

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST OSWALD, DURHAM

England & Wales - Charity number 1196296

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2021-10-27

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: Those of a C of E PCC: providing and maintaining a place of Christian worship; conducting religious services: weddings/funerals/baptisms; providing pastoral care/mission/outreach; advancing and educating people about Christianity; maintaining public churchyards and burial places; inter-faith activities; charitable outreach; working for the cohesion and morale of the local community generally.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Durham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£181,456	£202,365	-	-
2023-12-31	£129,179	£121,950	-	-
2022-12-31	£113,141	£118,872	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
REV'D PETER ZACHARIAS KASHOURIS	Chair	2005-08-01
Andrew Mark Jones		2024-04-28
Clare Fenella Wright		2021-05-16
David Mark Harris		2021-05-16
Dr Peter Andre Shambrook		2023-04-30
Dr Sheila Muriel Hingley		2021-05-16
Gordon Arthur Harry Mitchell		2022-06-15
Rosalind Marian Layton		2021-05-16
Sue Pitts		2021-05-16

Accounts

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**Independent Examiner's report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December
2024**

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on the attached pages, is in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('The Act').

I report that, in carrying out my examination of the PCC's accounts pursuant to section 145 of the 2011 Act, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of this Report

My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you 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 view given by the accounts.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act: or
2. The accounts do not accord with those 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) 

Name ANDREW PETER FRENCH

Address 49 ANCROFT GARTH
HIGH STAINCLIFFE

DURHAM
Date 25th March

2025

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General Account Summary of Receipts and Payments for Year Ending 31st December 2024

Receipts	Notes	2024	2023
Incoming receipts from donors			
Planned giving	01	48,113 ✓	41,536
Collections/donations	02	3,979 ✓	5,508
Grants	03	23,563 ✓	538
Institute income	04		
from King's Church		12,782 ✓	11,940
from Main Hall		9,123 ✓	7,038
Other activities	05	<u>10,830</u> ✓	<u>12,374</u>
Total receipts		108,390 ✓	78,934 ✓
Payments			
Ministry	06	22,036 ✓	25,598
Other activities	07	29,290 ✓	22,610
Music	08	18,736 ✓	14,506
Institute costs	09	22,475 ✓	12,338
Other costs	10	<u>13,757</u> ✓	<u>13,146</u>
Total payments		106,294 ✓	88,198
Balance 01/01		1,796 ✓	11,060
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		2,096 ✓	(9,264)
Balance 31/12		3,892 ✓	1,796

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General Account Receipts for Year Ending 31st December 2024 – **notes** (and refer to note numbers given on page 2 above)

	2024	2023
1.1 Standing orders	30400	30760
1.2 Envelopes	4830	1527
1.3 Other gift-aided donations, including yellow gift-aid envelopes	2914	1943
1.4 Gift-aid recovery	<u>9969</u>	<u>7306</u>
	48113	41536
2.1 Loose cash collections	1845	320
2.2 Sundry donations	1167	2717
2.3 Bequest	-----	1000
2.4 Church box/Sum-Up	<u>967</u>	<u>1471</u>
	3979	5508
3.1 County Council	20000	-----
3.2 Listed Places of Worship Scheme	1463	438
3.3 Diocese of Durham – energy costs grant	1100	-----
3.4 Lord Crewe Charity	<u>1000</u>	<u>100</u>
	23563	538
4.1 Institute income from King's Church	12782	11940
4.2 Institute income from Main Hall	<u>9123</u>	<u>7038</u>
	21905	18978
5.1 Magazine	720	545
5.2 Weddings/funerals	6369	7990
5.3 Concerts/recitals in Church	1170	1322
5.4 Fundraising	711	422
5.5 Bank interest/refunds	125	360
5.6 Shincliffe contribution	<u>1735</u>	<u>1735</u>
	10830	12374

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General Account Payments for Year Ending 31st December 2024 – **notes** (and refer to
note numbers given on page 2 above)

		2024	2023
Ministry			
6.1	Regional church contributions, including Share	17596	21213
6.2	Missions and Charities	1960	1330
6.3	Vicarage costs	526	471
6.4	Clergy working expenses	1417	1211
6.5	Other clergy	<u>537</u>	<u>1373</u>
		22036	25598
Church			
		2024	2023
7.1	Gas	3017	1525
	Water	133	122
	Insurance	6514	6379
	Cleaning	2760	2376
	Electricity	1389	985
		13813	11387
7.2	Church maintenance	8331	6233
7.3	Support of church services	3390	3676
7.4	Churchyard and Bow Cemetery	<u>3756</u>	<u>1344</u>
		29290	22640
Music			
8.1	Organ playing and choir direction	9170	8550
8.2	Organ and piano tuning	1982	1392
8.3	Music purchases	845	903
8.4	Music scholars	<u>6739</u>	<u>3661</u>
		18736	14506

	2024	2023
9. Institute		
Main Hall electricity	1134 ✓	1666
Gas (whole Institute, of which 50% recouped from King's Church)	2366 ✓	1466
Insurance	1528 ✓	1496
Water (of which 50% recouped from King's Church)	358 ✓	327
Cleaning (part recouped from King's Church)	3132 ✓	3095
Waste collection (67% recouped from King's Church)	713 ✓	693
Sewerage (of which 50% recouped from King's Church)	238 ✓	412
Appleby electricity (100% recouped from King's Church)	2083 ✓	2094
Maintenance/repairs	<u>10923</u> ✓	<u>1089</u>
	22475 ✓	12338
Other		
10.1 Administration	12033 ✓	12291
10.2 Magazine	990 ✓	825
10.3 Miscellaneous	<u>734</u> ✓	-----
	13757 ✓	13116

General Account Notes

There have been significant increases by individuals in planned giving by standing order, and also in giving by envelope, which are very much appreciated. There have also been a number of one-off gift-aided payments. Gift aid obtained from planned giving and one-off donations is an extremely important part of our annual income: £9,969 in 2024. **Gift aid** was therefore 9% of the total income into the General account. **If you can gift aid your donations, therefore, please do.**

Grants are extremely variable from year to year. In 2024, thanks to the hard work of Roz, Sheila and Andy, we obtained a grant of £20,000 from the County Council towards the work on the Institute, and a grant from Durham Diocese of £1,100 towards the cost of insulation for the Institute. We also recouped £1,463 from the Listed Places of Worship Scheme.

It is encouraging to see that **Institute income** increased in 2024, up to £21,905 (compared to £18,978 in 2023), notwithstanding the ongoing improvement work.

It is good to see the income from **concerts** in Church: £1,170. **Please do support these concerts**, which are publicised in the weekly calendar. You will enjoy yourself and, in doing so, you will support not only the wider community, including the talent in the student community, but also St Oswald's.

In 2024 we paid our total **Parish Share** of £40,000 from income into our General account (£16,500) and the balance (£23,500) from the Combined Charities account.

Charitable giving: as you know, our congregation, guided by our Appeals Committee, raised thousands of pounds in 2024, and the amounts will be separately summarised by Bob Layton. Most of the money raised does not pass through the PCC accounts at all, but is sent directly to the chosen charities. A proportion of the money raised does go through the PCC accounts because it has been donated via our Collectin at the North door of the Church.

We made various other small donations, including to Durham Churches Together and Royal British Legion, and also for bibles for St Oswald's School leavers.

You can see that the cost of **gas and electricity** for the Church increased in 2024, as expected.

Note the **contribution of King's Church** to the cost of utilities in the Institute (above, page 5 of 12).

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Combined Charities Account Summary of Receipts and Payments for Year Ending 31st
December 2024

<u>Receipts</u>	2024	2023
1. Grants from Vicar and Churchwarden charities		
Caldcleugh income account	15000 ✓	-----
Ternent income account	3000 ✓	
Caldcleugh invested funds	55000 ✓	50000
2. Transfer from CCLA Ashton funds to cover Ashton Distributions		129
3. Distributions from the Cock Charities		
Non-educational	55 -	55
Educational	11 ✓	11
4. Ex gratia payment from Barclays	-----	0
Total receipts	73066 ✓	50245
 <u>Payments</u>		
5.1 Parish Share	23500 ✓	20000
Fees paid to Diocese	-----	354
5.2 Missions and Charities (Cock and Ashton distributions)	120	166
6 Support of Church services - music	-----	95
7 Music scholars	-----	334
8 Institute	72451 ✓	12803
Total payments	96071 ✓	33752
Balance brought forward on 1 st January	25083 ✓	8589
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	(23005)	16493
Balance carried forward on 31 st December	2078 ✓	25083

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Notes

The PCC did not have sufficient income into the General account to pay the whole of the Parish Share pledged to the Diocese in 2024 (£40,000), so £23,500 was paid from the Combined Charities account.

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The Rev. John Cock's Charities 2024

	2024	2023
Non-educational (a/c 3395)		
Current assets (from dividends) held in Combined Charities account, brought forward 01/01/2024	608	559
Receipts (BLK Charities UK Bond Fund A Inc)	55	55
Payments	0	6
Current assets held in Combined Charities account at 31/12/2024	663	608

Capital fund at 31/12/2024	1302	1362
Education (a/c 3396)		
Current assets (from dividends) held in Combined Charities account, brought forward 01/01/2024		
Combined Charities a/c	137	126
Receipts (BLK Charities UK Bond Fund A Inc)	11	11
Payments	0	0
Current assets held in Combined Charities account at 31/12/2024	148	137

Capital fund at 31/12/2024	269	281

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**Ashton Bequest 2024 (transferred to Adamson CCLA deposit account in
February 2019)**

	2024	2023
Current assets brought forward in Combined Charities a/c 01/01/2024	120	51
13/03/2023 payment from CCLA deposit a/c	-----	129
Distributions from Combined Charities account	(120)	(60)
Current assets in Combined Charities a/c at 31/12/2024	0*	120

***Note:** a withdrawal will be made from the Adamson CCLA deposit account in early 2024, so that there will be a positive Ashton balance in the Combined Charities account from which to make Ashton distributions in 2024.

CCLA deposit account

Brought forward 01/01/2024	3173	3168
13/03/2023 payment into Combined Charities account to cover distributions	-----	(129)
Interest (see breakdown below)	163	134
Deposit account at 31/12/2024	3336	3173

Breakdown of interest accrued

January	13.89
February	13.90
March	13.01
April	13.91
May	13.46
June	13.97
July	13.51
August	13.98
September	13.62
October	13.12
November	13.49
December	12.71

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Record of restricted funds	2024	2023
General account		
Ayton Trust	462	462
Choir Fund (robes)	2813	2813
Social Committee funds (following closure of Social Committee a/c)	52*	302
TOTAL	3327	3577

***Note:** owing to a banking error, the bulk of the profit from the *Much Ado About Nothing* evening (£316), will be included in the record for 2025.

Combined Charities account

Cock Charity 3395	663	608
Cock Charity 3396	148	137
Ashton	0	120
TOTAL	811	865

Record of funds in the PCC General account restricted to the use of the Social Committee

	Balance
Funds restricted to Social Committee @ 01/01/2024	302.00
Less £100 donation to Daft as a Brush	202.00
Plus £132.35 - St Matthew Passion	334.35
Less £22.42 reimbursement for St Matthew Passion expenses	311.93
Less £189.48 reimbursement: 72 plates	122.45
Less £29.20 reimbursement: evensong 16/06/2024	93.25
Less £63.82 reimbursement for Harvest Tea	29.43
Plus Much Ado £22.50 payment, bringing balance @ 31/12/2024 to:	51.93

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Receipts and payments – statement of assets and liabilities for the year ended 31st December 2024

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cash funds						
General & Combined Charities accounts	1832		4138		5970	26879
Ashton deposit account	-		3336		3336	3173
Other monetary assets						
Gift aid recoverable (estimate)	8500				8500	7500
Recoverable from LPoW (est.)	1000				1000	800
Investment assets						
Cock (non-educational)	-			1302	1302	1362
Cock (educational)	-			269	269	281
Assets retained for Church use						
	-				-	-
Liabilities						
Cheques still to be banked	0				0	2796

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Receipts and payments - financial statement for the year ended 31st December 2024 (for both General account and Combined Charities account)

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank/in hand 01/01	22437		4442		26879	19649
Receipts						
Planned giving by SO	30400				30400	30760
Collections at services	3979				3979	3035
Grants	75463		21100		96563	50717
Other donations (including gift-aided)	5936		1808		7744	4690
HMRC gift-aid recovery	9969				9969	7306
Legacies	0				0	1000
Investment income	0		66		66	66
Church activities	32580		155		32735	31605
Total receipts	158327		23129		181456	129179
Payments						
Parish share	✓40000				40000	40000
Clergy/staffing	22156				22156	21490
Church running/maintenance	41953		✓1250		43203	33823
Institute running/maintenance	73826		✓21100		94926	25141
Giving and donations	✓997		✓1083		2080	1496
Total payments	178932		23433		202365	121950
Excess of payments over receipts	(20605)		(304)		(20,909)	7229
Cash at bank/in hand 31/12	1832		4138		5970	26879

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ST OSWALD'S CHURCH DURHAM – REPORT ON OUTREACH COMMITTEE CAMPAIGNS ADVENT 2024 AND LENT 2025 for 2025 AGM

International appeal, Advent-Christmas:

The *Disaster Emergency Committee* (DEC) is made up of 15 leading UK aid charities, including Action Aid, Care, the International Rescue Committee, Christian Aid, Islamic Relief and Save the Children. The funds raised by its Middle East appeal will be mainly spent in aid to Gaza and Lebanon, but with some spent in the surrounding region including the West Bank.

