

# Saint John's Church, Shildon

**Annual Report April 2021- April 2022**



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## **Administrative Information**

St John's Church is situated on Church St, Shildon. It is part of the Diocese of Durham within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St John's Vicarage, 1A Burnie Gardens, Shildon, County Durham, DL4 1ND.

## **Parish Organisation**

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The PCC of St. John's Church, Shildon, has the responsibility for co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the annual parochial church meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Church Wardens:	Mrs A Sanderson (elected 2021)) Mrs A. Todd (elected 2020)
Lay Chair:	Mr N. Cleasby
Treasurer:	Mr. P. Arnold
Secretary:	Mrs D. Truby
Deputy churchwarden:	Mr C. Bennett
	Mrs L. Arnold (Gift Aid Co Ordinator)
	Mrs. O. Bainbridge
	Mrs. D. Bennett
	Mrs A. Cleasby (Safeguarding Officer)
	Ms. J. Copland
	Mr A. Harris
	Mr. T. Hillary

Deanery Synod Reps: Mr P. Arnold and Mr. C Bennett

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Clergy Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' Guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.)

## **Report on the electoral roll**

The number on the revised electoral roll for 2021 has gone down by **2** people to a total of **93**.

The electoral roll officer is Mrs Mary Harrison.

## **Minister's Report April 2021 - April 2022**

Looking back through the year it seems such a long time since last April as so much feels different within church and generally in the country as restrictions have lifted and everything has been able to open out.

In August the PCC had a half day away where we discussed the shape of the services going into the future as we opened up after Covid and the parish priorities. Defining priorities helps to shape who we are as a church and where we choose to invest our energy and time. Three priorities were agreed upon with the first being to focus on church growth, both in numbers in the congregations and in discipleship with a particular emphasis on seeing a diverse range of ages represented in the church congregation. The second was to focus on children and young people and how we could engage with this group in more depth and the third was to continue with the priority of engaging with and serving our local community with a particular emphasis on continuing to work with and support the church project Shildon Alive.

There have been many encouragements in the year and much to give thanks for within our church community and the wider community many of which reflect the above priorities. Here I have pulled out a few –

- The licensing of Frances as Associate Priest to the parish on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021. It was so lovely to see Frances licenced by Archdeacon Libby and know that she is able to continue her ministry with us here in Shildon and Eldon, somewhere she feels strongly that God has called her to. This significantly strengthens our ministry team going forward with myself and Andy.
- The lifting of restrictions, meaning that we could worship more freely without having to wear masks all the time and could return to refreshments after the services both on a Sunday and a Thursday. It is so good to be able to spend time together after the service over a cup of tea or coffee.
- The restart of Explorers during the Sunday morning service. It has been such a joy to see younger members of the congregation on a Sunday morning and thanks go to Anne and Becky for all their hard work in organising the new look Explorers. Do see their report. It has also been lovely to establish a third Sunday All Age service when the children stay in and we have a more relaxed informal feel to the service.
- The return of singing within our services. It has been lovely to be able to sing again in our services. Thanks go to Lynne, Paul and Simon for their music as well as Philip Hall who is playing the organ on the second Sunday of the month. We have also started the First Sunday service on the first Sunday evening of the month at 6pm and it has been good to be able to enjoy an extended worship time led by a worship band as part of this. Thanks go to Richard our Cranmer student for all his help and support with this. It has been lovely to have Richard with us for his six month placement before he is ordained in the summer.
- New faces in church – it has been lovely to see new people this year in our services.
- The return of lay worship leaders in our Sunday morning services – thanks to Anne, Dorothy and Carl for their leading.
- The start of a new monthly Messy Church on a Saturday afternoon. It has been so encouraging to see so many new families and lovely to build relationships

and have fun and worship together. We have a talented committed team who all work really well together, please see Jane and Dorothy's report.

