

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF NEWCASTLE ST LUKE CHURCH, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE

England & Wales · Charity number 1174238

Details

Other names	ST LUKE'S CHURCH PCC, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, ST LUKE'S NEWCASTLE PCC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2017-08-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Activities: Church of England, with regular public worship services, active as a community in Christian mission, leadership training, personal development and care for others, particularly those who are socially marginalised including those emerging from the prison system having embraced or exploring the Christian faith. Hire out, for community benefit, our well-equipped meeting rooms and kitchen.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Newcastle Upon Tyne City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£113,470	£106,722	-	-
2023-12-31	£87,304	£88,724	-	-
2022-12-31	£83,322	£138,755	-	-
2021-12-31	£117,171	£148,142	-	-
2020-12-31	£193,100	£149,581	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Adam Jonathan Smith	Chair	2023-09-02
Alice May Wilkinson		2024-09-28
David McRae		2019-04-28
Gary Edward Taylor		2026-03-08
Gayle Seymour		2026-03-08
Gerard Corsane		2024-09-02
Jane Dawson		2020-10-21
Olivia Elwood		2025-10-20
Orla Kennedy		2026-03-08
Phil Hainsworth		2026-03-08
Prof. Robin Alan Seymour		2022-05-22
Rev Benjamin Doolan		2023-07-06
Ruth Feathers		2024-09-02

Accounts

General Account

The general principle of our accounts in 2024 was to expect some growth in income through the church graft and a potential increase of tithes providing stability as the church began to come together.

Although we saw some increase in regular giving, totaling just under £44000 for the year, it was contradicted by an unexpected loss of a regular room hire that had been bringing in a considerable sum until October 2024.

Our cleaning costs were also increased when our long-term cleaner retired and therefore we had to find a suitable alternative which is now a contractual arrangement in place with Minster Cleaning.

We also unfortunately had some unexpected overdue invoices that were lingering from 2023. These were unknown to us at the end of the last financial year. It is fair to say that these additional expenses which we could not account for and the replacement kitchen goods had a financial impact on our end of year balance.

As a graft from St Thomas we have benefited from a church plant grant and this has meant that some 'one-off' costs were purchased through this fund rather than our accounts which has enabled us to remain buoyant.

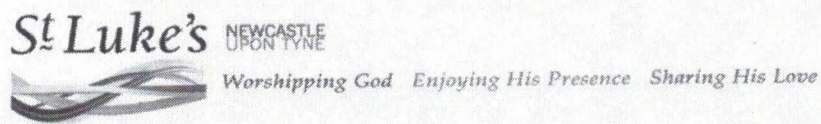
We started 2024 with a general fund balance of £16188.67 and ended the year with a balance of £16893.49. When you include our secondary account (also known as the Building Account) we have an additional fund of £3748 going into 2025 which is positive.

Looking ahead into 2025, we have set some budgets for our mission and events and look to be as generous as we can be with regular giving to charities both near and far.

Financial Reports

We are waiting for our accounts to be independently audited. The books balanced at the end of the financial year.

Gary Taylor, Treasurer



ST. LUKE'S CHURCH SPITAL TONGUES

ACCOUNTS

for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2024



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ST. LUKE'S CHURCH SPITAL TONGUES

CHURCH INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Charity Commission Registration Number	1174238
Church Address	St Luke's Church Claremont Street Newcastle Upon Tyne NE2 4AH
Bank	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
Independent Examiner	Essell Accountants Limited 29 Howard Street North Shields Tyne & Wear NE30 1AR

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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In accordance with your instructions, we have compiled these unaudited financial statements in order to assist you to fulfil your statutory responsibilities, from the Accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us.

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FCCA
29 Howard Street
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NE30 1AR

Date :

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2024</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2023</u> £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary Receipts	78,618	30	2,819	81,466	44,124
Activities for generating funds	8,725	34	0	8,759	11,177
Investment income	345	0	0	345	231
Income from church activities	3,579	7,500	11,820	22,899	31,772
Total Incoming Resources	<u>91,267</u>	<u>7,564</u>	<u>14,639</u>	<u>113,470</u>	<u>87,304</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Church Activities	12,923	0	14,819	27,742	4,100
Activities : related to church work	65,971	7,199	1,648	74,818	82,461
Governance Costs	4,162	0	0	4,161	2,163
Total Resources Expended	<u>83,056</u>	<u>7,199</u>	<u>16,467</u>	<u>106,722</u>	<u>88,724</u>
Excess of income over expenditure	8,211	366	(1,828)	6,749	(1,420)
Transfers between funds	(3,449)	2,332	1,117	0	0
Total Funds Brought forward 1 January 2024	<u>19,370</u>	<u>254</u>	<u>6,487</u>	<u>26,111</u>	<u>27,532</u>
Total Funds Carried forward 31 December 2024	<u>24,132</u>	<u>2,952</u>	<u>5,776</u>	<u>32,860</u>	<u>26,111</u>

See Detailed Statement of Financial Activities on Page 3 for breakdown.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary Receipts						
Planned Giving		45,999	0	0	45,999	33,188
Income Tax Recovery		10,754	0	2,819	13,572	6,299
Open Plate Collections		6,133	0	0	6,133	1,079
Other Voluntary Receipts						
Donations and Appeals		15,732	30	0	15,762	3,558
Legacies		0	0	0	0	0
		<u>78,618</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>2,819</u>	<u>81,466</u>	<u>44,124</u>
Activities for generating funds						
Fetes Bazaars, other fund raising events		0	0	0	0	518
Church Hall lettings etc		8,725	34	0	8,759	10,659
Sundry income		0	0	0	0	0
		<u>8,725</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,759</u>	<u>11,177</u>
Investment income						
Interest		345	0	0	345	231
Income from church activities						
Grants	5	(247)	2,747	11,820	14,320	25,500
Gifts		0	0	0	0	0
Insurance claim		0	0	0	0	0
Church weekend		0	4,754	0	4,754	3,850
Sundry receipts		3,825	0	0	3,825	2,422
		<u>3,579</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>11,820</u>	<u>22,899</u>	<u>31,772</u>
Total Incoming Resources		<u>91,267</u>	<u>7,564</u>	<u>14,639</u>	<u>113,470</u>	<u>87,304</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Church Activities						
Mission and Charitable giving		12,834	0	14,819	27,653	1,600
Gifts	3	0	0	0	0	2,500
Costs of Fundraising events		89	0	0	89	0
		<u>12,923</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,819</u>	<u>27,742</u>	<u>4,100</u>
Activities : related to church work						
Ministry: Parish share		6,384	0	0	6,384	12,000
Clergy Costs		215	0	0	215	0
Clergy Expenses		0	0	0	0	0
Visiting Speakers		0	0	0	0	0
Volunteer and Support Staff Expenses		121	0	0	121	5,320
Outreach		929	0	0	929	390
Church Running Expenses		11,939	0	0	11,939	11,427
Church Maintenance		145	0	0	145	6,353
Cleaning		5,972	0	0	5,972	2,056
Major Repairs	4	4,598	0	0	4,598	27,065
Upkeep of Church Services		0	0	0	0	0
Connect costs and hospitality		0	0	1,648	1,648	1,500
Hospitality		1,095	0	0	1,095	155
In House Resources		147	0	0	147	239
Salaries		25,383	0	0	25,383	0
Pensions		2,415	0	0	2,415	0
Gifts		0	0	0	0	0
Training and mission events		929	889	0	1,817	37
Church weekend costs		0	6,310	0	6,310	5,557
Sundry Expenditure		1,025	0	0	1,025	1,883
Depreciation		0	0	0	0	0
Loss on Asset Disposal		0	0	0	0	8,125
Equipment Purchased	2	4,675	0	0	4,675	353
		<u>65,971</u>	<u>7,199</u>	<u>1,648</u>	<u>74,818</u>	<u>82,461</u>
Governance Costs						
Accountancy		2,030	0	0	2,030	960
Administration Fee		0	0	0	0	0
Advertising Printing and Stationery		0	0	0	0	0
Website and Software		0	0	0	0	0
Subscriptions and Licences		960	0	0	960	503
Telephone		1,111	0	0	1,111	640
Bank and card charges		61	0	0	60	61
		<u>4,162</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,161</u>	<u>2,163</u>
Total Resources Expended		<u>83,056</u>	<u>7,199</u>	<u>16,467</u>	<u>106,722</u>	<u>88,724</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2024</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2023</u> £
CURRENT ASSETS						
Cash at bank and in hand		22,092	2,952	5,776	30,820	27,071
Prepayments		0	3,000	0	3,000	0
		<u>22,092</u>	<u>5,952</u>	<u>5,776</u>	<u>33,820</u>	<u>27,071</u>
LIABILITIES						
Creditors		<u>960</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>960</u>	<u>960</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS						
		21,132	5,952	5,776	32,860	26,111
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Creditors falling due after one year		0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL NET ASSETS						
		<u>21,132</u>	<u>5,952</u>	<u>5,776</u>	<u>32,860</u>	<u>26,111</u>
PARISH FUNDS						
	6.	<u>13,033</u>	<u>2,952</u>	<u>5,776</u>	<u>21,760</u>	<u>26,111</u>

Approved by the Parish of St Luke's Church, Spital Tongues, and signed on its behalf by Mr G Taylor (Treasurer)

Mr G Taylor

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the accruals basis

2. EQUIPMENT PURCHASED

	2024	2023
	£	£
Sound and Technology Equipment	794	0
Childrens' Equipment and Resources	414	0
Catering Equipment	2,519	0
Heating	667	0
General renewals	281	0
Christmas Dinner Trays	0	353
	<u>4,675</u>	<u>353</u>

Fixed Assets under £5,000 are written off in the year of purchase

3. GIFTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gift from the church to the new incumbent	<u>0</u>	<u>2,500</u>

4. MAJOR REPAIRS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Lightning Protection	1,156	0
Tree Surgery	1,000	0
Fridge Maintenance	276	0
Laptop Battery	39	0
Signage	356	0
Woodworm Treatment	1,497	0
Furniture	274	0
Boiler	0	16,480
Dishwasher	0	1,370
Electrical Work and Construction	0	2,279
Locks	0	871
Sanctuary Restoration (2023 = Professional Fees)	0	6,066
	<u>4,598</u>	<u>27,065</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**5. GRANTS RECEIVED**

	2023	2022
	£	£
KM Grant	11,820	0
Lyndhurst Trust	2,500	10,500
The National Churches Trust	0	15,000
	<u>14,320</u>	<u>25,500</u>

6. MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS

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MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

FUNDS	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	
	£	£	£	£	Designated £	Restricted £
Connect Newcastle	532	0	(1,648)	1,117	0	0
Sanctuary restoration - restricted	4,952	0	0	0	0	4,952
Sanctuary restoration - designated	176	2,747	0	0	2,923	0
Kingdom equality - restricted	813	0	0	0	0	813
Kingdom equality - designated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Childrens Church	0	0	0	0	0	0
Specific offerings - restricted	192	14,639	(14,819)	0	0	12
Specific offerings - designated	78	35	(889)	776	0	0
Outreach	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Lukes events	0	29	0	0	29	0
Weekend Away	0	4,754	(6,310)	1,556	0	0
	<u>6,741</u>	<u>22,203</u>	<u>(23,666)</u>	<u>3,449</u>	<u>2,952</u>	<u>5,776</u>

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St Luke's Newcastle Annual Report

for the year ended 31 December 2023, presented on 24 April 2024

**The Parochial Church Council of Newcastle St Luke,
within the Diocese of Newcastle**

Church Leader: The Revd Adam Smith

Associate Leader: Alice Wilkinson

Address: St Luke's Church, Claremont Street, NE2 4AH

Church Leader's Foreword

Over the year 2023 it was my great joy to spend increasing amounts of time at St Luke's, getting to know the people and the parish and getting a sense of what God has been doing through St Luke's and what might be on His heart for the future.

