

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING, DIOCESE OF NEWCASTLE

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Details

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Activities

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

Activities: The PCC promotes the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING, DIOCESE OF NEWCASTLE
- Newcastle Upon Tyne City
- North Tyneside

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£168,552	£185,920	-	-
2023-12-31	£180,691	£173,791	-	-
2022-12-31	£174,185	£165,404	-	-
2021-12-31	£152,754	£147,755	-	-
2020-12-31	£159,913	£164,445	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BILL LOMAS		2017-01-01
Catherine Stewart		2024-05-15
D WINTER		2016-01-01
DOROTHY CLASPER		2016-01-01
David MacGillivray		2024-06-01
ELSIE DOCHERTY		2016-01-01
Julie Smith		2023-05-03
Lesley Edwards		2022-04-27
MARGARET JENNINGS		2016-01-01
MARGARET WATSON URQUHART		2016-01-01
MARJORIE FAIRBAIRN		2016-01-01
Rev Gerard Rundell		2021-09-08
Rev Hannah Malcolm		2023-07-02
Rev MARK ANTONY EDWARDS MBE		2016-01-01
Susan Armstrong		2024-05-15
TOM LAIDLER		2017-01-01

Accounts



Parish of Christ the King 2024 Annual Report



2024 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of Christ the King, Newcastle

Aim and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council of Christ the King, Newcastle, in collaboration with the Clergy Team, aims to promote the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical across the ecclesiastical Parish. The Team Parish was established in 1988. The PCC has oversight of four districts: St Matthew's Dinnington and St Cuthbert's Brunswick; St Columba's Wideopen; and St Aidan's Brunton Park.

Objectives and Activities

The following ten priority areas for development emerged from discussions during 2019.

- 1 New Housing: Each district in the parish has significant new housing developments. We need to discover more about how best to relate to those who move into our districts and support community building.
- 2 Health and Wellbeing: We believe that the church has an important contribution to make in this area and we are actively exploring how best we can offer support to tackle the issues of isolation and support mental wellbeing especially.
- 3 Young People: As well as encouraging young people in their faith journeys we are also concerned to reach out to young people to show that we care about them and the challenges they face.
- 4 Mission / Building Bridges: We are keen to build effective bridges and make common cause with the many active and caring groups that also seek to address important current issues. We look for opportunities to work in partnership with others.
- 5 Communications: We are working to improve the way we communicate within the parish and how we make effective use of social media as we communicate more widely.
- 6 Prayer: We recognise that we will only be effective in our mission if we are tuned into God's purposes and will, and enrich our prayer lives together.
- 7 Discipleship: We are exploring ways to encourage confident disciples who relate their faith with the issues and concerns they meet in daily life and work.
- 8 Ministry: We are encouraging more lay development in leading aspects of ministry in leading worship, pastoral care and community development.
- 9 Evangelism: We are looking for more opportunities to encourage new disciples and grow our faith communities.
- 10 Team synergy: We are exploring ways to maximise the benefits of being together as a team and to simplify ways of working.

Achievements and Performance

Team Parish Report

2024 saw the Team continue to join together for fellowship, prayer, study and worship. Some highlights of our work together as a team in 2024 were:

Regular Team Evensong services, hosted at each of the churches in the Parish. These included a choir led by Rev'd Chris Clinch where possible. A particular highlight was the Team Evensong for Pentecost with a dramatic sermon from Rev'd Mark Edwards. Another highlight of Team worship was our joint service, hosted by St Aidan's this year, for the feast of Christ the King, at which Rev'd Gerard Rundell was (re)Licensed as Team Rector of the Parish.

We also joined together in celebrating Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm's ordination to the priesthood. It was a great joy to share in her ministry particularly for her first communion the following day. In January we also welcomed another curate for a placement with us. Lee Kirkby, usually placed at St Thomas' in Haymarket, spent a four week block-placement experiencing life and ministry across the Parish. It was wonderful to have his ministry among us, and he appreciated the chance to experience church life in a different context to his usual placement.

Over Lent, the Team held its regular events both together and with other local ecumenical partners. This year our Lent course was held online led by our reader, Mr Ken Newitt, as he invited guest speakers to reflect on some of the most challenging passages from the Bible. We also held our Lent Lunches with other churches in the area, with each church hosting an afternoon of reflection and fellowship through the Wednesdays in Lent.

Individual Reports

Each of the churches in the team has also been active in their ministry and includes a report:

St Matthew's and St Cuthbert's – Rev'd Mark Edwards

As we reflect on the past year at St Matthew's and St Cuthbert's, I want to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to the life and mission of our churches. Your dedication, support, and hard work have been invaluable in fostering, though small in numbers a strong and vibrant faith community. New people have joined us at both churches and that is encouraging.

Building and Maintenance

The development of building work at St Matthew's has been slow, but progress has been made with various quotes obtained for the necessary repairs and enhancements. We continue to navigate an ongoing insurance claim, which, at the time of writing, may or may not be successful. However, we remain hopeful, as one quote from a contractor has been accepted, and work is expected to commence soon to improve and restore key areas of the church. These developments will enhance our facilities and ensure our buildings remain welcoming and fit for purpose in our worship and community activities.

Community Engagement

A key focus of my ongoing ministry has been engaging with the wider community. We continue to strengthen our connections beyond the church walls through outreach efforts, partnerships, and active involvement in local initiatives. Our engagement with St Matthew's school has been particularly rewarding. The children regularly visit the church, and I have had the privilege of continuing my role as a school governor, ensuring our faith remains a visible and supportive presence in their education. Weekly visits to the school further deepen this relationship and allow us to share the love of Christ with the younger generation.

We also acknowledge and give thanks for the wonderful support and fellowship we receive within the Christ the King Team Ministry. We deeply appreciate the ministry of our rector, Gerard, our curate, Hannah, and the retired clergy who continue to faithfully serve God within our team and provide cover when needed. Their presence and dedication enrich our collective ministry, and we are blessed to work alongside them.

Music and Worship

Music plays a vital role in our worship at both St Matthew's and St Cuthbert's. I want to extend my gratitude to Sylvia and Joyce for providing the music each week, as well as to Dorothy and Jenny, who skilfully operate our state-of-the-art music system, ensuring our worship remains uplifting and inspiring. A special thank you also goes to Pastor John, who assists me in ministry, for his faithful service, and to all those who serve as stewards and volunteers in any capacity.

Occasional Offices

The ministry of the church extends beyond our regular Sunday worship through baptisms, weddings, and funerals. These occasional offices provide a unique opportunity, to engage with those who may not regularly attend church, but who turn to the church during significant moments in their lives.

Baptisms, while sometimes disruptive to our usual Sunday services, are a vital aspect of our mission. They allow us to welcome new members into the faith and engage with families who may not have an active church life but seek a spiritual foundation for their children. We approach these occasions with warmth, tolerance, and a spirit of hospitality, recognising the opportunity to witness and share God's love with those outside our immediate congregation.

Weddings provide another moment of outreach, as couples seek God's blessing on their union. Through preparation and ceremony, we guide them in understanding the sacred nature of marriage and offer pastoral support as they embark on their journey together.

Funerals hold deep pastoral significance, offering comfort and hope to grieving families. We honour the lives of the departed, providing a compassionate presence and a message of resurrection and eternal life in Christ. These services remind us of our role in supporting our wider community in times of both joy and sorrow.

Social Action and Outreach

Our ministry is not confined to the church buildings but extends into the wider community through acts of generosity and mission. Our ongoing support of the local food bank, the Distribution Centre, and the People's Kitchen in Newcastle is a testament to our commitment to serving those in need. These acts of service remind us of Jesus' call to love our neighbours and reach out to those who are struggling.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all who contribute time, resources, and donations to these initiatives. Your generosity ensures that we can provide tangible assistance to those facing hardship and demonstrate God's love in action. Whether through food donations, volunteering, or financial support, every contribution plays a vital role in sustaining these essential services.

Remembering Those We Have Lost

We also take a moment to remember those who have gone before us in the faith of Christ over the past year. We give thanks for the lives of Mavis Clarehugh and Audrey Dellows, faithful servants of God and of the wider community. Their commitment to our church and their acts of kindness will always be remembered with gratitude. We also remember with thanksgiving a former Church Warden, Bob Butcher, and think especially of his wife, Carol, our former flower lady, who has now moved out of the parish to be closer to her grandchildren. Additionally, we bid a fond farewell to Peter and Sue Boyd, who have moved to Scotland to be closer to their grandchildren. We send them with our prayers and blessings for their new chapter in life.

Acknowledgements

I also wish to acknowledge the invaluable service of our church officers, whose commitment and leadership have played a crucial role in the smooth running of our churches. Special thanks go to Elsie and Tom, who have remained as Deputy Church Wardens. Tom also doubles as vergers and has been invaluable in regards to the Church Yard. Gratitude also goes to Jenny and Pat at St Cuthbert's; who also serve as deputies. Dorothy and Sharon, as full wardens, have worked tirelessly alongside the deputies to ensure the smooth running of both churches. I am deeply grateful to all those who serve the church in any way, including our social committee, and to Ruth, who organises our events. To all who support and help with the annual fairs, quizzes, coffee mornings, and other gatherings, for members of the DCC current and those who have this year stepped down, such as Moira —your work does not go unnoticed, and I thank you all. A special thanks to Abby who despite being at university and now doing her placement at Dinnington First School has shown unwavering commitment to St Matthews. Also to young Reece and his parents who have become regular worshippers with us over the last year. Reece has stepped up, and voluntarily helps with the stewarding, showing great initiative with his example.

For those who prepare the rotas, hymn lists, to those who lead the prayers and do the readings and administration, and for Aileen and Charlene, who serve as DCC secretaries, thank you all for your dedication and service first to God and second to the Church. Our treasurers, Ann and Dorothy, along with Lesley and Val to, ensure

our accounts are well maintained, the gift aid looked after, allowing us to steward our resources wisely.

Looking Forward

A recent article in the Church Link highlighted a common concern, both within and outside the church, about not having enough money, time, or people, which presents an ongoing challenge. As part of the diocese's Year of Seeking, we enter a period of discernment, reflecting on what God is doing in our lives and the lives of those we encounter in the church, at work, and in our communities. The idea is that we focus on where God is working in our context—actively noticing, expressing, and celebrating God's work in our lives together in a shared calling of mission.

My Role as Your Priest

As your priest, I have faced personal challenges over the last year but have always tried not to let them encroach on my service to the church. God is always faithful and good, providing the strength and grace I need to minister. Though there is no formal role description, my understanding of priesthood is shaped by the Ordinal of the Church of England and my lived experience of ministry. At its heart, priesthood is about serving God and His people—proclaiming the gospel, leading worship, administering the sacraments, offering pastoral care, and being a visible presence in the community as one who represents God and his message of faith hope and love.

As we move forward, I look forward to building upon the foundations we have laid, strengthening our faith, and serving God and our community with renewed dedication. My family and I are deeply grateful for your prayers and ongoing support. Whilst the diocese may officially consider my role half-time and provide a half stipend, the Priesthood is not a job - it is a vocation, and a sacred one. A sacrificial calling and one I take seriously. It cannot be divided, it demands my life my all. There is no such thing as a "half-time" Priest, for ordination is a lifelong commitment to serving God and His people. I am called by God to the Priesthood and ministry, and I will continue to serve wholeheartedly, with steadfast commitment, devotion and love, for as long as He wills.

St Columba's – Mr Bill Lomas (Churchwarden)

This has been a busy year for St Columba's as we have been in a vacancy the whole time. This has involved dealing with many new or at least unusual aspects of church life and yet much of what we've done has been very much the same as ever. This report will attempt to show both sides of the coin.

Firstly the more unusual areas have had to do with the protocol of a vacancy and the process of advertising for and then appointing an incumbent. We have been extremely fortunate in being part of the team parish of Christ the King and the Rector, the Reverend Gerard Rundell, has been really helpful in drawing up a rota to cover practically all the services we had before. We are most grateful for the work that Gerard has done in this respect and would like to add the Reverends Hannah Malcolm, Bill Miller, Jean Skinner and Ray Devenney who between them have covered the great majority of the services. We in the congregation have

been really well served by the worship they have been able to provide for us and are most appreciative of this provision. And in addition to all that the archdeacon came to preside on St Columba's day in June.

So running alongside the provision of worship has been the process of finding the new vicar. This has involved the DCC in a number of meetings, first of all to complete a questionnaire and then to produce a profile outlining the various distinctive features of the church and the community and also how they see their next vicar. This document will be part of the information available to those seeking to apply for the role. The completion of the profile in April meant that the role is now advertised and dates are set for visits to the church and for interviews in the Summer. In all we expect the vacancy to last about 18 months, so another six months from now.

Also new this year has been the great contribution Olena Stephenson has made as our youth and children's worker. She has made fruitful contacts with the local primary school, organized a successful Christingle service, initiated a Sunday Twilight service every month for children and as I write is preparing an exciting service on Easter afternoon. Olena will unfortunately be leaving us after that to take up a post elsewhere but she has made a most positive contribution and she will be much missed. We wish her well in her new role.

We hosted a Generous Giving Day organized by the diocesan team which a number of our congregation attended and which they found very useful. Indeed Dennis Fawcett from the Generous Giving Team came one Sunday morning and preached about generosity, encouraging us to try it out ourselves with some success. It was also the year of the quinquennial when we were informed that whereas the church was generally in good shape we will need to prepare to spend money on the roof in the not too distant future – no immediate alarm bells just a fine tinkle at the moment!

But despite all this church life did continue through the year in much the same way as ever. This was evident in all the services attended by the faithful congregation, but also in the social and fund-raising events which traditionally feature in the yearly church round such as the Christmas Market and Summer fair, the quiz nights, film afternoons, musical evenings, tree festival, the bi-monthly magazine – all paying testimony to a vibrant community. And finally a special word for the Warm Space initiative which offers companionship and activities to 25 or so members of the community on Monday mornings through the winter. This is a particularly successful venture, much enjoyed and appreciated by everybody and very well run by Susan Brimer and Hilary Temperley – many thanks to them for all the hard work they put in.

We hope that the next report for the AGM will feature an incumbent! I am hugely indebted to my co warden, Marjorie Fairbairn, for all the work she, together with her husband Maurice, do in the day to day role of prosecuting the life of the church. And it has to be admitted it is tiring but the end is in sight and it is right and proper to finish this report on a positive note!

St Aidan's - Rev'd Gerard Rundell

Our Diocese, this year, has held a year of seeking. This has been a chance to ask where God is present in our midst. So this year the vicar's report is my own answer to that question. This is by no means a complete answer, but it's an attempt to look back over the last year and see how, through the ministry of so many people who offer so much at St Aidan's, God has been working his purpose out.

I'll start with prayer and discipleship, as we see God at work in the ways we deepen in faith. The church is rooted in the daily prayer of every member of the congregation, whether that's offered in church (all are welcome to join us, 8.55-9.30am tues-fri), or in our homes, or out for a walk, or wherever and however we best pray. Of particular note in the year since the last AGM, was Thy Kingdom Come, with an encouragement to pray for our estate. Each person was offered a prayer card and the chance to sign-up to pray for the street they live on. In the summer a chance to deepen in prayer was offered in an away day to Alnmouth led by Hannah with reflections from a Flo Nilsson. In glorious sunshine we were reminded of the importance of making time to spend in God's presence. With the help of Derek Marshall, we hope to develop an opportunity to pray together before each Sunday service, so do join with that as details emerge in the coming weeks. Without prayer we can do nothing, so I particularly thank all those of you who faithfully pray for this church and it's ministry day by day, those prayers mean more than you can know.

Prayer was also an important part of deepening in discipleship at this year's Alpha. Though we didn't have anyone new to faith this year, our second Alpha was still a wonderful chance to share in fellowship, food, discussion and prayer. It was so nourishing (in all senses of the word), that we decided to continue beyond the initial 6 weeks to finish the rest of the optional sessions. Alongside Alpha, the Bible Study Group, 'GT' group, the 'Three Cs', and Prayer and Praise continued to meet for study, discussion and prayer. This year's Lent Course expanded the Bible Study Group with members from across the Team, as Ken led us in a series of sessions online, listening to guest speakers reflecting on some of the most challenging passages in the Bible. For young people, Youth Group has offered opportunities to discuss faith and find fellowship and support as they work out how to follow God for themselves. Two youth events at the Cathedral and at St Aidan's, have been particular highlights.

My own experience of God's presence has most often been found in these two places: in personal prayer, and in meeting with others to share in discussion and fellowship. It has been a blessing this year to hear and see that others have experienced the same at St Aidan's.

Alongside prayer comes the call to action in response to God's love. At the beginning of the year since the last AGM we first saw this in Christian Aid week and another fantastic effort at raising funds. Once again this was excellently led by Dorothy Clasper, our Christian Aid rep. Including door-to-door collections, we raised an amazing £3,572. That theme of generous giving on behalf of those in

need was echoed throughout the year through special collections, Christmas collections, and through the Saturday Café's giving – including newly sponsoring a child through World-Vision. Over the year we raised another £3,315 which was donated between nine charities we support.

Our action was by no means only in financial giving. St Aidan's continued its response to God's love in all our forms of outreach and service. The Saturday Café, Thursday groups, Men's Group, and Lunch club, continue to offer vital spaces for friendship, companionship, conversation, and fun. Our pastoral group continues to offer compassionate support especially to those unable to physically come to church. Our Summer and Christmas Fairs and social events not only raised funds, but helped to bring the community together. This year, we also held a church open day to coincide with the Community Centre's summer fair. This was fairly quiet, but gave an opportunity for the local community to see what goes on at St Aidan's. In all these ways and more, people have come through our doors to find a welcome at St Aidan's.

At the bottom end of the age range, we have continued to engage in outreach to children and families. Play Zone, our Saturday morning baby and toddler group, began last Summer led by Hannah and Lena. It has been great to see a community form who regularly attend and are building relationships with the church. We also continued running several outreach events for families through the year. Those at Church have continued to be well attended (this year particularly our Halloween event) and much appreciated. We also hosted a teddy-bears picnic for those starting reception the following year, and reached out to Great Park with a Christmas Star trail, and a Nativity Stall, and craft events at Great Park Community Centre, as well as going into Snakes and Ladders nurse, and local schools. It has been particularly good to re-launch our engagement on Great Park and we hope to continue to develop this alongside our new Children and Families worker.

