

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY WITH SAINT MARK, STOCKTON-ON-TEES

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Details

Other names	HOLY TRINITY WITH ST MARK'S PCC, STOCKTON-ON-TEES
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2017-06-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH, PASTORAL, EVANGELISTIC, SOCIAL AND ECUMENICAL.

Activities: The activities which we engage in on a weekly basis is as follows: Weekly lunch club for the community, including elderly and young parents with small children - Gener8. Weekly youth club for teenagers in the community on a Friday evening with around 100 young people in attendance run by volunteers from our Church - Ignite.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Stockton-on-tees

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£94,260	£88,157	-	-
2023-12-31	£121,673	£102,081	-	-
2022-12-31	£119,923	£68,549	-	-
2021-12-31	£72,030	£56,775	-	-
2020-12-31	£104,224	£102,432	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev PAUL NEVILLE	Chair	2015-10-01
ANTHONY STEWART		2017-06-06
BARBARA DARLING		2017-06-06
BARBARA PORRITT		2025-03-30
BRUCE MERRICK		2017-06-06
CONSTANCE ROBINSON		2017-06-06
Christine Robertson		2022-04-03
DOREEN CRINSON		2017-06-06
David Alexander Patterson		2022-04-03
Edna Shirley Perkins		2022-04-03
GEMMA ROBSON		2017-06-06
Jennifer Adela Stewart		2024-04-28
Joanne Elizabeth Curtis		2024-04-28
Joanne Emma Ford-Leadbeater		2024-10-21
MARK KENNEDY		2017-06-06
Millie Joanne Ford		2025-09-15
VALERIE KAY ROBINSON		2018-04-08

Accounts



**Financial Statements and Associated Reports
for 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024
presented to the Annual Parochial Church
meeting held on 30 March 2025.**



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1. Vicar's Report

Rev'd Paul Neville, Vicar's Report to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)
Sunday 30th March 2025

Following Jesus, Serving our Community.

Welcome to Holy Trinity with St Mark APCM, and thank you for joining us, I would like to thank you all for this opportunity to gather together to reflect, as we look back over the past year and to give thanks to God for all that we have done in His name and for His glory in this church and the wider parish.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting – (APCM) is a legal requirement where the PCC present financial accounts and reports from all departments of our church and where we are reminded of our purpose and calling as the church in this community, that is...

The church is called to be pastoral – to look after the individual people; to be evangelistic – to tell people the Good News and invite them to accept it; to be social – to help the poorer members of society, and those suffering from racial, economic and other forms of injustice; and to be ecumenical – to encourage good relations with other Christian denominations.

This is my twelfth APCM. As we look back over the past year 2024 together, I am always blessed by the process of looking back together. Each year we get a greater sense of our purpose, the mission which God calls us to partake in, to constantly welcome everyone who comes through the doors of our church. St Paul called the church 'the body of Christ' which gives us an image of a fully functioning and varied body of people working together following Jesus, serving the community.

In 2024 yet again brought both blessings and sadness. We remember those who we lost, Thelma Hearn, Kathlen Carr, Doug Sission, Brian Smith, Peter Wilson. May they Rest in Peace and rise in glory.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is a primary importance to enable us to promote our church as a safe place for everyone. It is essential that all who engage in some form of ministry and service have a DBS check and fulfil the required safeguarding training provided by the Diocese under the leadership of Beth Miller and Wendy Hodgson. The training is mainly online with some face-to-face options for those who prefer that mode of learning. Safeguarding is the responsibility of us all, each member of the church has a responsibility to one another, which is entirely biblical. The Church of England has had a huge shake up over the past year because of the lack of Safeguarding and accountability. It is imperative that we take safeguarding seriously as a church.

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Thank you to Jo Ford -Leadbeater our Parish Safeguarding Officer and for leading us in this aspect of church governance. Please remember if ever you have a concern about anything within the church, please speak to Jo, immediately. Do not leave it to someone else. When in doubt ask.

Rev John

Losing Thelma last year was especially difficult for us all. Thelma was alongside John as a wonderful wife and mother. Thelma made a huge contribution to the life of our church and was dearly loved by us all. When Thelma and John joined us here at Holy Trinity we very quickly felt the blessings that they would bring to our church. Christine and I had and have a strong bond with Thelma which continues with John. I continue to be blessed to minister alongside John, I know only too well that I couldn't have the ministry I have without his assistance and support. May John know the deep love of all our church for him now and in the years to come.

Rev Jane

Rev Jane completed her Curacy with us last year and was formally installed as the Anglican Chaplain at North Tees and Hartlepool NHS trust. It was an amazing service that marked a long and challenging journey for Jane.

Connie Robinson

Thank you to Connie for your ministry and all that you do for our church. We all know that you too have had your health problems and we continue to pray for you.

Church Administrator

Once again may I say thank you to Sue on your behalf and from me personally for the ever-increasing role she has serving our church in such a proficient way, not only running the office, but as Gift Aid coordinator and supporter of all that we do as a church. Despite a challenging year for Sue and Malcolm she has continued to do all she can to look after the admin of our church.

Churchwardens

Gemma Robson and David Patterson have served us so well during the past year yet again. I am personally grateful to them both in the way that we work together so well and that I can rely on them both in such a way that enables me to attend to other matters of importance.

Being a churchwarden is a huge ask and a privilege, but it sometimes comes at a cost and I hope that our church congregation not only appreciate what they do but express it too.

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PCC Secretary

At last year's APCM brought Doreen's 17 year role as PCC secretary to retirement. It was then that the PCC approved Joanne as our new PCC secretary, and she has served us remarkably well. Thank you Joanne for your hard work.

Baptism Ministry

Thank you to Connie Robinson for not only in her role as Licensed Lay Minister but as Baptism Coordinator. The system we have currently, has been working really well after the Sunday morning service. The families appreciate your care and help in the coordination of our baptisms.

Finance and Stewardship

2024 was indeed a year of change which included the retirement of our Treasurer Mike Blake. We are grateful for the hard work that Mike did for us over a number of years. It was a relief that Jennifer Stewart came forward to carry on this very important role within the broader remit of finance.

Stewardship is of course the responsibility of us all. God calls us to not only be good stewards of all that we have that comes from Him, but also to be generous with what we give and share. Every APCM is the point in the year when we all review our financial giving to our church, which is in fact giving to God. It is very often easy to forget to increase our giving to enable our church to flourish. It falls to me as the Incumbent to ask if all members of church consider the level of giving as we look to the future in faith and trust with thanksgiving for all that God provides for us. If you need any help/advice regarding planned regular giving please do speak to me or Jennifer. If you can Gift Aid your giving please speak to Sue Gordon for help and the necessary documents. I was extremely blessed by the generous gift of £5,000 so that we could install professional camera and sound equipment so that we could improve the live stream of our service on a Sunday morning. May I thank those of you who give so generously and sacrificially to the church we all love.

In order that you are informed, the running costs for our church are £2,000 per week. Your giving is essential to make it possible for us to enjoy the church we enjoy.

PCC

Thank you to the PCC, we continue to be a great team working together to be a light to our community, a place of encounter and discipleship. The PCC's role is not just a committee responsible for the management of the church working with the Vicar, but a body of people who seek to make disciples of one another and the wider church.

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Children and young people's ministry

Last year we have started to see the green shoots of growth among our children and young people. Our small team have done remarkably well, working together in establishing a consistent approach to how we work with and the development of Junior Church. Please do pray for our children and young people in their journey of faith. It was wonderful to see eight of our young ones getting confirmed in October.

Ignite youth club is now in its fifth year and is doing well, staffed by yet another great and committed team. Thank you again for all that you do to enable our work to continue.

Worship

In 2024, we had a large donation specifically for professional camera equipment to make the live streaming of our services more professional. The technology was installed and training given. Thank you to Mark, Gemma and David who helped in the acquisition of the new system and being willing to help run it on a Sunday morning. It was also encouraging that Chris offered to join the team.

We continue with Ising, a computer-based software and Song Select to enable our worship to be meaningful and nourishing. It has not been possible to reinstate our music group post Covid, and so we will continue with Ising. Thank you to Gemma for coordinating and selecting the hymns and songs each Sunday.

The Eucharist is central to our Sunday worship with preaching shared between Rev John and Connie.

Area Dean

I continue in my wider role as Area Dean of Stockton on Tees with the added role of Chaplain to the Mayor of Stockton on Tees. Mr John Gardner was last year's Mayor and it was a privilege for me in that role to lead the Act of Remembrance at the High Street Cenotaph on 11th November.

Summary

It has been wonderful to welcome some new members to our church family, you know who you are and thank you for your contribution to the life of our church. Like so many churches we have had to face growing challenges of mission and evangelism. It is imperative that we have a strong vision and sense of purpose going forward. It is my continued prayer that you catch the vision of a church that grows in its generosity, in service, committed to the sharing of the 'Good News' of Jesus with confidence to a community that needs to hear the life-transforming message. Let us pray and commit our lives to following Jesus and serving our community in Jesus' name.

Rev P Neville - Vicar

2. Independent Examiner's Report

HOLY TRINITY WITH ST MARK INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

I report to the PCC on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the notes to the accounts.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 14S(5)(b) of the Act.

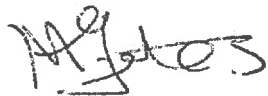
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Church as required by section 130 of the act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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

SIGNED:



DATE:

11/03/2025

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HOLY TRINITY WITH ST MARK STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 202

INCOMING RESOURCES	2024	2023
A Voluntary Income/Receipts		
1 Regular giving	30865.20	35635.00
3 Collections at services	12413.01	5489.00
	<u>43278.21</u>	<u>41124.00</u>
4 All other donations	1026	28359.00
6 Gift Aid recovery	9671.96	8929.00
7 Legacies	0	1571.00
8 Grants	1800	11000.00
	<u>12497.96</u>	<u>49859.00</u>
Total Voluntary Income	<u>55776.17</u>	<u>90983.00</u>
B Activities for Generating Funds		
9 Gross income from Fund raising activities/event	6331.14	4269.00
Income from Investments		
10 Dividends and Interest	2874.47	3192.00
Church Activities		
11 Statutory fees retained by PCC	8260.6	442.00
<i>(weddings, funerals etc, Gen8, Children and Youth work, Tots and Ignite inc. in above)</i>		
Children and Youth Work, Tots, Ignite	0	3610.00
Gross income from Boomerang	17976.88	15714.00
Gross Trading income (Hall letting)	2830	1695.00
	<u>38273.09</u>	<u>28922.00</u>
C Other income	<u>211.20</u>	0.00
	<u>211.20</u>	0.00
Total Incoming Resources (A+B+C)	<u>94260.46</u>	<u>119905.00</u>

**HOLY TRINITY WITH ST MARK
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

RESOURCES EXPENDED	2024	2023
Cost of generating income		
17 Fundraising activities	4274.48	5410.00
18 Mission and Donations	0	187.00
19 Parish share	44000	40000.00
20 Salaries, Wages, Honoraria	6566.72	6523.00
21 Clergy and Staff expenses	11152.12	11342.00
	65993.32	63462.00
Church expenses		
23 Church running expenses	11476.56	7084.00
24 Utility Bills	7039.13	5648.00
25 Cost of Trading (lettings, Parish magazine etc)	0	409.00
	18515.69	13141.00
Major Capital Expenditure		
28 Church building	3648	23739.00
	3648	23739.00
23.1 Governance Costs	0	1739.00
		1739.00
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	88157.01	102081.00

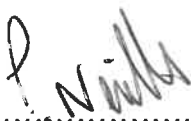
ASSETS	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Tangible fixed assets	18,000	9900	8800	8000	8000
Bank current account	62411.95	50305	55472	27523	9449
Petty Cash in Hand	0	20	24	24	47
DBF Account	76310.48	73436	40243	39699	39699

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Notes on funds

Designated funds represent fundraising for St Mark's capital fund is held with the Durham Diocesan Board of Finance. The fund is unrestricted and regarded by the PCC as for use to support the parish.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and signed on their behalf.


..... (Minister for Holy Trinity with St Mark)


..... (PCC member)

..... 17th March Date 2025 .

Independent Examiner:

Mr J Gates
105 Upsall Grove
Fairfield
Stockton on Tees

Date:

4. PCC Report

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on 28th April 2024

Welcome Chairman Rev'd Neville welcomed everyone and opened the Meeting with Prayers. There were 31 people in attendance

Apologies from Thelma Hearn, Jennifer and Tony Stewart, Bruce Merrick and Rev'd Jane Easterby, and David Patterson.

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting - held on 14th May 2023 were read and approved and signed as a true record.

Election of Church Wardens:

Mrs Gemma Robson:- (Proposed by Sue Gordon, seconded by Bruce Merrick)

Mr David Patterson:- (Proposed by Sue Gordon, seconded by Bruce Merrick) All were in favour.

They were duly elected at the Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 28th April 2024

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting – held on 14th May 2023 were read, approved and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising - There were no Matters Arising

Presentation of the Annual Church Accounts

The Accounts were accepted after they had been ratified by the PCC at their last meeting. Rev'd Paul Neville reminded everyone to please be generous in your giving. The Church pays about £4,000 a month in Parish Share to help cover costs, plus Utilities etc. all unseen costs. Rev'd Paul thanked Mike Blake for all his work involved in doing the accounts not only the weekly accounts but collating the Annual Accounts.

Mike also would like it recorded our thanks to Ivor for his advice and ensuring the Insurance premiums were paid promptly which paid off when we had the flood in the latter part of 2023.

Mike also wanted his thanks to Rev'd Paul mentioned when we had the flood, Rev'd Paul worked tirelessly to ensure the Church opened in time for Advent. Mike has indicated he is thinking of retiring as Treasurer and with that in mind Rev'd Paul had spoken to Jennifer Stewart, who was the previous Treasurer. It is hoped she will take over in a phased return. We gave Mike a round of applause to show our grateful thanks for his 5 years as Treasurer.

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Election of Deputy Churchwarden

Barbara Porritt has agreed to carry on as Deputy Church Warden.

Proposed by Doreen Crinson, seconded by Anne Daly.

All were in favour.

Safeguarding

Kelly Adekunle has agreed to continue as our Safeguarding Officer, but she is coming off the PCC:

PCC Members

Jennifer Stewart has been proposed as a PCC Member. Proposed by Sue Gordon, seconded Gemma Robson. All were in Favour

Joanne Curtis has been proposed as a PCC Member. Proposed by Sue Gordon. All were in favour.

Church Report

Rev'd Paul Neville thanked Rev'd John Hearn for being such a support to him and also our Church, although he is supposed to be retired he continues in helping wherever he can.

Rev'd Paul expressed his deep gratitude to both John and Thelma for their support. Connie Robinson has served this church well, in all her Ministry, and she leads the Lay Readers. Everyone gave John, Thelma and Connie a round of applause to show their appreciation. Rev'd Paul thanked Sue Gordon for her work as Parish Administrator. Rev'd Paul said he couldn't do what he does without all that Sue does in her role.

Rev'd Paul also wanted to thank the Rev'd Jane Easterby, although she has only been here about 18 months it seems as though she has been here forever. She is part of the team.

Jane was a SSM(Self Supporting Minister).

Rev'd Paul thanked Doreen for 17 years as PCC Secretary. He was very grateful we worked well together.

Rev'd Paul thanked all of us, and what we all bring to the Church.

Junior Church

Val Robinson is Junior Church leader, and it's good to see the young people participating in Church again. Thank you Val for you and your team as leaders of Junior Church. We are still trying to get a Youth Pastor, without success.

The Flood was an extremely difficult time for all, but with a lot of help from everyone it was worth all the hard work.

Kathryn and Mark Kennedy deserve to be mentioned they do a tremendous amount of work, often unseen but we are really grateful for them. The Electoral Roll has 133 members.

After Prayers the Rev'd Paul closed the APCMM.

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Holy Trinity with St. Mark's PCC (1st PCC Meeting)

The next PCC meeting is on 20th May 2024 at 7pm in Church. A current list of PCC meetings has already been sent to members.

Mike Blake is happy to continue as Treasurer, with Jennifer Stewart as assistant Treasurer. It was Proposed by Rev'd Paul Neville, seconded by Shirley Perkins. All were in favour.

Joanne Curtis agreed to be Secretary. It was Proposed by Connie Robinson, seconded by Shirley Perkins. All were in favour.

The Archdeacons Visitation is on 18th June 2024 at Billingham St.Aidan, Tintern Avenue, Billingham TS23 2DF. Registration and tea or coffee from 6.30pm.

Visitation and swearing in of Church Wardens will start at 7.15pm.