The UK Government has undertaken to match donations received by the Committee up to ten million pounds.

Although DEC's relief activities were primarily focussed on Gaza at the time our appeal was launched, it also works in Lebanon and the West Bank, so we can be sure that our donations were put to good use, even if the Israeli blockade prevented them from being delivered to Gaza.

At the time our appeal was launched, over 1 million people had been displaced in Lebanon, and many needed emergency access to food as shelters could not keep up with demand. Before the conflict with Israel escalated, 80% of the population was living in poverty and many families were already facing hunger daily.

In the West Bank, the World Food Programme had estimated that the escalation of violence could push at least 600,000 people into food insecurity.

Thanks to your generosity, St Oswald's raised £1,943.50, of which almost all was gift aided, giving a potential total of £2,373.50

Local appeal, Lent -Easter 2025

Our local campaign was for St. Cuthbert's Hospice. We had already supported them once before, the hospice was currently facing a deficit of £ 1.3 million and had recently had to cut 18% of its workforce including 11 clinical staff and 5 from income generation.

You generously donated £1,820. With gift aid this represented a potential total of £2,147.50.

There were one or two small problems to be sorted out (such as cheques made out to St Oswald's rather than St Cuthbert's), but I took our donations over to the hospice earlier this week. They were warmly received and I was photographed holding a large "cheque" of which they will send a copy that can be displayed on our Outreach information board inside the south door.

Bob Layton

The Parish Church of St Oswald, Durham

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS
TO ELECT CHURCHWARDENS

and the ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The meeting will be held on
Sunday 18th May 2025 after the Parish Eucharist

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayers
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the Meeting of 28 April 2024
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Election of Churchwardens
6. Electoral Roll Report
7. Annual Report
8. Financial Statements for 2024
9. Report on the Goods and Fabric of the Church
10. Report on the proceedings of Deanery Synod
11. Election of PCC members.
12. Appointment of Independent Examiner
13. Renewal of Health and Safety and Safeguarding Policies
14. Any questions about church matters.

**Minutes of the St Oswald's Church, Durham
Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 28 April 2024**

1) Apologies for absence

Apologies: Alan Middleton; Alice Wort; Alison Shambrook.

3) Approval of the minutes of the last Vestry Meeting and APCM held on 30 April 2023

The minutes were approved as an accurate record and signed by the chairman.

4) Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

Vestry Meeting

5) Election of churchwardens

There were two nominations for churchwardens: Gill Aubrey was nominated by Sheila Hingley and Mark Davies. Andy Jones was nominated by Sheila Hingley and Roz Layton. Both were duly elected as churchwardens for 2024/25. The meeting thanked Sheila Hingley for her work as churchwarden during the last seven years.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

6) Electoral roll report

The report was given by Sue Pitts, Electoral Roll officer. On the roll in 2023 there were 64 names, one person had resigned from the roll and two more have been added. Three people have died. A copy of the roll with the names only has been displayed in the church porch. Sue was thanked for all her work in preparing the roll.

7) Annual report

Rector's Report

The Rector's report was circulated with the papers for the meeting. Peter added some points to the written report: Mark Davies was graduating in the summer and would be leaving Durham after his wedding in St Oswald's to Nell Guthrie. We were very grateful for his services to St Oswald's during his three years in the University, including being a member of the PCC as well as playing a central role in the sanctuary team. And there had been an excellent confirmation service at which Andrew and John Wort had been confirmed. Peter also thanked those who had helped to maintain a BCP Communion service on Wednesdays

Outreach Appeals

A full written report was provided by Bob Layton on the 2023/24 appeals. At the meeting he praised the generosity of the congregation for the amounts raised in addition Sarah Knight pointed out that the £3,000 raised in the annual Christian Aid appeal was not included in the report.

St Oswald's Outreach Committee: report on Advent/Christmas 2022 and Lent/Easter 2023 appeals

For our 2022-23 outreach programme the St Oswald's Outreach Committee agreed, with the support of the PCC, to hold two appeals, the first over Advent and Christmas 2022 for a local charity, the second over Lent and Easter 2023 for a national or international charity.

Advent and Christmas appeal

The St Margaret's Centre is a well-established local charity in Durham that works to promote people's mental health. The Centre houses a well-equipped woodwork department and an arts and crafts room where instructors teach a wide range of skills such as painting, drawing, sewing and

model making, and a café. The appeal raised a total of £1,317.50 (including gift aid). We received a warm letter of thanks from the Deputy Manager and a donation of four bird boxes plus two bat boxes for us to erect in St Oswald's churchyard.

Lent and Easter appeal (22 nd February to 16 th April)

This appeal raised £2,050 for the reconstruction of the Ukraine and the support of refugees and was channelled through th Disasters Emergency Committee.

Music Report

The Director of Music, David Harris, had supplied a written report circulated with the papers. He highlighted the extra music that had been performed during the year because of the contribution of the choral scholars. David was thanked by the meeting for his work and that of the choir.

Safeeguarding Report

Gill Aubrey, Safeguarding Officer, had provided a written report circulated with the papers. She said that it had not been noted in the report for 2022 that the safeguarding policy was agreed at the 2023 APCM. She reported verbally that all safeguarding training had been completed by members of the PCC and she would continue to remind people when they needed to update this. She was thanked for her work as Safeguarding Officer.

8) Financial Statements for 2024

There have been increases in planned giving by standing order, and giving by envelope, which are very much appreciated. There have also been a number of one-off gift-aided payments. Gift aid obtained from planned giving and one-off donations is an extremely important part of our annual income: £7,306 in 2023 (ie. nearly 10% of our total income).

Grants are variable from year to year.

It is good to see the increase in income from concerts in Church.

We are hoping that the recently installed CollecTin will make a difference to Church income in future. (Many thanks are owing to Gill Aubrey for overcoming all the obstacles to its installation.)

Note that Parish Share has been paid as follows: 50% (£20,000) from our income, and 50% (£20,000) from the Combined Charities account (having been granted to the Combined Charities account by the Vicar and Churchwarden at the time from the Vicar and Churchwarden charities).

Charitable giving: remember that the bulk of our giving, which is co-ordinated by the Appeals Committee, raises thousands but that none of the money passes through the PCC's accounts. The amounts raised are sent directly to the charities concerned.

The charitable giving of £1330 noted at section 5.2 of the accouts includes donations made by the Social Committee from the profits on social activities:

£359 to the Turkey/Syria Earthquake appeal; and

£100 to the Durham Food Bank.

(Note that a further £100 donated by the Social Committee to Daft as a Brush will appear in the 2024 accounts, because the payment did not clear before 31/12/2023.)

These charitable donations highlight the hard work and importance of our Social Committee.

There were various other small donations, including to Durham Churches Together, Royal British Legion and for bibles for St Oswald's School leavers.

For those who are interested in how much we spend on utilities, you can for the first time see a breakdown of the running costs of Church and Institute.

9) Fabric and Goods of the Church

The churchwardens' detailed Fabric Report was circulated with the meeting papers, including a report on the churchyards by Roz Layton. The postponed Quinquennial Inspection was done during 2022 by our new architect Chloe Granger. We are awaiting the final report. The main preoccupation was with the heating which was causing problems and needed replacement parts. It included a

report on the Institute Development Group's work with details of the completion of Phase 1 where secondary glazing was added to the Institute windows. It is hoped that this improvement will reduce heating bills and support the sustainability of the building in future. It is hoped Phase 2 will be carried out in the summer of 2024.

10) Deanery Synod

Peter reported on the activities of the Deanery Synod in a paper circulated with the meeting papers. Sue Pitts and Sheila Hingley were St Oswald's representing on the Synod.

11) Election of PCC members

Peter thanked all the members of the PCC for their hard work this year. The member of the PCC who has finished her term was Fenella Wright but she has been renominated for another term. She was duly elected. Sheila Hingley would remain on the PCC after standing down as churchwarden since she is a Deanery Synod representative. Mark Davies has resigned as he is moving away from Durham so there were three vacancies now.

12) Appointment of independent examiner for the accounts

The meeting thanked Andrew French for his work in this role, and reappointed him for 2024/25.

13) Health & Safety and Safeguarding

The meeting formally affirmed the Safeguarding policy and the Health & Safety policy.

14) Any questions

Roz Layton asked if lay communion servers would be recruited again, as before Covid. Peter hoped to do this in the future. Anne Glen asked if it would be possible to pay anything to the sanctuary party. Peter said this would be considered.

The meeting closed at 1:00pm with the Grace

PARISH CHURCH OF ST OSWALD

DURHAM

ANNUAL REPORT

and

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

of the

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ended 31 December 2024

Rector

The Revd Peter Kashouris

St Oswald's Vicarage, Church Street,

Durham DH1 3DG

Bank

Barclays Bank plc, 6 Market Place, Durham City, DH1 3ND

Independent Examiner

Mr AP French, 49 Ancroft Garth, High Shincliffe, Durham DH1 2UD

The governance of the Church of England now comes under the Church Representation and Ministers Measure 2019, and the **Church Representation Rules 2020**. These are new, and simplified rules.

PCC Membership

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector, the Rev.'d Peter Kashouris, in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC membership coming into the annual meeting 2025 is:

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Report on the work of the St Oswald's PCC 2024.

Sherburn House

Fortnightly services have begun, taken by Peter and Jane Middleton.

Sound System

Following a number of engineer visits and tests, we now believe the sound system to be working well

Campers in the Churchyards.

Andy worked tirelessly to resolve this situation, winning the trust of all parties.

It was felt that this has been handled as best as it could be, having never encountered this situation before. Andy engaged and worked alongside a number of agencies, including our local PCSO.

St Oswald's has now erected signage to deter and future such event.

Andy will continue to monitor the situation.

Trees and large shrubs will be maintained by raising low growth to deter rough sleepers from sleeping underneath.

Institute Renovation works

The kitchen window has been replaced.

Secondary glazing has been installed to the staircase windows, and in the main hall.

The Institute now has an accessible toilet and men's toilet.

A 2 storey extension across the small rear yard has created 2 toilet cubicles downstairs and additional space in our current office area.

Lintels have been installed in the hall to allow a serving hatch to the kitchen (Phase 3)

New carpets have been laid up the stairs and throughout the upstairs.

Boyd is producing floor plans with new layout of Institute. These will be placed in prominent places for use in emergency.

Lychgate

The remedial works to the Lychgate at Bow Cemetery has been a great achievement.

Entrance via the South Door.

Work has been done to move furniture around at the south door to function more practically, and improve first impressions. The intention to improve the ramp led to further discussion as to whether the removal of the internal entrance would offer a better solution to the ramp placement or/and possible use of larger glass doors.

The cluttered feel of the Church as you enter this door was reviewed. It was recommended to place the Orthodox Icon in this place to enhance the sense of entering a place of prayer.

Contactless Giving

Gill Aubrey has done a great job getting this up and running and donations are steadily increasing.

This is also proving a very effective collection tool for specific appeals.

Bell Ringers Commemoration Plaque

St Oswald's bell ringers are requesting a plaque to be erected in the ringing chamber to commemorate a special peal they completed for the Coronation of King Charles

PCC agree to go halves on the cost.

Noticeboards:

All 4 noticeboards have now been replaced.

QI:

Peter, Boyd and Andy walked through church with Martin Howard, following this meeting the next five year focus will be the required works to the Tower roof and Masonry repairs.