Finally, we also launched our 'Conversations at St Aidan's' aimed at engaging both the church and local community. The first two, with Katherine Rundell and Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley, offered rich conversations, including a chance to reflect on their personal faith, and we look forward to welcoming more in the months to come.

These all remind us that God calls us not only to worship and prayer, but to a response of action and his presence is found in service of others. I remain hugely grateful for the signs of God at work in all the ways the people of St Aidan's live out their response to God's love in love of others.

Another sign of this work is in lives offered to the church in ministry. This year has marked that in several ways. In July we joined Hannah for her Priesting at the cathedral and celebrated her first communion. It was a joy to be part of her continued growth in ministry and to join with the whole church in praying alongside her as she presided for the first time.

In October we appointed our Children and Families workers. Lena and Janice, both existing members of St Aidan's, took on new roles, working to develop and expand our outreach to children and families. Lena has since moved on to another role, but we remain grateful for the work she did in her time at St Aidan's, and look forward to Janice's continued work as she takes on an expanded role. It has been an exciting and long planned-for appointment and we have already seen the fruits of their work, particularly in engagement with schools; expanded outreach on Great Park; the development of our existing provision for children; and the beginnings of a new after-school club to be launched at St Aidan's in the near future.

We were also glad to welcome Lee Kirkby, a curate at St Thomas' in the Haymarket, for a four week placement offering a chance to experience a different pattern and context for ministry from his usual placement.

Finally, two members of the congregation – Bernie Troughton, and Derek Marshall – have undertaken the Authorised Lay Ministry training scheme as they continue to offer their ministry both at St Aidan's and in local care homes.

That God continues to call people to offer their time, their faith and their gifts in service and ministry for the church, is a wonderful sign of his presence at work. I am incredibly grateful for that faithful response whatever shape it takes at St Aidan's.

Next we turn to worship. God promises his presence when we gather in his name, so he is doubtlessly at work in our worship. Some notable highlights for me this year include our Harvest Family Service followed by a 'food-waste café' using food that would otherwise have been thrown away; Remembrance Sunday attended by local uniformed groups; a moving All Souls service remembering those who have died; our team service for Christ the King joining together with the Team Parish, with the particular highlight of my own (re)Licensing as Team Rector of the Parish; a repeat of our 'Festival of Lessons and Carols' supported by Chris Clinch and his fantastic band of musicians and singers; a Nativity service that had the church filled to overflowing; a moving Safeguarding Sunday on Passion Sunday that used art and reflections from Sarah Troughton. There are many more, and I can't list them all, but out of 52 Sundays gathered in worship this year, God was present for all 52 of them!

There is so much more that could be mentioned as we look for God's hand at work. But a special mention should go to our social life. Social events don't always feel particularly holy, but the importance of a church community that enjoys spending time together is hard to overstate! So a particular thank you should go to both those people who have done so much to organise social events in the past and to the new social committee who have taken up new responsibilities. A particular highlight was our first Burns Night, with haggis neeps and tatties for all!

Finally though there have also been sorrows in the year. God is not only present in our joys, but also in our loss, and it has been a sad privilege to mark the funerals of several people closely associated to the church, as they were called home to God. With great sadness this year we said our farewells to Alan Dey, Bill Yeaman,

Alan Vout, and Katharine Brown. May they rest in the peace of Christ and rise with him in glory.

In a year of seeking God's presence as a Diocese, it is a useful discipline to look back over the last year and ask where God has been at work. Sometimes that work is easy to spot, at other times more clouded, but I certainly see the signs of his grace and goodness at St Aidan's. The sheer length of this report goes to show that! So, finally I need to finish with thanks. First of all, of course to God, for his goodness. God is, after all, good, all the time, and all the time, God is good. But then through his goodness, also to those who serve him here. The church stands on the work of so many dedicated and selfless acts of service. The reports below will show how many people offer their time and gifts to the life of this church. It simply wouldn't happen without all of you! I need to offer a particular note of thanks to the team of Churchwardens, assistant wardens, curate, administrator, children and families workers, and retired clergy who meet with together weekly. They offer so much so selflessly, and I hope they know how grateful I am. But to each person who serves the church in every way, sung and unsung, thank you! All you offer is profoundly valued. I look forward to seeing what work God will do, in and through all of us, in the year to come.

Safeguarding

The Parish continues to comply with its duties under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, to safeguard children and vulnerable adults. Each of the churches in the Parish are working towards full engagement with the Parish Dashboard system and have reached level three in all the churches in the Parish.

Deanery Synod

Central Deanery Synod met several times in 2024, and continued its work on the Deanery Development Plan. A new Area Dean was appointed in Rev'd Paul Baker and he has continued to settle into the role and reflect on the place of the Deanery and its plan in the life of the Diocese. A particular success so far has been the Deanery Youth events, a Halloween Light Party at the Cathedral, and a Pancake/Ash Wednesday event at St Aidan's. Both were joined by embers Aidan's Youth Group, and co-coordinated by Rev'd Gerard Rundell.

Electoral Roll

At the Annual Parochial Meeting of April 2023 it was declared that 294 names were entered on the combined Electoral Roll.

Financial Review

The aggregated accounts for the parish as a whole, incorporating the accounts of the PCC in respect of its own transactions and those of the four DCCs, including the Church in the Park as a subcommittee of St Aidan's DCC, are attached to this report. Across the parish, there was an overall deficit of £17,369 during the year (receipts £168,552, payments £185,920).

On unrestricted general funds there was a deficit of £33,790, in part due to a transfer of £28,000 into a designated fund. This represented St Aidan's contribution to the Children & Families Worker over and above the grants received in previous years. The major source of income was planned giving and service collections (£96,000), an increase of £12,000 compared with 2023. The next highest income source, gift aid reclaimed (£22,000), was also increased compared to the previous year. Fundraising (£12,010) was lower than in 2023 by some £1,700.

The major item of expenditure, the diocesan parish share which largely goes towards the salary and housing costs of clergy, was more or less unchanged from 2023 at £89,000, but well below the pre-pandemic level.

The situation at the individual DCCs regarding their unrestricted general funds was:

- St Aidan's – surplus of £2,157
- St Columba's – deficit of £4,941
- St Cuthbert's – surplus of £70
- St Matthew's – deficit of £2,886

There was a small deficit of £600 on unrestricted designated funds at St Columba's.

At the end of the year the PCC and DCCs had total funds of just under £319,325. Of this, just under £194,000 was in unrestricted funds, mainly at St Aidan's and St Columba's, largely derived from generous unrestricted legacies over the past few years. Just over £125,000 was in funds restricted for specific purposes, mainly at St Cuthbert's and St Matthew's, largely derived from a major legacy for buildings and fabric received in 2015, as well as the restricted fund at St Aidan's for the children and families' worker.

The PCC expresses its deep gratitude to all those who have contributed and continue to contribute to maintaining the finances of the parish at this time.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. In the Christ the King Team we have four Districts each with a church, and remaining structure in place for Church in the Park, a Fresh Expression. The membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (The Team Rector), the Team Vicars, the Assistant Curate, the Readers, the Churchwardens of each church, Deanery Synod representatives, and two members elected by members of the congregation in each District who are on the electoral roll of each church. All those who attend our services or are members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the relevant Electoral Roll and may stand for election to the relevant District Church Council, or to the PCC.

The PCC members delegate to individual Districts, through the relevant DCCs, responsibility for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance, including decisions on how the funds of the DCC are to be spent. Each DCC reports back to the PCC regularly with reports being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary. The PCC retains overall responsibility for strategic direction and decisions affecting the parish. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

Administrative information

The Christ the King Team Parish was established under the Pastoral Measure 1983 and confirmed by the Queen in Council November 1988. It is one of the largest parishes in the Diocese of Newcastle. Part of Newcastle Central Deanery, it covers an area of approximately 20 square kilometres. The Parish is a Team Ministry made up of four Districts: St Aidan's Brunton Park (including the Church in the Park serving Newcastle Great Park), St Columba's Wideopen, St Matthew's Dinnington and St Cuthbert's Brunswick Village. The correspondence address is 60 Barmoor Drive, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 5RG.

Charitable Status

The PCC is a charitable body and a registered charity no 1174195

Members of the PCC

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

Following the Annual Parochial Meeting in April 2024, the following served on the PCC at any time during 2024/25 until the date this report was approved:

Ex Officio

Incumbent: Rev'd Gerard Rundell

Team Vicar: Rev'd Mark Edwards MBE

Assistant Curate: Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm

Reader: Ken Newitt

Churchwardens

St Aidan's: Catherine Stewart, Susan Armstrong

St Columba's: Marjorie Fairbairn; Bill Lomas

St Cuthbert's: Dorothy Winter, Sharon Craggs

St Matthew's: Vacant

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St Aidan's: Margaret Urquhart

St Columba's: Bill Lomas

St Cuthbert's: Margaret Jennings

St Matthew's: Lesley Edwards

Elected members

St Aidan's: Dorothy Clasper (PCC Treasurer);

Julie Smith (Lay Vice-Chair)

St Columba's: Joyce Elrod

St Matthew's: Aileen Duck

Independent Examiner:

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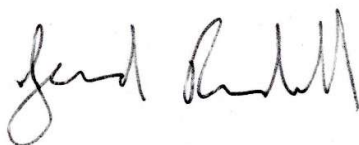
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Approved by the PCC Standing Committee, 23rd April 2025, and signed on their behalf by:



Rev'd Gerard Rundell, Team Rector

The Parochial Church Council of the Team Parish of Christ the King, Newcastle

Aggregated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

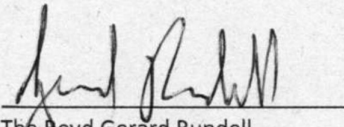
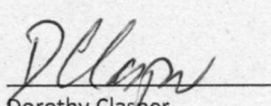
Receipts and Payments Accounts

2023 Total £		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	Total
		General	Designated	Funds	Funds
		£	£	£	£
	<u>Receipts</u>				
83,947	Planned giving and service collections	96,336			96,336
24,943	Donations and grants	3,472			3,472
19,945	Gift aid reclaimed	22,626			22,626
11,000	Legacies	1,400			1,400
13,776	Fundraising	12,010			12,010
27,080	Other receipts	31,258		1,450	32,708
<u>180,691</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>167,102</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,450</u>	<u>168,552</u>
	<u>Payments</u>				
90,000	Parish share	89,000			89,000
6,400	Mission giving and donations	4,404		0	4,404
71,078	Church activities and expenses and other payments	78,853	600	9,229	88,681
6,313	Major capital expenditure	635	0	3,200	3,835
<u>173,791</u>	<u>Total Payments</u>	<u>172,892</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>12,429</u>	<u>185,920</u>
6,900	Excess of Receipts over Payments (before transfers)	-5,790	-600	-10,978	-17,369
<u>0</u>	<u>Transfers between funds</u>	<u>-28,000</u>	<u>28,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
6,900	Net Receipts/(Payments)	-33,790	27,400	-10,978	-17,369
329,793	Balance b/f at 1 January	189,567	10,735	136,392	336,693
<u>336,693</u>	<u>Balance c/f at 31 December</u>	<u>155,777</u>	<u>38,135</u>	<u>125,413</u>	<u>319,325</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	Total
	General	Designated	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
<u>Cash in Hand, at Bank and in Deposit Accounts</u>				
PCC	113	0	0	113
St Aidan's	86,984	28,000	8,361	123,345
St Columba's	50,481	10,135	3,146	63,762
St Cuthbert's	13,759	0	28,478	42,236
St Matthew's	4,440	0	85,428	89,868
<u>Total Assets at 31 December 2024</u>	<u>155,777</u>	<u>38,135</u>	<u>125,413</u>	<u>319,325</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>				
<u>Total Liabilities at 31 December 2024</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Approved by the PCC Standing Committee,

 The Revd Gerard Rundell Team Rector	 Dorothy Clasper PCC Treasurer
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The Parochial Church Council of the Team Parish of Christ the King, Newcastle

Notes to the Aggregated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

The aggregated financial statements of the PCC are produced in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and the guidance issued by the Church of England in its publication PCC Accountability, 5th edition 2017.

The aggregated financial statements comprise the accounts of the the PCC in respect of its own direct receipts and payments and those of the four individual DCCs, after eliminating transactions between the PCC and the DCCs and between individual DCCs.

The income of the parish being less than £250,000, the PCC has chosen to produce accounts on a receipts and payments basis and has opted for independent examination of its accounts.

In line with all charity accounts, the PCC and the DCCs hold two types of funds, which are accounted for separately:

- Unrestricted funds, divided between:
 - o General fund: money given to or raised by the PCC/DCCs which they may spend in any way associated with the mission and ministry of the church; and
 - o Designated funds: money which is still unrestricted but earmarked by the PCC/DCCs for particular purposes, eg for spending on a future project, but which may be moved at any time, either to other earmarked purposes or to the general fund, if the PCC/DCCs so decide;
- Restricted funds: money given to the PCC/DCCs (as donations, legacies or through special collections) or raised by fundraising for specified purposes, which the PCC/DCCs must spend on the purposes specified and may not use for any other purpose.

The notes below and on the following pages set out the summarised accounts of the PCC in respect of its own transactions and those of the individual DCCs. Full sets of the independently examined accounts of the individual DCCs are available from the respective DCC secretaries or treasurers.

PCC-only Accounts

	Unrestricted General Fund £
Receipts - Service collections	
Receipts - Donations and grants	400
Receipts - Other	
	<hr/> 400
Payments - Church activities and expenses	590
Net Receipts/(Payments)	<hr/> -190
Balance b/f at 1 January	303
Balance c/f at 31 December	<hr/> 113

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Notes to the Aggregated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (cont'd)

St Aidan's DCC Summarised Accounts (including Church in the Park)

2023 Total £		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	TOTAL
		General	Designated	Funds	FUNDS
£		£	£	£	£
	<u>Receipts</u>				
43,130	Planned giving and service collections	54,031			54,031
18,838	Donations and grants	0			0
10,398	Gift aid reclaimed	11,499			11,499
10,500	Legacies	1,000			1,000
2,712	Fundraising	2,613			2,613
16,262	Other receipts	17,998		852	18,850
101,840	Total Receipts	87,142	0	852	87,994
	<u>Payments</u>				
43,000	Parish share	44,000			44,000
5,376	Mission giving and donations	3,934			3,934
35,997	Church activities and expenses and other payments	37,051		8,539	45,589
0	Major capital expenditure	0			0
84,373	Total Payments	84,984	0	8,539	93,523
17,467	Net Receipts/(Payments)	2,157	0	-7,687	-5,529
0	Transfers between funds	-28,000	28,000		0
111,408	Balance b/f at 1 January	112,828	0	16,047	128,875
128,875	Balance c/f at 31 December	86,985	28,000	8,361	123,346

In addition to the income recorded above, £1369 was received in special collections and specific fundraising activities and paid over to other charities and missions. This sum is excluded from the accounts in accordance with Church of England guidance.

Analysis of St Aidan's unrestricted funds

	Balance b/f	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
St Aidan's Church - general fund	90,075	85,982	-84,815	-28,000	63,241
St Aidan's Church - designated fund				28,000	28,000
Church in the Park	22,753	1,160	-169		23,744
	112,827	87,142	-84,984	0	114,985

Details of St Aidan's restricted funds

	Balance b/f	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Audio Visual Fund	613	180	-793		0
Children and Families Worker	15,435	672	-7,745		8,361
	16,048	852	-8,539	0	8,361

The designated fund represents St Aidan's contribution towards the cost of the employment of the children and families workers.

The Audio Visual Fund was for the costs of maintaining the audio visual system for streaming church services.

The Children and Families Worker Fund represents grants received towards the cost of the employment of the children and families workers.

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<u>St Columba's DCC Summarised Accounts</u>		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	TOTAL
2023		General	Designated	Funds	FUNDS
Total		£	£	£	£
£		£	£	£	£
	<u>Receipts</u>				
20,772	Planned giving and service collections	21,768			21,768
3,484	Donations and grants	1,372			1,372
4,899	Gift aid reclaimed	5,600			5,600
500	Legacies	400			400
5,067	Fundraising	4,246			4,246
7,250	Other receipts	9,356			9,356
41,974	Total Receipts	42,742	0	0	42,742
	<u>Payments</u>				
30,000	Parish share	30,000			30,000
0	Mission giving and donations	50			50
13,754	Church activities and expenses and other payments	16,998	600		17,598
6,313	Major capital expenditure	635			635
50,067	Total Payments	47,683	600	0	48,283
-8,093	Excess of Receipts over Payments (before transfers)	-4,941	-600	0	-5,541
0	Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0
77,396	Balance b/f at 1 January	55,422	10,735	3,146	69,303
69,303	Balance c/f at 31 December	50,481	10,135	3,146	63,762

In addition to the income recorded above, £1,049 was received in special collections and services and paid over to other charities and missions. This sum is excluded from the accounts in accordance with Church of England guidance.

Details of St Columba's designated and restricted funds:

	Balance b/f	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated Funds:					
Parish Mission	3,335				3,335
Magazine	2,400		-600		1,800
Church Windows	5,000				5,000
	10,735	-	-600	-	10,135
Restricted Funds:					
Organ fund	600				600
Youth Work	587				587
New Testaments	96				96
Chapel Fund	1,863				1,863
	3,146	-	0	-	3,146

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Notes to the Aggregated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (cont'd)

<u>St Cuthbert's DCC Summarised Accounts</u>					
2023		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	TOTAL
Total		General	Designated	Funds	FUNDS
£		£	£	£	£
	<u>Receipts</u>				
7,926	Planned giving and service collections	8,052			8,052
382	Donations and grants	0			-
1,979	Gift aid reclaimed	2,262			2,262
0	Legacies	0			0
2,049	Fundraising	1,636			1,636
407	Other receipts	840		326	1,166
12,744	Total Receipts	12,791	-	326	13,116
	<u>Payments</u>				
5,000	Parish share	5,000			5,000
120	Mission giving and donations	120			120
5,960	Church activities and expenses and other payments	7,601		690	8,291
-	Major capital expenditure	0		3,200	3,200
11,080	Total Payments	12,721	-	3,890	16,611
1,664	Net Receipts/(Payments)	70	-	-3,564	-3,494
44,068	Balance b/f at 1 January	13,689	-	32,043	45,732
45,732	Balance c/f at 31 December	13,759	-	28,479	42,237

Details of St Cuthbert's restricted funds:

	Balance b/f	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Fund:					
Building and Restoration fund	32,043	326	-3,890		28,479

The Building and Restoration fund derives from a restricted legacy received in 2015.

