

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF GREENSIDE

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Details

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

Activities: We are a parish of the Church of England and are involved in Christian religious activities and supporting people in faith. We also provide support for other local, national and international charities, through donating approximately 10% of our income.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Gateshead

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£143,814	£146,996	-	-
2023-12-31	£148,053	£142,844	-	-
2022-12-31	£117,070	£117,604	-	-
2021-12-31	£126,032	£106,581	-	-
2020-12-31	£86,526	£102,154	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev TOM BRAZIER	Chair	2016-01-17
Catherine Jones		2022-04-03
Denise Clayson		2022-04-03
Paul Hobbs		2018-04-29
Rev Rachael Elizabeth Phillips		2022-07-03
Rev Rosemary Hendry		2020-09-27

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Accounts

GREENSIDE PARISH

St John's, Greenside

Church of the Holy Spirit, Crawcrook

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



Aim and purposes

Greenside Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Vicar in promoting in the whole mission of Greenside Parish Church. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of church buildings, that is Church of the Holy Spirit Crawcrook, St John's Greenside and St John's Hall.

Administrative information

Greenside Parish is situated in Gateshead West deanery. It is part of the Diocese of Durham within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Church Office, Holy Spirit Church, Main Street, Crawcrook, Ryton, NE40 4NB.

Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is a registered charity. PCC members are appointed as set out in the Church Representation Rules. The PCC is responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish church including deciding on how funds are to be spent.

PCC membership following APCM 27th April 2024:

Vicar	Tom Brazier	Ex-officio
Curate	Rachael Phillips	Ex-officio
Churchwardens:	Cath Jones	Ex-officio
	Tricia Reed	Ex-officio
Deanery Synod:	Mike Hendry	Ex-officio
	Paul Hobbs	Ex-officio
Elected members:	Mark Robson	3 years to serve
	Success Oviawe	3 years to serve
	Berni Bertola	2 years to serve
	Janet Bertola	2 years to serve
	Denise Clayson	1 years to serve
Coopted	Rosemary Hendry	
	Deborah Proud	

Objectives and activities

The PCC is wholly for the mental, physical and spiritual wellbeing of people in and around Greenside, Crawcrook, Clara Vale and our church plant in Chopwell because that reflects God's kingdom, and it is what Jesus is calling us to work towards. We seek to meet this calling in our weekly pattern of worship, our home groups, our healing ministry and our wedding, funeral, and baptism ministries.

Another important outpouring of the love of God is found in our social activities (such as Footprints toddler group, the community garden and work in schools). We deliberately make our halls (particularly St John's Hall) available to groups in the wider community and for events such as children's activities. Finally, with our eyes looking beyond the immediate community in Gateshead West, we have connections with life-giving work across the world and, especially, in Africa.

Risk Management

Our primary risk management strategy is to trust God. However, the PCC recognises that God has given us brains to figure some things out ourselves. We actively review safeguarding risks every time we meet. We carry out health and safety risk assessments whenever appropriate. Financial risk is primarily managed through our reserves policy. Everything is guided by prayer.

Achievements and performance

Vicar's Report

2024 has been both a challenging year and a year filled with hope. Over the year a number of key members left and others sadly died. There have been several tensions within our life together, including financial tensions. For my own part I have not been able to focus as much as I would have liked to on our church, what with my responsibilities as area dean and also my responsibilities for Chopwell Parish and Magdalene Community Church.

However 2024 also comes at a time when the long term decline in church numbers has halted and we are growing younger on average. Also, importantly, we continued to bless the world around us through Footprints, Lindisfarne Care Home services, Open the Book, Prayer Spaces and the Community Garden. Of course, this is in addition to everyone one of you individually being salt and light in the world (which you are even if you don't realise it).

We also held a giving day in 2024, the first in my time here. This was in response to financial pressures and I am glad to report that so far in 2025 our accounts appear to have stabilised.

A new season

I believe 2025 marks a new season for us. Several challenging conversations in late January helped to crystallise in my mind where my focus needs to be for the present season. I took the opportunity to lay out my thinking in the very next Sunday sermon slot.

To summarise briefly: I acknowledge that for many of us it has felt that we are in a difficult season. I believe we are in a spiritual battle and that the times when the enemy is most threatened are exactly the ones where we will experience the most opposition. I believe this has been happening in our life together. (To borrow from C. S. Lewis, I believe that "Aslan is on the move".) My own resolutions are to be more present in the parish, to preach more, to renew the focus on our rule of life, to invest in home groups and to return to strongly emphasising the monthly church prayer meeting.

Being present

Rachael's has returned from maternity leave and the end is in sight for the vacancies in the deanery. These two factors free up a significant amount of my time and, whilst I think it was good for me to put a lot of time and energy into MCC, I believe it is now time to leave MCC mostly in Rachael's capable hands and invest here in Holy Spirit Church. Having this as a priority is also helpful when I think about how to respond to new requests for my time and energy. On the whole, I will be saying no to anything new if it is not something that benefits the life and witness of Holy Spirit Church.

Preaching more

Many of you tell me that you value my sermons. So it seems that this presents a particular

opportunity for me to invest in our church and I have resolved to preach more often at Holy Spirit Church.

Rule of life

Life together can be difficult, especially when we're under attack because God is doing new and wonderful things. Our rule of life exists specifically to help us follow Jesus together even when it is difficult. So I have spoken a lot about the rule of life recently and several people have joined the rule of life this year.

One part of the rule of life I would like particularly to emphasise is leaving well. Over the time we have had a rule of life, I can think of only one person who has done this full justice. Most who have left have not done so well. My plea for anyone thinking of leaving is to come and speak with me first. If the first I hear is that you have already made up your mind, then you leave without ever giving the church the opportunity to address aspects of our life together which can be improved and you leave behind a church which is hurt and bewildered. I do not believe that is what Jesus wants for us in our relationships.

Home groups

One way in which we can live out our rule of life is home groups. We have been aware for several years that we need to renew the life of home groups in the church. Julie and I have just started one new group and Tricia and Paul will be starting another later on in the summer. The first thing we are exploring in the new home groups is our rule of life. After that I have a number of ideas and have had several suggestions. However please do speak with me if you also have ideas about what the home groups can explore.

Prayer meetings.

Over my time in Greenside we have seen a significant growth in corporate prayer. We have always prayed together in our Sunday worship. In addition, we have developed an intercessors group who hold things in prayer when more is needed than just a one-off prayer. For several years a small but important group has risen early on a Monday morning to pray together over zoom at 6:30am. More recently Jen's exploration into contemplative prayer has resulted in a group which meets weekly for centering prayer. Helen has just launched a midday prayer group which meet approximately twice a month. Over 2024 and 2025 we have been fasting once a week as a church. And in the background I am aware of several pairs of people who have long met and interceded as a regular and committed discipline.

I have always and will continue to encourage all of these ways of praying together (and also individual prayer which every one of us needs as part of our life with God in Jesus).

However I think the most important of all our ways praying together is the corporate prayer meeting at 7:30pm at Holy Spirit Church on the first Wednesday of every month. We started this prayer meeting because of the conviction that everything we do should be birthed in prayer. Of all our ways of praying together, this is the one prayer meeting I hope everyone will be involved in.

In the past I have become discouraged and stopped pushing for us to be at this meeting. However I now believe I should not have given up hope and I will be encouraging us all to be at this meeting far more than I did before. All you need to do is turn up. You do not have to be an expert at prayer. You do not have to speak or pray out loud. Just by being there you signal to God and all the spiritual powers in the heavenly realms that Holy Spirit Church is open for the business of the Kingdom of God. It is one of the most powerful things you can do as a follower of Jesus.

Rev. Tom Brazier, Vicar

Electoral Roll Report

The Greenside Parish Church electoral roll is a register of all those qualified to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and to vote in elections. Enrolment onto the electoral roll helps to ensure that all the synodical councils of the Church (the PCC, Gateshead West Deanery Synod, Durham Diocesan Synod and General Synod) are fully representative of the members of the church.

This year we prepared a new electoral roll from scratch. The number of people on the roll is now 53, compared to 65 in 2024. However, there are 13 people who have fallen off the roll who need following up. Considering that several people have left and died in the last year, this represents growth.

Faye Baker, Electoral Roll Officer and Tom Brazier, vicar

Church Wardens' Report

It is both a privilege and a pleasure to serve as Church Wardens to our Church, our Church family, and this parish, with Tricia joining Cath in the role this year.

Buildings

Holy Spirit Church continues to be the main building for weekly services. Following a leaking roof, the ceiling and walls in the lobby between the main church and the kitchen requires repainting, as does the rear meeting room.

Plans for the front of the building need to be resubmitted to Gateshead Planning Department. Perhaps it will be possible to have the render, we originally agreed on as a church, passed following the remodelling of the Co-op supermarket using rendering on their new builds.

St. John's Church. The grant application for a new pump was successful and it was bought and fitted. The return of the heating has made a marvellous difference to church services. The roof is in desperate need of replacing. The woodwork in the church has been cleaned and restored to its original brilliance by two church members. Services are held on the first and fourth Sunday evenings – Free to Be and Member-led Compline.

Although the organ was over-hauled recently, it is not playing properly (some of the keys are not working), possibly due to the missing ridge tiles and inclement weather. This will have an impact on future services where an organ has been requested.

A quinquennial inspection of St John's was undertaken earlier in the year, and we are working on recommendations.

Fire extinguishers at both churches have been inspected and replaced as necessary as part of the annual maintenance plan. Fire alarms have been tested.

St. John's Hall continues to run at a loss due to the increased costs of utilities and changes in large, organised functions. The hall received a legacy of £17,000 from a former church member. The interior decoration is looking tired and dated. A proposal has been agreed to use money from the legacy to redecorate the main hall.

Pastoral Outreach

Pastoral outreach continues with monthly visits to Lindisfarne Care Home for a short Holy Communion Service with about 10-12 residents. We would like to thank Mike Hendry, Val Gardener and Jackie, Activities Co-ordinator, for organising the service. It is a beautiful little service and a privilege to be part of.

The Pastoral Care Team have new members for whom we are grateful. The team continue to take Communion into the homes of those parishioners who are no longer able to attend church.

The Church

Going forward we would ask for continued prayer for our church buildings, congregation and young people and outreach.

Cath Jones and Tricia Reed, Church Wardens

Proceedings of the PCC

Early in the new year the PCC agreed a revised design for the fascia of Holy Spirit. This was submitted to Gateshead Council in the form of a pre-application. The Council was happy with the proposal thus leading the way for formal planning permission to be sought at a later date.

The PCC discussed the Church of England's guidance on Prayers of Love and Faith on two separate occasions with various views being put forward but in the knowledge that the incumbent made the final decision on what happened in the parish.

The condition of St John's remained a continued focus of the PCC. It was fortunate that a grant of £2,000 was obtained from the Priestman Trust to repair the boiler which had broken down in late 2023. At the March meeting the PCC agreed that Holy Spirit could be used as a rest centre, in the event of a local incident, at the request of Gateshead Council.

The Parish Team and the PCC held an away day in May at the Millennium Hall in Riding Mill. Regular updates on the activities of the Magdalene Community Church were received during the year. Similarly, the PCC closely monitored the church's finances particularly as the balance of the General Fund dipped below the policy of having at least three months' expenditure in reserves. The Quinquennial Inspection for St John's took place during August which highlighted several issues. Given the PCC's policy of focusing investment

purely on Holy Spirit, it decided to note most of the items but agreed a small roof repair to protect the organ plus several others which could be done in house. The inspection was the last one carried out by Chris Blackburn, the church architect, who had decided to retire. At the September meeting, the PCC placed Margaret Butler's legacy in a restricted fund for St John's Hall. It discussed the length of sermons with several members believing that they were too long.

Safeguarding has been a standing agenda item, focusing on the recently released Makin Report by the Church of England's National Safeguarding Team into the handling of abuse allegations against the late John Smyth QC and the Scolding Report commissioned by Soul Survivor, into the Mike Pilavachi case. Learning from reviews continues to be an important part of PCC.

There have been a few changes to memberships of the PCC as follows:

Elected PCC members who have stepped down from their role: Paddy Gascoigne, Beth Gascoigne and Simon Longshaw.

In April 2025 Sue Haymen left her role as treasurer.

Newly elected members of PCC: Tricia Reed, Church Warden. Deborah Proud, Secretary coopted in November 2024.

Deborah Proud, PCC Secretary

Safeguarding Report

Following the review of the Church of England's safeguarding policy there was a major review of what each parish is expected to do in terms of Safeguarding. This has included more frequent reviews of policies and procedures and a whole load of new requirements which now all need to be agreed by the PCC. This is a good thing and shows that the church is continuing to see safeguarding as a priority but at the present time it is quite a lot to achieve. For example, each church has been asked to pledge to support victims/survivors of church-based abuse which has been something that nationally hasn't been achieved well.

I think there are still things we need to work on, particularly in relation to safer recruitment and the support we have in place for volunteers in our children's activities, but as a parish we are heading in the right direction.

There are a high number of people who have had to renew their safeguarding training in the last few months and their DBS checks, and I would like to thank everyone for your co-operation to complete these tasks.

Lastly, safeguarding in the church is not my responsibility it is everyone's and the more we work together to support one another and report things we are concerned about then we will become at being a real caring church family.

Denise Clayson

Deanery Synod Report

We had a pleasant away day at Shepherds Dean in June 24. Young people's work was on the Agenda. A group were to visit a bus in the Washington area that is geared to youth work.

At the last Deanery Synod, both the Lay Chair Susan Marshal and Deanery Secretary Susan Lister stood down after many good years. With no one to fill these offices I, Paul, have become the Lay Chair. Tom has advertised the Secretary post to the other churches in the Deanery.

The Lent 2025 Faith Habits sessions are currently happening, moving around the deanery, they are being well attended and received. The next one is on sharing and is at this church, it is the third of six gathering. These events are excellent for building relationships with the churches evolved.

At the last deanery synod Tom mentioned the possibility of a visit from Communities Together Durham and this is now arranged for the next synod meeting.

Mike Hendry and Paul Hobbs, Deanery Synod Representatives

Intercessors Group

This is a Church group, open to everyone, that never actually meets!!

There are 35 of us, and we pray on our own however, whenever and wherever is right for each individual. We have a prayer list which I produce about 10 times a year and send out by email or paper copies. The list includes such as praying for 10%+ of people in the Parish to accept Christ as Lord, and regular Church activities, and we also regularly pray through our Parish Contact List.

We also pray emergency prayers, maybe for someone who is ill or faces a difficult time. Anyone can send me an emergency prayer request which I pass on by email, and I know that people start praying immediately into the situation. We do stipulate that we have the permission of those we pray for whenever possible, and we can pray for people by their initial only. And all requests remain confidential within the group.

We have seen many answers to prayer, which is so exciting! God is so good!

Anyone whom God is calling to join our group, please get in touch with me. You do not need to feel 'good' at prayer, but you will be encouraged to grow in boldness in prayer!

Helen Hardisty

Magdalene Community Church

The last year has seen enormous change in the life of this new church. Here is a summary of the challenges and blessings of this holy adventure, which our monthly newsletter chronicles in more detail.

April: Rachael on maternity leave. First baptisms conducted under a waterfall in Chopwell Woods. Elaborate plans developing for our newly gifted (by Forestry England) church site in Chopwell Woods.

May: Memorial service for our first church member to have died. MCC members step up and are equipped to lead all kinds of ministries including preaching, leading and prayer.

June: Work commences in the woods to clear worshipping spaces and paths. The site feels like a safe haven, an escape, a place to enjoy the warm weather and pray. Exploring questions like who is MCC? What is church? What are our traditions? What's important?

July: Our reach and influence increase significantly as our social media presence develops. Our online community grows. Within our church there are many who have experienced trauma. Working through this pastorally is tough and important stuff. New leaders continue to be invested in and raised up.

August: First baptism at our new church site. We agree to cease meeting at Chopwell Methodist Church building monthly and to move all Sunday worship into the woods.

September: Tough blow as our activities at the new church site are restricted by factors beyond our control. We sense God is stripping us back for a purpose. We refocus all our energies into simple Jesus-centred worship. We host our first one-day retreat for Ministerial Experience Volunteers.



October: MCC experiences a challenging time pastorally and the interim leaders (Tom and

Mandy) are stretched to capacity. Things feel hard. Important work of establishing culture and understanding our identity continues. Flux as some members leave or step back.

November: Packing up after worship in the dark feels hard. Much change in the community means fewer people able/available to do the work. Capacity feels stretched. And it's cold.

December: Rachael returns from maternity leave. We create a new shortcut path in the woods to accommodate those less mobile. Ambitious plan to hold village-wide roving carol service finishing in the woods is a success with record numbers in attendance including many first timers. A wheelchair user is carried in. A storm thwarts our Winter Solstice plans.

January: Another storm threatens our first Sunday gathering so we bring it forward by a day. Great last-minute turnout gives us confidence in what we're doing. New experiment with midweek Communion begins on Fridays. Forestry England make improvements to our site, raising all logs for seating. Three large tree stumps now in use as Lord's Table.

February: MCC continues to grow in the winter months with new people arriving almost weekly. Fridays are now our fastest growing expression, with some coming especially for Holy Communion. Compline (night prayer) on Wednesdays is the second fastest. Teams are established to focus on two key areas of our church life: Food and Care for Creation.



March: New Engine Room (PCC equivalent) elected and commissioned. Prayer Tent Tuesday relaunched as a ministry to the village, rather than a time to pray for MCC (this will happen elsewhere). Engine Room votes to become a recognised Eco Church and is pursuing an A Rocha Silver Award. We vote to join the Inclusive Church Network. A growing number of members have chronic illnesses and disabilities and the Inclusive Church Network helps us consider how to better accommodate them. The Diocesan Growth Team encourages us to stop referring to ourselves as a 'church plant'. We are

ready to be considered an established church and, whilst we meet outdoors, we are not a 'forest church'.

April: Desperate and constant prayers for God to help with our music are finally answered. Singing coach joins our community and starts a singing group at her home and in the woods. She also agrees to be our treasurer. Two children ask to be baptised on Easter Day. Significant Holy Week plans reflect how established we feel as a church. Plans to request full-time stipend and Bishop's Mission Order are underway. Children consistently make up about 40% of our community.

Rachael Phillips

Children's and youth work

Prayer Spaces in Schools

After many years leading the team, Liz has retired. We celebrated Liz's contribution at a Sunday morning service and repeat our blessing and thanks here.

Sam, from the Methodist Church, who has been a team member for some years, has taken over as leader. The team visited Emmaville and Greenside Primary in March and had a lovely time. Some of the children were asking after Frank and Liz which was a lovely thing. I also noted that there are pictures in the hall at Greenside Primary from past Prayer Spaces including Norma, Frank and Rachael.

Tom Brazier

Pastoral

Greenside Parish Pastoral Care Team members continue to be faithful in serving within their agreed areas of responsibility and gifting within the parish. That may include writing and sending a card, occasionally delivering flowers, hosting the monthly service at Lindisfarne Care Home, home visits, administering home communion to those unable to make it to church, shopping for those whose mobility is not as it once was, making a phone calls to check on a church member or providing 'one off' essential car transport.

We last met as a team in February and after prayer, discussed the overall needs of Pastoral Care. Consequently, we now have a matrix of who can be called upon for specific services.

In regard to safeguarding, Denise provided an excellent update of current safeguarding requirements, including training, DBS check and support available. She advised re the difference as to when DBS would be required, and specifically asked that any training or support needs be made known to Cath, Mike or Rosemary, so identified needs can inform our PCC for organising. Arrangements for new members of the team were discussed and agreed, with the meeting ending with prayer, followed by a shared lunch, thus combining work with play, which we believe is an important part of church family life.

We thank God for each team member, all of whom serve God in so many other ways, as we follow in the Way behind our founder Jesus Christ, sharing our joys and burdens, gifts and needs, as one church family.

Mike and Rosemary Hendry

Community Garden

Thank you to everyone who has come along and helped at the Community Garden it is something that can't not happen without the churches support. Every little bit of help really counts, and the space continues to develop and looks increasingly like a garden. I would like to say a big thank you to Paddy Gascoigne who has been a major contributor to the garden in terms of practical help and getting grants for us and his help will very much be missed. Thank you to our regular volunteers of Mark (and Benjamin), Margaret and Brian, Val C and John C, Barbara, Angela, Laura from Our Villages and all of those who have come and helped this year from the church and from Our Villages. Doing ½ hour weeding or pruning creates more time for us to develop the garden further.

We have achieved quite a lot of groundwork this year with the laying of the patio/seating area and the new path which makes all our raised beds more accessible. Then in the autumn our willow dome was install and we added an additional fruit tree. We now have Emmaville and St Agnes school, Brite Sparks nursery and the local SEN groups all growing plants in our 4 main raised beds.

The plan for this year includes:

Working a bit more on our stumpery/wildflower garden. Val C has battled the tree roots in this area for several years which makes keeping the weeds down hard work.

Creating a new rock garden under the old willow tree. (Donations of rocks very welcome).

Seating for the willow dome and developing the paved area which we hope will be a pray and refection space.

Installing raised beds planters on the hard-core area next to the wall.

We are just about to do a re-launch opening event for the summer on Saturday May 17th 10-12 so if anyone can help with this that would be much appreciated. Please see the church notice sheet for other activities we are planning. Please continue to pray for this activity and that we will be able to get more members of the community involved in this space.

Denise Clayson

Mission Partners

Hope for South Africa's Children

The aim of the charity is to support children infected/affected by HIV/AIDS and help reduce the impact of poverty in the rural community. We also continue to support Rehoboth Children's Village with a sponsor programme.

Our Income in 2023/24 was **£41,388**, we made grants of **£43,884** continuing our policy of not holding reserves. Expenses were zero. This year is our 20th anniversary having first registered in 2004 and we have raised more than **£890,000** during this time.

Rehoboth Children's Village is no longer a home for life but a short-term care facility. We continue to have 43 faithful sponsors, as a sponsored child leaves the village sponsors are invited to sponsor a house, donations totaled **£17,200**.

Outreach into the Community: Our Outreach/Further Education & Leaver Support fund has supported an increasing number of projects. **£8,325** was made in grants to both leavers and the wider community. We also provided £5,000 to **Cornerstone Learning Centre** for play equipment and a full bursary for a child to attend this SEN school.

Feeding Programmes: Grants have increased to £6,083 due to the economic situation in South Africa which continues to deteriorate.

We really appreciate the church's continued support as part of its Tithing & Mission Support fund. Your support really does make a difference.

David & Glen Smith, Chair/Secretary/Trustees

Christian Aid

Christian Aid Week, in May 2024, which focused on pushing back against extreme poverty in places like Burundi, principally comprised a church collection, with some online giving in the parish, reflecting the changing approach to donating and collecting since Christian Aid Week was introduced nationally in 1957.

The annual Christian Aid/CAFOD Advent Service, which has provided an opportunity for all denominations in the local area to come together for many years, was cancelled, following an acknowledgement by all involved that it had sadly run its course. Those who wished to contribute to Christian Aid's Christmas appeal were able to do so in church via the representatives, or online. It is anticipated that a service of celebration and thanksgiving for this example of the different denominations working together will take place in May 2025 whilst also marking the 80th year of Christian Aid's inception.