5. PCC Secretary's Report

We started off with a newly refurbished kitchen and Church hall after last year's flood. It was lovely having a brand new floor, a great start for 2024.

During the year the PCC discussed many topics ensuring the smooth running of the Church. The PCC of Holy Trinity with St. Mark operate a 3 year rolling programme, which means you join the PCC for 3 years, then come off for a year, then you can rejoin the PCC again if you wish. This enables everyone to get a chance to experience the running of the Church.

At the APCM in April 2024 Doreen Crinson retired as Secretary and Joanne Curtis took over. Anyone who is our Safeguarding Officer, a Reader, Church Warden and Deputy Church Warden, and on Deanery Synod are automatically on the PCC. The Treasurer and Secretary are elected each year.

Members of the PCC at 2024

Reverend Paul Neville Priest in Charge
Michael Blake) Treasurer (Until April 2024)
Jennifer Stewart) Treasurer (From April 2024)
Doreen Crinson Secretary (until 28th April 2024)
Joanne Curtis Secretary (From 28 April 2024)
Mark Kennedy Defibrillator Contact
David Patterson Church Warden
Barbara Porritt Deputy Church Warden
Kelly Adekunle, Safeguarding Officer
Doreen Crinson) PCC Secretaries
Joanne Curtis)

Eb Adekunle
Barbara Darling
Shirley Perkins
Christine Robertson
Val Robinson
Bruce Merrick Deanery Synod
Connie Robinson Reader
Gemma Robson Church Warden
Tony Stewart Deanery Synod

6. Church Warden's Report

It's a privilege to serve you all as Church Warden for another year and I have enjoyed working alongside David and the support he has brought me throughout.

I am thankful for the hard work and dedication from members of our congregation, who continuously show up, help set up and run activities we do in church on a weekly basis. Barbara and Malcolm, Kathryn and Mark and many other willing servants.

We have enjoyed our traditional church fayres at Easter and at Christmas which were a success. Extra activities such as the barn dance are always well attended and enjoyed by all ages in our community.

Our What's App group continues to be a great way of reaching out to our Church family and sharing prayers and news.

Thank you to Rev Paul, Rev John and Connie for leading our services, spiritually with compassion and empathy, guiding our services with confidence and poise. We were sad to see Rev Jane leave for her new exciting role in the hospital.

Thank you to Sue for being a hardworking friendly face in the office. She supports me with love and friendship on a daily basis.

Thank you to Mike for all the time he put into our finances over the last year and he will be missed as he takes some time away.

Thank you to David, Ann, Pat and Val for the singing on a Sunday morning, guiding the congregation in responding to God's grace and goodness.

Thank you to Mark for helping with the screens on a Sunday morning and assisting with extra services that take place. Welcome to Chris who has spent some time learning our system and has started to lead the screens some Sunday mornings.

Thank you to our team of junior church leaders who put time and effort into making sure our children are learning the Gospel on a Sunday morning.

Thank you to the whole of the PCC and welcome to our new PCC Secretary Joanne Curtis.

Our prayers remain with lots of our Church family who are missed so dearly.

Here's to another blessed and faithful year.

Gemma Robson Church Warden



7. Boomerang Report

Last year we were awarded a grant to enable us to provide childcare for more children under 2 years as the new funding from 9 month old was rolled out in September. We were able to fill the 21 baby spaces that were created.

Our preschool is also currently full and we have a waiting list for all ages.

At Boomerang we aim to provide activities around the children's interests following their lead, we then enhance their learning to enable each child to reach their full potential.

We include festivals, celebrations, charity and themed days, encouraging the children to be part of the bigger community. We are lucky enough to have fabulous outdoor spaces as the children love spending time outdoors in all weather. We plan lots of sensory activities, slime, playdough, gloop...as this is a favourite for our children.



Jo Ford Leadbeater – Boomerang Manager

8. Electoral Roll Report

The number of names on the Electoral Roll at the APCM on 28 April 2024 was 133. There was an increase of three names on the previous year.

Kathryn Kennedy

9. Safeguarding Report

Parish Safeguarding Officers Report 2024

1) Report Details

Period of 1 January 2024 – 31 December 2024

Submitted by Kelly Adekunle (Parish Safeguarding Officer up to 2 September 2024)

2) Disclosures

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3) Parish Dashboard

The safeguarding dashboard is used regularly to support our team and actions are reviewed and carried out where required.

4) Policy / Procedure

The safeguarding policy is displayed on the church notice board. Incident forms are kept in the church office.

5) Contact Information

Details for PSO can be found on the church website and notice board.

6) Training

All staff & volunteers are up to date with the relevant training for their role. To be reviewed early 2025.

Kelly Adekunle

Parish Safeguarding Officer

10. Magazine Report

As usual we produced six reports in 2024. Thank you to everyone who contributed. I know there are some people on WhatsApp and hope this keeps them in touch and to those who are not able to come back to Church.

Thanks to Sue for the printing and to Pat and Michael for proof reading.

Anne Daly

11. Deanery Synod Report

Stockton Deanery Synod is a group of representatives from every parish in the Stockton area, and all clergy (vicars, curates and open to retired clergy) and meets 4-5 times per year. The aim is to provide a link between parishes, sharing things we do well and things we struggle with and tackle bigger issues such as what our Deanery Plan is. This covers what our mission is across Stockton, either together or as separate parishes and where we appoint our clergy.

2024 meetings focussed on growth and discipleship across the Deanery with opportunities for churches to share what they are doing and all input into planning how we use the resources the Diocese gives as part of our Deanery plan.

Lucy Falcus

12 Music Report

We continue to use I Sing on a Sunday morning as part of our worship. This gives us the opportunity to play music with voices and words for us to sing along to. We use Pro Presenter to display services onto the screens each week. We now have a camera installed and can seamlessly stream our Sunday morning services through Facebook for those at home, unable to make it.

I look forward to further developing our worship by adding new songs to learn as a congregation. Thank you to everyone who is involved in our music and to Mark and Chris for helping with the screens and setting up on a Sunday morning.

“With songs in our hearts, our spirits will be lifted to the heavenly bliss”.

Gemma Robson
Church Warden

13. Café Generate Report

Generate challenges remain slightly this year.

- a) Teachers no longer attend each Thursday but recently redundant staff visit each week and are very welcome. Also retired staff visit every four weeks for their monthly catchup.
- b) The simple summer time menu was well appreciated (watch this space for new menu).

Grateful thanks must go to all “volunteers” who work timelessly:

- a) Shopping (Wednesdays)
- b) Cake and soup making (Wednesdays)
- c) Early preparation (Thursday morning)
- d) Following Generate cleaning the decks and kitchen – tables/chairs replaced ready for Boomerang at 2.45 pm.

Thank you all for turning up and for those who don't a Trinity welcome is waiting for you and especially for all the “taxi services”.

Total income	£2,548.18
Less expenses	£ <u>577.00</u>
Total Achievement	£ <u>1,971.00</u>

Barbara Burns

14. Trinity Tots Report

It was lovely to get back to Thursday mornings and a new kitchen in place after the flood.

We started with lots of new mums, dad's, childminders and grandparents but it wasn't long before many friendships were made as they chatted over their tea coffee and biscuits. It is so important for the Church to reach out to the community and make these mums, Dads, childminders and grandparents welcome and be involved in our Church life and activities and to see families and friends in our congregation on a Sunday morning witnessing their children being baptised.

Our Christmas party once again proved very popular with Father Christmas giving out presents to very excited children, though some still shy away from having their photographs taken with him.!!!

Special thanks to Kathryn, Shirley and Heather for their help and support each week we could not manage without them .

Barbara Porritt

15. Fundraising/Social Events Report

2024 once again proved to be well attended and appreciated.

The usual success was the Barn Dance

Money raised	£852.60
Less expenses	£446.97
Money paid in	<u>£416.73</u>
Valentine Raffle	<u>£777.23</u>
Choir concert	<u>£284.00</u>
Quiz Night (faith Supper)	<u>£486.90</u>
Harvest Lunch	£247.00
Less expenses	£ 72.08
Paid in	<u>£175.12</u>
Total monies paid in	£4,003.02
Less expenses	£ 669.82
	<u>£3,334.02</u>

Thanks must go to everyone behind the scenes who work hard enabling us to achieve a very enjoyable evening and of all ages and special thanks to Anne Daly who keeps us in touch with band and caller for the Barn Dance and also to those who attend.

Barbara Burns

16. Junior Church Report

Twenty children have attended Junior Church over the past year. We have continued to follow the Roots Magazine curriculum, and have explored passages from both the Old and New Testaments through discussion, music, art, drama and craft activities.

In May 2024 some of our older children shared an afternoon of fellowship and bowling at Hollywood Bowl. We now have a What's App group, and this is helping us organise other activities for our young people to take part in.

Many thanks to the nine volunteers who have helped lead Junior Church over the past year. They are a great team.

Val Robinson

17. AED – Defibrillator Report

The Church has had its AED for public use since 27/09/22.

On this date, the AED status went Emergency Ready and is linked to *The Circuit*.

This is the national defibrillator network for the UK.

Since January 1 to the end of 2024, I have received eight emails from The Circuit saying that the AED may have been used on all occasions, the AED has never been used on a patient.

The frequency of these emails has varied in the past year.

For example, the longest period between emails has been almost six months. The shortest period has been two emails on the same day. This was Christmas Day.

We have a *Church AED WhatsApp group* of Eb Adekunle, Gemma Robson and David Patterson who have been very helpful in assisting me in looking after the AED.

Mark Kennedy

18. Ignite Youth Club

Another year has passed and time for another report.

Unfortunately, due to health reasons, Mike Blake had to take a step back and was unable to help for some of the year. On behalf of all, we thank Mike for all that he has done to help over the years.

We have been blessed with Dominic Walker, Judith Muir and Enid Popple joining the team in the last year and it's great to have them all on board.

It's been lovely to see children attend, not only from Holy Trinity School but also Ian Ramsey, St Mark's, Fairfield Primary and Hartburn Primary. Evidence if there was ever any needed that the youth club is there for all. Unfortunately, numbers have dropped lately but those children who come week in, week out enjoy their time with us and leave full of sugar from our well stocked tuck shop.

During the summer months when the weather is better (allegedly!) and the nights are brighter, we use the outside space for games which attracts more children. At present, we are stuck inside but making the most of what we can with music and games. We had a disco in December which was hugely enjoyed by all as was a visit from Santa.

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There are several surprises planned for 2025 which we will introduce as numbers increase and the weather improves. As a church family, we should all pull together to mention what we offer to those who we know with school children of year 3 and above. It is great fun and brings out the best in the children who attend. Please spread the word to those you know and emphasise that it is an open invite to all children, from any school.

We could not run the youth club without the incredible help and support of those who help on a regular basis for which I can't thank you enough so many thanks to the following:

Andy Byers; Barbara Porritt; Christine Neville; Dawn Bramley; Dominic Walker; Enid Popple; Gemma Robson; Jo Ford-Leadbearer, Judith Muir; Kathryn Kennedy; Mark Kennedy; Paul Neville; Shirley Perkins; Stew Leadbeater & Val Robinson
We are always looking for extra help so if you feel that you could give up a couple of hours once every few weeks then please let us know.

Here's to another great year ahead of us.

David Patterson

Accounts



**Financial Statements and Associated Reports
for 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023
presented to the Annual Parochial Church
meeting held on 28th April 2024.**



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1. Vicar's Report

Rev'd Paul Neville, Vicar's Report to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
(APCM) Sunday 28th April 2024
Following Jesus, Serving our Community.

Welcome to Holy Trinity with St Mark APCM, and thank you for joining us, I would like to thank you all for this opportunity to gather together to reflect, as we look back over the past year and to give thanks to God for all that we have done in His name and for His glory in this church and the wider parish.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting – (APCM) is a legal requirement where the PCC present financial accounts and reports from all departments of our church and where we are reminded of our purpose and calling as the church in this community, that is...

The church is called to be pastoral – to look after the individual people; to be evangelistic – to tell people the Good News and invite them to accept it; to be social – to help the poorer members of society, and those suffering from racial, economic and other forms of injustice; and to be ecumenical – to encourage good relations with other Christian denominations.

This is my eleventh APCM and it continues to be a real blessing to be part of the Church here at Holy Trinity with St Mark. We are the 'body of Christ' and we all have a part to play in making the 'body' function and fulfill our calling and purpose under God.

The past year has been both a huge blessing and challenge for us as a church, and I deeply appreciate all the hard work and tireless commitment of my churchwardens, the PCC, the wider team and the rest of the church family for all their love and support. I am deeply grateful to you all.

Rev John

I would like to mention my deep gratitude to John and Thelma for the ministry they have shared with us all the past year and after such a traumatic time, it is great to see John back on form. Thank you especially to Thelma for the work she does at the foodbank and Gener8 lunch club.

Rev Jane

It has been a blessing to have Rev Jane as our Curate, the past year has been a challenge for her, getting to know us and having both family and personal illness to manage as well as a full-time role as Chaplain to North Tees hospital. I am sure that the wider church has appreciated her musical gifts as well as her preaching, leading and pastoral care.

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Churchwardens

Once again I would like take the opportunity to thank my churchwardens Gemma and David. You have continued to be a real blessing to work with over the past year. I am grateful to you both for the huge contribution you make to the daily running of the church, we have dealt with some very important issues together during the past year and you have both shown real wisdom and support in dealing with those issues. I have full confidence in you both as we continue to share the leadership of our church.

PCC Secretary

Doreen has yet again been a great asset to the smooth running of the church and also to me personally. Our meetings are always recorded well and the business conducted in a thoughtful and pastorally caring way. Doreen has faithfully served as our PCC Secretary for 17 years and has decided this year to hang up her Dictaphone. On your behalf I would like to thank Doreen for the years of faithful service to God and His church and the way you have assisted both me and my predecessor Sue. Doreen also was our Baptism coordinator for many years before Connie and Heather took over.

Baptism Ministry

Thank you to Connie and Heather for the way you have worked together in both co-ordinating and visiting our baptism families. It is so helpful and encouraging when others from the church are sharing in this ministry – I know that the families appreciate the way you welcome and help them when they contact the church.

Finance and Stewardship

Thank you to Mike Blake for another year as Treasurer and for the careful and conscientious way you look after the church's finances and for preparing our year end accounts which you have as part of this document.

There is no doubt about it that getting through Covid19 and all the associated issues was a very real challenge financially, but I am pleased to see that we have (thank God) come through it together. As the cost of living continues to increase, so it does for the church and the constant struggle to ensure that the increasing running costs are met each month. It is a necessity for us all to reflect and re-consider our giving to ensure that we all share in both the blessings of the church and a generous response to the joy of giving.

I want to thank you the church family for your financial offerings which enable us to have a wonderful and thriving church. I firmly believe that a church that gives generously is a church that has true faith at its centre and knows the blessing of God. Money is always a difficult subject for the church to talk about but it is part of my responsibility as your Vicar to ensure that you are fully informed regarding the church 'house keeping' budget and the Christian principles of giving to your church generously. Generous giving never goes unrewarded and true discipleship takes giving seriously.

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The biblical principle is that we bring our tithes and offerings to God through the church. We give the first of what have not the residue of what we have left. We are living in uncertain times in the Church of England, and too many people don't understand how the Church of England works. It is the generous giving of Christians each week that make it possible for us to have a real presence in every community in our land.

This is a marvellous achievement, which costs 1.3 million pounds a day. What we give contributes to making sure that we have our national established church continue to be a real presence in every place for future generations.

If you would like to consider your giving through a planned giving scheme or through the bank where we can attract gift aid, please speak to Sue Gordon our Church Administrator and Giving Officer. Thank you once again for your generosity.