- The return of socials and the summer and Christmas fairs. Thanks to the social and fundraising team for all their hard work, please see their report.
- The amazing work that Shildon Alive continue to do in the community and the difference they make to the lives of so many in our town. Please see report.
- Seeing how St John's School has risen to the many challenges they have faced in the year that has gone and how they continue to nurture, support and care for all the young people and families in the school and provide an excellent all-round education. The commitment of Mr Farnell and all of the staff has been and is amazing. I am looking forward to the return of whole school services in church and have been so pleased to be able to now go into school to take collective worship on a regular basis. Please see report
- Christmas services which were more back to normal but which we still had to adapt due to the increase of the then new Omicron variant.
- The Alpha course - it has been wonderful to be able to run Alpha over eight weeks this term including the day away with so many people and it has been such a positive experience for so many.
- Uniformed organizations - we have worked a lot more closely with the guides, brownies and rainbows who meet in the church and it has been lovely to see the girls involved in work in the quiet garden, joining in with our harvest service and a thinking day service and with their own Christingle service. It has also been lovely to see New Shildon scouts and cubs attending services in church including the Remembrance Day service and bringing volunteers to help with the fairs.
- Zoom evening prayer - it has been lovely to continue to share evening prayer on Zoom with a small number of people including some of whom are not physically able to attend services.
- The pastoral team who have now been able to resume taking Communion out to housebound members of the church.
- Redworth House Services - it has been good to be able to re establish a monthly service in the care home with a small team from church.
- The number of baptisms - these continue to be high and they provide a lovely opportunity to build relationships with many local families.

Looking back you can see God at work in so many ways in and through our church community and I'm sure there are things that I've missed too! In Corinthians Paul talks about the church as a body with many parts where each person brings their own gifts and talents to altogether form one body. As I think about the church family here in Shildon you can see how so many people work together as the body of Christ here in Shildon to shine out Jesus' love in our community. Thank you to everyone for all your prayer, commitment and hard work in the year that has gone and let us look forward to where God is leading us in the year to come!

Rev. Carol Harris - March 2022

### **PCC Secretary's report.**

Following the National lockdown, we were allowed back into church but with many restrictions.

We held some PCC meetings via Zoom and some in church.  
We held six meetings in all, with good attendance at all.  
An away morning was held in St. Marks as a half-day session to discuss the way forward after covid restrictions lifted and to discuss parish priorities.  
In August it was announced to great pleasure that Revd. Frances Cooper was to remain with us on a permanent basis as Associate priest.  
Also, during 2021 we held our annual summer fayre, with stalls outside as covid restrictions didn't lift as expected on that day. We had a social event in July, in the Vicarage Garden, hosted by Carol and Andy.  
In October, we had a quiz and broth night, which was great fun.  
In November we held the Christmas Fayre inside which was well attended and went really well and during December we were treated to Northern Voices who held a musical evening in the church.

**Dorothy Truby - PCC Secretary**

## **Treasurers Report**

### **Financial Review for Parish AGM 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022.**

### **Annual Financial statements and accounts for the year ended 31/12/2021.**

These have been circulated for your perusal, it should be noted that we ended the year in credit by £2,194 this was due to a couple of late entries. The general account was in deficit but the excess in the building and maintenance account and the youth work meant overall we had more income than expenses.

Care should be taken when comparing these 2021 figures with the 2020 figures as the 2020 figures included some Shildon Alive figures. For example, as at note 1. Funds from Donations appeals etc. 2020 £51,785 and 2021 £2,671 the 2020 figure includes lottery money for Shildon Alive the 2021 figure does not.

## **Income**

Planned giving and collections increased. Gift Aid decreased but this was due to changing the timing of the claim in 2020 when we claimed for 1 year and 3 months.

Income from fundraising increased substantially and rent from the mission hall increased. A lot of these increases are due to recovery from coronavirus lockdowns, activities recommencing and weddings resuming etc.

## **Expenditure**

Clergy and staffing costs were significantly less due to not having a youth worker and not having as many visiting clergy.

Church running costs were less due to lower light and heat bills and lower cleaning bills due to the church being closed in lockdowns, repairs and maintenance costs were significantly less.

Mission Hall running costs were very similar.

Missionary giving and donations were less due to Shildon Alive being removed and the effect of covid on other mission expenses.

## **Future Challenges**

I see this as being the effect of inflation and our ability to keep pace with it. Every year when our own personal income increases either wage rises or pension income, we need to review what we give to church, as the church is feeling the effects of inflation just as we do with our personal lives.

In particular at present the costs of energy are going to be felt in our expenses.

The work required as identified in the quinquennial report is also going to need a lot of financial support.

## **Reserves Policy**

The recommended reserves to be maintained are equivalent to three months payments. If possible, we would like to maintain a balance on our general (unrestricted) fund which would equate to three months payments, this would mean we would need to maintain £15,000 to cover emergencies. I am pleased to report that over the last year we managed to just about maintain that amount.

**Paul Arnold**

**Parish Treasurer**

## **Church Wardens' Fabric Report**

Annual checks have been made and work done where needed on:

Fire Extinguishers, organ, gas boiler and cooker servicing, Lighting conductor, Emergency lighting, fire safety system, Intruder alarm LOLER. Inspection for lift and lift servicing.

## **Quinquennial Report**

This year we have had a very detailed and comprehensive report, with the main focus on the repairs required to the roof and stonework.