The current state of our world, from the continuing turmoil in Ukraine, to the precarious situation between Israel and Gaza and the many conflicts that have fallen from our headlines, plus the ongoing impact of the climate crisis and, more recently, uncertainties surrounding future levels of international humanitarian aid, makes what Christian Aid and its global partners do, more urgent and relevant than ever.

Many thanks to the PCC and all within our parish who continue to value and support the work of Christian Aid around the world. More information about their programmes can be found on the Christian Aid website. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/our-work/programmes>
Christine Brown (St John's) and Caroline Kelly (Holy Spirit), Christian Aid Reps

Financial Review

Our unrestricted income for 2024 was £114,504, of which we will give away £10,095 as our 10% tithe to the mission organisations we support. Unrestricted expenditure was £104,758, which means that we almost broke even for 2024. Our unrestricted reserves at the end of the year were £13,579.

During the year we received a legacy for St John's Hall of £17,441. This has helped a great deal because it covered some of the running expenses of the hall. We also plan to use some of this money for a much needed redecoration inside the hall. At the start of 2025 it is looking like the hall's finances are beginning to stabilise. Offering the hall as a service to the community does cost a significant amount of time and effort which is now split between several church members. My thanks to those involved.

Our reserve target is 25% of unrestricted expenditure, which is £26,190. So we are currently running below target, however finances as of the end of 2024 appear to be fairly stable so there is no immediate cause for concern. This was helped a great deal by the gift day in November which raised £7,273. Well done to all for your faith and trust in God.

The majority of our income comes from giving by our church. If you don't currently give and would like to, the recommended way of giving is by Parish Giving. You can sign up online using our Parish code of 130613083. If you would like more information on different forms of giving, please look at the donations page of our website www.greensideparish.org.uk/donations.htm.

Tom Brazier

Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestrict ed Funds £	Designate d Funds £	Restrict ed Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
RECEIPTS						
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Voluntary receipts:						
Planned Giving		66,510	-	3,045	69,555	68,398
Collections at Services		9,768	-	1,256	11,023	10,555
Donations		10,458	580	17,441	28,478	17,540
Other voluntary income		-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid and GASDS Recovered		17,437	-	-	17,437	16,742
Grants		-	-	2,000	2,000	22,110
		104,172	580	23,741	128,493	135,345
Activities for generating Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Investment income		-	-	-	-	-
Church Activities						
PCC Fees		2,174	-	-	2,174	2,395
DBF Fees		3,849	-	-	3,849	3,900
Agency		-	-	777	777	968
Trading		-	4,212	-	4,212	2,542
Other receipts	2	4,309	-	-	4,309	2,903
TOTAL RECEIPTS		114,504	4,792	24,518	143,814	148,053
PAYMENTS						
Church Activities:						
Parish Share		64,266	-	-	64,266	61,206
DBF Fees		2,988	-	-	2,988	3,611
Clergy & Staffing expenses		2,815	-	-	2,815	4,633
Salaries, wages and honoraria		12,603	-	10,462	23,066	17,107
Ministry		-	985	685	1,670	907
Church running expenses		4,981	-	7,606	12,587	15,361
Routine Buildings Maintenance & Repair		1,836	3,423	3,613	8,873	5,730
Utilities		7,500	1,013	2,519	11,031	17,622
Insurance		4,561	600	431	5,592	5,381
Mission Giving and Donations		-	9,392	1,509	10,901	10,243
		101,551	15,412	26,826	143,789	141,801
Cost of Generating Funds		542	-	-	542	68
Cost of Trading		2,665	-	-	2,665	975
TOTAL PAYMENTS		104,758	15,412	26,826	146,996	142,844
Excess of Receipts over Payments		9,746	(10,621)	(2,307)	(3,182)	5,209
Transfers between funds		(10,919)	10,919	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS:		(1,173)	299	(2,307)	(3,182)	5,209
Cash & Bank Balance as at 1st January		14,752	12,321	31,781	58,854	53,645
Cash & Bank Balance at 31st December		13,579	12,620	29,474	55,672	58,854

Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designate d Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
Note					
Cash funds					
Bank current account	13,554	12,620	29,474	55,647	58,830
Cash in hand	25		-	25	24
	13,579	12,620	29,474	55,672	58,854
Other monetary assets					
Income Tax recoverable			-	-	-
Liabilities					
			-	-	

- 1 The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
- 2 This includes utilities refunds of £2,372 and area dean contributions for PA of £1,000.
- 3 The movement in designated and restricted funds during the year:

	Bal B/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfer s	Bal c/fwd
Restricted					
Agency collection	998	777	(1,509)	-	266
CAP - Christians Against Pover	407	1,820	(2,542)	-	(315)
MCC	20,996	2,481	(15,526)	-	7,950
St Johns Hall	-	17,441	(4,563)	-	12,878
Youth Work	6,028	-	(685)	-	5,343
Youth Worker	3,352	-	-	-	3,352
Subtotal	31,781	22,518	(24,826)	-	29,474
Designated					
Mission	10,293	-	(9,392)	10,095	10,997
Community garden	1,000	-	(299)	-	701
Footprints	694	580	(421)	-	853
Pastoral	334	-	(265)	-	70
St Johns Hall	-	4,212	(5,036)	824	-
Sub Total	12,321	4,792	(15,412)	10,919	12,620
TOTAL	44,102	27,310	(40,238)	10,919	42,093

Restricted funds are:

Agency collection	Money collected for other organisations are stored in this fund until it is dispersed.
CAP - Christians Against Pover	Support for the Tyne Valley CAP Debt Centre.
MCC	Chopwell.
St Johns Hall	Money from a legacy for St Johns Hall.
Youth Work	Money for use in Youth Work matters.
Youth Worker	Money for use in having a Youth Worker.

Designated funds are:

Mission	We give 10% of unrestricted income to other charities. This fund holds the money until it is given out.
Community garden	Money for Community Garden.
Footprints	Money for Footprints Toddler Group.
Pastoral	Money for Pastoral spending.
St Johns Hall	Money collected by St Johns Hall letting and used for running costs.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF GREENSIDE ("the PCC")

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

I report to the PCC Members on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Nigel Wyrley-Birch
Ryton Grange, Ryton, NE40 3UN

2 May 2025

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF GREENSIDE

England & Wales - Charity number 1171547

Accounts

GREENSIDE PARISH

**ST JOHN'S, GREENSIDE
HOLY SPIRIT, CRAWCROOK**



ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Aim and Purposes

Greenside Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Vicar, the Revd Tom Brazier, in promoting in the whole mission of Greenside Church. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of church buildings that is; Church of the Holy Spirit, Crawcrook, St John's, Greenside, and St John's Hall.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is a registered charity. PCC members are appointed as set out in the Church Representation Rules. The members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish church including deciding on how funds are to be spent. The PCC meets around 9 times a year.

Administrative Information

Greenside Parish is situated in Gateshead West deanery. It is part of the Diocese of Durham within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Church Office, Holy Spirit Church, Main Street, Crawcrook, Ryton, NE40 4NB.

PCC membership following the APCM on of April 2023

Vicar	Tom Brazier	Ex-officio
Curate	Rosemary Hendry	Ex-officio
Curate	Rachael Phillips	Ex-officio
Churchwarden:	Ben Thomas	Ex-officio
	Cath Jones	Ex-officio
Deanery Synod:	Mike Hendry	Ex-officio
	Paul Hobbs	Ex-officio
Elected members:	Beth Gascoigne	1 year to serve
	Berni Bertola	3 years to serve
	Simon Longshaw	3 year to serve (Treasurer)
	Denise Clayson	2 years to serve
	Paddy Gascoigne	2 years to serve (Secretary)
	Janet Bertola	3 years to serve

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is wholly for the mental, physical and spiritual wellbeing of people in and around Greenside, Crawrook, Clara Vale and our church plant in Chopwell because that reflects God's kingdom, and it is what Jesus is calling us to work towards. We seek to meet this calling in our weekly pattern of worship, our home groups, our healing ministry and our wedding, funeral, and baptism ministries.

Another important outpouring of the love of God is found in our social activities (such as Footprints toddler group, the community garden and work in schools). We deliberately make our halls (particularly St John's Hall) available to groups in the wider community and for events such as children's activities. Finally, with our eyes looking beyond the immediate community in Gateshead West, we have connections with life-giving work across the world and, especially, in Africa.

Risk Management

Our primary risk management strategy is to trust God. However, the PCC recognises that God has given us brains to figure some things out ourselves. We actively review safeguarding risks every time we meet. We carry out health and safety risk assessments whenever appropriate. Financial risk is primarily managed through our reserves policy. Everything is guided by prayer.

Achievements and Performance

Vicar's Report

2023 was a very full year for us. It saw the launch of our daughter church in Chopwell, Magdalene Community Church. We started a CAP debt centre (although this is now in need of a debt centre manager). Post pandemic, we were once again up to speed on Open the Book, Prayer Spaces, Footprints, and pastoral care in Lindisfarne Care Home.

Many new people joined us in 2023 and, sadly, we lost several beloved members who went to be with the Lord.

As you will know, I suffered a bout of mental ill-health during 2023. Thank you all for your support, love, and prayers. I have restructured a lot of my work to reduce the demands on my time. A particular new development is the "Parish Team", consisting of everyone who is employed by the church, the church wardens, the clergy, everyone who holds a license and one or two others who lead areas of ministry. The purpose of this team is to support me and make sure I am dividing out the work well.

I have felt that with the launch of MCC and my own incapacity, I have allowed Greenside Parish to coast during 2023. However, 2024 has started with a bang.

- We have already held our long-overdue Rule of Life review, where it was decided unanimously to continue with our Rule of Life. We also decided we would consider whether the Rule of Life needs to explicitly mention prayer and whether it needs to mention mutual accountability. We will explore these questions together as 2024 progresses.
- We have had a teaching series on prayer, which was commissioned by the PCC. Following this, over ten people have expressed an interest in exploring contemplative prayer with Jen Vickers.
- We have resolved to use 2024 to review the life and purpose of home groups. I anticipate that this will result in the launch of one or more new groups. I hope many of our newer members will end up joining a group. There may also be rearranging and restructuring of existing groups – although what that might look like depends on the members of the groups themselves. This is a journey we are going on together and I do not know clearly where it will lead other than it will be good.

I started 2024 feeling very positive and encouraged. Do pray for me daily, though, as Rachael's maternity leave and several vacancies in the deanery will leave me very stretched. Please also challenge me if you think I am not taking enough care of

myself and please look out for ways in which I can delegate work to others – maybe even to you?

Tom Brazier

Electoral Roll Report

The Greenside Parish Church electoral roll is a register of all those qualified to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and to vote in elections to the Parochial Church Council plus the Deanery Synod. Enrolment onto the electoral roll means becoming a voting member of the Church of England. It helps to ensure that all the synodical councils of the Church; the PCC, Gateshead West Deanery Synod, the Durham Diocesan Synod, and the General Synod are fully representative of its members.

Set out below are the numbers for 2024 and the last five years. The overall numbers have dropped this year which was partly due to a number of deaths within the church community but this has been offset in part by several new members.

March	Members	Resident	Non Resident
2024	65	37	28
2023	70	43	27
2022	72	41	31
2021	72	40	32
2020*			

* No revision took place due to the pandemic.

Paddy Gascoigne – Electoral Roll Officer

Wardens' Report

It is both a privilege and a pleasure to serve as Church Warden to our Church, our Church family, and this Parish. I would like to thank my fellow Warden Ben Thomas for his support this past year.

Buildings

Holy Spirit Church continues to be the main church for regular worship. The building is sound and apart from the boiler house flooding twice, due to heavy rain, has not suffered a great deal.

Plans for improvements to the front of the building remain on hold due to the puzzling and frustrating demands of Gateshead Planning department.

St John's Church roof continues to deteriorate, causing dampness and damage to the fabric and furnishings. This has been exacerbated by the heating pump breaking down. As the system is about 40 years old, a replacement pump is expensive. An application for a grant has been made and once received the pump can be fixed and St. John's will once again be warm. Obviously, this will help with drying out.

Despite there being no heating, Baptisms and Funerals have continued to be held. Proving, perhaps, how much affection and esteem parishioners and others have for this lovely church.

The organ has recently been serviced but really needs to be played regularly to maintain its best.

Fire extinguishers at both churches and SJH have been inspected and replaced as necessary as part of annual maintenance plan. Fire alarms have been tested.

St John's Hall had problems with intermittent electric supply from November 2023-May 2024. Due to Northern PowerGrid's bizarre rules of engagement, it was only when there was no supply to the hall at all that engineers were dispatched. Rain sliding down the sleeve covering the wire and onto the transformer was the culprit, eventually burning it out. This had a significant impact on revenue due to regular classes having to be cancelled or abandoned.

Since the financial crisis began, bookings for functions have dwindled significantly. Consequently, revenue is down, and the hall is running at a loss. This is unfortunate, as it is a versatile space.

Utilities

I would like to extend thanks and appreciation to Beth Gascoigne for her sterling efforts in taking on utility providers to simplify and improve service to all three buildings. Having smart meters installed has also proved frustrating.

Pastoral Outreach

Monthly visits to Lindisfarne Care Home for a short Holy Communion Service with about 10 – 12 residents, are popular and a joy to attend. I would like to thank Mike Hendry, Val Gardener, and Jackie Activities Co-ordinator for organising and having me accompany hymns with the guitar. It is a beautiful little service and a privilege to be part of.

I would like to thank Val Gardener for taking Communion into the homes of those parishioners who are no longer able to attend church. It is always a pleasure and a privilege to accompany Val when I am able.

On 16th September 2023 Norma Todd and I were licensed by the Bishop of Durham in Durham Cathedral as Lay Pastoral Ministers. It was an emotional day and very special.

Parish Inspection

This took place on 19th September 2023 with Archdeacon Bob Cooper. It is testament to Paddy Gascoigne's organisation and attention to detail that we sailed through the Inspection. Archdeacon Bob commented that he would use Paddy's portfolio as an example to others of how it should be done. A million thanks Paddy. For my part in the process, I can only say I have never seen or counted so many Purificators!

The Church

We have said farewell to a number of our brothers and sisters this year, Doreen Drake, Alan Gaynor, Anne Saddington, Hazel Spencer, Terry Stow, Norma Todd. We know they are with our Lord, out of pain, happy and whole. We miss them but they remain in our hearts. Our prayers remember those left behind.

We have welcomed new members to our church family, couples, and families. The children are an especial delight and have boosted our Sunday Club members. It is also an answer to prayer.

Going forward I would ask for continued prayer to include:

St John's Church- so we may know God's plan for this beautiful church.

Holy Spirit Church – Planning application is accepted without further delay.

St John's Hall - an increase in bookings to enable the hall to pay for itself.

Pastoral Outreach – to expand and meet the needs of more people in the parish.

An increase in children and young people.

Let us be open and prepared to accept all God has in store for us with joy, love and faith.

Blessings to all.

Cath Jones

Proceedings of the PCC

The PCC meets nine times a year. There are regular items such as finance, safeguarding and buildings plus matters that arise during the year. The main issues discussed over the previous year are as follows,

- The refurbishment of the fascia at Holy Spirit has been the main preoccupation regarding the maintenance and fabric of buildings. The church must satisfy both the planning authority and the diocese about its proposals. This has proved to be a very lengthy process involving the council and required the submission of revised plans. It is ongoing.
- The PCC maintains a watching brief over the condition of St John's having decided not to invest in the church's fabric other than on health and safety grounds. A grant of £2000 was obtained from the Priestman Trust for the repair of the boiler. The organ has also been repaired.
- In autumn 2023 Simon Longshaw resigned as the treasurer. The PCC appointed Sue Hayman on a paid basis. Sue is also the treasure of Bywell Parish.
- The PCC receives regular updates on the activities of Magdalene Community Church as it remains the responsible body for its work.
- The PCC continually prays for more children and young families to come to church which has borne fruit. The possibility of establishing a Christian Union at Thorp Academy is being explored.

- Safeguarding is a standing item on the PCC agenda. It receives regular updates.
- The PCC is to have a joint 'away day' with the newly formed Parish Team to set the vision for the church for a year. The Team consists of the clergy and parish employees.

The PCC is not just about conducting the formal business of the church. It is there to support Tom and the clergy and provides a sounding board for ideas. In this respect, for instance, there have been discussions about the Prayers of Living in Love and Faith which are in the process of being broadened out to include the whole church. The PCC also seeks to lead the church in following the 'Rule of Life'.

Paddy Gascoigne – PCC Secretary

Safeguarding

In the summer Paddy and I were invited by the diocese Safeguarding Team to join the pilot for to roll out of the new national Safeguarding Hub which now all parishes in the diocese can use. This means that once our DBS and training records were moved to the hub and we created role descriptions and person specification our records became secure in one place. We have now completed level 1 and 2 and once other levels are rolled out all our safer recruitment records will also be in this area. This also means that once someone DBS or safeguarding training is due to expire, we will always be notified as a reminder. It makes keeping many things up to date much easier.

The diocese has also started hold Safeguarding Leader meetings 4 times a year across the diocese and this is helpful in keeping up with changes within the church and support to implement new policies and procedures.

As MCC is developing into a church with a definite group of members I have started to support their members to access DBS and safeguarding training. MCC have recently recruited their own safeguarding led, Alison.

The PCC has agreed recently in line with other churches to encourage members of the welcome team to do basic safeguarding training. This is being encouraged because our welcome team are usually the first people who greet people into the church. We have also changed to all members of the PCC accessing domestic abuse training in line with changes to national guidelines. This was completed in Autumn 2023.

Please ask if you have any questions, I am always happy to help.

Denise Clayson – Safeguarding Officer

Deanery Synod

The Revd Canon Tom Blazier, vicar of Greenside is the Dean of Gateshead West, our deanery of which there are 10 Parishes and 13 church buildings. 2023 was the

start of a new three year cycle on deanery Synod, roughly meeting in Feb, May and October each year.

In the recent Deanery meeting the election of officers took place. Susan Marshall was again elected as lay chair. Susan Lister was re-elected as Secretary and Catherine Howe Treasurer. Paul Hobbs and Mike Hendry are the elected representatives of Greenside PCC to Deanery. All clergy are ex officio to these meetings. Paul Hobbs is also Greenside representative on the Deanery Missionary pastoral committee following the sad death of Doreen Drake last year.

In 2023 plans have been made for a Deanery away day and this will take place at Shepherds Dene on 1st June 2024. The agenda is to include Children and Young People, a time of praying together and an opportunity to get to know each other better.

At the last Deanery meeting at Holy Trinity Swalwell training in safeguarding was discussed and it was emphasised how this was everybody's responsibility in the church.

Bishop Paul Butler's excellent contribution to the diocese, was considered and a leaving gift of £100 agreed.

Each church was given opportunity to share what was going on in their parish. This is the usual pattern at these tri annual meetings.

These Deanery meetings are well attended by gentle clergy and laity alike, they are friendly, and pleasant meetings and those in attendance are passionate about their churches. The meetings allow church leaders to share ideas, share resources, do occasional joint projects as well as encourage mutual prayers and talk about diocesan priorities and activities. Children and young people are at the forefront of the Deanery agenda and in particular how to break through to the younger generations.

In Feb 2023 Revd Ruth Young, Diocesan Discipleship and Evangelism Enabler gave a presentation online. This was a new role created in the Diocese, which includes oversight of Partnership for Missional Church – several parishes in our deanery had taken part in this.

Ruth talked about the Diocesan priority, Energising Growth. She hoped to share confidence in sharing faith. We need to grow in confident disciples and increase our faith if we want to bring new life to parishes. Ruth sees herself as an Enabler (rather than an Adviser), to help in parishes.

Paul Hobbs – Deanery Synod Representative

Magdalene Community Church

Magdalene Community Church recently celebrated its first year as a new church. We have faced many challenges, but the way God has faithfully brought us through them,

added to our number, and worked so prominently in our lives has certainly been faith-building. We've much to celebrate and thank God for.

MCC launched last April and began meeting monthly in Chopwell Primary School. We call these gatherings The Feast, as the central way we worship is through a shared meal. After the first Feast, which was indoors, we moved to the Forest School area on the school site and each month set up church in this leafy oasis. We pitched a tent for prayer and meditation, told stories around the campfire, and enjoyed meals prepared by our chef. We explored how we live out our core values which are Care for Creation, The Place of Children, and Inclusion and Diversity. These shape all that we do, as we learn more about God through valuing and respecting all He has created.

We have seen much growth in this time, particularly among children and also, we've seen people return to the Christian faith who had spent years feeling church was no longer for them, and the barriers too great. Seeing lives transformed as individuals have rediscovered that they are loved by God has been wonderfully encouraging. Our setting and ethos have, it turns out, naturally attracted lots of adults and children who are neuro-atypical too. This has shaped many of our patterns and rhythms. It has helped us become a church which is sensitive to the needs of others, and a place where we intentionally look to help each other flourish, by recognising our unique gifts and being a safe place to share them. Sometimes chaos abounds, but necessarily so does grace.

As we seek to explore our future as a New Monastic Community, we are intentionally challenging the way independence is idealised in today's culture by choosing to vulnerably share and generously meet each other's needs, practical or otherwise. This has been made possible by the trust we've been building, thanks to spending an awful lot of time together! Last April we began a weekly pattern of praying in Chopwell Woods and this permanent fixture has improved the spiritual, mental and physical wellbeing of so many of us, and no amount of wind, rain or snow has deterred the faithful from meeting to pray. The woods have provided peace and a closeness to God that I don't think we find anywhere else. Leadership of these prayer gatherings is entirely shared among the Community which has also helped build trust and co-dependency. We also have a fortnightly Home Group, a monthly prayer meeting in the Prayer Tent, which gets pitched all over the village, and we have introduced two further Sunday gatherings.

'Explore Sunday', on the first Sunday of each month, focuses on exploring our relationship with and response to God, our gifts and how to use them. We choose from a variety of themed zones which have so far included music, dance, prayer and meditation, the Eucharist, crafts, storytelling and nature. This takes place at Chopwell Methodist Church with whom we are exploring a collaborative relationship. Our other Sunday gathering is essentially a leadership meeting which began as a necessary and functional get together to plan upcoming events, but has morphed into a beautiful and sacred pause in the month to gather the church's leaders in prayer, refreshing and low-key worship and Bible study, and of course food.

Over the last 12 months our numbers have steadily grown, peaking in the summer at 70 but settling into a more regular 45-50, just over 1/3 of which are children. We've

weathered all seasons, adapted to changing circumstances at short notice, and month in month out, have pulled together as a team to build church from scratch. Other highlights this year include being granted enough money from the Strategic Development Fund to employ Mike Hardisty as a Steward. His role is to ensure we have resources now and in the future. This includes money as well as food resources, so as well as applying for grants, he oversees our allotment patch and maintains relationships with our food providers. We have also seen the development of a youth group.