The DCC has registered a dispute with the Energy Ombudsman regarding gas and electricity bills payable to its energy supplier. This was unresolved at the year end. The amount is not yet quantified, but the DCC estimates that there is a liability of approximately £2,000.

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Notes to the Aggregated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (cont'd)

St Matthew's DCC Summarised Accounts

2023		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	TOTAL
Total		General	Designated	Funds	FUNDS
£		£	£	£	£
	<u>Receipts</u>				
12,118	Planned giving and service collections	12,484			12,484
2,239	Donations and grants	2,100			2,100
2,669	Gift aid reclaimed	3,264			3,264
0	Legacies	0			0
3,947	Fundraising	3,515			3,515
3,248	Other receipts	3,064		273	3,336
<u>24,221</u>	Total Receipts	<u>24,427</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>273</u>	<u>24,700</u>
	<u>Payments</u>				
12,000	Parish share	10,000			10,000
903	Mission giving and donations	300			300
15,495	Church activities and expenses and other payments	17,014			17,014
0	Major capital expenditure	0			0
<u>28,398</u>	Total Payments	<u>27,314</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>27,314</u>
-4,177	Net Receipts/(Payments)	-2,886	0	273	-2,614
96,659	Balance b/f at 1 January	7,326	0	85,156	92,482
<u>92,482</u>	Balance c/f at 31 December	<u>4,440</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>85,428</u>	<u>89,868</u>

Details of St Matthew's restricted funds:

	Balance b/f	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Fund:					
Building and Fabric fund	85,156	273	0		85,428

The Building and Fabric fund derives from a restricted legacy received in 2015.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING, DIOCESE OF NEWCASTLE

I report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024, prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Respective responsibilities of members and examiner

The members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.


Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention to indicate that:

- accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011;
- the accounts do not accord with such records
- any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts.



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Date: 18th April 2025

Accounts



Parish of Christ the King 2023 Annual Report



2023 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of Christ the King, Newcastle

Aim and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council of Christ the King, Newcastle, in collaboration with the Clergy Team, aims to promote the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical across the ecclesiastical Parish. The Team Parish was established in 1988. The PCC has oversight of four districts: St Matthew's Dinnington and St Cuthbert's Brunswick; St Columba's Wideopen; and St Aidan's Brunton Park.

Objectives and Activities

The following ten priority areas for development emerged from discussions during 2019.

- 1 New Housing: Each district in the parish has significant new housing developments. We need to discover more about how best to relate to those who move into our districts and support community building.
- 2 Health and Wellbeing: We believe that the church has an important contribution to make in this area and we are actively exploring how best we can offer support to tackle the issues of isolation and support mental wellbeing especially.
- 3 Young People: As well as encouraging young people in their faith journeys we are also concerned to reach out to young people to show that we care about them and the challenges they face.
- 4 Mission / Building Bridges: We are keen to build effective bridges and make common cause with the many active and caring groups that also seek to address important current issues. We look for opportunities to work in partnership with others.
- 5 Communications: We are working to improve the way we communicate within the parish and how we make effective use of social media as we communicate more widely.
- 6 Prayer: We recognise that we will only be effective in our mission if we are tuned into God's purposes and will, and enrich our prayer lives together.
- 7 Discipleship: We are exploring ways to encourage confident disciples who relate their faith with the issues and concerns they meet in daily life and work.
- 8 Ministry: We are encouraging more lay development in leading aspects of ministry in leading worship, pastoral care and community development.
- 9 Evangelism: We are looking for more opportunities to encourage new disciples and grow our faith communities.
- 10 Team synergy: We are exploring ways to maximise the benefits of being together as a team and to simplify ways of working.

Achievements and Performance

Team Parish Report

2023 saw the Team continue to join together for fellowship, prayer, study and worship. Some highlights of our work together as a team in 2023 were:

Regular Team Evensong services, hosted at each of the churches in the Parish. These included a choir led by Rev'd Chris Clinch where possible. A particular highlight was the Team Evensong for the King's Coronation on 7th May and a chance to celebrate the official start to his reign. Another highlight of Team worship was a joint service, hosted by St Matthew's this year, for the feast of Christ the King. This included a chance to welcome Hannah Malcolm to the Parish after her ordination and to hear her preach for the first time.

It was a joy, also on the feast of Christ the King, to welcome candidates for Confirmation, and one for Baptism and Confirmation, with Bishop Helen Ann presiding over the service.

Over the summer we welcomed another Ordinand on placement with us. James Brown spent a two week block-placement experiencing life and ministry across the Parish. It was wonderful to have his ministry among us, and he appreciated the chance to experience church life in a different context to his usual placement at St Thomas' Newcastle.

The summer also saw the ordination of Hannah Malcolm who joined the Parish as Curate. She continued her maternity leave until January 2024, but joined us for occasional services in the lead up to her full return to work. It is wonderful to have her, her husband Caleb, and baby Evelyn as part of the church family.

Over Lent, the Team held its regular events both together and with other local ecumenical partners. St Cuthbert's hosted our Lent course which was led by Rev'd Dr Hannah, and used material from 'The Prayer Course' exploring different aspects of prayer, from intercessory to contemplative. We also held our Lent Lunches with other churches in the area, with each church hosting an afternoon of reflection and fellowship through the Wednesdays in Lent.

Individual Reports

Each of the churches in the team has also been active in their ministry and includes a report:

St Matthew's and St Cuthbert's – Rev'd Mark Edwards

Acknowledgement of church officers.

Before delving into the report, I wish to extend heartfelt gratitude to Tom and Elsie, who have served as the Church Wardens of St. Matthews for what feels like an eternity. My Thanks to my church wardens Sharon and Dorothy at St Cuthbert's together with Pat and Jenny who serve as deputy church wardens. As for Elsie and Tom, their commitment and dedication to our Church and parish have been exemplary, and we owe them a debt of gratitude for their tireless service. Sadly, they have made the decision to step down as full Church Wardens due to the

increasing burden of bureaucracy. I understand completely their reason and support them in that decision.

However, I am delighted to announce that Tom and Elsie have graciously agreed to continue serving as Deputy Church Wardens, allowing them to focus on the aspects of church life they are passionate about and love and enjoy without the constraints of red tape. They will continue with the same commitment they have always shown. Thank you Tom and Elsie!!! I would also like to thank Ann Cuskin of St Cuthbert's who also has served the church faithfully as Safeguarding officer as step down from her role. We are grateful for all the hard work she put into being our safeguarding officer. Ann Adcock, Dorothy winters and Lesley who continues in their role as treasurers/assistant treasurer and we are so grateful to them for keeping our accounts and maintaining our books, and thank you to Eileen duck and Charlene my church secretaries. You both do a Stirling job and are very much appreciated.

Appreciation for Church Volunteers:

In addition to Tom and Elsie, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Carol for her two decades of dedicated service as the flower lady for the church, and to Val for her care of our memorial garden. Furthermore, I want to express my gratitude to Sylvia and Joyce for their continued commitment to enhancing our worship through their music ministry. Our thanks to all the volunteers who also look after our Church Yard and thanks to Tom who helps co-ordinates that and for the WI who have also this years helped maintained the graves with their weeding and other member of the village who simply get involved to help keep our church yard neat tidy and presentable.

Church Presence in the Community:

Our church's presence in the community remains a cornerstone of our mission. Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, we have continued to support initiatives such as the food bank and special services at Christmas and Easter, special services throughout the years, lent courses, Church Fairs and coffee mornings, the occasional offices funerals baptisms and wedding which serve to make Christ known and fulfil our mission of outreach and service, and not let us forget the dedication and commitment of St Matthews Social committee and to Ruth who co-ordinates those meetings and events and all those volunteers who help and assist Ruth.

Mission Focus for the Future:

St Matthew's and St Cuthbert's remain actively engaged with their local communities. This steadfast commitment has been a consistent aspect of our ministry. I personally invest in community involvement, including participation in schools and broader community initiatives, to foster meaningful connections. Our core focus remains unwaveringly centred on mission, engagement, and the Gospel. We prioritise welcoming individuals of all faiths and backgrounds into our parish church

Moving forward, I will continue to prioritise community engagement and inclusivity, in our ministry efforts. While remaining mindful of past experiences, we will explore opportunities for growth and diversity within our congregation. Our dedication to mission and inclusivity will remain at the forefront as we navigate the evolving landscape of church development.

A church without mission is a church without reason to continue to exist. Discerning how to prioritise our resources and efforts in mission will be the focus of our church life for the next year. Despite all the difficulty that COVID-19 has caused us, it will not impede us from discerning God's call on us for mission! That is reaching out and being relevant to the wider community.

It has been lovely to have welcomed Dinnington first school back into St Matthews this year (after Covid) for the Christmas and Easter services and class visits. I continue in my role as Governor of the school to maintain the link between the School and the Church and visit the school weekly. We continue to engage and be generous to all with Christ being our example. Despite the challenges and uncertainties, we remain committed to our mission of outreach and service.

As a parish priest, I have consistently advocated for shared leadership among the laity within my churches. From church wardens and stewards to those involved in intercession and scripture reading, I have encouraged active participation in various roles. Indeed, without this collaborative approach to leadership, my effectiveness in ministry would be greatly diminished. Echoing a sentiment borrowed from a former Prime Minister, both of my churches uphold the belief that **"we are all in it together."** As a faith community, we aspire to grow, serve, and share life's joys and sorrows as one family under God. Drawing from the Apostle Paul's analogy, we see ourselves as interconnected parts of one body, each serving the other with Christ as our guiding head. This shared leadership and mutual support are integral to our identity and mission as a church community

Personal Commitment and Spiritual Growth:

I want to assure you all that despite my half-time status and the demands placed upon me, personal and professional, I am deeply committed to serving the Churches communities and parishes entrusted to my care. Under God's direction, I endeavour to reach out and minister to all those he has called me to serve. I am grateful for your support and understanding as I strive to fulfil my responsibilities with passion, integrity, and faith.

Appreciation for Church Community:

Finally, I wish to express my profound gratitude to the incredible team of individuals who make our church community a welcoming and hospitable place. Every single member of the body of Christ is indispensable; the consistent feed back I get from occasional visitors is just how welcoming both churches. I value you all and appreciate you so much. Your dedication and commitment do not go unnoticed, and I am deeply thankful for each and every one of you. Whether through your service in various church ministries or your quiet acts of support behind the scenes, you are essential to the life and ministry of our parishes.

Closing Thoughts:

In conclusion, I am filled with gratitude for the faithfulness and dedication of our church community and for those who serve. Despite the uncertainties of life, the church remains a beacon of hope and a source of good news in a world filled with challenges. As we move forward, let us continue to worship, grow, and engage in mission with enthusiasm and dedication, knowing that our efforts are building God's kingdom here on earth in not in vain. The world struggles but we the Church continue to reach out with a message of faith hope and love. Thank you to all who have contributed to the life and ministry of our parishes. Together, let us continue to shine the light of Christ in our community and beyond.

St Columba's – Mr Bill Lomas (Churchwarden)

This was a special year with many highlights and yet moments of sadness too. In May we marked the Coronation of King Charles with a Vigil service on the Friday and a shared lunch in church watching the service on the Saturday - it was very welcoming meeting like that and it did attract some people in who would have been watching it on their own otherwise.

The Ruby celebrations of the previous year reached their conclusion in June with a service on June 9, St Columba's day, where the Bishop of Berwick, Mark Wroe, presided and which was followed by a much enjoyed shared meal. The next day we had a Ruby tea and then could sit back and enjoy the delights of the Ravensworth Singers - a real treat. This was the climax of the year's celebrations but the committee which orchestrated all the events continues to meet and inspire more similar occasions throughout the rest of the year and beyond.

As part of the weekend featuring the Church Summer Fayre there was a wedding festival held at St Columba's where those who had been married in church during the previous forty years were invited to bring in any available items like dresses or orders of service and photos for display. This was very successful and brought back many happy memories. It was followed by a service of hymns and Pimms which rounded off the weekend perfectly.

The way in which the Ruby year has affected church life is most encouraging - there have been film afternoons, quiz nights, a series of autumn musical evenings and a Christmas Tree Festival - all of which have raised the awareness of the church within the local community and have brought people into the church who may not otherwise have ventured in. These are important events and although they do take some organising bring their own rewards.

And to round off all the Ruby celebrations there was a final Ruby service in November along with a shared tea and the launch of a commemorative booklet of memories and recipes marking the 40 years since the church was dedicated. The booklet was the work of the Reverend Pauline whose tireless work in this regard was appreciated by all.

The role of the community in the life of the church is very much at the forefront of Susan Brimer and Hilary Temperley' thoughts as they organise their programme of weekly Warm Space meetings on a Monday from September to March. These attract a really appreciative sizeable group of local residents who much enjoy the diet of craftwork, quizzes, singing and soup – and as this is being written they are all looking forward to it starting again in September.

To fund Warm Space the church is very fortunate to receive a grant from North Tyneside which is very welcome. The church finances as is evident in the treasurer's comments need as much help as possible and we do organise fundraisers such as coffee mornings, a Fayre at Summer and a market at Christmas. These are excellent occasions in that they both provide some much needed cash but also are a hub of social activity within the church, especially the Summer Fayre with Pedro the Shetland pony!

Now 40 years old the church building is in good condition but still needs updating to provide the service expected these days - so it is that the DCC agreed to install a more sophisticated camera too allow more effective streaming. This is for the excellent reason of enabling those who can't get to church to follow the service on line more easily.

Now at the beginning of this report I said that there was both joy and sadness in the church year and indeed it was really sad to lose a number of very committed members of the congregation and I'm thinking of Sylvia Kay, Audrey Greenwell, Norma Tully, Tom Brimer and John Shaw. There is no doubt they will all be missed.

Also sad is the departure of our vicar, the Reverend Pauline Pearson. She has worked with great commitment for the church guiding us through COVID and helping us develop links to the community as well as digital links for the congregation in church and at home. She too will be missed.

And since early in March the church has been in a vacancy, awaiting the arrival of our next vicar. This process is quite complicated and may take more than a year so the warden's report in 2025 may find us still without a vicar. However we are very fortunate to be in a team so our Rector at St Aidan's is supporting us are the team itself and particularly the Reverend Bill Miller - all their help is most appreciated.

Finally I would like to offer my deepest thanks to my fellow warden, Marjorie, and her husband, Maurice, of whose wholehearted support and advice I am most appreciative.

St Aidan's - Rev'd Gerard Rundell

Looking back through my diary for 2023 as I prepared to write this, has been a surprisingly moving activity. There is much to remember and celebrate that has happened over the last year. These moments can often get lost in the day-to-day activity of church life, so this report is a chance to highlight and mark a few significant moments, both joys and sorrows, since the last AGM.

The report begins on a high, with the Coronation celebrations in May last year as we watched King Charles III being crowned. We collaborated with local community groups, particularly the Scouts and local businesses, with some funding from the Parish Council, to hold a Coronation Picnic with bouncy castle, games, food, and even a singalong accompanied by a group rehearsing in the Community Centre!

Not long after we marked a 'P'/'pea' themed Christian Aid week, with a 'peatle' drive, pizza, percussion and pancakes. With our door-to-door collection, the church raised £3200 for Christian Aid. That theme of generosity was one that continued. In a difficult year globally it was wonderful to see a warm-hearted and open-handed response from the church. Including the Saturday Café's giving, and our Christmas donations, we further raised over £5,000 to support causes including victims of the earthquake in Turkey and flooding in Libya, the crisis in Afghanistan, and wars in Ukraine and Palestine. Sofiiia, a Ukrainian member of our congregation, was particularly grateful for our support of her father and their church's work helping young people affected by the war over Christmas.

Alongside giving we committed ourselves to prayer, with a particular focus in the week leading to Pentecost for the national prayer initiative 'Thy Kingdom Come'. We hosted 24 hours of continuous prayer offering our intercession for the sake of our world and our local community.

September brought a joyful celebration of 60 years since St Aidan's church was dedicated. Bishop Mark joined us for a St Aidan's Day Family Service and celebration. He didn't quite live up to the saint himself (played excellent by Bernie), but he did well! He also joined us for refreshments, games and celebrations afterwards. It was a wonderful occasion to mark the legacy of the church over 60 years and to look to future that lies ahead.

In September we also marked a Safeguarding Sunday and invited Sarah Troughton to share some of the work she has been doing to help churches respond better to survivors. Her work is deeply important and it was a privilege to have her with us to share it.

October held a joyful Harvest Family Service, with collections once again from local community groups, schools and Snakes and Ladders nursery, and was followed by the return of our fellowship lunch. It was the first we've held since Covid and a wonderful chance to join together for food, fellowship and fun.

Food was also a feature at our first ever Alpha Course. We welcomed both explorers to faith, and regular church members, for six weeks of increasingly delicious food, and increasingly deep discussion. It was supported by a dedicated team who cooked, welcomed, and helped lead the conversation.

One of the members of that group was later baptised and confirmed at another highlight of the year already mentioned, as two young people, and two adults from St Aidan's were confirmed. It was a privilege to celebrate their commitment to faith.

The year continued with the traditional markers of Remembrance, with the scouts joining us in full force, All Souls and a chance to remember those we've loved and lost, as well as the feast of Christ the King as we joined with the whole Team to worship, this year at St Matthew's Church.

Advent and Christmas brought it's usual packed schedule of events. A team went into both Brunton First School, and Havannah First School to offer a day of craft and story-telling (they went again at Easter as well!), and Brunton First also came to us for their Christmas assemblies, continuing to develop the link we've built through regular assemblies and presence at the schools. We again welcomed Snakes and Ladders nursery to the church as well for their nativity visit.

A particular highlight this year, alongside a packed nativity and an ever-growing Carols on the Green, was our Carol Service where we were joined by a full orchestra and choir, directed by Rev'd Chris Clinch for a feast of festive music.

Then an early Easter meant a quick shift into Lent, with our Team Lent Course much appreciated. Holy Week and Easter held the passion and joy that it always does as we marked the great movement from the cross to the empty tomb.