Safeguarding:

Gill Aubrey stood down as Safeguarding Officer and Gordon Mitchell has kindly taken on this role.

Churchyard

Bob Layton and Boyd Sims-Williams have put up bird boxes and bat coxes kindly donated by St Margarets Centre

Churchyard trees and shrubs:

In order to best maintain the churchyard several trees and shrubs have been removed

The Rector's Report

The Sunday Eucharist and Wednesday Holy Communion services continued well; and weekly Sunday Evensong has resumed. Thanks to James, Hamish, John, Andrew, for their help; and also the Rev.'d Gavin Wort, John McManners, Alan Middleton for their super ministry; and to those who set up for the services and welcome people. David and the choir have given excellent warmth and energy to the services throughout the year, and have added a lot to the worship at St. Oswald's. Highlights were the joint Covenant Service with Elvet Methodist Church, joint Ash Wednesday service with St Mary's College, Holy Week and Easter, when the Church was beautifully adorned with flowers, many thanks to Wendy and Ann Stevenson, the Ascension Day service at Finchale Priory, and our Advent and Christmas Carol service,

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Peter Kashouris

May 2025

Outreach Appeals: There were a number of successful appeals through this period. A report will be given separately.

Fabric report 2024–25.

Church

Many thanks go first of all to Kelvin Appleby for his tireless work in repainting the steel **bell frame**. It is now a rich and cheerful shade of red, suitably emblematic of the joy and dignity the bells convey, and looks quite stunning when picked out by shafts of sunlight through the window openings in the tower walls.

Many thanks are due, too, to Boyd Sims-Williams for his sterling maintenance work on the gate to the **organ loft**, and to Beth Rainey for organising the **PAT testing** (and many other things). Regular servicing has also been carried out on the **roof alarm** and the **fire extinguishers**.

The report of the **Quinquennial Inspection** carried out by Crosby Granger in August 2023 arrived in July 2024, the delay being caused by the volume of work the architects are experiencing. (Conservation architects are apparently in short supply.) Apart from a reminder to keep on keeping the guttering free of detritus, and a couple of points about the main noticeboards and tree cover in the churchyard, the urgent recommendations concern the tower roof and stonework — the Victorian leadwork needs replacing, and the eroded stonework needs to be fixed.

At one time it seemed that the obvious next step would be to erect scaffolding round the **tower** and do all the works at once, as scaffolding comes at such huge cost. A closer look at the masonry, however, has revealed that a complex mixture of stone and mortar types has built up over decades or centuries of patch repairs, and the architects' advice is that the chemical interactions between these components need to be understood in detail before a durable scheme of repair can be prepared. The current plan is to commission a detailed survey using a cherry-picker, before devising a scheme of work and putting it out to tender. Accordingly, the leadwork was patched (again) in May 2025, which will hopefully stop the minor water ingress that has been noticed over the winter, and Crosby Granger are working on next steps. They will also be advising us on securing grant funding.

The **lightning conductor** was inspected in September, and a new earth electrode was recommended at not inconsiderable cost. Several features of the report caused disquiet (not least that the same firm had installed the existing electrode only six years ago), and a different firm was commissioned to test the system in December. It passed.

Swift boxes — boxes, that is, for swifts to dwell in — are in contemplation for installation in the tower, and many thanks go to Mike Harris for sourcing grant funding and volunteering to build and fit them. There would be little point, though, in attracting swifts into residence and then terminally annoying them by carrying on building work around them, and so the boxes' commissioning will need to wait until after works are concluded.

The **gas boiler** continues to raise concerns. A new control unit fitted back in September has kept it running quite well over the winter, though investigation in January after it failed to light automatically suggested that an electrical relay was failing, which would cost upwards of £1100 to replace. It seemed to cause difficulty only in the coldest of weather, and so the boiler has been checked on those predictable occasions with a view to lighting it manually if needed. The problem seems to have arisen again just this week, though, and so a repair may have to be done.

Some preliminary work has been done on **alternative heating systems**. The Church of England aims for next zero carbon emissions from its plant by 2030, and so electrical heating of one kind or another is much in vogue; permission can be gained to instal new gas boilers, though, if a case can be made that they are the best available option. A nearby church fitted with under-pew convector heaters has been visited, and the results were not entirely impressive; another visit to a church in Bradford with infra-red heaters hanging from the ceiling was more encouraging. This looks set to be a major concern in the medium term, alongside repairs to the tower.

Institute

The main news is of course the successful completion of Phase 2 of the **development work**: the upstairs office has been divided into a snug new office and a meeting room, now with its own executive toilet; the upstairs loft space has been insulated; and the area behind the hall has been remodelled to create two new toilets, a cleaner's store, and a general storeroom. Many thanks go to Bill Katakay, our indefatigable architect, and to Sheila Hingley, Roz Layton, and Boyd Sims-Williams, the development group — *especial* thanks being due to Roz for negotiating grant support.

Final building regulations sign-off for the work is being delayed by the need for an enhanced **fire detection and warning system**: the regulations have changed, it seems, while the project has been in progress. A Fire Risk Assessment was obtained in April 2025, and tenders are being sought for a wireless fire alarm system.

Phase 3 — the remodelling of the **kitchen** — is in the planning stage at the moment.

The Institute **central heating** works, but the pressure in the water circuit has been dropping

regularly and irritatingly since October. The fault appears to be a leak — the pipework under the hall has been inspected quite thoroughly without finding one, which seems to suggest that the problem is under the concrete floor that's now part of the new storeroom. Investigations are ongoing...

Churchyard

Particular thanks go to Jacob Knight for treating the David Knight **memorial bench** with wood preservative recently — anyone who frequents the churchyard can testify to how much visitors use and value the bench. Grateful thanks too to Steve Lindsay and Roz Layton for their quiet and unsung maintenance work around the churchyard, to Carol and Stewart Forster for clearing leaves, and many thanks also to the several stalwart citizens who regularly pick up litter on their way through. And thanks, too, to everyone who quietly does things and whom I don't happen to have bumped into and caught in the act!

A group of **rough sleepers** took up residence on the western edge of the churchyard in May 2024, and the last of them remained till July. Some of them had been evicted from Oswald Ct. for anti-social behaviour and criminality, and one was on the streets after release from prison. They all proved conversable and respectful of the church itself, and DCC Rough Sleepers Unit, the police, and the Probation Service combined to find them accommodation in the end. They did leave a series of messes, and DCC Clean and Green cleared up after them (along with volunteers). Warm thanks are due to the services mentioned above for their effective liaison and assistance.

On the advice of the Diocesan Registrar, small **notices** have gone up at the entry points to this and the other churchyards welcoming visitors, and forbidding them from camping or lighting fires.

In June, a spare wheely bin was removed, and our free **rubbish collection** was regularised by agreement with the council.

The Perspex-fronted **noticeboards** in front of the vicarage and the east end of the church have been mended, and the two main noticeboards at either end of the churchyard have been repaired, repainted, and re-lettered. Many thanks to John Davies, the Treasurer at St. Mary's Coxhoe, for linking us with the contractors for this.

Two lime trees are causing the **retaining wall** north of the church to bulge towards the Church St. pavement, and this has caused concern to DCC Highways Dept., Durham Diocese, and to DCC Bereavement Services (!) who are responsible for the upkeep of the graveyard (it being closed to coffin burials). The diocese and Bereavement Services would gladly remove the trees — their removal is also recommended in the 2023 QI report — and Highways have brought forward a charming variety of schemes over the months for both doing so and not doing so. A potential benefit of removal would be the ability to widen the pavement at this, its narrowest point. DCC's Senior Tree Officer is set against the trees' demise, though, and as Highways have now stated that the wall is *not* in danger of collapse, nothing seems likely to be done, particularly as a costly road closure would be required for which no budget exists.

A key conservation feature of the churchyard is that it has never been treated with modern fertilisers, and so is in effect a relic of ancient meadow supporting an assemblage of once-common grassland plants. For many years, it has been managed with a cutting schedule that mimics old-fashioned hay-cutting to try and preserve this threatened habitat. Over the past quarter of a century, though, the **tree cover** has grown to the point where it is starting to threaten the meadowland by starving it of light, and a small working group ('Friends of St. Oswald's Churchyard') met a few times in the autumn to consider how to manage it, using the latest DCC Tree Report on the churchyard (2021) as a basis. In a separate conversation, the Senior Tree Officer has noted that most of the ash trees are suffering from ash die-back, and will need to be removed for safety reasons; while the 2023 QI recommended drastic reduction of the two hollies which block the south door. These issues remain to be taken forward.

John Kirkpatrick stepped down as occasional **groundsman** in September, and Tim Biddlecombe of English Garden Landscapes is now our contractor, though on a slightly more occasional basis as his charges are on a more professional scale. Our thanks go to John for his steadfast service over the years.

Stockton Rd. Cemetery

Stockton Rd. continues to be maintained by **volunteers** from Durham University ably and energetically managed by Roz Layton, and our very best thanks are due to her and to them.

The cemetery had two of its own **rough sleepers** April–June and August–October 2024, one of them a pit bull cross of uncertain eyesight and temper. Kelvin and Dog left equably for the second time after it was represented to him that the University would not permit its volunteers to work while he and the animal were in residence, and shortly after that DCC Rough Sleepers Unit found him accommodation in Sunderland. On neither occasion was there any appreciable clearing up to be done afterwards, for which we are very grateful.

Bow Cemetery

Bow Cemetery is the parish's operational graveyard, and is shared with the University and the Cathedral Chapter. It continues to see coffin burials, and **interment** of ashes with a headstone has become quite popular.

Boggy conditions render much of the unused area unusable. By the time this report lands, Bow will have had its own **QI inspection** (it was inadvertently omitted from the 2023 survey), and this will perhaps form a basis for negotiating a solution with our partner organisations.

Andy Jones
Churchwarden

Safeguarding report 2024-5

Safeguarding means the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture. We need to promote the welfare of children, young people and adults, seek to protect those who are at risk of being abused and respond well to those who have been abused as well as identifying where a person may present a risk to others and offer support to them while taking steps to mitigate any risks. Church Officers and anyone who comes into contact with children, young people and adults all have a role to play in safeguarding.

Our annually revised Church Safeguarding Policy is on the ACNY website and is displayed in Church and institute with contact details.

The Diocese of Durham has introduced [Parish Safeguarding Dashboards](#) to support Parish Safeguarding Officers, Clergy and PCCs in reviewing and monitoring their local safeguarding policies and procedures. The dashboard is rooted in safeguarding actions which are necessary under the Church of England 'Promoting a Safer Church' policy and the [Durham Diocesan Safeguarding Policy](#). The Dashboard system is in use by over 7,000 churches across 38 dioceses throughout the Church of England.

St Oswald's dashboard is currently showing progress at 100% with "No action currently required".

PARISH SAFEGUARDING POLICY

The following policy was originally agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held in March 2019 and in subsequent meetings, most recently by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April 2024.

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our church is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.

- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

The Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises and on the Parish website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
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- Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church. This church appoints Gordon Mitchell as the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

PSO Gordon Mitchell 0191 378 1014

Accounts

The Parish Church of St Oswald, Durham

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS
TO ELECT CHURCHWARDENS

and the ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The meeting will be held on
Sunday 28th April 2024 after the Parish Eucharist

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayers
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the Meeting of 30 April 2023
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Election of Churchwardens
6. Electoral Roll Report
7. Annual Report
8. Financial Statements for 2023
9. Report on the Goods and Fabric of the Church
10. Report on the proceedings of Deanery Synod
11. Election of 2 PCC members.
12. Appointment of Independent Examiner
13. Renewal of Health and Safety and Safeguarding Policies
14. Any questions about church matters.

Additional papers : Music report
Deanery Synod report
Christian Aid
Outreach Appeals

Minutes of the St Oswald's Church, Durham
Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 30 April 2023

1) Apologies for absence

Apologies: Sondra Pratt.

3) Approval of the minutes of the last Vestry Meeting and APCM held on 15 May 2022

The minutes were approved as an accurate record and signed by the chairman.

4) Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

Vestry Meeting

5) Election of churchwardens

There were two nominations for churchwardens: Gill Aubrey was nominated by Sheila Hingley and Mark Davies. Sheila Hingley was nominated by Jane Weeks and Gill Aubrey. Both were duly elected as churchwardens for 2023/24. The meeting thanked Sheila Hingley for her work during 2022/23.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

6) Electoral roll report

The report was given by Sue Pitts, Electoral Roll officer. On the roll in 2022 there were 66 names, one name has been removed from the roll and two more have been added. The proportion of members living outside the parish is now two thirds to one third living in the parish. A copy of the roll with the names only has been displayed in the church porch. Sue was thanked for all her work in preparing the roll.

