

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BISHOP AUCKLAND

England & Wales · Charity number 1180703

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2018-11-15

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

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

Activities: We promote in the ecclesiastical parish of Bishop Auckland the whole mission of the church, conducting Christian services and ceremonies and raising awareness of the Christian faith and practices, providing pastoral care and outreach and supporting other charitable causes.

Classification

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

Geography

- Durham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£107,862	£167,299	-	-
2023-12-31	£101,774	£143,755	-	-
2022-12-31	£90,586	£148,325	-	-
2021-12-31	£161,506	£166,098	-	-
2020-12-31	£121,715	£174,802	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev MATTHEW PAUL KEDDILTY	Chair	2017-11-06
CATHERINE ELIZABETH TAYLOR		2016-04-21
Daniel John Bradley		2025-05-18
David Riddell		2023-05-21
Jenny Laycock		2025-11-10
Joanne Elizabeth Green		2023-07-10
Julie Bowes		2024-05-19
Katie Louise Redhead		2025-05-18
MARTIN JAMES WOOD		2016-04-21
NORA JONES		2024-05-19
Nicholas Barker		2024-05-19
Rev Christopher Ashley Moss		2025-07-14
Ruth Isabel Keddilty		2025-05-28
Ruth Mabel Riddell		2023-06-28

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All are welcome to attend our regular services. In 2024 our parish worshipping community consisted of 124 people (31 children aged 0-10, 10 young people aged 11-17, 53 adults aged 18-69 and 30 adults aged 70+).

In 2025, we have prepared an entirely new Electoral Roll, as per the due process. There are now 64 people on the Church Electoral Roll.

As well as our regular services, we enable our local community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life and offer appropriate pastoral support. In 2024, 21 baptisms, 2 weddings and 27 funerals (of which 10 were conducted at a crematorium or cemetery) took place in our parish. On 3rd November we held a service for All Souls in St Anne's Church for the relatives of those whose funerals had been conducted in the parish during the past year so that they could light a candle, listen to a short reflection and remember their loved ones.

Work with Children, Youth & Families

During 2024 our work with children, young people and families expanded following the recent appointment of our Growing Faith Mission Leader to work with 5-11s throughout the parish, to work alongside our refocussed Early Years Mission Leader. We also employed a Blessed Beginnings Sessional Worker to cover a long-term sickness absence. We undertook our weekly, term-time, activities of: *Blessed Beginnings* (our group for babies and toddlers and their parents / carers); *Kingdom Kids* (our group for 5-11s and their families); and, *Youth Group* (for young people aged 11 -18 years). During school holidays we ran a range of activities including a free family film club (with a hot meal included) and *Stay 'n' Play* sessions.

We continue supporting local primary schools by delivering a programme of weekly assemblies and RE lessons. We also worked with local primary schools to produce a large colourful display in St Anne's during the weekend of the Food Festival and a similar display of decorations at the Christmas Tree Festival in St Anne's which coincided with the town's Christmas Market. On both occasions many families came into church to see what their children had made in school. We also held our Christingle service in St Andrew's Church.

Ministry to the Elderly

Lay pastoral visitors visit house-bound parishioners and spend time talking, listening and giving communion to these people, who have been regular long-term church worshippers but who are no longer able to come to church. The pastoral visitors also visit anyone who has been in hospital and needs time to recuperate before returning to church. Those receiving visits all say how much they enjoy them, and that they feel better afterwards.

Town Events

Once again, the Bishop Auckland Food Festival took place in April and St Anne's Church was open throughout the weekend providing refreshments and toilet facilities as well as a place for children to play. On Remembrance Sunday, the church and various members, led the town's Civic Parade at the memorial, followed by a service in St Anne's Church; and on D-Day led local civic proceedings to mark the 80th anniversary. After opening for the weekend of Bishop Auckland Christmas Town with a Christmas Tree festival in St Anne's Church, on the Saturday before Christmas, we held a carol service in the Market Place.

Helping people in need

Our appointment of a Community Mission Leader increased our capacity to support individuals within and without our church family, allowing us to respond to the needs of the community, facilitate regular social events.

We continue to support our local food bank (part of a crisis intervention project based in Woodhouse Close Church Community Centre) through donations of food and hygiene products, in addition to financial assistance.

Throughout the year we have given to other registered charities in this country and overseas. These currently include Christians against Poverty, Compassion UK (through whom we sponsor a little boy in Kenya), The Message Trust, Medaille Trust, Mercy Ships and Prison Fellowship.

We have also supported local families by holding a baby clothing event and a school uniform event with items of clothing available free of charge or for a small donation. Grants of £1000 and donations from the community were used to purchase school uniform. We also keep a supply of used children's clothes to offer to anyone who asks us for them.

When deciding which charities to support and for how long, the parish Global Mission Committee will bear in mind some of the stated priorities of the Diocese, namely poverty, children and the environment. We also continue to provide practical assistance to individuals who approach the church directly for help and where necessary we signpost them to the appropriate agencies when longer term support is required. In our care for the wider world, we seek where possible to use Fairtrade and environmentally friendly products.

We have also continued to help displaced Ukrainian families with clothes and given practical help and support to help them with their new life in our town. We held a Service of Prayer for Ukraine to mark the second anniversary of the invasion.

Ecumenical Involvement

Bishop Auckland Parish is a member of the Bishop Auckland Fellowship of Christian Churches (BAFCC), a grouping of local churches from various Christian denominations. BAFCC events in which the Bishop Auckland Parish were involved included the weekly Lent lunches and the 'Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity'.

Parish Website and Facebook Page

Information about safeguarding and contact details for the parish are available on our website (www.baparish.church), and our Facebook page ([Bishop Auckland Parish](#)) is regularly updated.

Buildings

To facilitate our work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the churches of St Andrew (Grade I listed) and St Anne (Grade 2) and ensure that all equipment is serviced and inspected as necessary.

A programme of building works is being developed to provide St Anne's Church with more appropriate facilities needed to serve the local community. The south roof of St Anne's Church is in need of repair / replacement and we are currently looking into the possibility of installing solar panels or slates.

During 2024, works were carried out to restore the Bells at St Andrew's Church, and a special service of rededication of the bells and a blessing of the new bell roles was also held on 28th April 2024.

In 2024, St Andrew's Church celebrated its 750th birthday. Various celebratory events were held throughout the year including four scheduled concerts featuring a number of Choirs and the Durham Constabulary Brass Band, plus a special service on St Andrews day.

Hire of Church Premises

St Anne's Church has a number of spaces available for hire at reasonable rates, subject to the completion of a hire agreement which includes compliance with health and safety and safeguarding regulations.

Financial Review

In 2024 total receipts into unrestricted funds were £61,545: unrestricted voluntary donations amounted to £53,796, of which £9,310 was claimed as Gift Aid. Receipts from church activities, principally fees for weddings and funerals, contributed £4,279.

Of receipts into restricted funds of £46,317, grants accounted for £23,742. Most of these grants were for the staff costs.

Regular giving was up slightly on the previous year again (£36,591 - up from £36,440 in 2023).

At £107,862, total Parish receipts were higher than the £101,774 received in 2023, due mainly to increases in donations and fees for our activities and grants.

A total of £94,694 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from Bishop Auckland Parish, including the contribution of a Diocesan Parish Share of £39,210, (£7,969 more than in 2023). Other major costs were in respect of insurance, utilities, and buildings maintenance.

Payments from restricted funds amounted to £72,605; much of the youth and children's work was funded by grants from the Scotto Trust, with a significant additional proportion coming from Parish reserves in the form of the St Anne's Old School Fund, which is available for application for educational purposes.

Total payments in the year were £167,299, an increase from the £143,755 in 2023.

The net result for the year was an excess of payments over receipts of £59,437 overall.

Based on the bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31 December 2024 thus amounted to £57,576.40 of unrestricted funds and £37,366.55 of restricted funds, that is, £94,942.95 in total.