Some of the items that required immediate work have been addressed however we are waiting for tradespeople when they will be able to start the work on the roof and windows before we can proceed with the other recommendations.

## **Quiet Garden**

A grant was received from Shildon Alive to work with young people on a community garden project for our quiet garden. Christine, Ann and Adele met and worked with the Guides Brownies and Rangers and their leaders every Thursday night for several weeks. The grant enabled us to purchase plants and various items, they made a wildlife garden, building and making wildlife habitats, constructing and planting containers and generally digging and planting they all worked so hard and which we all very much enjoyed seeing the garden when finished which is also very much appreciated by the community. A huge thankyou to everyone involved in the project.

## **Property Register**

These items have been added to the property register

- Thermo Flask hot water boiler
- Notice Board
- Table top Freezer
- Moveable small kitchen unit
- Old gas cooker removed from downstairs kitchen and microwave replaced

We thank you all for your continuous support throughout the year.

## **Mission Hall**

Annual Checks and work completed when needed:

Fire Extinguishers, gas servicing and general maintenance work completed.

Quinquennial electrical check and certificate obtained which required a new circuit system board also.

Thank you for all your support you have given us throughout the year.

**Adele Todd & Ann Sanderson**  
**Churchwardens**

## **Messy Church**

During June we held a meeting to discuss the possibility of starting a Messy Church. Twelve people attended the initial meeting, with speaker, Sharon Pritchard, who spoke about starting Messy Church, and gave lots of advice. It was decided to “give it a go”.

Rev. Carol and Dorothy attended a Messy Church planning at St. Marks, which was very useful.

We held an initial planning meeting and decided to hold the Messy Church on the second Saturday of the month. Our first session was during October. We anxiously waited and wondered if anyone would turn up. Thankfully they did and our numbers have grown and the sessions are very enjoyable for all involved.

Messy Church was started last September. We meet on the second Saturday of the month from 2 till 4 pm.

Messy Church is aimed at primary school aged children, with parents/carers alongside.

We enjoy singing, listening to a bible story and doing biblically themed crafts, prayers and lastly sitting down together to have some food.

Numbers have gone up from the 6 children plus families we had in September to 20/25 which for now will be the maximum we can accommodate.

**Jane Copland**  
**Dorothy Truby**

## **St. John's Church - Explorers' Group AGM Report 2022**

Our Explorers Group has resumed since January 2022 after the Covid Lockdown was eased. Explorers happens during our Sunday morning service from 10.10am to 10.45am. We do this in the foyer so the children are able to see what is happening in the service through the large windows and are included in the Peace by waving.

Crafts and activities follow alongside with the Gospel Readings.

We touch on the way they see God, what he would like them to do and how to translate some of these stories into our modern world. The children take their crafts home and we try to keep one to display on our Sunday School display board.

The children are asked, if they feel comfortable to do so, to go to the front of the Church, after Communion to show Carol or Frances and the congregation what they have achieved and retell their own understanding of the lesson.

The number of children in our group every Sunday morning varies from 3 up to 6. We hope numbers rise again soon now that Covid restrictions are being lifted.

We look forward to our coming year and welcome all children to join us Exploring God.

**Anne Cleasby and Becky Callaghan**

### **Church Flowers**

We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations for flowers, this enables us to arrange the flowers throughout the year for celebrations and events, we also provide floral arrangements for weddings depending on the couples requirements and floral tributes for the bereaved in memory of their loved ones on occasions of anniversaries

**Adele Todd**

### **Social and fund-raising committee report**

The social and fundraising committee held meetings on 2<sup>nd</sup> September and 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

On 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021 the summer fair took place but had to be held outside due to covid restrictions. It was well attended with entertainment provided by a brass band.

On 25<sup>th</sup> September there was a coffee morning in aid of McMillan.

Wednesday morning coffee mornings run by Barbara commenced on 6<sup>th</sup> October, subject to review if there was a funeral. These coffee mornings have since discontinued.

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October, a harvest quiz with broth supper was held. This was followed the next morning by a harvest festival at which a substantial amount of food was collected for Shildon Alive.

Monthly Saturday coffee mornings commenced on 30<sup>th</sup> October from 10am – 12 noon. Lynne will set up and run a 'brand new', 'nearly new' and 'pre-owned items' stall at these coffee mornings about 3-4 times a year. All proceeds are for Messy Church funds.

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November there was a 'musical bingo' evening with pie and pea supper.



On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November the annual Christmas fair was held indoors.

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December, Northern Voices choir performed a Christmas concert in church in aid of church funds.