7) Annual report

Parish Priest's Report

Peter's sermon at the preceding eucharist had highlighted the great voluntary service that many people provided to Christian churches enabling the sustaining of worship in all its forms through liturgy and music and in keeping the fabric of churches in good repair. Peter thanked warmly all those at St Oswald's who have provided help and support to activities in both church and parish. He highlighted the stronger altar party that has enhanced services, thanking Mark Davies, Gary Eaborn and John and Andrew Wort, celebrating today their first communion after confirmation. Thanks were given to the retired clergy, who provide support for services and are involved in other aspects of life at St Oswald's, including Jane Middleton who has helped to provide Communion services at Hallgarth Nursing Home. We have much appreciated the presence of the ordinands, and Gary Eaborn throughout his second year in Durham.

The Sunday Eucharist has fully emerged from the restrictions of lockdown and the Wednesday morning BCP Communion service has continued to be appreciated. We have continued to provide a home on Saturday mornings for the services of the Orthodox Church at Durham.

Several weddings and funerals have taken place and Jane Walker was thanked for her work as chief contact and organiser for these and other activities in church and Institute. It has also been good to welcome concerts back into St Oswald's again and Sue Pitts and volunteer stewards were thanked for enabling these.

Outreach Appeals

A full written report was provided by Bob Layton on the 2022/23 appeals. At the meeting he praised the generosity of the congregation for the amounts raised - £1,317 for the local St Margaret's Centre and £2,050 for work on reconstruction in Ukraine.

Music Report

The Director of Music, David Harris, had supplied a written report circulated with the papers. He reported back on the first year of choral scholarships mentioning the contribution of the scholars to the expanded music programme during the year. David was thanked by the meeting for his work and also for the monthly music notes he has produced, listing and giving background on the music sung in services.

Safeguarding Report

Gill Aubrey, Safeguarding Officer, had provided a written report but it was not circulated with the papers but will be circulated by email after the meeting. She reported verbally that all safeguarding training had been completed by members of the PCC and she would continue to remind people when they needed to update this. She was thanked for her work as Safeguarding Officer.

8. Financial Statements for 2022

The accounts and financial commentary by the Treasurer were received by the meeting. The Treasurer commented that St Oswald's had come through the financial crises of the year better than she had feared. The value of stocks and shares was badly affected by world events such as the Russian invasion of Ukraine, but St Oswald's investments had held up.

Planned giving by standing order and envelope continued to hold up at £30,502 with one-off gift-aided donations bringing in £5,155. We also continued to benefit from several grants. Sam Jackson had taken over from Neil Jones as Gift Aid officer and had already recouped expenditure owed to the church. The Institute began to be used again after the end of pandemic restrictions and income in 2022 was £18,056 compared with £11,837 in 2021.

The biggest outgoing had been on the Parish Share of £40,000. Just £12,000 of this had come from the General Account this year which meant the remaining £28,000 had to come from the income generated by the Combined Charities account. £30,358 had been paid out of the General account to cover the building work on the Institute.

9. Fabric and Goods of the Church

The fabric report was not circulated with the meeting papers, for which the churchwarden apologised. It would be circulated by email separately after the meeting. Sheila Hingley gave a verbal report instead. With only one churchwarden, a lot of whose time had to be spent in supporting the revival of services and other church activities, it had been difficult to do anything more than deal with repairs and maintenance, and health and safety checks. She thanked those who had helped her with these things, especially Jane Walker.

£3,998 had been spent on regular servicing and maintenance of the church. Main expenditure was on:

- Church heating. This had failed twice in the year and appeared to be caused by electrical rather than engineering faults. It had remained working throughout the very coldest of the winter weather.
- Lighting. A new set of LED light fittings had replaced the faulty lights in the Vicar's Vestry. These had provided a great improvement in visibility. Lightfoots had also replaced almost all the bulbs in the south aisle fittings as well as the inside and outside porch lights at south and north entrances. All these replacements were of LED lights as part of our general campaign to replace all the lighting with more economical and ecological fittings.
- Sound system. During 2022 a new sound system was trialled and the improved quality and volume of sound, particularly from the lectern microphone, is now accepted as the norm by the congregation.

Churchyards

Thanks were given to Roz Layton for her continued good work on the churchyards. This year it had been agreed to pay for churchyard maintenance at regular intervals, resulting in better control of undergrowth and shrubbery and more regular clearing of paths and drains

Sheila Hingley flagged up outstanding large repairs that would need to be tackled this year:

Short-term

- Replacement of the tower roof
- Replacement of the large noticeboards outside the church
- Pursuance of the postponed repair of the Bow Cemetery lychgate

Longer-term

- Replacement of the boiler in the church by a greener form of heating
- Repair on the stonework at the east end of the church

Institute

A Development Group had been set up which included Roz Layton, Sheila Hingley, Boyd Sims-Williams, Carol Forster, Jane Walker and Mark Bonnington. Bill Katakay, the local architect who had worked on the refurbishment of Shincliffe church hall, had been commissioned to provide ideas and drawing for completing the toilets and redesigning the use of space in the main hall, the kitchen and the office. He had already produced some interesting ideas.

10. & 11. Deanery Synod

Peter reported back on the activities of the Deanery Synod, highlighting the initiative on poverty. There was still only one member of Deanery Synod, Sheila Hingley, and Peter asked if anyone was willing to stand for the position.

12. Election of 3 PCC members

Peter thanked all the members of the PCC for their hard work this year. The members of the PCC who had finished their terms were Gill Aubrey, Sue Pitts and Simone Niblock. Nominations had been put forward for Simone Niblock and Peter Shambrook. These were duly elected. Sue Pitts came onto the Deanery Synod.

13. Appointment of independent examiner for the accounts

The meeting thanked Andrew French for his work in this role, and reappointed him for 2023/24.

13. Health & Safety and Safeguarding

The meeting formally affirmed the Safeguarding policy and the Health & Safety policy.

The meeting closed at 1:10pm with the Grace

PARISH CHURCH OF ST OSWALD

DURHAM

ANNUAL REPORT

and

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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for the year ended 31 December 2023

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It was good to have ordinands on placement with us again: Marc and Helen

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Peter Kashouris

April 2024

Outreach Appeals:

St Oswald's Outreach Committee: report on Advent/Christmas 2022 and Lent/Easter 2023 appeals

For our 2022-23 outreach programme the St Oswald's Outreach Committee agreed, with the support of the PCC, to hold two appeals, the first over Advent and Christmas 2022 for a local charity, the second over Lent and Easter 2023 for a national or international charity.

Advent and Christmas appeal

The St Margaret's Centre is a well-established local charity in Durham that works to promote people's mental health. The main aim of the Centre is to provide a safe, therapeutic environment that allows those who attend to regain their confidence, motivation and self-esteem while learning new skills and meeting people. The Centre houses a well-equipped woodwork department and an arts and crafts room where instructors teach a wide range of skills such as painting, drawing, sewing and model making, and a café. The Centre is situated on Margery Lane at the edge of the Priory Allotments and has its own allotment. Some of the fruit and vegetables grown there are supplied to the café.

The Outreach Committee decided, with the PCC's approval, to make the St Margaret's Centre the subject of St Oswald's Christmas appeal. The Woodwork Centre manager told us that they urgently needed a new bandsaw capable of more robust or intricate work than their present one. The saw they had in mind would cost £2,200. Our outreach appeals typically raise £1,000 so we could make a significant contribution to the new saw. As it turned out, we were even more generous than usual, raising a total of £1,317.50 (including gift aid). Thus enabled the Centre to buy a more sophisticated saw than they had originally intended. We received a warm letter of thanks from the Deputy Manager, and a donation of four bird boxes plus two bat boxes for us to erect in St Oswald's churchyard.

Lent and Easter appeal (22nd February to 16th April): Contributing to the reconstruction of the Ukraine

24th February 2023 was the first anniversary of Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine. Since then nearly eight million people have been displaced. Destruction has been immense. Some cities and towns have been almost obliterated. President Putin's stated aim has been to wear down Ukrainian morale to the point of surrender. To help with the huge task of rebuilding the country and maintaining morale is almost certainly the most effective non-violent contribution that can be made to supporting Ukraine's people.

With the PCC's approval, Outreach Committee decided to channel our contribution through the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee), an umbrella group of UK charities including the British Red Cross, Christian Aid and Save the Children, which coordinates collective appeals to raise funds to provide emergency aid and rapid relief to people caught up in disasters and humanitarian crises around the world. DEC charities have prioritised helping the most vulnerable, and empowering local people and organisations to reach them. In Ukraine, the DCC is working alongside international partners and the Ukrainian authorities.

Initially, the majority of funds have been spent inside Ukraine itself, with the rest helping refugees in neighbouring countries, or supporting regional initiatives to improve the overall response. This has included establishing a safeguarding hub to help prevent trafficking. I'm delighted to report that our generosity in this appeal was even greater than was the case of the St Margaret's Centre: including gift aid due, we raised a total of £ 2,050! Well done, everyone who contributed.

Bob Layton, Chair of the Outreach Committee.

J Christian Aid

Fabric Report 2023

This year the Quinquennial Inspection that was due in 2022 was done (delayed due to Covid) and we are waiting for the surveyor's report to see what work needs to be carried out. Regular church servicing and maintenance of the church has cost a total of over £6000.

Heating – Unfortunately the boiler hasn't been working well this year and numerous visits have been made by TW Steam and R Lightfoot to try and rectify the problems. TW Steam carried out the annual inspection of the church boiler at the end of August. We have also met with the Martin Howard the Diocesan Mission Secretary to discuss the best heating solutions for the church.

Electrical services - R Lightfoot Ltd have replaced the lights in the Vicars vestry and the toilet with new LED fitting. We are continuing to replace the light bulbs, when necessary, with new LED ones. This continues our programme of replacing uneconomical lighting with economical LED lighting throughout the church.

Sound system – This was replaced at the end of last year and has produced better sound after some adjustments during the year.

Outside gas cupboard – New frame and doors were fitted by Mackenzie Building Contractors.

Choir vestry carpet- This was replaced as it was worn out and rucked causing a potential trip hazard.

The yearly PAT testing, fire extinguisher maintenance, roof alarm service and gutter cleaning have all been completed this year.

Institute - 2023 saw the beginning of a new project to complete the revamping of the toilets and to generally upgrade the Main Hall side of the building. The creation of a new accessible toilet and 2 urinals was part of the major upgrading of the Appleby side of the Institute, along with work on the main drains, but this left only 1 single old toilet to supplement this new provision. The Institute Development Group met to discuss Mr Bill Kataký's plans to create a phased project to upgrade the Main Hall, kitchen, storage areas, entrances, lighting and ceiling to the hall. Phase 1 was completed in December 2023, with secondary glazing attached to all the windows in the Main Hall, the kitchen, staircase and the office. It will be interesting to see what effect this has on the heating bills. Bill Kataký drew up all the plans, elevations etc. needed to apply for planning permission, which was granted in January 2024. The next stage is to apply for external grant funding for the project.

New padded chairs have been purchased with dollies to make it easier to move them around.

As part of the church's endeavour to improve its carbon footprint, we now have controls for the heating of the Main Hall on an app called the Hive. Our administrator, Jane Walker, can alter the heating remotely wherever she is and we are monitoring use and using more hands-on, flexible control of the temperature in the hall, which can often feel too hot. Repairs and maintenance of the hall has been a matter of holding the line until the upgrading of the space is underway.

St Oswald's churchyard - Our monthly gardener has continued to keep the churchyard tidy. He is making progress on the riverside boundary and on the south boundary, reducing the ivy which was creeping across the grass and over the gravestones, while leaving pocket habitats and insect hotels.

On the Church Street boundary the wall is visible and people walking past gain more than glimpses of the church and across the churchyard. Increasing the views seems to reduce the amount of litter.

The bonfire heap persisted through November 5th as it was too sodden to light, although later in the month we enjoyed a small bonfire adjacent to the substantial pile of branches. Now it will have to wait until nesting season is over.

A visit from Val Standen, a well-known local naturalist with huge knowledge of lepidoptery, produced very helpful information and enjoyable debate between Val and Clare Stancliffe over encouraging conditions that favour orchids (Clare's passion) and those that favour butterflies (Val's). Among their agreements was the advice to retain a stand of unmown grass for butterflies to breed on. We identified a suitably sunny spot near the vicarage wall. John will continue to cut winding paths through the remainder of the grass and cut a border on either side of the paths. County Council staff will be asked to mow in late Spring and again in September, as usual.