The PCC wishes to thank John Griffiths (Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales) for carrying out the role of Independent Examiner of the accounts.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a sufficient balance from unrestricted funds in its current account to cover day to day running expenses and to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

It is our policy to invest our funds with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

Staff Team in post in 2024:

Vicar - Revd Matthew Keddily

Children & Families' Mission Leader for 0 - 11s/Early Years Mission Leader – Mrs Alison Keddily

Parish Administrator –Mrs Jenny Laycock

Growing Faith Mission Leader – Rev Brett Vallis

Community Mission Leader – Mrs Jo Green (since 3 January 2024)

Blessed Beginnings Sessional Worker – Mrs Claire Scarlett (since 19 February 2024)

Volunteers

All our volunteers have been safely recruited and undergone appropriate training.

Safeguarding

The PCC has endorsed and operates in accordance with the House of Bishops Safeguarding Policy for children, young people and adults. Safeguarding is a standing agenda item at all full PCC and Standing Committee meetings.

Rev Matt Keddilty has been acting as Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO), whilst the PCC has been recruiting a new individual to this post, and has worked with staff members and volunteers to ensure that the above safeguarding policy is being adhered to.

All our activities are risk assessed, and all paid and voluntary workers are 'Safer Recruited'. DBS checks and safeguarding training are renewed every three years.

Contact details for local safeguarding officers are clearly displayed in both churches, as well as a list of emergency helplines.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership of Bishop Auckland PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), lay reader and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC is responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including decisions on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. During 2024 the PCC met four times to discuss church matters. During 2024 a Finance Committee was created whose terms of reference were approved by the PCC. We also have a Global Mission Committee which meets periodically throughout the year to discuss our support for other charities and organisations at home and abroad. The Global Mission Committee is responsible to the PCC and reports back to it regularly.

Three lay members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod and Diocesan Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the Parish and the wider structures of the Anglican Church.

Administrative Information

Bishop Auckland Parish consists of two churches: St Andrew's Church, South Church, Bishop Auckland DL14 6FR and St Anne's Church, Market Place, Bishop Auckland DL14 7NP. Bishop Auckland Parish is part of the Diocese of Durham within the Church of England.

The Parish Office is based in St Anne's Church and is open Monday to Friday, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm when the Parish Administrator is available to respond to enquiries from members of the public.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and became a registered charity (number 1180703) in November 2018.

PCC members who were in office during 2024:

Incumbent: Revd Matthew Keddilty

Chairperson

Reader: Mrs Catherine Taylor

Vice Chair

Wardens:

Mrs Ruth Riddell (also Representative to Deanery Synod)

Mr Martin Wood (until 24 June 2024) (also Representative to Deanery Synod and Diocesan Synod)

Marilyn Weerasinghe (from 24 June 2024)

Nick Barker (from 24 June 2024)

Elaine Simpson (from 24 June 2024)

Elected Members:

Anthony Coulls

Mrs Joanne Green

Miss Ruth Keddilty

Mr David Riddell (also Representative to Deanery Synod)

Mr John Waine

Mrs Marilyn Weerasinghe (from 19 May 2024)

Nora Jones (from 19 May 2024)

Julie Bowes (from 19 May 2024)

Shirley Brown (from 19 May 2024)

Mrs Rachel Wood

Co-opted Members:

Diane Manners (from 6 October 2024)

Ex-officio Members:

Martin Wood (from 24 June 2024)

This report and associated accounts were presented to the APCM of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Bishop Auckland on 18 May 2025.

Signed *Revd Matt Keddilty*

Vicar of Bishop Auckland
(PCC Chairman)

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BISHOP AUCKLAND, REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1180703**

I report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Bishop Auckland for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out in the attached pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As trustees of the charity the members of the Parochial Church Council are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the 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 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' the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Signed



Date

10 / 05 / 2025

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Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	TOTAL
		Funds	Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts:					
Planned Giving	9	34,902	1,690	36,591	36,440
Collections at Services		5,458	-	5,458	9,847
Other voluntary giving		4,127	13,090	17,217	11,843
Gift Aid and GASDS Recovered		9,310	1,825	11,135	10,703
Legacies		-	-	-	500
Grants		-	23,742	23,742	11,530
		53,796	40,347	94,143	80,863
Activities for Generating Funds		-	-	-	-
Investment Income		3,470	2,730	6,200	6,631
Church Activities	5a	4,279	3,168	7,447	13,236
Any other income		-	73	73	1,045
TOTAL RECEIPTS		61,545	46,317	107,862	101,774
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities:					
Diocesan Parish Share Contribution		39,210	-	39,210	31,241
Salaries & Honoraria	6+7	10,634	54,480	65,114	38,426
Clergy & Staff Expenses		1,730	-	1,730	959
Mission & Evangelism		2,008	8,626	10,634	10,568
Mission Giving & Donations	5b	2,284	-	2,284	2,402
		55,867	63,105	118,972	83,597
Church Running Expenses:					
Insurances		11,471	-	11,471	10,943
Church Maintenance		690	14	704	3,563
Administration Costs		5,938	31	5,969	4,906
Utilities		14,713	1,804	16,517	20,768
Other Church running expenses	5c	5,388	1,272	6,660	7,968
Major Church Repairs & Maintenance		-	6,379	6,379	11,762
Costs of trading		-	-	-	-
		38,200	9,500	47,700	59,910
Costs of Generating Funds		627	-	627	248
Other Payments		-	-	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS		94,694	72,605	167,299	143,755
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		(33,149)	(26,288)	(59,437)	(41,981)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Adjustment to closing balance		-	-	-	(363)
Prior year adjustment		(1,728)	-	(1,728)	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(34,878)	(26,288)	(61,165)	(42,344)
Cash in hand & Bank Balances at 1st Jan		92,454	63,654	156,108	198,452
Cash in hand & Bank Balances at 31st Dec		57,576	37,367	94,943	156,108

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	TOTAL
		Funds	Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
Cash Funds					
Cash in hand and bank current account		(21,285.60)	27,897.95	6,612.35	7,711.85
HSBC Deposit accounts		-	6.88	6.88	-
C.B.F. Deposit Funds		-	9,461.72	9,461.72	58,592.94
C.B.F. Trust Fund (Lightfoot Institute)		78,862.00	-	78,862.00	89,501.79
		57,576.40	37,366.55	94,942.95	155,806.58
Other Monetary Assets					
Debtors		-	-	-	2,698
Gift Aid Recoverable		9,310	1,825	11,135	10,703
Assets retained for Church Use		-	-	-	-
Liabilities					
Creditors		-	-	-	-

NOTES

1. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payment basis.
2. Non-monetary assets retained for church use but not valued for the Statement of Assets and Liabilities include fixtures & fittings and AV & office equipment.

3. The movement in restricted funds during the year were as below:

	Bal B/fwd.	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal C/fwd.
Restricted					
St Anne's Restoration Fund	70	6	-	-	76
St Anne's Old School Fund	58,093	2,696	-	(30,839)	29,951
Lord Crewe's Charity for Relief in Need	7,264	1,000	-	(2,264)	6,000
Durham County Council Bishop Auckland Heritage Action Zone	1,171	-	-	-	1,171
Youth & Children	(3,854)	16,036	43,021	30,839	-
The Friends of St Anne	430	23	-	-	452
Parish Administrator Fund	-	2,740	2,740	-	-
Heating Charges	-	1,804	1,804	-	-
Audio-Visual Equipment	-	410	14	-	396
Organ Maintenance	-	180	-	-	180
St Andrew's Bells	400.00	4,400	6,379	-	(1,579)
Relief-in-Need	-	8,676	13,888	2,264	(2,949)
Accounting Software	31	-	31	-	-
Flowers	50	-	-	-	50
Bookstall	-	774	1,199	-	(425)
St Anne's Church	-	254	-	-	254
NWL & ESW Water (Refund)	-	73	73	-	-
St Andrew's '750'	-	7,242	3,457	-	3,785
St Andrew's Fabric	-	4	-	-	4
	63,654	46,317	72,605	-	37,367
Unrestricted					
Lightfoot Institute	89,502	3,464	-	(14,104)	78,862

St Anne's Restoration Fund is for the restoration of St Anne's Church.

St Anne's Old School Fund is for educational purposes. £30,839 was used for youth and children's work.

Lord Crewe's Charity for Relief in Need is to be used for Relief in Need purposes. £2,264 was used for social action on poverty.

Durham County Council Bishop Auckland Heritage Action Zone provided a grant towards roofing works for St Anne's Church.