PCC – Parochial Church Council

Thank you to the PCC and the great team you are, our meetings are always very well attended, and conducted in a good-hearted way. The PCC has yet again proven to be a committed representative group, elected by you the wider church, and I am pleased to report that they have fulfilled their responsibility to you all and God in a prayerful and caring way. It is such a joy to be part of a PCC team who care for one another and serve with care and commitment. We couldn't even begin to imagine that at the beginning of last year that we would experience such a challenging issue due to a flood in the church which devastated almost the entire contents of the building. September 10th, I received a call from Jo Ford Leadbeater at 7am telling me that the church was completely flooded. I arrived in haste only to have the news confirmed. Boomerang staff were very kindly already working hard mopping up the huge amount of rainwater that had come in through the poorly designed guttering which runs internally across the width of the building. I made an appeal through What's App and a team swiftly arrived to help. It became instantly apparent that there was a lot of damage. The new kitchen of only 3 weeks was damaged extensively, new appliances full of water, ceilings had collapsed in the kitchen, toilet and vestry. Light fittings had collapsed damaging the Loo and hand basin in the Toilet. Rainwater had found its way under the maple floor of the main church space and was beginning to show signs of twisting due to the water ingress. Store cupboards were damaged and their contents thrown out, 11 skips of damaged goods were removed from church. EIG Insurance were notified and a claim set up. Woodgate and Clarke assessors were appointed to assist in assessing the damage and advising what was best to do. I quickly realised that the necessary repair was extensive and expensive. I had no option but to take control and be my own project manager and so I got to work negotiating with Woodgate & Clarke, the diocese and EIG Insurance. I was praying and hoping that we could get the repair work done in order that we could re-open for Christmas – few believed it possible including Woodgate & Clarke. After many weeks of closure, attending St Paul's each Sunday morning, warmly welcomed by Rev Paul Arnold and working non stop with many contractors on site, and pushing really hard, the church re-opened in time for Advent Sunday.

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The work wasn't completed but enough to help us resume worship etc. The church almost had everything renewed and with a cost of around £200,000 we were looking good and ready for Christmas. I want to thank Gemma and David (Church Wardens) the PCC and all those who worked tirelessly to get the church open again. There were so many great people that went above and beyond to help us, and I am deeply grateful. Holy Trinity School kindly allowed us to run Boomerang in school for the duration of the closure. I must also thank my wife Christine for her support during the ridiculously long hours I spent working on getting the church fixed and re-open.

Licensed Lay Ministry

Thank you to Connie, for your very valuable ministry during the past year. I am fully in support of all forms of lay ministry and enjoy sharing the ministry of preaching and leading worship with you. Connie has served us in her ministry for many years and with a wider role in the diocese as warden of Lay ministry. You have been a real blessing to me personally. It is important to say that if there is anyone in the wider church who feels that they may be interested in Reader ministry, please come and see me or give me a call.

Children and young people's ministry

The pandemic was an unprecedented experience for us all and had a huge affect on most people. The lock downs and aftereffects were all encompassing. The church across the diocese and the country is still recovering from the aftermath. It seems that Children and Young people were casualties as well, working amongst children and youth work has suffered across the board. The work with children and young people is still not what it was before Covid. We are working hard to encourage young families to come back to church, but the progress has been slow. We are now seeing signs of little green shoots amongst our children and young people. Junior Church has resumed, coordinated by Val Robinson and supported by a committed team. Ignite is also run and supported by a team of volunteers each Friday night. Thank you to you all.

Worship

Post Covid, we had to look at new ways of worshipping, especially music and hymns. We decided to engage with a new format called 'Ising' a computer-based hymnal with words we project on screens and with musical accompaniment, which has been a blessing in an unexpected way. We have recently re-introduced the music group to lead and play once a month, usually at the All-Age Service. Thank you to our singers, David, Anne, Pat, Val and both Gemma and Mark for running Audiovisuals.

Electoral Roll

Thank you to Kathryn Kennedy who looks after the Electoral Roll and membership.

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Holy Trinity , St Mark & Ian Ramsey C of E schools

Once again we have been working hard to gently get back to where we were before Covid. The reintroduction of Collective Worship in church is working well and with members of the congregation attending on a Tuesday morning is always encouraging. We hold a full school Eucharist once a month as part of an overall plan. We had 10 young people take their first Holy Communion last Easter.

We have re-established a positive link and developing relationship with St Marks, celebrated at 3 back-to-back Christingle services last Christmas, and it was wonderful to have them join us in church. Ian Ramsey have undergone a change with them joining Northen Lights Academy Trust. As a result, the Trustees re-instated the Ex-officio role of the Incumbent of the parish and so I accepted the invitation to take my role on the governing body. The 3 meetings we have had so far are very welcoming and encouraging.

Area Dean

Last year was my 5th year as Area Dean, a role that I am only just beginning to settle into. It is a privilege for me to serve here as your Vicar but also have the responsibility of a wider deanery role. The deanery of Stockton as a result has become more and more important to me personally. I believe that unity is a very important aspect of our calling and the sharing in ministry across many churches is a good witness to our society.

Summary

There are many others that deserve recognition, and I'm sure that I will have forgotten some. So thank you to all those who make Holy Trinity with St Mark a good place to belong to. I feel deeply privileged to be your Vicar and look forward to the years ahead and all that we will do together, that we may grow in faith and love of God and in number. Our priority for the foreseeable future must be church growth, developing Discipleship and nurturing each other in the faith, and the ministry among children and young people.

My hope and prayer is that you catch the vision of a church that grows in its generosity, is active in service and committed to spreading the good news of Jesus with confidence to our community, which is what Jesus commanded the first disciples to and who calls us now to do the same.

I would like to remind you of the words of Jesus... from Matthew's Gospel chapter 5: 14ff "you are the light of the world, a city on a hill cannot be hidden".

Let us pray and commit ourselves to shine as a light in the world, for Jesus sake.

Rev P Neville
Vicar

2. Independent Examiner's Report

HOLY TRINITY WITH ST MARK INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

I report to the PCC on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the notes to the accounts.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 14S(5)(b) of the Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

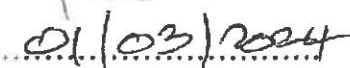
1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Church as required by section 130 of the act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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

SIGNED:

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DATE:

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3. Financial Accounts

**HOLY TRINITY WITH ST MARK
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023**

INCOMING RESOURCES	2023			2022
	Unrestricted	Designated	Total	
A. Voluntary Income/Receipts				
1. Tax Efficient Planned Giving	35,635		35,635	27,588
3. Collections at Services	5489		5489	8604
			41,124	36192
4. All other donations, inc. Special Appeals, Kitchen, Bibles etc.	28359		28359	372
6. Gift Aid Recovery	8,929	0	8929	8844
7. Legacies	1,571	0	1571	30319
8. Grants including Youth Support/Community/Lottery & SBC	1,000	10,000	11,000	12,561
	39859	10000	49859	52096
Total Voluntary Income			90,983	88,288
B. Activities for Generating Funds				
9. Gross income from Fund Raising activities/events	4,269		4269	4289
Income from Investments				
10. Dividends and Interest	3192		3192	522
Church Activities				
11. Statutory fees retained by PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	442		442	482
12. Gener8 Luncheon Club	1,768		1768	2,785
12.1 Children and Youth Work, Tots & Ignite	3,610		3,610	6,215
12.2 Gross Income from Boomerang (childcare provision)	15,714		15,714	11,850
12.3 Gross Trading income (Hall letting, Parish mag, Book stall)	1,695		1695	5,492
	30690	0	30690	31635
C. Other Income				
Settlement, Church Ins., DBF transfers of Reserves			0	0
A+B+C Total Incoming Resources			121,673	119,923

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HOLY TRINITY WITH ST MARK
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

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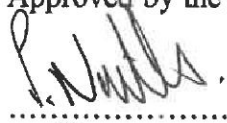
	2023	2023	Total	2022
	Unrestricted	Designated		
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Cost of generating income				
17 Fundraising activities	5410		5410	4663
Church activities				
18 Mission and donations	187		187	173
19 Parish share	40000		40000	37800
20 Salaries, wages, honoraria	6523		6523	4952
21 Clergy and staff expenses	11342		11342	7335
	58052	0	58052	50260
Church expenses				
23 Church running expenses	7084		7084	8765
24 Utility Bills	5648		5648	4050
25 Cost of trading (Lettings, Parish magazine etc.)	409		409	113
	13141		13141	12928
Major capital expenditure				
28 Church building - Entrance pathway repairs, Kitchen units, appliances, redecoration	2328		2328	7258
	21411		21411	7258
23.1 Governance costs	1739		1739	698
Other outgoing resources/payments				
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	102081	0	102081	75807

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	9900	8800	8000	8000	8026
Bank current account	50305	55472	27523	9449	10722
Petty Cash in hand	20	24	24	47	194
Durham Board of Finance account	73436	40243	39699	39699	60498
Total	133661	104539	75246	57195	79440

Notes on funds

Designated funds represent fundraising for a St Mark's capital fund is held with the Durham Diocesan Board of Finance. The fund is unrestricted and regarded by the PCC as for use to support the parish.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and signed on their behalf.



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(Minister for Holy Trinity with St Mark)



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(PCC member)

5 MARCH 2024
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(Date)

Independent Examiner:

Mr J Gates
105 Upsall Grove
Fairfield
Stockton on Tees

Date: 1 MARCH 2024

4. PCC Report

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting held 14th May 2023

1 Welcome Chairman Rev'd Paul Neville welcomed everyone and opened the Meeting with Prayers

There were 21 people in attendance.

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting – held on 3rd April 2022 were read and approved and signed as a true record.

With Barbara Porritt resigning as Church Warden we need to elect new Church Wardens.

3 Election of Church Wardens:

Mrs Gemma Robson:- (Proposed by Sue Gordon, seconded by Antony Stewart)

Mr David Patterson:- (Proposed by Sue Gordon, seconded By Judith Muir)

All were in favour.

They were duly elected at the Meeting.

Minutes of Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 14th May 2023

1 Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting – held on 3rd April 2022, were read, approved and signed as a true record.

2 Matters Arising –

Deanery Synod: with both Barry Winter and Ivor Cassell having to resign due to Health Problems we need another Deanery Synod representative. We have one Deanery Synod representative in Tony Stewart but 1 more would ensure we have 2 reps on Deanery Synod.

We are allowed 3, but if we have 2 that would be great.

Appointments in the future could be Deanery Synod's decision. Deanery Synod is supported by a Standing Committee, which are members selected from Synod to the Standing Committee. A Standing Committee and Synod are both needed for the church to function. Synod meets once a month on a Monday, in the evenings and there are about 9 meetings in a year.

Christine Neville volunteered to be a Deanery Synod Representative. Proposed by Christine Robertson, seconded by Barbara Porritt. All were in favour.

This is subject to the agreement of the Diocese.

3 Presentation of Annual Accounts – Church Accounts:

The Accounts were accepted after they had been ratified by the PCC at their last meeting. A big thank you to Mike for all the work he puts in to being Treasurer. Mike is not an accountant and has done the job very well. After all Mike has had to deal with this year with Health Issues in the family, succession planning has to be considered. It would be helpful if someone could assist Mike with the Treasurer's Job. Mike would show the person or persons how to do what is needed and train them in what is required. It showed in the accounts how things have improved this year from last year.

We are still underpaying our Parish Share, which is Holy Trinity with St. Mark's financial contribution to enable us to have a full time clergy appointment.

4 Election of Deputy Church Warden's :

Barbara Porritt volunteered to take on the role of Deputy Church Warden, Proposed by David Patterson, seconded by Connie Robinson.
All were in favour.

5 Church Report – This is in the End of year Booklet you all have, but most of all it's Rev'd Paul's time to thank everyone who helps to make Holy Trinity with St. Mark's Church run so smoothly. A very big thank you to Thelma and Rev'd John Hearn who stepped in when he was needed. Also thank you to Jane Easterby, who has been with us for a little while and is settling in very well.

There were 129 names on the Electoral Roll.

After Prayers Rev'd Paul closed the APCM.

Holy Trinity with St. Mark's PCC (1st PCC Meeting)

The next PCC Meeting is on the 19th June 2023 at 7pm. Doreen will send a list of the PCC Meeting dates to the PCC ASAP.

Election of Treasurer & Secretary

Mike Blake indicated he was happy to continue as Treasurer.

It was proposed by Christine Robertson, seconded by David Patterson.

All were in favour.

Doreen Crinson agreed to continue as PCC Secretary.

Proposed by David Patterson, seconded by Val Robinson.

All were in Favour.

Rev'd Paul closed the Meeting after Prayers were said.

5. PCC Secretary's Report

2023 started off in the usual way with 9 PCC Meetings taking place throughout the year. In the latter part of the year we had to close due to flooding in the Church. During this time we were invited to worship at St. Paul's Church, Newtown.

Throughout the year the PCC discussed many topics relating to the smooth running of Holy Trinity with St. Mark's Church. We still operate a 3 year rolling programme, which means you join the PCC for 3 years and then come off for a year, then you can rejoin the PCC again if you wish. This enables everyone to get the chance to experience the running of the Church.

Anyone who is on Deanery Synod, Safeguarding Officer, A Reader, Church Warden and Deputy Church Warden are automatically on the PCC. The Treasurer and the Secretary are elected each year.

Members of the PCC at 2023

Reverend Paul Neville	Priest in Charge
Reverend Jane Easterby	Curate
Eb Adekunle	
Kelly Adekunle	Safeguarding Officer
Michael Blake	Treasurer
Doreen Crinson	Secretary
Barbara Darling	
Mark Kennedy	Automated External Defibrillator Contact
Bruce Merrick	Deanery Synod
David Patterson	Church Warden
Shirley Perkins	
Barbara Porritt	Deputy Church Warden
Christine Robertson	
Connie Robinson	Reader
Val Robinson	
Gemma Robson	Church Warden
Tony Stewart	Deanery Synod
Doreen Crinson	Secretary
Doreen Crinson	
PCC Secretary	

6. Church Warden's Report

It's a privilege to serve you all as church warden for another year and I have enjoyed working alongside David and the support he has brought.

We have enjoyed our traditional church fayres at Easter, in the summer and at Christmas, which were all a success.

The church had a great start to the year but unfortunately in September we suffered a flood when the bad weather caused the drains to flood into the Church leaving a devastating situation where our new kitchen, disabled toilet and vestry needed replacing along with lots of resources and the whole flooring in the main hall. This was a mighty task and took a lot of time and effort in replacing, resourcing and communication with the insurance and tradesmen. Thank you to Rev Paul who led this mission of a task, I tried to support this as much as I could. The church remained closed for 7 weeks and we worshipped in St Paul's for this time. We were so thankful to be back open in time for Christmas so we could celebrate the Birth of Christ together.

Our What's Ap group is a great way of reaching out to our church family and sharing prayers. This continues to be a success.

We thank Rev Jane for her time here with us and John and Connie for leading our services so passionately.

Sue for being a hardworking friendly face in the office. Her hard work doesn't go unnoticed.

Mike for all the time he puts into our finances. Ann, Pat and David for the music. Mark for helping with the screens.

Our team of junior church leaders who put time and effort into making sure our children are learning the Gospel on a Sunday morning.

The whole of the PCC and Doreen our secretary who will be missed. Our prayers remain with lots of our church family who are missed so dearly. Here's to another blessed year and faithful year.

Gemma Robson Church Warden

7. Boomerang Report

We have had yet another very busy year.

The activities we provide are planned around the children's interests, this holds their attention longer and escalates their learning.

We include festivals and celebrations in our planning and adapt the learning to meet the children's individual needs, eg their age. One thing most children have in common is that they like to get dirty, we do a lot of sensory activities, slime, playdough, gloop to name a few, these are always popular.

We have taken the children on many walks and bus trips, for some children it was their first time on a bus. Outdoor play is a firm favourite for the children, they have a chance to run, climb, build and experience all weathers. We have laid artificial grass so the children can access outside every day.

We are looking forward to the nicer weather so we can fully utilise our lovely outdoor area.

In April we will be celebrating 20 years of Boomerang!

Jo Ford
Boomerang Manager

8. Electoral Roll Report

The number of names presented to the A.G.M. on May 14th 2023 was 129 a decrease of 1 on the previous year.

Kathryn Kennedy

9. Safeguarding Report

1) Report Details

Period of 1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023

Submitted by Kelly Adekunle (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Date: 11 January 2024

2) Disclosures

0 x Disclosures

1 x Concern for welfare raised and reported.

3) Policy / Procedure

The safeguarding policy is displayed on the church notice board. Incident forms are kept in the church office.

4) Contact Information

Details for Kelly Adekunle PSO (Telephone: 07595 711814) can be found on the church website and notice board.

5) Training

All staff & volunteers are up to date with the relevant training for their role. To be reviewed early 2024.

Kelly Adekunle

Parish Safeguarding Officer

10. Magazine Report

As I reported last year, we have not been able to issue a magazine because we can no longer send them out via the schools. In 2023 we published 6 issues of News, Views & Dates for your Diary.

These pamphlets are delivered by hand to a list of members of the Church plus others who are not on the list but were, before covid. Coming regularly to Church. (Not everyone is on social media) and this is a way to let everyone know we are still here!

Thank you to everyone who delivered them and to all who gave me articles for the publications.

Please keep the articles coming in to either myself annedaly111@gmail.com or to Sue at the office holytrinitywithstmarkoffice@gmail.com

Anne Daly

11. Deanery Synod Report

Stockton Deanery Synod is a group of representatives from every parish in the Stockton area, and all clergy (vicars, curates and open to retired clergy) and meets 4-5 times per year.