The scope of an Annual Report tends to be to focus on the preceding calendar year, in this case 2023. This is largely so it can form a companion to any financial statements (the Church's financial year follows the calendar year), giving context and relating them to the wider life of the church. However, it can be confusing because we tend to receive the report several months into the next calendar year (as is the case with this report).

For the purposes of this year's Annual Report we will focus, in the main, on 2023. Given our unique set of circumstances at St Luke's and the great number of changes and developments that have taken place in even the short period of time since 1 January 2024, you will see that we have also chosen to include some information on the first portion of 2024.

On Advent Sunday 2022, I visited St Luke's to provide cover during the interregnum, preaching and presiding at Holy Communion. When I had agreed to it, that had been the sole purpose, but in the lead up to my visit the Lord spoke to me through 3 unrelated people about St Luke's and what a revitalisation there could look like, one of whom was the Revd Dr Robert Ward, your former Priest-in-Charge and the stuff of St Luke's legend.

As the Diocesan Resource Curate, I was looking for where God might be calling me to lead a church revitalisation project, a church plant or graft. Through conversations that began in December 2022, 2023 became the year that the Lord unveiled something of his new plan for both my future and that of St Luke's.

As 2023 unfolded, David McRae as churchwarden and the rest of the PCC invited St Thomas' and I to join with St Luke's as part of a church graft. The Revd Ben Doolan, Church Leader at St Thomas', and I continued our conversations with Bishop Mark Wroe and the team at the diocese, who were very pleased to support and approve the plan. We continued to develop the plan and build links before Ben was officially licensed as Priest-in-Charge on 6 July, which paved the way for my own licensing as Assistant Curate, acting as Church Leader, on 2 September 2023.

As we have moved along this journey together, it has been my absolute joy and pleasure to get to know the people of St Luke's as I've spent more and more time with you since then. It was a real privilege to be invited to speak on several Sundays and of course to join you all for the weekend away at Minsteracres in May.

My wife Abby and I have such a heart for this parish and the people of St Luke's, which has only increased as we've spent more time here and given more of ourselves to you. We are completely committed to listening for and acting on the Holy Spirit's good plans and purposes for St Luke's. In the middle of 2023, Abby and I, along with Alice Wilkinson, gathered a team of 'grafters' from St Thomas', it was humbling and exciting to discover the Lord had given so many others a like heart, keen to be part of what God was already doing at St Luke's and strive for the more he had in store.

All along it has been clear to me that, while St Luke's had diminished in number and thus became a good candidate for revitalisation, it has never been what might be termed a 'dying' or 'failing' church. On the contrary, the faithful saints at St Luke's have been diligently seeking God's face, obediently discerning His will, and waiting on Him in all things.

I would like to thank all of you and commend you for your faithfulness and service to the Kingdom, particularly David McRae as he led St Luke's with such a servant heart throughout the interregnum – well done, David! I have loved working with both David and Jane Dawson as Churchwardens, they have already taught me much about what it is to be a faithful disciple of Jesus the support and challenge they bring has been invaluable. I look forward to continuing our partnership!

We are still at the beginning of this new moment in the life of St Luke's – an established church, setting out on a new adventure. We don't know exactly where it will take us, but we trust God and we're following the Holy Spirit's lead, so whatever we come across we know it'll be a wild ride, and we're excited to navigate it together!

Revd Adam Smith, Church Leader

Introduction

St Luke's Newcastle is situated right at the heart of the city, next to a major hospital, Newcastle University and its halls of residence. We are in a prime position to reach the people of Newcastle and have a desire to be a light to our parish, serving them and reaching out to them. We have a strong emphasis on the Word of God, prayer and worship, we see these as indispensable characteristics of a healthy church family.

As part of the Church of England, St Luke's operates with a dual structure of leadership (church leader) and governance (the PCC). The primary focus of the church leader is spiritual, theological, pastoral and operational leadership. This involves initiating vision, developing culture and direction, implementing the decisions of the PCC (Parochial Church Council), and overseeing the day-to-day management of the staff team and pastoral leaders of the church. They also hold the teaching and doctrine of the church, chair the PCC, lead the staff team and are the representative of the church to the community and neighbourhood. The church leader often shares these responsibilities with a small leadership team, including the churchwardens.

The primary focus of the PCC is governance and strategy, and to represent the voice of the congregation. The PCC works with the church leader in upholding the vision, ethos and framework of the church. Members of the PCC listen to and represent the interests of the congregation to offer effective feedback and advice to the church leader. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees, which include safeguarding, buildings and finance, are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Safeguarding

The PCC and the incumbent ('incumbent' in our case means a combination of the Church Leader and Priest-in-Charge) have a duty of care to ensure the protection of the vulnerable in their church community. Part of this is to appoint an appropriately experienced, named Parish Safeguarding Officer, as well as having the necessary policies and procedures in place, including adopting the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy 'Promoting a Safer Church'.

Safeguarding is about much more than good policies and structures – it requires us to care for one another in the example of Jesus. Good safeguarding practice rests most heavily on relationship – building open and trusting relationships that help keep everyone safe.

The PCC has complied with the duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.

Membership

PCC members who have served from May 2023 until the date of this report was approved are:

Ex-officio Members

(full, voting members of the PCC on merit of another office held)

Adam Smith – Church Leader; **Chair** (since 2 September 2023)

Ben Doolan – Priest-in-Charge (since 6 July 2023)

David McRae – Churchwarden

Jane Dawson – Churchwarden; **Vice-chair**

Elected Members

(lay representatives of the parish to the PCC (6) and to deanery synod (2), all of whom serve on the PCC and are elected by the parishioners at the APCM)

Kim Simpson – PCC Member; Parish Safeguarding Officer

Anne McRae – PCC Member

Gayle Seymour – PCC Member

Robin Seymour – PCC Member *(elected into casual vacancy 4 Dec 2023, previously a co-opted member)*

Helen McIlveen – PCC Member

Floss Douglas – PCC Member

Co-opted Members

(the PCC may co-opt up to 2 additional members)

Gary Taylor – PCC Member; Treasurer *(co-opted as Treasurer 2 October 2023)*

PCC Secretary

(this is an executive, non-voting role, appointed by the PCC)

Jo McRae (28 May-31 Aug 2023)

Alice Wilkinson (appointed 6 Nov 2023)

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Luke's, the membership of the PCC consists of the church leader, churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the parish electoral roll. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the electoral roll once they have been worshipping at St Luke's for six months or more and, having been on roll for six months or more, to stand for election to the PCC. There are 40 persons registered on the roll, of whom 4 live in the parish.

Churchwardens' Report

This has been a good year at St Luke's and one of great change. The best thing has been God's answer to our prayer for provision for St Luke's moving forward. The PCC has continued to work together in unity throughout all the changes this year.

We were delighted that St Luke's had been chosen to be a revitalisation project with a church graft from St Thomas'. The Revd Ben Doolan was appointed priest-in-charge last July and the Revd Adam Smith was then also licensed to St Luke's on 2 September 2023 to be our Church Leader. From then, Adam spent increasing amounts of time at St Luke's and by January was here full-time, along with the grafting team.

On 7 January 2024 we held a 'Revitalisation' service to commission the 'New St Luke's', which was attended by Bishop Mark Wroe and Archdeacon Rachel Wood and the Revd Ben Doolan, giving their

full support to this new venture. We welcomed about 20 new young adults plus children and appointed Alice Wilkinson as Associate Leader. This has changed the whole dynamic of the church family in a wonderful way.

We are thankful to God that the integration has worked so seamlessly and that the unity, that has always been so precious to St Luke's, has been preserved. The weekend away in February, at the Minsteracres Retreat Centre helped to cement new relationships as we came together for meals, games, teaching and worship.

Through 2023, there were several groups meeting midweek to facilitate discipleship through the St Luke's church family. These included The Spitler group, who met at the Spital Tongues Community Centre (the Spitler), Wednesday Morning Prayer at St Luke's, both of which were led faithfully by Robin Seymour, and "Life Without Lack", an insightful study group and time of fellowship led by Kim Simpson.

These midweek groups have been reorganised since January this year into a central meeting at the church, where we delved deeper into the book of James, which was the focus of the Sunday service. Going forward, the plan is for four new home-based groups, meeting weekly for food, study, worship and prayer. It is hoped that they will become a safe place for new people and that the Kingdom of God will expand!

Our heart is to be an increasing blessing to the Parish. Links with the Spitler have been strengthened, as Adam and David are now both trustees and meet regularly once a month. The Christmas day lunch was really appreciated by those in the community who attended, and was much talked about. Our service to the community continued with the church being opened for the Great North Run. This is always GREATLY appreciated by the runners.

Our Easter celebrations began in Holy week with the delivery of cards to our Parish. Maundy Thursday Passover meal and feet washing, was a precious time. The community commented favourably on our Good Friday procession with the cross and the glorious sight, on Easter Sunday morning, when it is covered with flowers.

We have started monthly breakfast events to reach out to and support men and women in their walk with Christ. One result was Catherine Trillo taking a group of 22 (12 women and 10 children) to Spring Harvest.

A prayer ministry team has been set up, with a core of 20 people willing to pray for others during church meetings. 18 attended training given by Philip and Allison Le Dune from St Thomas'. This was well received and ensured that everyone is on the same page and up to date with safeguarding. We consider it an honour to serve as churchwardens and are looking forward, with expectancy, to what God is going to do in the year ahead at St Luke's.

David McRae & Jane Dawson, Churchwardens

Finance Report

General Account

The accounts during 2023 were healthy for a majority of the year, during this period, we were in interregnum and therefore it is fair to say we were allowing our finances to 'tick over' with expenditure mainly being our utility bills, the weekend away and cleaning fees. It is fair to say we were frugal with our finances.

However, in December, we saw a number of larger bills take a hit on our bank account. We required works to be carried out on the roof and the bell tower of the sanctuary to make them watertight. We also had to replace the boilers. These two costly projects cost in excess of £20,000.

We started 2023 with a bank balance of £9292.77. Through transfers of accounts and finances being apportioned incorrectly, the building fund returned £24279.22 to the general account.

We ended 2023 with a bank balance of £16188.67 which could be seen as lower than anticipated, but the financial commitments required by building works and boiler replacements were detrimental.

Building Account

In June 2023, we received a donation of £10,500 from the Lyndhurst Trust which we are very thankful for. £500 of this went towards a new dishwasher, which has supported the mission of Connect.

As we have not carried out any works on the sanctuary, we have not used any finance from our Building Account. Leaving this account currently gaining quarterly interest and a year end balance of £10874.13.

Financial Reports

Unfortunately due to interregnum and change of team, we've not yet been able to complete the accounts for 2023 and have these independently audited. This will be carried out as soon as possible, with the expectation that we will be able to submit our audited accounts to the Diocese in June as usual. When the accounts are fully completed, the PCC will announce as much and we shall make them available should anyone wish to look over them.

We have provided a [financial statement](#) of our unaudited accounts.