Bow Cemetery - Is once again a joyful scene of Spring wildflowers. During the winter a lot of the rampant 'snowberry' by Elvet Hill Road and on the boundary near the Middle East Centre has been reduced, paid for by a family with three graves on that side, which are now visible. Work parties to cut the grass have ceased so we will continue to strim the paths and may have to hire a mower for a day at the end of summer. When the lychgate is finally repaired it will be a wonderfully tranquil site.

Stockton Road Cemetery - This continues to receive compliments, thanks to a regular band of student volunteers and a wonderful display of primroses. In the Autumn, Council staff gave it a severe haircut, so that all winter it has looked remarkably tame - for a while. There is no doubt there is increasing species diversity underfoot.

Safeguarding Report

Safeguarding and Health & Safety appear on every PCC agenda.

Durham Diocese has introduced an online Parish Dashboard and Safeguarding Hub to help Safeguarding Officers keep records of safeguarding training and DBS checks in the church by producing reports and email alerts when action needs to be taken regarding these. This has taken some time to set up, including online and in person training, for me as the information has to be input individually for each person and role. Our PCC are all DBS checked and all of them have completed the Basic Safeguarding course and most of them the Foundation course. DBS certificates need to be kept in a safe place by the individual as I do not have access to them.

Our annually revised Church Safeguarding Policy is on the ACNY website and is displayed in Church and institute with my contact details. Safeguarding and Health & Safety appear on every PCC agenda.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING POLICY

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held in March 2019 and by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in October 2020. - NB Sept 2023

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our church is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.

- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

The Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises and on the Parish website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church. This church appoints Gill Aubrey as the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

PSO Gill Aubrey 01388 665783.

Incumbent Peter Kashouris 0191 374 1681 email: pzkashouris@gmail.com

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Oswald, Durham -
Registered Charity Number 1196296**

**Independent Examiner's report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December
2023**

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on the attached pages, is in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('The Act').

I report that, in carrying out my examination of the PCC's accounts pursuant to section 145 of the 2011 Act, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of this Report

My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you 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 view given by the accounts.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act: or
2. The accounts do not accord with those 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)

Name *ANDREW PETER FRENCH*

Address *49 ANDREW GARDEN
HIGH STAINCLIFFE DURHAM*

Date

12 March

2024

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Oswald, Durham - Registered Charity Number 1196296

General Account Summary of Receipts and Payments for Year Ending 31st December 2023

Receipts	Notes	2023	2022
Incoming receipts from donors			
Planned giving	01	41,536 ✓	43,135
Collections/donations	02	5,508 ✓	2,852
Grants	03	538 ✓	7,785
Institute income			18,056
from King's Church		11,940 ✓	10,150
from Main Hall		7,038 ✓	7,906
Other activities	04	<u>12,374</u> ✓	<u>7,189</u>
Total receipts		78,934 ✓	79,007 ✓
Payments			
Ministry	05	25,598 ✓	14,231
Other activities	06	22,610 ✓	14,545
Music	07	14,506 ✓	11,966
Institute costs	08	12,338 ✓	30,358
Other costs	09	<u>13,146</u> ✓	<u>10,978</u>
Total payments		88,198 ✓	82,078 ✓
Balance 01/01		11,060 ✓	14,131
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		(9,264) ✓	(3,071)
Balance 31/12		1,796 ✗	11,060

Totals may not add/balance exactly due to rounding.

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Oswald, Durham -
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General Account Receipts for Year Ending 31st December 2023 – **notes** (and refer to note numbers given on page 2 above)

	2023	2022
1.1 Standing orders	30760	29392
1.2 Envelopes	1527	1110
1.3 Other gift-aided donations, including yellow gift-aid envelopes	1943 ✓	5155
1.4 Gift-aid recovery	<u>7306</u> ✓	<u>7478</u>
	41536 ✓	43135
2.1 Loose cash collections	320 ✓	581
2.2 Sundry donations	2717 ✓	2271
2.3 Bequest	1000 ✓	-----
2.4 Church box	<u>1471</u> ✓	-----
	5508 ✓	2852
3.1 County Council	-----	2667
3.2 Listed Places of Worship Scheme	438	2327
3.3 Diocese of Durham – energy costs grant	-----	2561
3.3 Ecclesiastical	-----	130
3.5 Lord Crewe Charity	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
	538	7785
4.1 Magazine	545 ✓	604
4.2 Weddings/funerals	7990 ✓	3741
4.3 Concerts/recitals in Church	1322 ✓	570
4.4 Fundraising	422 ✓	486
4.5 Bank interest	360 ✓	58
4.6 Shincliffe contribution	<u>1735</u> ✓	<u>1721</u>
	12374 ✓	7189

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**General Account Payments for Year Ending 31st December 2023 – notes (and refer to
note numbers given on page 2 above)**

	2023	2022
Ministry		
5.1 Regional church contributions, including Share	21213	12371
5.2 Missions and Charities	1330	338
5.3 Vicarage costs	471	438
5.4 Clergy working expenses	1211	1084
5.5 Other clergy	<u>1373</u>	-----
	25598	14231
Church		
6.1 Gas	1525	
Water	122	
Insurance	6379	
Cleaning	2376	
Electricity	985	
	11387	11422
6.2 Church maintenance	6233	2614
6.3 Support of church services	3676	509
6.4 Churchyard and Bow Cemetery maintenance	<u>1314</u>	-----
	22610	14545
Music		
7.1 Organ playing and choir direction	8550	7836
7.2 Organ and piano tuning	1392	619
7.3 Music purchases	903	300
7.4 Music scholars	<u>3661</u>	<u>3211</u>
	14506	11966
8. Institute (breakdown provided for first time for 2023)		
Main Hall electricity	1666	
Gas (whole Institute, of which 50% charged to King's Church)	1466	

Insurance	1496	
Water (of which 50% charged to King's Church)	327	
Cleaning (part charged to King's Church)	3095	
Waste collection (67% charged to King's Church)	693	
Sewerage (of which 50% charged to King's Church)	412	
Appleby electricity (100% charged to King's Church)	2094	
Maintenance/repairs	<u>1089</u>	
Other	12338	
9.1 Administration	12291	10900
9.2 Bow Cemetery	30	78
9.3 Magazine	<u>825</u>	
	13148	10978

General Account Notes

There have been increases in planned giving by standing order, and giving by envelope, which are very much appreciated. There have also been a number of one-off gift-aided payments. Gift aid obtained from planned giving and one-off donations is an extremely important part of our annual income: £7,306 in 2023 (ie. nearly 10% of our total income).

Grants are variable from year to year.

It is good to see the increase in income from concerts in Church.

We are hoping that the recently installed Collectin will make a difference to Church income in future. (Many thanks are owing to Gill Aubrey for overcoming all the obstacles to its installation.)

Note that Parish Share has been paid as follows: 50% (£20,000) from our income, and 50% (£20,000) from the Combined Charities account (having been granted to the Combined Charities account by the Vicar and Churchwarden at the time from the Vicar and Churchwarden charities).

Charitable giving: remember that the bulk of our giving, which is co-ordinated by the Appeals Committee, raises thousands but that none of the money passes through the PCC's accounts. The amounts raised are sent directly to the charities concerned.

The charitable giving of £1330 noted at section 5.2 on page 4 above includes donations made by the Social Committee from the profits on social activities:

£359 to the Turkey/Syria Earthquake appeal; and

£100 to the Durham Food Bank.

(Note that a further £100 donated by the Social Committee to Daft as a Brush will appear in the 2024 accounts, because the payment did not clear before 31/12/2023.)

These charitable donations highlight the hard work and importance of our Social Committee.

There were various other small donations, including to Durham Churches Together, Royal British Legion and for bibles for St Oswald's School leavers.

For those who are interested in how much we spend on utilities, you can for the first time see a breakdown of the running costs of Church and Institute, at pages 4 and 5 above.

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Oswald, Durham -
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Combined Charities Account Summary of Receipts and Payments for Year Ending 31st
December 2023

<u>Receipts</u>	2023	2022
1. Grants from Vicar and Churchwarden charities		
Caldcleugh income account	-----	28000
Ternent income account	-----	6000
Caldcleugh invested funds	50000	-----
2. Transfer from CCLA Ashton funds to cover Ashton Distributions	129	-----
3. Distributions from the Cock Charities		
Non-educational	55	110
Educational	11	23
4. Ex gratia payment from Barclays	<u>50</u>	-----
Total receipts	50245	34133
 <u>Payments</u>		
5.1 Parish Share	20000	28000
Fees paid to Diocese	354	266
5.2 Missions and Charities	166	164
5.3 Ministry expenses	-----	624
6.1 Church cleaning	-----	1008
6.2 Churchyard maintenance	-----	288
Church maintenance and repairs	-----	846
6.3 Support of Church services - general	-----	917
Support of Church services - music	95	489
7 Music scholars	334	1528
8 Institute	12803	2494

9	Magazine printing costs	----	165
	Admin (DBS checks)	----	5
	Total payments	33752 ✓	36794
	Balance brought forward on 1 st January	8589 ✓	11250
	Surplus/(Deficit) for year	16493	(2661)
	Balance carried forward on 31 st December	25082 ✱	8589 ✓

Totals may not add/balance exactly due to rounding.

Notes

The PCC did not have sufficient income into the General account to pay the whole of the Parish Share pledged to the Diocese in 2023 (£40,000), so half was paid from the Combined Charities account.

Some expenses ordinarily paid out of the General (income) account were paid out of the Combined Charities account in the early part of 2023, owing to the need to maintain a safe balance in the General account.

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The Rev. John Cock's Charities 2023

	2023	2022
Non-educational (a/c 3395)		
Current assets (from dividends) held in Combined Charities account, brought forward 01/01/2023	559	453
Receipts (BLK Charities UK Bond Fund A Inc)	55	110
Payments	6	4
Current assets held in Combined Charities account at 31/12/2023	608	559

Capital fund at 31/12/2023	1362	1340
Education (a/c 3396)		
Current assets (from dividends) held in Combined Charities account, brought forward 01/01/2023		
Combined Charities a/c	126	103
Receipts (BLK Charities UK Bond Fund A Inc)	11	23
Payments	0	0
Current assets held in Combined Charities account at 31/12/2023	137	126

Capital fund at 31/12/2023	281	277

RESTRICTED

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St
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**Ashton Bequest funds 2023 (transferred to Adamson CCLA deposit
account in February 2019)**

	2023	2022
Current assets brought forward in Combined Charities a/c 01/01/2023	51	111
13/03/2023 payment from CCLA deposit a/c	129	-----
Distribution	(60)	(60)
Current assets in Combined Charities a/c at 31/12/2023	120	51

CCLA deposit account

Brought forward 01/01/2023	3168 ✓	3137
13/03/2023 payment into Combined Charities account to cover distributions	(129)	-----
Interest	134	31
Deposit account at 31/12/2023	3173	3168

Breakdown of interest accrued

January	8.11
February	8.90
March	9.06
April	10.04
May	10.15
June	10.99
July	11.15
August	12.37
September	13.21
October	13.17
November	13.79
December	13.42

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Record of restricted funds	2023	2022
General account		
Ayton Trust	462	462
Choir Fund (robes)	2813	2813
Social Committee funds (following closure of Social Committee a/c)	302	190
Organ Scholar Tuition Fund	-----	(205)
TOTAL	3577	3260
Combined Charities account		
Cock Charity 3395	608	559
Cock Charity 3396	137	126
Ashton	120	51
TOTAL	865	736

Note on funds in the PCC General account restricted to the use of the Social Committee

Funds restricted to Social Committee @ 01/01/2023 190.00

Income

	Restricted amount agreed to be held in PCC General account (as 'donation'/payment from PCC for PZK's guests @ Christmas lunch 2022)	80.00
01/02/2023	Donation from Durham Churches Together paid into PCC General account	100.00
24/02/2023	Profit from Murder Mystery evening paid into PCC General account for payment out to Turkey/Syria appeal	359.00
07/11/2023	Payment in following Shakespeare evening	233.00
	Restricted amount in PCC General account ('donation'/payment from PCC for PZK's guests @ Christmas lunch 2023)	78.00
TOTAL		1040.00

Payments

07/02/23	Fundraising expenses	197.00
16/03/23	Payment out to Turkey/Syria appeal	359.00
03/04/23	Expenses of Murder Mystery evening	56.00
16/10/23	Payment out for expenses	26.00
21/12/2023	Foodbank donation	100.00
TOTAL		738.00

Closing balance of funds in PCC General account restricted to Social Committee, 31/12/2023: **302.00**

Note: the £100 donation by the Social Committee to Daft As A Brush did not clear from the PCC General account before 31/12/23, so it will appear in the 2024 accounts.