A 'Beetle Drive' evening with pie and pea supper was scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> January, but this was postponed due to covid infections, and was held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

The summer fair is scheduled for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June with as many stalls as possible outside again, weather permitting. A meeting of the social and fundraising committee will be arranged in due course to discuss the fair.

**Lynne Arnold**

### **Bell-ringers Report 2021 - 2022**

Well, another strange year with not a lot of ringing due to Covid. As restrictions lifted, we started to have practice nights again but only for those who could handle a bell independently. Strict hand sanitising and air circulation has been maintained as have lateral flow tests for the day of ringing.

We did manage to ring for a few weddings including being able to ring for Emily Callaghan and Ben Scott. Emily being one of our original young people from St. John's who learnt to ring with us, so this was a very joyous occasion.

Due to the church needing money for essential repairs we were asked if the bell ringers would give a contribution. We gave £750, this was money the church had originally given from the flower festival to help with the bell restoration fund. As bell money is restricted for the use of the bells it can't just be given away but as the church had given some of this in the first place and not used, we felt that hopefully this would help.

Looking to the future we are hoping to have an open morning in the tower and to welcome locals to come and see how their money was spent and hopefully recruit some new ringers.

**Trevor Thompson - Tower Captain    Davina Tomlinson**

### **St. Johns C of E (Aided) Primary School**

### **Report for St John's Church Annual General Meeting**

**March 2022**



### **Covid-19 Pandemic**

As a school and church community, we have been significantly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. For almost two years, we were unable to meet as a whole school to have Collective Worship in school, have services in St. John's Church or to sing together. During this time, we have done our best to maintain a sense of belonging and 'oneness' for our children and staff. This was achieved through whole school online Microsoft Teams Collective Worship sessions led by our Senior Leadership Team,

and through daily Class Worship, led by class teachers. Revd. Carol also pre-recorded a weekly 'Thought for the Day' video linked to the theme of the week, which we shared with all children and staff.

### **Autumn Term 2021**

We returned to school in September 2021 with a renewed positivity and sense of hope for better things to come. Considering what we had all been through as a school and church community, we continued to hold onto these words from Isaiah 43:1-2, promising that whatever we go through, God is with us: "Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you."

In the Autumn Term, for safety reasons, we decided to continue to share daily acts of **Collective Worship** online via Microsoft Teams and class worship, rather than meeting together collectively in the Hall. Our Collective Worship themes for Autumn Term were: *Christian Values, The Lord's Prayer, School Prayer, Advent and Christmas*. We spent a number of weeks revisiting the Lord's Prayer and our School Prayer as a number of children had missed a significant amount of school, and some younger children had had no experience of these important prayers at all. We wanted to ensure all our children were confident when saying the words of these two prayers and that they understood their significance.

We had planned for our children to take part in **Christingle Services** at Church at the end of term, but because of rising cases of the Omicron variant and a number of other factors, we decided to hold the Christingle Services in our school hall in class bubbles (two classes together). Revd. Carol led each of the four services (EYFS, Years 1 & 2, Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6) where we shared readings, carols, prayers and lit Christingles. Despite not being able to meet in Church, these services were very special for everyone involved.

### **Spring Term 2022**

Following the Christmas break, we continued to review the situation regarding meeting together to worship. Finally, with the lifting of restrictions at the end of February, we decided it was time to share together times of Collective Worship. After meeting in separate Key Stages for a few weeks, we eventually joined together as a whole school to worship God at the end of February. This was such an emotional time for everyone in our school as we had been unable to meet like this for almost two years. The sense of God's presence was tangible as all children and staff spent time in praise and worship together. We certainly agreed with the Psalmist who writes: 'Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise Him!' (Psalm 147:1).

Revd. Carol is now leading whole school weekly acts of Collective Worship in school which is continuing to strengthen church-school links.

### **Easter Celebration Service**

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 9:30am, we will be holding our first Easter Celebration Service in St. John's Church for over two years! The service will be led by Revd. Carol with a

small team of children to help as readers. We are so looking forward to meeting together again in Church.

### **Communion Preparation**

In addition to this, Revd. Carol will also be leading a series of Communion Preparation sessions with our Year 6 children in May and June. Following a Baptism service at the end of June, we will be holding a Year 6 Leavers' Eucharist Service (with the whole school and Year 6 parents) on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 9:30am.

### **SIAMS Inspection**

The previous five-year cycle of SIAMS Inspections, which meant we would have received an inspection in June 2023, has been extended by approximately two years. As a school we are continually developing and improving our delivery of the RE Curriculum and Collective Worship, as well our distinctive aspects as a Church of England school.