Gary Taylor, Treasurer

Fabric Report

This church year has been spent identifying the building issues and getting quotes for the cost of rectifying them, thus enabling us to build up a body of knowledge of the state of the buildings and the money we need to carry out the necessary repairs.

The Sanctuary

In response to the Quinquennial Inspection Report of January 2023 the PCC commissioned Thornton Firkin, a Quantity Surveyor recommended by Chris Elder, Operations Director at St Thomas', to complete a survey of the Sanctuary and to write a report of what was needed to make it operational. The report in May 2023 estimates that completing the existing architect's designs would cost around £750,000. This cost is based on rates as of 2nd quarter 2023, and will now be significantly higher. The report also noted that, based on their site visit, the inspectors felt correction may be needed to several aspects of the work that has been completed to date, the cost of this is not included in the figure above.

As no money is available, none of the recommended work can be carried out in the Sanctuary. We aim to organise a working party to clear some of the debris accumulated thus far out of the Sanctuary, but further work is presently on hold indefinitely.

The bell tower had been leaking into the nave below. Upon external inspection further concerns were raised around the safety and structural integrity of the bell tower. The PCC commissioned Stone Technical Services Group to carry out a detailed inspection of the bell tower and surrounding roof. At the same time they effected some minor repairs including pinning slates and leadwork that had been contributing to the leak. The inspection itself was not inexpensive, but the cost of this should be covered by a grant of £7,500 awarded to us towards this work by Northumbria Historic Church's Trust. The cost to completely repair the bell tower comes to well over £60k and in the light of the current financial situation of the church, the repairs are yet to be progressed.

The Main Building

The work carried out by Miller Eyre under our water leak insurance claim with Ecclesiastical Insurance was completed in August 2023. This involved the repainting of the hall, stage and upstairs kitchen with top quality scrubbable endurance paint, laying new Amtico flooring in the American Diner and new non-slip flooring in the upstairs bathroom. The water heater in the upstairs kitchen was replaced and the damaged underlay in the Linden Room was also replaced. Finally the carpet in the Linden Room was cleaned by professional carpet cleaners. We were delighted to have this work done to such a high standard. The claim was valued at £19,432.97.

The gas boiler was condemned in July 2023 at its annual gas inspection. This came as a surprise and there was no choice but to replace it. A new boiler was installed in October 2023, just before the onset of the cold winter weather. Three quotes were sought and RF Henderson Limited were awarded the contract. The cost involved was £16,297.44.

In May 2023 Helen McIlveen organised 2 Fire Risk Assessments, one with Crusader Fire (Northern) Limited and the other with Cormeton Fire Limited. The inspections identified some areas requiring attention and quotes were obtained to complete some of the necessary works, including additional emergency lighting, smoke detectors, and door upgrades. The cost for implementing all the recommendations came to around £10,000, which was prohibitively expensive, since then circumstances have changed and the PCC hopes to move toward implementation in the coming months. In June and July 2023 we also had a fixed electrical inspection and a lightning conductor upgrade and safety test, thanks again to Helen for organising.

Woodworm was discovered in the cupboard next to the stage in Jan 2024. Rentokil undertook a survey in February 2024 and confirmed evidence of infestation by Common Furniture Beetle in the underside of the timber stage and in the plywood in the stage side room; more evidence of further infestation has subsequently been found elsewhere in the hall. Further quotes are now being sought and a decision will be made on how best to rectify the situation, particularly bearing in mind we would not have use of the main hall for the duration of any works.

The Buildings and Fabric Committee was formed in January 2024 as a sub-committee of the PCC. It met the same month and did a familiarisation walk around the inside of the buildings noting and prioritising work required. Thus far, executing the work is yet to commence, largely due to a lack of funds. Finding the means to get some of the issues addressed remains top of the Agenda.

In February 2024 Lynn, our long-time cleaner, handed in her notice. We are so grateful for her years of diligent service and hard work! After inviting various cleaning agencies to quote, the PCC has awarded the cleaning contract to Minster Cleaning Services.

Maintaining an old building comes with many challenges and substantial monetary costs. We feel we now have a very good understanding of what needs doing and we want to pray and ask God for wisdom and money so we can begin to prioritise the most urgent jobs.

Jane Dawson (ed. Adam Smith) on behalf of the Buildings and Fabric Committee

Deanery Synod Report

The Deanery has spent the past year discussing and completing the 3 year Deanery Development Plan which has 4 key targets:

- Working together to promote Net Zero
- Building a deanery directory identifying ways to share resources and expertise(e.g. youth, children, fabric, heritage, finance and music.
- consider how we might offer more prayer together as a deanery
- addressing local needs collaboratively by forming partnerships with other churches e.g. churches in Wallsend pooled their resources to start 'Walking With' the refugee charity.

There has been discussion on the eco agenda. A proposal has been passed to reach Net Zero across the Deanery by 2030. The central Church will be giving out money to achieve this. In the Deanery Directory being drawn up they will try to connect eco groups on WhatsApp. Catherine Trillo has served faithfully as eco-representative, and one way St Luke's could participate in this more fully is to appoint an additional eco-champion, who could undertake an energy audit, helping us to be more eco aware.

The idea behind a deanery directory is for churches needing extra support in a specific area to be able to contact another church with the required expertise and resources for some help. At St Luke's we have been collaborating with St Thomas' e.g. at Adam's licensing we borrowed their pizza oven.

The suggestion on prayer was for churches in the Deanery to come together and do some prayer walking together. There was also a suggestion for churches in the Deanery to come together once a month to worship together in a set service. At St Luke's, which is a small church, we are currently in the process of establishing prayer walking round part of the Parish on a Tuesday morning. It's probably not feasible at the moment to do any prayer walking round another parish.

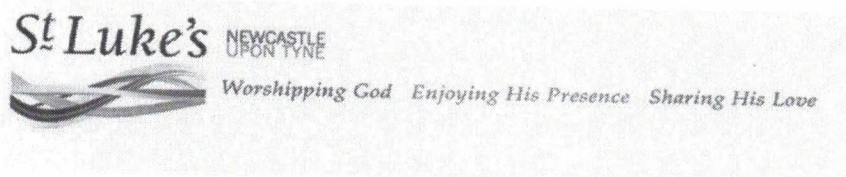
Time has also been spent talking and analysing data on Parish Share and Parish Giving. The picture across the diocese is not very positive, but our deanery (Central) is one of the more financially positive deaneries. At St Luke's we have committed to increasing our Parish Share steadily as we are able.

Jane Dawson, Churchwarden acting as Deanery Synod Representative

Agreed by the PCC on 24 April 2024.

Signed:

PCC Chair | Revd Adam Smith, Church Leader



ST. LUKE'S CHURCH SPITAL TONGUES

ACCOUNTS

for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2023



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ST. LUKE'S CHURCH SPITAL TONGUES

CHURCH INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Charity Commission Registration Number

1174238

Church Address

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Claremont Street
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NE2 4AH

Bank

CAF Bank Ltd
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Independent Examiner

Essell Accountants Limited
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

I have examined the attached financial statements which have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and examiners

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 and consider that the Church is exempt from an audit.

The Trustees further consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- a) Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011):
- b) To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charities Commissioners (under section 145 (5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011: and
- c) To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiners' statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charities Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the Accounting records kept by the charity 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 such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the Accounts.

In accordance with your instructions, we have compiled these unaudited financial statements in order to assist you to fulfil your statutory responsibilities, from the Accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us.

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention :

1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- a) to keep Accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011
- b) to prepare Accounts which accord with the Accounting records and comply with the Accounting requirements of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008

have been met: or

2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

Alex C Robinson
FCCA
29 Howard Street
North Shields
NE30 1AR

Date :

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary Receipts	43,009	1,115	0	44,124	55,736
Activities for generating funds	10,659	0	518	11,177	11,173
Investment income	231	0	0	231	50
Income from church activities	2,422	18,850	10,500	31,772	16,362
Total Incoming Resources	56,321	19,965	11,018	87,304	83,321
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Church Activities	3,635	265	200	4,100	2,466
Activities : related to church work	69,338	5,557	7,566	82,461	133,564
Governance Costs	2,163	0	0	2,163	2,725
Total Resources Expended	75,136	5,822	7,766	88,724	138,755
Excess of income over expenditure	(18,815)	14,143	3,252	(1,420)	(55,434)
Transfers between funds	(2,457)	2,457	0	0	0
Total Funds Brought forward 1 January 2023	40,642	(16,346)	3,236	27,532	82,965
Total Funds Carried forward 31 December 2023	19,370	254	6,487	26,111	27,531

See Detailed Statement of Financial Activities on Page 3 for breakdown.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary Receipts						
Planned Giving		33,188	0	0	33,188	41,140
Income Tax Recovery		6,299	0	0	6,299	6,813
Open Plate Collections		1,079	0	0	1,079	2,545
Other Voluntary Receipts						
Donations and Appeals		2,443	1,115	0	3,558	5,238
Legacies		0	0	0	0	0
		<u>43,009</u>	<u>1,115</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>44,124</u>	<u>55,736</u>
Activities for generating funds						
Fetes Bazaars, other fund raising events		0	0	518	518	0
Church Hall lettings etc		10,659	0	0	10,659	11,173
Sundry income		0	0	0	0	0
		<u>10,659</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>518</u>	<u>11,177</u>	<u>11,173</u>
Investment income						
Interest		231	0	0	231	50
Income from church activities						
Grants	6	0	15,000	10,500	25,500	11,822
Gifts		0	0	0	0	0
Insurance claim		0	0	0	0	0
Church weekend		0	3,850	0	3,850	3,099
Sundry receipts		2,422	0	0	2,422	1,441
		<u>2,422</u>	<u>18,850</u>	<u>10,500</u>	<u>31,772</u>	<u>16,362</u>
Total Incoming Resources		<u>56,321</u>	<u>19,965</u>	<u>11,018</u>	<u>87,304</u>	<u>83,321</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Church Activities						
Mission and Charitable giving		1,135	265	200	1,600	2,466
Gifts	4	2,500	0	0	2,500	0
		<u>3,635</u>	<u>265</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>4,100</u>	<u>2,466</u>
Activities : related to church work						
Ministry: Parish share		12,000	0	0	12,000	0
Clergy Costs		0	0	0	0	0
Clergy Expenses		0	0	0	0	0
Visiting Speakers		0	0	0	0	604
Support Staff Expenses		5,320	0	0	5,320	142
Outreach		390	0	0	390	1,926
Church Running Expenses		11,427	0	0	11,427	12,092
Church Maintenance		6,353	0	0	6,353	1,199
Cleaning		2,056	0	0	2,056	3,088
Major Repairs	5	20,999	0	6,066	27,065	73,746
Upkeep of Church Services		0	0	0	0	41
Connect costs and hospitality		0	0	1,500	1,500	4,051
Hospitality		155	0	0	155	396
In House Resources		239	0	0	239	501
Salaries		0	0	0	0	25,181
Pensions		0	0	0	0	1,221
Gifts		0	0	0	0	1,200
Training and mission events		37	0	0	37	109
Church weekend costs		0	5,557	0	5,557	4,004
Sundry Expenditure		1,883	0	0	1,883	1,038
Depreciation	2	0	0	0	0	1,458
Loss on Asset Disposal		8,125	0	0	8,125	0
Equipment Purchased	3	353	0	0	353	1,567
		<u>69,338</u>	<u>5,557</u>	<u>7,566</u>	<u>82,461</u>	<u>133,564</u>
Governance Costs						
Accountancy		960	0	0	960	600
Administration Fee		0	0	0	0	122
Advertising Printing and Stationery		0	0	0	0	392
Website and Software		0	0	0	0	0
Subscriptions and Licences		503	0	0	503	617
Telephone		640	0	0	640	850
Bank and card charges		61	0	0	61	144
		<u>2,163</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,163</u>	<u>2,725</u>
Total Resources Expended		<u>75,136</u>	<u>5,822</u>	<u>7,766</u>	<u>88,724</u>	<u>138,755</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u> £	<u>Designated Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted Funds</u> £	<u>Total 2023</u> £	<u>Total 2022</u> £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible Assets	2	0	0	0	0	8,125
CURRENT ASSETS						
Cash at bank and in hand		20,330	254	6,487	27,071	20,007
		20,330	254	6,487	27,071	28,132
LIABILITIES						
Creditors		960	0	0	960	600
NET CURRENT ASSETS		19,370	254	6,487	26,111	27,532
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Creditors falling due after one year		-	-	-	-	0
TOTAL NET ASSETS		19,370	254	6,487	26,111	27,532
PARISH FUNDS	7	19,370	254	6,487	26,111	27,532