Alongside these highlights there are other more gradual developments that are worth noticing. Our Family Service has continued to grow and now welcomes 20-30 children with their families for monthly worship. Our Messy Church evolved into a more 'event' based outreach, meeting less frequently but with a more substantial offering. Our Halloween, Christingle, Pancake, and Good Friday events were very well attended with some attracting around 70-80 children and their families. Particular praise should go to the pancake cooks for pancake day! We've continued to host our local community and welcome them into the church for music, art, meetings and more. The various groups and committees that make up church life have been as busy as ever. From the Social Committee to the Saturday Café, the Bible Study to the Men's Group, there are many signs of a thriving life that are surely part of the work of the Spirit at St Aidan's. It is a joy to see that work in amongst the day-to-day life of the church.

Of course there have also been sorrows in the year. We have marked several funerals of people closely associated to the church, and it's been with great sadness that we've said our farewells to Alan Philips, Howard Cleeve, Pauline Kalas, Jack Murgatroyd, Shirley Pentland, Alan Gregg, and Bruce Smith. May they rest in the peace of Christ and rise with him in glory.

On a personal note, I've felt hugely privileged to continue to be part of, and minister to the St Aidan's church community. As my third annual report now since joining the church, I've found it moving to look back at all that has happened over the last year and see the work of God weaving through it. Sometimes that work is easy to spot, at other times more clouded, but I'm incredibly grateful to play my part in working with you all to listen for his voice and follow it in our life together.

Most importantly, though I need to finish with thanks. The church stands on the work of so many dedicated and selfless acts of service. I'm particularly grateful to the team of Churchwardens, assistant wardens, administrator and retired clergy

and curate who meet with together weekly and oversee so much of the life of the church. They offer so much service s selflessly, but I hope they know how deeply grateful I am. And to each person who serves the church in every way, sung and unsung, thank you! All you offer is profoundly valued, and I look forward to seeing what God has in store for another year ahead.

Safeguarding

The Parish continues to comply with its duties under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, to safeguard children and vulnerable adults. Each of the churches in the Parish are working towards full engagement with the Parish Dashboard system and have reached level three in all the churches in the Parish.

Deanery Synod

Central Deanery Synod met several times in 2023, and continued it's work on the Deanery Development Plan. The new plan is intended to cover 5 areas: Leadership & Governance; Mission & Pastoral Care; Buildings fit for purpose; Development of lay ministry; Generous Giving. It was decided to add Environmental concerns as this seemed to be a cross cutting theme which was important to us. Feedback on the plan was received from all the churches in the Deanery and they were encouraged to consider how they could play a part in turning the plan into action. A particular success so far has been the Deanery Youth event for Good Friday, which was joined by members of St Aidan's Youth Group, and co-coordinated by Rev'd Gerard Rundell.

Electoral Roll

At the Annual Parochial Meeting of April 2022 it was declared that 303 names were entered on the combined Electoral Roll.

Financial Review

The aggregated accounts for the parish as a whole, incorporating the accounts of the PCC in respect of its own transactions and those of the four DCCs, including the Church in the Park as a subcommittee of St Aidan's DCC, are attached to this report. Across the parish, there was an overall surplus of £6,900 during the year (receipts £180,700, payments £174,800).

On unrestricted general funds there was a deficit of £4,100. The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic continues to be felt across the parish. The major source of income was planned giving and service collections (£84,000), a reduction of £7,000 compared with 2022 (partly attributable to the ending of planned giving at the Church in the Park), and well below pre-pandemic levels. The next highest income source, gift aid reclaimed (£19,000), was also down. Fundraising (£13,750) was higher than in 2022, but also still below the pre-pandemic level.

The major item of expenditure, the diocesan parish share which largely goes towards the salary and housing costs of clergy, was more or less unchanged from 2022 at £90,000, but again well below the pre-pandemic level.

The situation at the individual DCCs regarding their unrestricted general funds was:

- St Aidan's – surplus of £7,200, attributable to a £10,000 legacy for the Church in the Park, in part offset by non-recurring building works at St Aidan's Church
- St Columba's – deficit of £7,400, largely attributable to non-recurring expenditure on their camera system
- St Cuthbert's – surplus of £1,400
- St Matthew's – deficit of £5,400.

There was a small deficit on unrestricted designated funds at St Columba's, and a net surplus of just over £11,600 on restricted funds, mainly attributable to a £10,000 grant at St Aidan's towards the cost of the proposed appointment of a children and families worker.

At the end of the year the PCC and DCCs had total funds of just under £336,700. Of this, just over £200,000 was in unrestricted funds, mainly at St Aidan's and St Columba's, largely derived from generous unrestricted legacies over the past few years. Just over £136,000 was in funds restricted for specific purposes, mainly at St Cuthbert's and St Matthew's, largely derived from a major legacy for buildings and fabric received in 2015, as well as the restricted fund at St Aidan's for the children and families worker.

The PCC expresses its deep gratitude to all those who have contributed and continue to contribute to maintaining the finances of the parish at this time.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. In the Christ the King Team we have four Districts each with a church, and remaining structure in place for Church in the Park, a Fresh Expression. The membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (The Team Rector), the Team Vicars, the Assistant Curate, the Readers, the Churchwardens of each church, Deanery Synod representatives, and two members elected by members of the congregation in each District who are on the electoral roll of each church. All those who attend our services or are members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the relevant Electoral Roll and may stand for election to the relevant District Church Council, or to the PCC.

The PCC members delegate to individual Districts, through the relevant DCCs, responsibility for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance, including decisions on how the funds of the DCC are to be spent. Each DCC reports back to the PCC regularly with reports being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary. The PCC retains overall responsibility for strategic direction and decisions affecting the parish. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

Administrative information

The Christ the King Team Parish was established under the Pastoral Measure 1983 and confirmed by the Queen in Council November 1988. It is one of the largest parishes in the Diocese of Newcastle. Part of Newcastle Central Deanery, it covers an area of approximately 20 square kilometres. The Parish is a Team Ministry made up of four Districts: St Aidan's Brunton Park (including the Church in the Park serving Newcastle Great Park), St Columba's Wideopen, St Matthew's Dinnington and St Cuthbert's Brunswick Village. The correspondence address is 60 Barmoor Drive, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 5RG.

Charitable Status

The PCC is a charitable body and a registered charity no 1174195

Members of the PCC

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

Following the Annual Parochial Meeting in April 2023, the following served on the PCC at any time during 2023/24 until the date this report was approved:

Ex Officio

Incumbent: Rev'd Gerard Rundell

Team Vicar: Rev'd Mark Edwards MBE

Team Vicar: Rev'd Dr Pauline Pearson (to 9th March 2024)

Assistant Curate: Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm (from 2nd July 2023)

Reader: Ken Newitt, Christopher Sayers

Churchwardens

St Aidan's: Catherine Stewart, Susan Armstrong

St Columba's: Marjorie Fairbairn; Bill Lomas

St Cuthbert's: Dorothy Winter, Sharon Craggs

St Matthew's: Tom Laidler; Elsie Docherty

Deanery Synod

St Aidan's: Margaret Urquhart

St Columba's: Bill Lomas

St Cuthbert's: Margaret Jennings

St Matthew's: Lesley Edwards

Elected members

St Aidan's: Dorothy Clasper (PCC Treasurer);

Julie Seaton (Lay vice chair); Julie Smith

St Columba's: Joyce Elrod

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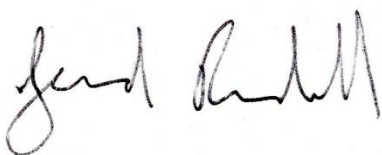
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Approved by the PCC Standing Committee, 23rd April 2024, and signed on their behalf by:



Rev'd Gerard Rundell, Team Rector

The Parochial Church Council of the Team Parish of Christ the King, Newcastle

Aggregated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023


Receipts and Payments Accounts

2022 Total £		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	Total
		General	Designated	Funds	Funds
£		£	£	£	£
	Receipts				
91,155	Planned giving and service collections	83,947			83,947
22,501	Donations and grants	14,743		10,200	24,943
24,164	Gift aid reclaimed	19,945			19,945
5,940	Legacies	11,000			11,000
10,630	Fundraising	13,776	0		13,776
19,797	Other receipts	25,126	0	1,954	27,080
174,185	Total Receipts	168,537	0	12,154	180,691
	Payments				
90,272	Parish share	90,000			90,000
10,329	Mission giving and donations	6,262		138	6,400
62,273	Church activities and expenses and other payments	70,102	600	375	71,078
2,530	Major capital expenditure	6,269	45	0	6,313
165,404	Total Payments	172,633	645	513	173,791
8,781	Excess of Receipts over Payments (before transfers)	-4,097	-645	11,642	6,900
0	Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0
8,781	Net Receipts/(Payments)	-4,097	-645	11,642	6,900
321,012	Balance b/f at 1 January	193,664	11,380	124,750	329,793
329,793	Balance c/f at 31 December	189,567	10,735	136,392	336,693

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	Total
	General	Designated	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash in Hand, at Bank and in Deposit Accounts				
PCC	303	0	0	303
St Aidan's	112,827	0	16,047	128,875
St Columba's	55,422	10,735	3,146	69,303
St Cuthbert's	13,689	0	32,043	45,732
St Matthew's	7,326	0	85,156	92,482
Total Assets at 31 December 2023	189,567	10,735	136,392	336,694
Liabilities				
Total Liabilities at 31 December 2023	0	0	0	0

Approved by the PCC Standing Committee, 23 April 2024


 The Revd Gerard Rundell
 Team Rector


 Dorothy Clasper
 PCC Treasurer

The Parochial Church Council of the Team Parish of Christ the King, Newcastle

Notes to the Aggregated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

The aggregated financial statements of the PCC are produced in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and the guidance issued by the Church of England in its publication PCC Accountability, 5th edition 2017.

The aggregated financial statements comprise the accounts of the the PCC in respect of its own direct receipts and payments and those of the four individual DCCs, after eliminating transactions between the PCC and the DCCs and between individual DCCs.

The income of the parish being less than £250,000, the PCC has chosen to produce accounts on a receipts and payments basis and has opted for independent examination of its accounts.

In line with all charity accounts, the PCC and the DCCs hold two types of funds, which are accounted for separately:

- Unrestricted funds, divided between:
 - o General fund: money given to or raised by the PCC/DCCs which they may spend in any way associated with the mission and ministry of the church; and
 - o Designated funds: money which is still unrestricted but earmarked by the PCC/DCCs for particular purposes, eg for spending on a future project, but which may be moved at any time, either to other earmarked purposes or to the general fund, if the PCC/DCCs so decide;
- Restricted funds: money given to the PCC/DCCs (as donations, legacies or through special collections) or raised by fundraising for specified purposes, which the PCC/DCCs must spend on the purposes specified and may not use for any other purpose.

The notes below and on the following pages set out the summarised accounts of the PCC in respect of its own transactions and those of the individual DCCs. Full sets of the independently examined accounts of the individual DCCs are available from the respective DCC secretaries or treasurers.

PCC-only Accounts

	Unrestricted General Fund £
Receipts - Service collections	0
Receipts - Donations and grants	706
Receipts - Other	210
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Payments - Church activities and expenses	876
Net Receipts/(Payments)	<hr/> 40
Balance b/f at 1 January	263
Balance c/f at 31 December	<hr/> 303

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Notes to the Aggregated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023 (cont'd)

St Aidan's DCC Summarised Accounts (including Church in the Park)

2022 Total £		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	TOTAL
		General	Designated	Funds	FUNDS
£		£	£	£	£
	<u>Receipts</u>				
47,533	Planned giving and service collections	43,130			43,130
17,524	Donations and grants	8,638		10,200	18,838
11,216	Gift aid reclaimed	10,398		0	10,398
3,000	Legacies	10,500			10,500
1,587	Fundraising	2,712			2,712
10,208	Other receipts	15,727		535	16,262
91,068	Total Receipts	91,105	0	10,735	101,840
	<u>Payments</u>				
42,772	Parish share	43,000			43,000
7,297	Mission giving and donations	5,239		138	5,376
35,045	Church activities and expenses and other payments	35,685		312	35,997
1,349	Major capital expenditure	0			0
86,463	Total Payments	83,924	0	449	84,373
4,604	Net Receipts/(Payments)	7,181	0	10,285	17,467
0	Transfers between funds				0
106,804	Balance b/f at 1 January	105,646	0	5,762	111,408
111,408	Balance c/f at 31 December	112,827	0	16,047	128,875

In addition to the income recorded above, £939 was received in special collections and specific fundraising activities and paid over to other charities and missions. This sum is excluded from the accounts in accordance with Church of England guidance.

Analysis of St Aidan's unrestricted general funds

	Balance b/f	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
St Aidan's Church	93,788	80,279	-83,993		90,075
Church in the Park	11,858	10,826	69		22,753
	105,646	91,105	-83,924	0	112,827

Details of St Aidan's restricted funds

	Balance b/f	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Audio Visual Fund	625	300	-312		613
Children and Families Worker	5,000	10,435			15,435
Church in the Park Mission	137		-137		0
	5,762	10,735	-449	0	16,048

The Audio Visual Fund is for the costs of maintaining the audio visual system for streaming church services.

The Children and Families Worker Fund represents grants towards the cost of the proposed employment of a children and families worker in 2024.

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Notes to the Aggregated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023 (cont'd)

St Columba's DCC Summarised Accounts

2022 Total £		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	TOTAL
		General	Designated	Funds	FUNDS
		£	£	£	£
	<u>Receipts</u>				
23,240	Planned giving and service collections	20,772			20,772
1,670	Donations and grants	3,484			3,484
7,572	Gift aid reclaimed	4,899			4,899
1,940	Legacies	500			500
3,462	Fundraising	5,067			5,067
6,560	Other receipts	7,250			7,250
44,443	Total Receipts	41,974	0	0	41,974
	<u>Payments</u>				
30,000	Parish share	30,000			30,000
219	Mission giving and donations	0			0
12,270	Church activities and expenses and other payments	13,090	600	64	13,754
1,181	Major capital expenditure	6,269	45		6,313
43,670	Total Payments	49,359	645	64	50,067
773	Excess of Receipts over Payments (before transfers)	-7,385	-645	-64	-8,093
0	Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0
76,623	Balance b/f at 1 January	62,807	11,380	3,210	77,396
77,396	Balance c/f at 31 December	55,422	10,735	3,146	69,303

In addition to the income recorded above, £1,371 was received in special collections and services and paid over to other charities and missions. This sum is excluded from the accounts in accordance with Church of England guidance.

Details of St Columba's designated and restricted funds:

	Balance b/f	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated Funds:					
Parish Mission	3,380		-45		3,335
Magazine	3,000		-500		2,500
Church Windows	5,000				5,000
	11,380	-	-545	-	10,835
Restricted Funds:					
Organ fund	600				600
Youth Work	587				587
New Testaments	160		-64		96
Chapel Fund	1,863				1,863
	3,210	-	-64	-	3,146

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St Cuthbert's DCC Summarised Accounts

2022 Total £		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS
		General £	Designated £	£	£
	<u>Receipts</u>				
8,049	Planned giving and service collections	7,926			7,926
559	Donations and grants	382			382
2,123	Gift aid reclaimed	1,979			1,979
-	Legacies	0			0
1,775	Fundraising	2,049			2,049
319	Other receipts	169		238	407
<hr/>	12,824 Total Receipts	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	<u>Payments</u>				
3,500	Parish share	5,000			5,000
120	Mission giving and donations	120			120
6,373	Church activities and expenses and other payments	5,960			5,960
-	Major capital expenditure	0			-
<hr/>	9,993 Total Payments	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
2,831	Net Receipts/(Payments)	1,425	-	238	1,664
41,237	Balance b/f at 1 January	12,264	-	31,804	44,068
<hr/>	44,068 Balance c/f at 31 December	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>

Details of St Cuthbert's restricted funds:

	Balance b/f £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Restricted Fund:					
Building and Restoration fund	31,804	238	0		32,043

The Building and Restoration fund derives from a restricted legacy received in 2015.

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Notes to the Aggregated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023 (cont'd)

St Matthew's DCC Summarised Accounts

2022 Total £		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS
		General £	Designated £	£	£
	<u>Receipts</u>				
12,333	Planned giving and service collections	12,118			12,118
2,748	Donations and grants	2,239			2,239
3,253	Gift aid reclaimed	2,669			2,669
1,000	Legacies	0			0
3,807	Fundraising	3,947			3,947
2,797	Other receipts	2,066		1,182	3,248
25,938	Total Receipts	23,040	0	1,182	24,221
	<u>Payments</u>				
14,000	Parish share	12,000			12,000
2,694	Mission giving and donations	903			903
8,627	Church activities and expenses and other payments	15,495			15,495
0	Major capital expenditure	0			0
25,320	Total Payments	28,398	0	0	28,398
617	Net Receipts/(Payments)	-5,359	0	1,182	-4,177
96,042	Balance b/f at 1 January	12,685	0	83,974	96,659
96,659	Balance c/f at 31 December	7,326	0	85,156	92,482

Details of St Matthew's restricted funds:

	Balance b/f £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Restricted Fund:					
Building and Fabric fund	83,974	1,182	0		85,156

The Building and Fabric fund derives from a restricted legacy received in 2015.

**Independent examiner's report to the members of the Parochial Church Council
of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ the King, Diocese of Newcastle**

I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ the King, Diocese of Newcastle, prepared on a receipts and payments basis, for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the Parochial Church Council you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). You consider that the audit requirements of section 144 of the 2011 Act do not apply and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts are not required to be audited, I report in respect of my examination of the accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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

- 1) accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.

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



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Accounts



Parish of Christ the King 2022 Annual Report



2022 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of Christ the King, Newcastle

Aim and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council of Christ the King, Newcastle, in collaboration with the Clergy Team, aims to promote the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical across the ecclesiastical Parish. The Team Parish was established in 1988. The PCC has oversight of four districts, and 5 worshipping communities: St Matthew's Dinnington and St Cuthbert's Brunswick; St Columba's Wideopen; and St Aidan's Brunton Park and Church in the Park (Newcastle Great Park).

Objectives and Activities

The following ten priority areas for development emerged from discussions during 2019.

1 New Housing: Each district in the parish has significant new housing developments. We need to discover more about how best to relate to those who move into our districts and support community building.