### **School Developments**

We have continued to develop and strengthen our delivery of the curriculum to all children in school. As reading is such an important life skill, we have particularly focused on encouraging children to read as much as possible across the school.

With changes to the EYFS curriculum, the EYFS team have been able to create a bespoke curriculum to best meet the needs of our younger children in school.

The Ironmongers Company from London have generously given an additional £2,500 to help us develop our outdoor play equipment and resources.

Our Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) has been resurfaced at a cost of over £30,000. This has significantly enhanced the play and games facilities for all children. Our next grounds project is the installation of Daily Mile Running Track, with funding through the Area Action Partnership.

### **Outcomes**

The school continues to retain an 'Outstanding' Ofsted grade which it has held since March 2008. In September 2020 we anticipate being in the cycle for re-inspection, as Ofsted have begun the process for the removal of the exemption status for 'outstanding school'.

In 2019 School Performance Data for all subjects in Key Stage 2 was again either at or above the National Average. A highlight of this being our Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, with 90% of pupils at the expected standard and 47% at the higher standard these results are 12% and 11% above the National Averages. For Reading, Writing and Mathematics combined we were 5% above the national Average, with 70% of pupils reaching the expected standard.

### **School Governing Body**

The Governors are:

Foundation: Mrs Olga Bainbridge, Mrs Becky Callaghan, Mrs Jade Plews, Mrs Alison Hone, Revd. Carol Harris, Mr Andrew Harris

Staff: Mr A Farnell, Mrs Louise Scott

Local Authority: Mrs Patricia Pemberton

Parent: Mrs Lisa Brown and Mr Scott Allen

### **New Shildon All Saints B-P Scout group**

#### **Annual report for St. John's P.C.C. A.G.M 2022**

With this we reorganized the remaining leaders to cover this and as a result are unable to expand the Colony until Katelynn Callaghan is BDS and gains her warrant.



#### **Cubs**

Moving Eileen Bowman to Cubs meant we could not expand the cubs as we have only 1 leader with 8 cubs. We are looking for a new volunteer to help with this section

#### **Scouts**

We have 9 scouts who attend nearly every week but only 1 leader so I can't expand until I have a volunteer to help.

With the rent going up from £60 a week to £70 we have increased subs to £3.00 a week at the moment does not cover the monthly rent.

We are looking into funding and a parent has stepped up to help become our funding coordinator Sarah Bowman.

**IF WE DO NOT SECURE FUNDING, WE WILL HAVE TO CLOSE THE GROUP BY MAY 2022**

**Neil Cleasby**  
**Scout Leader**

### **Howden le Wear W.I. who meet at St John's Church, Shildon**

#### **Secretary's report 2020-21**

Firstly, it has certainly been a strange time for all our Institutes over the last two years. Who could have foreseen Covid-19 and the fact that we wouldn't be able to meet as a group for so long?

Our last meeting before lockdown was January 2020. We had a thoroughly enjoyable meeting, which we opened up to friends and family as we had Chyrelle Adams, Singer as our Guest Speaker. Chyrelle had suffered from Breast Cancer some years ago, and all monies raised from her gigs go to her Cancer Support Charity.

Lockdown changed everything for the W.I. and due to Covid we were unable to meet until September 2021.

Before our first official meeting again as a group, we had a wonderful afternoon out at Headlam Hall. Members enjoyed delicious afternoon tea and catch up. It was so good to see everyone again, just the tonic we needed!!!

We had another meeting in November 2021, and as we don't meet in December due to Church commitments for the Hall, we were due to meet in January 2022. However, both Wendy and Barbara succumbed to the dreaded Covid-19 and on advice from WI House, we decided it was best to hold our next meeting as planned in February.

Our Membership is down to 10 members, although we have gained another 2 prospective new members. We are planning a varied Programme of Events for 2022, but Guest Speakers, who haven't visited before, is proving difficult. However, in-house activities are also an option and I am in the process of sourcing a mystery trip in the summer, whereby members can enjoy a leisurely coach ride and supper.

Although Wendy and I have experienced extensive ill health of late, I do hope we can continue, at least for the immediate future, to ensure the Members of Howden le Wear WI at Shildon have an enjoyable and entertaining evening at our Institute. We thank WI House and our loyal members for their continued support and let us hope that 2022 is a better year for us all.

**Barbara Coia, Secretary, Howden le Wear WI at Shildon, February 2022**

### **Shildon Alive Annual Report 2021**

#### **A message from our Chair -**

'It is amazing to look back on the year that has gone at Shildon Alive and see how all the staff and volunteers have risen to the incredible challenges of 2021, making such a difference to the lives and aspirations of so many in our community. What has been achieved is phenomenal as you will see as you read on.'