£14,104 was withdrawn from the Lightfoot unrestricted trust fund (held by the Diocese of Durham as a Custodian Trustee)

4. The PCC holds funds deposited on behalf of others with no control over the management of these funds. The movements in funds held by the Parish during the year are set out below:

Funds held as agent	Bal B/fwd.	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal C/fwd.
(for) St Peter's Chapel, Auckland Castle	2,476	-	187	-	2,288
Donations from third parties to charities	194	517	215	-	495.17
Fees and other payments to third parties	2,616	6,675	9,245	-	45.60

Donations from third parties to charities contains monies collected during services for other charities and organisations.

NOTES (Cont.)

5. Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
Receipts				
a. Church activities				
Fees for weddings and funerals	3,759	2,394	6,153	12,039
<i>Trading activities:</i>				
Room Rental	520	-	520	560
Bookstall	-	774	774	-
Total receipts from trading activities	520	774	1,294	1,196
	4,279	3,168	7,447	13,236
Payments				
b. Mission giving and donations				
ANAZAO	100		100	-
Christians Against Poverty	300	-	300	300
Christian Aid - Turkey & Syria Earthquake			-	250
Compassion UK	384	-	384	352
Medaille Trust	300		300	300
Mercy Ships UK	300		300	300
Prison Fellowship	300		300	300
The Message Trust	300		300	300
Woodhouse Close Community Centre	300		300	300
	2,284	-	2,284	2,402
c. Other church running expenses				
Vicarage(s) expenditure (water)	691	73	764	2,052
Church cleaning	1,149	-	1,149	1,187
Upkeep of services	388	-	388	930
Upkeep of churchyard	840	-	840	840
Governance costs	771	-	771	661
Church alarms (not itemized in 2022 Financial Statement)	1,552	-	1,552	1,661
Bookstall	-	1,199	1,199	636
	5,388	1,272	6,660	7,968

NOTES (Cont.)

6. During 2024 spouse to PCC Chair was remunerated for employment as Children & Families' Mission Leader (£12,811) plus travel expenses.
7. During 2024 a trustee was remunerated for employment as Community Mission Leader (£9,883) plus travel expenses.
8. Verger fees have been donated to PCC funds on request of the current post holder.
9. Some planned giving is restricted to the Parish Administrator salary.
10. No Trustees received any remuneration for services as a Trustee.

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Total payments in the year were £143,755, down slightly from the £148,325 in 2022.

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The PCC wishes to thank Sarah Cummings (Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales) for carrying out the role of Independent Examiner of the accounts.

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All our volunteers have been safely recruited and undergone appropriate training.

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Mrs Ruth Riddell (from 21 May 2023) Representative to Deanery Synod

Mr Martin Wood Representative to Deanery Synod and Diocesan Synod

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Mrs Joanne Green (from 21 May 2023)

Miss Ruth Keddilty (from 21 May 2023)

Mr David Riddell (from 21 May 2023) Representative to Deanery Synod

Mr John Waine

Mrs Marilyn Weerasinghe (until 21 May 2023)

Mrs Rachel Wood (from 21 May 2023)

Co-opted Members:

None

This report and associated accounts were presented to the APCM of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Bishop Auckland on 21 May 2023.

Signed *Revd Matt Keddilty*

Vicar of Bishop Auckland
(PCC Chairman)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Bishop Auckland

I report on the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Bishop Auckland for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out the attached pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As trustees of the charity the members of the Parochial Church Council are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

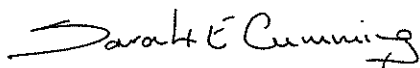
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as 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 next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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



Sarah E Cumming

Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

23 Beech Grove, SALE, M33 6RT

9 May 2024

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts:					
Planned Giving	7	32,240	4,200	36,440	35,876
Collections at Services		9,847	-	9,847	8,446
Other voluntary giving		7,705	4,139	11,843	3,704
Gift Aid and GASDS Recovered		9,183	1,520	10,703	10,688
Legacies		500	-	500	1,500
Grants		-	11,530	11,530	18,889
		59,474	21,389	80,863	79,103
				-	
Activities for Generating Funds		-	-	-	-
Investment Income		4,462	2,169	6,631	1,947
Church Activities	5a	7,843	5,392	13,236	8,956
Any other income		1,045	-	1,045	580
TOTAL RECEIPTS		72,824	28,949	101,774	90,586
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities:					
Diocesan Parish Share Contribution		31,241	-	31,241	35,000
Salaries & Honoraria		6,331	32,095	38,426	37,909
Clergy & Staff Expenses	9	959	-	959	1,732
Mission & Evangelism		2,668	7,901	10,568	21,410
Mission Giving & Donations	5b	2,402	-	2,402	4,921
		43,601	39,995	83,597	100,972
Church Running Expenses:					
Insurances		10,943	-	10,943	10,463
Church Maintenance		1,993	1,570	3,563	11,499
Administration Costs		4,843	62	4,906	6,821
Utilities		17,582	3,186	20,768	8,984
Other Church running expenses	5c	7,332	636	7,968	7,846
Major Church Repairs & Maintenance		-	11,762	11,762	-
Costs of trading		-	-	-	-
		42,694	17,217	59,910	45,613
Costs of Generating Funds		248	-	248	31
Other Payments		-	-	-	1,709
TOTAL PAYMENTS		86,543	57,212	143,755	148,325
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		(13,718)	(28,262)	(41,981)	(57,739)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Adjustment to closing balance		(363)	-	(363)	8,480
Prior year adjustment		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(14,081)	(28,262)	(42,344)	(49,259)
Cash in hand & Bank Balances at 1st Jan		106,535	91,917	198,452	247,711
Cash in hand & Bank Balances at 31st Dec		92,454	63,654	156,108	198,452

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
Cash Funds					
Cash in hand and bank current account		2,952	5,061	8,014	18,941
HSBC Deposit accounts		-	-	-	5,791
C.B.F. Deposit Funds		-	58,593	58,593	73,624
C.B.F. Trust Fund (Lightfoot Institute)		89,502	-	89,502	100,097
		92,454	63,654	156,108	198,453
Other Monetary Assets					
Debtors		898	1,799	2,698	160
Gift Aid Recoverable		9,183	1,520	10,703	10,500
Assets retained for Church Use	2	-	-	-	-
Liabilities					
Creditors		-	-	-	1,045

NOTES

1. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payment basis.
2. Non-monetary assets retained for church use but not valued for the Statement of Assets and Liabilities include fixtures & fittings and AV & office equipment.
3. The movement in restricted funds during the year were as below:

	Bal B/fwd.	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal C/fwd.
Restricted					
St Anne's Restoration Fund	68	2		-	70
St Anne's Old School Fund	73,139	2,087	-	(17,133)	58,093
Lord Crewe's Charity for Relief in Need	8,770	530	530	(1,506)	7,264
Durham County Council Bishop Auckland Heritage Action Zone	2,867	66	1,762	-	1,171
Youth & Children	6,656	3,959	31,603	17,133	(3,854)
The Friends of St Anne	416	13	-	-	430
Parish Administrator Fund	-	5,250	5,250	-	-
Heating Charges	-	3,186	3,186	-	-
Audio-Visual Equipment	-	1,330	1,330	-	-
Organ Maintenance	-	240	240	-	-
St Andrew's Bells	-	400	-	-	400.00
Relief-in-Need	-	1,636	3,142	1,506	-
Accounting Software	-	93	62		31
Flowers	-	50	-	-	50
Bookstall	-	636	636	-	-
	91,917	19,479	47,742	(0.00)	63,654
Unrestricted					
Lightfoot Institute	100,097	4,405	-	(15,000)	89,502

NOTES (Cont.)

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Durham County Council Bishop Auckland Heritage Action Zone provided a grant towards roofing works for St Anne's Church.

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4. The PCC holds funds deposited on behalf of others with no control over the management of these funds. The movements in funds held by the Parish during the year are set out below:

Funds held as agent	Bal B/fwd.	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal C/fwd.
(for) St Peter's Chapel, Auckland Castle	2,605	59	188	-	2,476
Donations from third parties to charities	358	329	494	-	194
Fees and other payments to third parties	-	7,547	6,720	-	827

Donations from third parties to charities contains monies collected during services for other charities and organisations.

NOTES (Cont.)

5. Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
Receipts				
a. Church activities				
Fees for weddings and funerals	7,283	4,756	12,039	8,416
<i>Trading activities:</i>				
<i>Bookstall commission</i>	-	-	-	55
<i>Bookstall</i>	-	636	-	68
<i>Clothes recycling</i>	-	-	-	125
<i>Scrap metal</i>	-	-	-	68
Total receipts from trading activities	560	636	1,196	540
	7,843	5,392	13,236	8,956
Payments				
b. Mission giving and donations				
Albania Conference Travel	-	-	-	250
ANAZAO	-	-	-	500
Children's Society	-	-	-	200
Christians Against Poverty	300	-	300	300
Christian Aid - Turkey & Syria Earthquake	250	-	250	
Compassion UK	352	-	352	336
Medaille Trust	300	-	300	300
Mercy Ships UK	300	-	300	300
The Message Trust	300	-	300	300
Prison Fellowship	300	-	300	300
Spark Ministries	-	-	-	250
Tearfund (Pakistan Flood Relief)	-	-	-	500
United Society (for Ukraine)	-	-	-	1,085
Woodhouse Close Community Centre	300	-	300	300
	2,402	-	2,402	4,921
c. Other church running expenses				
Vicarage(s) expenditure (water)	2,052	-	2,052	1,176
Church cleaning	1,187	-	1,187	1,040
Upkeep of services	930	-	930	762
Upkeep of churchyard	840	-	840	840
Governance costs	661	-	661	893
Ministry Experience Volunteer housing costs	-	-	-	3,049
Warm Hub/Connections	-	-	-	86
Church alarms (not itemized in 2022 Financial Statement)	1,661	-	1,661	
Bookstall	-	636	636	-
	7,332	636	7,968	7,846

NOTES (Cont.)

6. During 2023 spouse to PCC Chair was remunerated for employment as Children & Families' Mission Leader (£16,788) plus travel expenses.
7. Verger fees have been donated to PCC funds on request of the current post holder.
8. Some planned giving is restricted to the Parish Administrator salary.
9. The Independent Examiner fee (for 2022 accounts) was donated to Woodhouse Close Food Bank.
10. No Trustees received any remuneration for services as a Trustee.

Accounts



Bishop Auckland Parish

St Andrew's + St Anne's

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REGISTERD CHARITY NUMBER 1180703

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When planning our activities for the year the incumbent and the PCC attach great importance to public benefit, and we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through

- worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel and developing their trust in Jesus
- provision of pastoral care and practical support for people living in the parish
- missionary and outreach work

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in our two churches and to become part of our parish community. Our services and worship are based around prayer, Bible reading, preaching, music and sacrament.

PCC members also provide input into the parish Mission Action Plan as they consider how we can best serve our church members, local community and the wider world through our services and activities.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The PCC are keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year which our community find both beneficial (especially for those who are socially isolated) and spiritually fulfilling. We try to provide a range of services: from a traditional Holy Communion service (liturgically led and with traditional hymns) in St Andrew's each Sunday morning; a quieter Holy Communion service in St Anne's each Thursday; and our contemporary Sunday Gathering service (of an inter-generational and interactive style, with contemporary music) in St Anne's.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. In 2022 our parish worshipping community consisted of 105 people (17 children aged 0-10, 7 young people aged 11-17, 48 adults aged 18-69 and 33 adults aged 70+).

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Ex-officio Members

Incumbent: Revd Matthew Keddilty

Chairperson

Other Ministers:

Revd Eileen Harrop (until November 2022)

Reader: Mrs Catherine Taylor

Vice Chair

Wardens: Mr Anthony Coulls (Warden until 15 May 2022; PCC Member thereafter)

Mr James Masters

Mr Martin Wood
Synod and Diocesan Synod

Representative to Deanery

Elected Members:

Miss Isobel Coulls (until 15 May)

Mrs Angela MacDonald (until 15 May 2022)

Mr John Waine

Mrs Marilyn Weerasinghe

Mr Nicholas White (until 15 May 2022)

Co-opted Members:

Mrs Jane Armstrong (Woodhouse Close Church, until November 2022)

This report and associated accounts were presented to the APCM of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Bishop Auckland on 21 May 2023.

Signed *Revd Matt Keddilty*

Vicar of Bishop Auckland
(PCC Chairman)

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Bishop
Auckland Page 1 Financial Statements for the year ended
31 December 2022**

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Not e	Unrestric ted	Restrict ed	TOTAL	TOTAL
		Funds	Funds	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts:					
Planned Giving	8	31,676	4,200	35,876	36,555
Collections at Services		7,192	1,254	8,446	5,981
Other voluntary giving		3,078	626	3,704	5,069
Gift Aid and GASDS Recovered		9,563	1,125	10,688	10,666
Legacies		-	1,500	1,500	-
Grants		6,769	12,120	18,889	96,108
		58,278	20,825	79,103	154,379
Activities for Generating Funds		-	-	-	-
Investment Income		1,355	592	1,947	120
Church Activities	5 a.	7,401	1,555	8,956	7,008
Any other income		580	-	580	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS		67,614	22,972	90,586	161,507
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities:					
Diocesan Parish Share Contribution		35,000	-	35,000	30,000
Salaries & Honoraria		8,385	29,524	37,909	66,127
Clergy & Staff Expenses	13	1,732	-	1,732	10,588
Mission & Evangelism		3,447	17,963	21,410	15,555
Mission Giving & Donations	5 b.	4,921	-	4,921	2,136
		53,485	47,487	100,972	124,406
Church Running Expenses:					
Insurances		10,463	-	10,463	10,084
Church Maintenance		10,467	1,032	11,499	5,328
Administration Costs		6,821	-	6,821	3,882
Utilities		7,554	1,430	8,984	5,754
Other Church running expenses	5 c.	7,760	86	7,846	4,209
Major Church Repairs & Maintenance		-	-	-	12,007
Costs of trading		-	-	-	234
		96,550	50,035	146,585	165,904
Cost of Generating Funds		23	8	31	194
Other Payments		1,709	-	1,709	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS		98,282	50,043	148,325	166,098
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		(30,668)	(27,071)	(57,739)	(4,592)
Transfers between funds		(2,874)	2,874	-	-
Adjustment to closing balance		925	7,555	8,480	-
Prior year adjustment					-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(32,617)	(16,642)	(49,259)	(4,592)
Cash in hand & Bank Balances at 1st Jan		139,152	108,559	247,711	252,304
Cash in hand & Bank Balances at 31st Dec		106,535	91,917	198,452	247,711

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31 December

	Not e	Unrestric- ted Funds	Restrict- ed Funds	TOTAL 2022	TOTAL 2021
		£	£	£	£
Cash Funds					
Cash in hand and bank current account		3,515	15,426	18,941	31,315
HSBC Deposit accounts		2,924	2,867	5,791	10,750
C.B.F. Deposit funds		-	73,624	73,624	102,250
C.B.F. Trust Fund (Lightfoot Institute)		100,097	-	100,097	103,397
		106,536	91,917	198,453	247,711
Other Monetary Assets					
Debtors		160	-	160	151
Gift Aid Recoverable		10,500	-	10,500	10,688
Assets retained for Church Use	2	-	-	-	-
Liabilities					
Creditors	11	1,045	--	1,045	450

NOTES

1. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
2. Non-monetary assets retained for church use but not valued for the Statement of Assets and Liabilities include fixtures & fittings and AV & office equipment.
3. The movements in restricted funds during the year were as below:

Restricted	Bal B/fwd.	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal C/fwd.
St Anne's Restoration Fund	68	-	-	-	68
St Anne's Old School Fund	101,772	1,252		(29,885)	73,139
The Scotto Trust Fund	1,587	5,600	7,187	-	-
Lord Crewe's Charity for Relief in Need	660	641	86	7,555	8,770
Lord Crewe's Charity for Relief in Need (See note)	7,555	-	-	(7,555)	-

Durham County Council Bishop Auckland Heritage Action Zone	3,899	-	1,032	-	2,867
Heritage Lottery Fund Cultural Recovery Grant	-	3,490	3,490	-	-
Youth & Children	-	5,543	28,772	29,885	6,656
Parish Administrator Fund	-	5,625	5,625	-	-
Heating Charges	-	1,430	1,430	-	-
The Friends of St Anne	417				417
	115,958	23,581	47,622	-	91,917
Unrestricted Lightfoot Institute	103,397	1,355	-	(4,655)	100,097

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St Anne's Restoration Fund is for the restoration of St Anne's Church.

