

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

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	Mrs L Armstrong 68 Leander Drive Henley Grange Boldon Colliery NE35 9LS

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
68 Leander Drive
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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
Adminstration 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

St. Luke's Church Spital Tongues
Notes to the Financial Statements
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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