

Saint Oswald's Church

Newton under Roseberry



**Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council**

For the year ended 31st December 2012

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Full Parochial Name

The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Oswald, Newton under Roseberry

Location and Address

Church Lane, Newton under Roseberry, TS9 6QR

MEMBERSHIP

Incumbent

The Reverend Paul Peverell (Vicar of Great Ayton with Easby and Newton under Roseberry).

PCC Members

Mr Paul Carter	Churchwarden/ vice Chairman
Mrs Maureen Rider	Churchwarden
Mrs Jancie Brown	Hon Treasurer
Mrs Karolyn Willis	Hon Secretary Re-elected 15 April 2012
Mr John Rider	Re-elected 15 April 2012
Mrs Janice Barker	Re-elected 15 April 2012
Mr John Stinson	Elected 15 April 2012

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

	2013	2012	2011
Electoral Roll	40	60	57
Average Sunday attendance - Adult		21	18
- Children		7	6
Easter Attendance		45	25
Christmas Attendance		51	82

(Normally no service on second or fourth Sundays each month)

AIMS AND ORGANISATION

We continued normally to celebrate Holy Communion on the first and fifth Sundays of each month with an All Ages service on the third Sunday. The All Ages service congregation continues its slow growth in numbers of both adults and children. The “special” services around Christmas, at Easter and at Harvest continue to fill the Church in most cases so that there is standing room only. We benefit from the assistance of the clergy and lay readers from Christ Church, Great Ayton, on those rare occasions when the Vicar is unable to conduct our services.

St. Oswald's Church, Newton under Roseberry

Minutes of Annual Parish Church Meeting held in church on 15 April 2012

Present: The Revd Paul Peverell(Chairman) and 10 attendees whose names are entered on the Electoral Roll.

Apologies were received from Mr and Mrs J Stinson and Mrs Ann Brunton.

Minutes of Annual Parish Church Meeting held on 17 April 2011

(as printed in Annual Report)

The minutes were taken as read, accepted as a true record and approved, and signed by the chairman.

Matters Arising: none

Churchwardens

Mrs Maureen Rider and Mr Paul Carter had expressed their willingness to continue for a further year and were duly elected. They were thanked for fulfilling their duties so effectively. This included preparing the Church for Services and in providing a welcoming ambience to visitors.

Electoral Roll

Mrs Rider reported that there had been an increase from 56 in 2010 to 62 at present. The chairman felt that this was a healthy position which reflected the increase in weddings for this year. Next year might show a decrease again as the Roll is due to complete renewal.

Financial Report

The accounts were published in the Annual Report, having been prepared by Mrs Jancie Brown. Mrs M Rider proposed they be accepted and this was seconded by Mrs K. Willis. All were in favour. The chairman thanked Mrs Brown for her meticulous book-keeping and felt confident that the finances were in safe hands.

The Vicar's Comments

The Vicar expressed his pleasure in the ongoing raising of the profile of St. Oswald's. He referred to the increase in the number of weddings booked, and the increase in Christenings. Another group was due to visit to have a look around.

The attendances at Services had been increasing. The congregation had been in the forties on several Sundays. Christmas and Easter attendances had been good. The jazz concert had been very successful.

We had been able to pay our Parish Share in full and the Vicar felt that the optimistic outlook of the parishioners was helping to keep the good spirit going.

The gallery redecoration had been a success and other improvements were under consideration eg. upgrading of lighting inside and repointing outside.

The churchyard was being well cared for with the Willis family continuing to cut the Churchyard grass, the Nilsson's looking after the memorial garden and John Stinson's hard work of trimming the ivy and planting bulbs was much appreciated.

Election of Parish Church Council Members

The chairman thanked Mrs Karolyn Willis for her work as Secretary. He suggested that PCC members be elected to serve for three years and all agreed. Those PCC members who were present expressed their willingness to stand for a further three years as had Mr J Stinson.

The PCC now comprises:

Chairman - Revd P Peverell

Hon. Treasurer Mrs J Brown

Hon. Secretary Mrs K Willis

Mrs M Rider, Mr J Rider, Mr P Carter, Mrs J M Barker, Mr J Stinson

Sidesman and Sideswoman

Mr T Willis and Mrs O Willis were willing to continue to carry out these duties.

Independent Auditors

The chairman suggested SV Bye, Chartered Accountants be re-appointed and all were in agreement.

Any Questions

There being none, the chairman closed the meeting after thanking all those who had attended.

Mrs J Brown proposed a vote of thanks to the vicar for providing such inspiring leadership. She praised him for his innovative Services and for all his hard work for St Oswald's. In return the Vicar thanked the team for being so supportive of his efforts.