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Oswald, Durham
 Receipts and payments - financial statement for the year ended 31st December 2023

Registered Charity Number 1196296
 (for both General account and Combined Charities account)

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Planned giving by SO	30760				30760	29392
Collections at services	3035				3035	2852
Grants	50488		229		50717	41785
Other donations (including gift-aided)	3470		1220		4690	6265
HMRC gift-aid recovery	7306				7306	7478
Legacies	1000				1000	0
Investment income	0		66		66	133
Church activities	30993		612		31605	25236
Total receipts	127052		2127		129179	113141
Payments						
Parish share	40000				40000	40000
Clergy/staffing	21490				21490	21048
Church running/maintenance	31715		2108		33823	23310
Institute running/maintenance	25141				25141	34012
Giving and donations	572		924		1496	502
Total payments	118918		3032		121950	118872
Excess of receipts over payments	8134		(905)		7229	(5731)
Cash at bank/in hand 01/01	15653		3996		19649	25381
Cash at bank/in hand 31/12	22437		4442		26879	19649

[Totals may not add/balance exactly owing to rounding.]

Receipts and payments – statement of assets and liabilities for the year ended 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Cash funds						
General & Combined Charities accounts	22437		4442		26879	19649
Ashton deposit account	-		3173	-	3173	3168
Other monetary assets						
Gift aid recoverable (estimate)	7500		-	-	7500	7478
Recoverable from LPoW (est.)	800		-	-	800	
Investment assets						
Cock (non-educational)	-		-	1362	1362	1340
Cock (educational)	-		-	281	281	277
Assets retained for Church use						
Liabilities						
Cheques still to be banked	2796		-	-	2796	833

E M Ternent Bequest

Charity number 508151

**Annual Accounts for the
year ended 31 December 2023**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the E M Ternent Bequest, charity number 508151

This report on the accounts of the E M Ternent Bequest for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on the attached pages, is in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the Bequest trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('The Act').

I report that in carrying out my examination of the Bequest's accounts pursuant to section 145 of the 2011 Act I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of this Report


My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Bequest and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you 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 view given by the accounts.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Bequest as required by section 130 of the Act: or
2. The accounts do not accord with those 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 12 March 2024
Name ANDREW PETER FRENCH
Address 49 ANCROFT GARTH
HIGH STANCLIFFE Durham

E M TERNENT BEQUEST – CHARITY NUMBER 508151

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

This Bequest (Charity Registration Number 508151) was established by the will of Miss E M Ternent, and requires that the Bequest should be held *“upon trust to pay the same to the Vicar and Churchwardens...with full power at their absolute discretion...as to both capital and income in or towards the upkeep and maintenance of the...Parish Church or in or towards the work of the said Church as the said Vicar and Churchwardens shall in their absolute discretion deem fit...”*.

The trustees during the year were:

The Rev'd P Z Kashouris (Rector)
Dr S M Hingley (Churchwarden)
Mrs G B Aubrey (Churchwarden)

St Oswald's Church is a grade II* listed building. It has been the trustees' policy to leave the capital of the Bequest untouched so far as possible, and to use the dividends paid into the income account to meet maintenance and renovation costs of the church and of its associated buildings, as well as assisting the ministry of St Oswald's generally.

The Ternent investment funds were valued at £65,469 on 31st December 2023, compared to £59,613 on 31st December 2022.

The investment funds have been held in the Charities Ethical Investment Funds since July 2021, when they were switched from the COIF Charities Investment Fund.

Dividends and interest paid into the Ternent income account were £1873 and £60 respectively in 2023, compared to £1,857 and £42 in 2022. The account held £2518 at 31st December 2023 compared to £584 at 31st December 2022.

The Charity's correspondent can be contacted at St. Oswald's Church Institute, Church Street, Durham, DH1 3DQ.

P Z Kashouris

Date  2024

Ternent Bequest Accounts 2023

Charity number 508151

Ternent Investment fund (1) 494310001AA – AO1, re-numbered CO3062748-001

Date	Units sold	Value (£) of units sold	Units held	Unit rate	Fund Value (£)
01/01/2023	0		313.91	274.08	860.36 ✓
30/06/2023	0		313.91	283.01	888.40
31/12/2023	0		313.91	301.00*	944.87 ✓

*Note: in the statement of holdings @ 31/12/2023, this is given as £3.01.

Ternent Investment fund (2) 494310002AA, re-numbered CO3062749-001

Date	Units sold	Value (£) of units sold	Units held	Unit rate	Fund Value (£)
01/01/2023	0		21436.52	274.08	58,753.21 ✓
30/06/2023	0		21436.52	283.01	60,667.50
31/12/2023	0		21436.52	301.00*	64,523.93 ✓

*Note: in the statement of holdings @ 31/12/2023, this is given as £3.01.

Total value of funds (1) and (2) at 31/12/2023 (rounded figures): 65,469Accumulated income account

	2023	2022
Brought forward 01/01	585	4686
COIF share dividends	1873	1857
COIF deposit interest	60	42
Paid out as grant to PCC	0	(6000)
Balance on 31/12	2518	585

See subsequent page for breakdown.

Ternent Bequest Accounts 2023

Charity number 508151

Ternent Accumulated Income a/c 2023

B/f			585
Income transferred from COIF investment fund:			
	Ternent (1)	Ternent (2)	
28/02/23	6.87	469.46	
31/05/23	6.65	454.45	
31/08/23	6.65	454.45	
30/11/23	6.84	467.32	1873
Interest retained			
January: 1.50; February: 1.64; March: 1.72; April: 3.46; May: 3.53; June: 3.88; July: 5.54; August: 6.15; September: 6.62; October: 8.48 November: 8.88; December: 8.71 →			60
Withdrawn			
			0
TOTAL AT 31/12/2023			2518

Note: totalling figures are rounded

Florence Fanny Caldcleugh Bequest

Charity number 504509

**Annual Report and accounts for the
year ended 31 December 2023**

FLORENCE FANNY CALDCLEUGH BEQUEST

Charity number 504509

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

This Bequest (Charity Registration Number 504509) was established by the will of Florence Caldcleugh who died on 1 January 1975, and requires that the Bequest should be held *"in trust for the Vicar and Churchwardens for the time being of the Parish Church of St Oswald's in the City of Durham to be used for the general benefit of the Church"*.

The trustees during the year were:

The Rev'd P Z Kashouris (Rector)
Dr S M Hingley (Churchwarden)
Mrs G B Aubrey (Churchwarden)

St Oswald's Church is a grade II* listed building. It has been the trustees' policy to leave the capital of the Bequest untouched so far as possible, and to use the dividends paid into the income account to meet maintenance and renovation costs of the church and of its associated buildings, as well as assisting the ministry of St Oswald's generally.

The Caldcleugh investment fund was valued at £388,506 on 31st December 2023, compared to £402,895 on 31st December 2022.

The investment funds are held in the Charities Ethical Investment Fund, following their transfer from the COIF Charities Investment Fund in July 2021.

Units to a value of £50,000 were sold in order to grant that sum to the PCC to meet PCC expenses in 2023, including the work on the Institute.

Dividends and interest paid into the Caldcleugh Income Account were £11,505 and £249 respectively in 2023 compared to £12,554 and £89 in 2022. The account held £12,187 at 31st December 2023, compared to £433 at 31st December 2022.

The Charity's correspondent can be contacted at St. Oswald's Church Institute, Church Street, Durham, DH1 3DQ.

P Z Kashouris

Date P. Kashouris 2024

Caldcleugh Bequest Accounts 2023**Charity number 504509**Investment fund 2023

Date	Units sold	Value (£) of units sold	Units held	Unit rate	Fund Value
01/01/2023			146,999.24	274.08	402,895 ✓
19/01/2023	17,927.57	50,000.00	129,071.67	278.90	359,981
30/06/2023			129,071.67	283.01	365,286
31/12/2023			129,071.67	301.00*	388,506 ✓

*Note: in the statement of holdings @ 31/12/2023, this is given as £3.01.

Accumulated income account

	2023	2022
Brought forward	433	15,790
COIF share dividends	11505	12,554
COIF deposit interest	249	89
Grant to PCC (towards Parish Share)	0	(28,000)
Balance	12187	433

See subsequent page for breakdown.

(Totals may not add/balance exactly, due to rounding.)

Caldcleugh Bequest Accounts 2023 – Charity number 504509

Caldcleugh Accumulated Income a/c 2023

Brought forward		433
Income transferred from investment fund:		
02/23	3219	
05/23	2736	
08/23	2736	
11/23	2814	
		11505
Interest retained		
January: 11.80; February: 1.25; March: 1.60;		
April: 11.89; May: 12.15; June: 13.47;		
July: 23.20; August: 25.74; September: 27.85;		
October: 38.91; November: 40.74; December: 40.05 →		249
TOTAL AT 31/12/2023		12187

Note: figures are rounded

Advent and Christmas 2023

For this year's local charity we chose *Daft as a Brush Cancer Patient Care* which provides a free transport service to and from the Freeman/RVI Hospitals for outpatients undergoing chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy treatment – some from as far afield as the Scottish Borders, North Yorkshire and West Cumbria. The charity was recommended to the Outreach Committee by a member of the congregation who benefitted from it himself, and the choice was endorsed by the PCC. Their service involves collecting and transporting patients in a safe and comfortable environment from where they are living to where they will be having their treatment. If required, a volunteer companion will stay with the patient during their Chemotherapy and / or Radiotherapy.

The charity completes some 60,000 cancer patient journeys each year with a team of over 400 volunteers and a fleet of some 40+ ambulances. All donations received go directly to supporting cancer patients on their journey to recovery with Daft as a Brush Cancer Patient Care.

Our congregation donated £1454 which, combined with a potential further £363.50 recoverable from Gift Aid, amounted to a total of £ 2021.50p. To show their appreciation, Daft as a Brush arranged for one of their volunteers to drive, in his ambulance, to Durham and meet with us after our eleven o'clock Sunday service where a giant 'cheque' was handed over in the Institute (see our Parish Magazine).

Lent and Easter 2024

Following a recommendation from a member of our congregation, the Outreach Committee looked at several charities helping victims of violence in for Gaza. We decided that the most appropriate was *Medical Aid for Palestinians*. This is a British charity that works directly with local partners providing medical services in Gaza, the West Bank and Lebanon and ensures that 89% of the donations it receives are spent directly on providing shelter, food and medical aid to displaced families. The PCC has endorsed our recommendation. The appeal opened on Ash Wednesday (14th February) and closed on the Sunday after Easter (7th April). Despite the continuing terrible loss of during that period, we received updates from MAP assuring us that they were continuing to deliver aid to Gaza. Our congregation donated £1,795 to the appeal, of which £1,385 was gift aided, meaning that MAP can reclaim a further £346, giving a potential contribution of £ 2141 to *Medical aid for Palestinians*.

The appeal closed a week ago (on the Sunday after Easter) and I shall be posting our donations to MAP shortly.

Bob Layton, Chair of the Outreach Committee.

ST OSWALD'S CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION 2023: £3,384

ST OSWALD'S OUTREACH CAMPAIGNS, 2023:

St Margaret's Centre, Durham: £1,317.50 raised, inclusive of gift aid, and paid to the St Margaret's Centre in January 2023.

DEC Ukraine: £2,050 raised, inclusive of gift aid, and paid to the DEC Ukraine appeal in June 2023.

And please see the next sheet for a more detailed report of the Advent and Christmas 2023 appeal...



2023 was another excellent year musically for us; the choir continued its post-COVID resurgence, contributing a varied and lively programme of music to our worship at St Oswald's. Aside from our regular pattern of services, there were a number of special occasions – too many to mention all of them, but I will highlight a few of the more unique ones!