Revd Carol Harris, chair of Shildon Alive (Priest in charge of St John's Church)

#### **Special Thankyous - Project Manager Paula Nelson**

'We would like to thank all of the staff and volunteers for the fantastic support they offer our community. We feel privileged to be part of this amazing project. They have all worked so hard to support their community in a particularly challenging time and we want to thank each and every one of them for their dedication and positive attitude.'

#### **Paula's Highlights:**

Receiving thankyou letters from all of the young people we worked with gardening in Hackworth Park.

Building a strong team of staff who all care for each other and their community. It feels really special!

Watching volunteers, who previously had addiction or low self esteem become part of a big family, grow in strength and start smiling, together we are stronger.

## **Shildon Alive Community Kitchen and Takeaway**

2021 has been an amazing year for Tracy and Dan who have introduced the following services over the last 12 months.

- Built takeaway sales by introducing a daily menu, three-course meal delivery service, delivered to all residents in Shildon for £5.00
- Scrumptious home made pies, quiches, and cakes (be quick! as these sell out quickly)
- "No Baking & Fruity Fun" launched, during the summer months, that was rolled out in the Shildon Alive hub. 140 children participated in sessions to learn new cooking skills, the young cooks produced fruit kebabs, smoothies and fruit ice lollies.
- "Plot to Plate" session also took place in the summer months. The children involved went to a local community garden to pick produce and then were taught how to cook a meal with it back at the community hub.
- Free breakfasts are offered to all children on their way to school in Shildon, together with free lunches during school holidays.
- An adult lunch time donation meal was introduced to the whole community
- Afterschool cookery club at one of our local schools proved popular and has secured further bookings for 2022.
- Part rescued buffets were introduced, proving very popular, this is affordable for everyone and helps the planet. The Three Tuns public house are regular customers who purchase for their darts team.
- Community links were made with the Railway Institute , the kitchen staff went planting window boxes in the spring and autumn of 2021.
- Forget Me Not flower school opened on Shildon high street and we provided homemade biscuits and cup cakes for their workshop launch.
- In the summer months nutritious hot meals and pack lunches were provided to Shildon Town Council and a local football academy.
- Christmas 2021, included gingerbread house making, attended by over 40 children.

## **Ashley Wharton - Shildon Alive Community Development Officer**

‘Since starting my role at Shildon Alive I have been involved in numerous activities and events. During the summer, I re-potted plants, donated to us by Morrisons supermarket in Bishop Auckland, with eight young volunteers, which Shildon Alive went on to sell from our stall at the Little Big meeting in August. I set up a vegetable stall in number 42 shop in Bishop Auckland marketplace, attended by approximately 2000 residents. These stalls not only generated income for the charity through donations and sales, they also allowed us to raise awareness of the work that we do, and the difference that we can make.’

'I also made connections with Journey who are a charity that help support people who have learning disabilities, who are based in Coundon, and have since hosted gardening days with their participants, arranged visits to our community shop and assisted them with setting up their own rescued produce stall in their local area.'

'Over the past 6 months I have also worked with local primary schools, delivering sessions, to encourage engagement in community activities, and also discussed how they can get involved. We also run a rescued food stall once a week, which is run by the children and is proving popular. These stalls enable the young people to be involved in our mission of reducing food waste whilst also generating an income for their school and the charity.'

'I attend ParkPlay every Saturday morning, taking a donation of rescued fruit for the participants. This has been a great way for me to become familiar with the younger generation in Shildon, and has given me the opportunity to meet their parents, allowing me to hear their input and opinions on what is missing from their community. I have attended several Shildon FC matches and made connections with the club's owner, enabling me to be involved in the ideas process for the use of the new community interest company's facilities to benefit the community of Shildon residents.'

### **Lynne Clift-Harvey - Shildon Alive Advocacy Worker**

During 2021 Lynne engaged and supported over 1000 people in 2021. The support included:

- 1057 food parcels to individuals and families in Shildon and surrounding areas
- Helped support 78 people in crisis with funding grants totalling £8.900.00
- Assisted 104 people with their benefit applications
- Supported 46 people with housing issues
- Provided 22 people with job search support and help with digital skills
- Signposted 28 people with mental health issues to the correct service
- 55 people received vouchers to help with their gas and electric during December
- Supported 6 homeless individuals
- Provided support for 2 families who were victim to gang crime

I deliver a charity Bingo session at the 3 Tuns every Thursday night that has a very friendly, vibrant atmosphere, we offer free coffee, tea and rescued sandwiches to all participants.