Review of Progress and Achievements

The last year has given us a lot to celebrate and be thankful for.

Weddings We had 10 weddings take place at St Oswald's Church over 2012, with very positive reports back from each of them of an excellent experience in Church. Many thanks to the Church team of Vergers who assist on the day, and to all at Church for their warm welcome to all the couples on Sundays.



We have 8 weddings booked in for 2013 and 4 already for 2014! May I extend our thanks to both Cloud9events and Whinstone View wedding venue , who both welcome me free of charge to their wedding fayres during the year (I attend around 5 a year), and especially to the latter who are very much recommending our Churches to their brides and grooms.

Baptisms These once again increased in 2012 to 10 children, from 6 the previous year. Some are from couples outside the Parish, who are encouraged to come to our All Age Worship, and others are babies born to our former wedding couples, who bring them back because of the welcome.

Burials Two burials took place in St Oswald's Churchyard over the last year



All Age Worship The All Age Service has broken the 40 mark on several occasions over the year, and in December we had 52 people present.

Here are some of the cast of the puppet nativity.

The Church building and grounds. Work is ongoing to try and sort the damp coming into the North side of the Church, with fall pipes being directed to drains rather than waterbutts. The situation is not helped by the very wet summers and winters. The inside of the Church is well cleaned and

cared for with the Autumn clean and regular cleaning. Thanks to the Willis family of Snow Hall Farm for cutting the churchyard grass for many years, and the Nilsson family who keep the memorial garden grass cut. The Willis' are stepping back from the Churchyard cutting due to pressure of work, so our thanks to them for all they have done for many years.



Community The Church continues to bring people together from the village and congregation by our invitations to special events - St Oswald's Day Picnic, Harvest and Christmas. We also held our third Concert welcoming back David Carter and Winds of Change, together with Katherine Bean, Soprano, for a wonderful concert. As well as raising much needed funds for work to the Church, these events also help keep us on the map.

Hon. Secretary's Report:

The PCC met formally in 2012 on 20th February, 14th May, 3rd September and 19th November. Issues arising between these dates were dealt with informally after church services. The Annual Parish Church Meeting was held in church after the service on 15th April.



Regrettably Messrs. Chris and Phil Willis of Snow Hall farm are unable to commit to cutting the grass in future. Thanks go to them for valuable help over many years. The churchyard has been greatly improved by the hard work of John Stinson, clearing ivy and thinning shrubbery. The "well cared for" appearance is an important factor in attracting weddings and increasing footfall.

Karolyn Willis

Churchwardens Report for 2012

Generally the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church are in good order (with one or two exceptions mentioned below) and the required inspections have been carried out through the year.



In January we accepted a gift from Corus steel of a batch of their redundant carpet tiles which were laid in the gallery and vestry, considerably smartening those two areas and in December, new gravel was laid on the path reducing the amount of mud and dirt brought in to the church. We thank Mrs Janice Barker for her generosity in donating the cost of this and John Stinson and Paul Carter for laying it.

A major event during the year was the discovery of 'bleeding canker' disease in a big horse chestnut tree on the north side of the churchyard. This meant permission to fell it had to be obtained, and sadly it was cut down in June. The timber was cut into logs and distributed to local residents, raising money which offset some of the costs. Our thanks go to John Stinson for organising this huge task.

The lighting in the church is inadequate for its present use and several of the fittings are disintegrating with age. In April the Diocesan lighting advisor was invited to look at the Church, and with the benefit of his report, the PCC decided that it was necessary to upgrade the system to ensure sufficient light for safety and reading. The inspecting architect, Sebastian Rowe, was instructed to draw up a sympathetic scheme giving extra light where needed with the facility to control it by dimming, thus retaining when required the gentle ambience which is so special to St Oswald's. A Faculty to implement the scheme was duly applied for, and was granted on 7th December 2012. Obtaining quotations from electricians is the next stage of this long process, and it is hoped there will be sufficient funds to allow the work to be completed during the summer of 2013.

There is a problem of damp ingress on the north wall which is causing damage to the carpet and needs fairly urgent attention and the on-going repairs and maintenance issues, as mentioned last year, still include the problem of the

brick wall and gate into the Garden of Remembrance, further general pointing and repair to the lych-gate.

St Oswald's enjoys flower decorations throughout the year. These are mostly made possible by generous donations from members of the congregation and others from the village, together with extra help with decoration at Harvest, Easter and Christmas. Grateful thanks go to all who contribute.

Finally we do sincerely thank ALL those who assist and support us in so many different ways, helping us in our task of caring for and keeping St Oswald's in good order. Your help is valued and much appreciated.