One of the most musically significant occasions of 2023 was the coronation of King Charles III on May 6th in Westminster Abbey. I was very pleased that we were able to mark the occasion the following day with a special Evensong at St Oswald's, featuring Handel's *Zadok the Priest* as the anthem and Walton's *Crown Imperial* as the organ voluntary. We celebrated RSCM Music Sunday in June with a Come & Sing Choral Evensong; and at the morning Eucharist, we enjoyed a performance of a movement from Vivaldi's *Gloria – Domine Deus, Rex caelestis* – a duet between soprano and oboe, sang and played respectively by choral scholars Lilyella and Leo. This was reprised later in the year for a service marking the 50th anniversary of the ordination of our own Revd Alan Middleton, who requested this alongside Purcell's setting of *Rejoice in the Lord always*.

We appointed our new cohort of choral and organ scholars in October; Lilyella carried on as soprano from the 2022-3 academic year, and was joined by Bekah, Sophie, Alex, Charlie, and Tiger. This year has been the most varied group in terms of their stage of education; Tiger is on a gap year between Sixth Form and university, and Bekah is currently a PGCE student. However, the group has been very cohesive both in itself and in relation to the choir as a whole, and delivered a memorable concert on the Friday evening of Lumiere weekend in November.

The provision of the scholarships has helped us in many ways beyond the obvious. It makes recruitment easier, as less experienced singers can come into a group with a solid sound around them. With a larger group of experienced and confident sight-readers, we are able to spend less time just learning the notes and more time talking about vocal technique and sound production; this enhances the choir's sound even outside term-time when the scholars are absent. The better network of singers affiliated with both St Oswald's and the University has also made it easier to arrange for extras on special occasions, again including those outside term-time such as the Carol Service. The posts are still very new, and we're still learning how they are likely to operate year-on-year; in many ways I expect every year to be different. But we have seen consistent benefits to our worship at St Oswald's since we introduced the new scheme in 2021, and those who have been in the posts have all remarked on the welcome they felt at St Oswald's and how much they appreciated the opportunities it offered them. Many thanks to you all for your support of this and the whole musical programme of our church.

David Harris, Director of Music

Deanery Synod Report

June- Libby Wilkinson, the archdeacon, talked about the work of the Mission and Ministry team. The Deanery plan updates- all of the parish groups are up and running and legal procedures completed. Welcomed John Fisher, Will Foulger, Philip Plyming to the Deanery. Vacancies still at Belmont and Pittington and now in the Ferryhill group after Gary's departure

September- we had a meeting where we reviewed where we are and looked at the Deanery as it is, using some tools to look at population, levels of deprivation, key issues. Reps then talked about what work was happening in their parishes

Alison Blackburn was elected as Lay Chair.

February- we cancelled as there was nothing on the agenda

March- a planned pilgrimage to the Cathedral was also cancelled.



Accounts

**PARISH CHURCH OF ST OSWALD
DURHAM
ANNUAL REPORT
and
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
of the
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

Rector

**The Revd Peter Kashouris
St Oswald's Vicarage, Church Street,
Durham DH1 3DG**

Bank

Barclays Bank plc, 6 Market Place, Durham City, DH1 3ND

Independent Examiner

Mr AP French, 49 Ancroft Garth, High Shincliffe, Durham DH1 2UD

The governance of the Church of England now comes under the Church Representation and Ministers Measure 2019, **and the Church Representation Rules 2020**. These are new, and simplified rules.

PCC Membership

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector, the Rev.'d Peter Kashouris, in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC membership coming into the annual meeting 2023 is:

	Name	Capacity on PCC (and position)	Term of Office
1.	Peter Kashouris	Rector (Chairman)	Ex-officio
2.	Sheila Hingley	Churchwarden and Deanery Synod 2020-2023	Ex-officio
3.	Vacancy	Churchwarden	Ex-officio
4.	Vacancy	Deanery Synod 2020-2023	Ex-officio
5.	Mark Davies	Elected member	1:2022-2025
6.	Simone Niblock	Elected member	1:2020-2023
7.	Gill Aubrey	Elected member (Safeguarding Officer)	2:2020-2023
8.	David Harris	Elected member (Director of Music)	2:2022-2025
9.	Roz Layton	Elected member	2:2022-2025
10.	Gordon Mitchell	Elected member and Lay Vice-Chair	2:2022-2025
11.	Jane Weeks	Elected member	1:2022-2025
12.	Fenella Wright	Elected member (Treasurer)	1:2021-2024
13.	Sue Pitts	Elected member (Electoral Roll Officer)	2:2020-2023
14.	John McManners	Co-opted at December 2020 PCC	

In 2022, the PCC met in March, June, October and November with an extra meeting in November to discuss the possibility of a children's worker.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Data protection – GDPR, May 2018

The church has complied with the new GDPR regulation, using a form to seek the consent of its church members to hold contact details and to be in touch with them for limited reasons, to which they could agree or not.

Safeguarding

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

Safeguarding and **Health & Safety** appear on every PCC agenda.

Electoral Roll Report

The Electoral Roll Officer, Sue Pitts, writes that there are now 66 names on the Electoral Roll. One name has been removed from the roll and two new names added. About two thirds of parishioners live outside the parish.

Sue has put a copy of the revised Roll in the Church, with just the names, in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

The Parish Priest's Report

The Sunday Eucharist continued to build on the survival instinct shown during lockdown as we steadily moved out of the penumbra of the lockdowns. And it has been joyful to give thanks to God at those services. Notably good to have a stronger altar party, thanks to Mark Davies, John Wort, Andrew Wort, Gary Eaborn.

The PCC discussed the possibility of appointing a children's worker. School assemblies and services at Church all went well. Links with the high school continued.

It was good to have ordinands on placement with us again. And we continue to be well supported by the retired clergy in the parish. And it has been super to have Gary Eaborn with us throughout his second year here.

Several weddings and funerals took place. The weddings tend to be very big occasions, usually involving university alumni who live far away. Many thanks to Jane Walker for all the extra handling needed on these occasions and to Alan Middleton for taking a number of them.

The mid-week Communion service has continued to be appreciated this year.

The Communion service at Hallgarth Nursing Home has still only been occasionally possible. Thanks to Jane Middleton for taking that service alternately with myself.

It was good to continue hosting the Orthodox Church at Durham on Saturday mornings whilst they have been fitting up their own Church building. And it was also good to have a number of concerts in Church, thanks very much to Sue Pitts and all the welcomers.

Peter Kashouris

April 2023

Outreach Appeals:

St Oswald's Outreach Committee: report on Advent/Christmas 2022 and Lent/Easter 2023 appeals

For our 2022-23 outreach programme the St Oswald's Outreach Committee agreed, with the support of the PCC, to hold two appeals, the first over Advent and Christmas 2022 for a local charity, the second over Lent and Easter 2023 for a national or international charity.

Advent and Christmas appeal

The St Margaret's Centre is a well-established local charity in Durham that works to promote people's mental health. The main aim of the Centre is to provide a safe, therapeutic environment that allows those who attend to regain their confidence, motivation and self-esteem while learning new skills and meeting people. The Centre houses a well-equipped woodwork department and an arts and crafts room where instructors teach a wide range of skills such as painting, drawing, sewing and model making, and a café. The Centre is situated on Margery Lane at the edge of the Priory Allotments and has its own allotment. Some of the fruit and vegetables grown there are supplied to the café.

The Outreach Committee decided, with the PCC's approval, to make the St Margaret's Centre the subject of St Oswald's Christmas appeal. The Woodwork Centre manager told us that they urgently needed a new bandsaw capable of more robust or intricate work than their present one. The saw they had in mind would cost £2,200. Our outreach appeals typically raise £1,000 so we could make a significant contribution to the new saw. As it turned out, we were even more generous than usual, raising a total of £1,317.50 (including gift aid). This enabled the Centre to buy a more sophisticated saw than they had originally intended. We received a warm letter of thanks from the Deputy Manager, and a donation of four bird boxes plus two bat boxes for us to erect in St Oswald's churchyard.

Lent and Easter appeal (22nd February to 16th April): Contributing to the reconstruction of the Ukraine

24th February 2023 was the first anniversary of Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine. Since then nearly eight million people have been displaced. Destruction has been immense. Some cities and towns have been almost obliterated. President Putin's stated aim has been to wear down Ukrainian morale to the point of surrender. To help with the huge task of rebuilding the country and maintaining morale is almost certainly the most effective non-violent contribution that can be made to supporting Ukraine's people.

With the PCC's approval, Outreach Committee decided to channel our contribution through the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee), an umbrella group of UK charities including the British Red Cross, Christian Aid and Save the Children, which coordinates collective appeals to raise funds to provide emergency aid and rapid relief to people caught up in disasters and humanitarian crises around the world. DEC charities have prioritised helping the most vulnerable, and empowering local people and organisations to reach them. In Ukraine, the DEC is working alongside international partners and the Ukrainian authorities.

Initially, the majority of funds have been spent inside Ukraine itself, with the rest helping refugees in neighbouring countries, or supporting regional initiatives to improve the overall response. This has included establishing a safeguarding hub to help prevent trafficking. I'm delighted to report that our generosity in this appeal was even greater than was the case of the St Margaret's Centre: including gift aid due, we raised a total of £ 2,050! Well done, everyone who contributed.

Bob Layton, Chair of the Outreach Committee.

Report from David Harris, Director of Music

Although the choir resumed a regular pattern of singing in September 2021, 2022 still contained a number of ‘firsts since COVID’ – including (but not limited to!) our joint Covenant Service with Elvet Methodist Church, our joint Ash Wednesday service with St Mary’s College, our Ascension Day service at Finchale Priory, and indeed our Christmas Carol service, as we were unable to hold one in 2021. The reestablishment of these services, some of which we have now also enjoyed in 2023, has been significant in allowing us to feel like we’re moving on; though it is also heartening to know now from experience that our musical tradition is robust and strong enough to survive a period of forced inaction such as we faced at the peak of the pandemic.

We said goodbye to most of our first cohort of scholars at the end of the summer term; Jess, Beth, Clara, Alex, and Hamish all moved on to pastures new with our very best wishes for their continued music-making. Fraser has continued as a choral scholar into the 2022-3 academic year, and in October we were pleased to appoint Lilyella, Eve, Leo, and Moog as scholars for this year. They have all carried out their duties so far with great care and dedication to our musical life at St Oswald’s, and have helped the scholarship scheme feel well and truly established as a part of that.

Other musical highlights of 2022 included a joint Evensong with Durham High School for Girls’ Chamber Choir, in May, and a Come & Sing Choral Evensong in June marking RSCM Music Sunday, including Stainer’s Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in B flat as well as movements from his *Crucifixion*. We celebrated the anniversary of the accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in February with Vaughan William’s anthem *O taste and see*, composed for her coronation, and special service of Choral Evensong sung by the choral scholars. The choir also sprang back into action a week early in September after her death, singing Purcell’s *Thou knowest, Lord*, from his funeral music for Queen Mary – I was very grateful to the choir for the flexibility and dedication they showed to mark this important occasion, which they indeed bring to all the music we prepare for our services.

Safeguarding Report

Safeguarding and **Health & Safety** appear on every PCC agenda.

The Parish Safeguarding Advisor, Gill Aubrey, will report to the meeting.

Fabric report 2021

In January 2021, the Treasurer was asked to carry out a desktop insurance survey by Ecclesiastical Insurance. After much searching around we were able to gather together the information required and she took part in an online meeting to show all the documents they required. We are very grateful to Fenella for all the work she put into this exercise as both churchwardens learnt a great deal about where these documents were, for future reference. The exercise did point out some deficiencies and we will be completing an updated fire risk assessment using Ecclesiastical’s form. We have bought some more Smartwater liquid and refreshed and re-registered our coverage of the remaining lead roof and other materials attractive to thieves.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING POLICY

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held in March 2019 and by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in October 2020.

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our church is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

The Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises and on the Parish website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church. This church appoints Gill Aubrey as the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

PSO Gill Aubrey 01388 665783.

Incumbent Peter Kashouris 0191 374 1681 email: pzkashouris@gmail.com

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Oswald, Durham -
Registered Charity Number 1196296**

**Independent Examiner's report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December
2022**

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on the attached pages, is in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('The Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination that I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of this Report

My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you 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 view given by the accounts.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act: or
2. The accounts do not accord with those 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) 

Name *ANDREW PETER FRENCH*

Address *49 AINSLIE GARDEN
HIGH STAINCLIFFE DURHAM*

Date *14 March* 2023

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Oswald, Durham - Registered Charity Number 1196296

General Account Summary of Receipts and Payments for Year Ending 31st December 2022

Receipts	Notes	2022	2021
Incoming receipts from donors			
Planned giving	01	43,135 ✓	32,092 ✓
Collections/donations	02	2,852 ✓	2,604 ✓
Grants	03	7,785 ✓	16,435 ✓
Institute income		18,056 ✓	11,837 ✓
Other activities	04	<u>7,189</u> ✓	<u>5,847</u> ✓
Total receipts		79,007 ✓	68,815 ✓
 Payments			
Ministry	05	14,231 ✓	37,418
Other activities	06	14,545 ✓	15,452
Music	07	11,966 ✓	7,771
Institute costs		30,358 ✓	9,766
Other costs	08	<u>10,978</u> ✓	<u>9,118</u>
Total payments		82,078 ✓	79,525
 Balance 01/01		14,131 ✓	24,840 ✓
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		(3,071)	(10,710) ✓
Balance 31/12		11,060 ✓	14,131 ✓

Totals may not add/balance exactly due to rounding.