St Anne's Old School Fund is for educational purposes. £29,885 was used for youth and children's work.

The Frank & Phyllis Scotto Trust Fund contains grants towards equipment and materials for children's activities.

Lord Crewe's Charity is to be used for Relief in Need purposes. £7 555 was brought into this fund from a closed account, omitted from 2021 financial statements.

4. The PCC holds funds deposited on behalf of others with no control over the management of these funds. Donations are forwarded to charities. and the funds held on behalf of St Peter's Chapel are segregated in a deposit account. The movements in funds held by the Parish during the year is set out below:

Funds held as agent	Bal B/fwd.	Receip ts	Paymen ts	Transfe rs	Bal C/fwd.
(for) St Peter's Chapel, Auckland Castle	2,905		300	-	2,605
Donations from third parties to charities	510	304	456	-	358
Fees and other payments to third parties	(199)	869 5	8496	-	0

Donations from third parties to charities contains monies collected during services for other charities and organisations.

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5. Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Receipts				
a. Church activities				
Fees for weddings and funerals	6,986	1,430	8,416	6,490
<i>Trading activities:</i>				
<i>Bookstall commission</i>	55	-	55	92
<i>St Anne's room hire receipts</i>	292	-	292	238
<i>Clothes recycling</i>	-	125	125	-
<i>Scrap metal</i>	68	-	68	-
Total receipts from trading activities	415	125	540	518
	7,401	1,555	8,956	7,008
Payments				
b. Mission giving and donations				
Albania Conference Travel	250		250	-
ANAZAO	500		500	-
Children's Society	200		200	-
Christians Against Poverty	300		300	300
Compassion UK	336		336	336
Medaille Trust	300		300	300
Mercy Ships UK	300		300	300
Prison Fellowship	300		300	300
The Message Trust	300		300	300
Spark Ministries	250		250	-
Tearfund (Pakistan Flood Relief)	500		500	-

United Society (for Ukraine)	1,085		1,085	-
Woodhouse Close Community Centre	300		300	300
	4,921		4,921	2,136
c. Other church running expenses <i>(N.B. These were not itemized in 2021 Financial Statements).</i>				
Vicarage expenditure (water)	1,176	-	1,176	
Church cleaning	1,040	-	1,040	
Upkeep of services	762	-	762	
Upkeep of churchyard	840	-	840	
Governance costs	893	-	893	
Ministry Experience Volunteer housing costs	3,049	-	3,049	
Warm hub	-	86	86	
	7,760	86	7,846	

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6 During 2022 spouse to PCC Chair was remunerated for employment as Children & Families' Mission Leader (£23,285) plus travel expenses.

7 Verger fees are donated to PCC funds on request of the post holder.

8 Some planned giving is restricted to the parish administrator salary.

9 Independent Examiner fee is donated to Woodhouse Close Food Bank.

10 The remainder of the Cultural Recovery grant was used to purchase new tables and chairs for St Anne's Church

11 The PCC Chair received an overpayment of expenses in December 2022 (£1,044.58) to be deducted from 2023 expenses.

12 £4,655 was withdrawn from the Lightfoot unrestricted trust fund (held by the Diocese of Durham as a Custodian Trustee)

13 No Trustees received any remuneration for services as a Trustee.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS/TRUSTEES OF
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BISHOP AUCKLAND

Registered Charity Number 1180703

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the Parochial Church Council are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The members consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 the 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

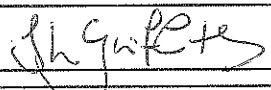
Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.

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

Signed:



Date:

28/04/2023

Name:

JOHN LLOYD GRIFFITHS

Relevant professional
Qualification(s) or body (if any)

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Accounts



Bishop Auckland Parish

St Andrew's + St Anne's

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
BISHOP AUCKLAND**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1180703

ANNUAL TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR 2021

Aims and Purposes

Bishop Auckland Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Revd Matthew Keddlity, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of St Andrew's Church, South Church and St Anne's Church, Market Place, Bishop Auckland.

Objectives and Activities

When planning our activities for the year the incumbent and the PCC attach great importance to public benefit, and we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through

- worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel and developing their trust in Jesus
- provision of pastoral care and practical support for people living in the parish
- missionary and outreach work

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in our two churches and to become part of our parish community. Our services and worship are based around prayer, Bible reading, preaching, music and sacrament.

PCC members also provide input into the parish Mission Action Plan as they consider how we can best serve our church members, local community and the wider world through our services and activities.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The PCC are keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year which our community find both beneficial (especially for those who are socially isolated) and spiritually fulfilling. We try to provide a range of services: from a

traditional Holy Communion service (liturgically led and with traditional hymns) in St Andrew's each Sunday morning; a quiet spoken Holy Communion service in St Anne's each Thursday; and our contemporary Sunday Gathering service (of an inter-generational and interactive style, with modern music and streamed via Facebook) from St Anne's.

We started the year with physical services suspended in line with COVID guidance at the time before re-opening in March; we ensured that COVID guidance was closely followed to keep everyone safe. When services were not permitted, we were sometimes able to open our churches for private prayer.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. In 2021 our parish worshipping community consisted of 97 people (6 children aged 0-10, 7 young people aged 11-17, 37 adults aged 18-69 and 37 adults aged 70+). The average weekly attendance (including baptisms) at St Anne's counted during the month of October was 46 people and at St Andrew's, 47.

After the last revision of the Electoral Roll in May 2021 there were 82 people on the Church Electoral Roll.

As well as our regular services, we enable our local community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life and offer appropriate pastoral support. In 2021, 9 baptisms, 5 weddings and 60 funerals (of which 31 were conducted at a crematorium or cemetery) took place in our parish. On 2nd November we welcomed into St Anne's Church the relatives of those whose funerals had been conducted in the parish during the past year so that they could light a candle, listen to a short reflection and remember their loved ones.

Work with Children, Youth & Families

During 2021 our work with children, young people and families was partially impacted by the Covid pandemic and resulting restrictions. *Blessed Beginnings* (our group for babies and toddlers and their parents / carers) held some activities outdoors until part way through the year when both *Blessed Beginnings* and YOOF (for young people aged 11 -18 years, and previously held online) were able to meet in church weekly during term time, and Kingdom Kids (for age 5-11) was also held in church once a month. During school holidays we ran a regular free family film club (with a hot meal included). Our Children & Families Mission Leader has also been able to return to supporting local primary schools by helping to deliver assemblies (approximately once a month) and RE lessons. We also worked with local primary schools to produce a large colourful display of paper fruit in St Anne's during the weekend of the Food Festival and a similar display of paper baubles at the Christmas Tree Festival in St Anne's which coincided with the town's Christmas Lights Switch-On. On both occasions many families came into church to see what their children had made in school. We also invited local primary school children to attend our free family film club, the summer holiday club and our Christingle service in St Andrew's Church.

Ministry to the Elderly

During 2021 pastoral visitors have taken Holy Communion to housebound members of our parish and let them know they are not forgotten. In October we began running a coffee morning after St Anne's Thursday service of Holy Communion.

Town Events

The Bishop Auckland Food Festival took place in October and St Anne's Church was open throughout the weekend providing refreshments and toilet facilities as well as a place for children to play. On the Saturday before Christmas, we held a carol service in the Market Place.

Helping people in need

We continue to support our local food bank (part of a crisis intervention project based in Woodhouse Close Church Community Centre) through donations of food and hygiene products, in addition to financial assistance. Throughout the year we have given to other registered charities in this country and overseas. These currently include Christians against Poverty, Compassion UK (through whom we sponsor a little boy in Kenya), The Message Trust, Medaille Trust, Mercy Ships and Prison Fellowship. We have also supported local families by holding a baby clothing event and a school uniform event with items of clothing available free of charge or for a small donation. We also keep a supply of used children's clothes to offer to anyone who asks us for them.

When deciding which charities to support and for how long, the parish Global Mission Committee will bear in mind some of the stated priorities of the Diocese, namely poverty, children and the environment. We also continue to provide practical assistance to individuals who approach the church directly for help and where necessary we signpost them to the appropriate agencies when longer term support is required. In our care for the wider world, we seek where possible to use Fairtrade and environmentally friendly products.