Our focus in our second year is on growth, both in numbers locally, and in depth too, so we will be developing new patterns of intentional peer-to-peer discipleship, getting to know the Bible better, and exploring the theme of baptism throughout the year. We are also considering buying or renting a field so we may put down more permanent roots.

Revd. Rachael Phillips

Footprints

Footprints continues to be a popular outreach for our local community. The closure of Crawcrook library has meant that more people are now coming, and we have 30 families who attend regularly plus others who come more sporadically.

We feel blessed to be able to provide this service to children and their carers. It has proved so popular that we had to be creative with gifts when Santa came to the Christmas party as he nearly ran out of presents due to the unexpected number of children who came.

We were able to make use of the community garden at the Holy Spirit church for our summer party when we broke up for the summer holidays, meaning many people who previously wouldn't have stepped into the church before were introduced to it in an informal way. Thankfully our prayers for nice weather were answered and the forecast rain didn't arrive until the party was over.

Carers often comment how friendly the group is and they are made to feel welcome straight away. There have been children who have left us for school/ nursery and the parents always say how much they will miss us and how they have valued our support.

Fiona Longshaw

Community Garden

A lot of the year has been dogged by the intransigence of Gateshead Council not to grant access from the garden into Crawcrook Park. Its reasons for refusal are quite nebulous and not community spirited. The partnership between the church and Our Villages has, however, not given up the fight.

On a more positive note, the partnership flourishes with the joint working leading to significant developments in the garden. Four raised beds have been created with two being made available to Emmaville and St Agnes Primary schools. The other two have been advertised in the local community with one being taken by a local group which works with children who have special needs. A local resident is likely to cultivate the other.

An area of the garden has been dug out for a paved seating and quiet area. This was done by volunteers from Newcastle Building Society courtesy of Ben Thomas who works there.

Paddy Gascoigne

Intercessors Group

We have lost some members of the Intercessors group this last year when they have gone to be with our Lord, but we have added new people and have now 35 members.

I continue to send out a prayer list ten times a year, by email or paper, with topics including: praying for 10%+ of people in the Parish to know Christ, items that arise from the monthly Parish prayer meeting, Open the Book, Prayer Spaces, Footprints and other regular events. Tom, Rachael and Rosemary are invited to contribute. I am always open to people suggesting topics! If you are involved with a Parish activity and would welcome prayer, please get in touch. We also cover national and world topics.

Our emergency prayer emails are a good way to have people quickly praying, and anyone can ask me to put an emergency prayer request out. The only condition is that we have the permission of any person being prayed for, whenever possible. But we also pray for people by only their initial, as we know God knows!

As I write this we are in a series of sermons on prayer, and my prayer is that others will be moved to join the group! As we have heard, people pray in many different ways, and being a member of the Intercessors Group means that we can all be praying about the same things in our own way. Please have a word with me if you would like to join us.

Helen Hardisty

Children and Youth Work

In Sunday Club we have continued to work through Urban Saints Energise materials and this year we have worked through series on Christian Commitments and Healthy Bodies.

Sunday Club also organised a trip to the beach at Druridge Bay in the summer. We were joined by members of our congregation and from MCC. A good day was had by all!

During the course of the year, we welcomed Freda, Success and David to our group.

Jon, Jess, Henry, and Freda attended The Pulse meeting for pupils in year 7 and above. This takes place in Durham Cathedral once a term. This year our activities have included:

- A visit and performance from magician and comedian John Archer.
- Finding our way out of the World's largest Escape Room.
- Bishop Paul talking about how he became a Christian and his hopes and prayers for the young people of the Diocese.

By popular demand we again produced an interactive Nativity, based, in part, on the Bible Society's Pop-Up Script. This year we had two separate stories; one was the traditional Nativity, and the other was based in 2023 where we met Festive Fred who really loves Christmas. The stories mingle together, and Fred eventually gets the best Christmas Gift ever.

The Sunday Club Team

Open the Book Team

Firstly, I would like to thank the members of the team who give of their time to take Bible stories to Primary School children through the medium of Drama:

Sam Cree, Val Gardener, Frank Guinness, Helen Hardisty, Pam Jackson, Allen Kyles, Mandy and myself.

The team has been welcomed into Emmaville and Greenside Primary Schools six times this past year. We often need to double up on characters and tasks as the full team cannot always make each venue. Despite this, and with the help of Teachers and pupils we have managed to convey the message and introduce children to the Bible and its wonderful stories.

We have received excellent feedback from the schools and have been assured that the children look forward to our coming. It is a privilege to visit both schools and pass on our love of God's word in a fun and simple way. We know it works because the children tell us and remember the stories.

Please pray for the Open the Book Team for the coming year – that we are able to continue to bring God's word to children.

We can increase our numbers.

Blessings

Cath Jones

Pastoral Report

The Pastoral Care team is headed by Rev Rosemary Hendry and Michael Hendry (Licensed Lay Minister) in conjunction with Cath Jones (Licensed Pastoral Minister). We report back to Rev Tom Brazier and wish to respectfully acknowledge the invaluable input from so many team members, especially those who have served in this capacity for several years, especially Valerie Gardener and Gloria Johnstone.

The team has undergone the required Diocesan DBS checks, and we now have Denise Clayson on the team who helps guide us through any safeguarding issues that arise. Joining the team no longer requires a formal interview, as it used to, however, the process is always viewed as being of great importance, since the church understands that the safety of all our members and of those being visited, requires appropriate policies and procedures in place.

Pastoral Care involves many areas of concern, not only in visiting people at home, usually in pairs, but also visits to Care Homes and hospitals. It's about being available for people at church, delivering flowers and or a card when needed, ministries that are important to people who may be unwell or who may be celebrating a special occasion, for which we wholeheartedly thank Jean Lawson and Christine Brown. Some areas of pastoral ministry can be confidential and therefore shared only as is appropriate.

Of the three people that went through formal training with the Church of England, to fulfil their vocation of Licensed Lay Pastoral Minister, two are no longer here with us, but we give a huge thanks to God for them - Doreen Drake and Norma Todd. Doreen was unable to finish the course due to illness. Norma did complete it and was delighted to be licensed by Bishop Paul, alongside Cath Jones at Durham Cathedral. We congratulate them.

So, if you would like to join the team, why not talk with a team member to see where God may be leading you into, whether that be a home visit, Holy Communion and Music for the services at Lindisfarne Care Home, or simply being a listening ear. We welcome you.

Michael Hendry - Licensed Lay Minister (Reader)

Hope for South Africa's Children

Our main focus continues to be to support children infected/affected by HIV/AIDS in South Africa. Our partners continue to work in rural areas around Port Shepstone and have delivered an increasing number of food support programmes. The economic situation is dire with unemployment at record levels. We have also increased education & training grants to young people leaving care.

Income in our 2022/23 financial year was £62,094. We made grants totalling £59,478, maintaining our policy of keeping minimal reserves. Expenses were just £152. We were blessed with a legacy and a large donation which increased our income by 47%.

Our sponsorship programme continues to support Rehoboth Children's Village and grants were made of £20,838. The focus is now on short term care, children are not expected to stay for more than 2 years. Some 20 children were reunited with families at the end of the year. The vacancies were quickly replaced; we are registered for 80 children.

Our Outreach fund continues to provide education, training & feeding programmes to 5 projects in the rural areas around Port Shepstone and one in the Western Cape. We have made grants totaling £9,288 supporting educational & training projects and some £7000 to support feeding programmes with our trusted partners. We continue to support Rehoboth Leavers who are struggling with basic living costs.

One example is Khula Creche, part of Genesis Hope (an outreach organization of Norwegian Settlers church), which goes from strength to strength with some 90+ children in the crèche. Some 400+ children come for after school clubs and receiving food parcels twice per week. We made grants of £6848 to support this ministry. We also made a grant of £5000 to update a SUV to Greensparks Education which provides education and food nutrition to rural crèches.

We really appreciate the church's continued support as part of its Tithing & Mission Support fund. Your support really does make a difference.

David and Glen Smith
Chair/Secretary/Trustees

Christian Aid

Christian Aid Week, in May 2023, principally comprised a church collection, with some virtual giving and house-to-house collections in the parish, keeping alive the spirit of a week that has been running nationally since 1957.

The current state of our world, from the Israel-Gaza conflict to the war in Ukraine and the many conflicts that have fallen from our headlines, plus the ongoing climate crisis, makes what Christian Aid and its global partners do, more urgent and relevant than ever. Consequently, the idea of giving a lasting legacy to Christian Aid has been highlighted and encouraged as a means of support.

The annual Christian Aid/CAFOD Advent Service, which provides an opportunity for all denominations in the local area to come together, was scheduled to take place this year at St. Agnes RC church. Sadly, snow and icy weather conditions led to its cancellation. Christian Aid's focus for Advent was on helping women to use their talents to light up their communities. Those interested were able to read about it and donate online.

Many thanks to the PCC and all within our parish who continue to support the work of Christian Aid around the world. More information about their programmes can be found on the Christian Aid website. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/our-work/programmes>

Christine Brown and Caroline Kelly (Christian Aid reps.)

Financial Review

Introduction

Welcome to the 2023 Financial Review of Greenside Parish. In October 2023, I was asked to take over the role of Treasurer from Simon. This has meant some changes to the way the monthly and annual accounts are presented. Rather than using an online accounting system, I have been producing the reports via Excel, and in addition it was agreed that this would not be accrual accounting but cash accounting instead (which means that it is literal – a recording of what income has been received and paid out during 2023 with no carry-overs).

Income and Expenditure

The Parish ended the year in credit, with the total income being £148,053, expenditure of £142,844 with a credit of £5,209. The positive cash flow results primarily from a restricted grant for MCC for the next year, without which there would be a deficit of £15,641. There has been a problem with the utility bills on all of the buildings which are all currently under review following many instances of being both under and over charged. The credits and payments due from this review will show in the 2024 accounts (thank you to Beth Gascoigne for all the time she has spent on this).

St John's Hall

You will notice within the figures to follow that St John's Hall is currently running at a huge loss. As it is a designated fund (and therefore highlighted as such within these accounts), you will clearly see that the expenses for this have severely outweighed the income. Part of this is due to the fact that up until 18 months ago there was no management fee paid (currently at £250 per month). The high expenditure is also due to the utility bills which are currently under review. That said, it is still substantially more than the income which is £2,515 (expenditure of £14,020).

Giving

The majority of our income comes from giving by our church. If you don't currently give and would like to, the recommended way of giving is by Parish Giving. You can sign up online using our Parish code of 130613083. If you would like more information on different forms of giving, please look at the donations page of our website www.greensideparish.org.uk/donations.htm.

Gift aid

Most of the Gift Aided donations are received via Parish Giving and are automatic. However, this had not been claimed for 2022 or 2023. This has now been rectified (again, thank you to Beth Gascoigne) and will show in future accounts.

Reserves Policy

Our total unrestricted reserves at the end of the year stand at £27,073. However, £9,391 of

this is already committed to mission giving which will be paid in 2024. The PCC agreed reserves policy is to maintain a target balance of unrestricted reserves which equates to approximately three months' unrestricted payments based upon the previous year's expenditure, which is around £25,000. So a priority for 2024 will be to stabilise our income and expenditure.

Thanks

Thank you to Beth and Paddy Gascoigne for the support, patience and assistance to bed into this new role. It has been challenging to pick this up so close to the end of the financial year.

Sue Hayman (Star Duck Administration)

Treasurer

Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
RECEIPTS	1, 2					
Voluntary receipts:						
Planned Giving		65,030		3,368	68,398	70,061
Collections at Services		10,222		333	10,555	8,284
Donations		5,130	694	11,717	17,540	3,494
Other voluntary income		-		-	-	8,040
Gift Aid and GASDS Recovered		14,594		2,148	16,742	15,727
Grants		-		22,110	22,110	-
		94,976	694	39,675	135,345	105,606
Activities for generating Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Investment income		-	-	-	-	-
Church Activities						
PCC Fees		2,395		-	2,395	1,163
DBF Fees		3,900		-	3,900	
Agency		-		968	968	
Trading		27	2,515	-	2,542	4,322
Other receipts		2,903		-	2,903	5,975
TOTAL RECEIPTS		104,201	3,209	40,643	148,053	117,070
PAYMENTS						
Church Activities:						
Parish Share		61,206	-	-	61,206	59,952
DBF Fees		3,611	-	-	3,611	
Clergy & Staffing expenses		4,504	129	-	4,633	2,051
Salaries, wages and honoraria		7,060	-	10,047	17,107	6,903
Ministry		-	459	448	907	4,893
Church running expenses		6,288	-	9,073	15,361	6,293
Routine Buildings Maintenance & Repair		809	4,921	-	5,730	7,444
Utilities		9,525	8,097	-	17,622	8,321
Insurance		4,380	1,002	-	5,381	4,955
Mission Giving and Donations		-	9,389	854	10,243	15,207
		97,382	23,997	20,422	141,801	116,019
Cost of Generating Funds		68	-	-	68	-
Cost of Trading		975	-	-	975	1,565
TOTAL PAYMENTS		98,425	23,997	20,422	142,844	117,604
Excess of Receipts over Payments		5,776	(20,788)	20,221	5,209	(534)
Transfers between funds		(22,359)	22,259	100	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS:		(16,583)	1,471	20,321	5,209	(534)
Cash & Bank Balance as at 1st January	3	31,334	10,850	11,461	53,645	42,723
Cash & Bank Balance at 31st December		14,752	12,321	31,781	58,854	42,189

Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
Note					
Cash funds					
Bank current account	14,728	12,321	31,781	58,830	53,629
Cash in hand	24		-	24	16
	14,752	12,321	31,781	58,854	53,645
Other monetary assets					
Income Tax recoverable			-	-	-
Liabilities			-	-	

- 1 The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
- 2 The 2022 financial statements were prepared on an accruals basis.
- 3 Cash & Bank Balance at of 31 December 2022 and 1 January 2023 do not match due to changing from an accruals basis of accounting to receipts and payments.
- 4 The movement in designated and restricted funds during the year:

	Bal B/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal c/fwd
Restricted					
Agency collection	885	968	(854)	-	998
CAP - Christians Against Poverty	317	14,745	(14,654)	-	407
MCC	531	24,931	(4,466)	-	20,996
Footprints	21	-	(21)	-	-
Ukraine appeal	(100)	-	-	100	-
Youth Work	6,455	-	(427)	-	6,028
Youth Worker	3,352	-	-	-	3,352
Subtotal	11,461	40,643	(20,422)	100	31,781
Designated					
Mission	10,291	-	(9,389)	9,391	10,293
Footprints	245	694	(459)	214	694
Community garden	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Pastoral	463	-	(129)	-	334
Parish Weekend	770	-	-	(770)	-
St Johns Hall	(1,919)	2,515	(14,020)	13,424	-
Sub Total	10,850	3,209	(23,997)	22,259	12,321
TOTAL	22,311	43,852	(44,419)	22,359	44,102


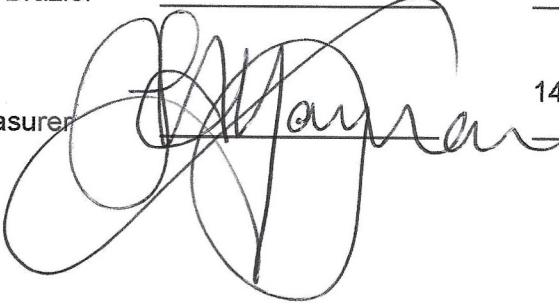
Restricted funds are:

Agency collection	Money collected for other organisations are stored in this fund until it is dispersed.
Ukraine appeal	To support families in Ukraine. At the end of 2022 this fund was £100 overspent.
CAP - Christians Against Poverty	Support for the Tyne Valley CAP Debt Centre.
MCC	Support for Magdalene Community Church plant in Chopwell.
Footprints	Money for Footprints Toddler Group.
Youth Work	Money for use in Youth Work matters.
Youth Worker	Money for use in having a Youth Worker.

Designated funds are:

Mission	We give 10% of unrestricted income to other charities. This fund holds the money until it is given out.
Footprints	Money for Footprints Toddler Group.
Community garden	Money for Community Garden.
Pastoral	Money for Pastoral spending.
Parish Weekend	Money for the Parish Weekend away 2022.
St Johns Hall	Money collected by St Johns Hall letting and used for running costs.

This report is dated: Friday, 14 February 2025
Approved by the PCC

	Name	Signature	Date
PCC Chair	Rev Tom Brazier		14/02/2025
	PCC Treasurer		14/02/2025

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF GREENSIDE

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

I report to the PCC Members on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Nigel Wyrley-Birch
Ryton Grange, Ryton, NE40 3UN

14 February 2025

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF GREENSIDE

England & Wales - Charity number 1171547

Accounts

GREENSIDE PARISH

**ST JOHN'S, GREENSIDE
HOLY SPIRIT, CRAWCROOK**



ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Aim and Purposes

Greenside Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Vicar, the Revd Tom Brazier, in promoting in the whole mission of Greenside Church. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of church buildings that is; Church of the Holy Spirit Crawcrook, St John's Greenside and St John's Hall.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is a registered charity. PCC members are appointed as set out in the Church Representation Rules. The members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish church including deciding on how funds are to be spent. The PCC meets around 9 times a year.

Administrative Information

Greenside Parish is situated in Gateshead West deanery. It is part of the Diocese of Durham within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Church Office, Holy Spirit Church, Main Street, Crawcrook, Ryton, NE40 4NB.

PCC membership following the APCM on 3rd of April 2022

Vicar	Tom Brazier	Ex-officio
Curate	Rosemary Hendry	Ex-officio
Curate	Rachael Phillips	Ex-officio
Churchwarden:	Ben Thomas	Ex-officio
	Cath Jones	Ex-officio
Deanery Synod:	Doreen Drake	Ex-officio
	Paul Hobbs	Ex-officio
Elected members:	Beth Gascoigne	2 years to serve
	Berni Bertola	1 years to serve
	Simon Longshaw	1 years to serve (Treasurer)
	Denise Clayson	3 years to serve
	Paddy Gascoigne	3 years to serve (Secretary)

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is wholly for the mental, physical and spiritual wellbeing of people in and around Greenside, Crawrook, and Clara Vale because that reflects God's kingdom and it is what Jesus is calling us to work towards. We seek to meet this calling in our weekly pattern of worship, our home groups, our healing ministry and our wedding, funeral, and baptism ministries. Another important outpouring of the love of God is found in our social activities (such as Footprints toddler group and work in schools). We deliberately make our halls (particularly St John's hall) available to groups in the wider community and for events such as children's parties. Finally, with our eyes looking beyond the immediate community in Gateshead West, we have connections with life-giving work across the world and, especially, in Africa.

Risk Management

Our primary risk management strategy is to trust God. However, the PCC recognises that God has given us brains to figure some things out ourselves. We actively review safeguarding risks every time we meet. We carry out health and safety risk assessments whenever appropriate. Financial risk is primarily managed through our reserves policy. Everything is guided by prayer.

Achievements and Performance

Vicar's Report

In last year's report, I said our priorities were, as a rule of life community, to be very intentional about three things: worship, going out and nurturing new disciples, especially people under 40. I believe these remain our priorities.

2022 was a full year in which we saw these priorities expressed in many ways, including:

- Laying the foundations for a new church in Chopwell called Magdalene Community Church.
- Starting a new Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre in partnership with Hexham Community Church.
- Beginning the Community Garden in earnest.
- Restarting Footprints, Open the Book and Prayer Spaces.
- Restarting visits to Lindisfarne Care Home, including communion.

We also welcomed Rachael Phillips as our new curate along with her family. And we said farewell to the Spencer family as we sent Simon off to be ordained.

This made 2022 a very full year and that has been costly. We begin 2023 with a number of church members unwell. As everyone will likely know I myself have been struggling a little this year and am actively looking for things to lay down. There is one more new thing to start (a partnership with Scripture Union of which more later) but for the most part I think 2023 is about consolidation. It is essential that we practice good self-care and this means having a balance which includes sufficient rest. We can and should seek help from our rule of life and our three priorities to worship, go out and nurture new disciples. Of the myriad of things, we could do as a church, let us try to limit ourselves to doing these things. But let us also throw ourselves into these priorities.

In 2023 I think the time is right for us to review the purpose and structure of our home groups. I am asking what home groups are for and I think the answer has something to do with them being an outworking of our rule of life and something to do with the priority to nurture.

And I hope and pray that two or three people will come forward to partner with Scripture Union as "Faith Guides" who will receive training, support and mentoring from SU. Under their leadership I hope that we will begin to build new relationships with the many children and youth in our villages, journeying with them through initial contact to exploring faith to making a commitment to follow Jesus to becoming lifelong disciples. Please pray about God raising up the right people for this.

In addition, I expect we will see further development in the things we have started (or restarted) in 2022, particularly CAP, Magdalene Community Church and the Community Garden

Tom Brazier

Electoral Roll Report

The Greenside Parish Church electoral roll is a register of all those qualified to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and to vote in elections to the Parochial Church Council plus the Deanery Synod. Enrolment onto the electoral roll means becoming a voting member of the Church of England. It helps to ensure that all the synodical councils of the Church; the PCC, Gateshead West Deanery Synod, the Durham Diocesan Synod and the General Synod are fully representative of its members.

Set out below are the numbers for 2023 and the last five years.

March	Members	Resident	Non Resident
2023	70	43	27
2022	72	41	31
2021	72	40	32
2020*			
2019	73	43	30

* No revision took place due to the pandemic.

Paddy Gascoigne – Electoral Roll Officer

Wardens' Report

As I sit down to write my second annual report as church warden of Greenside parish I hope once again you'll show me grace and favour for the events and people, I have forgotten to mention in my summary below.

Reflecting on the last 12 months it feels as though God has been taking us on a journey once again. Only as I reflect on the last year have I begun to realise all that has changed around us.

Firstly, we have as a church endured the sadness of seeing good friends and members of our church family pass away, such as Randy and Bobby. However, whilst they are both no longer with us, their legacy lives on. I also believe, as a result of losing these good friends our focus is more and more on God's kingdom to come and our role in ushering this in. And may we look forward with expectation to the day we are reunited with all our fellow brothers, sisters and loved ones.

We've also bid farewell to the Spencer's in the last 12 months as Simon completed his training and begun his curacy in Pelton. However, my hope is that our paths will cross again, and I'm excited to see all that the Lord will do through Simon, Rachel, Henry and Dylan in the coming months and years.

Whilst we have said goodbye to dear friends in the last year, we have also seen new faces emerge and join our church. Rachael, Dickie and Elizabeth joined us this summer, as Rachael has begun her curacy with our church and has made such a positive impact already.

Rachael's enthusiasm for Jesus and His ministry is infectious and has inspired many of us. In particular the new church plant in Chopwell has got many of us very excited about where God is moving in, and we look forward with bated breath for the church's launch in a coming few weeks.

We have also seen other new ministry areas emerge in the last 12 months, including our Monday morning prayer meetings, which have been an inspiration to us and become a wonderful way to begin the week (once you have got over the 6am wake-up call!)

We've also seen Footprints restart in last 12 months, with new leaders emerging to take on leading this group with great enthusiasm and success. We are excited to see where the Lord might be leading this group as we connect with new young families from across our Parish.