The aim is to provide a link between parishes, sharing things we do well and things we struggle with, and tackle bigger issues such as what our Deanery Plan is – this covers what our mission is across Stockton either together or as separate parishes and where we appoint our clergy.

2023 meetings focussed on children and young people, growth, and ended with a Vision Day in the autumn where we looked at what we need to go to help our churches grow and thrive. Discipleship was a big theme from this meeting and something we will take forward into 2024.

Lucy Falcus

Lay Chair Stockton Deanery

12. Music Report

We continue to use I sing on a Sunday morning as part of our worship. This gives us the opportunity to play music with voices and words for us to sing along to.

On a second Sunday our worship group leads worship with Rev Paul, Margaret, Rev Jane, David, Ann and Pat.

We use pro presenter to display services onto the screens each week. We added a new screen to the back of the church which helps whoever is leading the service to follow. I look forward to further developing our worship by adding new songs to learn as a congregation.

This year we will be replacing our sound system to enable us to control the sound in the church quickly and smoothly.

Thank you to everyone who is involved in our music and Mark for helping with the screens and setting up on a Sunday morning.

Gemma Robson

13. Café Generate Report

Generate, like all activities in Church, was reprehensively affected by the September flooding. At this point it should also be noted that attendance at Generate was falling – it had been necessary to increase prices – as will be appreciated by all “housewives”. Costs at the Supermarkets has increased enormously and also costs to produce, we believe we kept these increases to a minimum.

Since return to “Church Function” Generate has struggled – we are always here Thursdays 12 noon until 1.15 pm. There is nothing more rewarding to eat and chat (even gossip) to build our Church family functioning at full pelt.

Thanks must go to all our volunteers, bakers, shoppers, taxi service and kitchen maids. Challenges remain but we will overcome and offer a warm welcome.

NB We are personnel short on some teams. Volunteers would be welcome.

Barbara Burns

14. Trinity Tots Report

Well what a year!!

Thursday mornings started really well, a pleasure to welcome lots of new Mums, Dads carers and grandparents all getting to know each other over a cup of tea or coffee and where many friendships have been made.

It’s always a joy to see familiar faces and their families in Church on a Sunday morning as their young ones are being baptised.

Once again we had our summer party with inflatables which was loved by all.

After our summer break with a new kitchen awaiting came the flood and unfortunately there was no more tots that year.

Grateful thanks to Kathryn and Shirley for all their hard work and commitment and to Heather and Thelma for stepping in when needed.

Lets hope this year is a good one.

Barbara Porritt

15. Fundraising/Social Events Report

2023 – Challenging time. Some events had to be cancelled (i.e. Yorkshire afternoon tea).

Easter coffee morning – Easter egg tombola was generously supported, for the first time the cake stall was not quite so well represented. Usual coffee mornings were well supported. The Evening Family Quizz was as usual well supported with a Faith Supper.

We now must concentrate our efforts in re-establishing our family and local activities. The Fundraising Committee has re-convened and provided a programme for next six months. We look forward to seeing you all.

Barbaa Burns

16. AED – Defibrillator Report

The AED has been active with *The Circuit*, the national website to assist AED use, since 27/09/22.

Since the beginning of 2023, I have received four emails from *The Circuit* saying that the AED may have been used.

The dates of these were: 04/03/23

22/03/23

15/08/23

25/11/23

After following up on all of these emails, it was found that the AED was never used in all of the cases. Since being active from 27/09/22, the AED has never been used on a person.

In July, I established The Church's AED *What's App* group. The members are myself, Gemma Robson, Eb Adekunle and David Patterson. The main function of this group is to keep in contact in case I am unable to administer the AED due to when I am on holiday or if I am ill.

The AED usually has a *Status Check* every 1-3 weeks. The AED and the cabinet are cleaned every 4 weeks.

Mark Kennedy

17. Junior Church Report

Twenty one children have attended Junior Church over the past year. We follow the Roots Magazine curriculum, which involves listening to a bible reading and then discussing the passage, at an age-appropriate level. The children then take part in an activity which supports their learning; this may be a craft activity, some art work, a game, or a dramatic interpretation of the reading. The sessions usually open and/or close in prayer.

There are currently ten adult volunteers who help with Junior Church. As a church, we are very fortunate to have such a strong and dedicated team, and I would like to thank them for all the effort they have put in over the year. Four of the team have completed the Bishop's Certificate in Ministry to Children, which is a terrific achievement.

Val Robinson

18. Ignite Youth Club

What an amazing church we have, and this extends to our fantastic community and the children who attend Ignite.

Before the flood in the church, we regularly had 40-50 children in attendance each week. Since the return in January, unfortunately we don't have as many children but those who attend do so on a weekly basis and are a great bunch. They really appreciate what we do for them, and they also bring joy to us.

On a weekly basis, we enjoy music, football, crafts, games as well as the occasional Karaoke. As a church family, we should all pull together to mention what we offer to those who we know with school children of year 3 and above. It is great fun and also brings out the best in the children who attend.

We could not run the youth club without the incredible help and support of those who help out on a regular basis for which I can't thank you enough but in particular Gemma and Paul who run Ignite along with myself. We are always looking for extra help so if you feel that you could give up a couple of hours once every few weeks then please let us know.

Here's to another great year ahead of us.

David Patterson

Accounts



Following Jesus, Serving our Community

**Financial Statements and Associated Reports for
1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 presented
to the Annual Parochial Church meeting held on
14th May 2023**

Registered Charity No. 1173332

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1. Vicar's Report

Rev'd Paul Neville, Vicar's Report to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) Sunday 14th May 2023

Following Jesus, Serving our Community.

Welcome to Holy Trinity with St Mark APCM, and thank you for those joining us here today and those following online.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting - (APCM) is a legal requirement when the PCC present financial accounts and reports from all departments of our Church, and where we are reminded of our purpose and calling as the Church in this community: that is...

The Church is called to be pastoral – to look after the individual people; to be evangelistic – to tell people the Good News and invite them to accept it; to be social – to help the poorer members of society, and those suffering from racial, economic and other forms of injustice; and to be ecumenical – to encourage good relations with other Christian denominations.

The challenges of two years of Covid 19 and its after effects are still very much with us. We continue to livestream our morning worship and the numbers who attend have improved marginally. We have also had quite a number of our church family taken ill with one thing or another and they continue to be in our prayers. I am pleased that we have dispensed 'almost' with Zoom meetings and have more or less resumed face to face meetings with school and the diocese.

The church 'Whats App group' continues to be a vital source of communication and support. It has been wonderful to see so many looking out for each other and praying for each other through Whats App. The challenges of finance and parish share continue to be a cause for concern, but eased with a £30,000 bequest from a dearly loved member of our church family. Some of that gift enabled the PCC to purchase and install an AED on the wall located near the front door of the church.

Last year I was given the opportunity by Bishop Paul as I reached my 60th year to take a sabbatical, which also coincided with my wife Christine's retirement. It was a real blessing to spend quality time together travelling and recharging batteries. I left the church in the very capable hands of church wardens and the ministry of Rev John Hearn and Connie Robinson I would like to thank John and Connie, our churchwardens – Barbara Porritt, Gemma Robson, supported by David Patterson (Deputy Church Warden) for everything they did to enable me to take some time out. Thank you for your remarkable commitment to serving our church and God's purpose for us. I was impressed by the way Gemma chaired the PCC and got a lot done especially the maintenance of the floor and the installation of the AED; thank you also to Mark Kennedy for leading to so meticulously on this and for the way he continues to monitor the equipment.

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Thank you to Doreen Crinson for her role as PCC secretary. Thank you to Connie Robinson for coordinating Baptisms so well. Thank you to Sue Gordon and the way that she has continued to keep our church administration running smoothly. To Kelly for her work as PCC member and PSO Parish Safeguarding Officer. It was a blessing to know that there were no safeguarding issues for Kelly and myself to deal with. Safeguarding is a high priority for our church so that everyone who comes to church for whatever reason is safe.

A huge thank you to Mike Blake as treasurer, for his careful management of church finances. Despite a challenging year we managed to honour our pledge to the diocese parish share of £38,000 we made at the beginning of 2022. Thank you to all those who give so generously to our church.

All the usual ways in which we have served our community over the years have now fully resumed with the addition of Morning Prayer at 11.00am on a Tuesday.

Gener8 continues to be served well with four teams of volunteers and offers a valuable service to those in our church and community as well as school staff. Thank you to all those who give to this important lunch club and the vital fellowship that is enjoyed by those who come.

Ignite youth club is booming with lots of young people coming on a Friday evening. Once again we could not do this important ministry with the fantastic team of over a dozen people. It is wonderful to see the young people of our parish come and enjoy time with friends. It is good for their mental health and for them to have a space they feel is their own. We are still looking to appoint a youth pastor to grow the work with our children and young people.

Boomerang has had a very challenging time as a result of the pandemic and a big thank you to Jo Ford Leadbeater and her team for working so hard in keeping Boomerang going so well. Also to Barbara Burns, a PCC representative appointed to the management committee to assist Jo with managerial support, also to Connie for stepping into my shoes as chair while I was on my sabbatical.

I am always blessed when the children of Holy Trinity School come into church for Collective Worship on a Tuesday morning. It has been good to introduce Holy Communion twice a term when we invite parents and carers to join us for this service, which is well attended. Last year we had eight young people get confirmed at St Peters Church Yarm Road. St Marks School has had a change of senior staff recently. Thank you to Bruce for serving on the LAB (Local Advisory Board) of the school until his resignation recently. We now have two vacancies of the LAB to consider.

Ian Ramsey has taken the decision to amalgamate with a larger academy called Northern Lights. A new structure of governance is under review and I have been asked if I would join as Ex-officio governor as Vicar of the parish.

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In closing, I am so very aware of the many people that have been taken ill during the past few years and some still unwell. Thank you to all of you that have prayed and visited each other, kept in touch with those still isolated because of health problems. As we have looked back over the past year and revisited all that we have done together, it is with joy to look forward too. Our fellowship is essential to our well-being and faith. I feel that we seem to discover more and more just how important we are to each other often under challenging circumstances.

I take comfort from 2 Corinthians 4:8,9,16-18

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair, persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us and eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

As we approach Easter let us remember that Christ is Risen over every circumstances of life.

Thank you all once again for being a blessing to me and to Christine.

Peace and Joy

Rev Paul

2. Independent Examiner's Report

HOLY TRINITY WITH ST MARK

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

I REPORT TO THE pcc ON MY EXAMINATION OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the notes to the accounts.

REPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

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

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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

SIGNED:



DATE:

01 / 03 / 2023

3. Financial Accounts

HOLY TRINITY WITH ST MARK
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

INCOMING RESOURCES

	2022		2021
	Unrestricted	Designated Total	
A. Voluntary Income/Receipts			
1. Tax Efficient Planned Giving	27,588	27,588	33,346
3. Collections at Services	8604	8604	645
		36,192	33991
4. All other giving, inc. Special Appeals, Youth Bibles etc.		372	372
6. Gift Aid Recovery	8,844	0	10,360
7. Legacies	30,319	0	0
8. Grants including Youth Support/Community	2,561	10,000	9,729
Total Voluntary Income	41724	10372	54452
		88,288	
B. Activities for Generating Funds			
9. Gross income from Fund Raising activities	4,289	4289	2038
Income from Investments			
10. Dividends and Interest	522	522	20
Church Activities			
11. Statutory fees retained by PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	482	482	554
12. Gener8 Luncheon Club	2,785	2785	1,102
12.1 Children and Youth Work	6,215	6,215	1,162
12.2 Gross Income from Boomerang (childcare provision)	11,850	11,850	4,950
12.3 Gross Trading income (Hall letting, Parish mag, Book stall)	5,492	5492	3,997
	31635	0	31635
			9597
C. Other Income			
Pre-school Ins. Settlement, Church Ins., DBF transfers of Reserves		0	34,371
A+B+C Total Incoming Resources		119,923	98420

3. Financial Accounts

HOLY TRINITY WITH ST MARK
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

DBF
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	2022	2022	Total	2021
	Unrestricted	Designated		
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Cost of generating Income				
17 Fundraising activities	4663		4663	1148
Church activities				
18 Mission and donations	173		173	832
19 Parish share	37800		37800	37356
20 Salaries, wages, honoraria	4952		4952	4680
21 Clergy and staff expenses	7335		7335	3223
	50260	0	50260	46091
Church expenses				
23 Church running expenses	8765		8765	4270
24 Utility Bills	4050		4050	3221
25 Cost of trading (Lettings, Parish magazine etc)	113		113	150
	12928		12928	7641
Major capital expenditure				
28 Church buildings - floor repairs and redecoration	7258		7258	0
				0
23.1 Governance costs	698		698	1895
Other outgoing resources/payments				
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	68549	0	68549	56775

	2022	2021	2020	2019
ASSETS				
Tangible fixed assets	8800	8000	8000	8026
Bank current account	55472	27523	9449	10722
Cash in hand	24	24	47	194
Durham Board of Finance account	70243	39699	39699	60498
Total	134,539	75246	57195	79440

Holy Trinity with St Mark

Notes on Funds

Designated funds represent fundraising for a specific project for Youth Work and the employment of a Youth Worker to support our community. Our Youth Worker was employed part time from September 2018.

St Mark's capital fund is held with the Durham Diocesan Board of Finance. The fund is unrestricted and regarded by the PCC as for use to support the parish.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and signed on their behalf.

P. Nuth

(Minister for Holy Trinity with St Mark)

M.D. Blake

(PCC member)

17.4.23

(Date)

Independent Examiner:

Mr J Gates

105 Upsall Grove

Fairfield

Stockton-on-Tees

Date: 17.4.23



Boomerang Financial report 2022

Income

Parent fees	
Jan	£9132
Feb	£10896
March	£9175
April	£9855
May	£10111
June	£9701
July	£10071
August	£8054
September	£9119
October	£10531
November	£11561
December	£10545
Local Authority Funding	£37671
<u>Total</u>	<u>£156422</u>

Expenditure

Salaries	£120618
Accountancy fees	£2280
Sundries	£ 7123
Peninsular	£2253.
Insurance	£1132
OFSTED fees	£ 255
Utilities	£1446
Pest control	£0
Food	£2590.
Rental	£11820
<u>Total</u>	<u>£149517</u>

Balance as of 31/12/2021 £37556.22

Last year £26134.04

4. PCC Report

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting held 3rd April 2022

- 1 **Welcome** Chairman Rev'd Paul Neville welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers.

There were 26 people in attendance.
- 2 **Minutes of the Vestry Meeting** – held on 25th April 2021 were read approved and signed as a true record.
- 3 **Election of Church Wardens:**
Mrs Barbara Porritt: - (proposed by Sue Gordon, seconded by Doreen Crinson) **Mrs Gemma Robson:**-(proposed by Sue Gordon, seconded by Doreen Crinson)
They were duly elected at the Meeting.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 3rd April 2022

- 1 **Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting** –held on 25th April 2021 were read, approved and signed as a true record.
- 2 **Matters Arising** - There were no Matters Arising.
- 3 **Presentation of Annual Accounts** – The accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner. Thank you to both Mike and Sue for all their work. Michael Blake and Sue Gordon have done a great job, Mike coping with our accounts and Sue claiming a substantial amount of tax back from HMRC. There has been improvement in the Accounts but there is still a way to go to get back to where we were before Covid 19 struck.
Rev'd Paul proposed the Annual Accounts be accepted, seconded by Anne Daly. All were in favour.
- 4 **Election of New PCC Members**
It was decided not to apply the 3 year rotation rule on this occasion. We have had 3 nominations for the PCC, they are:-
David Patterson (proposed by Gemma Robson, seconded by Kathryn Kennedy) **Shirley Perkins** (proposed by Kathryn Kennedy, seconded by Heather Bamforth) **Christine Robertson**(proposed by Gemma Robertson, seconded by Kathryn Kennedy)
Everyone was happy for the newly elected PCC Members to represent them.

5 Election of Deputy Church Wardens

Ivor Cassell and Barry Winter have indicated they are happy to continue as Deputy Church Wardens.

David Patterson has expressed an interest in being a Church Warden. When he is on the PCC he will be able to learn more about being a Church Warden, from Ivor Cassell and Barry Winter.

Kelly Adekunle has agreed to continue as Parish Safe Guarding Officer (PSO)
Proposed by Rev'd Paul Neville, seconded by Gemma Robson.
All were in favour.

6 There are so many people to whom I owe thanks for what they do because without the Team we have here I couldn't do what I do. A big thank you to you all.

