

## Chair's Annual Report 2022

**Church** – We began 2022 with all services being covered by a priest and thankfully in church. Face coverings were still required to be worn and we were not, as yet, using the common cup. It was decided in June 2022 that the wearing of face coverings would no longer be necessary, and we would commence using the common cup again for those who wished to, but people would still stand and not kneel around the altar rail, this continues to date. Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday and all our Easter services were blessed, with Rev Michelle celebrating our Triduum which she and us thoroughly enjoyed, we had an attendance of 58 people, slightly down on last year. On All Souls Day we again had a service at which all names were projected onto a screen and read out three times over a period of an hour and a half thus meaning people could drop in at any time over that period. At Christmas we held our Crib and Christingle service at 3.30pm on Christmas Eve led by Linda Dott and Aneta Bradley, and as always was a great success. Our Midnight Mass service was held at 11.30pm with more attending than expected, our attendance was 29 people which was more than last year. The Christmas Day service was a group service held at Stranton.

Our total worshipping community during 2022 was 54, and our usual Sunday Attendance was 41 adults and 2 children.

There are 58 people on our Electoral roll.

Throughout 2022 we had a total of 12 Baptisms, 3 Marriages and 28 Funerals. Confirmation was received in January 2022 that we could proceed with the faculty for a new heating system to be installed in St Aidans but this was delayed in processing by the diocese, for which they apologised. The new system was eventually installed in October 2022 and has definitely warmed the church to everyone's delight, unfortunately it is also very expensive due to the increase in energy costs.

St Columbas continues with its regular Thursday morning service with a priest in attendance. The Hall is also hired on a regular basis by a Mother and Toddler group on a Monday, Sewing Bees on a Tuesday, a Meditation Group on a Tuesday and Wednesday night and a home schooling group on a Friday, with parties occasionally being booked, and COH also now rent their office space there too.

The former vicarage was to be put up for auction in February 2022 and a fence was been erected between the church and the former vicarage by the diocese. This has now been sold and is currently being refurbished to be used as a family home.

Deanery Synod is attended by Brian Hays and Linda Dott and the PCC get regular updates on matters discussed.

An online directory was to be established for those parishes who have registered as an inclusive church and we therefore sent a donation for our inclusion on the directory.

**The Kitchen** – The year began with our guests only being allowed into church to pick up food parcels and have a hot drink when sufficient volunteers were available. An appeal for volunteers was to be advertised on social media. On 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022 we commenced providing hot meals to our guests, as take away only, but they were very grateful, and we continue to do this to date. By June 2022 we were picking up food from Tesco, Aldi and Greggs, and donations were being received from Fareshare, Morrells, Sainsburys, Morrisons and the Nasir Mosque on a regular basis.

We continue to get generous donations of food and money from many different sources.

Our warehouse manager continues to run the warehouse effectively and efficiently taking into account health and safety and the rising cost of energy throughout the year and we thank her for her hard work.

**Hartlepool Central Group** – The Group council includes 6 members of our PCC (and the same number from the other two parishes) who attend the meetings and we try to meet every couple of months. We discuss all group workings including services, clergy arrangements, links with Communities of Hope and the advertising for a new priest.

**Interregnum** – We began the year with the announcement that Rev Norman Shave would be retiring at the end of June 2022, his last working day would be 19<sup>th</sup> June with a joint service at Stranton and his last service at St Aidan's would be 29<sup>th</sup> May. This then left us with two fulltime priests Rev Michelle and Rev Clive who were themselves looking for their own parishes, and a couple of retired priests and visiting priests (if available). All services were being covered by these priests and Kathrine Batty took on the unenviable task of doing the rota for all services in all three parishes in the group.

On 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 two priests were interviewed for potential appointment to the group and it was agreed to offer Rev John Bell the post as priest to All Saints Stranton and St Luke's, with the understanding he was also part of the Central Hartlepool Group and would be required to take services at St Aidans and St Columbas. Rev John was licensed on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

In December 2022 Rev Michelle left for her own parish near Blackburn and Rev Clive is now to leave at the end of April 2023 for his own parish at Withernsea, near Hull.

St Aidan and St Columbas have now been advised by Archdeacon Rick Simpson that we are now top of the list to advertise for a priest for our parish and we can proceed with submission of our parish profile which we are at present updating.

**Communities of Hope** – At the beginning of the year COH started with only Aneta Bradley as project lead with Emma Cain helping on a part time basis, and it was not possible to advertise the other two post (families and evangelist) for another couple of months. However, despite lack of staff COH were still running Sid's Café, Mother and Toddlers group and Sewing Bees from St Matthew's, helping out at St Aidan's Kitchen on a Thursday morning and running a Café in St Aidans church on a Friday morning and Forest Church at St Aidans School on the last Sunday of the month, all these with the help of other volunteers. At the beginning of June 2022 Hayley Liversidge was appointed as families worker and as Rev Norman was retiring Janice Tarn would become Aneta's line manager. Despite the fact that the COH staff had Covid the summer camp still ran thanks to David and Angela Craig and was a great success. In September COH took on a Soup run which was operated from Avenue Road.