Our final new ministry area that I wanted to mention was our new CAP debt centre. I am so encouraged to see this begin and whilst I'm sure that this will not be an easy ministry, I also know God's heart for the poor and needy is beyond all we can imagine. I really believe that as a result His face will shine upon us as we undertake the work of His kingdom through this ministry, and I hope and pray that many of us will become involved in the debt centre to experience a new the overflow of His grace and to break our hearts afresh for what breaks His.

Finally, as I reflect back on the last 12 months, I remember with fondness the events that have brought large members of our church together and united. Firstly, our weekend away was a wonderful time of fellowship, food, inspiration and healing for a many of us. Exploring the father heart of God was such simple but profound teaching that has stayed with us, and I believe has pushed us forward as a church further into the depths of the Father's love for us.

Finally, I am really proud of the response of the church to the war in Ukraine and in particular the event organised by Rosemary and many others to bring us together to worship and share food, as we raised an amazing amount of funds to support to people impacted by the war to show our love and compassion for them.

My hope is that as you read my recollections of the last 12 months you may be encouraged to see all the ways in which God has moved amongst us recently and that you would be blessed with an abundance of love, hope and joy of all that the Father can and will do amongst us as we seek Him in this coming year.

Ben Thomas

Proceedings of the PCC

The PCC meets nine times a year. There are regular items such as finance, safeguarding and buildings plus matters that arise during the year. The main issues discussed over the previous year are as follows,

- The finances of the church as will be detailed in the financial review are in a very healthy position which means that the church is able to meet its 'parish share'. It is one of the few parishes in the diocese to do so.
- The refurbishment of the fascia at Holy Spirit has been the main preoccupation regarding the maintenance and fabric of buildings. The church must satisfy both the planning authority and diocese over its proposals. This has proved to be a lengthy process which is ongoing.
- Working in partnership with Our Villages, the community garden to the rear of Holy Spirit is starting to take shape. Fundraising has been quite successful and further work is planned for the spring.
- The PCC continually pray for more children and young families to come to church. It received a presentation by the Scripture Union in October with a view to seeking its support in this area. The PCC also gave the go ahead for Footprints to restart.
- Safeguarding is a standing item on the PCC agenda. It receives regular updates and has now adopted the parish 'dashboard' which monitors progress in achieving and maintaining safeguarding standards.
- Greenside also gave the go ahead for the establishment of a CAP debt management centre in partnership with Hexham Community Church. Two members of the PCC are on the steering committee.

The PCC is not just about conducting the formal business of the church. It is there to support Tom and the clergy and provides a sounding board for ideas. It also seeks to lead the church in following the 'Rule of Life'.

Paddy Gascoigne – PCC Secretary

Safeguarding

There have been a few changes this year in the Church of England in relation to Safeguarding which as a parish we have been busy implementing. The main change has been in relation to 'Safer Recruitment' which Paddy now leads with Tom. For us this has required us to follow some additional processes for the recruitment of new volunteers and the development of processes to support existing volunteers who work with children and vulnerable adults. We have been following many of the safeguarding processes within this for a very long time.

Many volunteers in our children's team, pastoral care team and PCC members have needed to renew their DBS checks and update their safeguarding training during this year, so Rev Shelia Bamber came and led a safeguarding session with us. All DBS are up to date and nearly everyone who needs to have renewed their safeguarding training has completed this. The church of England has been

updating the safeguarding training it offers over the last couple of years and this is now of a good standard.

I would like to thank everyone for your co-operation in completing the training, checks and paperwork that we need to do.

The second change this year has been the introduction of the National Safeguarding dashboard. There has always been a requirement to report to the diocesan what actions we have taken in relation to safeguarding and items outstanding but for every church in the country this is changing to a digital dashboard. We were invited to start this in early December last year and by Christmas I had completed nearly all actions in level 1. As we had made good progress in early January, we were then invited to complete level 2 – I am currently working on completing this and hopefully the PCC will be able to approve this at the March meeting. It is a bit more complicated than level 1 and involves writing or updating risk assessment for all our activities.

I always like to remind everyone in the church that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility not just Tom's or mine. If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to me.

Denise Clayson – Safeguarding Officer

Deanery Synod

At one meeting the synod has focussed on the diocese's green priority with Rev. Danie Lindley of St John's, Gateshead, the diocese's environment champion, being present. A deanery wide youth event was held on the 12th and 13th of August with a further event taking place at Lobley Hill on the 2nd of December.

During the year, the synod had also talked about the cost-of-living crisis and how churches could help. There had been a variety of good responses.

On behalf of Doreen Drake and Paul Hobbs, Deanery Synod Representatives

Church Planting

Planting a brand-new church in Chopwell is an adventure. It's exciting and faith-building but not for the faint hearted. As recently as December I was anxiously praying 'God *please* send us some people' (at that time it was just me and Tom!) Three people then stepped forward from Greenside Parish and said they wanted to be part of it. Then in early January one cold, dark night, we marked the 100-day countdown to the church launch around a fire pit, and over 60 people came. The event was brilliantly supported by members of this church and was attended by many other Christians from far and wide. Even some curious locals came along.

In mid-February, a meal was organised for founding members and supporters to celebrate progress so far (including having a church name, logo, website, place to regularly worship, and very nearly office space in Chopwell). 14 people attended. God has sent us some people indeed. And what an eclectic bunch! Several families from Hillsong, an Anglo Catholic, a family who were part of the original 24/7 prayer

movement and lived in a religious community, and a core of charismatic evangelicals from this parish. We believe embracing this diversity will be our strength, and I'm sure we'll have to learn great lessons in tolerance and grace and God's aptitude for creativity! One thing at least we all agree on: Jesus is the centre of all we do.

So, with this interesting collection of leaders and supporters we are planting a church in Chopwell built on New Monastic values; developing a Rule of Life, and a community rhythm of prayer, worship and work where we grow food together, gather to cook and eat together. It will be a simple 'back to basics' church inspired by Acts 2:42-47. We will focus activities on caring for creation by planting trees, engaging with God outdoors, growing our own food, litter picking and living lightly on the land.

We don't have a church building, freeing us to be everywhere, particularly in homes, our Prayer Tent, the woods and in community spaces which feel familiar and safe for the completely 'unchurched'. Church will be wherever we eat and pray and learn to live out the Gospel. We are partnering with a fab local organisation called The Pickle Palace who run community food markets making sure food which would otherwise be wasted by supermarkets instead feeds the hungry. They will cater for our Sunday Feasts at first, which will be monthly, and as we grow in number and capacity, we will begin cooking the food ourselves – using them only to source it – and will begin meeting weekly to worship.

The local primary school has agreed we can use their kitchen and meeting rooms on Sundays, as well as use their ready-made 'Forest School' space (another incredible prayer answered as we expected it would take years to develop a space like this). We will often gather around the fire pit to listen to Bible stories, and use our big bell tent to pray in, as well as develop our love of and awareness of God's creation by regular walks in Chopwell Woods. A healthy and broad number of Home Groups will also be key to making new disciples and engaging with Scripture.

Our church is called Magdalene Community Church and the telling of Mary Magdalene's story will be an important discipleship tool. Mary was freed from something that totally dominated her life. Because of her healing she became Jesus' disciple and funded His ministry. She was there at His crucifixion and there at His resurrection. Jesus gave Mary the enormous job of testifying to the things she'd seen and passing on a special message to His other disciples. She met Jesus, she loved Jesus, she supported Jesus, she went and told others about Jesus. We want the people of Chopwell to start seeing themselves in this story, and the main way we will tell it is gathered as friends around a table, as Jesus did. This meal is a gift Jesus gave us, and one we want to share. We will be a church that feeds and is fed together.

We do have ambitious plans for the future too – buying some land, keeping bees, developing some shipping containers into kitchens and youth hang-outs, maybe one day buying a house and hosting a year-long residential programme for pilgrims interested in our New Monastic church – but in the short term we are focussing on our first gathering at 5pm on April 16th and in meeting those curious enough to

come along and be fed. Much work must be done before then to secure funding, without which little can happen. We also desperately need a treasurer/ someone knowledgeable about governance. But God is with us, and we're so excited to say yes to this adventure.

Rev. Rachael Phillips

Christians Against Poverty

In autumn 2022 Greenside Parish, Hexham Community Church and Christians Against Poverty entered into a partnership to establish a debt management centre in the Tyne Valley. The area runs along the south of the Tyne from Gateshead to Bardon Mill in west Northumberland. The creation of the partnership led to the recruitment of Beth Gascoigne as the debt centre manager. Beth then underwent an intensive training programme in November. This was followed by the formal launch of the service in January 2023 at a Sunday service at Holy Spirit. The project will run initially for two years. Two representatives from the PCC, Ben and Denise, are on the steering group.

It is estimated that the centre will cost £14,500 to run each year. It is underwritten by two benefactors from Hexham Community Church but with the expectation that it will be self-financing as far as possible. Greenside parish will be contributing about £6000 in the first year through a mission payment of £1000 and personal donations. A similar amount has been raised through Hexham Community Church. The centre is, in addition, making applications to external funders and £2000 has been raised to date. Local churches in the Tyne Valley are also being approached and Prudhoe parish church has donated a £1000.

Beth started accepting clients from the beginning of January. Potential clients must contact CAP nationally which then assesses if they would benefit from the service. Beth has three clients to date and the aim is to have two per month with twenty-four by the year end. This number may appear small, but the work is quite intensive and demanding.

Volunteers from Greenside and churches in the Tyne Valley are needed to accompany Beth on visits and befriend clients by offering support. Church members are also asked to pray for the service.

Paddy Gascoigne – Steering Group secretary

Footprints

We were delighted to be able to restart footprints toddler group again after a break of two and a half years. It was good to see some people returning who attended before the pandemic and many new faces. We have anywhere from 10 to 25 children attending each week.

We feel blessed to be able to offer this outreach and getting to know the children and their carers. It gives people who may otherwise be isolated with young children the opportunity to meet other parents and socialise. People often comment on what

a lovely atmosphere there is in the hall. We were lucky enough to be able to give them a Christmas party where there was lots of Christmas games and crafts a visit from Santa.

Fiona Longshaw

Community Garden

The development of the community garden on the land to the rear of Holy Spirit is a partnership between the church and Our Villages. Both groups have been actively fundraising and now have a total over £5400. The fence at the back of the garden has been stained and hedging planted alongside it and the western wall. There is a 'stumpery' area resulting from the three felled trees which has been planted. Gateshead Council has agreed in principle to allow an access from Crawcrook Park into the garden.

In 2023 four raised beds will be constructed. The weeded area lying next to the park will be cleared and two benches installed to make a prayer/quiet area. The benches are being purchased using a micro grant from Durham Diocese. The next steps include laying a temporary path around the garden and installing a willow sculpture in the central area. There will be an archway into the park. The long-term aim is to lay an accessible permanent path from the garden into the park but this will require considerable funds.

Paddy Gascoigne

Intercessors Group

We have over 30 church members who have signed up to pray on a regular basis in their own time. I prepare a list 10 times a year which I give out by e-mail or a paper copy, covering Church matters, plans, local events, and some national and international topics. This last year we have been praying through the Diocesan priorities, and through the names on the Parish contact list.

Another part of this ministry is that when people contact me, I send out emergency prayer emails, getting prayer rising to the Lord straight away when and where it is needed.

We thank God that "the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective" (James 5:16) - and we are reckoned righteous by our faith in Jesus!

Anyone can ask us for pray about anything by emailing me at helen@hardisty.me.uk

All prayer requests are confidential, and we can even pray for people just knowing their initials! After all, God knows all about it before we even start to pray. If you would like to join in prayer with us, please have a word with me. It is exciting seeing what happens when we pour out God's Kingdom power through our prayers!
Helen Hardisty

Children and Youth Work

In Sunday Club we have continued to work through Urban Saints Energise materials and this year we have worked through a series on Handling Emotions and Christian Character. During the course of the year we said Goodbye to Rachel Spencer as a long term leader in Sunday Club as well as Henry and Dylan Spencer as lifelong members as well. They are currently living up to their promise to not disappear from Greenside Parish! We did welcome Elizabeth Phillips to our group.

Jon, Jess, and Henry attended The Pulse meeting for pupils in year 7 and above. This takes place in Durham Cathedral once a term. This year our activities have included:

- A visit from a representative from Open Doors talking about The Secret Church and persecution of Christians abroad.
- A Gospel Choir
- AND an outing to Holy Island where we walked across the sands along The Pilgrim's Way to the Island.

Our congratulations go to Charlie and Jon for completed the Growing Young Leaders course run by the Diocese.

By popular demand we again produced an interactive Nativity, based on the Bible Society's Pop-Up Script. Like last year most of the congregation came dressed as one of the main characters in the Nativity story. Those who forgot (?) to get dressed up ended with animal masks so that all could be able to join in.

Eric Hardisty

Open the Book Team

Imagine sharing biblical drama stories with over 500 children and staff from local primary schools, not just once, but several times a year!

That's what the Open the Book team have been doing for many years now. Open the Book is one of the most effective ways in ways in which we reach out to schoolchildren at Emmaville and Greenside primary schools, through the drama of Bible stories. There is a cascading impact too, of those children sharing within their own families.

Having been led so well by Pam Jackson for several years, the team is currently undergoing some prayerful changes for the future, coupled to a great enthusiasm to continue in this outreach.

Future plans include opening up an invitation for other to join the team, either from Centenary or from Greenside Parish. An information sheet for volunteers is being prepared. The team will continue to meet at Church of the Holy Spirit to rehearse the short drama. They have agreed to reduce the frequency to six times a year.

Sam Cree will liaise with schools to arrange the dates. Currently the team is at Emmaville on a Tues afternoon and at Greenside on a Wednesday morning.

Cath Jones will lead on the equipment and props. If volunteers haven't the time to be involved in the actual drama at the school, they can offer to apply their creative skills in helping Cath to provide new props or outfits. (We have lots of clothing already in stock, but new stories may need new outfits).

The work involves loading up equipment and props, transporting to the schools and unloading afterwards. It is hoped that, loading up for Emmaville occurs on Tuesday afternoons, it may be followed by Greenside the following morning, thus reducing the need to load/unload twice.

We invite you to pray for Open the Book and it team members, who have also blessed us in church, such as at the Harvest Festival. Pray also to ask God if He is calling you to join the team.

Just Imagine the joy of meeting a child with their parent, in the village and hearing the child say, 'You go to my school!'

Pam Jackson and all the Open the Book team

Pastoral Report

Pastoral Care has been extremely well led by Gloria Johnstone for many years and we wish to acknowledge and thank her and her team members for serving through home communion, care home visits, hospital visits, oversight of flowers and card on special occasions, and in innumerable other, and often unseen, ways.

The team is now jointly led by Revd. Rosemary Hendry (Curate) and Michael Hendry (Reader), reporting to Revd Tom. Mike takes primary responsibility for recruitment and Rosemary for training. We thank God for every team member.

And we have been 'finding our feet' in relation to the mandatory process now required by the Church of England for the Safer Recruitment process, whereby any new team members need to be known and established members of the church before undergoing a formal interview with Michael Hendry, Revd. Rosemary and Paddy Gascoigne. Whilst we have several existing team members, three new members have come via the Safer Recruitment interview route. In addition, all team members are DBS checked and we appreciate the input by our Safeguarding Officer, Denise Clayson, who takes responsibility for this and to Paddy for record keeping.

So, from initially being asked to lead the team, Rosemary and I continue to pray, relying upon God to guide us.

As mentioned earlier, the work involves many areas, not only visiting people at home but also Home Care visits, Home Communion, hospital visits, being available for people at church, flower, and card ministries when people are unwell or for special occasions. These are a few of the more identifiable areas.

Good news - our church also has three people undertaking formal diocesan training as Licensed Lay Pastoral Ministers – Cath Jones, Norma Todd, and Doreen Drake.

The course is building on their existing skills and knowledge, whilst taking them going deeper through the sound training being provided.

Michael Hendry - Licensed Lay Minister (Reader)

Hope for South Africa's Children

Our main focus continues to be to support children infected/affected by HIV/AIDS in South Africa. Regrettably, we have not visited this year due to continuing concerns with Covid. We do however local partners that we work with to deliver our grant programmes.

Income in our 2020/21 financial year was £42,086. We made grants totalling £41,900. Expenses were zero thanks to the generosity of our Trustees who wave expenses.

Rehoboth Children's village for children who are orphaned/abandoned, many of whom are HIV positive received £23,846 in grants & donations; our sponsor programme remains the largest contributor. We appreciate the more than 50 sponsors who give monthly support. The focus is changing to shorter term care as the government is making more effort to return children back to families & 17 children were reunited this year.

Our Outreach fund continues to provide Education, Training & Feeding programmes to 6 projects in the rural areas around Port Shepstone. We have made grants totaling £18054. The rural areas were badly affected by Covid & a declining economic climate. As a result, we increased our support to Crèches & Communities and the feeding programmes they provided.

Our Education, Training & Leavers' Support fund has provided £3469 for a number of young adults to continue their studies or retrain and enhance their work prospects. We have made a number of grants to Rehoboth Leavers who are struggling with basic living costs.

We really appreciate the church's continued support as part of its Tithing & Mission Support fund. Your support really does make a difference.

David and Glen Smith
Chair/Secretary/Trustees

Christian Aid

Christian Aid Week, in May 2022, comprised a combination of church collection, virtual giving and some house-to-house collections in the parish, keeping alive the spirit of a week that's been running nationally since 1957.

The annual Christian Aid/CAFOD Advent Service, which provides an opportunity for all denominations in the local area to come together, took place this year, at the end of November 2022, at Holy Spirit Church, Crawcrook and was well attended.

The theme of the service was Peace, Love and Hope in an uncertain world. Christian Aid focused on aid given to support those suffering hardship in Ukraine through its emergency appeal, the harsh impacts of the war around the world and on the uplifting story of Loshas, a banana grower in Malawi who, with the support of a Christian Aid partner organisation, was able to buy a water pump for the benefit of his farm and the wider community and is now hopeful about the future.

Many thanks to the PCC and all within our parish who continue to support the work of Christian Aid around the world. More information about their programmes can be found on the Christian Aid website. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/our-work/programmes>

Christine Brown (St. John's Rep) and Caroline Kelly (Holy Spirit Rep)

Financial Review

Welcome to the 2022 Financial Review of Greenside Parish. The accounts show we have just about broken even this year with a very slight loss, the comparison to last year can be misleading as that was a unique year, but the church is in a healthy position. I have slightly changed the report format this year, where I am putting essential information within the reports, which should highlight any relevant points more quickly.

Income and Expenditure

Total income was £117,070 with an expenditure of £117,604, giving a shortfall of -£534.

Giving

The majority of our income comes from giving by our church. If you don't currently give and would like to, the recommended way of giving is by Parish Giving. You can sign up online using our Parish code of 130613083. If you would like more information on different forms of giving, please look at the donations page of our website www.greensideparish.org.uk/donations.htm.

Supporting CAP or Magdalene Community Church can be achieved in several ways. Please speak to me for more details.

Gift aid

Most of the Gift Aided donations are received via Parish Giving and are automatic. At the time of writing, some minor contributions for 2022 have not been fully calculated nor claimed. We are starting to get other donations for things like CAP and the Magdalene Community Church that may not be suitable for using this service. We have a new Parish Bookkeeper starting next early 2023 that should help with the process going forward.

Reserves Policy

Our unrestricted balance at the end of the year stands at £31,727. This leaves us in a healthy position for the year to come. The PCC agreed reserves policy is to maintain a target balance of unrestricted reserves which equates to approximately three months' unrestricted payments based upon the previous year's expenditure. This is currently set at approximately 3 months general expenditure which is around 25k.

Ongoing Concerns

Cost of Living/Energy Price Increase

The Members of the PCC have a reasonable expectation that the PCC has sufficient resources and reserves to handle the increase to the cost of living and increase energy prices over the coming year.

Holy Spirit Front Fascia

Replacing the Fascia is still to be fully explored but could be beyond our reserves. To fund these the PCC will need to explore holding one or more gift days plus applying for grants.

Thanks

Thank you to you all for your support to me in the role of treasurer, including all those in the counting team, banking team, and payment authorises. Special thanks to Beth Gascoigne and John Clayson, who have supported me in this critical role, especially when I was unwell. I would also like to thank the PCC for their ongoing support.

Conclusion

This year has seen many difficulties, including health issues and pressures in my life which have caused a backlog and delay in the work required by a Church Treasurer. With all that has happened, I am pleased to submit this financial review. I hope it will be of value in continuing the fantastic work we do both within and outwards with Jesus at the centre. I am grateful that the PCC has recognised my ongoing difficulties and has agreed to employ a bookkeeper to reduce the pressure of the role. I am pleased to say I will continue as your Treasurer for another year, supported by this new bookkeeper and others within the Church.

Simon Longshaw, Treasurer

Notes to the Financial Statements

Accounting Policies

1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The PCC of Greenside constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

2 Fund Accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the PCC and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the PCC for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements. Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3 Income

All income is recognised once the PCC has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the PCC is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the PCC has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the PCC, or the PCC is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the PCC has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the PCC of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the PCC which is the amount the PCC would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation. Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in each undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Statement of Financial Activities

The following report is to show how much money the church has, where it comes from and how it is being used.

Please note: As last year was such an abnormal year it is difficult to compare prior year.

This report is broken down into funds, there are three types of funds:

Unrestricted/General fund	All unrestricted resources are stored in this fund.
Designated Funds	Money in a designated fund has been set aside for use by the PCC but can be used for other church matters.
Restricted Funds	Money Donated for a specific reason that must be used for that reason. Some Funds may have both Designated and Restricted components.

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies			3,390	3,390	
Planned giving	70,061			70,061	70,498
Collections	8,284			8,284	8,145
Income tax recovered	15,627		100	15,727	16,840
Other voluntary income	1,565	2,845	3,629	8,040	3,081
Income from charitable activities	1,163	104		1,267	1,362
Other trading activities	159	4,162		4,322	3,961
Other income	5,444		531	5,975	22,143
Total income	102,307	7,112	7,650	117,070	126,032
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities			2,275	2,275	
Charitable giving	300	9,951	4,482	14,734	14,329
Ministry	67,618			67,618	64,291
Church running costs	16,215			16,215	12,247
Other running costs and repairs	6,015	9,738	266	16,020	15,606
Other expenditure	739			739	107
Total expenditure	90,889	19,690	7,023	117,604	106,581
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	11,417	(12,578)	626	(534)	19,451
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in		10,883		10,883	18,337
Gross transfers between funds - out	(10,884)			(10,884)	(18,338)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use					
Net movement in funds	534	(1,695)	626	(534)	19,451
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	30,193	2,479	10,050	42,723	23,272
Total funds carried forward	30,727	784	10,677	42,189	42,723

Statement of Financial Activities Represented by Fund

We currently have a number of Designated and/or Restricted funds. A breakdown of these funds can be found here.