Margaret Blake has played the piano every week since the return to live church services, and it is only right we give her and the Music group a rest, which is why we want to further develop the music, like today when we had words and music on the screens, which everyone seemed to enjoy.
It means Margaret and the Music Group can have a break and enjoy being part of the congregation for a change.

There is a new Software out called "iSing", which is Musical Software which costs about £147 per year which enables easy access to music on the internet.

It was proposed by Rev'd Paul Neville seconded by Anne Daly that we pay £147.00 per year for this new "iSing" Musical Soft Ware.

All were in favour.

Rev'd Paul suggested that for 2 weeks we can have live music and the other weeks can use "iSing" Soft Ware.

We will still continue to live stream the service on a Sunday, the internet is OK but it is not that great. It is hoped in the future we will be able to improve the reception of the live streaming with new equipment. At the next PCC costs of this will be investigated.

Thank you to Rev'd John Hearn for all he does for Holy Trinity Church.

It's been a difficult couple of years for Boomerang but Jo Ford-Leadbetter and Staff ably assisted by Barbara Burns have managed very well. Thanks to them all for their hard work involved with Boomerang, which is starting to show signs of improvement.

Collective worship is back once more this is split into 2 sessions, KS1 and KS2.

Holy Trinity with St. Mark PCC Meeting

The next PCC Meeting is 25th April 2022 at 7pm. Usually it is the 3rd Monday but on this occasion it is the 4th Monday as the 3rd Monday is Easter Monday.
Doreen will send a list of PCC meetings to the PCC ASAP.

P. North.
14.5.23

Election of Treasurer & Secretary.

Mike Blake indicated he was happy to continue to be Treasurer.

It was proposed by Sue Gordon, seconded by Karthyn Kennedy that Michael Blake be Treasurer.

All were in Favour.

Doreen Crinson agreed to continue as Secretary.

Proposed by Barbara Porritt, seconded by Sue Gordon.

All were in favour.

It was mentioned by Rev'd Paul that we have to be aware that there needs to be assistants in all of the jobs. If you think "I can't be a Treasurer or Secretary or do any of the jobs" please reconsider. You don't have to be qualified in a certain job, none of it is complicated, training would be given.

Sue Gordon is willing to continue as Parish Administrator. This is a non elective post.

Electoral Role – the number of names on the Electoral Role at 2021 was 137, sadly since then 2 people have died and 5 have moved. The Electoral Roll now stands at 130 people.

Thank you to Kathryn Kennedy for organising the Electoral Roll.

Sabbatical – Rev'd Paul will be finishing straight after the Easter Services 2022 and will be back with you all in September 2022 being fully refreshed and re-energised.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) closed after prayers were said.

5. PCC Secretary's Report

Well here we are at another year. 2022 has been a year when people have been a little tentative about mixing and having the freedom to do so. The PCC as usual have been meeting and have had some interesting meetings and discussions on all aspects of the Church. Rev'd Paul went on Sabbatical during which time Gemma Robson took over the role as Chair and very good she was too.

We still operate the 3 year rolling programme, which means you join the PCC and are on for 3 years and then come off for a year then can rejoin should you wish to. This gives everyone the chance to understand the working of the church. The only difference to that is you are automatically on the PCC if you are on Deanery Synod, Safeguarding Officer, a Reader, Church Warden or Deputy Church Warden. Treasurer and Secretary are elected each year.

Doreen Crinson
PCC Secretary.

6. Church Warden's Report

It's a privilege to serve you all as church warden for another year with the help and dedication from Barbara.

This year we are back to 'normal' and we can finally sit together and share tea and coffee.

We have enjoyed our traditional church fayres at Easter, in the summer and at Christmas, which were all a success.

Paul spent some time away on sabbatical after Easter and returned in September. Everything ran very smoothly and I'm thankful to the team for the great communication and commitment from them. We hope that this time away has enriched his life and ministry and we are thankful for the work he does in our church especially everything that goes on behind the scenes.

This year we got our floor sanded and re sealed which made a wonderful difference to the look of the hall. This next year we are looking at other ways we can update and freshen up the church.

Our WhatsApp group is a great way of reaching out to our church family and sharing prayers. This continues to be a success.

We welcomed Rev Jane to our church before Christmas and look forward her time here with us.

Thank you to Rev Paul, John and Connie for leading our services so passionately, Sue for being a friendly face in the office. Her hard work doesn't go unnoticed. Mike for all the time he puts into our finances, Ann, Pat and David for the music, Mark for helping with the screens and the whole of the PCC and Doreen our Secretary.

Our prayers are with lots of our church family who are missed so dearly especially Ivor, Margaret and Barry.

Here's to another blessed and faithful year.

Gemma Robson
Church Warden

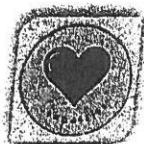
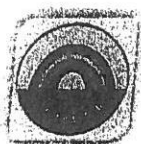
7 Chair of Governor's Report – Holy Trinity Rosehill C of E Primary School

Writing on behalf of Mrs Swift, the staff and governors, we would like to share news from Holy Trinity Rosehill.

What a busy year in school. Mrs Swift, Mrs Whelerton, leaders and all staff continue to work extremely hard to provide high quality education and experiences for our children

This year, Mrs Swift, senior leaders and staff have worked with Jo Warner to ensure the school vision and values reflect distinct Christian values and support our children, school and community. The vision and values are now embedded throughout school; they have been shared with parents and carers and staff continue to embed them through their daily practice.

The children continue to amaze staff with their enthusiasm for learning and behaviour. Leaders have worked hard to embed a new Thrive behaviour policy to support learning and work with children on Mental Health and Wellbeing. The Christian Values have helped children to talk about their feelings and also celebrate the wonderful things they do. Lots of the wonderful things, including weekly certificates linked to the school values, can be found on the school Facebook page. <https://en-gb.facebook.com/HTRosehill/> or find out more information about school at <https://www.holytrinityrosehill.org.uk/>
Below are the school values.



Continuing with the children, a group of Year 5 and 6s, have been working hard with Mrs Green on becoming *Leading Lights*. The *Leading Lights* team, lead worship as part of the school worship programme and aim to help their peers to 'Let their Lights Shine.'

Worship continues daily, based on planned themes and scripture throughout the year. Children and staff are invited to lead and take part in worship. Worship takes place regularly in church or in the school halls; in Friday worship, staff and children celebrate the school values and house points. It has also been lovely for Mrs Swift and staff to invite parents and carers back into school for class worships, open afternoons and events.

Continuing with worship, staff create prayer spaces around school, at which children can have time for reflection, including the new outdoor prayer station on the Holy Trinity field.

At Easter time, a group of children took part in their first Holy Communion and in November, five children were confirmed at St Peter's.

October saw the first iSing pop concert held for the children, staff and parents. A wonderful time was had by all. Then the children had a range of activities celebrating and preparing over Christmas. School was filled with joy, reflection, singing, proud parents and staff, wonderful costumes and smiling faces! The Year 5 children also went along to the Thornaby Pavilion to celebrate the joy of singing with parents and carers at Snappy Christmas.

Staff continue to plan, teach and assess using the RE framework. Mrs Swift, all leaders and staff, work hard to continue to embed the school's distinctive Christian vision throughout everyday school life, with the children at the centre of their decisions. The school values are promoted throughout the school and enable pupils and adults to flourish.

Governors have thanked John Britton for his service as a governor for many years and have welcomed Councillor Niall Innes to our Governing Body. We continue as a Governing Body to attend training in order to support Mrs Swift and school moving forward.

Governors continue to talk with staff about specific areas of the School Development Plan, meet at committees and Governor Development Days. We ensure reflection questions based on the school vision and values are discussed at every meeting. Foundation Governor, Andrew McClone, has continued to send reports to the PCC this year, sharing news from school and involving the PCC in school life.

We thank Mrs Swift and Mrs Whelerton for guiding our children this year and for encouraging all children, staff and governors to *Let their Lights Shine*.

Sophie Huggins
Vice-Chair of Governors

8. Electoral Roll Report

The number of names presented to the A.G.M. on April 3rd 2022 was 130 a decrease of 7 on the previous year.

Katherine Kennedy

9. Boomerang Childcare Report

We have had a very busy, successful year with lots of new children joining us.

The activities we provide are open ended and focused around the childrens interests so every day is different.

We include festivals and celebrations in our planning and adapt the learning to meet the childrens individual needs, for example, their age.

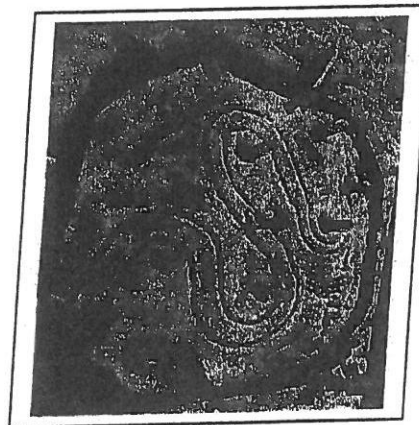
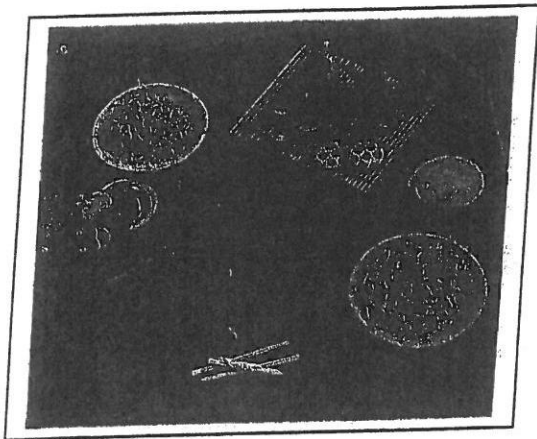
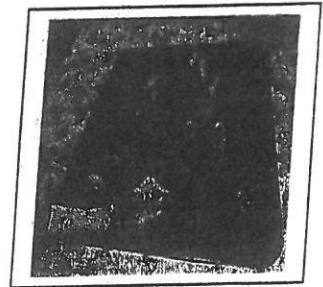
One thing most children have in common is that they like to get dirty. We do a lot of sensory activities, slime, playdough, gloop... to name a few - these are always popular.

We have taken the children on many walks and on a bus trip and wrote postcards to our families and posted them in the postbox. It was lovely to see pictures of the children receiving their post cards through the post at home, this helped them to understand the postal service and how it works.

Outdoor play is a firm favourite for the children; they have chance to run, climb, build and experience all weathers. We are hoping to develop the outdoor play area very soon so it is accessible all year round as there is a large grassed area that becomes very muddy in wet weather.

We are excited about the year ahead and the exciting things we have planned!

In April we will be celebrating 19 years of Boomerang!



Jo Ford Leadbeater
Boomerang Childcare Manager

10. Cafe Generate Report

Generate continues to provide Thursday luncheon serving from 12 noon until 1.15 pm. The menu is varied and now consists of remarkable soups, a good choice of tasty sandwiches and lately hot sandwiches i.e. chicken and stuffing – fish finger sandwich – plus a variety of “normal sarnies”. A main course of special quiches, hot pies and curries.

Our team of excellent cake bakers continue to provide delicious bounty. As householders are so aware, the cost of ingredients has increased enormously and thus has resulted in Generate also increasing costs. This has been kept as contained as is possible.

Challenges remain – but ALL are assured of a warm welcome, numbers are slightly down but we hope to tempt a wider clientele – so we encourage patrons to continue and perhaps bring a friend.

Thanks must go to our willing volunteers for the time they afford to Generate – cooks, bakers, taxi services.

Barbara Burns

11. Safeguarding Officer's Report

1) Report Details

Period of 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2022

Submitted by Kelly Adekunle (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Date: 11 January 2023

2) Disclosures

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3) Policy / Procedure

The safeguarding policy is displayed on the church notice board. Incident forms are kept in the church office.

4) Contact Information

Details for Kelly Adekunle PSO (Telephone: 07595 711814) can be found on the church website and notice board.

5) Training

All staff & volunteers are up to date with the relevant training for their role. To be reviewed early 2023.

Kelly Adekunle, Safeguarding Officer

12. Magazine Report

NEWS & VIEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There have been six issues of the news & Views in the last year. You may remember that we had to stop doing the Magazine because we were no longer able to send it out via the children of the two schools during the Covid crisis. We are still not able to start again so at the moment, this is where we are. We produce 80 plus copies every two months and feel it is not feasible to ask advertisers to sponsor it as there are not many copies going to the same addresses each time.

However, it is nice to keep in touch with everyone, especially those who cannot come to church at the moment.

Please keep the articles coming in to either myself annedaly111@gmail.com or to Sue at the office holytrinitywithstmarkoffice@gmail.com

Thank you.

Anne Daly

13. Music Report

This last year has seen a change in the way we play music on a Sunday morning. We started using a programme called Ising. This plays words, music and voices through the speakers and allows us to sing along.

Together Margaret and I started Sing for Joy on a Sunday evening once a month to help introduce new songs, this gave us an opportunity to learn new hymns and become familiar with them so we could start to play them in our Sunday morning services. We had around 15 to 20 people attend. I would like to thank Margaret for her dedication and love of music.

We enjoyed our Christmas services with lots of fun music and carols.

Thank you to Anne, Pat and David for leading our worship by singing on a Sunday morning.

We use Pro Presenter to display our services on the screens and have recently updated this.

Thank you to Mark who runs the screen so smoothly.

Gemma

14. Fundraising/Social Events Report

We did not have quite so many events this year due to COVID/Flu and other illnesses. However, as usual we enjoyed Anne Daly's Barn Dance, always popular with all age groups which raised £516.00. The Easter Coffee Morning which was well supported and raised £657.00. Northallerton Choir, once again provided a wonderful musical evening. The Jubilee Tea Party, once in a Royal lifetime which was very well supported – sherry trifle well consumed. The Church family occasion which raised £863.00. Trinity Children's' Fun Day, organised by Gemma and team which was a fun day for all the children (not all Church children). That was good news for the future of our Church which raised £512.00. The Christmas Fayre was a poor weather day but we had a good turnout and much jollification at the coffee tables – which all helped raise £1206.00. The Harvest Tea Party – all safely gathered in raised £274.00.

To all the helpers and producers and not forgetting everyone who attended and the usual "taxi deliverers" thank you and well done

In total our Church family's efforts raised £4,289.00 (gross).

Barbara Burns

15. Trinity Tots Report

Where does the time go ? One Thursday morning we're welcoming a new baby and before we know it they're sitting on the mat playing with toys or walking across the floor with the aid of a walker, and then finally we lose them to nursery or school.

However it is a joy and a pleasure to have so many new Mums, Dads, childminders and grandparents making friends and getting to know each other over a cup of tea or coffee .

We have increased our fee to £2 due to the cost of beverages and biscuits but nobody has complained !!!

As always our Summer and Christmas parties prove very popular with inflatables and a "new " Father Christmas this year giving presents to a lot of excited youngsters. It is so important for the Church to reach out to the community and get these families together and maybe enjoy a homemade lunch at Generate afterwards.

Due to my hip replacement grateful thanks to Kathryn and Shirley for continuing to give their devoted time and energy and to Heather and Thelma for stepping in to help.

Thank you all so much We look forward to another successful year ahead

Barbara Porritt

16. Ignite Youth Club

Ignite has been running each Friday during term time with at least 50 children attending from year 3 to year 6. Children come from not only our schools but other schools in our community.

We have enjoyed a summer fayre with inflatables and football goals where we had a great number of children attending. It was great to see everyone together outdoors having ice cream and fun.

We had a disco in October where we had an attendance of over 100 children. This is always a great evening with lots of dancing and games.

We have 12 volunteers on the rota and I can't thank you enough for the time you put in after a busy week to help set up, run and tidy away Ignite. I'd especially like to thank David for taking on the role of the attendance register and keeping key information up-to-date and in order.

We look forward to discussing how we can introduce new things to ignite over the next year.

Gemma Robson

17. Deanery Synod Report

2022 saw four meetings of Stockton Deanery Synod – the group that meets regularly to connect the Church of England churches in our area, share good practice and mutual support and encourage each other in mission and ministry.

February 2022 we met at Christchurch and heard from Jennie Sharp how the parish is addressing poverty through a new venture – Chad's Pantry which sells short dated or donated food and supports the local community.

May 2022 the meeting was at St Michael's Norton. We heard from an American mission team, and Catherine Simpson spoke on growing in faith. September 2022 we met at St Albans, Trimdon Grange. John Cottey from Stockton Parish Church challenged us about how we can disciple others, particularly through adult mentorship.

