

GREENSIDE PARISH

St John's, Greenside

Church of the Holy Spirit, Crawcrook

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



Aim and purposes

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

Administrative information

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

Structure, governance and management

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

PCC membership following APCM 27th April 2024:

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

Objectives and activities

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

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

Risk Management

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

Achievements and performance

Vicar's Report

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

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

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

A new season

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

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

Being present

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

Preaching more

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

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

Rule of life

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

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

Home groups

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

Prayer meetings.

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

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

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

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

Rev. Tom Brazier, Vicar

Electoral Roll Report

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

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

Faye Baker, Electoral Roll Officer and Tom Brazier, vicar

Church Wardens' Report

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

Buildings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pastoral Outreach

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

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

The Church

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

Cath Jones and Tricia Reed, Church Wardens

Proceedings of the PCC

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In April 2025 Sue Haymen left her role as treasurer.

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

Deborah Proud, PCC Secretary

Safeguarding Report

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

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

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

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

Denise Clayson

Deanery Synod Report

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

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

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

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

Mike Hendry and Paul Hobbs, Deanery Synod Representatives

Intercessors Group

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

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

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

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

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

Helen Hardisty

Magdalene Community Church

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Rachael Phillips

Children's and youth work

Prayer Spaces in Schools

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

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

Tom Brazier

Pastoral

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

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

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

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

Mike and Rosemary Hendry

Community Garden

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

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

The plan for this year includes:

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

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

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

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

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

Denise Clayson

Mission Partners

Hope for South Africa's Children

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

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

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

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

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

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

David & Glen Smith, Chair/Secretary/Trustees

Christian Aid

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

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

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

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

Financial Review

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

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

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

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

Tom Brazier

Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

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

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designate d Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
Cash funds						
Bank current account		13,554	12,620	29,474	55,647	58,830
Cash in hand		25		-	25	24
		13,579	12,620	29,474	55,672	58,854
Other monetary assets						
Income Tax recoverable				-	-	-
Liabilities						
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- 1 The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
- 2 This includes utilities refunds of £2,372 and area dean contributions for PA of £1,000.
- 3 The movement in designated and restricted funds during the year:

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

Restricted funds are:

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

Designated funds are:

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

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF GREENSIDE ("the PCC")

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

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



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2 May 2025