Maureen Rider & Paul Carter - Churchwardens

Deanery Synod Report

In 2012 there were only three meetings of Synod, as the May meeting was cancelled as there was no urgent business to attend to.

The item that caused most stir was the aftermath of the vote from General Synod not to put through the Ordination of Women to the Episcopate Measure, which had been voted down in the House of Laity, although was passed in the Houses of Bishops and Clergy. The reason given being not sufficient safeguards for those who disagreed. Deanery Synod overwhelmingly regretted the decision of General Synod and wrote to express their frustration and the hurt felt by female priests and their supporters. The prospective Bishop of Whitby was also a casualty of this debate, for after speaking against the Proposal, he stirred lay people up in the Arcdeaconry to voice their frustration to the Archbishop on having yet another Bishop who doesn't recognise women's priesthood and subsequently withdrew.

Funding the Mission - or how to get a quart out of a pint hat - once again occupied a lot of time. Some Parishes are undoubtedly finding it hard, and others appear to be sitting on large balances ready for the rainy day. Well, it's raining folks! Hopefully this item will be addressed with the Archbishop's new initiative this year of Generous Churches making a Freewill offering.

We had talks about SSM Ministry, news of the Youth Committee and the new Communications Committee seeking to keep us informed. We shall miss Nick Green's input as he leaves to become Rector of Dunblane.

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

2012 was a very busy one again, with many weddings and baptisms. These served to impress upon the PCC that the lighting needed to be updated and plans were suggested for this. A large donation was received specifically for this enhancement, together with some smaller ones. Proceeds of £412 from the Harvest Festival were sent to RABI, and Embrace Middle East benefitted by £337 from the Carol Service. We donated £150 in mission-giving to The Children's Society, Church Army, Church Mission Society and US (formerly USPG).



The Parish Share was again paid in full, but Parish Share arrangements are changing in that instead of each Deanery being allocated an amount of parish share to pay, from 2014 all parishes will be invited to make a freewill offering to the Common Fund. More details of these new arrangements will be sent to parishes during the year.

Gift Aid arrangements are also changing this April in that small amounts (£20 and under) taken during religious services will be able to be aggregated up in one bundle. I have taken over as GA Secretary and await further information of these new aggregated donations together with the new Charities Online service.

As the result of the many weddings last year, together with the successful concert in the summer, St Oswald's finances look fairly healthy, but we still need to address the problem of the retaining wall in the churchyard, together with damp in the north wall of the chancel, and there is always repointing to be done. During 2012 we had to cut down a horse-chestnut tree which had become diseased and some of the cherry trees were not looking too good. I'm sure that the Quinquennial Inspection this year will point out other problems. Therefore, although we have gift-aided standing orders from many generous people, for which the PCC is grateful, I would like to encourage more regular giving.

The churchyard has been mown by the Willis family from Snow Hall Farm for many years, but they have reluctantly had to withdraw from this commitment. We have appreciated their involvement with this and I wish to record our thanks to them. This will mean that we will have to employ someone to do this during the summer because it is vital that the grass is kept under control and the churchyard kept tidy.

Jancie Brown

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the PCC of St Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry

This report on the accounts of the PCC of St Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry for the year ended 31 December 2011, which are set out on the following 4 pages, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That 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 financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.


Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or

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



S V Bye
Chartered Accountants
New Garth House
Upper Garth Gardens
Guisborough

5th March 2012

Parochial Church Council of Newton under Roseberry
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
Receipts & Payments For the year ending 31st December 2012

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2012	Total 2011
Voluntary Income				
Planned income - gift aided	4460	0	4460	3680
Income Tax Recovered	2486	0	2486	2563
- Gift Aid Envelopes	3343	0	3343	2968
- Other Collections	1593	0	1593	718
- Charity Collections	0	1967	1967	653
- Fabric Fund	0	0	0	2428
Lighting fund	0	8290	8290	0
General Donations	2010	0	0	0
Total	13892	10257	24150	13010
Other voluntary receipts	0	0	0	576
Activities for generating funds	0	1018	1018	780
Receipts from Church activities	0	0	0	200
Fees	6656	0	6656	1542
Investment income	1187	0	1187	1110
VAT Refund	270	0	270	0
Total	8113	1018	9131	4208
TOTAL RECEIPTS	22006	11275	33281	17218
Payments				
Church Activities				
Parish Share	7783	0	7783	7383
Fees Paid	1742	0	1742	433
Total	9525	0	9525	7816
Charitable Donations				
Other overseas	0	0	0	918
Home	500	0	500	400
Secular charities	0	1852	1852	213
Total	500	1852	2352	1531