November 2022 we met at St Peter's, Yarm Road. The theme of the evening was Diocesan Transformation – how the Church of England needs to develop and change in the next 10 years. Duncan Podbury spoke and the meeting was open to anyone who wanted to attend.

Over 2023 the meetings will focus on some of the Diocesan priorities- Growth, Youth and Children's work, Caring for God's Creation and Tackling Poverty.

Lucy Falcus (Lay Chair)

Accounts



*Following Jesus, Serving our
Community*

**Financial Statements and Associated
Reports for 1 January 2021 to 31
December 2021 presented to the
Annual Parochial Church meeting
held on 3rd April 2022**

Registered Charity No. 1173332

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1. Vicar's Report

Rev'd Paul Neville, Vicar's Report to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) Sunday 3rd April 2022

Following Jesus, Serving our Community.

Welcome to Holy Trinity with St Mark APCM, and thank you for those joining us here today and those following online.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting - (APCM) is a legal requirement when the PCC present financial accounts and reports from all departments of our Church, and where we are reminded of our purpose and calling as the Church in this community that is...

The Church is called to be pastoral - to look after the individual people; to be evangelistic - to tell people the Good News and invite them to accept it; to be social - to help the poorer members of society, and those suffering from racial, economic and other forms of injustice; and to be ecumenical - to encourage good relations with other Christian denominations.

January 2021 -December 2021 continued to set its own challenges for us as a church but during the past year began to see things easing with Covid 19 and the restrictions on our lives and church life. At Easter 2021 we re-opened under the then current Covid regulations set out by the diocese of Durham. Although the numbers of those in attendance on Easter morning was an encouraging sign, the numbers who followed in the pursuing months was around half of what we had been seeing before Covid-19.

The church team and PCC worked very hard in ensuring that we followed the guidelines to ensure that church was as safe as we could possibly make it for those who entered our building.

At the 10.00am morning service we have developed the live streaming of our service to help engage those that are still a little anxious about coming to church in person. It seems that live streaming will continue to be a permanent practice of the church moving forward. In order for us to do this in the best way we could we need to upgrade some of our technology and broadband speed to manage the live video link.

We continued to see so many of our church members tackling the challenges of Online meetings, such as Zoom and Facebook, and What's App, and the new challenge of online worship and prayer. I must mention at this point my gratitude to both Margaret Blake who has relentlessly provided music each Sunday for church and our online worship, as well as the newcomers to our music group, David Patterson, Anne Daley and Pat Prosser. Thank you to Gemma Robson for putting together the on screen services and music each Sunday and also Millie Ford for operating the screens while Gemma sings in the group. I have been so blessed to see the determination of you all in getting to grips with social media and IT devices. In addition, the clear deepening of faith and of relationships was an unexpected blessing. That continues to be very evident.

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The unity in the Spirit, under restricted movement has somehow enabled our love for one another to deepen. I feel that we have learnt afresh what the church is for and what we mean to each other. Every time I made an appeal for help in the delivery of flowers, cakes, Advent goody bags, notice sheets, leavers Bibles for our Holy Trinity Year 6 leavers or anything else, we had an amazing response. We have truly pulled together, and continue to do so. During the past year we have once again said goodbye to some of our church members, who continue to be greatly missed.

I want to thank our churchwardens – Barbara Porritt, Gemma Robson, supported by Barry Winter and Ivor Cassell, for everything they have done in helping me to adjust and enable the church to function in a new way under Covid regulations. Thank you for your remarkable commitment to serving our church and God's purpose for us.

Thank you to Doreen Crinson for her role as PCC secretary, and coordinating our baptism ministry which has now been passed to Connie Robinson to enable Doreen to focus on the work of PCC secretary. Thank you to Sue Gordon for the way that she has continued to keep our church administration running under challenging circumstances. My thanks to Kelly Adekunle for her work as Parish Safeguarding Officer.

The Pandemic continues its impact on church finances. I shared this very serious matter in detail with those of you who joined me online and What's App last year. The annual accounts, which you can see, speak for themselves. The overall annual income of 2021 is down by approximately 60% but improving slightly each month. We had to draw monies from our reserves to pay our financial commitments; those reserves are now no longer available to us. Last year I made a number of appeals to the wider church family for a review of giving, which has improved somewhat but not significantly so. I have had the blessing of working closely with

Mike Blake and Sue Gordon who have almost worked miracles in managing to reduce our outgoings to help ease the pressure. I am and we should be extremely grateful for the relentless work in managing our finances from Mike and Sue, this has been hugely challenging for two years now.

The diocesan board of finance agreed to our parish share pledge for 2021-22 of £37,000 to enable us to make ends meet. I am deeply grateful for the support of the Archdeacon and the deanery clergy. The PCC has fulfilled its pledge in full.

This aspect has been a very heavy burden, one which I have shared with you all as much as I can because this is our church, you're part of it and I know you cherish all that being the church means. We are a long way from turning the corner financially, even though we may be seeing the corner turning where the Corona virus is concerned. It may take years to get to a less vulnerable place. It is in this regard that I appeal yet again to those who may not have had the chance to review their giving to do so as soon as is practicable, and I include myself in this with you.

I want to thank those of you that responded so quickly and generously to the appeal for more giving, bless you, and I know that God will bless you too.

It was wonderful to see Ignite reopen with a disco enjoyed by one hundred young people from our church schools. We have advertised the vacant post of youth leader twice during the past year with little success so far. We will continue to look for the right person with a love of young people and gift for youth work to come and work with our brilliant team of volunteers.

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The impact of two years of Covid restrictions had a huge impact on Boomerang; like so many organisations the past year continued to be a challenge in every way. 2021 continues to reveal the tenacity, faith and commitment from Jo and our lovely staff that has enabled Boomerang to almost rebuild so much that seemed lost with numerous lockdowns and the changing ways in which children were looked after. Thanks to Jo and staff, with the support from the management team, Barbara Burns, Gemma Robson, Barry Winter, Jo Ford-Leadbetter and myself, have done everything we could to navigate through these unknown waters. It has been both a relief and a blessing to see Boomerang beginning to flourish again. It has been wonderful to hear from parents of just how important Boomerang is to the life of our community.

On reflection I am of the belief that there is a very real correlation between fellowship and well-being, sharing our lives, supporting each other and worshipping together is good for not only the soul but for our mental well-being, spiritual well-being and our physicality. We must continue practising our faith and hope together, reassuring each other and drawing closer to God. Please

Pray for the church to continue to re-emerge with a new sense of purpose in mission, prayer worship and in service.

We have re-discovered a new and real sense of appreciation for each other and a deepened love of God. This is what we must not lose, we have indeed been in a kind of exile, but we must keep hold of all that God has taught us, shown us and enabled in us as we move forward into a new more normal life together.

Thank you to our wonderful church family who have supported each other through a second year of the most difficult time we have ever seen.

As we approach Easter let us remember that Christ is Risen over every circumstances of life.

Thank you all once again for being a blessing to me and to Christine.

Peace and Joy

Rev Paul

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2. Independent Examiner's Report

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Report to the PCC on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the Notes to the Accounts.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

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

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

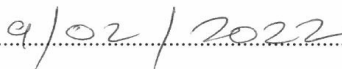
1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Church as required by Section 130 of the Act: or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:



Dated:



3. Financial Accounts

HOLY TRINITY WITH ST MARK
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

INCOMING RESOURCES	2021			2020
	Unrestricted	Designated	Total	
A. Voluntary Income/Receipts				
1. Tax Efficient Planned Giving	32,101	5,010	33,346	39,678
3. Collections at Services	645			
	32,746	5,010	37,756	39,678
4. All other giving, inc. Special Appeals, Youth Bibles etc.		372	372	690
6. Gift Aid Recovery	10,360	0	10360	9,921
7. Legacies		0	0	0
8. Grants including Youth Support/Community		9,729	9729	9,466
				500
	10360	10101	20461	60255
Total Voluntary Income			58,217	
B. Activities for Generating Funds				
9. Gross income from Fund Raising activities	0	2038	2038	1958
Income from Investments				
10. Dividends and Interest	20		20	211
Church Activities				
11. Statutory fees retained by PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	544		544	37
12. Gener8 Luncheon Club	1102		1102	454
12.1 Children and Youth Work	1162		1162	716
12.2 Gross Income from Boomerang (childcare provision)	4950		4950	5400
12.3 Gross Trading income (Hall letting, Parish mag, Book stall)	3997		3997	821
	7639	2038	13813	9597
C. Other Income				
Pre-school Ins. Settlement, Church Ins., DBF transfers of Reserves			0	34,371
A+B+C Total Incoming Resources			72,030	104223

HOLY TRINITY WITH ST MARK
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

DBF code	2021 Unrestricted	2021 Designated	Total	2020
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Cost of generating income				
17 Fundraising activities	1148		1148	255
Church activities				
18 Mission and donations	683	149	832	1298
19 Parish share	37356		37356	55356
20 Salaries, wages, honoraria	4680		4680	8472
21 Clergy and staff expenses	3223		3223	3198
	45942	149	46091	68324
Church expenses				
23 Church running expenses	4270		4270	6861
24 Utility Bills	3221		3221	3394
25 Cost of trading (Lettings, Parish magazine etc)	150		150	341
	7641		7641	10596
Major capital expenditure				
28 Church buildings - major repairs and redecoration	0		0	23257
	0		0	23257
23.1 Governance costs	1895		1895	0
Other outgoing resources/payments				
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	56626	149	56775	102432

	2021	2020	2019
ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	8000	8000	8026
Bank current account	27523	9449	10722
Cash in hand	24	47	194
Durham Board of Finance account	39699	39699	60498
Total	75246	57195	79440

Notes on Funds

Designated funds represent fundraising for a specific project for Youth Work and the employment of a Youth Worker to support our community. Our Youth Worker was employed part-time from September 2018.

The Organ Fund is also a designated fund used for expenses of the choir.

St Mark's capital Fund is held with the Durham Diocesan Board of Finance. The fund is unrestricted and regarded by the PCC as for use to support the parish.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and signed on their behalf.

Rev P. Newirth (Minister for Holy Trinity with St Mark)

[Signature] (PCC Member)

21st Feb 2022 (Date)

Independent Examiner:

Mr J Gates
105 Upsall Grove
Fairfield
Stockton-on-Tees

Date: 21st Feb 2022

4. PCC Report

PCC Report

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting held 25th April 2021

Welcome. Chairman Rev'd Paul Neville welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers. Rev'd Paul thanked Sue Gordon for compiling the Reports for Annual Parochial Booklet.

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting - held 25th April 2021 were read approved and signed as a true record.

Election of Church Wardens:

Mrs Barbara Porritt:- (proposed by Barry Winter, seconded by Sue Gordon)

Mrs Gemma Robson:- (proposed by Barry Winter, seconded by Sue Gordon)

They were duly elected at the meeting.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 25th April 2021

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting- held on 25th April 2021 were read, approved and signed. There were no Matters Arising.

Rev'd Paul mentioned the 3 year rotation programme we usually operate for the PCC was held in abeyance last year which means this will be operated at APCM 2022.

Deanery Synod was mentioned but the current Rep's were elected in October 2020 which means they will not need to be elected at present. There have been no Deanery Synod Meetings but once they start again, if anyone is interested in becoming a Deanery Synod Representative to represent Holy Trinity with ST. Mark, contact Rev'd Paul.

It is hoped to start the meetings again in June 2021.

Presentation of Accounts:- The PCC ratified the accounts at their PCC meeting for presentation at the APCM. The accounts have been independently assessed.

These accounts are significantly improved from 2020 but are still a long way from how they were before Covid. With income being restricted in the present circumstances, we need to be mindful of our commitments and that our giving reflects the running costs of the Church.

If you have any ideas about how we can address our giving and the finances, all ideas are gratefully received. Our Parish Share was reduced, with the Bishop's agreement, by £2,000 per month due to our limited income. This is only a temporary measure. A question was asked "Do we have to pay any monies back" This does not have to be repaid as it's due to the current Covid situation which is beyond our control.

Rev'd Paul thanked Michael Blake, our Treasurer, for all his worked involved in preparing the accounts.

Rev'd Paul thanked Sue Gordon for a good job in doing the Gift Aid and re-claiming the Tax back on giving.

Rev'd Paul Neville signed the accounts.

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Church Report

The number on the Electoral Role has gone down from 145 to 137. Sadly 4 people have died and 4 have moved.

Rev'd Paul thanked Barbara Porritt and Gemma Robson for all their unending work as Church Wardens and also Ivor Cassell and Barry Winter who are happy to remain as Deputy Church Wardens.

Thanks to John Hearn for all his work in helping Rev'd Paul out in assisting and also taking services.

Rev'd Paul had a Ministry Development Meeting with the Bishop and he was asked what he thought the next step was in his ministry. Rev'd Paul said he was not looking to move and felt the best way forward was to stay where he was especially in the current situation with Covid. He felt in the next 2 or 3 years he had a duty to try and pull back and recover from the impact of Covid and he felt it was morally wrong to leave. He hoped the congregation were happy with that decision.

The Bishop said he was happy with Rev'd Paul to stay at Holy Trinity with St. Mark, but suggested he could consider a Sabbatical in 2022.

Retirement for Rev'd Paul will be when he is 68 years of age, he is 60 in 2021.

Rev'd Paul thanked everyone for all that they do and all that has been done.

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Parish Safeguarding Officer. (PSO)

Kelly Adekunle was happy to continue as PSO for Holy Trinity with St. Mark.

Election of Treasurer & Secretary.

Barbara Porritt proposed Mike Blake as Treasurer, seconded by Gemma Robson.

All were in Favour.

Sue Gordon proposed Doreen Crinson as Secretary, seconded by Val Robinson.

All were in Favour.

The date of the next PCC will be sent to everyone by e-mail.

The meeting closed after prayers.

5. PCC Secretary's Report

2021 has been another year with a difference, where masks were the order of the day and coming to terms with a new normality. The PCC met and had lots of interesting discussions regarding all aspects of Church. For anyone considering coming on the PCC we operate a 3 year rolling programme, where you are on for 3 years and then come off for a year and then can rejoin should you wish to. In that way everyone gets a chance to experience being on the PCC and understand the working of the Church. The only difference to that is you are automatically on the PCC if you are on Deanery Synod, the Safeguarding Officer, a Reader, a Church Warden or Deputy Church Warden. Treasurer and Secretary who are elected every year.

Members of the PCC

Rev'd Paul Neville	Priest in Charge
Eb Adekunle	
Kelly Adekunle	Safeguarding Officer
Margaret Blake	
Mike Blake	Treasurer
Ivor Cassell	Deanery Synod
Doreen Crinson	PCC Secretary
Barbara Darling	
Kathryn Kennedy	Electoral Role Officer
Mark Kennedy	
Bruce Merrick	Deanery Synod
Barbara Porritt	Church Warden
Connie Robinson	Reader
Val Robinson	
Gemma Robson	Church Warden
Tony Stewart	
Barry Winter	Deputy Church Warden

Co-Opted Members

Barbara Burns
Shirley Perkins

Doreen Crinson
PCC Secretary.

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6. Church Warden's Report

Who would have thought we would still be wearing masks and social distancing every Sunday morning since opening again on Easter Sunday. Strange having to book a time and seat for Sunday worship!!

Thankfully Paul kept us all together with weekly Compline and then from Ash Wednesday we held lent discussions on line (or for the more able ones - Zoom) and finally Good Friday reflections. We managed two services on Easter Sunday, finally being able to share communion, listen to hymns and praying together once again with our Church family. Thank you so much to all our "technicians", Paul and Christine who kept us on line each Sunday morning from January to Easter from their kitchen, to Gemma and Millie who keep us right each Sunday and still stream our services on line for those watching and listening from home.

Our WhatsApp group is still keeping us connected and enabling us to support and pray for each other.

Unfortunately we were unable to welcome our American friends from Youth for Christ and therefore unable to have our Camp for Champions in the Summer. Hopefully the lifting of restrictions will allow us to have them back again soon.

A Tuesday morning worship began in September and we were able to have two Carol services in December, one traditional and one Cafe style. We had two Christingle services on Christmas Eve, due to the numbers and was enjoyed by all. Later we had a Midnight service, and a family service on Christmas morning.

The life of our Church has started to get back to some sort of normality, a huge thank you to our talented music group Paul, Margaret, Gemma, Anne, Pat and David, a pleasure to listen to each Sunday.