'It is amazing to look back on the year that has gone at Shildon Alive and see how all the staff and volunteers have risen to the incredible challenges of 2021, making such a

difference to the lives and aspirations of so many in our community. What has been



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted Fund £	Unrestricted Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>							
<b><u>Voluntary Receipts:</u></b>							
Planned Giving		19548	-	-	-	19,548	18019
Collections		4942	-	89	-	5,031	2834
Gift Aid Recovered		5631	-	-	-	5,631	7554
All Other Giving/Voluntary	1	2454	117	1,723	-	4,294	10870
		<b>32,575</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>1,812</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,504</b>	<b>39277</b>
<b><u>Activities for Generating Funds</u></b>							
	2	<b>240</b>	<b>3,656</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,896</b>	<b>958</b>
<b><u>Investment Income</u></b>							
	3	<b>12,950</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,950</b>	<b>10795</b>
<b><u>Church Activities:</u></b>							
Income from Trading	4	109	55	-	-	164	349
Other Receipts	5	14,384	-	-	-	14,384	26662
		<b>14,493</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,548</b>	<b>27011</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>60,258</b>	<b>3,828</b>	<b>1,812</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,898</b>	<b>78041</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>							
<b><u>Church Activities:</u></b>							
Parish Share		33,657	-	-	-	33,657	23840
Clergy and Staffing Costs	6	1,991	300	36	-	2,327	22770
Church Running Expenses	7	12,136	779	-	-	12,915	15422
Hall Running Costs	8	5,705	-	-	-	5,705	4699
Mission Giving and Donations	9	498	-	89	-	587	3805
Costs of Trading	10	204	-	-	-	204	193
Asset Purchases		359	-	-	-	359	4663
		<b>54,550</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,754</b>	<b>75392</b>
<b><u>Cost of Generating Funds</u></b>							
	11	<b>7,096</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,096</b>	<b>9122</b>
<b><u>Governance Costs</u></b>							
	12	<b>854</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>62,500</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63,704</b>	<b>84624</b>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>	13	<b>(2,242)</b>	<b>2,749</b>	<b>1,687</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,194</b>	<b>(6,581)</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		<b>735</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(735)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash at Bank and in Hand 1 Jan</b>		<b>36,397</b>	<b>24,167</b>	<b>1,554</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,118</b>	<b>68699</b>
<b>Cash at Bank and in Hand 31 Dec</b>		<b>34,890</b>	<b>26,916</b>	<b>2,506</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>64,312</b>	<b>62118</b>

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SHILDON  
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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Fund £	Unrestricted Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
<b>Receipts</b>							
<b><u>All Other Giving/Voluntary Receipts</u></b>	1						
Donations, appeals etc.		2454	117	100	-	2,671	51785
Grants		-	-	1623	-	1,623	
		<b>2,454</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>1,723</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,294</b>	<b>51785</b>
<b><u>Activities for Generating Funds</u></b>							
	2						
Summer Fayre		-	1,420	-	-	1420	1506
Winter Fayre		70	1,559	-	-	1629	1927
MacMillan Coffee Morning		-	-	-	-	-	233
Concert - Northern Voice		-	220	-	-	220	-
Quiz & Supper		170	-	-	-	170	-
Film Afternoons		-	-	-	-	-	192
Musical Bingo		-	153	-	-	153	-
Bellringers Fundraising		-	-	-	-	-	1,100
Other Events		-	-	-	-	-	1262
Tea & Coffee/Coffee Mornings		-	304	-	-	304	1779
Bus & Boat Trip		-	-	-	-	-	765
Windermere Boat & Train Trip		-	-	-	-	-	138
Barbeque		-	-	-	-	-	25
		<b>240</b>	<b>3,656</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3896</b>	<b>8,927</b>
<b><u>Investment Income</u></b>							
	3						
Rent from Mission Hall		12,949	-	-	-	12949	14,805
Bank Interest		1	-	-	-	1	38
		<b>12,950</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12950</b>	<b>14,843</b>
<b><u>Income from Trading</u></b>							
	4						
Hall Rents		109	55	-	-	164	936
		<b>109</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>936</b>
<b><u>Other Receipts</u></b>							
	5						
Receipts for Weddings & Funerals		14,384	-	-	-	14384	18424
Sale Of Fixed Assets (Pews)		-	-	-	-	-	70
		<b>14,384</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14384</b>	<b>18,494</b>