2 Health and Wellbeing: We believe that the church has an important contribution to make in this area and we are actively exploring how best we can offer support to tackle the issues of isolation and support mental wellbeing especially.

3 Young People: As well as encouraging young people in their faith journeys we are also concerned to reach out to young people to show that we care about them and the challenges they face.

4 Mission / Building Bridges: We are keen to build effective bridges and make common cause with the many active and caring groups that also seek to address important current issues. We look for opportunities to work in partnership with others.

5 Communications: We are working to improve the way we communicate within the parish and how we make effective use of social media as we communicate more widely.

6 Prayer: We recognise that we will only be effective in our mission if we are tuned into God's purposes and will, and enrich our prayer lives together.

7 Discipleship: We are exploring ways to encourage confident disciples who relate their faith with the issues and concerns they meet in daily life and work.

8 Ministry: We are encouraging more lay development in leading aspects of ministry in leading worship, pastoral care and community development.

9 Evangelism: We are looking for more opportunities to encourage new disciples and grow our faith communities.

10 Team synergy: We are exploring ways to maximise the benefits of being together as a team and to simplify ways of working.

Achievements and Performance

Team Parish Report

2022 saw the Team settle into a more regular routine after the changes of 2021. Restrictions eased and worship slowly returned to a more structured pattern. Some highlights of our work together as a team in 2021 were:

A Parish day out to Alnmouth, with time for prayer and reflection, but also to paddle in the sea. A good time was had by all, and you can see the photographic evidence on the front page!

Regular Team Evensong services, hosted at each of the churches in the Parish. These included a choir led by Rev'd Chris Clinch where possible. A particular highlight was the Team Evensong for the Queen's Jubilee on 5th June. Another highlight of Team worship was a joint service, hosted by St Aidan's this year, for the feast of Christ the King. This included a chamber ensemble with 10 musicians from across the Parish. It was followed in the evening by the launch of St Columba's year of celebrations for its 40th anniversary, with the Archdeacon preaching.

A Parish Eco Month, for September with collaborative events for worship and action across the parish. This included creating an eco-garden at St Columba's, and a talk with guest speakers from Christian Climate Action in collaboration with Just Stop Oil reflecting on climate activism.

At the beginning of the academic year, we were joined by Claire Lewis, an ordinand from Cranmer Hall, who spent two terms on placement with us. It was wonderful to receive her ministry, including leading and preaching at services around the Parish. We also announced that Hannah Malcolm will join us as Curate in 2023 and we look forward to her ministry when she, husband Caleb and their new baby Evelyn join us.

A Parish Quiet Day for Advent with reflections and prayer hosted by Newcastle Cathedral. Out 2023 Lent course at St Cuthbert's church, where we watched 'The Chosen' and reflected on this creative re-telling of the story of Jesus.

Individual Reports

Each of the churches in the team has also been active in their ministry and includes a Clergy report:

St Matthew's and St Cuthbert's – Rev'd Mark Edwards

It's always a good place to begin with thanks. This year, after such troubling times, that seems more important than ever. We may brood on all the problems we face or we may recall, that time and again in word and song and provision, God has always been "with us". I give thanks to all of you who have stood by in faith with your prayers, attendance, offerings, service, cards, phone calls, and so much more. In an unprecedented time, you enabled the good work of ministry to continue. It's really not difficult, if one is paying attention at all, to realize the incredible work that is accomplished by volunteers. Some are up front and visible, and many work behind the scenes.

Our DCC members, church wardens and others too have invested much of their personal time in leadership. Let's remember that they volunteer their time and energy to this work. Thank you to each and every DCC member for your gift of time and discernment as you have worked to manage another difficult year, post Cov-id. Through this time, we have continued to laugh and build community amongst us, whilst keeping a close eye on church attendance and finances. Your presence has made all the difference and will continue to do so as you remain faithful to the life and fellowship of St Matthews/St Cuthbert's. Mindful that what ever we do, we do first and foremost for God.

COVID may not have been a period of numerical growth, but of course we did grow immensely, perhaps in other areas as our faith was challenged and deepened. This path of faith isn't always easily charted, but we keep moving forward. As we look forward, we take

with us lessons learned, and we learned a lot in the past couple of years. We've learned the value of belonging, the importance of personal contact and relationships. We've found new significance in coming forward, in-person for Holy Communion, in standing witness to baptisms. We know more of our strength as we have continued in prayer, song and service. We've flexed new muscles of faith, and naturally are a bit stiff and sore as a result. Yet, here we are. We are still I believe an integral part of the communities we serve.

I have been encouraged with the generosity of our congregations in stewardship, supporting the Peoples kitchen, and the local food bank. Giving to disaster relief in Ukraine, Help for heroes, and the Church of England Children's' society. Others I know personally support the most vulnerable in our villages. We pray for our village and the people in it and serve them regardless of whether or not they attend church on a regular basis. Personally, I have always sought to embed myself in the community not just as vicar but in my other volunteering roles, as I am often called upon to assist those in crises or having a medical emergency. Everything I do is an extension of the ministry God has called me do.

As we reflect on who and where we are as a faith community, we could also make a long list of those who have gone before us as our "cloud of witnesses" whom God placed into our lives to prod, inspire, provoke, support, forgive, push, challenge and encourage us to be who we are today.

As the writer of Hebrews says, "since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us. Let's throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, and fix our eyes on Jesus, faith's pioneer and perfecter." We owe much to those who have gone before us, but we also trust that we have each been called for such a time as this to share our gifts, talents, support, and skills in thanksgiving for the abundance of God's blessings in our lives and world. Again, I am thankful for the hours of dedication our committees, volunteers, and our church officers and others have given to ensure we remain a vibrant and welcoming community of faith

It hasn't been easy for many communities of faith following the pandemic, or for that matter any other organisation. Some lost too many members to remain sustainable. And some were unable to fund their ministries under these new norms. Yet, throughout the pandemic we were blessed by your strong support, encouragement, and your continued financial stewardship of our ministries. Whilst we have experienced a reduction in numbers, as some faithful members failed to return, we have continued to be a vibrant, caring, community of faith that remains focused on the call to love and care for one another as Christ has loved us. I was heartened to see the Christmas celebrations well attended. I remain ever faithful to those I am called to serve and will continue to reach out to those beyond our walls and hopefully draw people into the life and fellowship of the church.

This will need to be a central tenet of our lives together as we discern what the next year will bring for us as a congregation. As we take stock of our vision for the future, the Holy Spirit, our mission, our financial position, it is clear that we will need all of our combined gifts, skills, and talents, to face the challenges ahead.

Let us as the body of Christ, a worshipping community, continue to reach out and rebuild our community of faith in-person.

The work of being a community in Christ will always remain before us, as Paul articulates so well in his letter to the Romans (12:9-13): Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to

what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Thank you, each of you, for your presence and care for St Matthews and St Cuthberts churches as we work together as God's people.

St Columba's – Rev'd Pauline Pearson

During 2022 worship gradually returned to a new normal. The COVID restrictions that were brought in under the Government's Plan B were lifted from 27th January in England. We continued to review our risk assessments, and followed guidance concerning indoor gatherings, particularly in relation to face coverings (gradually made optional) and ventilation. We continue to use a CO2 Monitor for services. The number of hymns sung at 10am was gradually increased back to four by the middle of the year. We have continued to offer the sacrament in two kinds by prior intinction, with the agreement of the DCC.

Near the end of February 2022, just as legal COVID restrictions were removed, Russia invaded Ukraine. On Shrove Tuesday 2022, about a dozen of us joined via YouTube with the Bishop in Europe, the people of Christ Church Kyiv and the Anglican Chaplain in Moscow in a service of prayer for Ukraine which was very moving. This was followed by a Pancake party which raised more than £140 for the Red Cross. The ecumenical Lent lunches also resumed in 2022, and raised money for the Christian Aid DEC appeal for Ukraine. There was also a fantastic response to an appeal for necessities for those escaping from Ukraine. The Church of England published a 'toolkit' of resources for parishes seeking to help refugees and evacuees from Ukraine in the wake of the Russian invasion of the country: Hilary Temperley was able to attend a support meeting for hosts organised by churches at the coast, and subsequently hosted two Ukrainian young women for six months. In June Vira and Oleg came to live at the Vicarage and have joined some of our activities since. We continue to have a candle lit for peace in Ukraine at all services.

We celebrated HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a fortnight of activities, principally an excellent exhibition from all the year groups at Greenfields School, and a concert by the Ravenswood Singers which was very well attended (and raised £240 net for the church). The weekend of the four-day holiday was also Pentecost, and we celebrated HM Queen's calling within that context.

Fundraising activities continued, with coffee mornings attracting several people from the wider community as well as the usual suspects. The Summer Fair was also very popular (Pedro the pony was a great draw!), raising around £800 and despite no pony, the Christmas Fair also proved very successful, raising more than £1000: Ukrainian guests from the local area had a stall and shared their stories with those attending.

In October, with costs rising, especially for fuel, Sue Brimer with Hilary Temperley and others opened our Wideopen Wellbeing Warm Hub. This has become a very much valued space on a Monday morning, providing warmth, company, crafts for those who wish, and hot drinks.

In November 2022, we began celebrating our Ruby Anniversary as a church. This began with Evensong for Christ the King at which (as the then archdeacon had laid the foundation stone) Archdeacon Rachel preached for us. It was a great pleasure to welcome back Ven Peter Elliott who had carried through the vision which led to building this church. In December we held a Christmas Tree Festival, which involved 19 trees from a mix of organisations and individuals, attracted many visitors and raised over £200 for charity.

Pauline continues as a Governor at Greenfields CPS, and the school shared some collaborative activities around Easter (Messy Church) and later the exhibition for the Platinum Jubilee. We also welcomed classes into church for some one-off sessions about the building and Christianity. At the end of 2022 we were pleased to have the school back for their Christmas carol services, in two sittings – KS1 and KS2.

Pauline has continued dropping in to 861 Squadron as chaplain. In February we hosted the Air Cadets for ATC Sunday. In September members of 861 and representatives of two other Squadrons joined us for a service to remember her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We also opened church to show the State Funeral. In November we were able to observe Remembrance Sunday at the Seaton Burn War Memorial once again with a full parade, with support from the local authority.

Church in the Park – Rev'd Gerard Rundell

2022 was a hard year for Church in the Park. Rev'd Ruth Hewett stepped back from full-time ministry early in the year, to care for John as his cancer progressed. His sad death in August marked a particularly hard time for the community. Ruth then made the decision to move to be closer to her family and settled well in Oundle. While Church in the Park had maintained its Sunday presence throughout, with the dedicated support of its core members and with Rev'd Gerard helping with worship, this eventually became unsustainable. With only a small core group the decision was made to break for the summer, and after reflection during that time, not to re-start in its previous form.

Church in the Park retains its broad structure and particularly its desire to see mission flourish in Newcastle Great Park. It continues, both financially and practically, to support the monthly Messy Church hosted in the Great Park Community Centre, and will be helping to fund a proposed Children and Families Worker who will commit to spend time developing mission in the Great Park.

While regular worship has stopped, Church in the Park continues, and we hold the door open to whatever God has in store for the next phase of its life. At the same time, as we look back on its years under the leadership of Rev'd Ruth Hewett we are incredibly grateful for all that was, and the lives touched by her faithfulness and ministry.

St Aidan's - Rev'd Gerard Rundell

Reflecting on 2022, there is a great deal to give thanks for in our life together at St Aidan's. This has been a year that has allowed us to develop and settle into new routines after the upheavals of both Covid and the arrival of a new incumbent! It has also, of course, offered plenty of moments that are worthy of note as we look back on the past year, and forward to the next.

Pentecost coincided with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on 5th June. With the support of local businesses and organisations – particularly Peter Jaques and the Scouts – St Aidan's hosted a community picnic, with a bouncy castle, face-painter, traditional games, baking competition, prizes, a bring-your-own picnic, and even an appearance from the Newcastle University Wind Band. The event was extremely well attended and we hope only the first of many!

Sadly later in the year we marked the Queen's sad death, and opened church to stream her funeral for those who wanted to gather to watch it. We also held a service of remembrance and provided a condolences book that will be kept for future generations as a record of thanksgiving and prayer for the life and ministry of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The usual seasonal events of the Autumn were marked with enthusiasm. Our Harvest service – which capped off the Team Parish's Eco Month during September – was supported by Brunton First School as we joined together in collecting for the People's Kitchen and Kenton Foodbank. Remembrance Sunday in November was supported by the Scouts with their annual appearance in uniform and with banners flying!

October also saw the return of the much beloved Beetle Drive. It was a first for the vicar, and very thoroughly enjoyed (and by Theo and Phoebe as well!). It's very good to be returning to something more like our regular pattern of social activities, with a wonderfully organised and well supported Christmas Fair, another Beetle Drive in early March, the Men's Group in full swing, Thursday groups running, and the Saturday Café providing its much valued fellowship to the wider community. We also help our first in-person collection for Christian Aid since Covid and with the help of the local community, raised £3,155.

Christmas also had many highlights. As the first truly post-Covid Christmas we were able to celebrate more fully. Carols on the green had an excellent turn out on a bitterly cold night. The Carol Service at St Aidan's was supported with readers from local businesses and organisations. While our Christingle was fairly quiet, the Christmas Eve Nativity service held over 200 people and included a dramatic turn from Claire as a lost donkey, an angel and a wise-man as we created the nativity scene together. Christmas day itself, when it came was, as always, a profound celebration of the gift of God-with-us.

A particular mention also needs to go to our dedicated knitters who created over 100 knitted angels. We packaged these with a Christmas blessing and, with the help of the Youth Group, left them as gifts for people in the community to find.

Leading up to Christmas and Easter, there was also a team that delivered a full day of craft activities and story-telling at Brunton First and Havannah schools. The Christmas one even involved a bit of dressing up on the part of the volunteers (again there is photographic evidence!).

Finally as we moved into Lent 2023, there was a chance to reflect together as a church on our priorities and future together. 22 written responses were received, and there was time for the DDC and others to reflect together on our life and priorities. We hope more will follow as we work that process through together

Alongside those significant events in the life of the church over the last year, it's worth mentioning the more gradual developments we've seen, particularly in our ministry to children and young people. The Family Service has continued to grow and now regularly has 20-25 children join us for the first Sunday of the month. Several baptism families have started to attend more regularly, and some have joined us on other Sundays of the month. Children's work has developed alongside this with a dedicated team helping

nurture young faith. The Messy Church team has also continued to work hard to provide a monthly Messy Church, now on the afternoon of the third Sunday of the month. The Youth Group has also grown with 9 young people attending (if everyone turns up!).

Mid-week groups have also continued to develop and meet together to explore how we can offer growth and support on our Christian journey together. Hopefully more will follow, but the 'Three Cs' group – standing for Christ, Coffee and Cake – began meeting with Susan Armstrong leading, as well as a group of parents who met at the Vicarage to work through the 'Raising Faith' course. The Bible Study Group, Food for Thought, Getting There, and other groups have continued to be a place to deepen in faith.

There have of course also been losses over the past year. And we were particularly sad to mark the deaths of some beloved members of our Church and wider community including John MacLeod, Margaret Pitkethly, Margery Scott, George Owen and Jean Forrester.

On a final personal note, I've felt hugely privileged to continue to be part of, and minister to the St Aidan's church community. The church stands on the work of so many dedicated and selfless acts of service. For each of them, sung and unsung, I'm deeply grateful. It's been a blessing to be part of this church, and I look forward to seeing where God leads us together in the future.

Safeguarding

The Parish continues to comply with its duties under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, to safeguard children and vulnerable adults. Each of the churches in the Parish are working towards full engagement with the Parish Dashboard system and hope to reach level three across the team by the end of 2022.

Deanery Synod

Central Deanery Synod met 4 times in 2022, at Kenton (twice), at Holy Trinity Jesmond (celebrating their centenary) and at St Thomas's. We began planning together, and over three meetings identified 4 priorities. A) Working together to promote net zero / eco church across the deanery. B) Building a deanery 'directory' and identifying ways to share resources/expertise (e.g. youth, children, fabric, heritage, finance, music). C) Considering how we might offer more prayer together as a deanery. D) Addressing local needs collaboratively. In the autumn, every Deanery in the Diocese of Newcastle was asked to work towards a three year plan for its development. A Deanery is a family of parishes working together – it gives us a wider perspective than 'just parish'. The initial data provided was shared with members at the St Thomas' meeting. The Deanery Development Group has since been working on ideas. The new plan is intended to cover 5 areas: Leadership & Governance; Mission & Pastoral Care; Buildings fit for purpose; Development of lay ministry; Generous Giving. We decided to add Environmental concerns as this seemed to be a cross cutting theme which was important to us. Our first meeting in 2023 was an Open Synod at St Thomas's to explore some of these areas.

Electoral Roll

At the Annual Parochial Meeting of April 2022 it was declared that 302 names were entered on the combined Electoral Roll.

Financial Review

The aggregated accounts for the parish as a whole, incorporating the accounts of the PCC in respect of its own transactions and those of the four DCCs, including the Church in the Park as a subcommittee of St Aidan's DCC, are attached to this report. Across the parish, there was an overall surplus of £8,800 during the year (receipts £174,200, payments £165,400).

On unrestricted general funds there was a surplus of £3,300 before transfers between funds. The impact of the Covid -19 pandemic continues to be felt across the parish. The major source of income was planned giving and service collections (£91,000), up £2,500 on 2021 (before including the Church in the Park), but still below pre-pandemic levels. The next highest income source, gift aid reclaimed (£24,000), was slightly up on 2021. Fundraising (£10,500) was nearly double the 2021 amount, but also still well below the pre-pandemic level.

The major item of expenditure, the diocesan parish share which largely goes towards the salary and housing costs of clergy, was more or less unchanged from 2021 at £90,000, but with significant variations between DCCs compared with the pre-pandemic requested sums as indicated below.

The situation at the individual DCCs regarding their unrestricted general funds was:

- St Aidan's – deficit of £750, having paid an additional £750 parish share
- St Columba's – £500 surplus before transfers between funds, but with a parish share payment £8,000 less than pre-pandemic
- St Cuthbert's – surplus of £2,800, but with a parish share payment well below pre-pandemic level
- St Matthew's – surplus of £600, helped by a £5,400 gas refund, having paid an additional £2,000 parish share partially offsetting an underpayment in 2021.