It has been a privilege to serve another year as Church Warden under the leadership of Paul and the valued support of John, Connie, Gemma, Barry and Ivor. We are so blessed

Barbara Porritt
Church Warden

Holy Trinity with St Mark

7 Chair of Governor's Report - Holy Trinity Rosehill C of E Primary School

We wrote in last year's report that 2020 was a year like no other, 2021 has been another extraordinary year. We started the year with teachers delivering lessons virtually for children who were at home, and in the classroom for those children still in school. We were able to welcome all children back into school in March. Throughout the year the well-being of our children has been at the heart of our curriculum while they continue to survive and recover as we progress through this pandemic. We have been able to continue daily worship through zoom and welcomed support from Reverend Paul and our friends from Stockton Baptist Church, the Salvation Army, and the Methodist Church.

This year governors, senior leaders, staff and children have worked with Jo Warner from the Diocese to develop our new school vision and values. We feel that our vision reflects what a hidden treasure our school and community is.

Our new vision "let your light shine" is taken from Matthew 5:16

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven”.

Our school values are: Friendship, Endurance, Compassion, Thankfulness and Forgiveness. If you follow our school Facebook page, you will see that a child from each class is rewarded every week for demonstrating one (or more) of our values.

We continue to be incredibly proud of all our children who, despite facing incredible challenges this year, continue to shine and bring joy. Visitors to our school and people who welcome our children on school visits always speak passionately about their behaviour and enthusiasm.

The Governing Body would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank staff at all levels for their continued commitment and endurance this year, we pray that this year will prove a little easier. May we also thank our church community for your ongoing support and prayers.

This year we have welcomed new governors to our Governing Body, Andrew McLone, Nicola Butler and Helen Murphy. We would like to thank Gemma Paul for the time that she gave our school as a Parent Governor.

Claire Himsworth
Chair of Governors

Andrea Swift
Head Teacher

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8. Chair of Governor's Report - St Mark's Primary School

Hello, it is always a pleasure to write a short note to keep our community informed of how things are progressing at St Mark's primary School.

Like everyone the last two years have been very challenging, children's school and social lives have been turned upside down. There are still lasting challenges for staff and pupils to face as things start to try to get back to some form of normality.

During the pandemic there was a fantastic effort by everyone to engage all children in as much learning time as possible, teachers had to learn new ways of teaching, both recording lessons and live streaming where they could interact with children.

As children returned to school catchup measures have been put in place to great effect, the children have loved been back among friends and back enjoying face to face lessons. The children are thriving and well on the way to making up for lost learning time.

I think everyone's efforts have paid off as St Mark's has recently had an Ofsted inspection and received a glowing report, with staff and all children praised for their progress. School has throughout been well advised on covid safety measure, and during a recent Health and safety inspection received praise for how the measures are being managed in school.

Everyone is now ready for the half term break and looking forward to the challenges of a more normal return, where St Mark's will hopefully be able to welcome the wider community back into school to visit us and see the tremendous work which is ongoing. I am always proud to have an association with St Mark's school, and thank all staff, children and governors for making it such a lovely place for our children to learn and grow.

Don Allday
Chair of St Marks Local Advisory Board

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9. Boomerang Childcare Report



Coronavirus still very much playing a big part in our lives with extra cleaning and hygiene routines and doing all we can to keep the staff and children safe.

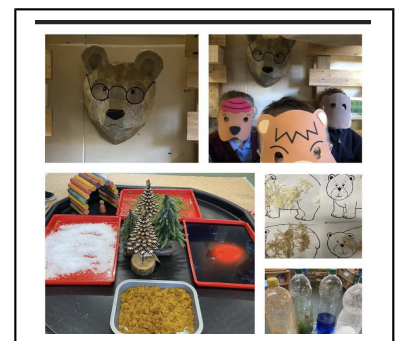
It has been another difficult year for Boomerang within both preschool and the church for the smaller children and non walkers. It was decided in November 2021 to extend our service to children from 6 months which meant we had to introduce a new baby area This has been a great success and has brought many new children to be cared for.

Due to the increase in demand for childcare we have employed a new apprentice Holly, and Sophie is working for us on a casual basis to cover holidays and sickness.

Despite the challenges of the year the children have had a great time learning through play. Following our themes and childrens' interests we have covered, were going on a Bear hunt and The Hungry Caterpillar to name a few. We have sampled Chinese food whilst celebrating Chinese new year.

At Christmas the children made reindeer food to be sold in Sainsbury's.

In April we will be celebrating 18 years of Boomerang!



Jo Ford Leadbeater
Boomerang Childcare Manager

10. Electoral Roll Report

The number of names presented to the A.G.M. on April 25th 2021 was **137** a decrease of **8** on the previous year.



11. Safeguarding Officer's Report

1. Report Details

Period of 1 January 2021 – 31 December 2021

Submitted by Kelly Adekunle (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Date: 24 February 2022

2. Disclosures

2 x Disclosures (July 2021 & December 2021)

3. Policy / Procedure

The safeguarding policy is displayed on the church notice board. Incident forms are kept in the church office.

4. Contact Information

Details for Kelly Adekunle PSO (Telephone: 07595 711814) can be found on the church website and notice board.

5. Training

All staff & volunteers should now be up to date with the relevant training for their role.

12. Magazine Report

We did manage to issue one magazine in January/February this year, however, because of Covid regulations it could not be given out to the schools and it was therefore decided to suspend it.

In November/December we produced a newsletter/bulletin delivered to our electoral roll and friends. The reason for this was because not everyone is on WhatsApp or Facebook and we felt the need to reach out to everyone and let them know of events planned for Advent and Christmas.

Most of our advertisers are willing to continue to support us when, and if, we decide to restart our magazine.

Thank you to all who have supported this effort to let people know what events, etc., are being planned.

Anne Daly

13. Music Report

When the church doors re-opened at Easter 2021, government regulations restricted us from enjoying our 'normal' worship. The music group were able to lead singing, remaining socially distanced; after a time, the congregation were able to join in while 'mumbling behind their masks.' We are thankful to Gemma and Millie for providing us with the words for our hymns on the screens, due to restrictions on using hymn books. Hymns are chosen to correspond to the gospel, weekly readings and prayers. The joy of singing has helped to bring us back together. It has been a blessing to have Anne, Pat and David join the Music Group.

By September, restrictions had lifted slightly and we enjoyed celebrating the Harvest Festival. In addition an Evening of Harvest Worship was held by candlelight; we enjoyed singing a selection of worshipful hymns together. At Christmas, we enjoyed a traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols. We also held our popular Cafe Style Carol Evening with songs, readings, mince pies and the joyous Twelve Days of Christmas! We also had a performance from our community choir, led by Gemma, and a solo from Anne. On Christmas Eve, our Christingle Services were enjoyed by all. What a Celebration... not just the chocolate type!

I would like to express my thanks to Val Glasper for her many years of service to our Church.

The Music Group will continue to lead our worship and hope to introduce some new hymns and songs as we move forward into 2022.

*Sing to the Lord a new song: sing to the Lord all the earth.
Psalm 96.*

Margaret Blake

14. Fundraising/Social Events Report and Café Generate Report

2021 has been another challenging year. Our first event after coming back into Church was a Beetle Drive with a Pie and Pea Supper in October. This was well attended and a great time was had by all.

Our Christmas Fair was held in December and was extremely successful with many new stalls including Rev. Paul's Woodwork Shop.

Gener8 began again in September and has gradually grown in numbers.

Many thanks to the volunteers who continue to give their time shopping, baking, soup making, and waiting on.

So why not come along and enjoy good food and excellent friendly conversation.

Kathryn Kennedy and Barbara Porritt
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15. Trinity Tots Report

Due to lock down we were unable to accommodate Trinity Tots until after the Summer break and we restarted on Thursday mornings only, in September.

We have mostly new mums and grandparents as our earlier tots have moved on to nursery or school but we also welcomed back our childminders who also have new children.

It is an absolute pleasure to be back amongst the young people of our community, making new friends and getting to know them all and encouraging them to stay and have lunch at Generate Luncheon Club.

We did manage a Christmas party and Father Christmas was allowed out of isolation to bring the excited tots a gift.

Thank you so much to Kathryn and Shirley for all their help and support and hopefully we will be able to stay open in 2022, term time only, with no further restrictions.

Barbara Porritt

16. Ignite Youth Club

Ignite reopened on the 22nd October with a disco. We welcomed over 100 children from Year3 to Year8 to join us in a fun filled evening lead by a DJ with music and games. What a successful evening. We charged £2 entrance fee and provided a snack and drink with admission.

We continued with our normal Friday night evening sessions running one group from 6.30pm till 7.30pm during term time only. We charge a £1 entrance fee and have a tuck shop where children can purchase sweets and drinks. New consent forms were filled in by parents/carers and children are registered each week for safeguarding reasons.

We currently have 12 volunteers on a rota and I thank you all for your support and dedication you put into this group.

The numbers have settled to around 50/60 each Friday and the children are thoroughly enjoying themselves.

We look forward to a successful year ahead.

Gemma Robson

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17. Deanery Synod Report

Deanery Synod report 2021

Stockton Deanery Synod met for the first time since the pandemic began in July 2021, and also had meetings in September and November. The Synod is made up from representatives of each parish in Stockton Deanery (stretching from Billingham to Egglescliffe, Sedgefield to central Stockton). Our purpose is to encourage each other in worship and mission, share good practice, hear messages from Durham Diocese and where needed debate topics to pass up to the Diocese.

July's meeting was held at St Paul's Newtown and we had an update on the plant from Paul Arnold. We said goodbye and thank you to Sylvia as she retired from St John's, and welcomed Matt Levinsohn to All Saints' and St Mary's. Synod also shared Holy Communion together.

In September we met at Holy Trinity and discussed one of the Diocesan priorities- caring for God's Creation, and also spent time discussing what synod aims to do over the three year term. Elections for Diocesan Synod were also held.

November's meeting focussed on the Growth Diocesan priority and we discussed in groups where we are seeing growth in the deanery, and where we have challenges. This will be picked up again in 2022.

Lucy Falcus (Lay Chair)

Accounts



*Following Jesus, Serving our
Community*

**Financial Statements and Associated
Reports for 1 January 2020 to 31
December 2020 presented to the
Annual Parochial Church meeting
held on 25 April 2021**

Registered Charity No. 1173332

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1. Vicar's Report

Rev'd Paul Neville, Vicar's Report to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) Sunday 25th April 2021

Following Jesus, Serving our Community.

Welcome to Holy Trinity with St Mark APCM, and thank you to those joining us here today and those following online.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting - (APCM) is a legal requirement when the PCC present financial accounts and reports from all departments of our Church, and where we are reminded of our purpose and calling as the Church in this community that is...

The Church is called to be pastoral - to look after the individual people; to be evangelistic - to tell people the Good News and invite them to accept it; to be social - to help the poorer members of society, and those suffering from racial, economic and other forms of injustice; and to be ecumenical - to encourage good relations with other Christian denominations.

This year's report will stand out like no other we have ever had to produce. However, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect together as we look back over the past year, which has been unprecedented for the church, our country and the world. The Covid -19 pandemic forced us to change almost every aspect of our lives and put restrictions on our liberties that have not been seen since the Second World War. In March 2020 a lockdown was imposed on our country, schools, hotels, restaurants, and just about everywhere else people gather including the church.

Church-life has a momentum that gathers over many years, with the input and work of many people. Those people are the servants of the church, making that momentum nourishing and also vital for the wider community to thrive. Our mission here at Holy Trinity is to 'Follow Jesus and serve our community'. When the deadly Covid-19 impacted on our lives, which took some of our loved ones, we all found ourselves having to stay at home to protect each other and ourselves. No-one could have guessed a year ago that we would still be doing it.

During the past year, despite the threat of infection and the closing of the church, we managed to do several important things in response.

Firstly, we needed to find a way of being in regular communication with the whole church family. We did this through email, news letters delivered by team members and the setting up of a What's App church group, which attracted around 90 church members.

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It was remarkable to see so many of our church members tackling the challenges of online meetings, such as Zoom, Facebook and What's App and the new challenge of online worship and prayer. I must mention at this point my gratitude to both Margaret Blake and David Patterson who have relentlessly provided music each Sunday for our online worship. I have been so blessed to see the determination of you all in getting to grips with social media and IT devices. In addition, the clear deepening of faith and of relationships was an unexpected blessing. The unity in the spirit, under restricted movement somehow has enabled our love for one another to deepen. I feel that we have learnt afresh what the church is for and what we mean to each other. Every time I made an appeal for help in the delivery of flowers, cakes, Advent goody bags, notice sheets or anything else, we had an amazing response. We have truly pulled together, and continue to do so. We have learned that what we had before March 2020 was precious, possibly took it for granted. We have now a newfound appreciation for each other, our faith and life itself.

We have lost some from our church family during this difficult time, I can't mention them here but we all know who they are.

I want to thank our churchwardens - Barbara Porritt and Gemma Robson, supported by Barry Winter and Ivor Cassell, for everything they have done in helping me to adjust and enable the church to function in a new way under Covid regulations.

Thank you to Doreen Crinson for her role as PCC secretary, and for Sue Gordon and the way that she has continued to keep our church administration running.

Many of you will already know that the Pandemic has made a devastating impact on church finances. I have shared this very serious matter with those of you who join me online and What's App. The annual accounts, which you can see, speak for themselves. The overall annual income of 2020 is down by

approximately 60%. We had to draw monies from our reserves to pay our financial commitments; those reserves are now no longer available to us. I made a number of appeals to the wider church family for a review of giving, which has improved somewhat but not significantly so. I have had the blessing of working closely with Mike Blake and Sue Gordon who have almost worked miracles in managing to reduce our outgoings to help ease the pressure.

The diocesan board of finance agreed to our request to reduce our parish share giving to enable us to make ends meet. I am deeply grateful for the support of the Archdeacon and the deanery clergy.

This aspect has been a very heavy burden, one which I have shared with you all as much as I can because this is our church, you're part of it and you cherish it and what being the church means to us. We are a long way from turning the corner financially, even though we may be seeing the corner turning where the Coronavirus is concerned. It may take years to get to a less vulnerable place. It is in this regard that I appeal yet again to those who may not have had the chance to review their giving to do so as soon as is practicable, and I include myself in this with you.

I want to thank those of you that responded so quickly and generously to the appeal for more giving; bless you, and I know that God will bless you too.

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In May 2020 our Youth Leader Madi was furloughed; like so many people she couldn't fulfil her ministry to our young people. In August Madi resigned her post for a new post in Stokesley. Thank you Madi for all that you did whilst you were here with us. I, like you, have been acutely aware of the impact this has had on our children and young people, but they have blessed us all in the way they have shared their home worship, birthday celebrations and just being part of us. Well done, you are all amazing.

Boomerang was deeply impacted by Covid restrictions too, like so many organisations. Many of our staff were either partly or fully furloughed, depending on how the virus figures were reported. It has been another example of tenacity, faith and commitment from Jo and our lovely staff that has enabled Boomerang to survive so far. Our numbers dropped to an impossible figure that prevented us from opening even when we could. Jo and the team, with the support from the management team, Barbara Burns, Barry Winter, Jo Ford-Leadbetter and me, have done everything we could to navigate through these unknown waters.

So, we must continue in faith and hope towards a Covid-free future now that a vaccine is being rolled out across the world. Together we pray for the church to

re-emerge with a new sense of purpose in mission, prayer, worship and in service. As a church we can sense the real and true blessing of learning just how precious being the church is in the first instance.

We have re-discovered a new and real sense of appreciation for each other and a deepened love of God. This is what we must not lose, we have indeed been in a kind of exile, but we must keep hold of all that God has taught us, shown us and enabled in us as we move forward into a new normal life together.

Thank you to our wonderful church family who have supported each other through the most difficult time we have ever seen.

We were reminded last Christmas that 'God is with us' - Immanuel. That has proven to be true for each and every one of us.

Throughout the pandemic I have constantly reminded myself of Psalm 46:10 which says.... **"Be Still and Know that I Am God!"**

Thank you all once again for being a blessing to me and to Christine, during the never forgotten year, which was 2020.