COH moved their office from St Matthew's Hall to St Columbas in September 2022.

Unfortunately, in February 2023, All Saints Stranton who are the legal employers of COH took the unilateral decision to dismiss Aneta Bradley. This left COH with no Project Lead, and this led to there being no Steering Group and St Aidans PCC making the decision to have no further involvement in the management of COH for the Central Hartlepool Group. Rev John has taken on the responsibility for COH.

Helen Rochester

Chair of PCC, St Aidan and St Columba

12<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF  
HARTLEPOOL ST AIDAN AND ST COLUMBA  
CHARITY NUMBER 1185257  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Trust funds £	2022 £	2021
<b><u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u></b>						
Voluntary Income	2a	35422	16822	0	52244	54305
Activities for generating funds	2b	915	117	0	1032	985
Income from investments	2c	150	64	929	1143	223
Church Activities	2d	7750	0	0	7750	5782
Other incoming resources	2e	882	22586	0	23468	7088
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>45119</b>	<b>39589</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>85637</b>	<b>68383</b>
<b><u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u></b>						
Cost of generation voluntary income	3b	0	0	0	0	20
Fund raising trading costs	3c	0	0	0	0	0
Church activities	3a	125886	292	0	126178	46870
Governance Costs	4	8255	5218	0	13473	11283
Other Expenses	5	514	4198	0	4712	26416
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>134655</b>	<b>9708</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>144363</b>	<b>84589</b>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNIZED GAINS AND LOSSES</b>		<b>-89536</b>	<b>29881</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>-58726</b>	<b>-16206</b>
Gains on investment assets:						
on disposal		0	0	0	0	0
on revaluation						
		0	0	0	0	0
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>-89536</b>	<b>29881</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>-58726</b>	
BALANCES B/FWD 1 JANUARY		78191	101635	70847	250673	
Movement between funds		66030	-66030			
BALANCES C/FWD 31 DECEMBER		<b>54685</b>	<b>65486</b>	<b>71776</b>	<b>191947</b>	

**ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF  
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BALANCE SHEET  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Trust funds £	2022 £	2021 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>						
Tangible	6a	15337	0	0	15337	18404
Investment	6b	0	0	71776	71776	70847
		<u>15337</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>71776</u>	<u>87113</u>	<u>89251</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>						
Stock		0	0	0	0	0
Debtors	7	0	0	0	0	0
Prepayments		3672	0	0	3672	3467
Cash at bank and in hand		35676	65486	0	101162	165821
		<u>39348</u>	<u>65486</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>104834</u>	<u>169288</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Creditors	8	0	0	0	0	7866
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS/LIABILITIES</b>						
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>54685</u>	<u>65486</u>	<u>71776</u>	<u>191947</u>	<u>250673</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<u>54685</u>	<u>65486</u>	<u>71776</u>	<u>191947</u>	<u>250673</u>
<b>PARISH FUNDS</b>						
Unrestricted	10	54685			54685	78191
Restricted	10		65486		65486	101635
Trust funds	10			71776	71776	70847
		<u>54685</u>	<u>65486</u>	<u>71776</u>	<u>191947</u>	<u>250673</u>

**ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF  
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Trust funds £	2022 £	2021
2 (a) Voluntary income					
Planned Giving					
Gift Aid Donations	16851			16851	20394
Tax recovered	6824	564		7388	6533
Other	5462			5462	6464
Collections	3430			3430	4348
Grants	1608	16215		17823	12400
New Build kitchen donations	0	0		0	0
Donations	747	43		790	4166
Bequests	500			500	0
	<u>35422</u>	<u>16822</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>52244</u>	<u>54305</u>
2 (b) Activities for generating funds					
Annual Fair				0	0
200 club				0	0
harvest		117		117	85
Christmas appeal	915			915	900
	<u>915</u>	<u>117</u>		<u>1032</u>	<u>985</u>
2 (c) Income from investments					
Interest	150	64	929	1143	223
2 (d) Income from church activities					
Fees	2883			2883	3812
Rent	4867			4867	1970
	<u>7750</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7750</u>	<u>5782</u>
2 (e) Other incoming resources					
Thursday kitchen		22071		22071	6287
Sundry Income	882	373		1255	801
Charity Income		142		142	0
Insurance Claim				0	0
	<u>882</u>	<u>22586</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23468</u>	<u>7088</u>
2 (f) sequestration				0	
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<u>45119</u>	<u>39589</u>	<u>929</u>	<u>85637</u>	<u>68383</u>

