resumption of some in 2021/22: notably, a residential in the Jonas Centre, outings to supporters' and volunteers homes for meals, church services, prayer and social meetings and fishing/cycling trips.

A Week in the Life of Shirley

- Monday - Weekly prayer meeting: an opportunity for Shirley clients and members of Holy Spirit Church Crawcrook to pray for one another and about matters of wider concern. Between two and nine people attend.
- Wednesday - Weekly social group for church members and clients: an opportunity to share food, socialise, worship and study the Bible. Between three and ten people attend.
- Sunday - Service at Holy Spirit Crawcrook. There is an open invitation for any of our clients to attend church with the chaplain, followed by a lunch with a number of church members in a nearby café or in a member's own home. Between one and three clients attend at any one time.

The Past Year

This year the Chaplain has been working with twenty two clients. As always, his main concern has been to enable them to develop self-confidence and to integrate well with other people, and he has been available on a 'phone line, to offer support to clients at home, in prison and in hospital.

The Chaplain has continued to speak as an advocate for several clients in court and before parole boards. He has also worked constructively with solicitors, the probation service, police, MAPPA (Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements) and hospitals. He has visited clients and potential clients regularly in Northumberland, Durham and Holme House prisons, and twice this year he

visited a client in Rampton hospital in Nottingham. The list of the Chaplain's activities in Appendix 1 gives an overall view of the range and scale of his involvements.

This year, Trustees and the Management Committee have recommenced in-person meetings, and the Christmas meal with clients and supporters is booked for 6 December in a Jesmond restaurant. The Chaplain has also consolidated his and Shirley's place within the structure and ministry of Holy Spirit Crawcrook. As well as leading worship and preaching on occasions, he is a member of the Parochial Church Council and has been elected to represent the parish on the Gateshead West Deanery Synod, Durham Diocesan Synod and the Bishop's Council.

Chaplaincy Structure and Support

The Chaplaincy offers support to the Chaplain and his work through its Board of Trustees, the Management Committee and the Pastoral Group. The Trustees are hoping to award the Chaplain a further, small increase in salary in April 2023 (taking him from .7 to .8); this will depend on an increase in funding, and they are applying themselves to this end. They are acutely aware of the need to raise more money to sustain and extend the work of the Chaplaincy: the annual income of about £25,000.00 allows for the current scope of working operations, but there is an acute need to supplement the Chaplain with assistant and volunteer support, to enable the Chaplaincy's work to proceed and develop safely, and in particular to encourage more group activities.

The Trustees, Management Committee and Pastoral Group have been meeting in-person this year, and much of their time has been spent in addressing finance, promotional and practical issues. They continue to seek ways of locating suitable assistants to work alongside the Chaplain and alleviate some of the stress involved in outings and engagements with clients when the Chaplain is the lone worker. They and the Chaplain are very grateful to the volunteers for the help they have provided on a variety of fronts.

Challenges

The Chaplain, Trustees and Management Committee have identified the following challenges as priorities to be addressed in 2022-2023:

1. increasing staffing level, using assistants and volunteers
2. expanding the annual income to provide secure funding for the next few years.

Thanks

The Chaplaincy continues to record its gratitude to the vicar of Greenside, Tom Brazier, and congregations of Greenside parish, which includes Holy Spirit Crawcrook: they have made Shirley welcome in so many ways, and in October 2022 they will again host the Chaplaincy's major fund-raising activity, a sponsored reading of parts of the Old Testament.

The Chaplaincy also thanks warmly:

- its volunteers: Jayne, Frank, Gaye and Chris, for their behind-the-scenes and front-line work
- Gwen for providing a meeting location, meals and love
- all who support the Chaplaincy in prayer (including the prayer team: Paul, Helen, Margaret, Chris, Frank, and the additional what's app prayers: Richard, Mandy, Dawn, Norma, John, Margaret), finance and other practical ways.

David Scott (Chair of Trustees), Richard Bryant (Chair of Pastoral Group), Paul Hobbs Community Chaplain

17 November 2022

Appendix 1 – List of the Chaplain's Contacts with Clients and Related People in 2021-2022

Taken from the Chaplaincy Diary 1st April 2021 - 31st March 2022

In total, there were 463 interactions, involving 22 clients; an interaction signifies a trip or meal out, church visit, hospital or prison visit, 'phone call, letter, or attendance at a significant meeting. The following indicative list illustrates the breadth of contacts made in the course of the year, with the numbers referring to the number of persons *per* event or day:

Clients' fishing trips	11
Clients' meals out	12
Food parcels	19
Clients to church	49
Prayer Meetings	26
Clients' furniture removals	8
Calls from clients	100+
Recorded Calls from prison	25
Calls from high security hospital	11
Visit to high security security hospital	2
Recorded Calls out	48
Home Visits	45
Court Support	2
Text messages	21
Coffee out with clients	3
Meetings with client and probation officer	4
Probation Officer Contacts	6
Visits to Prisons	21
Contacts with prisoners' families	9
Bereavement Visits	2
Days out	18
Prison Pick-up	1
Volunteers	3
Client Wedding	1
Passport support	1
Cards, letters, gifts to clients	15
Total Engagements with clients	463
Client no shows	23

David Swift

Chair of Trustees

18/11/22



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Shirley Community Chaplaincy (North-East)

No (if any)
1158939

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Apr-21

To

Mar-22

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
	19,848	-	-	19,848	21,447
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	19,848	-	-	19,848	21,447
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	19,848	-	-	19,848	21,447
A3 Payments					
Salary	15,478	-	-	15,478	-
Tax/NI	3,854	-	-	3,854	-
Transport	2,371	-	-	2,371	-
Food/Accommodation	1,485	-	-	1,485	-
Outings/Events	1,110	-	-	1,110	-
Emergencies	283	-	-	283	-
Office/Insurance	820	-	-	820	-
Pension	600	-	-	600	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	26,001	-	-	26,001	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	26,001	-	-	26,001	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 6,153	-	-	- 6,153	21,447
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	10,976	-
Cash funds this year end	4,823	-	-	4,823	21,447

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		4,823	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,823	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	<div>David Scott</div> <div>R.K. Bryant</div>	<div>DAVID SCOTT</div> <div>RICHARD BRYANT</div>	<div></div> <div>17/11/2022</div>