Ecumenical Involvement

Bishop Auckland Parish is a member of the Bishop Auckland Fellowship of Christian Churches. Since the easing of COVID-19 restrictions the BAFCC has been able to resume regular meetings. Members of our parish have also been involved with the Passion Play (a major production which took place on Good Friday 2022 in Bishop Auckland Market Place) either as actors or helping in other practical ways.

Parish Website and Facebook Page

Information about safeguarding and contact details for the parish are available on our website (www.baparish.church), and our Facebook page ([Bishop Auckland Parish](#)) is regularly updated.

Buildings

To facilitate our work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the churches of St Andrew (Grade I listed) and St Anne (Grade 2) and ensure that all equipment is serviced and inspected as necessary. A programme of building works is still in place to provide St Anne's Church with more appropriate facilities needed to serve the local community. A new burner was installed in St Andrew's Church in December 2021. It is hoped this major item of expenditure will help provide efficient heating for the church building for at least the next few years.

Hire of Church Premises

St Anne's Church has a number of spaces available for hire at reasonable rates, subject to the completion of a hire agreement which includes compliance with health

and safety and safeguarding regulations. Since the easing of COVID restrictions external groups have been permitted to resume meeting on our premises.

Financial Review

For a second year, the composition of receipts and payments was different from previously as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and its impact on services and church activities.

Total receipts into unrestricted funds were £79,777: unrestricted voluntary donations amounted to £62,040, of which grants, including COVID-19-related support funding from Durham County Council and an element of the first instalment of a grant received from the National Lottery Heritage Fund Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage, totalled £19,632; a further £10,666 was claimed as Gift Aid. Receipts from church activities, principally fees for funerals, contributed £7,008.

Of receipts into restricted funds of £81,730, grants accounted for £76,475, of which in turn the major components were a final £31,823 of Strategic Development Funding under the Church of England Resource Church initiative, £28,553 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage and £10,170 from HMRC under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

Regular giving was virtually unchanged from the previous year, the slight reduction being the result of a fall of 3% in envelope giving.

At £161,506, total Parish receipts were 32% higher than the £122,576 received in 2020, driven mostly by the further increase in grant funding, as well as by a partial recovery in donations and collections at funeral and baptism services and an increase in claimed Gift Aid.

A total of £76,282 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from Bishop Auckland Parish, including the contribution of a Diocesan Parish Share of £30,000, 43% less than the £52,500 paid in 2020. Other major costs were in respect of insurance, utilities, and buildings repair, maintenance and capital expenditure, including significant sums related to the heating system at St Andrew's Church.

Payments from restricted funds amounted to £89,816; by activity type, around three-quarters of this supported ministry to children and families, while in terms of nature of payment a similar proportion was accounted for by payments to staff employed by the Parish. The funding came very largely through the Strategic Development Funding under the Resource Church initiative and the other grant funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage and from HMRC under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, with a significant additional proportion coming from Parish reserves in the form of the St Anne's Old School Fund, which is available for application for educational purposes.

Total payments in the year were £166,098, a 5% reduction from the £174,655 spent in 2020.

The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £3,495 on unrestricted funds but a shortfall of £4,592 overall.

During the year, the monies held within The Lightfoot Institute Trust Fund were de-restricted according to advice received from the Durham Diocesan Board of Finance and following the passing of a resolution by the PCC. The effect was a transfer from restricted to unrestricted funds that at the end of the year equated to £103,397.

Based on the bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31 December 2021 thus amounted to £139,152 of unrestricted funds and £108,559 of restricted funds, that is, £247,711 in total.

The PCC wishes to thank John L Griffiths BA (Hons) Econ F.C.M.A. for once again carrying out the role of Independent Examiner of the accounts, and for requesting that his normal fee be waived in favour of a charitable donation being made; accordingly, a donation of £100 has been made to the Woodhouse Close Community Centre, Bishop Auckland.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a sufficient balance from unrestricted funds in its current account to cover day to day running expenses and to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

It is our policy to invest our funds with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

Staff Team in post in 2021:

Vicar - Revd Matthew Keddilty

Training Curate – Revd Stephanie Price (until 07 November 2021)

Children & Families’ Mission Leader for 0 - 11s – Mrs Alison Keddilty

Young Peoples’ Mission Leader – Mr Graham Cleland (until 30 November 2021)

Parish Administrator – Mrs Angela MacDonald

Ministry Experience Volunteer (from 01 September 2021) – Miss Mary MacDonald

Volunteers

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Ex-officio Members

Incumbent: Revd Matthew Keddilty

Chairperson

Curate: Revd Stephanie Price (until 07 November 2021)

Other Ministers:

Revd Eileen Harrop

Reader: Mrs Catherine Taylor
Deanery Synod

Vice Chair & Representative to

Wardens: Mr Anthony Coulls

Mr James Masters

Mrs Patricia White (until 07.05.2021)

Synod Mr Martin Wood (from 09.05.2021)

Representative to Deanery

Elected Members:

Miss Isobel Coulls (from 09 May 2021)

Mr John Waine

Mrs Marilyn Weerasinghe

Mr Nicholas White

Mrs Margaret Wright (to March 2021)

Co-opted Members:

Mrs Jane Armstrong (Woodhouse Close Church)

This report and associated accounts were presented to the APCM of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Bishop Auckland on 15 May 2022.

Signed *Revd Matt Keddilty*

Vicar of Bishop Auckland
(PCC Chairman)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary receipts:					
Regular giving		32,355	4,200	36,555	36,708
Collections at services		5,981	-	5,981	2,323
Other giving / voluntary receipts	5a	23,704	77,472	101,176	68,612
Gift aid and GASDS recovered		10,666	-	10,666	8,075
		72,706	81,672	154,378	115,718
Activities for generating funds		-	-	-	-
Receipts from investments	5b	62	58	120	1,130
Church activities	5c	7,008	-	7,008	5,727
Other incoming resources		-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS		79,777	81,730	161,506	122,576
PAYMENTS					
Church activities:					
Mission giving and donations	5d	2,136	-	2,136	1,627
Diocesan parish share contribution		30,000	-	30,000	52,500
Salaries, wages and honoraria		2,063	64,064	66,127	58,388
Clergy and staff expenses		4,157	6,431	10,588	12,626
		38,356	70,495	108,851	125,142
Cost of generating funds		194	-	194	334
Church expenses	5e	27,545	17,501	45,046	41,536
Major capital expenditure	5f	10,186	1,820	12,007	7,644
Other expenditure		-	-	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS		76,282	89,816	166,098	174,655
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		3,495	(8,087)	(4,592)	(52,079)
Transfers between funds	3	103,397	(103,397)	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS:		106,891	(111,484)	(4,592)	(52,079)
Cash in hand & Bank balances at 1st January		32,261	220,043	252,304	304,383
Cash in hand & Bank balances at 31st December		139,152	108,559	247,711	252,304

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31 December

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
Cash funds					
Cash in hand and Bank current account		31,193	122	31,315	845
Deposit funds		107,960	108,437	216,396	251,458
		139,152	108,559	247,711	252,304
Other monetary assets					
Debtors		150	1	151	4,591
Investment assets					
Investment fund shares at market value		-	-	-	-
Assets retained for Church Use	2	-	-	-	-
Liabilities					
Creditors		88	362	450	917

NOTES

- 1 The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
- 2 Non-monetary assets retained for church use but not valued for the Statement of Assets and Liabilities include fixtures & fittings and AV & office equipment
- 3 The movements in restricted funds during the year were as below:

	Bal B/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal c/fwd
Restricted					
Resource Church (Strategic Development Funding)	(5,189)	31,823	26,634	-	-
St Anne's Restoration Fund	68	0	-	-	68
(from the sale of) St Anne's Old School Fund	113,493	57	11,205	-	102,345
(from the sale of) The Lightfoot Institute Trust Fund	103,343	54	-	(103,397)	-
(from) Sequeira legacy for entrepreneurial work at St Anne's	868	0	868	-	-
(from) The Frank & Phillis Scotto Trust Fund for baby and toddler groups	6,232	0	4,645	-	1,587
(from) Lord Crewe's Charity for Relief in Need purposes	330	330	-	-	660
(from) Durham County Council Bishop Auckland Heritage Action Zone	-	3,899	-	-	3,899
	219,145	36,163	43,352	(103,397)	108,559