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Oswald, Durham -
Registered Charity Number 1196296

General Account Receipts for Year Ending 31st December 2022 – **Breakdown**

	2022	2021
1.1 Standing orders	29392 ✓	28669
1.2 Envelopes	1110 ✓	1795
1.3 Other gift-aided donations, including yellow gift-aid envelopes	5155 ✓	1420
1.4 Gift-aid recovery	<u>7478</u> ✓	<u>208</u>
	43135 ✓	32092 ✓
2.1 Loose cash collections	581 ✓	1121
2.2 Sundry donations	2271 ✓	1477
2.3 Received from Social Committee upon final closure of Social Committee bank account (restricted)	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>
	2852 ✓	2604 ✓
3.1 County Council	2667 ✓	16335
3.2 Listed Places of Worship Scheme	2327 ✓	0
3.3 Diocese of Durham – energy costs grant	2561 ✓	0
3.4 Ecclesiastical	130 ✓	0
3.5 Lord Crewe Charity	<u>100</u> ✓	<u>100</u>
	7785 ✓	16435 ✓
4.1 Magazine	604 ✓	885
4.2 Weddings/funerals/baptisms	3741 ✓	4415
4.3 Concerts/recitals in Church	570 ✓	360
4.4 Fundraising	486 ✓	187
4.5 Bank interest	58 ✓	0
4.6 Shincliffe contribution	<u>1721</u> ✓	<u>0</u>
	7189 ✓	5847 ✓

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Oswald, Durham -
Registered Charity Number 1196296

General Account Payments for Year Ending 31st December 2022 – **Breakdown**

	2022	2021
5.1 Regional church contributions, including Share	12371 ✓	34000
5.2 Missions and Charities	338 ✓	2538
5.3 Vicarage costs	438 ✓	79
5.4 Clergy working expenses	<u>1084</u> ✓	<u>801</u>
	14231 ✗	37418
6.1 Church running costs	11422 ✓	9832
6.2 Church maintenance	2614 ✓	4625
6.3 Support of church services	<u>509</u> ✓	<u>995</u>
	14545 ✗	15452
7.1 Organ playing and choir direction	7836 ✓	7416
7.2 Organ and piano tuning	619 ✓	0
7.3 Music purchases	300 ✓	355
7.4 Music scholars	<u>3211</u> ✓	<u>0</u>
	11966 ✗	7771
8.1 Administration	10900 ✓	9050
8.2 Bow Cemetery	<u>78</u> ✓	<u>68</u>
	10978 ✗	9118

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Balance sheet at 31st December

Current assets	0	0
Balance forward	0	349
Surplus/(deficit)	0	(349)
Balance at 31 st December	0	0

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Combined Charities Account Summary of Receipts and Payments for Year Ending 31st
December 2022

<u>Receipts</u>	2022	2021
1 Grants from Vicar and Churchwarden charities		
Caldcleugh income account	28000 ✓	0
Ternent income account	6000 ✓	0
2 Distributions from the Cock Charities		
Non-educational	110 ✓	0
Educational	23 ✓	0
Total receipts	34133 ✓	0
 <u>Payments</u>		
3.1 Parish Share	28000 ✓	6000
Fees paid to Diocese	266 ✓	0
3.2 Missions and Charities (2022: Ashton and Cock distributions/Royal British Legion)	164 ✓	140
3.3 Ministry expenses (fees/travel/telephone/office supplies/hospitality)	624 ✓	0
4.1 Church cleaning	1008 ✓	0
4.2 Churchyard maintenance	288 ✓	0
Church maintenance and repairs (2022: roof/boiler/floodlights/gutters/downpipes)	846 ✓	10543
4.3 Support of Church services - general (fees/albs/communion breads/purchases from Cathedral shop)	917 ✓	0
Support of Church services - music (Cover organist/licences/sheet music)	489 ✓	0
5 Music scholars	1528 ✓	0
6 Institute costs (maintenance/repairs/cleaning)	2494 ✓	2988
7 Magazine printing costs	165 ✓	0
Admin (CRB checks)	5 ✓	0
Total payments	36794 ✓	19671

Balance brought forward on 1 st January	11250 ✓	30921
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	(2661) ✓	(19671)
Balance carried forward on 31 st December	8589 ✓	11250

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Notes

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The Rev. John Cock's Charities 2022

	2022	2021
Non-education (a/c 3395)		
Current assets (from dividends) held in Combined Charities account, brought forward 01/01	453	473
Receipts (BLK Charities UK Bond Fund A Inc)	110	0
Payments	4	20
Current assets at 31 st December	559	453

Capital fund at 31 st December	1340	1687
Education (a/c 3396)		
Current assets brought forward		
Combined Charities a/c	103	103
Receipts (BLK Charities UK Bond Fund A Inc)	23	0
Payments	0	0
Current assets at 31 st December	126	103

Capital fund at 31 st December	277	349

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**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St
Oswald, Durham - Registered Charity Number 1196296**

**Ashton Bequest funds 2022 (transferred to Adamson deposit
account in February 2019)**

	2022	2021
Current assets brought forward in Combined Charities a/c 351	111	231
Distributions	(60)	(120)
Current assets in Combined Charities a/c at 31 st December	51	111
 CCLA deposit account		
Brought forward	3137	3137
Interest	31	0
Deposit account at 31 st December	3168	3137

Interest accrued

January	0.12
February	0.28
March	0.65
April	1.11
May	1.42
June	1.99
July	2.30
August	2.59
September	3.65
October	4.41
November	5.36
December	6.74
	30.62

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St
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Restricted funds	2022	2021
General account		
Ayton Trust	462	462
Choir Fund (robes)	2813	2813
Brian Shaw Fund ¹	0	55
Grants towards accessible loo	0	7700
Social Committee funds (following closure of Social Committee a/c	190	190
Donations for payment of music Scholars	0	1250
Organ Scholar Tuition Fund	(205)	(205)
TOTAL	3260	2265

Notes:

¹ Fund for the use of the Organist/Director of Music for developing music at St Oswald's.

Combined Charities account

Cock Charity 3395	559	453
Cock Charity 3396	126	103
Ashton	51	111
TOTAL	736	667

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Receipts and payments - financial statement for the year ended 31st December 2021 (for both General account and Combined Charities account)

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Planned giving by SO	29392				29392	28669
Collections at services	2852				2852	2916
Grants	41785		100		41795	16435
Other donations (including gift-aided)	6265				6265	2903
HMRC gift-aid recovery	7478				7478	208
Legacies					0	0
Investment income			133		133	0
Church activities	25236				25236	17684
Total receipts	112908		233		113141	68815
Payments						
Parish share	40000				40000	40000
Clergy/staffing	21048				21048	17346
Church running expenses/maintenance	22005		1305		23310	26418
Institute running expenses/maintenance	26312		7700		34012	12754
Giving and donations	438		64		502	2678
Total payments	109803		9069		118872	99196
Excess of receipts over payments	3105		(8836)		(5731)	(30831)
Cash at bank/in hand 01/01	12449		12932		25381	55761
Cash at bank/in hand 31/12	15653		3996		19649	25381

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Receipts and payments – statement of assets and liabilities for the year ended 31st December 2022

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Cash funds						
General Account	7800	-	3260	-	11060	14131
Combined Charities Account	7853	-	736	-	8589	11250
Ashton deposit account	-	-	3168	-	3168	3137
Other monetary assets						
Gift aid recoverable (estimate)	7000	-	-	-	7478	8000
Recoverable from LPoW (est.)	400	-	-	-	400	2327
DCC Omicron grant	-	-	-	-	-	2667
Investment assets						
Cock (non-educational)	-	-	-	1340	1340	1687
Cock (educational)	-	-	-	277	277	349
Assets retained for Church use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liabilities						
Cheques still to be banked	833	-	-	-	833	2822

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Oswald, Durham -
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**Independent Examiner's report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December
2022**

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on the attached pages, is in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('The Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination that I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of this Report

My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you 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 view given by the accounts.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act: or
2. The accounts do not accord with those 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) 

Name *ANDREW PETER FRENCH*

Address *49 AINSLIE GARDEN
HIGH STAINCLIFFE DURHAM*

Date *14 March* 2023

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St
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General Account Summary of Receipts and Payments for Year
Ending 31st December 2022

Receipts	Notes	2022	2021
Incoming receipts from donors			
Planned giving	01	43,135 ✓	32,092 ✓
Collections/donations	02	2,852 ✓	2,604 ✓
Grants	03	7,785 ✓	16,435 ✓
Institute income		18,056 ✓	11,837 ✓
Other activities	04	<u>7,189</u> ✓	<u>5,847</u> ✓
Total receipts		79,007 ✓	68,815 ✓
 Payments			
Ministry	05	14,231 ✓	37,418
Other activities	06	14,545 ✓	15,452
Music	07	11,966 ✓	7,771
Institute costs		30,358 ✓	9,766
Other costs	08	<u>10,978</u> ✓	<u>9,118</u>
Total payments		82,078 ✓	79,525
 Balance 01/01		14,131 ✓	24,840 ✓
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		(3,071)	(10,710) ✓
Balance 31/12		11,060 ✓	14,131 ✓

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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Oswald, Durham -
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General Account Receipts for Year Ending 31st December 2022 – **Breakdown**

	2022	2021
1.1 Standing orders	29392 ✓	28669
1.2 Envelopes	1110 ✓	1795
1.3 Other gift-aided donations, including yellow gift-aid envelopes	5155 ✓	1420
1.4 Gift-aid recovery	<u>7478</u> ✓	<u>208</u>
	43135 ✓	32092 ✓
2.1 Loose cash collections	581 ✓	1121
2.2 Sundry donations	2271 ✓	1477
2.3 Received from Social Committee upon final closure of Social Committee bank account (restricted)	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>
	2852 ✓	2604 ✓
3.1 County Council	2667 ✓	16335
3.2 Listed Places of Worship Scheme	2327 ✓	0
3.3 Diocese of Durham – energy costs grant	2561 ✓	0
3.4 Ecclesiastical	130 ✓	0
3.5 Lord Crewe Charity	<u>100</u> ✓	<u>100</u>
	7785 ✓	16435 ✓
4.1 Magazine	604 ✓	885
4.2 Weddings/funerals/baptisms	3741 ✓	4415
4.3 Concerts/recitals in Church	570 ✓	360
4.4 Fundraising	486 ✓	187
4.5 Bank interest	58 ✓	0
4.6 Shincliffe contribution	<u>1721</u> ✓	<u>0</u>
	7189 ✓	5847 ✓

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General Account Payments for Year Ending 31st December 2022 – **Breakdown**

	2022	2021
5.1 Regional church contributions, including Share	12371 ✓	34000
5.2 Missions and Charities	338 ✓	2538
5.3 Vicarage costs	438 ✓	79
5.4 Clergy working expenses	<u>1084</u> ✓	<u>801</u>
	14231 ✕	37418
6.1 Church running costs	11422 ✓	9832
6.2 Church maintenance	2614 ✓	4625
6.3 Support of church services	<u>509</u> ✓	<u>995</u>
	14545 ✕	15452
7.1 Organ playing and choir direction	7836 ✓	7416
7.2 Organ and piano tuning	619 ✓	0
7.3 Music purchases	300 ✓	355
7.4 Music scholars	<u>3211</u> ✓	<u>0</u>
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Registered Charity Number 1196296

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Receipts and payments – statement of assets and liabilities for the year ended 31st December 2022

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Cash funds						
General Account	7800	-	3260	-	11060	14131
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DCC Omicron grant	-	-	-	-	-	2667
Investment assets						
Cock (non-educational)	-	-	-	1340	1340	1687
Cock (educational)	-	-	-	277	277	349
Assets retained for Church use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liabilities						
Cheques still to be banked	833	-	-	-	833	2822