CommunityGarden	Money for Community Garden
Footprints	Money for Footprints Toddler Group.
Mission	We give 10% of unrestricted income to other charities. This fund holds the money until it is given out.
Parish Weekend 2022	Money for the Parish Weekend away 2022.
Pastoral ¹	Money for Pastoral spending.
SJHall	Money collected by St Johns Hall letting and used for running costs.
Chopwell Church Plant	Support for Magdalene Community Church
Christians Against Poverty	Support for CAP Centre
Sunday Club	Money for the Children's Sunday Club.
Youth Work	Money for use in Youth Work matters.
Youth Worker	Money for use in having a Youth Worker.
Agency collection	Money collected for other organisations are stored in this fund until it is dispersed.

A note on Mission

We once again gave 10% of our income to the following charities as decided by the PCC. Due to a backlog in work some of these payments had yet to go out at time of writing but have been accrued in the accounts so the fund shows £0.

Charity Supported:

- Christian Aid (10%)
- Christian Solidarity Worldwide (10%)
- Hope for SA children (10%)
- Junction 42 (10%)
- Open Doors UK (10%)
- Open the Book (10%)
- The People's Kitchen (10%)
- The Shirley Community Chaplaincy (North East) (10%)
- Christians Against Poverty (10%)
- Rainforest Alliance (10%)

St Johns Hall Fund

The St Johns Community Hall is fully managed and supported by the church, to save confusion all incoming and outgoing are put through a Designated fund to show transparency.

This year the Hall has had a loss of -£1,695. This loss will be taken out of the general fund which will reset the St Johns Hall Fund back to zero in the following year. This loss can be handled by the church although the PCC will be keeping an eye on it going forward.

		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Represented by						
Unrestricted	General fund	30,727			31,727	30,193
Designated	CommunityGarden		1000		1000	153

	Footprints	245	245	153
	Parish Weekend 2022	770	770	1,793
	Pastoral	463	463	532
	SJHall	(1,695)	(1,695)	
Restricted				
	Chopwell Church Plant	531	531	
	Christians Against Poverty	317	317	
	Footprints	21	21	36
	Youth Work	6,455	6,455	6,662
	Youth Worker	3,352	3,352	3,352

Balance sheet

The Balance sheet lets you see balances as they stand at the end of the year, from this you can see the bottom line and get a better understanding about where the money is. The balance sheet consists of three primary sections: Current assets which is the money we have available, liabilities which is money we owe to others, and Reserves which is what we have left. As you can see the Accounts Payable is currently quite high, this is primarily due to owed mission payments.

	As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
Current assets		
6520: Bank Account	53,629	48,860
6590: Cash in hand	15	17
Z05: Accounts Receivable	1,268	3,220
Total Current assets	54,913	52,098
Liabilities		
6699: Agency collections	1,618	1,943
Z04: Accounts Payable	11,105	7,431
Total Liabilities	12,723	9,375
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	42,189	42,723
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit) to date	(534)	19,451
Z01: Starting balances	42,723	23,272
Total Reserves	42,189	42,723

Statement of assets and liabilities

The Statement of assets and liabilities report is very similar to the Balance sheet above but also breaks it down to each fund.

		Balance	Previous balance
Cash At Bank And In Hand			
6520: Bank Account			
Christians Against Poverty	Restricted	£317	
Chopwell Church Plant	Restricted	£531	
Community Garden:	Designated	£1000	
Footprints	Designated	£245	£153
Footprints	Restricted	£21	£36
Mission	Designated	£10,291	£7,309
Pastoral	Designated	£463	£532
Parish Weekend 2022	Designated	£770	£1,793
SJHall	Designated	(£1,919)	(£963)
Ukraine	Restricted	(£100)	
Youth Work	Restricted	£6,455	£6,662
Youth Worker	Restricted	£3,352	£3,352
General fund	Unrestricted	£30,581	£28,039
Agency collection	Restricted	£1,618	£1,943
		53,629	48,860

6590: Cash in hand				
General fund		Unrestricted	15	17
			15	17
Cash At Bank And In Hand			53,645	48,877
Debtors				
Z05: Accounts Receivable				
SJHall		Designated	224	962
Ukraine		Restricted	100	
General fund		Unrestricted	944	2,257
			1,268	3,220
		Debtors	1,268	3,220
Agency Accounts				
6699: Agency collections				
Agency collection		Restricted	1,618	1,943
			1,618	1,943
		Agency Accounts	1,618	1,943
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year				
Z04: Accounts Payable				
Mission		Designated	10,291	7,309
General fund		Unrestricted	813	122
			11,105	7,431
		Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	11,105	7,431
		Grand Total	42,189	42,723

Fund movement by type

This report shows the money that goes into or out of each fund for the year. It allows you to understand how the totals above were made up from previous years and what changed this year.

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Fund balances Carried forward
Unrestricted					
General - General fund	£30,193	£102,307	£90,889	(£10,884)	£31,727
Sub-totals	£30,193	£102,307	£90,889	(£10,884)	£31,727
Designated					
Footprint - Footprints	£153	£104	£12		£245
Garden				£1,000	£1,000
Mission - Mission			£9,883	£9,883	
Pstri-CS - Pastoral	£532		£68		£463
PW2022 - Parish Weekend 2022	£1,793	£2,845	£3,867		£770
SJH - SJHall		£4,162	£5,857		(£1,695)
Sub-totals	£2,479	£7,112	£19,690	£9,883	(£216)
Restricted					
CAP - Christians Against Poverty		£3,501	£3,183		£317

CCP - Chopwell Church Plant		£531		£531
Footprint - Footprints	£36		£14	£21
Ukraine - Ukraine		£3,573	£3,573	
YW - Youth Work	£6,662	£45	£251	£6,455
YWkr - Youth Worker	£3,352			£3,352
Sub-totals	£10,050	£7,650	£7,023	£10,677
Totals	£42,723	£117,070	£117,604	£42,189

Analysis of income and expenditure

Finally, we have the analysis of income and expenditure. This report summarises all our income and expenses for the year. It is categorised into different sections such as Expenditure on charitable activities to show what we are doing in different areas, then by line items to give a detailed breakdown on how the Church is getting and using our money.

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies					
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	600			600	550
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes					282
0120 - Gift Aid - PGS	58,729			58,729	59,887
0201 - Non Gift Aid - Bank	3,750			3,750	3,280
0210 - Non Gift Aid - Envelopes					251
0220 - Non Gift Aid - PGS	6,982			6,982	6,247
0301 – Collections	8,284			8,284	8,145
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	15,627		100	15,727	16,840
0302 - Collection - Funeral	32			32	25
0304 - Collection - Baptism	148			148	50
0550 - Donations appeals etc	1,383	2,845	3,518	7,747	2,577
0551 - Building fund					428
0840 - CAP - Other funds generated			111	111	
0810 - CAP - Donations			3,390	3,390	
Donations and legacies Totals	95,539	2,845	7,119	105,504	98,566
Income from charitable activities					
0553 – Footprint		104		104	
1101 - PCC Fees for weddings and funerals	1,163			1,163	1,362
Income from charitable activities Totals	1,163	104		1,267	1,362
Other trading activities					
0950 - Bank refund/credit	190			190	53
0990 - Online Payment Fees	(31)			(31)	(50)
1210 - Coffee Stop Donations/Pastoral Donations					1,890
1240 - SJ Hall lettings		4,162		4,162	2,067
Other trading activities Totals	159	4,162		4,322	3,961
Other income					
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	4,419			4,419	21,143
0901 - Other funds generated	25			25	
1040 - Area Dean Expenditure Contribution	999			999	999
3500 - Chopwell Church Plant Donations			531	531	
Other income Totals	5,444		531	5,975	22,143
Income Grand totals	102,307	7,112	7,650	117,070	126,032

Expenditure on:

Charitable giving

1801 - Charitable giving			3,573	3,573	50
1850 - Mission giving		9,883		9,883	12,077
2205 - Pastoral giving		68		68	2,201
2217 - Sponsorships	300			300	

4010 - CAP Expenditure			908	908	
Charitable giving Totals	300	9,951	4,482	14,734	14,329
Ministry					
1910 - Ministry Parish Share	59,952			59,952	58,134
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	3,048			3,048	2,600
2060 - Salary of parish pa	2,180			2,180	2,649
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	2,051			2,051	621
2140 - Water rates - vicarage	386			386	285
Ministry Totals	67,618			67,618	64,291
Church running costs					
2301 - HS church running - insurance	1,498			1,498	1,429
2302 - SJ church running - insurance	2,501			2,501	2,415
2330 - Church maintenance/Quinquennial	2,728			2,728	2,973
2340 - Upkeep of services/New equipment	1,080			1,080	353
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard/garden	1,445			1,445	160
2401 - HS church running - electric	1,854			1,854	447
2402 - SJ church running - electricity	577			577	707
2410 - HS church running - gas	544			544	814
2411 - SJ church running - gas	1,788			1,788	1,422
2420 - HS church running - water	154			154	146
2421 - SJ church running - water	457			457	102
2430 - HS running - cleaning	1,582			1,582	1,275
Church running costs Totals	16,215			16,215	12,247
Other running costs and repairs					
2202 - Youth Work			251	251	
2203 - Sunday Club	309			309	130
2210 - Outreach	172	12	14	200	562
2212 - Events	465	3,667		4,133	1,912
2213 - Gifts	273	200		473	
2214 - Leaflets/Cards/Signs	754			754	941
2215 - Teaching Materials	72			72	
2310 - HS church office - telephone	383			383	352
2361 - Photocopier	447			447	321
2362 - Stationery	233			233	101
2363 - Web site/Music licenses	774			774	925
2364 - CRB /First Aid certificates/Data protect	145			145	58
2365 - IT costs	165			165	138
2366 - Sundries	382			382	287
2701 - Church major repairs - structure					4,311
2705 - Building Work	1,002			1,002	
2800 - New equipment	434			434	345
3010 - SJ Hall Electricity		1,179		1,179	585
3020 - SJ Hall Gas		1,337		1,337	2,091
3030 - SJ Hall Water		45		45	58
3040 - SJ Hall Insurance		956		956	832
3050 - SJ Hall Maintenance		755		755	300
3060 - SJ Hall Cleaning		1,582		1,582	1,347
Other running costs and repairs Totals	6,015	9,738	266	16,020	15,606
Expenditure on charitable activities					
4020 - CAP Payments			600	600	

4030 - Salary of CAP Administrator			1,675	1,675	
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals			2,275	2,275	
Other expenditure					
2900 - Other expenditure	739			739	107
Other expenditure Totals	739			739	107
Expenditure Grand totals	90,889	19,690	7,023	117,604	106,581

Conclusion

All figures are pound component only.

Registered Charity Number for Greenside Parish is 1171547.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN'S, GREENSIDE & HOLY SPIRIT, CRAWCROOK

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

I report to the PCC Members on my examination of the accounts of St John's, Greenside and Holy Spirit, Crawcrook ("the PCC") for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Nigel Wyrley-Birch
Ryton Grange, Ryton, NE40 3UN

17 April 2023

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF GREENSIDE

England & Wales - Charity number 1171547

Accounts

GREENSIDE PARISH

**ST JOHN'S, GREENSIDE
HOLY SPIRIT, CRAWCROOK**



ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Aim and Purposes

Greenside Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Vicar, the Revd Tom Brazier, in promoting in the whole mission of Greenside Church. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of church buildings that is; Church of the Holy Spirit Crawcrook, St John's Greenside and St John's Hall.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is a registered charity. PCC members are appointed as set out in the Church Representation Rules. The members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish church including deciding on how funds are to be spent. The PCC meets around 9 times a year.

Administrative Information

Greenside Parish is situated in Gateshead West deanery. It is part of the Diocese of Durham within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Church Office, Holy Spirit Church, Main Street, Crawcrook, Ryton, NE40 4NB.

PCC membership following the APCM on 15th of April 2021

Curate	Rosemary Hendry	Ex-officio
Churchwarden:	Ben Thomas	Ex-officio
Co-warden:	David Smith	Ex-officio
Deanery Synod:	Doreen Drake Paul Hobbs	Ex-officio Ex-officio
Elected members:	Beth Gascoigne Berni Bertola Simon Longshaw Dawn Wallace Paddy Gascoigne	3 years to serve 2 years to serve 2 years to serve (Treasurer) 1 year to serve Co-opted (Secretary)

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is wholly for the mental, physical and spiritual wellbeing of people in and around Greenside, Crawrook, and Clara Vale because that reflects God's kingdom and it is what Jesus is calling us to work towards. We seek to meet this calling in our weekly pattern of worship, our home groups, our healing ministry and our wedding, funeral and baptism ministries. Another important outpouring of the love of God is found in our social activities (such as Footprints toddler group and work in schools). We deliberately make our halls (particularly St John's hall) available to groups in the wider community and for events such as children's parties. Finally, with our eyes looking beyond the immediate community in Gateshead West, we have connections with life-giving work across the world and, especially, in Africa.

Risk Management

Our primary risk management strategy is to trust God. However, the PCC recognises that God has given us brains to figure some things out ourselves. We actively review safeguarding risks every time we meet. We carry out health and safety risk assessments whenever appropriate. Financial risk is primarily managed through our reserves policy. Everything is guided by prayer.

Achievements and Performance

Vicar's Report

As 2022 dawns I feel a new hope. As always, life is full of challenges but there are also many positive signs. For example, attendance at Sunday worship is pushing the limits of our COVID-secure seating arrangements. Our recent survey of neighbours in Crawcrook revealed an openness to the church and to explore spiritual matters. Our Monday 6:30am prayer meeting is a very positive sign.

As I pray about the future, I think God is placing a few specific things on my heart. Just as the rule of life dominated my early leadership of this church, I think these things will dominate the years to come. I think God is calling us, as a rule of life community, to be very intentional about three things: worship, going out and nurturing new disciples, especially people under 40.

Worship: one of the most important things a Christian community does is reflect glory back to God. It is reasonable to say that worship is the church's job. It is what we are for. It is our basic way of life. I think God is asking us to focus on getting better and better at worship. To practice and hone it as a corporate craft. To experiment with new ways of worship. To make mistakes and learn from them. To worship regardless of whether we particularly want to on any given day.

Our worship is not just about our own relationship with God. The effect of worship in the heavenly realms is profound. Our goal is to ensure that God is worshipped continually in Greenside, Crawcrook and Clara Vale.

Going out: I think God is saying "I have already given you all the gifts". These gifts are not just for our own benefit. In fact the less we share them with the wider world the less we see the gifts working amongst ourselves. I think God is calling every one of us to deliberately find ways of being the church in places where there are people who do not yet know Jesus.

What this looks like will be different for each of us because we are created by God as different people with differing gifts. We will need to work together to discover a perfect fit for each one of us. What way of going out are you made to inhabit? What way of going out am I made to inhabit? An important question for each of will be "what are my interests and passions?" As an example, I personally am excited about the idea of being a part time barista at The Bank, the new community cafe in Chopwell. I love making coffee. People like drinking coffee. And serving a cup of coffee in my vicar collar inevitably acts as an invitation to a deeper relationship with one of God's people. What passion of yours might work in the same way?

Here's another idea: many of us may be suited to a "fix it café", where people bring broken things and others with the expertise both repair them and share the skills to repair. This hits our diocesan agenda about caring for creation and it engages our

skills and passions like sewing, knitting, darning, woodwork, bike repair and even (for me!) 3D printing.

Nurturing younger disciples: we are so gifted as a people and we have so much to share. As we go out I hope and pray that we will meet many people who will be drawn into a relationship with God through Jesus. These people will need others who have travelled further along the Way with Jesus to act as mentors. We already do this in many ways, most especially through home groups. But let's get more intentional about it. Let's discover the gifts that every one of us has to share with newer Christians. And let's deliberately employ them.

In all this, I think we need a deliberate focus on people younger than 40. Our church has have hardly any people under 40. Clearly our way of being Christian does not work for people in these age groups. So it is going to be a challenging time for us as we say "you first" to these younger people. This is not to say we abandon older people. But I think we already find it easier to connect with older people. We will do that anyway. To connect with all age groups, we need to emphasise the younger.

This all sounds like a lot of work and you might ask "what's in it for me?" I think the answer is that all the things we most deeply desire in our walk with God can only come when we give them away. So often we say "God do again what you did in former days". And Jesus says "You can't get those things by seeking them. You have to seek something else: my kingdom." But if we do seek the kingdom, we get all these other things as well. That is a promise of Jesus and so it is an absolutely certain hope.

So that's the vision for the foreseeable future. My intention is that most of the preaching this year will lead us in these things. Interestingly the year has already started very well in this regard even before I sat down to write this vicar's report. So I am encouraged that God is very much driving all of this.

Tom Brazier

Electoral Roll Report

The Greenside Parish Church electoral roll is a register of all those qualified to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and to vote in elections to the Parochial Church Council plus the Deanery Synod. Enrolment onto the electoral roll means becoming a voting member of the Church of England. It helps to ensure that all the synodical councils of the Church; the PCC, Gateshead West Deanery Synod, the Durham Diocesan Synod and the General Synod are fully representative of its members.

Set out below are the numbers for 2022 and the last five years

March	Members	Resident	Non Resident
2022	72	41	31
2021	72	40	32
2020*			
2019	73	43	30
2018	103	64	39
2017	106	66	40

As at mid-March this year there were 72 people on the roll of which 41 are resident in the parish and 31 live outside.

* No revision took place due to the pandemic.

Paddy Gascoigne – Electoral Roll Officer

Wardens' Report

As I sit down to write my first report as church warden I have realise how terrible my memory is! Therefore, I hope that you'll show me grace and favour as you read this report, as no doubt I have not remembered many important events in the life of the church over the last year.

At the beginning of 2021 we were once again subject to a variety of restrictions on our lives as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Given the high level of infections and the limited roll-out of the vaccination programme (at that time) we choose as a PCC to move our services online for a number of months. I know many of us felt this time of lockdown particularly testing, as any novelty we may have first experienced had certainly worn off by then. However, our regular online services provided an invaluable connection point for us all on weekly basis and I feel very grateful for the wonderful technically gifted people in our church who enabled this to continue. I also remember fondly the breakout rooms which occurred after these services, when we would be put at random into a chat room with others. This turned out to be a fantastic way to get to know our brothers and sisters, who we may not usually speak to, a little better and I felt help kept us united as a church.

It felt very poignant that we choose to emerge from our hibernated state of lockdown at Easter and I remember very fondly our first in person service on Easter Sunday 2021 when the Holy Spirit moved powerfully amongst us and many of us experienced anew His power and love for us.

As we entered the summer of 2022, our church life started to become more active, with hybrid services occurring most Sundays and a number of life events such as two notable church weddings and a baptism bringing many of us together in great times of joy and celebration.

We also began our online version of the living in love and faith course in July with an in-person version of the same course also taking place in September. I know as a church this was challenging for most of us, as we wrestled with concepts and ideas that at times ran counter to our ways of thinking. Whilst I don't think we've necessarily reached a consensus view as a church on the materials presented I am very much at peace with this. As I believe that any good church family needs to be able to constructively talk, think and pray together about big topics, even if we end up not seeing eye to eye on the area discussed. The fact that we may disagree on certain aspects of life and faith, but choose to stay united and love each other is an amazing testament to God and His Church.

Another area which I feel has really flourished during the year is our commitment to community and outreach. The evening zoomers meetings are a really important connection point for many within our church and appear to be going from strength to strength, with new service leaders emerging and taking on increasing responsibilities.

With respect to outreach we undertook a couple of events during the year, the first was an outreach and fasting mission to the Garden Estate, where a number of us went door to door speaking and surveying each household in this neighbourhood. It was at times hard ground to sow into; however I think all of us who participated also found people who we really connected with. I hope and pray that we would continue to forge deeper relationships with our neighbours and I believe God continues to call us outwards to others. The second outreach event saw us distribute advent calendars to the Valley Rise estate in Crawcrook. This was a wonderful mission to be a part of and brought smiles to the faces of both those giving and receiving, despite the very inclement weather!

As a church we have also taken further steps to seek the Father's heart through prayer. In addition to the morning prayer which is broadcast live through Facebook and our monthly church prayer meeting we have also begun meeting as a church each Monday morning at 6:30am; a very early start at times, but also a refreshing way to start the week and be still with each other as we seek the Lord.

Finally, it would remiss of me as warden not to mention buildings in the life of the church. No doubt partly as a result of the pandemic restricting our inability to meet in person, we have become increasingly aware that our church is the people of God and not the buildings in which we worship. This has coincided with the PCC becoming aware of a number of substantial repairs and investments that are required in the three buildings that we own. As a result of this we undertook a buildings vision evening during 2021, when we were asked to consider where God was calling us, with respect to our buildings. As a result of this evening the direction of travel, as outlined by Tom in a recent sermon and email to the church, appears to be focussing our resources and investment into Holy Spirit church, rather than St John's. However, St John's will continue to be used for evening worship and our hope and prayer is that our numbers would grow, such that we need the space afforded to us by three buildings. I recognise that many of us hold very dear memories of St John's and have experienced God powerfully in that amazing building.

However, I do believe that God is calling us outwards to focus on Him and our community and that in light of this calling this direction of travel appears correct. Looking further forward into 2022, I will, with your support, be seeking to continue in my role as church warden. There is much I believe the Lord is asking us to do and with this in mind I'd love a co-worker to partner with me and to share this role with. If you feel God might be calling you into this please do prayer about it and feel free come to speak to me as well. I am excited about what the Lord has in store for us all in the latter part of 2022. An area which appears to have emerge from our prayer times is the focus upon worshipping of the Lord. I'm very excited to push into this further and to explore different and deeper ways in which we might worship Him. For in the words of Paul, "I pray that we, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God".

Ben Thomas

Proceedings of the PCC

As the PCC now produces a regular newsletter about its discussions, this report will not go into detail. The main issues considered during 2021 were as follows;

- the PCC is responsible for the stewardship of church funds. As the treasurer's report will testify, the finances are in a healthy position, due to government grants, which has given the PCC greater flexibility in how it applies the church's money.
- there has been considerable focus on the future of the church's three buildings leading to a proposed strategy at the end of the year which is now out for consultation. In essence, future strategic investment will be in Holy Spirit as the principal church for worship. St John's will still be used for services such as baptisms, weddings and funerals. The aim will be to make St John's hall financially independent.
- the land to the rear of Holy Spirit is to be turned into a community garden in partnership with Our Villages.
- due to the vagaries of the pandemic, the PCC had to continually monitor how the church worshipped. Fortunately, services have now returned to near normal.
- the PCC enthusiastically supported the mission work undertaken on housing estates in the local community. During the year it received a presentation on church planting and now a small team is undertaking project work with the diocese.

The PCC acts as a cohesive body which looks to manage the affairs of the church and promote its rule of life as an open group of people following Jesus.

Paddy Gascoigne – PCC Secretary

Safeguarding

Safeguarding training and the checks that the Church of England has put in place over the last few years has changed considerably and I expect will continue to

change as the Church continues to respond to historic abuse. We now have a good quality national training programme which some members of our church have undertaken in the last year and many more will take part in this year. There now is an additional training programme for Safeguarding Officers which like other PSO's I completed in 2021. 2021 saw some changes to 'Safer Recruitment' and for the first time every parish has been expected to appointment someone to specifically oversee. Paddy is undertaking this role in our church. Safer Recruitment includes the introduction of supervision for all volunteers working in our children's and pastoral teams.