Peace and Joy

Rev Paul

2. Independent Examiner's Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Report to the PCC on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the Notes to the Accounts.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

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

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

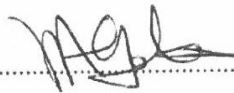
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

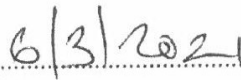
1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Church as required by Section 130 of the Act: or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:



Dated:



HOLY TRINITY WITH ST MARK
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

INCOMING RESOURCES	2020			2019
	Unrestricted	Designated	Total	
A. Voluntary Income/Receipts				
1. Tax Efficient Planned Giving	25,874	13,805	39,678	26,815
2. Other Planned giving				
3. Collections at Services				9,680
	25,874	13,805	39,679	36495
4. All other giving, inc. Special Appeals, Seeds, Youth Bibles etc.		690	690	9,396
6. Gift Aid Recovery	9,921	0	9921	8,708
7. Legacies		0	0	1,000
8. Grants		9,466	9466	9,210
		500	500	
	9921	10656	20577	64809
Total Voluntary Income			60,256	64809
B. Activities for Generating Funds				
9. Gross income from Fund Raising activities	0	1958	1958	4835
Income from Investments				
10. Dividends and Interest	211		211	498
Church Activities				
11. Statutory fees retained by PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	37		37	1177
12. Gener8 Luncheon Club	454		454	3401
12.1 Children and Youth Work	716		716	3179
12.2 Gross Income from Boomerang (childcare provision)	5400		5400	22500
12.3 Gross Trading income (Hall letting, Parish mag, Book stall)	821		821	6317
	7639	1958	9597	41907
C. Other Income				
Pre-school Ins. Settlement, Church Ins. Windows, DBF transfers of Reserves			34371	7327
A+B+C Incoming Resources			104,224	114043

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

DBF code	2020 Unrestricted	2020 Designated	Total	2019
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Cost of generating income				
17 Fundraising activities	255		255	5508
Church activities				
18 Mission and donations	526	772	1298	250
19 Parish share	55356		55356	58433
20 Salaries, wages, honoraria	8472		8472	16119
21 Clergy and staff expenses	3198		3198	7515
	67552	772	68324	82317
Church expenses				
23 Church running expenses	6861		6861	11426
24 Utility Bills	3394		3394	6292
25 Cost of trading (Lettings, Parish magazine etc)	341		341	1050
	10596		10596	18768
Major capital expenditure				
28 Church buildings - major repairs and redecoration			23257	0
	0		23257	0
23 Governance costs			0	5500
Other outgoing resources/payments				
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	78403	772	102432	112093

* Dispute with Suppliers
 **Transferred from DBF funds, approximately
 £7327 transferred 15/11/19

	2020	2019	2018
ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	8000	8026	8383
Bank current account	9449	10722	20808
Cash in hand	47	194	1617
Durham Board of Finance account	39699	60498	67318
Total	57195	79440	98126

Notes on Funds

Designated funds represent fundraising for a specific project for Youth Work and the employment of a Youth Worker to support our community. Our Youth Worker was employed part-time from September 2018.

The Organ Fund is also a designated fund used for expenses of the choir.

St Mark's capital Fund is held with the Durham Diocesan Board of Finance. The fund is unrestricted and regarded by the PCC as for use to support the parish.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and signed on their behalf.


..... (Minister for Holy Trinity with St Mark)


..... (PCC Member) *Secretary*

24.3.2021
..... (Date)

Independent Examiner:

Mr J Gates
105 Upsall Grove
Fairfield
Stockton-on-Tees

Date: *24.3.21*
.....

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting 25th October 2020

Welcome. Chairman Rev. Paul Neville welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers. Rev. Paul thanked Sue Gordon for collating the reports for the APCM Booklet.

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting - held on 31st March 2019 were read, approved and signed as a true record.

Election of Church Wardens:

Mrs Barbara Porritt:- (proposed by Barry Winter, seconded by Tony Stewart)

Mrs Gemma Robson:- (proposed by Sue Gordon, seconded by Jo Ford-Leadbearer).

Election of Deputy Church Wardens:

Ivor Cassell:- (proposed by Barbara Porritt, seconded by Kathryn Kennedy)

Barry Winter:- (proposed by Kathryn Kennedy, seconded by Christine Neville)

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 25th October 2020

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting - held on 31st March 2019 were approved and signed.

Rev'd Paul thanked the PCC, also Jo Ford-Leadbearer Manager of Boomerang Child Care and her Team. Rev'd Paul also thanked Sue Gordon, our Parish Administrator for all her hard work over the past year and to all involved in the smooth running of the Church. Madi Whaley our Youth Pastor, has moved to a new job in Stokesley, and we wish her continued success. The GDPR Policy was implemented in 2018.

Thanks go to Rev'd John Hearn for his assistance throughout the year.

Claire Himsworth is Chair of Governors of Holy Trinity School. We normally operate a 3 year rotation of the PCC but this year has been very different with Covid-19 putting a stop to our usual live meetings and continuing with on line Zoom Meetings. This means our current PCC will stay in place and next year we will continue with the 3 year rotation.

Eb and Kelly Adekunle expressed an interest in joining the PCC, therefore it was decided to elect them at this meeting.

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It was proposed by Barbara Porritt and seconded by Barry Winter that Eb Adekunle joins the PCC.

It was proposed by Gemma Robson and seconded by Margaret Blake that Kelly Adekunle joins the PCC.

Both proposals were unanimously accepted.

The PCC are in need of a Safeguarding Officer since Michelle Hill has resigned due to work commitments. Kelly Adekunle indicated she would be interested in doing the Safeguarding Officers job. Christine Neville offered to help Kelly if she needed any help with Safeguarding.

It was proposed by Gemma Robson, seconded by Barry Winter that Kelly Adekunle be the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO).

All were in favour.

Kelly will need to do safeguarding training, Beth Miller will be contacted to arrange for Kelly to complete the required training.

Election of Deanery Synod Representatives:- Ivor Cassell and Tony Stewart have confirmed they would like to continue on Deanery Synod. There have been no Deanery Synod meetings since early 2020.

Presentation of Accounts: - The PCC ratified the accounts at their PCC meeting for them to be presented to the APCM. At present the finances are not going in the right direction, with the present restrictions in place at this time.

It was proposed the annual accounts be accepted, proposed by Gill Clark and seconded by Tony Stewart. All were in agreement.

Church Report

It is hoped the APCM next will be held in April 2021. There have been a few challenges in 2020. In our church there is a great sense of team work.

Who would have thought in December 2019 that we would have to worship via Zoom and wear masks in 2020.

Rev. Paul is still concerned about the giving in church, our Parish Share has had to be reduced as we couldn't meet our commitment. These are constant issues being dealt with to enable the church to continue to meet all commitments.

The children's work is essential and we have lottery funding to help with that. The children are our church future.

Election of Treasurer & Secretary.

Tony Stewart proposed Mike Blake for Treasurer, seconded by Malcolm Porritt.

All were in favour.

Barbara Porritt proposed Doreen Crinson for Secretary, seconded by Kathryn Kennedy.

All were in favour.

The meeting closed after prayers were said.

5. PCC Secretary's Report

This year of 2020 has been a year with a difference, the first 3 months of the year we held live PCC Meetings. We followed with 5 PCC Meetings held via Zoom (on line), with discussion on various subjects, mainly on Church Opening and Closing and how Covid19 has effected everyone.

We look forward to the time we can all meet together.

Doreen Crinson
PCC Secretary

6. Church Warden's Report

I was due to become church warden in April 2020 but due to Covid19 we closed the church and started to stream our services online.

We were saddened to close our doors but discovered a new way of communicating with each other. We started a What's App group to connect as many people as we could, meaning we could share information and celebrate each other (and our gardens) lifting spirits and praying for each other.

We celebrated special occasions by giving our congregation gifts, flowers, cakes and Christmas treats on their doorsteps.

We briefly opened our doors again in October and welcomed 30 people to our Sunday services. It was a delight to be back inside the building and see some familiar faces. Although we couldn't sing together sharing communion and praying together felt precious. Unfortunately, due to further restrictions, we made the decision to close again before Christmas.

In November I finally got sworn in via zoom as church warden of our church and I am looking forward to fulfilling my role when church can finally open again safely with the support of Rev Paul, Barbara and Barry.
Forever blessed.

Gemma Robson
Church Warden

7 Chair of Governor's Report - Holy Trinity Rosehill C of E Primary School

2020 started with Mrs Whelerton, our Deputy Head Teacher, joining our school and leadership team. She has brought enthusiasm, passion and commitment to our school. As a result of the global pandemic, in March 2020 school had to close to all children apart from children of key workers and our vulnerable children. Our school remained open to these children throughout the Easter break and through to the May half term break. Leaders and staff worked incredibly hard to meet the needs of these children and to keep each other safe.

In June 2020 schools were asked to welcome back children in Nursery, Reception, Year One and Year Six, however this was not possible due to the high numbers of children of key workers and vulnerable children who were in school. September saw the full reopening of school and all children came back to school. Our two new assistant headteachers Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Thomas began their roles in September bringing additional strength to our existing leadership team. Throughout the autumn term only one bubble closed for 14 days and school closed for two days in November due to staff testing positive. Collective worship went online in 2020 and was delivered by staff, children and our friends from Stockton Baptist Church, the Salvation Army and the Methodist Church. Two of our children have joined the National Young Leaders group for the Church of England looking at the Church of England's mission to grow younger.

2020 was a year like no other for everyone at Holy Trinity Rosehill Primary School. However throughout this time the commitment of staff, the understanding of parents and carers, the support of governors and the smiles of children have continued despite the challenging circumstances.

We have felt God's presence during these incredibly challenging times and we continue to pray that he will be with us whatever the coming months bring.

Claire Himsworth
Chair of Governors

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8 Premises Management and Maintenance Team Report

The Team did not meet during the year due to Covid 19 restrictions, however the following matters were dealt with during the year:

- The three windows at the south end of the east side of the church which were subject of criminal damage in 2019 were repaired in 2020.
- A faulty gas radiator in the main hall was repaired.
- Our insurance company undertook a review of the building by a questionnaire and telephone. There was only one recommendation, dealt with by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) adopting a policy that any work on the roof would be undertaken by a professional contractor who held their own adequate insurance.

- The outstanding recommendations from the Architect's 2016 Quinquennial Inspection have been monitored by the PCC.

Ivor Cassell
On behalf of the Team

9. Cafe Church Report

Cafe Church is an informal family service for all ages, usually held on the 1st Sunday of each month from 5pm to 6pm.

Last year in 2020 we only had 3 services due to the national lockdown, January to March and 2 families attended each service.

We begin by sharing food and a drink, and having a chat, so coming a little late is not a problem. We sing some hymns, (some with actions), listen to a story, then enjoy some craft activities and play games. We finish our service with some short prayers which the children love to read.

Thank you to all who come and help with the service.

Heather Bamforth

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10. Boomerang Report



Due to Corona Virus Boomerang was closed for 4 months reopening in the summer holidays ready for when the schools closed.

We reopened for everyone in September but was quickly hit by another lock down in November which we worked through then again in Jan 2021 where we had to close the before and afterschool sessions. Preschool remained open for all Early Years children as guided by the government.

Lots of things have changed over the past year for the children who attend Boomerang.

At present no parents or visitors are allowed into the setting which means drop off and pick up is done at the door. The children in the church hall are split into groups to maintain 'bubbles'

We encourage personal hygiene before and after each activity and reinforce catch it, bin it, kill it, along with good hand washing techniques.

Our new cleaning procedures are very lengthy.

The outdoor space is used daily as normal but the children play outside in their small groups.

We have had to restrict the numbers we take for before and after school sessions.

But we are pleased to say the children have adapted to all these changes very well.

We have paid tribute to all the key workers making thank you cards and displaying posters the children had created and continued to make the children's' time with us as 'normal' and enriching as possible under very difficult circumstances.

On 16th October Ofsted carried out an interim visit. The focus of the visit was to check whether we had met the safeguarding and welfare actions raised at their last inspection. They found we had improved our knowledge and understanding of child protection procedures and now fully understand our responsibilities with regards to the changes to be notified to Ofsted, including changes to committee members. In addition, the promotion of children's good behaviour is now consistently implemented into practice and as a result children are well behaved.

They were satisfied we had met the safeguarding and welfare actions raised. We are still registered with Ofsted.

Jo Ford Leadbeater, Manager

Jan 2020	£6648	
Feb 2020	£6247	
March 2020	£5434	
Boomerang closed on 20 th March 2020 and reopened on July		
Monday 20 th July 2020		
April 2020	Closed	
May 2020	Closed	
June 2020	Closed	
July 2020	£2395	
August 2020	£5083	
September 2020	£6136	
October 2020	£5161	
November 2020	£6171	
December 2020	£4679	
Local Authority Funding	£44361	
Total	£92315	
<u>Salaries</u>	£95283	
Less furlough repayments	£26696	
Accountancy fees	£4500	
Total		£73087

Expenditure

Sundries	£1755		
Peninsular	£2253		
Insurance	£ 810		
	OFSTED fee		£ 220
			Playground
sterilisation	£ 800		
Furniture for preschool	£ 600		
	Utilities		£1589
	Pest control		£
54	Food		
£3968		Rental	
	£5000		
Total			£17049
Balance as of 31/12/2020	£29890		

11. Electoral Roll Report

The number of names presented to the A.G.M. was 145, an increase of one new person on the previous year.

Kathryn Kennedy

12. Safeguarding Officer's Report

1) Report Details

Period of 1 January 2020 - 31 December 2020

Submitted by Kelly Adekunle (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Date: 23 February 2021

2) Disclosures

Zero disclosures reported.

3) Policy / Procedure

The safeguarding policy is displayed on the church notice board.

Incident forms are kept in the church office.

4) Contact Information

Details for Kelly Adekunle (Telephone: 07595 711814) have been updated on the diocese safeguarding database and will be displayed within the church on the notice board.

5) Training

A review is currently taking place to identify any person who requires safeguarding training to complete and/or refresh without delay. A register for all training is kept and reviewed on a regular basis.

13. Magazine Report

Last year was a strange one in many ways. We were able to get the January/February and March/April magazines out before lockdown, then none until in November I produced the January/February 2021 issue. I did this early so that after it was printed and delivered from the printers I could keep it for two weeks, keeping to the Covid guidelines. I counted them out for the schools a week before delivery to them all full of hope etc., but within a day the schools were closed again so the magazines only went out to a few children. However they were delivered by hand to all the electoral roll and many more. Thank you to all the 'messengers'. Hopefully, later in the year we will be able to start again.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the magazine, remember it is only as good as the material received, SO keep writing those articles and sending them to me either in script or email. I don't mind either because I do like to keep my fingers agile!

Last November Jean Story said she would like to step down from doing the advertisements and collecting receipts. She has been doing this for (I won't say how many years) and has done sterling work. She gave me her notebook with the information in November and I thanked her myself but feel we should all say thank you for her hard work.

I have contacted all the advertisers and apart from two, they are all willing to support us again. We also have one new one. I will invoice them when the magazine is up and running again.

Thank you for your support.

Anne Daly

14. Music Report

The Choir led the hymn singing during the services of January, February and the beginning of March 2020. The Music Group led worship on family Sundays. We have been unable to meet since that time. However most Choir members have kept in touch with each other despite the current difficult circumstances.

Val Glasper

Holy Trinity with St Mark

15. Fundraising/Social Events Report and Café Generate Report

Because of Lockdown and Government ruling of distancing Church was only able to carry out money making activities between January and March 2020

Generate income for 6 openings was £454.00

The following activities were for our seeds of youth appeal designated fund:

Afternoon Tea, Book Stall Sale, Ragwreath Making and Lunch, Dessert Lunch, Quiz Night, Barn Dance.

Total funds raised £1,958,00

Barbara Burns

16. Trinity Tots Report

We began after our Christmas break on the first Tuesday in January and had our normal sessions on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings until half term in February. We then managed three weeks in March until lockdown began.

Our Mums and childminders often stayed for lunch on Thursday bringing together the young and more senior customers at Generate together. I continued to make bacon "butties" to raise money for Kiera to go to Lesotho but as with everything else that too was not possible.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back when lockdown eases, though some of the children will have moved onto nursery or school.

Thank you team for your support and hopefully we'll be together again soon .

Holy Trinity with St Mark

17. Youth Ministry

On a Friday evening it is a joy to welcome over 40 children to our youth club in church.

You can see the excitement on the faces of the children as they share some time together out of school with the responsibility of buying their own sweets.

Madi and Matt were there to play games, have fun and share the word of the Bible.

The children would leave feeling supported, tired and ready for the weekend.

Matt had a really short time with us in 2020 but he had time to shine for our children and tell them his stories and experiences.

Madi has been the most precious person to our children. Over the last 3 years she listened, played and preached with hundreds of our children through school, ignite and camp of champions.

Unfortunately Madi left us this year to follow her calling with youth for Christ. She will be sadly missed and she has a place in all of our hearts.

We had to close in March in line with the Government guidelines but we look forward to the future when we can reopen ignite again and welcome our children back into church.

Gemma Robson

18. Deanery Synod Report

Due to Covid 19 restrictions no Deanery Synod meetings have taken place in 2020.