Approved by the Parish of St Luke's Church, Spital Tongues, and signed on its behalf by Mr G Taylor (Treasurer)

Mr G Taylor

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the accruals basis

2. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC**Tangible Assets**

	Fixtures & Fittings £	Furnishing & Equipment £	Musical Equipment £	Total £
COST				
As at 1 January 2023	6,304	2,877	402	9,583
Additions in the Year	0	0	0	0
Disposals in the Year	(6,304)	(2,877)	(402)	(9,583)
As at 31 December 2023	0	0	0	0
DEPRECIATION				
As at 1 January 2023	946	432	80	1,458
Disposals in the Year	(946)	(432)	(80)	(1,458)
Charge for the Year	0	0	0	0
As at 31 December 2023	0	0	0	0
NET BOOK VALUE				
As at 31 December 2023	0	0	0	0
As at 1 January 2023	5,358	2,445	322	8,125

3. EQUIPMENT PURCHASED

	2023 £	2022 £
Christmas Dinner Trays	353	0
Printer	0	381
Coffee Machine	0	260
Vacuum Cleaner	0	128
Hand Dryer	0	218
Hive Heat Control System	0	580
	<u>353</u>	<u>1,567</u>

Fixed Assets under £5,000 are written off in the year of purchase

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**4. GIFTS**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gift from the church to the new incumbent	<u>2,500</u>	<u>0</u>

5. MAJOR REPAIRS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Boiler	16,480	0
Dishwasher	1,370	0
Electrical Work and Construction	2,279	0
Locks	871	0
Sanctuary Restoration (2023 = Professional Fees)	6,066	73,746
	<u>27,065</u>	<u>73,746</u>

6. GRANTS RECEIVED

	2023	2022
	£	£
The National Churches Trust	15,000	0
Lyndhurst Trust	10,500	10,000
Newcastle Diocese	0	1,822
	<u>25,500</u>	<u>11,822</u>

7. MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>
	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 January 2023	40,642	(16,346)	3,236	27,532
Excess/(Deficit) of receipts over payments	(18,815)	14,143	3,252	(1,420)
Transfer Between Funds	(2,457)	2,457		0
Balance at 31 December 2023	<u>19,370</u>	<u>253.65</u>	<u>6,487</u>	<u>26,111</u>

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

FUNDS	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	
	£	£	£	£	Designated £	Restricted £
Connect Newcastle	2,032	0	(1,500)	0	0	532
Sanctuary restoration - restricted	0	11,018	(6,066)	0	0	4,952
Sanctuary restoration - designated	(15,574)	15,750	0	0	176	0
Kingdom equality - restricted	1,013	0	(200)	0	0	813
Kingdom equality - designated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Childrens Church	0	0	0	0	0	0
Specific offerings - restricted	192	0	0	0	0	192
Specific offerings - designated	(22)	365	(265)	0	78	0
Outreach	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Lukes events	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weekend Away	(750)	3,850	(5,557)	2,457	0	0
	<u>(13,110)</u>	<u>30,983</u>	<u>(13,588)</u>	<u>2,457</u>	<u>253.65</u>	<u>6,487</u>

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St Luke's, Newcastle Annual Report 2022



Church Warden's Foreword

2022 has been a year of interregnum for us at St. Lukes. We have had several people leave us in the last year which has been sad and a few have joined us. It feels like we have been pruned back and it has not always been easy to cover all of the required responsibilities. We have had two changes of Administrator which has been difficult and our caretaker has left us. In addition, our only church warden has been in poor health for most of the year (me!). However, God has given much grace and members of the church and the PCC have worked hard to keep things running. As a church we have been determined not just to hold the fort until a new vicar has arrived, but to move forward in our zeal for God and His Kingdom. Some encouraging moments have been; new people stepping up to preach; new people taking on responsibilities for the first time; a very united PCC and most of all- news of a new vicar for St. Lukes. We give thanks to God for the way He has helped us move forward.

David McRae

Churchwardens Report

God has given us the blessing of a united and loving PCC. We have worked together this past year to keep the church running effectively in spite of many difficulties. The church buildings (apart from the sanctuary which you can read about below) have been lovingly cared for by our caretaker and then, since he left, by members of the church. It has not been easy functioning without a caretaker so we are hoping to have another in place when the new vicar arrives. We have used our Hall for many hires and have installed a hive system to help with central heating to save people coming in and out. We were also able to fix a long-standing leak in the roof which took some time to solve. I have sought to involve church members in services as much as possible and we have a real feeling of family amongst us and of shared responsibility. Thanks be to God!

David McRae

Buildings - Church Restoration

Restoration work to the Sanctuary took place throughout 2022. £10,000 was received from National Churches Trust which paid for a large part of the Toilet block facilities. The Faculty, which is the Diocese legal permission for us to carry out work to our building was extended to 25 May 2025.

In September 2022, all building work on the Sanctuary was paused. Although there were several reasons for this, the main factor was a shortage of monies for further work. As a consequence, the employment of the builder was terminated.

The PCC asked Jane Dawson and Robin Seymour to take a lead in the further development of the Sanctuary. We were fortunate to have made contact with the Diocesan Surveyor (Chris Elder) and a meeting was arranged between the Architect (Chris Blackburn), Chris Elder and the appointed PCC representatives. The main outcome of the meeting was the need to engage a Quantity Surveyor to identify what further work was required to complete the Sanctuary (in line with the Architect's plans), costs involved and the possibility of doing such work in phases.

Thorton Firkin Quantity Surveyors were approached and they have been commissioned to produce the aforementioned report. Once the Surveyor's report has been received then it is up to the PCC to decide how best to proceed.

Jane Dawson & Robin Seymour

Buildings – Hall

Throughout 2022 our building has been hired on a weekly basis by Sage Gateshead Chamber Choir, whose choir practice in our main hall on a Monday evening and Jenny Tabori, who uses the upstairs green room twice per week to deliver counselling sessions. These two companies have been a blessing to St Lukes and we continue to work together as we head into 2023.

Our building is also hired on an annual basis by Childsplay Nursery. We are the Nursery's evacuation building, so should anything happen to their building our building provides refuge to the staff and the children under their care.

In the winter season our hall was hired by The Newcastle Caledonian Society and the Wilderness Medics Society who both hosted a Ceilidh. The hall was also hired for a 50th Birthday celebration event. All events went very well and the hirers were really pleased to be able to utilize the great facilities at St Lukes.

Jo McRae

The Spitler Group

The Spitler group continues to meet fortnightly in the Community Centre, Spital Tongues. This past 12 months we have continued to support each other in prayer and other means. Whilst most activity has focused on the Word we have also enjoyed the occasional social event.

The group felt moved to study individual books from the Bible and Romans was the first book of choice. It soon became clear that our understanding of this book would benefit from guidance and hence we turned to David Pawson's commentary. This was provided via video link (youtube) and each session was followed by a group discussion.

On completion of Romans the members wanted to explore the book of Revelation in the same format and this is near completion. All members of the Spitler group have benefited from being led by David Pawson through these 2 books of the Bible.

The Spitler group has continued to support community activities. David McRae is now a Trustee of the Spitler. All members were actively involved in the Carol Singing and the cream tea to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee. Finally, I would like to thank all members of the Spitler group for their loyal support over the past 12 months.

Robin Seymour

Connect

Meeting every Tuesday evening with attendances staying steady between 30 & 50 each week. There's a constant stream of newcomers, some just the once and some come back for weeks, even months at a time. We had baptisms back end of the summer, 6 people baptized in the sea at Longsands Tynemouth. We linked up with City Church who sent us their interns to help out and be a part of the Connect outreach. The desire being to challenge these men and women in all things serving others. This is a work in progress as we build relationships with the wider Church. We've also had St Thomas's connect with us and their worship team take part. We've continued to supply food and fellowship with speakers from far and wide attend to bring a message of hope for those attending.

God has been good to us and continues to bless the evenings.

Steve Phillipson

Loving the Parish

As is common practice at St Lukes an Easter Card was delivered to all residents of the local Parish inviting them to join us on Good Friday and Easter Sunday to take part in our service and decoration of the Easter Cross with flowers.

At Christmas time we held Carols in Spital Tongues and invited the local residents to join us for mince pies and mulled wine to finish, organized by the Spitler group.

Kim and Catherine arranged for a Christmas Day lunch and food hampers to be delivered over the Christmas period. The food hampers were resourced from a local charity, Feeding Families were distributed from St Lukes to support families over the Christmas period.

Jo McRae

Worship team

As our numbers have decreased so has our worship team. In most of 2022 we functioned as worship leaders on piano or guitar alone with no backing team. On special celebrations like Christmas we had a small team involved. Occasionally we have brought in a guest worship

leader if necessary. We look forward to the arrival of the vicar and his team and the opportunities it will bring to expand once again. Having described a seemingly discouraging situation we have continued to have vibrant Spirit led worship. The people of St. Lukes value worship highly. We continued to hold worship evenings every month and see them as very important to who we are as a church.

David McRae

Morning prayer

We have met on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings to pray. At each meeting we study a portion of scripture and pray. These meetings are valued by those that attend and provide a focus for our spiritual and devotional life at St Luke's.

Family's/Children's Work

In March the children's space was created upstairs. The introduction of toy and book storage, a multi games table and prayer space with cushions and a brightly colored welcoming rug. The room has been used by children visiting the church for Sunday service.

We look forward to welcoming more children to use this new space in the coming year.

Visiting Speakers and Events

We have continued to invite visiting speakers once a month to help us celebrate communion and we have been very grateful to have Reverends Sheila Hamil, Robert Ward, Mark Wroe and Adam Smith to help us with Holy Communion and preaching. Many thanks to all of them. We also had two missionaries to Paraguay participate in our Sunday morning service in November, Peter and Evie Ratcliffe who thrilled us with their real life testimonies of God at work among the lesser privileged people in Paraguay. We had special events at Christmas and once again ministered to the needs of the runners in the Great North Run in September.

David McRae

Church Weekend Away

This year we decided that we would uncover and share the gold God that has placed in the people of St Lukes. And so, responding in faith to the description of the Church in Ephesians chapter 4, we decided that we would seek the Lord together for two things - We would ask: What are the gifts that the Holy Spirit has given to the church at St Lukes? & And who have these gifts been wrapped up in?