There was a small net surplus on unrestricted designated funds at St Columba's, and a net surplus of just over £5,000 on restricted funds, attributable to two new funds at St Aidan's (restricted grant for the proposed appointment of a children and families worker and restricted donation for maintaining streaming of services).

At the end of the year the PCC and DCCs had total funds of just under £330,000. Of this, £205,000 was in unrestricted funds, mainly at St Aidan's and St Columba's, largely derived from generous unrestricted legacies over the past few years. Just under £125,000 was in funds restricted for specific purposes, mainly at St Cuthbert's and St Matthew's, largely derived from a major legacy for buildings and fabric received in 2015, as well as the two new restricted funds at St Aidan's.

The PCC expresses its deep gratitude to all those who have contributed and continue to contribute to maintaining the finances of the parish during this difficult period.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. In the Christ the King Team we have four Districts each with a church, and a church plant in addition. The membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (The Team Rector), the Team Vicars, the Assistant Curate, the Readers, the Churchwardens of each church, Deanery Synod representatives, and two members elected by members of the congregation in each District who are on the electoral roll of each church. All those who attend our services or are members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the relevant Electoral Roll and may stand for election to the relevant District Church Council, or to the PCC.

The PCC members delegate to individual Districts, through the relevant DCCs, responsibility for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance, including decisions on how the funds of the DCC are to be spent. Each DCC reports back to the PCC regularly with reports being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary. The PCC retains overall responsibility for strategic direction and decisions affecting the parish. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

Administrative information

The Christ the King Team Parish was established under the Pastoral Measure 1983 and confirmed by the Queen in Council November 1988. It is one of the largest parishes in the Diocese of Newcastle. Part of Newcastle Central Deanery, it covers an area of approximately 20 square kilometres. The Parish is a Team Ministry made up of four Districts: St Aidan's Brunton Park (including the Church in the Park serving Newcastle Great Park), St Columba's Wideopen, St Matthew's Dinnington and St Cuthbert's Brunswick Village. The correspondence address is 60 Barmoor Drive, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 5RG.

Charitable Status

The PCC is a charitable body and a registered charity no 1174195

Members of the PCC

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

Following the Annual Parochial Meeting in April 2022, the following served on the PCC at any time during 2022/23 until the date this report was approved:

Ex Officio

Incumbent: Rev'd Gerard Rundell

Team Vicar: Rev'd Mark Edwards MBE

Team Vicar: Rev'd Dr Pauline Pearson

Associate Priest (with responsibility for Great Park): Rev'd Ruth Hewett (to 18th October 2022)

Reader: Ken Newitt

Churchwardens

St Aidan's: Catherine Stewart, Christopher Sayers

St Columba's: Marjorie Fairbairn; Bill Lomas

St Cuthbert's: Dorothy Winter

St Matthew's: Tom Laidler; Elsie Docherty

Deanery Synod

St Aidan's: Margaret Urquhart

St Columba's: Bill Lomas

St Cuthbert's: Margaret Jennings

St Matthew's: Lesley Edwards

Church in the Park: Barbara Down

Elected members

St Aidan's: Dorothy Clasper (PCC Treasurer); Julie Seaton (Lay vice chair)

St Columba's: Joyce Elrod

St Cuthbert's: Brenda Steven

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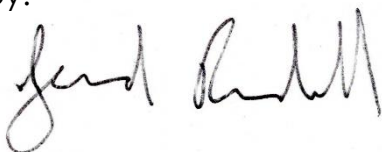
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Approved by the PCC Standing Committee, 28th March 2023, and signed on their behalf by:



Rev'd Gerard Rundell, Team Rector

The Parochial Church Council of the Team Parish of Christ the King, Newcastle

Aggregated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Receipts and Payments Accounts

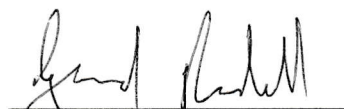
2021 Total £		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	Total
		General	Designated	Funds	Funds
		£	£	£	£
	Receipts				
84,468	Planned giving and service collections	91,155			91,155
22,155	Donations and grants	16,876		5,625	22,501
23,865	Gift aid reclaimed	24,164			24,164
2,000	Legacies	5,940			5,940
5,776	Fundraising	10,441	189		10,630
14,489	Other receipts	18,933	819	45	19,797
152,754	Total Receipts	167,509	1,007	5,670	174,185
	Payments				
90,882	Parish share	90,272			90,272
4,303	Mission giving and donations	10,279		50	10,329
50,335	Church activities and expenses and other payments	61,430	527	316	62,273
2,235	Major capital expenditure	2,393		137	2,530
147,755	Total Payments	164,374	527	503	165,404
4,999	Excess of Receipts over Payments (before transfers)	3,134	480	5,167	8,781
0	Transfers between funds	-4,769	3,198	1,571	0
4,999	Net Receipts/(Payments)	-1,634	3,678	6,738	8,781
303,797	Balance b/f at 1 January *	195,298	7,702	118,012	321,012
308,796	Balance c/f at 31 December	193,664	11,380	124,750	329,793

* See Note under St Aidan's DCC for explanation of the balance b/f at 1 January 2022

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	Total
	General	Designated	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash in Hand, at Bank and in Deposit Accounts				
PCC	263	0	0	263
St Aidan's	105,646	0	5,762	111,408
St Columba's	62,807	11,380	3,210	77,396
St Cuthbert's	12,264	0	31,804	44,068
St Matthew's	12,685	0	83,974	96,659
Total Assets at 31 December 2022	193,664	11,380	124,751	329,794
Liabilities				
Total Liabilities at 31 December 2022	0	0	0	0

Approved by the PCC Standing Committee, 28 March 2023



The Revd Gerard Rundell
Team Rector



Dorothy Clasper
PCC Treasurer

The Parochial Church Council of the Team Parish of Christ the King, Newcastle

Notes to the Aggregated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

The aggregated financial statements of the PCC are produced in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and the guidance issued by the Church of England in its publication PCC Accountability, 5th edition 2017.

The aggregated financial statements comprise the accounts of the the PCC in respect of its own direct receipts and payments and those of the four individual DCCs, after eliminating transactions between the PCC and the DCCs and between individual DCCs.

The income of the parish being less than £250,000, the PCC has chosen to produce accounts on a receipts and payments basis and has opted for independent examination of its accounts.

In line with all charity accounts, the PCC and the DCCs hold two types of funds, which are accounted for separately:

- Unrestricted funds, divided between:
 - o General fund: money given to or raised by the PCC/DCCs which they may spend in any way associated with the mission and ministry of the church; and
 - o Designated funds: money which is still unrestricted but earmarked by the PCC/DCCs for particular purposes, eg for spending on a future project, but which may be moved at any time, either to other earmarked purposes or to the general fund, if the PCC/DCCs so decide;
- Restricted funds: money given to the PCC/DCCs (as donations, legacies or through special collections) or raised by fundraising for specified purposes, which the PCC/DCCs must spend on the purposes specified and may not use for any other purpose.

The notes below and on the following pages set out the summarised accounts of the PCC in respect of its own transactions and those of the individual DCCs. Full sets of the independently examined accounts of the individual DCCs are available from the respective DCC secretaries or treasurers.

PCC-only Accounts

	Unrestricted General Fund £
Receipts - Service collections	95
Receipts - Donations and grants	1,274
Receipts - Other	0
	<hr/> 1,369
Payments - Church activities and expenses	1,414
Net Receipts/(Payments)	<hr/> -45 <hr/>
Balance b/f at 1 January	308
Balance c/f at 31 December	<hr/> 263 <hr/>

The Parochial Church Council of the Team Parish of Christ the King, Newcastle

Notes to the Aggregated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022 (cont'd)

St Aidan's DCC Summarised Accounts (including Church in the Park)

2021 Total £		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS £
		General £	Designated £	£	£
	<u>Receipts</u>				
39,635	Planned giving and service collections	47,533			47,533
12,465	Donations and grants	11,899		5,625	17,524
8,767	Gift aid reclaimed	11,216		0	11,216
0	Legacies	3,000			3,000
990	Fundraising	1,587			1,587
4,520	Other receipts	10,208			10,208
66,379	Total Receipts	85,443	0	5,625	91,068
	<u>Payments</u>				
42,022	Parish share	42,772			42,772
1,253	Mission giving and donations	7,247		50	7,297
24,612	Church activities and expenses and other payments	34,806		239	35,045
0	Major capital expenditure	1,349			1,349
67,887	Total Payments	86,174	0	289	86,463
-1,508	Net Receipts/(Payments)	-732	0	5,336	4,604
0	Transfers between funds				0
96,096	Balance b/f at 1 January	106,378	0	426	106,804
94,588	Balance c/f at 31 December	105,646	0	5,762	111,408

In addition to the income recorded above, £747 was received in special collections and specific fundraising activities and paid over to other charities and missions. This sum is excluded from the accounts in accordance with Church of England guidance.

Analysis of St Aidan's unrestricted general funds

	Balance b/f £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
St Aidan's Church	94,349	80,213	-80,774		93,788
Church in the Park	12,029	5,230	-5,400		11,858
	106,378	85,443	-86,174	0	105,646

Details of St Aidan's restricted funds

	Balance b/f £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Audio Visual Fund	0	625			625
Children and Families Worker	0	5,000			5,000
Church in the Park Mission	187		-50		137
	426	5,625	-289	0	5,762

The Audio Visual Fund is a donation towards costs of maintaining the audio visual system for streaming church services. The Children and Families Worker Fund is a grant toward the proposed employment of a children and families worker in 2023. Further grant applications are in progress to enable this to happen.

Note:

During 2022, the Church in the Park, whose accounts were previously part of the accounts of the Diocese of Newcastle, became a subcommittee of St Aidan's DCC. As such, its financial transactions for the whole of 2022 have been included in the accounts of St Aidan's DCC. The Church in the Park brought forward balances have been included in the 2022 accounts above, but the comparative figures for 2021 (receipts, payments and balances) have not been adjusted to include the Church in the Park figures.

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St Columba's DCC Summarised Accounts

2021 Total £		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS
		General £	Designated £	£	£
	<u>Receipts</u>				
24,569	Planned giving and service collections	23,240			23,240
5,473	Donations and grants	1,670			1,670
7,337	Gift aid reclaimed	7,572			7,572
2,000	Legacies	1,940			1,940
2,690	Fundraising	3,273	189		3,462
5,262	Other receipts	5,741	819		6,560
47,331	Total Receipts	43,436	1,007	0	44,443
	<u>Payments</u>				
37,860	Parish share	30,000			30,000
2,489	Mission giving and donations	219			219
10,341	Church activities and expenses and other payments	11,666	527	77	12,270
2,235	Major capital expenditure	1,044		137	1,181
52,925	Total Payments	42,929	527	214	43,670
-5,594	Excess of Receipts over Payments (before transfers)	507	480	-214	773
0	Transfers between funds	-4,769	3,198	1,571	0
82,217	Balance b/f at 1 January	67,068	7,702	1,853	76,623
76,623	Balance c/f at 31 December	62,807	11,380	3,210	77,396

In addition to the income recorded above, £661 was received in special collections and services and paid over to other charities and missions. This sum is excluded from the accounts in accordance with Church of England

Details of St Columba's designated and restricted funds:

	Balance b/f £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Designated Funds:					
Parish Mission	2,334	819	-202	429	3,380
Magazine	893	189	-325	2,244	3,000
Church Windows	4,475			525	5,000
	7,702	1,008	-527	3,198	11,380
Restricted Funds:					
Organ fund	600				600
Open Door	429			-429	-
Youth Work	587				587
New Testaments	237		-77		160
Chapel Fund	0		-137	2,000	1,863
	1,853	-	-214	1,571	3,210

The chapel fund derives from a legacy in 2021 initially treated as unrestricted.

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St Cuthbert's DCC Summarised Accounts

2021 Total £		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS
		General £	Designated £	£	£
	<u>Receipts</u>				
8,731	Planned giving and service collections	8,049			8,049
1,251	Donations and grants	559			559
1,706	Gift aid reclaimed	2,123			2,123
-	Legacies	0			0
865	Fundraising	1,775			1,775
140	Other receipts	305		14	319
<hr/>	12,692 Total Receipts	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	<u>Payments</u>				
3,000	Parish share	3,500			3,500
120	Mission giving and donations	120			120
5,646	Church activities and expenses and other payments	6,373			6,373
-	Major capital expenditure	0			-
<hr/>	8,766 Total Payments	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
3,926	Net Receipts/(Payments)	2,817	-	14	2,831
37,311	Balance b/f at 1 January	9,446	-	31,791	41,237
<hr/>	41,237 Balance c/f at 31 December	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>

Details of St Cuthbert's restricted funds:

	Balance b/f £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Restricted Fund:					
Building and Restoration fund	31,791	14	0		31,804

The Building and Restoration fund derives from a restricted legacy received in 2015.

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St Matthew's DCC Summarised Accounts

2021 Total £		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS
		General £	Designated £	£	£
	<u>Receipts</u>				
11,533	Planned giving and service collections	12,333			12,333
2,966	Donations and grants	2,748			2,748
6,056	Gift aid reclaimed	3,253			3,253
0	Legacies	1,000			1,000
1,231	Fundraising	3,807			3,807
4,287	Other receipts	2,766		31	2,797
<u>26,072</u>	Total Receipts	<u>25,907</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>25,938</u>
	<u>Payments</u>				
8,000	Parish share	14,000			14,000
441	Mission giving and donations	2,694			2,694
9,646	Church activities and expenses and other payments	8,627			8,627
0	Major capital expenditure	0			0
<u>18,087</u>	Total Payments	<u>25,320</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25,320</u>
7,985	Net Receipts/(Payments)	586	0	31	617
88,056	Balance b/f at 1 January	12,099	0	83,943	96,042
<u>96,042</u>	Balance c/f at 31 December	<u>12,685</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>83,974</u>	<u>96,659</u>

Details of St Matthew's restricted funds:

	Balance b/f £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Restricted Fund:					
Building and Fabric fund	83,943	31	0		83,974

The Building and Fabric fund derives from a restricted legacy received in 2015.

**Independent examiner's report to the members of the Parochial Church Council
of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ the King, Diocese of Newcastle**

I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ the King, Diocese of Newcastle, prepared on a receipts and payments basis, for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the Parochial Church Council you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). You consider that the audit requirements of section 144 of the 2011 Act do not apply and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts are not required to be audited, I report in respect of my examination of the accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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

- 1) accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.

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



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Accounts



Parish of Christ the King 2021 Annual Report



2021 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of Christ the King, Newcastle

Aim and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council of Christ the King, Newcastle, in collaboration with the Clergy Team, aims to promote the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical across the ecclesiastical Parish. The Team Parish was established in 1988. The PCC has oversight of four districts, and 5 worshipping communities: St Matthew's Dinnington and St Cuthbert's Brunswick; St Columba's Wideopen; and St Aidan's Brunton Park and Church in the Park (Newcastle Great Park).

Objectives and Activities

The following ten priority areas for development emerged from discussions during 2019.

- 1 New Housing: Each district in the parish has significant new housing developments. We need to discover more about how best to relate to those who move into our districts and support community building.
- 2 Health and Wellbeing: We believe that the church has an important contribution to make in this area and we are actively exploring how best we can offer support to tackle the issues of isolation and support mental wellbeing especially.
- 3 Young People: As well as encouraging young people in their faith journeys we are also concerned to reach out to young people to show that we care about them and the challenges they face.
- 4 Mission / Building Bridges: We are keen to build effective bridges and make common cause with the many active and caring groups that also seek to address important current issues. We look for opportunities to work in partnership with others.
- 5 Communications: We are working to improve the way we communicate within the parish and how we make effective use of social media as we communicate more widely.
- 6 Prayer: We recognise that we will only be effective in our mission if we are tuned into God's purposes and will, and enrich our prayer lives together.
- 7 Discipleship: We are exploring ways to encourage confident disciples who relate their faith with the issues and concerns they meet in daily life and work.
- 8 Ministry: We are encouraging more lay development in leading aspects of ministry in leading worship, pastoral care and community development.
- 9 Evangelism: We are looking for more opportunities to encourage new disciples and grow our faith communities.
- 10 Team synergy: We are exploring ways to maximise the benefits of being together as a team and to simplify ways of working.

Achievements and Performance

Team Parish Report

2021 has been another year of change and adaptation in turbulent times. The Parish has continued to seek avenues to support one-another and collaborate where appropriate. While lockdown meant less ability to do this early in the year some notable team highlights have included:

The licensing of our new Team Rector, Rev'd Gerard Rundell, who joined us on 8th September 2021 and was supported by the whole Parish in his licensing.

The Parish Eco group collaborated to mark COP26 in Nov 2021 with an Angel made of re-cycled materials visiting churches in the parish, and shared resources for making that landmark event.

A Team confirmation with 3 candidates - 2 from St Columba's and one from St Matthew's - presided over by Bishop Stephen Platten on the feast of Christ the King, hosted at St Columba's. There was an excellent turn-out and the candidates were warmly supported.

The creation of a Parish Youth Group, following a bowling trip with young people from around the Parish. It currently meets weekly, largely at St Aidan's, but is open to youth from across the Parish. We continue to hope this will develop and encourage young people from around the Team.

Parish Advent and Lent courses. The 2022 Lent course with guest speakers leading us in reflection on prayer has been particularly well received. St Cuthbert's has hosted us with great hospitality, and the turn-out has been consistently in the 20s-30s.

Parish Evening services for Advent and Lent, with beautifully crafted choral worship led by Rev'd Chris Clinch.

We hope 2022 will bring more opportunities to discern where the team can support, encourage, and deepen our Christian work and witness in each of the communities within which we're set.

Individual Reports

Each of the churches in the team has also been active in their ministry and includes a Clergy report:

St Matthew's and St Cuthbert's – Rev'd Mark Edwards

There is no other way to begin my report than with Covid-19 and its impact on us as a community since last March 2020. There is no doubt that the last two years has had an impact upon the whole of society as we have had to adjust to a new way of living and interacting with each other. During the first lock down I continued as best I could to ensure that the church community was looked after as well as joining schemes to help the wider community such as the food distribution organised by the parish council. Many of our services were disrupted again during 2021 the

second lock down. Many of our activities, not just worship changed or ceased completely. As soon as it was practically possible with restrictions still in place we opened up the churches (St Mathews and St Cuthbert's) for worship and started to simply live with Covid 19.