The monies held within the St Anne's Restoration Fund are for the restoration of St Anne's Church

The monies held within the St Anne's Old School Fund are available for application for educational purposes

The monies held within The Lightfoot Institute Trust Fund may be applied for furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the parish of Bishop Auckland; these monies were de-restricted during 2021 according to advice received from the Durham Diocesan Board of Finance and following the passing of a resolution by the PCC

The Sequeira legacy was designated to the entrepreneurial work at St Anne's Church, Bishop Auckland

The monies from The Frank & Phillis Scotto Trust Fund are to fund the Bishop Auckland Parish baby and toddler groups

The monies from Lord Crewe's Charity are to be used for Relief in Need purposes

The monies from Durham County Council Bishop Auckland Heritage Action Zone are project funding for the repair of the southern elevation of the roof of St Anne's Church

- 4 The movements in funds held by the Parish as agent during the year were as below:

	Bal B/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal c/fwd
Funds held as agent					
(for) St Peter's Chapel, Auckland Castle	2,904	-	-	-	2,904
Donations from third parties to charities	-	1,669	1,469	-	200
Fees and other payments owed to third parties	-	14,181	14,380	-	(199)
Miscellaneous	-	429	429	-	-
	2,904	16,280	16,279	-	2,905

NOTES (Cont)

5 Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
Receipts				
a Other giving / voluntary receipts				
Donations & appeals	4,072	997	5,069	1,839
Legacies received	-	-	-	-
Grants	19,632	76,475	96,108	66,773
	23,704	77,472	101,176	68,612
b Receipts from investments				
Bank and CBF Deposit Fund interest	62	58	120	1,130
	62	58	120	1,130
c Church activities				
Fees for weddings and funerals	6,490	-	6,490	3,948
Trading activities				
St Anne's café receipts	-	-	-	1,704
Bookstall receipts	240	-	240	0
St Anne's meeting room hire receipts	238	-	238	75
Other trading receipts	40	-	40	0
Total receipts from trading activities	518	-	518	1,779
	7,008	-	7,008	5,727
Payments				
d Mission giving and donations				
Bishop Auckland Fellowship Of Christian Churches (Passion Play 2020)	-	-	-	1,000
Christians Against Poverty	300	-	300	-
Compassion UK	336	-	336	327
Medaille Trust	300	-	300	-
Mercy Ships UK	300	-	300	-
Prison Fellowship	300	-	300	-
The Message Trust	300	-	300	-
Toilet Twinning	-	-	-	300
Woodhouse Close Church Community Centre	300	-	300	-
	2,136	-	2,136	1,627
e Church expenses				
Mission and evangelism costs	1,239	9,170	10,409	4,373
Church running expenses (including governance)				
Insurances	7,583	2,501	10,084	10,410
Minor repairs and routine maintenance	5,328	-	5,328	6,873
Equipment (church and office)	772	4,375	5,146	4,139
Office operating costs	3,328	554	3,882	4,207
Other church running expenses (including governance)	4,209	-	4,209	2,473
Total church running expenses (including governance)	21,220	7,429	28,650	28,103
Church utility bills	4,853	901	5,754	8,123
Costs of trading				
St Anne's café payments	71	-	71	936
Bookstall payments	148	-	148	0
Other trading payments	16	-	16	0
Total costs of trading	234	-	234	936
	27,545	17,501	45,046	41,536
f Major capital expenditure				
Major repairs to the church building	9,601	1,820	11,422	6,261
Major repairs to other PCC property including redecoration	-	-	-	-
New building work to the church, clergy housing or other PCC property.	585	-	585	1,382
	10,186	1,820	12,007	7,644

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

REPORT TO THE MEMBERS/TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BISHOP AUCKLAND Registered Charity Number 1180703

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As the charity trustees of the Trust, the members of the Parochial Church Council are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The members consider that an audit is not required for the year in question under section 144(2) of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- to follow all relevant Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 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 all relevant 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 the consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and the seeking of 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

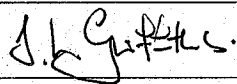
Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; and
- the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.

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

Signed:



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Accounts



Bishop Auckland Parish

St Andrew's + St Anne's

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BISHOP AUCKLAND

REGISTERD CHARITY NUMBER 1180703

ANNUAL TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR 2020

Aims and Purposes

Bishop Auckland Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Revd Matthew Keddily, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of St Andrew's Church, South Church and St Anne's Church, Market Place, Bishop Auckland.

In 2018 St Anne's Church was declared as a Resource Church and following a successful bid by the Diocese to the C of E Strategic Development Fund (SDF) was allocated additional funds across the programme period (2019-2024). The aim is to help us develop, expand and become more outward looking. The emphasis is very much on becoming a church without walls, dedicated to living out the good news of Jesus in full view of the world, and growing and training new leaders who will eventually go on to plant new churches for the benefit of those who are not yet part of the Christian Church in this region.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in our two churches and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions as to how our services and activities can involve and serve the many people who live within our parish. Our services and worship are based around prayer, Bible reading, preaching, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year the incumbent and the PCC attach great importance to public benefit, and we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through

- worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel and developing their trust in Jesus
- provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- missionary and outreach work

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The PCC are keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year which our community find both beneficial (especially for those who are socially isolated) and spiritually fulfilling. We try to provide a range of services: from a traditional Holy Communion service (liturgically led and with traditional hymns) in St Andrew's each Sunday morning; a quiet spoken Holy Communion service in St Anne's each Thursday; and our contemporary Sunday Gathering service (of an inter-generational and interactive style, with modern music) from St Anne's. Since establishing this service in 2018 we have welcomed a growing

number of families, as well as people coming along on their own.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic our church buildings were closed for a large part of 2020, but the creativity, technical skills and resilience of our staff team and volunteers enabled us to continue to offer worship and pastoral support to our congregation and local community during this difficult time. Soon after the first lockdown was announced we began streaming services via Facebook, YouTube and Zoom. We also referred members of our congregation to online services from Durham Cathedral and to telephone services provided by the Church of England. Sunday service liturgy and parish news updates were e-mailed and posted to church members.

When COVID restrictions allowed us to hold services in church we ensured that COVID guidance was closely followed to keep everyone safe. When services were not permitted, we were sometimes able to open our churches for private prayer. On 1st – 2nd November we welcomed into St Anne's Church the relatives of those whose funerals had been conducted in the parish during the past year so that they could light a candle, listen to a short reflection and remember their loved ones.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. In 2020 our parish worshipping community consisted of 104 people (18 children aged 0-10, 6 young people aged 11-17, 49 adults aged 18-69 and 31 adults aged 70+). The average weekly attendance at St Anne's counted during the month of October was 12 people in person (+ 100 participating in our online services) and at St Andrew's: 25.

After the last revision of the Electoral Roll in October 2020 there were 81 people on the Church Electoral Roll.

As well as our regular services, we enable our local community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life and offer appropriate pastoral support. In 2020, 2 baptisms, 6 weddings and 54 funerals (of which 49 were conducted at a crematorium or cemetery) took place in our parish.

Work with Children, Youth & Families

During 2020 our work with children, young people and families has been significantly impacted by the Covid pandemic and resulting restrictions, but we have continued to reach out and serve each of these in creative and new ways. Our Blessed Beginnings toddler group became an online support/activity group on Zoom, with an offer of 1-2-1 support which was taken up by many families. Our young children benefitted from a weekly video and activity club which was distributed to their homes over the summer, transitioning into a virtual 'Kingdom Kid Epic Show' from November. Our young peoples 'Yoof' group, continued to meet weekly, although virtually and have enjoyed Pizza Parties and other activities. We have continued to work with local schools and have undertaken specific support around various issues, created Easter and Christmas material, hosted virtual church tours and Q&A sessions, and provided weekly virtual Collective Worship (which has been distributed to homes during lockdowns and used in the schools/classrooms at others). We also partnered with the Auckland Project to distribute food to families in need and with 'Faith in Our Community' to distribute over 70 sets of new school uniform.