All of those happy faces at the conclusion of our two days together, implies what we discovered – that is, that the Lord has indeed blessed us richly in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, in many different forms and expressions. And that we were able through prayer and testimony to discern how these gifts were being carried faithfully by others in our fellowship.

The experience of together praying and then describing to each other “I see these gifts in you, and these are the ways I see you expressing them”, was a great builder of trust between us and faith in our ability to do good things for God, and to love other people in many different ways.

We ate, chatted, and laughed together, played board games together, sang together, and on our traditional Saturday afternoon activity time took part in a number of different outdoor activities. Our children with us and some older ones added their youth, enthusiasm and energy - always a pleasure and a tonic!

As always, we had much for which to thank the staff and volunteers of the Minsteracres Centre; caring for us so well, the good food, and their warm welcome. It's always such a privilege to come to this house with its history of faith and prayer, and to enjoy its beautiful grounds and woods. We look forward to our next special weekend together.

Kim Simpson

Financial Review

The expenditure for the year is slightly less than last year, £138,755 from £148,142(2021). The income has reduced to £83,322 from £117,171(2021) due mostly to reduced membership and hence less giving. It took a while for hall hire to pick up after Covid also. The total in funds has reduced to £27,531 from £82,964 (2021) mostly because restricted funds have been used for projects. By the end of the year monthly income was exceeding expenditure by approximately £1000 so funds are growing steadily.

David McRae (Treasurer)

Safeguarding

Many of us at St Luke's will remember our dear brother Andrew Hodgson, who went home to the Lord this year. One of many ways in which he blessed the fellowship at St Lukes was as our safeguarding officer. Thank you Andrew, and thanks also to Ruth, who supported him in carrying out this role ably and diligently for many years.

Jane Dawson took over from Andrew in 2022 and kept us up-to-date on the developing requirements for training in safeguarding awareness prepared by the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. I volunteered to take on the role from November 2022. It's something of a busman's holiday as I have been working in social services safeguarding roles in children and adults social work since 1988.

The work of keeping people safe in all our activities, and where others are using our buildings, is an important one in a number of ways. The family of the church should be both a welcoming place and safe place for everyone - and that does of course mean everyone. There are no exclusions in the Love of God expressed in the invitation from Jesus to all people. So for us, we need to be unlike the many organisations who exclude people on the basis of what they have done or might do.

This does leave us with a unique challenge, and one I am proud that we have. We must care for each other according to every person's needs - so protecting children and those who may be vulnerable to coercion and exploitation, goes alongside welcoming as brothers and sisters people who may have hurt others in the past, and could be tempted to do so again. And being vigilant that those who seem above reproach may fail, if we are not realistic and wise in the ways we support one another.

Kim Simpson

Deanery Synod

Every Deanery in the Diocese of Newcastle has been asked to work towards a three year plan for its development. A Deanery is a family of parishes working together. We are in Newcastle Central Deanery. This encompasses 15 parishes (including 18 churches), as well as the resource church and the Cathedral, and chaplaincies to the two Universities and the city centre. A new Diocesan plan was introduced which covers 5 areas:

- Leadership & Governance; Mission & Pastoral Care;
- Buildings fit for purpose;
- Development of lay ministry;
- Generous Giving;
- Environmental concerns as this seemed to be a cross cutting theme which was important to the diocese.

We have looked at questions covering the issues listed below:

- Working together to promote net zero (diocese plan to reach net zero by 2030)
- Building a deanery 'directory' and identifying ways to share resources/expertise (e.g. youth, children, fabric, heritage, finance, music)
- Considering how we might offer more prayer together as a deanery e.g. Prayer walking especially with other parishes
- Addressing local needs collaboratively ie looking at Ecumenical Partnerships
- St Thomas works in Partnership in Mission with churches from a variety of traditions across the diocese
- Churches came together for a vigil on Ukraine;
- Churches in Wallsend pooled their resources to start 'Walking With' the refugee charity

2 working groups have been set up to look at:

1. City Centre: Sheila Turnbull
2. Children, schools and young people: Gerard Rundell

Jane Dawson

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH SPITAL TONGUES

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**



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ST. LUKE'S CHURCH SPITAL TONGUES

CHURCH INFORMATION

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1174238

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the PCC of the St Luke's Church, Spital Tongues

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 3 to 7, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees 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.

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 statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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:-

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met.

Signed

Mrs L Armstrong
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Independent Examiner

27 April 2023

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Income and expenditure account

INCOMING RESOURCES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Voluntary receipts						
Planned Giving		39,760		1,380	41,140	55,308
Income Tax Recovery		6,813			6,813	7,517
Open Plate collections		593		1,952	2,545	467
Other voluntary receipts						
Donations and Appeals		583	1,488	3,167	5,238	13,788
Legacies		-	-	-	-	-
		<u>47,749</u>	<u>1,488</u>	<u>6,499</u>	<u>55,736</u>	<u>77,080</u>
Activities for generating funds						
Fetes Bazaars, other fund raising events		-	-	-	-	-
Church Hall lettings etc		11,173	-	-	11,173	9,544
Sundry income		-	-	-	-	165
		<u>11,173</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,173</u>	<u>9,709</u>
Investment income						
Interest		10	24	16	50	6
		<u>10</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>6</u>
Income from church activities						
Grants	5	1,822	-	10,000	11,822	22,667
Gifts		-	-	-	-	849
Insurance claim		-	-	-	-	6,860
Church weekend		-	3,099	-	3,099	-
Sundry Receipts		751	690	-	1,441	-
		<u>2,573</u>	<u>3,789</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>16,362</u>	<u>30,376</u>
Total incoming resources		<u>61,505</u>	<u>5,301</u>	<u>16,515</u>	<u>83,322</u>	<u>117,171</u>
Excess of income over expenditure		8,708	-16,939	-47,203	-55,434	-30,971
Transfers between funds		-583	593	-10	-	-
Balances brought forward 1 January 22		32,517	-1	50,449	82,965	113,935
Balance carried forward at 31 December 22		40,641	-16,346	3,236	27,531	82,964

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Income and expenditure account

RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Church activities						
Mission and charitable giving		1,066	300	1,100	2,466	1,909
		<u>1,066</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>2,466</u>	<u>1,909</u>
Activities : related to church work						
Ministry : Parish share		-	-	-	-	6,000
Clergy Costs		-	-	-	-	25,012
Clergy expenses		-	-	-	-	3,830
Visiting speakers		170	281	154	604	500
Support staff expenses		142	-	-	142	132
Outreach		473	1,454	-	1,926	2,996
Church running expenses		12,092	-	-	12,092	6,098
Church maintenance		1,199	-	-	1,199	2,686
Cleaning		3,088	-	-	3,088	2,017
Major repairs	4	-	15,598	58,148	73,746	59,554
Upkeep of church services		41	-	-	41	81
Copyright Licence		-	-	-	-	395
Connect costs and hospitality		-	-	4,051	4,051	1,051
Hospitality		396	-	-	396	186
Children's resources		386	-	115	501	50
Salaries		25,181	-	-	25,181	26,894
Pensions		1,221	-	-	1,221	1,962
Gifts		656	544	-	1,200	1,156
Training and mission events		109	-	-	109	-
Church weekend costs		635	3,369	-	4,004	1,000
Sundry expenditure		357	682	-	1,038	-
Depreciation	2	1,458	-	-	1,458	1,721
Equipment purchased	3	1,567	-	-	1,567	983
		<u>49,172</u>	<u>21,926</u>	<u>62,467</u>	<u>133,565</u>	<u>144,304</u>
Generation of voluntary income						
Costs of fund raising events		-	-	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Governance Costs						
Accountancy		600	-	-	600	500
Administration fee		-	-	122	122	-
Advertising printing and stationery		392	-	-	392	8
Website and software		-	-	-	-	273
Subscriptions and licenses		617	-	-	617	397
Telephone		850	-	-	850	595
Bank and card charges		101	14	29	144	156
		<u>2,560</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>2,724</u>	<u>1,929</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>52,798</u>	<u>22,240</u>	<u>63,718</u>	<u>138,755</u>	<u>148,142</u>

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BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Fixed Assets						
Tangible assets	2	8,125	-	-	8,125	9,583
Current Assets						
Cash at bank and in hand		33,117	-16,346	3,236	20,007	73,882
		41,242	-16,346	3,236	28,132	83,465
Liabilities						
Creditors		600	-	-	600	500
NET CURRENT ASSETS		40,642	-16,346	3,236	27,532	82,965
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Creditors fallen due after one year		-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL NET ASSETS		40,642	-16,346	3,236	27,532	82,965
PARISH FUNDS	6	40,642	-16,346	3,236	27,532	82,965

Approved by the Parish of St Luke's Church, Spital Tongues, and signed on its behalf by Mr D. McRae
(Treasurer)

Mr. D. McRae

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1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the accruals basis.

2 Fixed Assets for use by the PCC

Tangible Assets	Fixtures and Fittings	Furnishing and equipment £	Musical equipment £	Total £
Gross book value				
at 1 January 2022	6,304	2,877	402	9,583
revaluation surplus	-	-	-	-
Additions during year	-	-	-	-
at 31 December 2022	<u>6,304</u>	<u>2,877</u>	<u>402</u>	<u>9,583</u>
Depreciation				
for year	<u>946</u>	<u>432</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>1,458</u>
Net book value				
at 31 December 2022	<u>5,358</u>	<u>2,445</u>	<u>322</u>	<u>8,125</u>

3 Equipment purchased

	2022 £	2021 £
Printer	381	-
Coffee machine	260	-
Vacuum cleaner	128	-
Hand dryer	218	-
Hive heat control system	580	-
Laptop	-	600
Office phone	-	150
Dehumidifier	-	220
Various equipment	-	13
	<u>1,567</u>	<u>983</u>

Fixed assets under £5,000 are written off in the year of purchase.

4 Major repairs

	2022 £	2021 £
Sanctuary restoration	73,746	48,994
Roof repair	-	240
Carpenter's workshop	-	3,210
Stone cross	-	7,110
	<u>73,746</u>	<u>59,554</u>

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5 Grants received

	2022 £	2021 £
Newcastle diocese	1,822	-
Lyndhurst trust	10,000	8,000
HMRC - VAT reclaimed	-	1,064
HMRC - Furlough grant	-	3,884
Newcastle City Council - Covid 19 grant	-	9,720
	<u>11,822</u>	<u>22,667</u>

6 Movements in designated and restricted funds were:-

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Excess/-Deficit of receipts over payments	8,708	-16,939	-47,203	-55,434
Transfers between funds	-583	593	-10	-
Balance at 1 January 22	32,517	-1	50,449	82,965
Balance at 31 December 22	<u>40,641</u>	<u>-16,346</u>	<u>3,236</u>	<u>27,531</u>

At 31st December 2022 Connect Newcastle, removed their finances from St Luke's accounts. Their bank account balance of £1,698.69 was transferred at this date.