It was lovely to be able to hold our annual remembrance service, though somewhat scaled down and all of our Christmas services again, perhaps not the numbers we are used to, but none the less it was important to make the statement that the Church was open. What joy it was also to be able to hold the first wedding since lock down in January with the couple who had to postpone on two occasions. Some of our social activities such as the harvest supper, Beetle drive and the Christmas fairs also returned. Sadly, we lost during two years of lock down some key members of our church family, they are sadly missed.

Some weeks ago we celebrated what became known as Freedom Thursday, when all restrictions the government announced, were lifted. Sadly World events have overtaken our sense of euphoria, with the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The church continues in all the uncertainty of life to be a symbol of hope with a message of good news which is an antidote to all the bad news. Faith must always dispel our fears and root us in Christ who is the source of our hope.

I would like to thank all my church officers for the sterling work they did throughout lock down. We were often way ahead of the diocese directives with hygiene, social distancing, the way we worship, ensuring everyone was kept safe particularly during those times the church was open. The church buildings themselves were well looked after, cleaned and maintained. A special thanks to Tom, who also acts as verges as well as Church warden. He has kept the path clear during the Autumn/winter, kept the grave yard tidy, and has been my right hand man when it comes to interment of all the ashes that took place last year, as well as being with Elsie at all the church funerals to assist me.

Finally, I wish to thank the great team of people I work with. I am thankful to all those who do things behind the scenes without fuss: flowers, music, social events, cleaning, stewarding, reading in church, intercessions, secretaries DCC members treasurers or simply being a prayer warrior from your arm chair, thank you for all for your ministry. Whatever you do, you do for the Lord.

The message of salvation, healing, wholeness and hope continues to be the Good news of the Gospel of which we are all called to be agents of, as disciples of Jesus Christ.

May God bless and keep you all in his love now and always.

St Columba's – Rev'd Pauline Pearson

In January 2021 we were back in Lockdown, but still permitted to worship in church. The decision making was devolved to us at local level. Life is much simpler when someone else, with all the data to hand, makes the decisions! However we continued throughout 2021 with services, reminding people of current rules at each stage. The Bishop had asked me to be acting Team Rector from January 2021 whilst recruitment for a new Team Rector took place (Gerard was licensed in September). Hence the 8am service took place once a month until Advent, to enable me to be more flexible. We recommenced the server team from the beginning of September. Together with the introduction of some singing this brought us closer to a new normal. We have continued to offer our services on Facebook and YouTube.

Our Parish Lent course delivered on Zoom attracted around 18-20 people and focused on the Beatitudes with an eye to the pandemic. Revd David Emmott preached for us during Holy Week and Easter. We celebrated our Patronal Festival with two events – a special service in the evening on Wednesday 9th June with Revd Dr Sarah Moon, a member of the Iona Community, preaching, and a display and activities about Columba on Saturday 12th June, along with cake to celebrate his 1500th birthday! Bill Lomas and I completed confirmation preparation with Daniel and Nathan, and they were confirmed by Bishop Stephen Platten at St Columba's on 21st November, when the parish celebrated Christ the King. Daniel was appointed as our Eco Ambassador at our AGM, and during the year enabled us to develop an Eco Policy.

We worked with Woodlands Park Community Centre and Daverson Hall in January 2021 on a bid to the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Local Connections Fund. Recognising that one of the biggest challenges facing our communities as we continue to live with COVID-19 is that of loneliness and isolation, we proposed, working together, to reach out to people, building on our existing work. Wideopen Wellbeing was awarded £2,370 for this, used on tablets, flyers and outside seating and planters. We hope to continue to bid for monies together to promote wellbeing in this community.

Our Summer Fair, with Pedro the pony, was well attended, on a glorious day. In September and October thanks to Bill Lomas we held a series of very successful Musical Evenings, including one with singers from North Gosforth Academy and another with our new Team Rector on marimba which encouraged people back into church and raised much needed funds. Gradually over the autumn we received more hall bookings which has helped. Links with Greenfields CPS were greatly enhanced by our activities around COP26 and the environment, and by a series of visits to church. Though COVID prevented their return to church for carols, I was invited to lead an outdoor carol service at school.

Church in the Park – Rev'd Ruth Hewett

2021 has been a year of transition, of readjustment and of new beginnings. The Church in the Park celebrated its seventh birthday on 18th April 2021, online, the second time with no "party" celebration. The year started and continued, as last year, with weekly online services on YouTube followed by Zoom meetings to personally keep in touch. The CIP WhatsApp Group has been very active and an excellent way of staying in touch; sharing information, prayers and social concerns.

I want to recognise the core group of people who have attended the Church in the Park throughout the pandemic. They are deeply spiritual and committed to bringing the Good news of Jesus Christ to the ever expanding Great Park. I would like to thank too, the worship leaders: the Stephenson family, John and Lena who often lead worship spontaneously and supply us with lively guitar led music; and the Halton family: Jon Halton whose profession in Computer Technology has provided a heavy duty broadband with which to upload the very large service files on Youtube, and Nicola Halton who has provided support and whose dedication to worship was recognised as she was licensed as worship leader in May at St. Aidan's along with Bernie Troughton. Many others have helped keep the Church going in this strange time those who have read, prayed, baked, tidied, washed, carried and done all the other things that are necessary for a 'pack away' church.

At the start of the Pandemic the successful stewardship campaign has held us in good stead during the years of the Pandemic. Not having to hire the GPCC hall, our income was greater than outgoings, over about 18 months. This has helped the church to become sustainable in its own right, balancing current income and expenditure levels. Thanks must go to Joanne Christie for her unswerving dedication and enthusiasm in the role of treasurer.

During the Lockdown the CIP applied and was granted funding for the Virtual "Ark in the Park" project. Banners were put up across the NGP. This enabled a library of computer tablets to be lent to older folk or younger people as an aid to zooming, and using new technology during the lockdown for those without the ability to do so. One lady said it was the first time she saw her son in Australia.

Over the summer we took advantage of the ability of outdoor gatherings in a 'star gazebo' to hold services at various venues across the Great Park on Sunday afternoons. These services continued from for the 16 weeks over summer, with the tent only used when weather conditions were appropriate. We had flags too, with our motto Be Kind, **K**now Jesus, **I**nvestigate Nature, **N**o one excluded, **D**emonstrate Respect. This caused a lot of visibility and awareness that the Church is an active part of this community.

The CIP monthly eucharist restarted "live" in the community centre, on September 12th 2021 when Gerard led his first eucharist. The average attendance has reduced significantly due to reticence, 'coming out' and the understandable fear of covid transmission. CIP held an 'eco' service on 7th November and a service of Remembrance on November 14th.

Messy Church restarted too, on 12th November with the theme "the wise man built his house upon the rock". Twenty-three adults and seventeen children attended, this was reduction in previous numbers but a good start.

Pastoral ministry this year included a triple baptism of the Jones family from Warkworth Woods and the funerals of Billie Cullen and Eric Davidson. Eric has left a considerable amount of money as a legacy to CIP, and also his electric organ which is at the moment in Bowmont House although it must be moved out, any storage ideas will be considered!

A collection of toiletries for Afghan Refugees was started at the ARK by a simple request on facebook. This resulted in two overflowing car loads of toiletries collected and taken to NEST charity at the University.

The CIP set up a Facebook eco group and Ann Cross was appointed as CIP Eco Community Champion. Community litter picks and gardening sessions in the GPCC garden were organised. An advent 'Angel' trail was again set up across the play parks in a similar vein to the Easter egg trail in the spring (see social and community below). The Christmas Great Park Nativity was cancelled due to the surge in cases of covid and CIP children joined in the online Nativity service with St. Aidan's.

St Aidan's - Churchwardens (up to Sept 2021)
Rev'd Gerard Rundell (from Sept 2021)

Churchwardens: Catherine Stewart and Christopher Sayers

During the Interregnum we were very grateful to the Rev Ben Pullan for presiding at the majority of the services and to Rev'd Dr Pauline Pearson and Rev'd Bill Miller for their assistance. The Wardens were also grateful to Pauline for her guidance and assistance during this difficult time.

We were able to continue streaming the services and some funerals thanks to our small but dedicated technical team. We are grateful to the sacristans who continue to prepare for all liturgical services and for the care of the linen.

There are still a number of our congregation who feel they are unable to attend church for various reasons. A group of members continue to deliver newsletters and stop for a chat. We were pleased to be able to deliver small bunches of daffodils on Mothering Sunday and also distribute to others in the community.

We were delighted to welcome to St Aidan's the Rev Gerard Rundell, his wife Karen, Theo and Phoebe at his Installation on 8th September. Unfortunately, we

had to restrict the numbers attending but the service was streamed and it was wonderful to be able to meet Gerard's family and friends in the Community Centre after the service.

We are gradually trying to get back to some normality again but are still very aware of the dangers of spreading Covid. We still provide face masks and hand sanitisers.

We are pleased to welcome new members into our congregation and lovely to be able to welcome young children in church again.

Rev'd Gerard Rundell

Much of the report for the year comes from Catherine and Chris, as I can't report on what I wasn't here for! However there has been plenty happening since my licensing as well.

I arrived as lockdown was easing, and it's been clear what an amazing effort has been made in keeping the church accessible throughout the difficulties of Covid. The tech teams deserve a special mention for their live streaming and they have helped those unable to be in church to still feel part of the community.

Christmas, of course, brought a new wave of Omicron, and forced slightly subdued festivities. We adapted in creative ways though, and with the help of families from St Aidan's and Church in the Park put together a creative family nativity video, as well as socially distanced Christingle and Crib services. Regular Christmas services still went ahead and even if numbers were slightly down, the joy of Christmas couldn't be stopped and there was much to celebrate in the birth of Christ!

We have also experimented with welcoming more families and young people at services with a more family-oriented feel. Our Harvest service drew families back who hadn't been to St Aidan's in a while, and we then had a second Family Communion for Advent Sunday, and several others since. Our Mothering Sunday service was particularly well-received with around 25 children and young people in church. We're continuing to explore patterns and ways of joining together as a mixed church-family – brothers and sisters in Christ across all ages! With several baptisms coming to St Aidan's (some delayed due to Covid), we're also encouraging those families to join in our worship and community life.

The young people of the parish have joined in a Parish-wide Youth Group that started after a bowling trip in October. It has been great to spend time with them as they explore faith and life together (along with playing pool and eating a lot of pizza!). Food for Thought has also re-started in person and joined with the Youth Group in a slightly re-imagined format there, as well as continuing to meet weekly online.

We have held two evening services of Healing and Wholeness over the last months, with the second preceded by a discussion led by Dr Stan Chapman, on the church's ministry of healing. The services have been well received by those

who came, and I hope that continuing them will provide a space for powerful and prayerful encounter with the healing love of God.

The Eco group has continued to work together to promote care for God's creation. We have held two regular Eco services, as well as a special lay and youth led service for COP26 in November. This was preceded by a week of prayer-stations creatively put together by the group. We hope to continue to work towards an Eco Church Silver Award.

It has also been good to see some of St Aidan's community activities re-starting. The Saturday Café had already begun again before my arrival, outside to begin with, and has been steadily drawing members back over the months. The parish lunches got going again – and I was very pleased with both the quantity and quality of my first cooked dinner at the Rugby Club! Then Chat and Craft, and more recently Prayer and Praise got up and running. It's wonderful to be able to provide both social and prayerful spaces for the community in all the ways that we do.

There have, of course, also been losses. And with great sadness we have bid farewell to some beloved members of the church community over the last year. John Ward, Margaret McMillan, Godfrey Wright, Kate Clarke, Anne Havis, Andrew Anderson, Eric Davidson, Joan Sargent, Kenneth Hylton and Val Hay will all be very much missed.

In all the ways that we have been a part of God's church together over these months, it has been a great blessing to be here at St Aidan's. I look forward to all that we have in store together as we follow God's leading in the years to come.

Safeguarding

The Parish continues to comply with its duties under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, to safeguard children and vulnerable adults. Each of the churches in the Parish are working towards full engagement with the Parish Dashboard system and hope to reach level three across the team by the end of 2022.

Deanery Synod

During 2021 there was only Deanery Synod meeting, in April 2021. An update on parish share indicated that the deanery was largely on track with the money promised for 2021. In fact we very slightly exceeded our 2021 promises as a deanery. Parishes were asked to appoint environmental ambassadors. There was discussion of Transformation plans and Mission Action Plans across the Deanery. In September Jane Natrass, our Area Dean moved out of the Diocese, and in October Pauline Pearson was appointed as Acting Area Dean.

Electoral Roll

At the Annual Parochial Meeting of April 2021 it was declared that 351 names were entered on the combined Electoral Roll.

Financial Review

The aggregated accounts for the parish as a whole, incorporating the accounts of the PCC in respect of its own transactions and those of the four DCCs, are attached to this report. The finances of the parish were, as in 2020, affected by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Across the parish, there was an overall surplus of £5,000 during the year (receipts £152,750, payments £147,750).

On general unrestricted funds there was a surplus of £4,450 compared with a deficit of £7,450 in 2020. The major source of income, planned giving and service collections, was largely unchanged at £84,500, although still some £10,000 below pre-pandemic levels. Fundraising, although slightly increased compared with 2020, was also £10,000 below the year before. The PCC expresses its deep gratitude to all those who have contributed and continue to contribute to maintaining the finances of the parish.

The major item of expenditure, the diocesan parish share which largely goes towards the salary and housing costs of clergy, was also unchanged at £90,900, some £9,000 below the last pre-pandemic year. None of the DCCs was able to increase their payment in 2021, and St Cuthbert's and St Matthew's were again only able to pay a proportion of the parish share requested pre-pandemic.

The situation at the individual DCCs regarding their general unrestricted funds was:

- St Aidan's – deficit of £1,400, the result of one-off items of expenditure set against in memoriam funds, with the continued loss of income from letting of premises offset by Covid-19 grants from Newcastle City Council.
- St Columba's – deficit of £5,000, the deficit mitigated by a small legacy and a Covid-19 grant from North Tyneside Council.
- St Cuthbert's – surplus of £3,900.
- St Matthew's – surplus of £6,900, helped by a catch-up on gift aid reclaims.

There was a small net expenditure on unrestricted designated funds at St Columba's, and a small surplus on restricted funds, mainly attributable to interest earned on St Matthew's deposit account.

At the end of the year the PCC and DCCs had total funds of just under £309,000. Of this, £191,000 was in unrestricted funds, mainly at St Aidan's and St Columba's, largely derived from generous unrestricted legacies over the past few years. Just under £118,000 was in funds restricted for specific purposes, mainly at St Cuthbert's and St Matthew's, again largely derived from a major legacy for buildings and fabric received in 2015.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. In the Christ the King Team we have four Districts each with a church, and a church plant in addition. The membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (The Team Rector), the Team Vicars, the Assistant Curate, the Readers, the Churchwardens of each church, Deanery Synod representatives, and two members elected by members of the congregation in each District who are on the electoral roll of each church. All those who attend our services or are members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the relevant Electoral Roll and may stand for election to the relevant District Church Council, or to the PCC.

The PCC members delegate to individual Districts, through the relevant DCCs, responsibility for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance, including decisions on how the funds of the DCC are to be spent. Each DCC reports back to the PCC regularly with reports being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary. The PCC retains overall responsibility for strategic direction and decisions affecting the parish. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

Administrative information

The Christ the King Team Parish was established under the Pastoral Measure 1983 and confirmed by the Queen in Council November 1988. It is one of the largest parishes in the Diocese of Newcastle. Part of Newcastle Central Deanery, it covers an area of approximately 20 square kilometres. The Parish is a Team Ministry made up of four Districts: St Aidan's Brunton Park (including the Church in the Park serving Newcastle Great Park), St Columba's Wideopen, St Matthew's Dinnington and St Cuthbert's Brunswick Village. The correspondence address is 60 Barmoor Drive, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 5RG.

Charitable Status

The PCC is a charitable body and a registered charity no 1174195

Members of the PCC

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

Following the Annual Parochial Meeting in April 2021, the following served on the PCC at any time during 2021/22 until the date this report was approved:

Ex Officio

Incumbent: Rev'd Gerard Rundell (from 8 September 2021)

Team Vicar: Rev'd Mark Edwards MBE

Team Vicar: Rev'd Dr Pauline Pearson (Acting Team Rector to 8 September 2021)

Associate Priest (with responsibility for Great Park): Rev'd Ruth Hewett

Reader: [Ken Newitt](#)

Churchwardens

St Aidan's: Catherine Stewart, Christopher Sayers

St Columba's: Marjorie Fairbairn; Bill Lomas

St Cuthbert's: Dorothy Winter; David Gray (to 3 Feb 2021)

St Matthew's: Tom Laidler; Elsie Docherty

Diocesan Synod

Bill Hickey (to 31st July 2021)

Margaret Urquhart (to 31st July 2021)

Deanery Synod

St Aidan's: Michael Taylor

St Columba's: Bill Lomas

St Cuthbert's: Margaret Jennings

St Matthew's: Pamela Graham

Elected members

St Aidan's: Dorothy Clasper (PCC Treasurer); Julie Seaton (Lay vice chair)

St Columba's: Mary Lobb; Joyce Elrod

St Cuthbert's: Brenda Steven

St Matthew's: Ruth Morris

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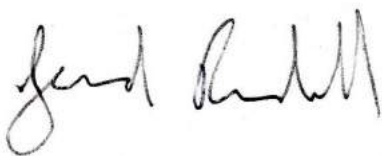
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Newcastle upon Tyne,

NE3 1JQ

Approved by the PCC Standing Committee, 5th April 2022, and signed on their behalf by:



Rev'd Gerard Rundell

Team Rector

The Parochial Church Council of the Team Parish of Christ the King, Newcastle

Aggregated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

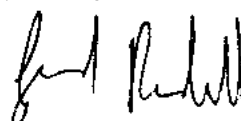
Receipts and Payments Accounts

2020 Total £		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	Total
		General	Designated	Funds	Funds
£		£	£	£	£
	Receipts				
84,797	Planned giving and service collections	84,468			84,468
24,099	Donations and grants	19,785		2,370	22,155
20,547	Gift aid reclaimed	23,865			23,865
12,000	Legacies	2,000			2,000
3,356	Fundraising	5,776			5,776
15,113	Other receipts	13,419		1,070	14,489
159,913	Total Receipts	149,314	0	3,440	152,754
	Payments				
90,882	Parish share	90,882			90,882
2,749	Mission giving and donations	2,054		2,249	4,303
59,254	Church activities and expenses and other payments	50,211		124	50,335
11,560	Major capital expenditure	1,710	525		2,235
164,446	Total Payments	144,857	525	2,373	147,755
-4,533	Excess of Receipts over Payments (before transfers)	4,457	-525	1,067	4,999
0	Transfers between funds	121	0	-121	0
-4,533	Net Receipts/(Payments)	4,578	-525	946	4,999
308,330	Balance b/f at 1 January	178,691	8,227	116,879	303,797
303,797	Balance c/f at 31 December	183,269	7,702	117,825	308,796

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	Total
	General	Designated	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash in Hand, at Bank and in Deposit Accounts				
PCC	308	0	0	308
St Aidan's	94,349	0	239	94,588
St Columba's	67,068	7,702	1,853	76,623
St Cuthbert's	9,446	0	31,791	41,237
St Matthew's	12,099	0	83,943	96,042
Total Assets at 31 December 2021	183,270	7,702	117,826	308,797
Liabilities				
Total Liabilities at 31 December 2021	0	0	0	0

Approved by the PCC Standing Committee, 5 April 2022



The Revd Gerard Rundell
Team Rector



Dorothy Clasper
PCC Treasurer

The Parochial Church Council of the Team Parish of Christ the King, Newcastle

Notes to the Aggregated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

The aggregated financial statements of the PCC are produced in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and the guidance issued by the Church of England in its publication PCC Accountability, 5th edition 2017.