The most recent changes have implications for other roles as well, all PCC members need a DBS check and are also expected to do safeguarding training. This is because our PCC is responsible for the management of all our volunteers.

So how are we doing? So, we have a constant process of renewing everyone's DBS checks as they expire. As you will have seen on the notice sheet, I am organising renewal of our training in 2022. I try to keep up with the risk assessments and paperwork that comes with this role, and I value everyone help with this. It is not my job to keep everyone in our church and members of the community who come into our buildings safe though it is yours. Only when we work together can we love, care responsibly and keep safe everyone in our church family.

Denise Clayson

Deanery Synod

As lockdown restrictions were slowly lifted over the last few months, Deanery Synod meetings were happening in person. Churches in the deanery are starting to resume services and activities. As well as a 9am Prayer service at St. John's Church, Greenside which is streamed over the Greenside Parish, covering Crawcrook, Greenside and Clara Vale Facebook page. On the Wednesday a Prayer service is held at Holy Spirit Church, Crawcrook followed by fellowship over coffee and then a Communion Service at 11am.

The Deanery Youth Event which was held last year and was very successful. Hillside would be happy to host this event again and Revd Rory Balfour would be approached to ask if he would be prepared to lead and organise this event again, provided he hadn't moved on to another Parish. It was agreed that a Youth Event for this year would be held on the weekend of 12th/13th August 2022 at All Saints, Lobley Hill and primarily aimed at year 6/key stage 3 age group 11 – 14 years again. It was discussed to offer an evening each term for the young people who attended the event last year. The first would be held on Friday March 25th at Holy Trinity, Swalwell. 7.00pm – 8.30pm: 'Pizza and Praise'. The Deanery Prayer Weekend-Creation will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Swalwell on 19th-22nd May 2022.

The Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee (DMPC) met on 22nd February and discussed the COP26 which was held at Gibside last year. Revd Barry Abbott and

Revd Glen MacKnight are keen to repeat the Gibside service again to coincide with COP 27, provisionally on Sunday 2nd October.

The DMPC's roles and responsibilities are to consider the whole mission life of the Deanery, to consider how the contribution of those involved in lay ministries, and to liaise with Deanery Synod and PCCs.

Caring for Creation is the Diocese's mission by blessing Our Communities in Jesus' Name for The Transformation Of Us All by:

- Challenging Poverty
- Energising growth
- Caring for God's Creation
- Engaging with children, youth and 18 – 25s

Doreen Drake and Paul Hobbs, Deanery Synod Representatives

Intercessors Group

The Intercessors Group continues its ministry of praying God's power into situations. I send out ten Intercessors Prayer lists a year (two over December, January and February, and again two for July, August and September). Thirty people receive email copies, (although I believe a few no longer read or pray through them), and three have printouts.

We pray for particular Parish, local, national and international events and concerns, but our focus is on growing God's Kingdom in the Parish.

A large part of our ministry is with the emergency prayer requests that come to me to be passed on via email. It is so encouraging to know that people are praying from the moment I send the prayer request out. Whenever I receive updates about situations I pass them round the group, and we are very encouraged by positive answers to prayer, and often speedy answers too!

All prayer requests are completely confidential, and as with the monthly prayer lists, we always ask people's permission before sending out a prayer request.

Once again, thank you to all Group members for your faithfulness in prayer, and to everyone who has entrusted us with prayer requests. If anyone feels called to join the group, please get in touch with me. It is an important ministry that can be carried out at any time, and our only condition is that all is kept in confidence. Or if you have a prayer request, please contact me also.

"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." - James 5:16 - and we who believe in our Lord Jesus are counted righteous! Amen, and glory to God!

Helen Hardisty

Children and Youth Work

Due to COVID restrictions earlier in the year we continued to meet on ZOOM on a Sunday afternoon. We took part in a mixture of craft, cooking, science experiments and singing activities.

Once we could get back together in Church we spent some time playing games and getting used to meeting in person.

We also produced an interactive Nativity, based on the Bible Society's Pop Up Script. This was great fun with the majority of the congregation also coming dressed as one of the main characters in the Nativity Play. Those who forgot (?) to get dressed up ended with animal masks so that all could join in.

Charlie and Jon are taking part in the Growing Young Leaders course run by the Diocese.

Jon, Jess and Henry attended The Pulse meeting for year 7 pupils in Durham Cathedral which took place under the Moon installation.

As a Deanery we produced UNITE the Gateshead West Deanery Youth event where young people aged 11 to 16 from the different Churches could join together along with a number of young leaders. The young people took part in various games including lawn games and parachuting a raw egg from the Church bell tower, watched SOUL at an outdoor cinema in the dark, tie dying t-shirts and bags and decorating mugs. We also had Jamie Daniels from Youth for Christ to lead the two Worship sessions.

Eric Hardisty

Open the Book Team

The Open the Book Team welcome you all to 2022.

We have now been sharing dramatized Bible stories with our local primary schools since 2015.

How things have changed particularly during the last 2 years is an understatement to say the least. Due to the pandemic, we have not been able to be in school since Feb 2020.

As you probably know over the last 12 months, we have ventured into the world on film production i.e. Zoom video recordings of dramatized Bible stories which we send to our 3 local primary schools, Emmaville, Greenside and St Agnes. The response and feedback from schools have been positive and very encouraging. We have been thanked for our continued valued support during this period of difficulty and uncertainty in schools. The Team currently consists of 10 Storytellers. On occasions we have called on Eric Hardisty and Mike Hendry to be involved with the drama acting etc We could not have accomplished the recordings without the input from our amazing Technical Support Team i.e., Rosemary Hendry (recording specialist) and Rachael Spencer (editor extraordinaire)

A Big thank you, from all The Open the Book Storytellers.

As a group, we are certain that all this is part of God's 'outrageous plan'. To get a group of, should we say 'mature adults' to dress up in costumes, sometimes consisting of curtains and bed sheets along with roman helmets, crowns, halos, tea towels on our heads and occasionally animal masks covering our faces, to share Bible stories with children via Zoom recordings. You might think it couldn't work, but it does. Confirmation to us all that it is certainly part of Gods 'outrageous amazing' plan.

Following in the footsteps of hundreds of people before us in The Old and New Testament we have a responsibility to tell the stories to the next generation.

Psalm 78 v1-8 We will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord. We will tell of his power and the mighty miracles he did.

We are uncertain when we will be able to present the Open the Book stories face to face again. In the meantime, we will continue to work together, and share Bible stories via Zoom dramatized recordings.

If anyone is interested in learning more about what we get up to as The Open the Book Team or even thinking about being a member of the Team, please have a word with us. Tom or Denise would also be happy to talk with you.

The children in Emmaville love to the song 'Shine Jesus Shine' and we join with them in singing 'Send forth your word Lord and let there be light.' AMEN

Pam Jackson and all the Open the Book team

Pastoral Report

Who would have thought despite almost 2 years since the pandemic started that we are still subject to some Covid restrictions!

Despite the situation, the group, on behalf of the church, still offer support and encouragement, helping in practical ways maybe taking meals or some home-baked treats, financially, supporting through bereavement and sending cards of encouragement. It is always a joy to present flowers (keeping at a safe distance!) for special celebrations as well as at sad times.

Sadly, we are unable to make our regular visits taking Home Communion to those who are unable to attend church together with our monthly visits to Addison Court and Lindisfarne residential care homes. The team miss this important aspect of pastoral ministry. We are conscious of the vulnerability of those we visit, consequently we do a lot of 'doorsteps' chatting! However we look forward to returning to spending time, communion, and a cuppa, with church family members when we can visit without restrictions.

The team follow the Government guidelines and good practice in respect of safeguarding. Thanks to Denise who keeps the team up to date with DBS checks. Hopefully the relevant current safeguarding training she has organised will be completed.

We will continue to joyfully serve Jesus in this ministry.

Blessings from the Pastoral Team Members

Prayer Ministry Team

'When you call Me, and come pray to Me I will listen to you' Jeremiah 29:12

2021 proved to be another challenging year due to the continuing COVID 19 pandemic; church services again being delivered largely online for much of the year. As a team we were able to rise to the challenges presented and, with training, were able to provide prayer ministry via Zoom. This, as always, was delivered in a safe and secure manner; enabling the team to provide a prayer space full of the presence and power of Holy Spirit. Uptake of the service was good and proved to be a blessing to those who used it.

More recently we have again been able to minister in person as church services in our buildings resumed. Use again has been good with many people coming forward for prayer.

I would like to thank every member of the Team for their dedication and commitment to this vital ministry especially in these troubled and uncertain times.

We encourage everyone to come forward for prayer. Our approach has always been Christ centred with confidentiality diligently observed. We adhere to the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy and follow Prayer Ministry training strictly. As a team we never underestimate the power of prayer to change the circumstances of those we pray with. We expect to see answer to prayer, when we pray the power of God moves! We always ensure that those we have prayed with are left in no doubt that God loves them and that it is His nature to Bless and to Heal.

The Team look forward to praying with you all in the coming year.

'Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray , believe that you receive them , and you will have them'. Mark 11:24

Dawn Wallace

Hope for South Africa's Children

Our main focus continues to be to support children infected/affected by HIV/AIDS in South Africa. Regrettably, due to Covid restrictions, we were unable to visit in 2021, the first time in 20 years.

We however are blessed to have strong local partners that we work with to deliver our support programmes.

Income in our 2020/21 financial year was £46,921 we made grants totalling £42,746. Expenses were £133.

Rehoboth Children's village for children orphaned/abandoned and mostly HIV positive received £27676 in grants & donations; our sponsor programme remains the largest contributor. We appreciate the more than 60 sponsors who give monthly to support the village and its operational needs. The focus is changing to shorter term care as the government is making more effort to return children back to families.

Our Outreach fund continues to provide Education, Training & Feeding programmes to 6 projects in the rural areas around Port Shepstone. We have made grants totaling £15070, The rural areas were badly affected by Covid with School/Crèches closures; as a result we increased our support to Crèches & Communities and the feeding programmes they provided.

Our Education, Training & Leavers' Support fund has provided £3868 for a number of young people to continue their studies or in some cases to retrain and enhance their work prospects. Unemployment remains high at more than 30% We have also provided support for young adults leaving Rehoboth.

We really appreciate the church's continued support as part of its tithing & Mission Support fund. Your kind support really does make a difference.

David Smith – Secretary/Trustee

Christian Aid

Once again coronavirus restrictions meant that Christian Aid Week, in May 2021, was a virtual event in this parish, keeping alive the spirit of a week that's been running nationally since 1957.

E-envelopes and online donations enabled those wishing to donate to do so, supporting the charity's continuing aim to transform the lives of people, through its partner organisations, around the world, whilst also campaigning for action on climate change, fair trade and tax justice.

Happily, the annual Christian Aid/CAFOD Advent Service, which provides an opportunity for all denominations in the local area to come together, did take place this year, at the end of November 2021, at Centenary Methodist Church and was well attended. The theme of the service was Hopeful Reality, derived from Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." During the service a Christian Aid video illustrated how support to build a borehole for a community in South Sudan put an end to mothers being forced to give their children dirty water to drink.

Many thanks, to the PCC and all within our parish who continue to support the work of Christian Aid around the world. More information about their programmes can be found on the Christian Aid website; <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/our-work/programmes>

Christine Brown (St. John's Rep) and Caroline Kelly (Holy Spirit Rep)

Outreach Report

There have been two outreach activities this past year.

Garden House Estate

Towards the end to October we organised an outreach which consisted of going around the estate and asking residents to take part in a survey to try to find out what they thought of Christianity, the church and the effect of Covid. The ministry was divided into two teams: a team that went out and a team that stayed behind to pray.

The ministry was both encouraging and discouraging. Almost everyone we asked was positive in completing the survey. Almost everyone said that they thought Covid had a detrimental effect on mental health. Out of those who did 29 people said they would like to know God. It is the intention to follow these people up. This has been hampered by Covid although we intend to hold a social event to invite people to so that they have an opportunity to engage with us.

It was discouraging in that a large number of people did not answer the door. This could be for a number of reasons. Certainly it is not the case that the fact we were from a religious group made them unwilling to answer the door. We went out from 11am. Perhaps people were shopping. Perhaps they generally did not answer the door. Perhaps some were still in bed.

It needs to be said that the timing was not the best. Ideally this kind of ministry needs to be during light days (March – June) when evenings are light and we can go around in the evening. The timing was determined by Covid. It also demonstrated how difficult it is to talk about the Christian message.

It is hoped that this outreach will be repeated in the parish this year.

Advent calendars

We have welcomed the people who have moved into the two new estates (Valley Rise/ Fairfield's Manor) by going around and giving them Easter's eggs/Advent calendars. These items were especially designed to contain a Christian message. The theory behind this was that it was good manners to welcome newcomers into the area.

On these estates almost everybody answered the door. The gifts were well received. This was the third time we had done this. In past times we have given out of all the gifts. This time there were difficulties. The plan was to go out on a weekday, followed by a Saturday to capture those that were at work during the week. On the second occasion, because of working from home, we caught a lot of people in during the week. There were fewer people in this time. Unfortunately the weather on the Saturday made it impossible to go out and although we followed it up on Sunday there were not enough people to cover all the estate. The left over calendars were given to local uniformed organisations.

Future initiatives

Visiting homes

It is hoped that sometime in summer the 'Garden House Estate' outreach will go ahead in another part of the parish.

Art/Craft

It is planned to have a day of art/craft on a Saturday. This will be opened to the community. The idea, as well as trying to promote art within the church, will be to engage with the community

Berni Bertola

Shirley Community Chaplaincy

The Shirley Community Chaplaincy North/east has enjoyed another year in close working with Greenside Parish.

We continue to hold a prayer meeting on a Monday night at Holy Spirit church. Also we held our annual fundraising event in both the churches and have a service agreement to store food clothing and other items for vulnerable men. The church also supports the charity with a financial input.

A number of the men I work with have joined the church and indeed I am hopeful that some may even attend the church weekend away.

The trustees and I am most grateful to Greenside parish for all of this as we continue to work in close partnership towards kingdom values.

Paul Hobbs

Community Chaplain

Financial Review

2021 has been an unconventional year which the accounts reflect. Most of our income comes from planned giving by our Church members. However, the pandemic meant the regular extra income from hall lettings and weddings did not happen. This loss was more than made up for by some covid relief grants we received. This grant income has meant we have been able to replenish the reserves. It has also given us a solid position to carry on our important work in the coming year. Finally, some of you may remember a Pastoral Care support appeal in December 2021, I am pleased to say once gift aid was received that this was fully funded.

Income

Total unrestricted income was £126,032. This is up £39.5k from last year. £21k is from the covid relief grants, 9.5k from an increase in giving by our Church members and the other £9k from sources including donations.

Giving

If you would like more information on why and how to give please look at the donations page of our website www.greensideparish.org.uk/donations.htm.

Expenditure

Total unrestricted expenditure was £106,581. This is up by around £3.5k this increase was mainly due to the cost of removing the Fascia from Holy Spirit church.

Reserves Policy

Our unrestricted balance at the end of the year stands at £30,193. This leaves us in a healthy position for the year to come.

The PCC agreed reserves policy is to maintain a target balance of unrestricted reserves which equates to approximately three months' unrestricted payments based upon the previous year's expenditure. This is currently set at approximately 3 months general expenditure which is around 20k.

Mission Giving

We once again gave 10% of our income to the following charities as decided by the PCC.

Charity	Portion
Christian Aid	10%
Christian Solidarity Worldwide	10%
Hope for SA children	10%
Junction 42	10%
Open Doors UK	10%
Open the Book	10%
The People's Kitchen	10%
The Shirley Community Chaplaincy (North East)	10%
Wycliffe Bible Translators	10%
Rainforest Alliance	10%

St Johns Hall Fund

Due to the abnormal lettings and grant received St Johns Hall made around a 2k loss or 8k gain depending on how you look at the figures. To save confusion, the PCC has decided to reset the St Johns Hall Fund back to zero this year.

Ongoing Concerns

COVID Pandemic

As stated last year, the Members of the PCC have a reasonable expectation that the PCC has sufficient resources in regard to the ongoing COVID Pandemic. In making their assessment the Members have taken into consideration the disruption to Church life caused by the coronavirus pandemic and consider that the PCC has sufficient reserves to allow it to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable

future. For this reason, the Members continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Cost of Living/Energy Price Increase

The Members of the PCC have a reasonable expectation that the PCC has sufficient resources and reserves to handle the increase to the cost of living and increase energy prices over the coming year.

Holy Spirit Front Fascia

We have now removed the Fascia and have been able to cover those costs with the current reserves. Replacing the Fascia is still to be fully explored but could be beyond our reserves. To fund these the PCC will need to explore holding one or more gift days.

The Treasurer Role

This year Beth Gascoigne has taken on more aspects of the Treasurers workload, including applying for grants and setting up payments, in conjunction with our assistant Treasurer John Clayson, this has been a great help to me as your Treasurer as I have found getting the time sometimes difficult with a young family, full time job, and other volunteer work I do. This coming year there is more that can be delegated, more optional work that could be done that currently isn't, and more opportunities for others in the church to help with this area if they can. If you are willing and able to take the Treasurer role or support me in aspects of the role, please get in touch with myself or Tom.

Thanks

Thank you to you all for your support to me in the role of treasurer including all those in the counting team, banking team, and payment authorisers. Special Thanks to Beth Gascoigne and John Clayson who have supported me in this important role especially during the time I was unwell.

Conclusion

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing contribution financially and otherwise to our Church. I hope you find the following accounts enlightening and useful to understand how our church uses the money you give. The finances of the Parish of Greenside are in a good place to allow us to carry on our good work in the coming year.

Simon Longshaw, Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN'S, GREENSIDE & HOLY SPIRIT, CRAWCROOK

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

I report to the PCC Members on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Nigel Wyrley-Birch
Ryton Grange, Ryton, NE40 3UN

16 May 2022

Notes to the Financial Statements

Accounting Policies

1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The PCC of Greenside constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

2 Fund Accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the PCC and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the PCC for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements. Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3 Income

All income is recognised once the PCC has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the PCC is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the PCC has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the PCC, or the PCC is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the PCC has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the PCC of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the PCC which is the amount the PCC would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation. Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in each undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Statement of Financial Activities for The Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Planned giving	70,498	-	-	70,498	61,131
Collections	8,145	-	-	8,145	6,062
Income tax recovered	16,840	-	-	16,840	14,417
Other voluntary income	1,786	867	428	3,081	1,292
Income from charitable activities	1,362	-	-	1,362	894
Other trading activities	3	3,957	-	3,961	1,609
Other income	22,143 ⁱ	-	-	22,143	1,119
Total income	120,780	4,824	428	126,032	86,526
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable giving	50	14,279	-	14,329	9,070
Ministry	64,291	-	-	64,291	63,178
Church running costs	12,247	-	-	12,247	14,187
Other running costs and repairs	9,830	5,216	558	15,606	15,718
Other expenditure	107	-	-	107	-
Total expenditure	86,527	19,495	558	106,581	102,154
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	34,253	(14,672)	(131)	19,451	(15,628)
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	1,376	16,946	15	18,337	8,553
Gross transfers between funds - out	(16,020)	(2,303)	(15)	(18,338)	(8,554)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	19,610	(29)	(131)	19,451	(15,628)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	10,582	2,507	10,181	23,272	38,899
Total funds carried forward	30,193	2,479	10,050	42,723	23,272

ⁱ Majority of this was Gateshead MBC Covid19 support grant for which we received £10,571.64 for each hall totalling £21,143.28

Represented by

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Unrestricted					
General fund	30,193	-	-	30,193	10,582
Designated					
Footprints	-	153	-	153	153
Mission	-	-	-	-	-
Parish Weekend 2019	-	-	-	-	926
Parish Weekend 2022	-	1,793	-	1,793	-
Pastoral	-	532	-	532	844
SJHall ⁱⁱ	-	-	-	-	583
Restricted					
Building	-	-	-	-	-
Footprints	-	-	36	36	36
Sunday Club	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Work	-	-	6,662	6,662	6,777
Youth Worker	-	-	3,352	3,352	3,367

Fund Types

Unrestricted/General fund
Designated Funds

All unrestricted resources are stored in this fund.

Money in a designated fund has been set aside for use by the PCC but can be used for other church matters.

Restricted Funds

Money Donated for a specific reason that must be used for that reason. Some Funds may have a Designated and Restricted component.

Funds Descriptions

Footprints
Mission

Money for Footprints Toddler Group.

We give 10% of unrestricted income to other charities. This fund holds the money until it is given out.

Parish Weekend 2019
Parish Weekend 2022

Money for the Parish Weekend away 2019.

Money for the Parish Weekend away 2022.

Pastoralⁱⁱⁱ

Money for Pastoral spending.

SJHall

Money collected by St Johns Hall letting and used for running costs.

Sunday Club

Money for the Children's Sunday Club.

Youth Work

Money for use in Youth Work matters.

Youth Worker

Money for use in having a Youth Worker.

Agency collection

Money collected for other organisations are stored in this fund until it is paid out.

ⁱⁱ See St Johns Hall Fund section in the Financial Review above

ⁱⁱⁱ Note: this has been renamed from Pastoral-Coffee Stop as Coffee Stop no longer exists.