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Unrestricted Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
<b>Expenses</b>		£	£	£	£		
<b><u>Clergy &amp; Staffing Costs</u></b>	6						
Vicarage Expenses		234	-	-	-	234	616
Refunded Vicarage Expenses		(419)	-	-	-	(419)	-
Working Expenses of Clergy		659	-	-	-	659	1633
Visiting Clergy Fees		318	-	-	-	318	1325
Organists' Fees		120	-	-	-	120	1500
Vergers' Fees		1,065	-	-	-	1065	870
Assistant Staff Costs		-	-	-	-	-	209
Youth Work Expenses		14	300	36	-	350	25022
		<b>1,991</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2327</b>	<b>31175</b>
<b><u>Church Running Expenses</u></b>	7						
Light & Heat		1,152	-	-	-	1152	4685
Insurance		4,417	-	-	-	4417	4478
Repairs & Maintenance		2,916	715	-	-	3631	27440
Water Rates		140	-	-	-	140	789
Cleaning		759	-	-	-	759	2511
Upkeep of Services		1,761	64	-	-	1825	1712
Post Stationery & Admin Costs		831	-	-	-	831	1284
Parish Training & Mission		160	-	-	-	160	500
		<b>12,136</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12915</b>	<b>43399</b>
<b><u>Hall Running Costs</u></b>	8						
Light & Heat		2,910	-	-	-	2910	2993
Insurance		1,037	-	-	-	1037	1015
Repairs & Maintenance		1,203	-	-	-	1203	971
Water Rates		555	-	-	-	555	555
		<b>5,705</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5705</b>	<b>5,534</b>
<b><u>Missionary Giving &amp; Donations</u></b>	9						
Other Donations to Charities		-	-	89	-	89	2,655
Community Garden		40	-	-	-	40	127
Shildon Alive		-	-	-	-	-	115,747
Other Mission Expenses		444	-	-	-	444	15,813
Other Gifts & Donations		14	-	-	-	14	157
		<b>498</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>134,499</b>
<b><u>Costs of Trading</u></b>	10						
Licences & Other Expenses		204	-	-	-	204	603
		<b>204</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>603</b>
<b><u>Costs of Generating Funds</u></b>	11						
Assigned Fees for Weddings & Funerals		6959	-	-	-	6959	6,996
Cost of Fayres, Kitchen etc		137	-	-	-	137	310
		<b>7096</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7096</b>	<b>7,306</b>
<b><u>Governance Costs</u></b>	12						
Independent Examination Costs		-	-	-	-	-	110
Quinquennial Inspection & Report Costs		854	-	-	-	854	-
		<b>854</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>110</b>

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**Movements in Restricted  
& Designated Funds**

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	Bal b/f	Restricted Receipts	Designated Receipts	Restricted Payments	Designated Payments	Transfers	Bal c/f
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Charity Donations	-	89	-	89	-	-	-
Knit & Knatter	396	-	-	-	-	-	396
Upkeep and Maintenance	994	-	3725	-	-	-	4,719
Bellringers	5,120	100	-	-	779	(735)	3,706
Youth Workers Wages	15,697	-	-	36	-	-	15,661
Youth Group	1,567	100	-	-	300	-	1,367
Community Project	(413)	-	-	-	-	-	(413)
Youth Assistant	2,360	-	-	-	-	-	2,360
Youth Gardening	-	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,000
Messy Church	-	523	103	-	-	-	626
	<b>25,721</b>	<b>1,812</b>	<b>3,828</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>(735)</b>	<b>29,422</b>
Restricted	1554						2,506
Designated	24167						26,916
	<b>25,721</b>						<b>29,422</b>

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SHILDON  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

<b><u>Monetary Assets</u></b>	<b><u>Unrestricted Funds</u></b> £	<b><u>Designated Funds</u></b> £	<b><u>Restricted Funds</u></b> £	<b><u>2021</u></b> £	<b><u>Totals</u></b>  <b><u>2020</u></b> £
Bank Current Account	14,792	26,916	2,506	44,214	42,997
14 Day Notice Deposit Account	-	-	-	-	17,901
CCLA Deposit	20,000	-	-	20,000	-
Upkeep & Maintenance Account	-	-	-	-	1,167
Cash in Hand	98	-	-	98	53
	<u>34,890</u>	<u>26,916</u>	<u>2,506</u>	<u>64,312</u>	<u>62,118</u>

**Fixed Assets**

**Fund to which  
asset belongs**

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## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH, SHILDON**

I report on the accounts for year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages A2 to A6.

### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner**

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you 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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners 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. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from 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 statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

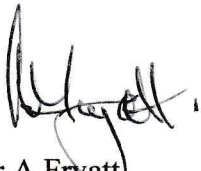
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

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



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14 March 2022