The aggregated financial statements comprise the accounts of the the PCC in respect of its own direct receipts and payments and those of the four individual DCCs, after eliminating transactions between the PCC and the DCCs and between individual DCCs.

The income of the parish being less than £250,000, the PCC has chosen to produce accounts on a receipts and payments basis and has opted for independent examination of its accounts.

In line with all charity accounts, the PCC and the DCCs hold two types of funds, which are accounted for separately:

- Unrestricted funds, divided between:
 - o General fund: money given to or raised by the PCC/DCCs which they may spend in any way associated with the mission and ministry of the church; and
 - o Designated funds: money which is still unrestricted but earmarked by the PCC/DCCs for particular purposes, eg for spending on a future project, but which may be moved at any time, either to other earmarked purposes or to the general fund, if the PCC/DCCs so decide;
- Restricted funds: money given to the PCC/DCCs (as donations, legacies or through special collections) or raised by fundraising for specified purposes, which the PCC/DCCs must spend on the purposes specified and may not use for any other purpose.

The notes below and on the following pages set out the summarised accounts of the PCC in respect of its own transactions and those of the individual DCCs. Full sets of the independently examined accounts of the individual DCCs are available from the respective DCC secretaries or treasurers.

PCC-only Accounts

	Unrestricted General Fund £
Receipts - Service collections and donations	
Receipts - Other	280
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Payments - Church activities and expenses	90
Net Receipts/(Payments)	<hr/> 190
Balance b/f at 1 January	118
Balance c/f at 31 December	<hr/> 308 <hr/>

The Parochial Church Council of the Team Parish of Christ the King, Newcastle

Notes to the Aggregated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (cont'd)

St Aidan's DCC Summarised Accounts

2020 Total £		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS
		General £	Designated £	£	£
	<u>Receipts</u>				
39,589	Planned giving and service collections	39,635			39,635
15,169	Donations and grants	12,465		0	12,465
11,499	Gift aid reclaimed	8,767		0	8,767
10,000	Legacies	0			0
0	Fundraising	990			990
7,743	Other receipts	4,520			4,520
83,999	Total Receipts	66,379	0	0	66,379
	<u>Payments</u>				
42,022	Parish share	42,022			42,022
1,405	Mission giving and donations	1,253			1,253
32,866	Church activities and expenses and other payments	24,488		124	24,612
5,128	Major capital expenditure	0			0
81,421	Total Payments	67,763	0	124	67,887
2,578	Net Receipts/(Payments)	-1,384	0	-124	-1,508
0	Transfers between funds				0
93,518	Balance b/f at 1 January	95,733	0	363	96,096
96,096	Balance c/f at 31 December	94,349	0	239	94,588

In addition to the income recorded above, £497 was received in special collections and specific fundraising activities and paid over to other charities and missions. This sum is excluded from the accounts in accordance with Church of England guidance.

Details of St Aidan's restricted funds

	Balance b/f £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Restricted Fund:					
Parish Development Fund	363		-124		239

The Parish Development Fund was established for parish development with the collection at the church's 75th anniversary service on December.

The Parochial Church Council of the Team Parish of Christ the King, Newcastle

Notes to the Aggregated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (cont'd)

St Columba's DCC Summarised Accounts

2020 Total £		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	TOTAL
		General	Designated	Funds	FUNDS
£		£	£	£	£
	<u>Receipts</u>				
25,595	Planned giving and service collections	24,569			24,569
1,219	Donations and grants	3,103		2,370	5,473
6,606	Gift aid reclaimed	7,337			7,337
2,000	Legacies	2,000			2,000
2,178	Fundraising	2,690			2,690
5,004	Other receipts	5,262			5,262
42,601	Total Receipts	44,961	0	2,370	47,331
	<u>Payments</u>				
37,860	Parish share	37,860			37,860
268	Mission giving and donations	240		2,249	2,489
12,696	Church activities and expenses and other payments	10,341			10,341
2,632	Major capital expenditure	1,710	525		2,235
53,456	Total Payments	50,151	525	2,249	52,925
-10,854	Excess of Receipts over Payments (before transfers)	-5,190	-525	121	-5,594
0	Transfers between funds	121	0	-121	0
93,071	Balance b/f at 1 January	72,137	8,227	1,853	82,217
82,217	Balance c/f at 31 December	67,068	7,702	1,853	76,623

In addition to the income recorded above, £579 was received in special collections and services and paid over to other charities and missions. This sum is excluded from the accounts in accordance with Church of England guidance.

Details of St Columba's designated and restricted funds:

	Balance b/f	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated Funds:					
Parish Mission	2,334				2,334
Magazine	893				893
Church Windows	5,000		-525		4,475
	8,227	0	-525	0	7,702
Restricted Funds:					
Organ fund	600				600
Open Door	429				429
Youth Work	587				587
New Testaments	237				237
Wideopen Wellbeing	0	2,370	-2,249	-121	0
	1,853	0	0	0	1,853

The Parochial Church Council of the Team Parish of Christ the King, Newcastle

Notes to the Aggregated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (cont'd)

St Cuthbert's DCC Summarised Accounts

2020 Total £		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	TOTAL
		General	Designated	Funds	FUNDS
£		£	£	£	£
	<u>Receipts</u>				
8,209	Planned giving and service collections	8,731			8,731
5,987	Donations and grants	1,251			1,251
2,443	Gift aid reclaimed	1,706			1,706
-	Legacies	0			0
268	Fundraising	865			865
150	Other receipts	137		3	140
17,056	Total Receipts	12,689	-	3	12,692
	<u>Payments</u>				
3,000	Parish share	3,000			3,000
120	Mission giving and donations	120			120
3,856	Church activities and expenses and other payments	5,646			5,646
3,800	Major capital expenditure	0			-
10,776	Total Payments	8,766	-	-	8,766
6,280	Net Receipts/(Payments)	3,923	-	3	3,926
31,031	Balance b/f at 1 January	5,523	-	31,788	37,311
37,311	Balance c/f at 31 December	9,446	-	31,791	41,237

Details of St Cuthbert's restricted funds:

	Balance b/f	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Fund:					
Building and Restoration fund	31,788	3	0		31,791

The Building and Restoration fund derives from a restricted legacy received in 2015.

The Parochial Church Council of the Team Parish of Christ the King, Newcastle

Notes to the Aggregated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (cont'd)

St Matthew's DCC Summarised Accounts

2020 Total £		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS
		General £	Designated £	£	£
	<u>Receipts</u>				
11,404	Planned giving and service collections	11,533			11,533
1,725	Donations and grants	2,966			2,966
0	Gift aid reclaimed	6,056			6,056
0	Legacies	0			0
910	Fundraising	1,231			1,231
3,144	Other receipts	3,220		1,067	4,287
<hr/>	17,184 Total Receipts	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	<u>Payments</u>				
8,000	Parish share	8,000			8,000
956	Mission giving and donations	441			441
10,697	Church activities and expenses and other payments	9,646			9,646
0	Major capital expenditure	0			0
<hr/>	19,653 Total Payments	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
-2,469	Net Receipts/(Payments)	6,918	0	1,067	7,985
90,525	Balance b/f at 1 January	5,180	0	82,876	88,056
<hr/>	88,056 Balance c/f at 31 December	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>

Details of St Matthew's restricted funds:

	Balance b/f £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Restricted Fund:					
Building and Fabric fund	82,876	1,067	0		83,943
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The Building and Fabric fund derives from a restricted legacy received in 2015.

**Independent examiner's report to the members of the Parochial Church Council
of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ the King, Diocese of Newcastle**

I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ the King, Diocese of Newcastle, prepared on a receipts and payments basis, for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the Parochial Church Council you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). You consider that the audit requirements of section 144 of the 2011 Act do not apply and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts are not required to be audited, I report in respect of my examination of the accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

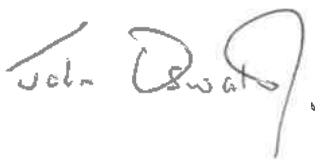
Independent examiner's statement

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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

- 1) accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.

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



John Oswald BA FCA
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Chartered accountants
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5 April 2022

Accounts

The Team Parish of Christ the King, Newcastle



**St Aidan's Brunton Park
District Church Council**

**Accounts for the Year ended
31 December 2021**

Team Parish of Christ the King

St Aidan's Church, Brunton Park

Treasurer's Report on the Accounts for the Year ended 31 December 2021

The 2021 accounts are set out on the following pages:

- Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 December 2021
- Balance sheet at 31 December 2021
- Notes to the accounts – additional detail
- Independent examiner's report

The accounts are split into three parts:

- Unrestricted Funds – general fund (net income £36, in effect break-even)
- Unrestricted Funds – special funds (net expenditure £1,420)
- Restricted Funds (net expenditure £124)

The general fund covers all the day-to-day income and expenditure of the DCC.

Our main source of income is planned giving, and, as in 2020, this held up extremely well. Inevitably, most other sources of income, including collections at services, fundraising (the only fundraising event was the Christmas market) and hall lettings, were again well below pre-pandemic levels. The loss of income from hall lettings was, however, in effect covered by two Covid grants from Newcastle City Council.

The overall reduction in income was largely offset by reduction in expenditure, particularly on building maintenance, where very little was spent, and, with less use of the buildings, gas and electricity. One major item of expenditure during the year was the purchase of a replacement photocopier.

The general fund balance at the end of the year was therefore more or less unchanged at £18,191, which is a reasonable level of working capital, broadly covering three months' general expenditure.

However, although a break-even in what was another exceptional year was undoubtedly a satisfactory outcome, the underlying position gives rise to considerable concern. The Covid grants will not recur, the level of hall lettings has not yet returned to its pre-Covid level, and the reductions in expenditure, to some extent associated with the vacancy, are unlikely to be repeated. This will need to be addressed during 2022.

The special funds are funds from major unrestricted legacies and money given in memoriam, used for expenditure of a capital type or major repairs not covered within the day-to-day budget. These are formally part of unrestricted funds and can be used at the discretion of the DCC – they are only shown separately for presentational purposes.

Expenditure approved by the DCC and charged to the in memoriam fund during the year was £940 for repolishing of the altar and font and refurbishment of the paschal candle holder, and £480 for work to the garden alongside the north wall of the church. The balances on these funds at the end of 2021 were:

Legacy Fund £72,962

In memoriam fund £3,197.

Restricted funds are funds that can only be spent on the specific purposes for which money has been given or raised. Expenditure charged to the restricted fund Parish Mission and Development fund, which derives from the collection at the 75th anniversary service in December 2019, was £124 associated with establishing the Youth Group. The balance at the end of 2021 was £239.

I am most grateful to everyone who has continued to support St Aidan's financially during 2021, as well as to the City Council for their grants.

The accounts have again been independently examined by John Oswald of Stephenson Coates Audit Ltd. Thanks are due to him, and also again to Howard Cleeve for his meticulous work in maintaining the planned giving records and making the gift aid claims.

The accounts will now be combined with the other DCC accounts into aggregated PCC accounts for approval by the PCC and submission to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April.

Ken Newitt
Treasurer

March 2022

Team Parish of Christ the King

St Aidan's DCC

Receipts and Payments from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

2020 £		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	TOTAL 2021 £
		General Fund 2021 £	Special 2021 £	Funds 2021 £	
	Receipts				
	Receipts from Donations and Legacies				
37,952	1 Planned giving	38,203			38,203
1,074	3 Service collections (Sundays)	658			658
564	3 Special services collections retained by DCC	774			774
0	4 Other giving and voluntary receipts (recurring)	0			0
5,000	5 Other giving and voluntary receipts (non-recurring)	2,745			2,745
11,499	6 Gift aid recovered	8,767			8,767
10,000	7 Legacies	0			0
0	8 Grants received (recurring)	0			0
10,169	8a Grants received (n/r)	9,720			9,720
0	9 Gross Receipts from Fundraising Activities	990			990
1,054	10 Receipts from Investments	437			437
	Receipts from Church Activities:				
4,141	11 Statutory fees (gross)	3,766			3,766
-2,297	11 Less paid to DBF, retired clergy, organist etc	-2,181			-2,181
2,715	12 Gross Receipts from Trading	1,929			1,929
2,131	13 Other Receipts	569			569
735	Special Collections for other charities etc	497			497
-735	Less special collections paid over	-497			-497
<u>83,999</u>	TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>66,379</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>66,379</u>

2020 £		Unrestricted Funds			Restricted	TOTAL 2021 £
		General Fund 2021 £	Special 2021 £		Funds 2021 £	
	Payments					
61	17 Fundraising activities costs and payments	52				52
	Church Activities:					
1,405	18 Mission giving and donations	1,253				1,253
42,022	19 Parish share	42,022				42,022
6,760	20 Salaries and wages	6,482				6,482
1,715	21 Clergy and staff expenses:	1,211				1,211
	Church Expenses:					
2,993	22 Mission and evangelism	54		124		177
14,110	23 Church running costs:	12,988	1,420			14,408
2,722	24 Church utility bills	2,211				2,211
0	25 Costs of Trading	0				0
	Major Capital Expenditure:					
0	27 Major repairs to church building	0				0
0	28 Major repairs to church hall/other property	0				0
5,128	29 Major new work/alterations/extensions	0				0
4,505	99 Other Payments	70				70
81,421	TOTAL PAYMENTS	66,343	1,420	124		67,887
	2,578 Overall Surplus/(Deficit)	36	-1,420	-124		-1,508
	Transfers between funds	0	0	0		0
	2,578 Net Receipts/(Payments)	36	-1,420	-124		-1,508
93,518	Balance b/f at 1 January	18,155	77,579	363		96,096
96,096	Balance c/f	18,191	76,158	239		94,588

Team Parish of Christ the King

St Aidan's DCC

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2021

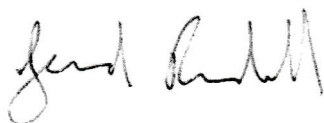
<i>31 December 2020</i>		2021
		£
	Assets	
19,871	Bank Balance	3,335
56,225	CCLA	21,253
20,000	Hampshire Trust Bank	0
-	Cambridge & Counties Bank	20,000
-	Hinckley and Rugby Building Society	20,000
-	CAF (Shawbrook Bank)	30,000
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96,096		94,588

Liabilities

0

<i>31 December 2020</i>		2021
		£
	Funds	
18,155	General Fund	18,191
	Special Funds:	
72,962	Legacy fund	72,962
4,617	In Memoriam fund	3,197
	Restricted Funds:	
363	Parish Mission Development Fund	239
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96,096	<u>Total Funds</u>	94,588

Approved at a meeting of the DCC, 15 March 2022



The Rev Gerard Rundell
Team Rector



Ken Newitt
Treasurer

Line No	General Fund	Special Funds	Restricted Funds
<u>Receipts</u>	£	£	£
3 Special services collections retained by DCC			
Baptisms	759		
Other	15		
	774	-	-
5 Donations and Other Giving			
Flowers	20		
Teas and coffees	504		
Votive candles	134		
Saturday café	617		
Donations after baptisms/funerals	120		
Christmas	575		
Other donations	775		
	2,745	0	0
9 Receipts from Fundraising Activities			
Christmas market	990	0	0
	1,929	0	0
12 Gross income from trading activities			
Hire of Hall	1,929	0	0
<i>Special Collections for other charities etc</i>			
Royal British Legion - Poppy Appeal	68		
Christian Aid - Big Brekkie	59		
Children's Society - Christingle	77		
Salvation Army - Carols on the Green	283		
Other	10		
	497	-	-
<u>Payments</u>	£	£	£
17 Fundraising activities costs and payments			
Gift Aid/Stewardship scheme	52	0	0
18 Mission giving and donations			
Saturday café	600		
Christmas charities	600		
Other (top-ups)	53		
	1,253	-	-
21 Clergy and staff expenses			
Incumbent's working expenses	224		
Vicarage expenses	987		
	1,211	-	-
22 Mission and evangelism			
Sunday school/Informal service	54		
Youth Group	-		124
	54	-	124
23 Church running costs			
Insurance	1,909		
Building maintenance	127		
Grounds maintenance	1,408	480	
Cleaning	3,027		
Flowers	27		
Costs of services	1,088		
Organist fees	990		
Printing, stationery and office equipment	1,830		
Telephone/broadband and postage	627		
IT	426		
Other church running costs	1,530	940	
	12,988	1,420	-
24 Church utility bills			
Electricity	584		
Gas	1,521		
Water	106		
	2,211	-	-

**Independent examiner's report to the members of the District Church Council
of St Aidan's Church, Brunton Park**

I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of the Church, prepared on a receipts and payments basis, for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the District Church Council you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

You consider that the audit requirements of section 144 of the 2011 Act do not apply and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts are not required to be audited, I report in respect of my examination of the accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's report

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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

- 1) accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.

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



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15 March 2022