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2012	Total 2011
Activities related to Church				
Incumbents expenses	0	0	0	0
Heat/Lighting	487	0	487	1381
Insurance	1122	0	1122	0
Church Maintenance	251	0	251	1118
Church administration	750	0	750	472
Deanery	56	0	56	20
Verger	360	0	360	46
Bells	230	0	230	20
Organist fees	1584	0	1584	485
Choir/ Soloist	170	0	170	0
Major Expenditure	816	817	1633	3615
Total	5826	817	6643	7157
Total Payments	15851	2669	18520	16503
Excess of receipts over Payments	6155	8606	14761	714
Bank current account 1 January 2011			4334	3620
Bank current account 31 Dec 2011			19095	4334

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES as at 31st December 2012

Cash Funds - Nat West Current A/c	10489	8606	19095	4334
Total Bank Accounts	10489	8606	19095	4334
Other Monetary Assets				
M & G Charibonds 1923.536 units	23079	0	23079	20968
TOTAL ASSETS	33568	8606	42174	25302
Liabilities				
Creditors	120	115	235	165

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

Approved on 4th March 2013



Revd Paul Peverell

PCC Chairman



Jancie Brown

PCC Hon Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church accounts using the Receipts and Payments basis

BANK RECONCILIATION

Cash Balances - Nat West Current A/c 31 Dec 2012	18911.71
Total cash reserves - Uncleared receipts	270.00
- Uncleared payments	-86.86
Available cash reserves	£ 19094.85

Balance brought forward 31 Dec 2011	4333.8
Add receipts	33260.67
Deduct payments	18519.88
Reserves at 31 Dec 2012	19094.85

No payments were made to clergy or PCC members other than for direct reimbursement of expenses incurred

A Brief History of Saint Oswald



Oswald was born in 605 AD as the second child to Aethelfrith, King of Bernicia (modern day Durham and Northumberland) When just 11 years old, his father was overthrown and killed in battle. Oswald, with his mother and family fled to Scotland where they found refuge on the Isle of Iona.

Iona was the base of St Columba, who brought the Christian faith to the North of the Country. Oswald became a Christian, and in 634 led an army to retake his father's Kingdom. Before the battle he had a vision of Columba, and he and his men prayed before a cross - the first time a Christian symbol was used in such a way in this country. Oswald proved victor at the battle of Heavenfield, near Hexham, and reunited Bernicia with the southern kingdom of Deira (From the Tees to the Humber) thus creating Northumberland stretching from the Humber to Scotland.

He extended his influence with the aid of the Christian Faith, supported by Aidan of Lindisfarne, and soon united most of Saxon England who looked to Oswald as their King.

The pagan King Penda of Mercia (The Midlands) remained out of his influence and in 642 Oswald was killed by Penda at the battle of Maserfield at just 38 years of age. Venerable Bede says, *Thus died the first and most Christian King of England*. His body was dismembered and remained on stakes on the battlefield until a year later when his remains were claimed. Oswald's head was put in the coffin of St Cuthbert of Lindisfarne and now rests in Durham Cathedral. His arms are at Peterborough Cathedral.

The Parish of Newton under Roseberry

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

7th April 2013 following the 11 am Holy Communion

AGENDA

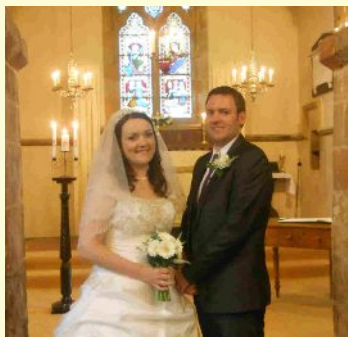
Meeting of Parishioners

1. Election of Churchwardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last meeting 15th April 2012
3. Matters arising
4. Electoral Roll Report
5. Presentation of Annual Report for 2012
6. Financial Report and Presentation of Audited Accounts for year end 31st December 2012.
7. The Vicar's Comments
8. Election of Deanery Synod Representatives (*1 vacancy outstanding*)
9. Election of Parochial Church Council members
10. Appointment of Sidesmen and women
11. Appointment of Independent Examiners
12. Any Questions on Church matters for consideration by the PCC

A Few More Photos of Weddings and Events



Neil and Hannah



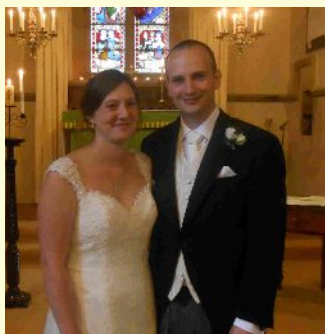
Ready for the Christmas Services



St Oswald's Day picnic



The Autumn clean



Emily & Joe



Caroline & Dan with Gran