Balance sheet

	As at 31/12/2021	As at 31/12/2020
Fixed assets	-	-
Current assets		
Debtors	3,220	1,499
Cash At Bank And In Hand	48,877	32,747
	52,098	34,246
Liabilities		
Agency collections	1,943	1,005
Accounts Payable	7,431	9,968
	9,375	10,974
Net current assets less current liabilities	42,723	23,272
Total assets less current liabilities	42,723	23,272
Liabilities	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	42,723	23,272
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General Funds	30,193	10,582
Designated		
Footprints	153	153
Parish Weekend 2019	-	926
Parish Weekend 2022	1,793	-
Pastoral	532	844
SJHall	-	583
Restricted		
Footprints	36	36
Youth Work	6,662	6,777
Youth Worker	3,352	3,367
Fund Totals	42,723	23,272

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)

		Balance	Previous balance
Cash At Bank And In Hand			
6520: Bank Account			
General fund	Unrestricted	28,039	15,239
Footprints	Designated	153	153
Mission	Designated	7,309	4,083
Parish Weekend 2019	Designated	-	926
Parish Weekend 2022	Designated	1,793	-
Pastoral	Designated	532	866
SJHall	Designated	(962)	270
Agency collection	Restricted	1,943	1,005
Footprints	Restricted	36	36
Sunday Club	Restricted	-	15
Youth Work	Restricted	6,662	6,777
Youth Worker	Restricted	3,352	3,352
		48,860	32,726
6590: Cash in hand			
General fund	Unrestricted	17	20
Cash At Bank and In Hand		48,877	32,747
Debtors			
Z05: Accounts Receivable			
SJHall	Designated	962	413.5
General fund	Unrestricted	2,257	1,085
		3,220	1,499
Agency Accounts			
6699: Agency collections			
Agency collection	Restricted	1,943	1,005
		1,943	1,005
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year			
Z04: Accounts Payable			
Mission	Designated	7,309	4,083
Pastoral	Designated	-	22
SJHall	Designated	-	100
General fund	Unrestricted	122	5,763
		7,431	9,968
Grand Total		42,723	23,272

Fund movement

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Fund balances Carried forward
General fund	10,582	120,780	86,527	-14,644	30,193
Building	-	428	428	-	-
Footprints	189	-	-	-	189
Mission	-	-	12,077	12,077	-
Pastoral	844	1,890	2,201	-	532
Parish Weekend 2019	926	-	-	-927	-
Parish Weekend 2022	-	867	-	926	1,793
Sunday Club	-	-	15	15	-
SJHall	583	2,067	5,216	2,565	-
Youth Work	6,777	-	115	-	6,662
Youth Worker	3,367	-	-	-15	3,352
Totals	23,272	126,032	106,581	-	42,723

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

Analysis of income and expenditure

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies					
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	550	-	-	550	730
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	282	-	-	282	210
0120 - Gift Aid - PGS	59,887	-	-	59,887	53,253
0201 - Non Gift Aid - Bank	3,280	-	-	3,280	3,385
0210 - Non Gift Aid - Envelopes	251	-	-	251	1,166
0220 - Non Gift Aid - PGS	6,247	-	-	6,247	2,386
0301 - Collections	8,145	-	-	8,145	6,062
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	16,840	-	-	16,840	14,417
0302 - Collection - Funeral	25	-	-	25	256
0304 - Collection - Baptism	50	-	-	50	-
0550 - Donations appeals etc	1,710	867	-	2,577	1,035
0551 - Building fund	-	-	428	428	-
Donations and legacies Totals	97,271	867	428	98,566	82,903
Income from charitable activities					
1101 - PCC Fees for weddings and funerals	1,362	-	-	1,362	894
Income from charitable activities Totals					
Totals	1,362	-	-	1,362	894
Other trading activities					
0950 - Bank refund/credit	53	-	-	53	360
0990 - Online Payment Fees ^{iv}	(50)	-	-	(50)	-
1210 - Coffee Stop Donations/Pastoral Donations	-	1,890	-	1,890	-
1240 - SJ Hall lettings	-	2,067	-	2,067	1,249
Other trading activities Totals	3	3,957	-	3,961	1,609
Other income					
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	21,143	-	-	21,143	120
1040 - Area Dean Expenditure Contribution	999	-	-	999	999
Other income Totals	22,143	-	-	22,143	1,119
Income and endowments Grand totals	120,780	4,824	428	126,032	86,526

Expenditure on:

Expenditure on charitable activities

1801 - Charitable giving	50	-	-	50	-
1850 - Mission giving	-	12,077	-	12,077	8,538
2205 - Pastoral giving	-	2,201	-	2,201	531
1910 - Ministry Parish Share	58,134	-	-	58,134	56,892
1911 - Ministry Deanery Share	-	-	-	-	140
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	2,600	-	-	2,600	2,599
2060 - Salary of parish pa	2,649	-	-	2,649	2,584
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	621	-	-	621	595

^{iv} The PCC has agreed to pay any fees for payments/donations via debit/credit cards out of the general funds. Total Fees this year was £50.

2140 - Water rates - vicarage	285	-	-	285	367
2301 - HS church running - insurance	1,429	-	-	1,429	1,480
2302 - SJ church running - insurance	2,415	-	-	2,415	2,369
2330 - Church maintenance/Quinquennial	2,973	-	-	2,973	4,006
2340 - Upkeep of services/New equipment	353	-	-	353	567
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard/garden	160	-	-	160	213
2401 - HS church running - electric	447	-	-	447	428
2402 - SJ church running - electricity	707	-	-	707	573
2410 - HS church running - gas	814	-	-	814	2,489
2411 - SJ church running - gas	1,422	-	-	1,422	1,152
2420 - HS church running - water	146	-	-	146	99
2421 - SJ church running - water	102	-	-	102	121
2430 - HS running - cleaning	1,275	-	-	1,275	685
2202 - Youth Work	-	-	-	-	642
2203 - Sunday Club	-	-	130	130	245
2210 - Outreach	562	-	-	562	2
2212 - Events	1,912	-	-	1,912	-
2214 - Leaflets/Cards/Signs	941	-	-	941	625
2310 - HS church office - telephone	352	-	-	352	381
2361 - Photocopier	321	-	-	321	269
2362 - Stationery	101	-	-	101	100
2363 - Web site/Music licenses	925	-	-	925	861
2364 - CRB /First Aid certificates/Data protect	58	-	-	58	49
2365 - IT costs	138	-	-	138	-
2366 - Sundries	287	-	-	287	325
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	-	-	-	-	250
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	3883	-	428	4,311	3,870
2710 - Church major repairs – installation	-	-	-	-	4,065
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	32
2800 - New equipment	345	-	-	345	22
3010 - SJ Hall Electricity	-	585	-	585	200
3020 - SJ Hall Gas	-	2,091	-	2,091	1,780
3030 - SJ Hall Water	-	58	-	58	112
3040 - SJ Hall Insurance	-	832	-	832	1,007
3050 - SJ Hall Maintenance	-	300	-	300	264
3060 - SJ Hall Cleaning	-	1,347	-	1,347	610

Expenditure on charitable activities

Totals	86,419	19,495	558	106,473	102,154
Other expenditure					
2900 - Other expenditure	107	-	-	107	-
Other expenditure Totals	107	-	-	107	-
Expenditure Grand totals	86,527	19,495	558	106,581	102,154
Grand totals	34,253	(14,671)	(130)	19,451	(15,628)

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

Conclusion

All figures are pound component only.

Registered Charity Number for Greenside Parish is 1171547.

This report is dated: Saturday, 16 May 2022

Approved by the PCC

	Name	Signature	Date
PCC Chairman	Rev Tom Brazier	_____	_____
PCC Treasurer	Simon Longshaw	_____	_____

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF GREENSIDE

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Accounts

GREENSIDE PARISH

**ST JOHN'S, GREENSIDE
HOLY SPIRIT, CRAWCROOK**



ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Aim and Purposes

Greenside Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Vicar, the Revd Tom Brazier, in promoting in the whole mission of Greenside Church. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of church buildings that is Church of the Holy Spirit Crawcrook, St John's Greenside and St John's Hall.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity. PCC member are appointed as set out in the Church Representation Rules. The PCC is responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish church including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC meets around 9 times a year, and a sub-set of the PCC, the Standing Committee, meets in the intervening months to carry out the business of the PCC. St John's hall is managed by a subcommittee which is responsible to and operates under the supervision of the PCC.

Administrative Information

Greenside Parish is situated in Gateshead West. It is part of the Diocese of Durham within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Church Office, Main Street, Crawcrook, Ryton, NE40 4NB.

PCC membership following APCM 20th September 2020:

Churchwardens:	Janet Bertola Beth Gascoigne	Ex-officio Ex-officio
Co-warden:	David Smith	Ex-officio
Deanery Synod:	Doreen Drake Paul Hobbs	Ex-officio Ex-officio
Elected members:	Berni Bertola Simon Longshaw Ben Thomas Dawn Wallace Simon Spencer	3 years to serve 3 years to serve (Treasurer) 2 years to serve 2 years to serve 1 year to serve

Objectives and Activities

Our strapline is "To grow God's Kingdom by knowing Jesus and making Him known".

This means the PCC is wholly for the mental, physical and spiritual wellbeing of people in and around Greenside, Crawrook, Clara Vale because that reflects God's kingdom and it is what Jesus is calling us to work towards. We seek to meet this calling in our weekly pattern of worship, our home groups, our healing ministry and our wedding, funeral and baptism ministries. Another important outpouring of the love of God is found in our social activities (such as Footprints toddler group and work in schools). We deliberately make our halls (particularly St John's hall) available to groups in the wider community and for events such as children's parties. Finally, with our eyes looking beyond the immediate community in Gateshead West, we have connections with life-giving work across the world and, especially, in Africa.

Risk Management

Our primary risk management strategy is to trust God. However, the PCC recognises that God has given us brains to figure some things out ourselves. We actively review safeguarding risks every time we meet. We carry out health and safety risk assessments whenever appropriate. Financial risk is primarily managed through our reserves policy. Everything is guided by prayer.

Achievements and Performance

Vicar's Report

My 2019 vicar's report discussed how we had given God permission to sweep as a flood through our church life and change everything. I ended by saying "I think God's flood is not yet complete and we are seeing a great upheaval in the whole understanding of what it means to be the church across our region, both within the Church of England and beyond."

Little did any of us know that the following year, 2020, would be so tumultuous with COVID-19. I think we can fairly say that all our assumptions about what it means to be church have been sifted and tested in 2020. Reflecting on what remained when all else was stripped away, it seems to me we were left with these three essentials:

- We found ways to worship and connect with God together.
- We found ways to remain connected with each other.
- We found ways to reach out beyond our church community to connect with others around us. (e.g. through volunteering locally, our web page service, zoom worship, Sunday 4pm children's activities, digital version of Open the Book, community outreach initiatives in partnership with other local churches, online Alpha and more.)

We are not alone in this. Most churches in our nation had the same experience during 2020. As we now, hopefully, approach the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, I think we need to reflect carefully on these three essentials. Throughout the pandemic we have often said we do not wish to "go back to normal". Do these three ways of connecting form a core prophetic message from God to the churches in this nation for the 2020s and beyond?

It will take time for us to see how these things play out, but already, as a watchman on the walls, I think I see a significant shift away from the significance of church buildings in our life. And I see in our diocese a corresponding challenge around church income, which has so often been linked to buildings. This challenge is drawing us back to core questions about what it means to be disciples of Jesus and to be his church.

Another wide-scale social movement in 2020 was Black Lives Matter, which inspired our 2021 diocesan Lent course. I sincerely hope this movement will carry us into a more just future where there is less inequality in the world. At the same time, 2020 was a year of disappointment over world governments failing to meet people's hopes and expectations. We have seen this with COVID-19, Brexit and the frightening political unrest in the USA.

Increasingly, I believe that the church has so much to offer a world which is struggling. Let us keep praying that we have the opportunities to be the good news

people God made us to be, who carry the news that Jesus is the true hope of all the nations.

More locally to our church, 2020 saw Rosemary Hendry ordained as deacon and Mike Hendry licensed as Reader, and Simon Spencer has been hard at work training for ordination. These are signs that God is moving in our church, growing us in our journeys of discipleship. And whilst ordained and licensed roles might place a spotlight on particular individuals, the most important aspect of that spotlight is that it highlights that we are all on a journey of growth as disciples of Jesus. So we rightly celebrate these events as signs of the life that continues to grow in all of us.

Also more locally, St John's Chopwell became vacant in 2020 and so, according to our deanery plan, I have been moving into the role of leading them. I am very thankful that Greenside Parish has so much lay involvement. So I am able to do this without being overwhelmed. People sometimes wonder what happens to Sunday worship at Greenside when I am leading worship at Chopwell. My answer is always, "Oh we have people for that". And this is a very good sign.

I hope you can see our Rule of Life working out in all that I have mentioned above. I think it is worth quoting the rule again and pausing to reflect on it:

We are all on a journey. We are following in the Way behind our founder Jesus Christ. For a time our paths run together. During this time, we choose to travel together. We choose to be safe companions, we choose to love, we choose to reach outwards to others, we choose to reach inwards towards Jesus, we choose to share:

we share each other's joys and burdens
we share each other's gifts and needs
we share each other's food and company
we share each other's stories

When our paths part, we will part well, knowing that one day we will all live together with Jesus for ever.

Finally, looking forward, I want to tell you about *Living in Love and Faith* (LLF), which will be a major focus in the Church of England over the years to come. This is the title of a book published after several years of exploration and research by a large and diverse group within the Church of England. The book explores where our present thinking is in regards to questions around identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. I am presently reading LLF and I find it to be carefully written, thorough and engaging. It does not prejudge any questions and it tries very hard to represent the differing and, often, conflicting views of committed Christians across the Church of England. It makes challenging reading for any Christian. But it also, encouragingly, reveals that all of us have an immense amount in common, most particularly in our commitment to the Bible as our primary means of discerning what God is saying to his people.

You will hear more about *Living in Love and Faith* as we discern the way forward together. For now, I highly commend the book to you. You can also learn more on the LLF website <https://www.churchofengland.org/llf>. The main thing I wish to highlight for the present is that as a local church we have known for some time that we need to have conversations in this area. And we know that our Rule of Life is a very important common commitment which will help us as we do so.

Normally I end by saying what I think our priorities are for the next year. Last year they were seeking the Father's heart and growth, especially amongst young families. I think these remain our priorities for the present. We were to have a weekend away this year where we explored the Father heart of God. This weekend has now been postponed to 2021, but the focus of the weekend will remain the same.

Tom Brazier

Electoral Roll Report

The Greenside Parish Church electoral roll is a register of all those qualified to attend the Annual Parochial Church meeting and to vote in elections to the Parochial Church Council plus the Deanery Synod. Enrolment onto the electoral roll means that becoming a voting member of the Church of England. It helps to ensure that all the synodical councils of the Church; the PCC, Gateshead West Deanery Synod, the Durham Diocesan Synod and the General Synod are fully representative of its members.

There was no revision of the roll in 2020 due to Covid 19.

Set out below are the numbers for 2021 and the last five years

March	Members	Female	Male	Resident	Non Resident
2021	72	49 (68%)	23 (38%)	40 (56%)	32 (44%)
2020					
2019	73	48 (66%)	25 (34%)	43 (55%)	30 (45%)
2018	103	72 (70%)	31 (30%)	64 (62%)	39 (38%)
2017	106	76 (72%)	30 (28%)	66 (62%)	40 (38%)
2016	96	69 (72%)	27 (28%)	63 (66%)	33 (34%)

As at mid-March this year there were 72 people on the roll of which: 49 are female, 40 male, 40 are resident in the parish and 32 live outside. Four people were removed and three added.

Paddy Gascoigne – Electoral Roll Officer

Wardens' Report

This year has been very eventful to say the least. Although it was dominated by the pandemic, the wonders of modern technology allowed our church family to worship together and even have fellowship at the end of services. Our thanks go to

all those involved in preparing the services and especially those on the technical side. Let us hope that we shall soon be able to meet in person at Holy Spirit and St John's.

The maintenance and fabric of our churches poses a major challenge. The quinquennial inspection of St John's by our architect, Chris Blackburn, highlighted that the roof and antiquated boiler needed replacing. The cost of replacement is estimated at £100,000 and led to a debate about whether we should continue to worship at two churches. The slate fascia at Holy Spirit is coming away from the brick work and poses a health and safety risk. At the time of writing this report, the PCC is looking at options, assisted by Chris, for modernising the front of the building.

On a brighter note, the hall floor at Holy Spirit has been replaced. The PCC is also exploring, with the local councillor, whether the land to the rear of Holy Spirit can be transformed into a sensory garden for the benefit of the community. This would entail submitting a claim under the rules of adverse possession for part of the land and the remainder being gifted by the council.

During the year, we entered into partnership with Chopwell following the retirement of their vicar, Father Paul. Tom is now responsible for covering the two parishes under the Deanery Development Plan. Whilst we are two distinct churches in terms of worship, the partnership offers opportunities for joint working.

We are now blessed with a curate, Rosemary, and a reader, Mike, who were licensed earlier in the year. Given the partnership with Chopwell, they are a welcome addition to the team and are assisting Tom with his duties by taking funerals and on other matters.

The challenges for the next year are already emerging in the form of the maintenance and fabric of the church estate. Work will have to be done on the fascia at Holy Spirit and this will have to entail generous giving by church members. There is also a quinquennial inspection of Holy Spirit which may highlight further issues.

We would like to conclude by thanking Tom for his excellent stewardship and leadership. Our thanks are also extended to those individuals who contribute towards Greenside Parish being a vibrant community.

Janet Bertola and Beth Gascoigne

Proceedings of the PCC

The PCC continued to meet during the lockdowns via zoom. There were no meetings of the Standing Committee. As the PCC now produces a regular newsletter about its discussions, this report will not go into detail. The main issues considered were as follows

- because of the lockdowns the PCC discussed on several occasions the worship patterns for the church community. Depending upon the restrictions

at the time, it opted for zoom only services or sometimes 'hybrid' services which combined live streaming with in person attendance.

- the diocese changed its approach to collecting the Parish Share. Parishes were given a guided amount based on several criteria. It was pleasing that the amount set for Greenside matched our existing contribution plus inflation.
- the Quinquennial Inspection for St John's took place during the year. It identified several issues the main one being the replacement of the roof and the boiler at an estimated cost of £100,000.
- the PCC decided to pursue a claim to acquire part of the land to the rear of Holy Spirit through adverse possession. The remainder is owned by Gateshead Council. It is hoped that Council will gift its part so allowing the eventual development of a sensory garden for the local community
- Currently the PCC is considering the repair of the slate fascia at the front of Holy Spirit which is in danger of falling down. The cost of repair is great and so the PCC is using the opportunity to modernise the front of the building. Designs are being prepared by our architect, Chris Blackburn.

The PCC acts as a cohesive body which looks to manage the affairs of the church and promote its rule of life as an open group of people following Jesus.

Paddy Gascoigne – PCC Secretary

Safeguarding

Staff in the diocese spent time last year updating the Diocesan Safeguarding Procedures and these were approved at the Synod meeting in December. The updated policy now has a section on social media, guidance on parish website and has a whole new section on photography/images and video recording. To comply with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulations we should never be taking pictures of a person without their consent or a parent's consent for a child under 13. There is new clear guidance on the taking of and storage of images and videos. The changes reflect changes in government policies as well as changes within the church.

There is a copy of the new Diocesan Policy on our website and both church notice boards. At the present time I am updating our church policy to reflect these changes.

We have renewed DBS's for people in the church who needed to renew their certificates this year. The Church of England moved to an online renewing system a couple of years ago which is very efficient so confirmation that a check has been complete has in some case come back in a few days. No one is yet due to update the Child Protection Training.

As most of you know I work within the Early Help Team which is part of Children's Services within Northumberland. Our team has seen many families this year that we would never expect to need help and support and there has been an increase in abuse. We are not going to really know the extent to which people have been affected by abuse until we are fully out of lockdown and young and old alike have

the opportunity to speak out. So, I feel in 2021 that we need to watch out for people around us and speak out for those who do not have a voice. Keeping ourselves and other's safe is everyone's responsibility. Please be vigilant and pray.

If you have any concerns please speak to Tom, myself, or if you need to speak to someone independent of the church leadership contact Beth Miller, the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer.

Denise Clayson

Deanery Synod

We wish to acknowledge the support of Susan Marshall, Lay Chair of Deanery Synod in providing much of this information, as Rosemary was still on placement for a few months in the early part of last year. Due to Coronavirus, Deanery Synod met in person on only one occasion, in February, when Jen Vickers gave a presentation on 'The Recovery Course and Support Programme'. The May meeting was cancelled and the October meeting was held via Zoom.

Lockdown restrictions affected the Deanery Lent course being held at Holy Trinity Swalwell in regard to 'Exploring God's Mercy', led each week by members from different parishes. After the third session, the course was interrupted and an enforced break ensued. Similarly, lockdown thwarted the plans that had started for the Deanery Pilgrimage to Durham Cathedral in early summer, following one of the new Pilgrimage routes.

However, lockdown did not prevent Holy Trinity Swalwell who compiled a 'virtual Prayer Room' for the Deanery in May. Greenside Parish also reported to Deanery Synod their gradual developments of using Zoom for a mixture of Sunday Morning Services, Children's Club, Evening Prayer, Compline, Bible Study, 'Singalong', Home Groups, Corporate Prayer, Sunday Songs. Live streaming was instituted for Morning Prayer Mondays to Fridays. In addition, the Open the Book team produced videos which it offered to members of Synod for use in their schools. Some other parishes have similarly blossomed, despite lockdown restrictions.

Staffing changes included welcoming Revd Alison Stewart-Smith in February, who was licensed as Priest in Charge to the Parishes of Ryton and Winlaton. Revd Lyn Jamieson retired early in the year as Chaplain to the MetroCentre and Revd Paul Murray retired in August from St John's, Chopwell. Towards the end of the year, we learned that Revd Diane Ryan had been appointed as Priest in Charge to the Parishes of Blaydon and High Spen & Rowlands Gill. Diane was licensed on 21 March 2021; Revd Rosemary Hendry was ordained and began her curacy at Greenside Parish and both Mike Hendry from Greenside Parish and Bill Arkless from High Spen and Rowlands Gill Parish completed their training as Readers (Licensed Lay Ministers).

The Deanery Development Plan continued to unfold with the creation of the Parish of Blaydon and the Parish of Swalwell, as of 1 Jan 2021. The Benefice of Blaydon will be held in plurality with Benefice of HS&RG by Revd Diane Ryan, and the Benefice of Swalwell is now held in plurality with Benefice of Whickham by Revd Barry Abbott.

Towards the end of the year, a new triennium of Deanery Synod began, with a number of new members being elected onto Synod, including Doreen Drake from Greenside Parish.

**Revd Rosemary Hendry,
Paul Hobbs and Doreen Drake, Deanery Synod Representatives**

Intercessors Group

Soon after I wrote the report last year, Covid struck, and things changed! When it became obvious that this was going to be long term, I sent a "Coronavirus Prayer" list to everyone on the Parish email list, three times over five months. After this, I asked everyone if they would like to join the Intercessors Group. Three people joined us after that, bringing the numbers of members now to 33. Most members receive the Prayer List by email, and print their own copies, or just use their devices when praying. We have two members without access to email, who get a paper copy. When I asked via email how people used their list, I received several encouraging replies.

Another aspect of the Intercessors Group is that I also email Group members with emergency prayer requests that come to me from others. I am always encouraged when people respond so quickly to say they are praying. We have seen some great answers to prayer, and improvements in ongoing situations. One thing we always stress is that all prayer requests must be kept completely confidential. This can be difficult as generally members aren't aware of everyone who is a member of the group. We are careful before sharing anything and especially in Zoom meetings where often we cannot see everyone who is in the meeting.

Finally, thank you to all Group members for your faithfulness in prayer, and to everyone who has entrusted us with prayer requests. Our God loves to answer our prayers, to Him be the glory.

Helen Hardisty

Sunday Club

As with everyone else we have had a strange year in Sunday Club. We continued with our normal activities till mid-March and then moved to Zoom. We also welcomed Tori, Emmeline with Mum Caroline, Liberty with Mum Elisabeth and Finley with Mum Louise to our merry band of Jess, Henry, Dylan, Adam and Abigail.

We have had an interesting few months. We have made a lot of craft activities including: bird feeders, origami, toilet roll houses, science experiments, a bug hotel and various cards for special occasions. We now have a budding group of cake

and biscuit makers after making: a variety of scones, brownies, cookies, fairy cakes, cinder toffee and stained glass Christmas decorations. We also competed in the Zoom Olympic Games.

