

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

Money for the Parish Weekend away 2019.

Parish Weekend 2022

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
		48,877	32,747
Cash At Bank and In Hand			
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	-
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Expenditure Grand totals	86,527	19,495	558	106,581	102,154
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Grand totals	34,253	(14,671)	(130)	19,451	(15,628)
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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	_____	_____