Ministry to the Elderly

During 2020 the vicar and curate have visited housebound members of our parish to let them know they are not forgotten and to enable them to receive Holy Communion. We have been particularly concerned that our elderly parishioners and other people living on their own should not feel socially isolated and have kept in regular contact with them by e-mail, post and telephone.

Town Events

Most of the town's usual annual events could not take place this year due to COVID, but on the Saturday before Christmas we distributed Christingle kits outside St Anne's Church and held a short socially distanced carol service in the Market Place. Festive lighting was provided by the town council, and the people who came along seemed to really enjoy being able to participate safely in a joyful open-air event.

Helping people in need

We continue to allocate ten per cent of the unrestricted income of the parish to support global mission. We support our local food bank as well as charities in this country and overseas including Christians against Poverty, Prison Fellowship and Compassion UK (through whom we sponsor a little boy in Kenya. When deciding which charities to support and for how long, the parish Global Mission Committee will bear in mind some of the stated priorities of the Diocese, namely poverty, children and the environment. We also continue to provide practical assistance to individuals who approach the church directly for help and where necessary we signpost them to the appropriate agencies when longer term support is required. This year we have supported local families in need by helping to distribute laptops and other equipment required for home schooling, as well as occasional meals. In our care for the wider world, we seek where possible to use Fairtrade and environmentally friendly products.

Ecumenical Involvement

Bishop Auckland Parish is a member of the Bishop Auckland Fellowship of Christian Churches. Our ecumenical activities have been restricted due to COVID, but during the summer we worked together to provide a series of drive-in church services in a car park in the town centre.

Parish Website and Facebook Page

Information about services and activities taking place in the parish is available on our website (www.baparish.church), and our Facebook page ([Bishop Auckland Parish](#)) is regularly updated.

Buildings

To facilitate our work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the churches of St Andrew (Grade I listed) and St Anne (Grade 2) and ensure that all equipment is serviced and inspected as necessary. A programme of building works is still in place to provide St Anne's Church with more appropriate facilities needed to serve the local community. New audio-visual equipment has been installed in St Anne's which has enabled us to function as a hybrid church, streaming services and meetings online when we have not been able to hold worship and other activities in church. We have continued to improve the lighting in both churches to make it more effective and energy efficient.

Hire of Church Premises

St Anne's Church has a number of spaces available for hire at reasonable rates, subject to the completion of a hire agreement which includes compliance with health and safety and safeguarding regulations. Since the introduction of COVID restrictions in March, outside groups have not been permitted to meet on our premises.

Financial Review

The composition of receipts and payments was substantially different from prior years as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and its impact on services and church activities.

Total receipts into unrestricted funds were £71,524: unrestricted voluntary donations amounted to £58,193, of which grants, including COVID-19-related support funding from Durham County Council and HMRC, totalled £17,551; a further £8,075 was claimed as Gift Aid. Receipts from church activities, principally fees for funerals, contributed £5,092.

Of receipts into restricted funds of £50,191, grants accounted for £49,170, of which in turn £33,878 of Strategic Development Funding under the Church of England Resource Church initiative was supplemented by £7,942 from HMRC under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, with a further £7,000 received from The Frank & Phillis Scotto Trust Fund to fund the Toddler Group.

An increase of 47% in receipts from tax-efficient planned giving drove planned giving in total up by 39% compared with the previous year; the value of planned giving through banker's orders increased by 140%, although envelope giving fell by 29%.

At £121,715, total Parish receipts were 21% higher than the £100,964 received in 2019, as the steep falls in receipts from church activities, collections at services and donations were more than outweighed by the increases in grant funding and planned giving.

A total of £111,174 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from Bishop Auckland Parish, including the contribution of a Diocesan Parish Share of £52,500, an increase of 5% from 2019.

Payments from restricted funds amounted to £63,628, including payments in respect of staff retained for ministry to children and families of £57,551. Compared with the considerable investment in the previous year, there was little incremental spend on audio-visual, IT and other equipment. The funding came largely through the Strategic Development Funding under the Resource Church initiative, with a significant additional proportion coming from Parish reserves in the form of the St Anne's Old School Fund, which is available for application for educational purposes.

Total payments in the year were £174,802, a 17% increase on the £149,044 spent in 2019.

The net result for the year was a shortfall between receipts and payments of £39,649 on unrestricted funds and £53,086 in total. Adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31 December 2020 amounted to £34,435 of unrestricted funds and £220,712 of restricted funds, that is, £255,147 in total.

The PCC wishes to thank John L Griffiths BA (Hons) Econ F.C.M.A. for once again carrying out the role of Independent Examiner of the accounts, and for requesting that his normal fee be waived in favour of a charitable donation being made; accordingly, a donation of £100 has been made to the Woodhouse Close Community Centre, Bishop Auckland.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a sufficient balance from unrestricted funds in its current account to cover day to day running expenses and to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

It is our policy to invest our funds with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

Staff Team in post in 2020:

Vicar - Revd Matthew Keddlity

Training Curate – Revd Steph Price (from June; ordained September)

Children & Families' Mission Leader for 0-5s – Mrs Alison Keddlity (with additional responsibility for 5-11s from October onwards)

Children & Families' Mission Leader 5-11s - Miss Claire Mead (January until October)

Young Peoples' Missioner – Mr Graham Cleland (from October)

Parish Administrator – Mrs Angela MacDonald

Ministry Experience Volunteer (becoming Intergenerational Mission Support from 18 August) – Miss Emily Callaghan

Volunteers

The parish benefits from having a number of faithful, enthusiastic volunteers, all of whom have been safely recruited and undergone appropriate training.

Safeguarding

The PCC has endorsed and operates a Safeguarding Policy in line with Durham Diocesan and National Church guidance. This policy is reviewed on an annual basis and Safeguarding is a standing agenda item at all full PCC and Standing Committee meetings.

Mrs Marilyn Weerasinghe continues to act as Parish Safeguarding Officer and has worked with staff members to ensure that our parish safeguarding policy is being adhered to.

All our activities are risk assessed, and all paid and voluntary workers are safely recruited.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership of Bishop Auckland PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), curate, reader and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All those who attend our services /members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including decisions on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. During 2020 the PCC and PCC Standing Committee (consisting of the vicar, church wardens, PCC lay-chair and Treasurer) have met regularly – in person or via zoom – to discuss church matters. We also have a Global Mission Committee which meets periodically throughout the year to discuss our support for other charities and organizations at home and abroad. The Global Mission Committee is responsible to the PCC and reports back to it regularly.

Two members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the Parish and the wider structures of the Anglican Church.

Administrative Information

Bishop Auckland Parish consists of two churches: St Andrew's Church, South Church, Bishop Auckland DL14 6FR and St Anne's Church, Market Place, Bishop Auckland DL14 7NP. Bishop Auckland Parish is part of the Diocese of Durham within the Church of England.

The Parish Office is based in St Anne's Church and is open Monday to Friday, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm when the Parish Administrator is available to respond to enquiries from members of the public.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and became a registered charity in November 2018.

PCC members who were in office in 2020:

Ex-officio Members

Incumbent: Revd Matthew Keddily Chairperson

Curate: Revd Frances Cooper (until 5 July) Revd Steph Price (from 5 July)

Other Ministers:

Revd Eileen Harrop

Reader: Mrs Catherine Taylor

Vice Chair & Representative to Deanery Synod

Wardens: Mr Anthony Coulls

Mr James Masters

Mrs Patricia White

Mr Martin Wood (until 1 August)

Representative to Deanery Synod

Elected Members:

Mr John Billington (until 19 October)

Miss Nora Jones (until 19 October)

Mr Michael Simpson (until 29 February)

Mr John Waine

Mrs Marilyn Weerasinghe

Mr Nicholas White

Dr Jane Whittaker (until 19 October)

Mr Martin Wood (from 1 August)

Mrs Margaret Wright

Co-opted Members:

Mrs Jane Armstrong (Woodhouse Close Church)

This report and associated accounts were presented to the APCM of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Bishop Auckland on 9 May 2021.

Signed Revd Matt Keddilty

Vicar of Bishop Auckland
(PCC Chairman)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

REPORT TO THE MEMBERS/TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BISHOP AUCKLAND Registered Charity Number 1180703

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Signed:



Date :

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