I hope you all enjoyed this year's Nativity in six parts that spread over parts of November, December and the last part was shown in January. A big Thank You to all who took part and a special Thank You to camera operator Rosemary, editor Rachel and our narrator, who was involved in every scene, Jess. With thanks to Simon Longshaw we also had a wonderful Zoom Christmas party.

It seems a very long time ago going back to March when Jess and Henry, along with Eric, joined up with a group from Darlington for an outdoor adventure weekend involving a midnight walk down a very wet hillside to see the night sky, climbing walls, climbing a telegraph pole before throwing yourself off towards a trapeze, abseiling, two rope slides, an aerial and then a mud obstacle course including three tunnel crawls!!! It must have been good as they all wanted to go again in 2021. If only!!!

A big thank you to our Sunday Club team: Allen, Dawn W, Dennis, Doreen, Fiona, Gloria, Jackie, Pam, Rachel, Rosemary, Tricia and Val for their help and support in nurturing the children in our church.

Eric Hardisty

Open the Book Team

So much has changed in the way we go about our lives in the last 12 months due to the pandemic. The 'Open the Book' Team has had to find new ways of engaging with our local schools due to the fact that we have not been able to visit schools since February last year. The good news is that our wonderful God has led us from the ordinary way of doing things into the **extraordinary**.

One of the many blessings we have had is that since September, the Team has been joined by Cath Jones and Norma Todd who are now trained, formally registered and very involved as 'Open the Book' storytellers. In total we are now a team of 11 storytellers. We have had Mike Hendry working with the team on several occasions. His involvement and enthusiasm as a storyteller has always been very much appreciated.

We have also ventured into the world of film production in order to keep in touch with our local schoolchildren. Tom initially had the idea back in September/October to try recording videos on Zoom of the stories to send to our schools. Since then, all the team have been involved on a regular basis rehearsing and recording from our individual homes on Zoom. As well as acting and presenting, we have also made exceptionally good use of costumes, backdrops, props graphics and sound to great effect, not to mention the humour. We are supported by our wonderful technical team members. Between them Rosemary Hendry and Eric Hardisty advise, direct and record us, whilst Rachael Spencer is our expert in editing. We follow all the guidelines as set out In the Open the Book Code of Practice.

I am delighted to report that over the last few months our completed videos have been sent out regularly to Emmaville and Greenside primary schools. To our delight a third school St Agnes Primary School, which we have not visited previously, asked if they could also have the recorded videos too. The feedback from all 3 Primary schools has been fantastic, positive and very encouraging.

We also had the privilege of delivering copies of Bob Hartman's Nativity Rhyme beautifully illustrated booklet 'It Begins in Bethlehem' to our 3 primary schools. A copy was made available for every child to take home.

It is a blessing to be a member of an enthusiastic and caring team as we continue to adapt to the present situation using our God given talents in new ways.

Hallelujah!!

Pam Jackson

Pastoral Report

Irrespective of the current restrictions regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, Pastoral Care Ministry continues serving the Church fellowship in a slightly different format. Despite the situation, the group, on behalf of the church, still offer support and encouragement, helping in practical ways, financially, supporting through bereavement and sending cards of encouragement. It is always a joy to present flowers (keeping at a safe distance!) for special celebrations as well as at sad times.

Sadly, we are unable to make our regular visits taking Home Communion to those who are unable to attend church together with our monthly visits to Addison Court and Lindisfarne residential care homes. The team miss this important part of pastoral ministry.

The team follow the Government guidelines and good practice in respect of safeguarding. We will continue to serve in love.

Currently, Coffee Stop has been suspended but members look forward to serving church family and the community once again in the near future.

Blessings from the Coffee Stop & Pastoral Team Members

Prayer Ministry Team

'I cried to you for help, O Lord God and you healed me' Psalm 30.2.

2020 was not the year anyone expected to have. Covid 19 brought us many challenges both personally and as a Church body. We have had to adapt to lockdown restrictions and look for new ways to support and reach out to each other. The need for prayer and intercessions was even more vital at this dark time. The team have had to look to new and creative ways to pray together to bring the message of hope in Jesus to a now largely online Church community. Zoom has

been the method of choice; the Team has been trained to use this safely and securely. In this way prayer could still be offered after Sunday online services.

The Team continue to provide a safe, non-judgemental, loving prayer space full of the presence of the Holy Spirit. We remain expectant that God will continue to meet with His people, bringing healing, comfort, peace, freedom, encouragement and changing lives.

We encourage everyone to come forward for prayer. Prayer is vital it is how we involve God in every detail of our lives He longs for intimacy with us and we have witnessed the power of prayer changing people's lives on many occasions. God will listen and He will act. 'When you call me and come pray to me, I will listen to you' Jeremiah 29:12.

The team ministry follow the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy. Confidentiality is diligently observed.

I thank the Team for their continued commitment to this Ministry, for their faithfulness, integrity and Christ centred approach. We look forward to the time when our Church buildings re-open and we can again deliver prayer and the laying on of hands in person.

Come forward for prayer and be blessed!

Dawn Wallace

Hope for South Africa's Children

Income in our 2019/20 financial year was £56,008 and we made grants totalling £55,314. Expenses were zero.

Our main focus remains Rehoboth Children's village for children orphaned/abandoned and HIV Positive. We provided £28,293 to support the operational and education needs of the village. Our sponsor programme remains the largest contributor; we now have sixty plus sponsors for the eighty children resident in the village. More children are returning home as the Government policy is changing, children will be expected to be returned home or fostered/ adopted within two years.

Following the decision to place all unrestricted income in an "Outreach" fund, including Gift Aid, we have been able to increase our giving to rural projects which we have personally identified and are known to have good governance. An anonymous grant of £8800 was part of the reason for the increase. This has allowed us to make grants totaling £27,021 to 7 projects working with children in the rural areas of South Africa, more than double the year before. The additional income went to support feeding programmes in rural crèches who were closed due to the pandemic and unable to provide meals for the children. We also launched an education fund for young people who have moved into higher education or need support to further their work prospects. Three applications were approved.

The church's generous support as part of its Mission giving fund will continue to be allocated to our Outreach Fund, we really appreciate the church's continued support as part of this programme.

David Smith – Secretary/Trustee

Christian Aid

Coronavirus restrictions meant that Christian Aid Week in May 2020 was a virtual event, keeping alive the spirit of a week that's been running nationally since 1957. E-envelopes enabled those who wished to donate, to support the charity's aim of transforming the lives of people, through its partner organisations, around the world. They also campaign for action on climate change, fair trade and tax justice.

The annual Christian Aid/CAFOD Advent Service, which provides an opportunity for all denominations in the local area to come together, could not take place this year. Christian Aid's 'Love Builds Hope' Christmas message seems particularly pertinent for communities near and far as a new year unfolds.

Many thanks, as ever, to all within our parish who continue to support the work of Christian Aid. More information about their programmes can be found on the Christian Aid website -christianaid.org.uk/our-work/programmes

Christine Brown (St. John's Rep) and Caroline Kelly (Holy Spirit Rep)

Outreach Report.

Fairfields Manor

The intention was to welcome people to the area by offering them an Easter egg. This was postponed due to Covid. The intention was to go round in September/October with the eggs as a belated welcome. This was also not possible. In the end we went around with advent calendars. Covid again got in the way and we gave them out Thurs 3rd Dec. Twelve of us went out in pairs. For many people this was a totally new experience for them. Because of Covid many people were in and we decided not to go out on Friday as planned. We went out on the Saturday. All the houses were contacted apart from a few. We visited about 90 houses. The response was positive.

This leaves some houses, not yet built, for a future time, as does the new houses on Valley Rise. There may be opportunity once Covid is over to organize a barbeque as a celebratory event to mark the end of Covid. There may also be the opportunity to organize a concert perhaps at the working men's club as a way of making establishing good relations with the people in the area.

Berni Bertola

Financial Review

COVID-19 Pandemic

It is safe to say this year has been like no other in living memory for church finances generally.

Last year we moved most of the regular giving to Parish Giving and our Bank account to one with an online platform, these two actions have allowed the church to weather the Pandemic much better than it could have otherwise done. We have still had a significant reduction in income primarily due to us not being able to collect any normal income from collections at services or hall lets.

We have had to use some reserves this year but have managed to pay the agreed increase in our Parish Share, our Mission Giving, and done improvements and repairs to the building including the new Hall floor, Roof Repairs, and Electrical Work in Holy Spirit Church and Lightning Protection remedial works in St Johns.

Income

Total unrestricted income was £86,526. This is down £9,310 from last year. This has been accounted for due to the pandemic. Having said that our parish has done well due to the generosity of received from contributions received mainly via regular giving via Parish Giving.

Giving

If you would like more information on how to give, I have created a new area on the website. Please look at www.greensideparish.org.uk/donations.htm for more information.

Expenditure

Total unrestricted expenditure was £102,154. This is slightly down by £1,145. Some on the PCC expected a greater reduction as we were not carrying out normal services so normal utilities would be reduced. But this saving was wiped out by other required expenditure during the year including building improvements and repairs.

Reserves Policy

We are approximately £8,000 down in our unrestricted reserves which stand at £13,089 at the end of the year. It has been acknowledged by the PCC we could manage another year with this kind of loss and then would need to look at making substantial savings.

In normal times the PCC agreed reserves policy is to maintain a target balance of unrestricted reserves which equates to approximately three months' unrestricted payments based upon the previous year's expenditure. This is currently set at approximately 3 months general expenditure which is around 20k.

Mission Giving

We once again gave 10% of our income to the following charities as decided by the PCC.

Charity	Portion
Christian Aid	10%
Christian Solidarity Worldwide	10%
Hope for SA children	10%
Junction 42	10%
Open Doors UK	10%
Open the Book	10%
The People's Kitchen	10%
The Shirley Community Chaplaincy (North East)	10%
Wycliffe Bible Translators	10%
Rainforest Alliance	10%

Ongoing Concerns

COVID-19

After making appropriate enquiries, the Members of the PCC have a reasonable expectation that the PCC has sufficient resources. In making their assessment the Members have taken into consideration the disruption to Church life caused by the coronavirus pandemic and consider that the PCC has sufficient reserves to allow it to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the Members continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Holy Spirit Front Fascia

Repairing the Fascia has now become a two-phase project, where we first remove the tiles and make the surface safe and then later replace them with something new that is still to be fully explored. The first phase will use up a significant fraction of our remaining reserves and the second phase is beyond our reserves. To fund these the PCC will need to explore holding one or more gift days.

Future Developments

As noted in last year I felt I was not able to carry on as Treasurer due to extra family commitments and increased workload. This has not happened as no one suitable and willing has been found as a replacement. Currently the workload has been greatly reduced due to the pandemic and I have been able to keep the important aspects going. We are now looking at delegation with me being the Treasurer but handing off a lot of the day-to-day work to others within the church family. This will mean changing some processes and moving to an online version of our accounts system to allow multi-users to input. If you feel called to take the Treasurer role or support me in aspects of the role, please get in touch with myself or Tom.

Thanks

Thank you to you all for your support to me in the role of treasurer. Special Thanks to John Clayson in his role as assistant treasurer, Beth Gascoigne for her support with aspects of the treasurer role and all those that help with the administration of the church finances including all those in the counting team, banking team, and payment authorisers.

Conclusion

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing contribution financially and otherwise to our Church. I hope you find the following accounts enlightening and useful to understand how our church uses the money you give it. The finances of the Parish of Greenside are in a good place to allow us to carry on our good work in the coming year.

Simon Longshaw, Treasurer

Independent Examiners Report

Greenside Parish

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of the PCC

I report to the PCC members on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the PCC's members 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 PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

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

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

This report is made solely to the PCC's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the PCC's members those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the PCC and the PCC's members as a body, for my work or for this report.

Nigel Wyrley-Birch

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April 2021

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The PCC of Greenside constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Fund Accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the PCC and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the PCC for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

1.3 Income

All income is recognised once the PCC has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the PCC is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the PCC has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the PCC, or the PCC is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the PCC has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the PCC of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the PCC which is the amount the PCC would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation. Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in each undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Greenside Parish Accounts 2020

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies					
Planned giving	61,131	—	—	61,131	60,568
Collections	6,062	—	—	6,062	6,113
Income tax recovered	14,417	—	—	14,417	15,444
Other voluntary income	1,265	—	27	1,292	3,783
Income from charitable activities	894	—	—	894	3,022
Other trading activities	140	1,469	—	1,609	5,516
Other income	999	—	120	1,119	1,387
Total income	84,910	1,469	147	86,526	95,836
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities					
Charitable giving	—	9,070	—	9,070	10,169
Ministry	63,178	—	—	63,178	60,777
Church running costs	14,187	—	—	14,187	14,427
Other running costs and repairs	11,100	3,974	642	15,718	17,823
Other expenditure	—	—	—	—	101
Total expenditure	88,466	13,045	642	102,154	103,299
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(3,556)	(11,575)	(495)	(15,627)	(7,462)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	8,538	15	8,553	10,005
Gross transfers between funds - out	(8,553)	—	—	(8,553)	(10,005)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Net movement in funds	(12,110)	(3,036)	(480)	(15,627)	(7,462)
Total funds brought forward	22,692	5,544	10,662	38,899	46,361
Total funds carried forward	10,582	2,507	10,181	23,272	38,899
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	10,582	—	—	10,582	22,692
Designated					
Footprints	—	153	—	153	153
Parish Weekend 2019	—	926	—	926	926
Pastoral-Coffee Stop	—	844	—	844	1,155
SJHall	—	583	—	583	3,308
Restricted					
Footprints	—	—	36	36	36
Sunday Club	—	—	—	—	(15)
Youth Work	—	—	6,777	6,777	7,273
Youth Worker	—	—	3,367	3,367	3,367

Designated Funds Descriptions

Footprints – Money collected by Footprints that can be used for other church matters.

Parish Weekend 2019 – Money left over from Parish Weekend 2019 this can be used for next Parish Weekend or other church matters.

Pastoral-Coffee Stop – Money collected by Coffee Stop that is earmarked for Pastoral spending but can be used for other church matters.

SJHall – Money collected by St Johns Hall lets that is used for the Hall but can be used for other church matters.

Restricted Funds Descriptions

Footprints – Money donated for Footprints that must be used for Footprints.

Sunday Club – Money donated for Sunday Club that must be used for Sunday Club.

Youth Work – Money donated for other Youth Work that must be used for Youth Work.

Youth Worker – Money donated for a Youth Worker that must be used for a Youth Worker.

Balance Sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
6430	Sample fixed asset	—	—
	Total Fixed assets	—	—
Current assets			
6520	Bank Account	32,726	42,529
6590	Cash in hand	20	22
Z05	Accounts Receivable	1,499	2,430
	Total Current assets	34,246	44,982
Liabilities			
6699	Agency collections	1,005	523
Z04	Accounts Payable	9,968	5,559
	Total Liabilities	10,974	6,082
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	23,272	38,899
Reserves			
Z01	Excess / (deficit) to date	(15,627)	(9,396)
	Starting balances	38,899	48,296
	Total Reserves	23,272	38,899
Represented by funds			
	Unrestricted	10,582	22,692
	Designated	2,507	5,544
	Restricted	10,181	10,662
	Endowment	—	—
	Total	23,272	38,899

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand					
Bank Account -	15,239	6,300	11,186	32,726	42,529
Cash in hand -	20	—	—	20	22
Totals	15,260	6,300	11,186	32,747	42,551
Current assets - Debtors					
Accounts Receivable -	1,085	413	—	1,499	2,430
Totals	1,085	413	—	1,499	2,430
Liabilities - Agency accounts					
Agency collections -	—	—	1,005	1,005	523
Totals	—	—	1,005	1,005	523
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year					
Accounts Payable -	5,763	4,205	—	9,968	5,559
Totals	5,763	4,205	—	9,968	5,559
Grand total	10,582	2,507	10,181	23,272	38,899

Fund Movement by Type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Bldng - Building						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Bldng	—	—	—	—	—	—
CFair - Crawcrook Fair						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for CFair	—	—	—	—	—	—
Compassion - Compassion						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Compassion	—	—	—	—	—	—
Footprint - Footprints						
Designated	153	—	—	—	—	153
Restricted	36	—	—	—	—	36
Sub-total for Footprint	189	—	—	—	—	189
Mission - Mission						
Designated	—	—	8,538	8,538	—	—
Sub-total for Mission	—	—	8,538	8,538	—	—
PA - Parish Admin Donation						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for PA	—	—	—	—	—	—
PW2019 - Parish Weekend 2019						
Designated	926	—	—	—	—	926
Sub-total for PW2019	926	—	—	—	—	926
Pstrl-CS - Pastoral-Coffee Stop						
Designated	1,155	220	531	—	—	844
Sub-total for Pstrl-CS	1,155	220	531	—	—	844
SClub - Sunday Club						
Restricted	(15)	—	—	15	—	—
Sub-total for SClub	(15)	—	—	15	—	—
SJH - SJHall						
Designated	3,308	1,249	3,974	—	—	583
Sub-total for SJH	3,308	1,249	3,974	—	—	583
SNB - School Nativity Book						
Restricted	—	147	147	—	—	—
Sub-total for SNB	—	147	147	—	—	—
YW - Youth Work						
Restricted	7,273	—	495	—	—	6,777
Sub-total for YW	7,273	—	495	—	—	6,777
YWkr - Youth Worker						
Restricted	3,367	—	—	—	—	3,367
Sub-total for YWkr	3,367	—	—	—	—	3,367
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	22,692	84,910	88,466	(8,553)	—	10,582
Sub-total for General	22,692	84,910	88,466	(8,553)	—	10,582
Grand total	38,899	86,526	102,154	—	—	23,272

Analysis of Income and Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Income and Endowments					
<i>Donations and legacies - Planned giving</i>					
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	730	—	—	730	16,187
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	210	—	—	210	3,871
0120 - Gift Aid - PGS	53,253	—	—	53,253	33,096
0201 - Non Gift Aid - Bank	3,385	—	—	3,385	4,068
0210 - Non Gift Aid - Envelopes	1,166	—	—	1,166	2,026
0220 - Non Gift Aid - PGS	2,386	—	—	2,386	1,319
Total	61,131	—	—	61,131	60,568
<i>Donations and legacies - Collections</i>					
0301 - Collections	6,062	—	—	6,062	6,113
Total	6,062	—	—	6,062	6,113
<i>Donations and legacies - Income tax recovered</i>					
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	14,417	—	—	14,417	15,444
Total	14,417	—	—	14,417	15,444
<i>Donations and legacies - Other voluntary income</i>					
0302 - Collection - Funeral	256	—	—	256	499
0303 - Collection - Wedding	—	—	—	—	32
0304 - Collection - Baptism	—	—	—	—	331
0550 - Donations appeals etc	1,008	—	27	1,035	2,910
0552 - Youth Work	—	—	—	—	10
Total	1,265	—	27	1,292	3,783
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>					
0553 - Footprint	—	—	—	—	11
0905 - Photocopying donation	—	—	—	—	2
1101 - PCC Fees for weddings and funerals	894	—	—	894	3,009
Total	894	—	—	894	3,022
<i>Other trading activities</i>					
0950 - Bank refund/credit	140	220	—	360	0
1210 - Coffee Stop	—	—	—	—	557
Donations/Pastoral Donations	—	—	—	—	15
1225 - Bible notes	—	—	—	—	204
1230 - HS Church Hall lettings	—	—	—	—	204
1240 - SJ Hall lettings	—	1,249	—	1,249	4,740
Total	140	1,469	—	1,609	5,516
<i>Other income</i>					
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	—	—	120	120	—
0901 - Other funds generated	—	—	—	—	304
0915 - Parish Admin Donations	—	—	—	—	916
1040 - Area Dean Expenditure Contribution	999	—	—	999	166
Total	999	—	120	1,119	1,387
INCOME TOTAL	84,910	1,469	147	86,526	95,836

Expenditure

Expenditure on charitable activities - Charitable giving

1801 - Charitable giving	—	—	—	250
1850 - Mission giving	—	8,538	—	9,078
2205 - Pastoral giving	—	531	—	841
Total	—	9,070	—	10,169

Expenditure on charitable activities - Ministry

1910 - Ministry Parish Share	56,892	—	—	54,180
1911 - Ministry Deanery Share	140	—	—	140
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	2,599	—	—	2,560
2060 - Salary of parish pa	2,584	—	—	2,697
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	595	—	—	772
2140 - Water rates - vicarage	367	—	—	428
Total	63,178	—	—	60,777

Expenditure on charitable activities - Church running costs

2301 - HS church running - insurance	1,480	—	—	1,514
2302 - SJ church running - insurance	2,369	—	—	2,465
2330 - Church maintenance/Quinquennial	4,006	—	—	1,994
2340 - Upkeep of services/New equipment	567	—	—	931
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard/garden	213	—	—	274
2401 - HS church running - electric	428	—	—	452
2402 - SJ church running - electricity	573	—	—	334
2410 - HS church running - gas	2,489	—	—	3,725
2411 - SJ church running - gas	1,152	—	—	1,239
2420 - HS church running - water	99	—	—	170
2421 - SJ church running - water	121	—	—	165
2430 - HS running - cleaning	685	—	—	1,158
Total	14,187	—	—	14,427

Expenditure on charitable activities - Other running costs and repairs

2170 - Education	—	—	—	23
2202 - Youth Work	—	—	642	103
2203 - Sunday Club	245	—	—	562
2210 - Outreach	2	—	—	247
2212 - Events	—	—	—	3,979
2214 - Leaflets/Cards/Signs	625	—	—	1,156
2215 - Teaching Materials	—	—	—	53
2310 - HS church office - telephone	381	—	—	438
2360 - Administration	—	—	—	230
2361 - Photocopier	269	—	—	607
2362 - Stationery	100	—	—	292
2363 - Web site/Music licenses	861	—	—	1,010
2364 - CRB /First Aid certificates/Data protect	49	—	—	73
2365 - IT costs	—	—	—	379
2366 - Sundries	325	—	—	830
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	250	—	—	—
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	3,870	—	—	—
2710 - Church major repairs - installation	4,065	—	—	—
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	32	—	—	—
2800 - New equipment	22	—	—	330
3010 - SJ Hall Electricity	—	200	—	584
3020 - SJ Hall Gas	—	1,780	—	1,118
3030 - SJ Hall Water	—	112	—	123
3040 - SJ Hall Insurance	—	1,007	—	858
3050 - SJ Hall Maintenance	—	264	—	3,498

3060 - SJ Hall Cleaning	—	610	—	610	1,183
3070 - SJ Hall Decorating	—	—	—	—	135
Total	11,100	3,974	642	15,718	17,823

Other expenditure

2900 - Other expenditure	—	—	—	—	101
Total	—	—	—	—	101
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	88,466	13,045	642	102,154	103,299
GRAND TOTAL	(3,556)	(11,575)	(495)	(15,627)	(7,462)

Conclusion

All figures are rounded to the nearest pound.
Registered Charity Number for Greenside Parish is 1171547.

This report is dated: Tuesday, 15 April 2021
Approved by the PCC

	Name	Signature	Date
PCC Chairman	Rev Tom Brazier	_____	_____
PCC Treasurer	Simon Longshaw	_____	_____