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Movement in Funds

FUNDS	Opening Balance				Closing Balance	
		Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Designated	Restricted
Connect Newcastle	4,405.52	3,459.31	5,333.23	-500.00		2,031.60
Sanctuary restoration - restricted	44,594.01	13,036.07	58,270.08	640.00		0.00
Sanctuary restoration - designated	0.00	23.82	15,597.75		-15,573.93	
Kingdom equality - restricted	1,162.81			-150.00		1,012.81
Kingdom equality fund - designated	-250.00		-100.00	150.00		0.00
Children's church	94.66	20.00	114.66			0.00
Specific offerings - restricted	191.50					191.50
Specific offerings - designated	0.00	943.13	965.55		-22.42	
Outreach	649.27	20.00	1,453.62	784.35		0.00
St Luke's events	249.02	690.00	690.00	-249.02		0.00
Weekend away	-1,000.00	3,624.00	3,374.00		-750.00	
Leaving gift	258.70		258.70			0.00
Giving	92.03			-92.03		0.00
	50447.52	21816.33	85957.59	583.30	-16346.35	3235.91

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St Luke's, Newcastle

Annual Report 2020



St Luke's Church is situated on Claremont Road, Newcastle upon Tyne.
It is a Parish Church in the Diocese of Newcastle.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a registered charity with the Charities Commission (Charity number: 1174238).

PCC members who have served as trustees during 2020 are:

Rev Dr Robert Ward	Vicar and Chairman until retired on 5th June 2020
Rev Alice Ward	Curate, then Interim Minister and Chair from 14 th June 2020
Mr David McRae	Church Warden
Dr Philip Keates	Church Warden
Mr Peter Morris	Treasurer and Lay PCC member
Mrs Anne McRae	Lay PCC member
Mr Robert Douglas	Lay PCC member
Mrs Cassie Orme	Lay PCC member
Dr Lynsey Threlfall	Lay PCC member
Mr Thomas Orme	Lay PCC member elected October 2020
Mrs Jane Dawson	Deanery Synod Representative elected October 2020
Miss Jenni Sparkes	Deanery Synod Representative until October 2020, PCC Secretary

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church members of six months standing or more are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll. The Electoral Roll was updated in October 2020, resulting in 68 persons being registered, of whom 4 live in the parish.

The average Sunday attendance during 2020 was significantly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic which meant services could not be held as normal. It is therefore not useful to compare 2020 attendance with previous years. Services continued, being broadcast onto the St Luke's Facebook page live, each Sunday morning at 11am. These services were held in Church when restrictions allowed and from people's homes when the Church building was closed.

Interim Minister's Foreword

2020 is a year we will never forget! I am so proud of everyone and the way you have supported one another through the difficulties and challenges of the pandemic.

As you read the report that follows you will see how much has been going on despite the circumstances, as we have continued our three areas of focus – Up: giving glory to God and developing our relationship with him. In: encouraging and supporting each other. Out: seeking to serve those around us and make God known in the world. Not to mention worshipping God, enjoying his presence and sharing his love, which has been our strapline since 2005!

I'm hugely grateful to everyone who has contributed to the life of St Luke's this year.

Thanks to those taking part in the services - a particular joy has been hearing from someone each week about their life, and how they see God at work. Thanks to the worship leaders, those who have preached, led prayers, managed the tech, hosted the prayer space, packed faith packs, delivered Easter and Christmas cards, given to the Advent food collection & led groups - to pray, to support one another & love the people around you.

Thanks to the roofing company for coming back again and again until they got to the bottom of the leaks. Thanks to Chris Blackburn for his work as our architect and Richard Taylor, who's a retired structural engineer, for offering to be a 'critical friend' for the building project. Thanks to Peter and Michael Harrison for all their creative and skilful work, turning our plans into reality. Thanks to John Hayes for making two beautiful benches for the carpenter's workshop – it's virtually ready to open!

Thanks to Alison for her presence and work around the Spitler, with so many connections with people. She's built a strong foundation & we wish her well as she moves to Sunderland.

Thanks to all those who have quietly got on with looking out for one another. Thanks to David and Jenny for all their love and care for me, and their continuing encouragement to all our leaders.

Thanks to David and Phil as churchwardens, for their support, wisdom and massive practical help which they have given sacrificially. I really appreciate them & they have been a great encouragement to me.

Many thanks to the PCC, we've had some good discussions and I look forward to seeing what God has for St Luke's as we seek him for the next season.

Thanks to Jenni for all she has done to keep things running smoothly and for her unstinting support. All the very best to her and Robert for their marriage, we will really miss her!

Thanks to Jimmy who has never failed to turn up whenever needed, including at very inconvenient times, for all the redecoration & gardening and for keeping an eagle eye on the building. And thanks to Lynn who's come in to clean whenever needed.

Finally, a huge thanks to everyone for carrying on giving generously. And thanks to every single one of you for being part of our family – you are much loved!

Alice

Churchwardens Report

As Church Wardens our main role is to support our Vicar, first with Robert and now with Alice. We are so thankful to God for them both!

A major change for St Luke's was the retirement of Robert as Vicar. He was the Pioneer leader of the St Luke's Fresh Expressions Initiative which was launched in 2003. He was inducted as Vicar in 2007. He retired on 5th June, his 72nd birthday.

Due to the pandemic all activities to mark this momentous occasion had to take place online. For his last Sunday service on 31st May, which fittingly was Pentecost Sunday, Robert preached and then was surprised by a video rendition of 'I love you Lord' recorded by many members of St Luke's, past and present and put together skilfully by Josh. Thanks to some covert recording of a zoom meeting by Alice, the song began and ended with Robert himself singing.

To mark his retirement, we had a zoom party on 3rd June. A cake in the shape of his beloved Morris car, along with a mini 'Run Life's Race with Jesus' banner, was delivered to his house along with gifts from

the Church family. Both former and current members contributed to a photobook of his 14 years at St Luke's, with photos and memories alongside messages of thanks.

We received approval from Bishop Christine for Alice to step in seamlessly to take over from Robert and she was installed as Interim Minister on Sunday 14th June during a zoom service, by then Archdeacon Mark Wroe. The circumstances have been very challenging and Alice has brought her own unique touch to proceedings. As wardens, we have helped her and support her as she has led us through these difficult times. As a church we have adapted to zoom meetings and have had some excellent online all church midweek meetings too.

Alice's initial appointment is for a year, although this may be extended due to the unique challenges of 2020. Therefore, in the first half of 2021 we will be starting the process of appointing a new permanent Vicar, beginning with preparing a Parish Profile. This helps us as a church to define who we are and what qualities we are looking for in the next Vicar of St Luke's.

As a Church we have needed to update a number of policies this year and added new ones too. Alice has taken the lead in this with the help of Jenni and the PCC. We have implemented new Safeguarding and Health & Safety measures, lone working policy and improved the agreement with the Junction 42 team.

As you will see in the Treasurer's Report, our finances have been negatively impacted by the pandemic and associated lockdown and restrictions. This has mainly affected the income from hall hire, and offerings taken during services. We are grateful to have received grants from the Government both in business support grants for those forced to close with the restrictions, and through the furlough scheme, as the workload of all employees was reduced. We are very grateful to all the Church members who have continued to give generously. These two areas of income, along with reducing our expenditure have allowed our accounts to look significantly healthier than would be the case without either aspect.

[Buildings - Church Restoration](#)

The progress of the Restoration project has been significantly hindered by the Covid-19 pandemic, both through lockdown preventing work from happening, and illness within the building team. The Carpenter's Workshop has been transformed from an empty, damp, shell to a wonderful space with basic amenities where Jimmy, our Maintenance Officer, can do his work, and people can come to pray. Early in 2021 the finishing touches will be applied, painting the walls, fitting the flooring and adding benches and facilities for making basic refreshments. We are looking forward to being able to open it in a Covid-Safe manner when restrictions have been sufficiently relaxed.

Within the Church building itself, the preparatory work surrounding the baptistry and Lady Chapel has been completed, and work has just begun on installing the toilet block in the former organ chamber.

As Robert was managing the project to a large extent, his retirement necessitated a change in the management strategy. A Buildings Working Group has been established to direct the project, and a local retired expert has offered to be an informal advisor to guide us through the process. Chris Blackburn, our architect, has been appointed as Principal Designer and is now taking a more significant role in overseeing the work. We remain very grateful to Chris, and to Peter Harrison and his son Michael from Ensign Services who are doing this restoration work to a very high standard.

Fundraising has continued gradually throughout the year. We are very grateful to the Vardy Foundation for issuing the second half of the pledged £100,000 match funded grant. We are thrilled that applications to Allchurches Trust for the project as a whole, and to the National Churches Trust for the toilet block, have been successful, with grants of £14,000 and £15,000 respectively. We are also very grateful to the Lyndhurst Trust for their ongoing support.

An appeal by Robert shortly before he retired to family, friends, past St Luke's members and those he has worked alongside during his ministry has raised more than £5000 so far. We greatly appreciate all these contributions, as well as the ongoing support of many current Church members.

As far as the building is concerned, we have had to spend a significant sum of money from our reserves to repair part of the church roof which was leaking into the hall and into Jenni's office. Also, Jimmy has spent a lot of time re decorating the church hall and smartening things up. Lockdown and illness have severely hindered our building team in the renovation work for the main Church building.

Buildings – Hall

At the end of 2019 it was clear the flat portion of the hall roof was leaking and needed to be replaced. Several roofing companies were approached for quotes, and the work took place at the end of March. This used a significant sum of money from our reserves, however it was known about in advance and therefore budgeted for. Sadly, as the autumn set in, we discovered there were still problems with leaks in the roof in the hall and upstairs rooms. As the work was covered with a warranty, we are engaging with the roofer about further work to ensure the building is water tight.

The restrictions on in person gatherings meant the Hall was closed for several months, and the facilities couldn't be hired out as would be normal. This gave an opportunity for Jimmy to repaint various parts of the building which needed redecoration. This work continued gradually throughout the rest of 2020, and will continue into 2021 as is necessary.

David & Phil

Growing as Community

There is no doubt that 2020 brought significant challenges to building community amongst a congregation scattered across the city and region. At the start of the year we met in person, including for monthly 'All Together meals', including for Ash Wednesday on 26th February, but this was not to last.

Following the 'stay at home' order all of our midweek groups moved online, meeting via zoom, and our services to Facebook live. We had monthly 'All Together zooms' enabling the whole Church to come together virtually, chat and share with each other and receive teaching or consider a topic together. Our Community Groups remained a place of support for each other, as you will see from the following reports.

Although restricted on what we could do in our localities, we continued to try and have an external focus. Many within the Church got involved with packing 'Faith packs' for Junction 42 to send into prisons. This initiative grew over the year resulting in tens of thousands of packs being put together, and several folk continued to join with this regularly either in their own homes or within St Luke's or Junction 42's offices. At Christmas we did a 'reverse advent calendar', encouraging everyone to put a non-perishable food or toiletry item into a box every day during Advent. These were then taken to the People's Kitchen after Christmas to distribute to those they worked with.

Aroos

The year started out like many others – morning prayer before the workday, weekly worship evenings and local community building in all its various forms. We continued to celebrate monthly open-mic opportunities at our local pub as a chance to grow in creative expression of God’s love and we experienced a real openness to share our faith, intergenerationally. During the initial lockdown, many ‘activities’ were placed on-hold. However, we continued to grow up, in and out! A real gift during this time has been the connection with wider community members whose friendship has become increasingly meaningful – especially as gathering has been physically restricted. Other highlights include creative action such as goodie bags for local bus drivers (including a prayer and word of encouragement), communal street art (using pavement chalk to share hope), and monthly competitions (e.g. pumpkin carving, window decorating, Christmas carols, etc.) which have all provided a natural avenue for us to share the authentic expression of who we are in Christ.

