

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.

<b>March</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Non Resident</b>
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 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of August with a further event taking place at Lobley Hill on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 befriended 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](mailto: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 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](http://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
<b>Total income</b>	<b>102,307</b>	<b>7,112</b>	<b>7,650</b>	<b>117,070</b>	<b>126,032</b>
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
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>90,889</b>	<b>19,690</b>	<b>7,023</b>	<b>117,604</b>	<b>106,581</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>11,417</b>	<b>(12,578)</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>(534)</b>	<b>19,451</b>
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					
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>(1,695)</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>(534)</b>	<b>19,451</b>
Reconciliation of funds					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>30,193</b>	<b>2,479</b>	<b>10,050</b>	<b>42,723</b>	<b>23,272</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>30,727</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>10,677</b>	<b>42,189</b>	<b>42,723</b>

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

## 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
<b>Cash At Bank And In Hand</b>			
<b>6520: Bank Account</b>			
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
		<b>53,629</b>	<b>48,860</b>

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

### *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
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
General - General fund	£30,193	£102,307	£90,889	(£10,884)	£31,727
<b>Sub-totals</b>	<b>£30,193</b>	<b>£102,307</b>	<b>£90,889</b>	<b>(£10,884)</b>	<b>£31,727</b>
<b>Designated</b>					
Footprint - Footprints	£153	£104	£12		£245
Garden				£1,000	£1,000
Mission - Mission			£9,883	£9,883	
Pstrl-CS - Pastoral	£532		£68		£463
PW2022 - Parish Weekend 2022	£1,793	£2,845	£3,867		£770
SJH - SJHall		£4,162	£5,857		(£1,695)
<b>Sub-totals</b>	<b>£2,479</b>	<b>£7,112</b>	<b>£19,690</b>	<b>£9,883</b>	<b>(£216)</b>
<b>Restricted</b>					
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
<b>Sub-totals</b>	<b>£10,050</b>	<b>£7,650</b>	<b>£7,023</b>	<b>£10,677</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£42,723</b>	<b>£117,070</b>	<b>£117,604</b>	<b>£42,189</b>

## 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
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
<b>Donations and legacies</b>					
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	
<b>Donations and legacies Totals</b>	<b>95,539</b>	<b>2,845</b>	<b>7,119</b>	<b>105,504</b>	<b>98,566</b>
<b>Income from charitable activities</b>					
0553 – Footprint		104		104	
1101 - PCC Fees for weddings and funerals	1,163			1,163	1,362
<b>Income from charitable activities Totals</b>	<b>1,163</b>	<b>104</b>		<b>1,267</b>	<b>1,362</b>
<b>Other trading activities</b>					
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
<b>Other trading activities Totals</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>4,162</b>		<b>4,322</b>	<b>3,961</b>
<b>Other income</b>					
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	
<b>Other income Totals</b>	<b>5,444</b>		<b>531</b>	<b>5,975</b>	<b>22,143</b>
<b>Income Grand totals</b>	<b>102,307</b>	<b>7,112</b>	<b>7,650</b>	<b>117,070</b>	<b>126,032</b>

## 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	
<b>Charitable giving Totals</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>9,951</b>	<b>4,482</b>	<b>14,734</b>	<b>14,329</b>
<b>Ministry</b>					
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
<b>Ministry Totals</b>	<b>67,618</b>			<b>67,618</b>	<b>64,291</b>
<b>Church running costs</b>					
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
<b>Church running costs Totals</b>	<b>16,215</b>			<b>16,215</b>	<b>12,247</b>
<b>Other running costs and repairs</b>					
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
<b>Other running costs and repairs Totals</b>	<b>6,015</b>	<b>9,738</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>16,020</b>	<b>15,606</b>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>					
4020 - CAP Payments			600	600	

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

## 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.



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17 April 2023