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<b>3. RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Trust funds	2022	2021
<b>3 (a) Church Activities</b>					
<b>Charitable giving</b>					
Christian Aid		142		142	0
Hospice				0	0
Children's Society				0	0
Other				0	579
	0	142	0	142	579
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	27295			27295	26500
Other ministry costs	515			515	818
New Heating System	73494			73494	0
Church running and maintenance	20411	150		20561	14201
Depreciation	3067			3067	3067
Printing and stationery	841			841	1705
	125623	292	0	125915	46870
<b>3(b) Generation of voluntary income</b>					
Cost of lottery licence	0	0	0	0	20
Trading expenditure				0	0
	0	0	0	0	20
<b>3 ( c) Fund raising costs</b>					
concert/coffee morning	0	0	0	0	0
annual fair	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
<b>4 (a) STAFF COSTS</b>					
Wages and salaries	8255	5218	0	13473	11283

During the year the PCC employed a parish administrator (part time). No payments were large enough to attract social security costs.

As the Parish Administrator, Mrs Kathrine Batty, who is a member of the PCC, was paid £5590 (2021; £5220) during the year.

As the warehouse manager Ms Clare Barker who was paid £5218 (2021:£4348)

No other payments or expenses were paid to other PCC members or persons closely connected to them or related parties

The parish contributed to expenses for Revd Norman Shave and Revd Michelle Delves as part of group arrangements

**5. OTHER COSTS**

Professional fees				0	360
Sundry Expenses	514	87		601	601
Thursday kitchen		4111		4111	25455
	514	4198	0	4712	26416

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Trust funds	2022	2021
<b>6. FIXED ASSETS</b>					
(a) Tangible	15337	0	0	15337	18404
(b) Investments	0	0	71776	71776	70847
	15337	0	71776	87113	89251
<b>7. DEBTORS</b>					
Invoices issued	0	0	0	0	0
<b>8. LIABILITIES</b>					
Sundry creditors	0	0	0	0	7866

**9. FUNDS**

The restricted funds comprise the organ fund and parish hall fund. The endowment funds are the Bolton Trust (to be used for general purposes) the Bulmer Trust (to be used at the absolute discretion of the vicar and Church Wardens) the PCC trust (to be used for ecclesiastical purposes within the parish) and the Wilkinson Trust (to be used for general purposes).

	Parish Hall Fund	Organ Fund	Bolton Trust	Bulmer Trust	PCC Trust	Wilkinson Trust
Fund Movements						
Balance at 1 January 2022	48963	31721	7415	33911	26530	2991
resources expended	48997					
Interest received	34	30	97	445	348	39
Balance at 31 December 2022	0	31751	7512	34356	26878	3030

<b>10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS</b> by fund	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Trust funds	TOTAL 2022
Tangible Fixed Assets	15337			15337
Investment Fixed Assets			71776	71776
Current Assets	39348	65486		104834
Current Liabilities	0	0		0
TOTAL	54685	65486	71776	191947



**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022**

**Note 1 – Accounting Policies**

**1a) Basis of Preparation**

These accounts have been prepared to meet the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 together with the Charities (accounts and reports) regulations 2008 and statements of recommended practice on accounting and reporting by Charities. They have been prepared on an accruals basis. The statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible. The accounts do not include the activities of the Trust Funds held for the benefit of the PCC by the Diocese of Durham except insofar as income has been received from those funds

**1b) Fixed Assets**

Fixed assets are depreciated over a period generally 10 years estimated to reflect the useful economic life of the asset. The only asset being depreciated is the kitchen in St. Aidans Church.

All other assets are charged to the accounts in the period payment is made.

**1c) Debtors**

Amounts receivable are stated at the value expected to be realised.

**1d) Liabilities, Provisions, Deferred Income and Capital Grants**

Full estimates are made of income received in advance and liabilities incurred and provisions are made in accordance with relevant financial reporting standards

**Independent Examiners Certificate for Ecclesiastical Parish of Hartlepool St Aidan and St. Columba,**  
**Charity Number 1185257**

**I report to the Trustees of Ecclesiastical Parish of Hartlepool St Aidan and St. Columba, for the year  
end 31 December 2022**

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011,

To follow the procedures laid down in the general direction given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011 and

To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

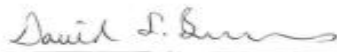
**Basis of independent examiners statement**

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

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 following requirements have not been met
  - a) To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011
  - b) To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and to account for Statutory Fees correctly
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Date 19/4/2023

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30 Snowdrop Road, Hartlepool

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