Josh, Siona, Phil & Carmen

Fenham Family

Our group has remained small and close knit. Sharing our hopes, struggles, dreams and looking for opportunities together. We enjoyed supporting Rob as he carried mission and discipleship in United, and in similar ways encouraged each other in wherever prohibited or challenges were available to each of us. When we moved to virtual meetings, we initially had the opportunity to connect and include people who've been part of our community in the past who are now further afield. Similarly, we found that while local opportunities presented less frequently due to lockdowns etc, we were also connecting with other people in our lives that we wouldn't often connect with face to face. This bringing more chances to love and to share Jesus in some ways.

As the pandemic wore on and impacted us in various tricky ways, along with personal heartbreak and struggles, our community became focused on praying and caring for one another. We talked about how we can make it a safe space to really be able to be vulnerable in order to truly walk alongside and disciple one another, and share in each other’s journeys. We managed a BBQ and a walk during the summer, but largely stayed in touch using zoom and WhatsApp, occasionally having a time of worship and always sharing in prayer. We had one or two attempts at games over Zoom as well, which in the future may be an opportunity to invite others to connect with us and witness the love of God among us.

Catie & Pete xx

The Spitler Group

Like all other groups we have had to respond to the coronavirus issue and implications on meeting. The year started with the Group enjoying a Chinese New Year Feast, courtesy of Juan and Hui. It provided an opportunity to invite others to what was a magnificent banquet. Our thanks to Juan and Hui for all their hard work.

With lockdown looming, we switched to fortnightly meetings via Zoom and a big thank you to Jenni for organising this. When restrictions eased, we did manage to meet occasionally outside and realised the benefits of face-to-face gatherings. Further restrictions meant a return to Zoom and an opportunity to refocus somewhat on the needs of the individuals within the Group. We have been working through the book of James which I would recommend to others.

Finally, 3 Group members have or are soon to move out of Spital Tongues. As our mission was to reach out to the Spital Tongues Community, it was really helpful to members with “feet on the ground” so as to speak. Those members who lived in the area could also provide us with needs for any of those in the

Community. This link will be difficult to re-establish and the Group will need to have a rethink as to how we can continue to support our missional goal.

Thanks to all members of the Spitler Group for their loyalty and support over the past 12 months.

Robin

United

United's fledgling year as a St Luke's community group has been exciting and challenging given the past and present circumstances of 2020 (Covid-19 and Lockdowns). We have had over 30 men engage with our group since inception. Some only engaging for a short while and others attending every week rain or shine. The group has allowed members to grow closer with one another which has led to a greater depth of fellowship within the male community of the Church as well as providing a positive outlet and exercise for all attendees. Pre-Covid we were able to gather after our game for a coffee and chat. Post-Covid this has changed to a fortnightly zoom or a quick dispersion after our game (when we have been allowed to play). Our relationship and communication with J42 and the Connect community have developed over the course of the year and the numbers attending from those groups have increased as a result of this. This means we have a strong core group of attendees as well as a healthy rotation of new faces.

Rob & Tom

Connect

After the first few months meeting as normal, Connect was forced to stop in person meetings when the risk became too high. Connect immediately started meetings on Facebook live on a Tuesday evening, and over the year have developed a new Facebook Connect Newcastle group. They continue to stream a meeting every week, including worship, preaching and live breakout rooms to build community and pray together.

Connect Newcastle has linked with several other Connect groups in the region for these meetings, so the Facebook group now has nearly 800 people with about 300-400 watching each week either live or after the event. Over the summer, those who wanted to met in small clusters of six people outside to support each other, before rising case numbers meant outdoor meetings weren't allowed again.

In December, Connect started twice daily zoom prayer meetings, between 6-7am and 7-8pm. Usually around 15 people attend each of these meetings.

As serving food, enthusiastic worship and praying for each other are key elements of a Connect meeting it is likely Connect will remain online for some time. This makes genuine discipleship of those who come more challenging, but allows for a wider reach of the work than can happen in person.

John & Jenni

Loving the Parish

Finding practical ways of loving our parish proved an even bigger challenge than normal in 2020! With very few Church members living within the parish, most of what we did was from a distance. The first national lockdown came just before Easter, so as we couldn't deliver cards door to door, we posted them instead to every house in the parish whose address we could work out! About 650 cards were posted with an Easter message of hope.

We signed up with the Love Your Neighbour network so if anyone got in touch with them from our parish, we could see what practical support we could provide. We also set up a prayer group for prayer requests

from the parish and a team of folk willing to phone people to chat with them and pray if they wanted. These initiatives were not significantly used, but it was good to have them.

Each week our Morning Prayer meetings prayed for two streets or businesses in the parish by name, asking God to bless all wholesome activities and the residents of that street.

As restrictions eased in the summer and Churches were allowed to open for private prayer, we held and 'Open Prayer Space' in the Hall, opening from 11am – 1pm every weekday in July. There were different prayer stations for folk to engage with in a Covid secure way. We had a banner on the outside of the Church publicising it, and posters in the local shops. It was good to have the Church doors open, and although there weren't many visitors, just being open felt like an important step.

At Christmas we decided to include a small gift of two chocolate coins with the Christmas cards. They were hand delivered on the Saturday before Christmas by a team of folk from the Church and were accompanied by Josh, Phil and Cassie performing Christmas Carols in three locations round the parish. These cards were well received. On the Church we had a Christmas banner which matched the cards, and we put solar powered fairy lights in the cypress trees as a symbol of Jesus, the light in the darkness.

On Christmas Day Kim and Catherine prepared Christmas meals in the church kitchen, which were delivered as a gift to a number of households in Mill House as well as others who were contacted through Connect.

As we move into 2021, we are continuing to seek God for more ways of engaging with the parish that he has entrusted to us.

Worship team

At the start of the year, we were working as a team of musicians facilitating the leading of church worship services, morning and evening on Sundays. Our team numbers around about 12 people who fulfil roles of worship leader, backing singer or backing instrumentalist. Before lockdown we tried to meet together once a month for training, feedback and fellowship. Since lockdown we have not met as a team and only worship leaders have been involved individually on zoom meetings each week. We remain supportive of each other even though only half of the worship team is currently involved.

Our vision is always to be led by the Spirit, to encourage the members of the church in their own worship and to glorify Jesus to the best of our ability.

David M

Prayer

Morning prayer

Although for most of the year we have not been able to meet in person Morning Prayer has continued on Zoom. We've met on Tuesday at 8am to 9am and Wednesday at 9am to 10am. At each meeting we pray specifically for two members of St Luke's and an area of the Parish. These meetings are valued by those that attend and provide a focus for our spiritual and devotional life at St Luke's.

David & Jenny

Let's Pray

The monthly intercession meeting has been held on the first Monday evening of the month from 7.30pm to 8.30pm via Zoom. These meetings provide an opportunity to listen to God and hear what he is saying to us as a church and to be able to intercede for St Luke's and the nation.

David & Jenny

Urgent Prayer team

Over the year, we have supported members of St Luke's and their friends & family as we responded to calls for prayer in difficult situations. These have been mainly health related: two people making a good recovery following really bad accidents; several people being supported through varying severities of Covid, including at least one amazing recovery.

Anne & Una

Family's/Children's Work

2020 started with high hopes for increasing families work following the successful Christmas events of 2019. In January there was a family get together in the Linden Room to allow parents and children to meet together and start discussions about what would be helpful. There were plans for a family friendly Palm Sunday service, but these had to be cancelled with lockdown.

It has been challenging trying to connect with our families and children during this year as many are fed up with computer screens by the weekend and don't particularly engage with activities over zoom. During the Church Weekend Away at Home Naomi, the Children's Worker at St Thomas' Church put together a morning of activities for the children. For the Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative leading up to Pentecost Family Activity packs were delivered to each family household and we encouraged families to look at the children's activities on offer at the various online festivals that happened during the year, including Spring Harvest Home and New Wine Online.

In December we were excited to be able to hold a socially distanced Christingle service for families, with 7 families including 10 children attending. Everyone made their own Christingle and learned about the significance of each element of it. As families left, home activity packs were handed out. These were also delivered to the houses of families who couldn't make the service.

Although challenging, we are encouraged by the number of families now involved with St Luke's. Ceri is expanding a WhatsApp group to connect the parents so they can encourage each other, and we look forward to hearing how we can support them more in the future.

Visiting Speakers and Events

In the first few months of 2020 we had several visiting speakers, including Terry and Anne Young, the NE Eden Representatives; Esther Swaffield-Bray from IJM and Paul Merton. We had a wonderful farewell evening for Christian who was moving to Birmingham to work for Sports Chaplaincy UK, and they came to speak and commission him for his new work.

The 15th of March was our last in person service before lockdown began, then services moved online onto Facebook. Occasional guest speakers continued with them contributing at a distance, including David Campbell in May, and John & Anne Coles during our Church Weekend Away at home. We were delighted to welcome Paul Merton back to speak at our Christmas Carol service.

Several planned or usual events had to be cancelled, including sadly a visit from Riding Lights. The Great North Run was also cancelled so we were unable to do our usual outreach to the runners. We hope very much these events will be possible again in 2021.

Church Weekend Away at Home

We had planned our Church Weekend Away for the first weekend in May at Minsteracres as usual. As it became clear this wouldn't be possible, we moved to holding the weekend at home, on zoom! John and Anne Coles from New Wine were our speakers and joined from their home in the south of England.

About 35 households took part in the weekend. As well as times of worship led by our wonderful worship team, and teaching from John and Anne, there were times when we were able to get together in breakout rooms to chat and socialise, as would normally happen at the Weekend Away. As mentioned earlier, Naomi, the Children's Worker from St Thomas' Church led a session on Saturday morning for the children so they could also take part in the weekend.

John and Anne taught on our spiritual lives being an integral part of our day-to-day life and encouraged us to practice praying for healing and asking God for prophecies and encouraging words for each other. As it was Robert's last Church Weekend before he retired, they also helped the Church family to reflect on Robert's leadership and send in our memories and messages of thanks for him.

On Saturday afternoon we encouraged everyone to be creative and go for a walk or bike ride, or do a craft or activity at home and then send in photos of what they got up to. It was lovely to see everyone's leisure activities and it gave a real sense of fun to the weekend. Saturday evening saw our traditional 'Weekend Away Quiz' again hosted by Quizmaster Phil. It was obviously different to previous years, but just as enjoyable and crazy.

Financial Review

The past year has been a less than typical year in the life of the church's finances and as such any detailed comparison with past years would not be a true comparison. When we compare the overall picture with 2019, we see both income and expenditure have both fallen slightly, with total income still greater than total expenditure. However, looking at our unrestricted fund in isolation, expenditure has exceeded income by around £12,400 which is slightly less than the cost of the hall roof repair.

I would like to thank all those who have generously given throughout this past year. Our reduced income comes from a slight reduction in planned giving of around 10% compared to 2019 and significant loss of hall hire income. As this was due to Covid restrictions, it has been largely offset by local and national Covid grants the church has received, for which we thank God.

Across the latter part of the year especially, great diligence has been put into ensuring that the church's expenditure has not been greater than necessary to prevent the significant reduction in reserves that have been built up over previous years. This has been successfully achieved, with only the roof repair causing the reduction in reserves through this testing season. While this season has been one of prudence, we still felt it right to continue giving externally where possible. To this end the church has supported Junction 42, Kairos Connexion, our Compassion sponsored child, Fusion, The Message Trust, International Justice Mission, Newcastle and Northumbria Universities Christian Unions, The Children's Society and various visiting speakers. The Kingdom Equality Fund still exists, although with minimal income it hasn't supported as many people as in previous years.

During 2020 we have continued to receive restricted income for the Sanctuary Restoration Project which has again operated within its means across the year. We have also received the following very generous grants towards the Sanctuary Restoration Project: Northumbria Historic Churches Trust (£5000), Allchurches Trust (£14,000), Lyndhurst Trust (£5000 for building) and money from the Listed Places of

Worship VAT reclaim scheme. These are all in addition to the second instalment of a £50,000 match funded grant towards the restoration project.

While it has not been possible to fully utilise our budget this past year it will serve as a useful guide to build future budgets from. We are once again very grateful to Lynn Armstrong, our accountant, for all the work she had done collating and approving our finances and it is again my recommendation that we continue working with her into the future.

Peter (Treasurer)

Safeguarding

There have been two safeguarding issues during the year. In each case, assistance and advice was received from the diocese. Both the incidents have been around potential attendance of people at St. Luke's who could pose a risk. Our safeguarding procedures led to agreements being reached with the people concerned and measures put in place to avoid the risk of safeguarding incidents.

As St. Luke's has been in lockdown for most of the past year, safeguarding activity has been minimal. The procedures and policies agreed for St. Luke's are regularly reviewed, to ensure compliance with national and local Church of England guidelines. During the coming year it will be necessary to update safeguarding training for those who undertake roles with a safeguarding element.

Andrew

Deanery Synod

A new Deanery Synod is elected every three years, and 2020 was an election year with the new Synod due to start in June. As with so many other things, the Covid-19 pandemic delayed this transition. As such, Jenni attended her last Synod meeting in February before her and David stepped down as Deanery Synod Representatives at the APCM in October. Jane was elected as our new Deanery Synod Representative; the other position is vacant.

In February the Synod discussed what we had done well over the past three years, and then had ideas for future ways Synod could enable the Churches in our Deanery to work together more productively. Groups came up with various ideas for multi-church outreach projects and ways of sharing ideas and resources to learn from each other's experiences. The June and September meetings were cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

In November the new Deanery Synod met via zoom for an introductory meeting to start to get to know each other and appoint people to various roles within the Synod.

Jenni

PCC News

The PCC met regularly throughout the year, initially in person then, from March, on zoom. The planned APCM in April was postponed until October, and so the PCC elected in 2019 continued until then. Due to continuing restrictions, the APCM was conducted via zoom, with the Church open to allow those who couldn't attend online to join in in person.

During the year we welcomed Tom as a co-opted PCC member, and he was then elected at the October meeting. As Jenni stood down as Deanery Synod Representative, she also stopped being a PCC member and trustee of the St Luke's Charity. She remains on the PCC as Secretary, but without a vote. There remain three vacancies for PCC members and one for a Deanery Synod Representative.

The PCC continues to employ Jenni and Jimmy. As Jimmy was unable to work from home during the lockdown he was put on furlough. He has remained on flexible furlough for the rest of 2020, doing the decorating work gradually as much of his normal work assisting hall hirers has not been possible. In November it was decided that Jenni should be put onto flexible furlough as well due to a reduction in work load. These arrangements are likely to continue well into 2021.

Reuben was also employed for much of the year as Connect Kitchen Worker as his 6-month fixed term contract was renewed at the start of April in anticipation of Connect meetings restarting. He was put onto furlough, and then his contract ended at the end of September. We were glad to be able to continue supporting him through the early days of lockdown by using the furlough scheme. When Connect is able to resume providing meals for their meetings we will look to employ another Kitchen Worker.

David and Phil continue to serve as Church Wardens, and were re-elected in October. We remain very grateful to them and to the whole PCC for their work and dedication to the running of St Luke's.

Jenni (PCC Secretary)

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH SPITAL TONGUES

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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ST. LUKE'S CHURCH SPITAL TONGUES

CHURCH INFORMATION

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the PCC of the St Luke's Church, Spital Tongues

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 3 to 7, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees 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.

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 statement

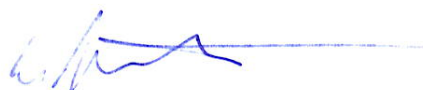
My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures 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:-

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met.

Signed



Mrs L Armstrong
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Independent Examiner

22nd April 2021

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Income and expenditure account

INCOMING RESOURCES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2,020 £	Total Funds 2,019 £
Voluntary receipts						
Planned Giving		56,750	-	3,650	60,400	66,750
Income Tax Recovery		13,875	227	4,351	18,454	24,513
Open Plate collections		1,238	613	488	2,340	9,938
Other voluntary receipts						
Donations and Appeals		650	1,705	8,656	11,011	44,978
Sundry donations		-	-	-	-	-
Legacies		-	-	-	-	-
		<u>72,514</u>	<u>2,546</u>	<u>17,145</u>	<u>92,205</u>	<u>146,179</u>
Activities for generating funds						
Fetes Bazaars, other fund raising events		-	-	-	-	480
Church Hall lettings etc		6,118	-	75	6,193	25,515
Bookstall sales		-	-	-	-	50
Sundry income		15	-	-	15	-
		<u>6,133</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>6,208</u>	<u>26,045</u>
Investment income						
Interest		-	-	25	25	61
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>61</u>
Income from church activities						
Grants	5	14,359	-	76,524	90,883	48,204
Gifts		-	-	-	-	-
Fees		188	-	-	188	308
Insurance claim		3,381	-	-	3,381	-
Refunds		-	-	-	-	1,314
Church weekend		-	-	-	-	4,265
Sundry Receipts		-	-	210	210	147
		<u>17,927</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76,734</u>	<u>94,662</u>	<u>54,238</u>
Total incoming resources		<u>96,575</u>	<u>2,546</u>	<u>93,980</u>	<u>193,100</u>	<u>226,523</u>
Excess of income over expenditure		-12,410	-455	56,384	43,519	8,045
Transfers between funds		-700	700		-	-
Balances brought forward 1 January 20		39,849	152	30,415	70,416	62,371
Balance carried forward at 31 December 20		<u>26,739</u>	<u>397</u>	<u>86,799</u>	<u>113,935</u>	<u>70,416</u>

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RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2,020 £	Total Funds 2,019 £
Church activities						
Mission and charitable giving		1,824	120	1,100	3,044	5,415
		1,824	120	1,100	3,044	5,415
Activities : related to church work						
Ministry : Parish share		5,000	-	-	5,000	4,500
Clarence trust		11,095	-	-	11,095	25,810
Clarence trust - pension		4,179	-	-	4,179	9,640
Clergy Costs		18,841	-	-	18,841	-
Clergy expenses		1,442	-	-	1,442	3,716
Visiting speakers		750	-	200	950	3,974
Support staff expenses		220	-	-	220	515
Outreach		716	1,011	200	1,927	3,934
Church running expenses		6,824	-	-	6,824	8,248
Church maintenance		3,814	-	40	3,854	3,477
Cleaning		1,950	-	-	1,950	6,020
Hall running costs		138	-	-	138	339
Major repairs	4	14,220	-	32,625	46,845	90,879
Upkeep of church services		126	-	-	126	403
Copyright Licence		339	-	-	339	302
Connect costs and hospitality		-	-	602	602	2,989
Hospitality		477	-	-	477	2,203
Children's resources		-	-	56	56	4
Magazine and books		22	-	-	22	119
Salaries		28,244	-	1,249	29,493	27,572
Pensions		1,473	-	-	1,473	1,324
Refunds		-	-	-	-	-
Gifts		485	1,141	1,049	2,676	1,536
Training and mission events		479	-	-	479	1,018
Church weekend costs		-	-	-	-	5,251
Volunteer travel and expenses		-	-	-	-	344
Sundry expenditure		111	583	-	694	26
Quinquennial		-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	2	2,032	-	-	2,032	2,933
Equipment purchased	3	1,394	140	139	1,673	2,730
		104,371	2,875	36,161	143,407	209,806
Generation of voluntary income						
Costs of fund raising events		-	-	136	136	728
		-	-	136	136	728
Governance Costs						
Accountancy		500	-	-	500	500
Advertising printing and stationery		183	-	2	185	341
Website and software		510	-	-	510	147
Subscriptions and licenses		604	-	175	779	120
Telephone		918	-	-	918	1,319
Bank and card charges		75	5	22	102	102
		2,790	5	199	2,994	2,529
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		108,985	3,000	37,596	149,581	218,478

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BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2,020 £	Total Funds 2,019 £
Fixed Assets						
Tangible assets	2	11,304	-	-	11,304	13,336
Current Assets						
Cash at bank and in hand		16,449	397	86,799	103,645	58,434
		27,753	397	86,799	114,949	71,770
Liabilities						
Creditors		1,013	-	-	1,013	1,353
NET CURRENT ASSETS		26,740	397	86,799	113,935	70,417
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Creditors fallen due after one year		-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL NET ASSETS		26,740	397	86,799	113,935	70,417
PARISH FUNDS	6	26,740	397	86,799	113,935	70,417

Approved by the Parish of St Luke's Church, Spital Tongues, and signed on its behalf by Rev A. Ward
(PCC Chairperson)

Rev'd A. Ward

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1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the accruals basis.

2 Fixed Assets for use by the PCC

Tangible Assets	Fixtures and Fittings	Furnishing and equipment	Musical equipment	Total 2020
		£	£	£
Gross book value				
at 1 January 2020	8,726	3,982	628	13,336
revaluation surplus	-	-	-	-
Additions during year	-	-	-	-
at 31 December 2020	8,726	3,982	628	13,336
Depreciation				
for year	1,309	597	126	2,032
Net book value				
at 31 December 2020	7,417	3,385	502	11,304

3 Fixed assets under £5,000 are written off in the year of purchase.	2,020
	£
Speakers and cables	66
Laptop	600
Guitar equipment	155
Kitchen equipment	287
Security equipment	156
Lights	158
Furniture	210
Various equipment	41
	1673

4 Major repairs	2,020
	£
Sanctuary restoration	20,693
Roof repair	14,220
Carpenter's workshop	11,932
	46,845

5 Grants received	2,020
	£
Vardy foundation	50,000
Listed places of worship	3,127
Lyndhurst trust	6,000
HMRC - Furlough grant	5,088
Newcastle City Council - Covid 19 grant	7,668
Northumberland Historic Churches	5,000
Allchurches Trust	14,000
	90,883

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6 Movements in designated and restricted funds were:-

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Excess/-Deficit of receipts over payments	-12,410	-455	56,384	43,519
Transfers between funds	-700	700	0	0
Balance at 1 January 20	39,849	152	30,415	70,416
Balance at 31 December 20	26,739	397	86,799	113,935

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Movement in Funds

FUNDS	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	
					Designated	Restricted
Connect Newcastle fund	3,961.62	3,970.33	3,729.80			4,202.15
Sanctuary restoration	25,583.73	88,999.57	32,761.15			81,822.15
Kingdom equality fund	11.81	1,000.00	1,074.00		-275.00	212.81
Children's church	178.86		56.05			122.81
Classic car club	247.52					247.52
Specific offerings	181.50	734.13	619.60		104.53	191.50
Outreach funds	156.76	612.50	1,150.87	700.00	318.39	
St Luke's events	245.13	3.89			249.02	
Weekend away	0.00				0.00	
Retirement gift	0.00	1,205.00	1,205.00		0.00	
	30566.93	96525.42	40596.47	700.00	396.94	86798.94

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the PCC of the St Luke's Church, Spital Tongues

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 3 to 7, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees 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.

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 statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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:-

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met.

Signed



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Independent Examiner

22nd April 2021