

Saint Oswald's Church

Newton under Roseberry



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

For the year ended 31st December 2016

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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	Ex Officio
Mrs Maureen Rider	Churchwarden	Ex Officio
Mrs Janice Barker	Deanery Synod Representative	
Mrs Jancie Brown	Hon Treasurer	Re-elected April 2015
Mrs Karolyn Willis	Hon Secretary	Re-elected April 2015
Mr David Gorton		Re-elected April 2015
Mr John Stinson		Re-elected April 2015
Mrs Lois Neesham-Howe		Elected April 2016

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

	2016	2015	2014
Electoral Roll	46	40	39
Average Sunday attendance - Adult	33	33	22
- Children	4	3	5
Easter Attendance	68	56	50
Christmas Attendance	54	34	38
Christenings/ Baptisms	9	10	5
Weddings	23	17	11
Funerals	0	2	0

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

AIMS AND ORGANISATION

We continue 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 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 at St. Oswald's Church 17th April 2016

Present : The Rev Paul Peverell (Chairman) and 31 attendees.

Apologies : Mr and Mrs T. Willis, Mr and Mrs Humphrey, Mrs K Willis.

Minutes of Annual Parish Church Meeting (held on 19 April 2015 as printed in the Annual Report)

The minutes were taken as read, accepted as a true record and approved unanimously.

Matters Arising : None

Election of Churchwardens

Mrs Maureen Rider and Mr Paul Carter expressed their willingness to continue in their roles as Churchwardens for a further year and were re-elected unopposed. The Chairman expressed his special thanks to them both for not only their support during Church services, but throughout the year in supporting all additional activities that St. Oswald's Church has been involved in. Members present at the A.G.M. showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

Electoral Roll

Mr David Gorton, Electoral Roll Officer, reported that there were now 46 on the Electoral Roll an increase of 6 from the previous year. He was thanked by the Chairman for undertaking this role for the first time this year.

Presentation of Annual Report for 2015

The reports had been available on line and in booklet form in St. Oswald's Church during previous church services, copies were available at the A.P.C.M. There were no questions regarding the contents from those attending.

Financial Report

The Audited Accounts and Treasurer's Report for the year end 31st December 2015 were included in the Annual Report booklet. Mrs Janice Barker proposed the accounts be accepted, this was seconded by Mr Paul Carter, and all were in agreement. The Hon. Treasurer, Mrs Jancie Brown

informed members that church funds were in a healthy state and there had been an increase in funds over the last year in comparison to previous years. The Chairman thanked the Hon. Treasurer for all her work over the past year in support of St. Oswald's Church.

The Vicar's comments

The vicar expressed his thanks to those in attendance at the meeting, an increase in number on previous years. He commented on the positive impact of increased wedding services, together with increased Christenings, on the attendances for Sunday services. Rev Peverell thanked members of the PCC for their support of these additional activities in promoting the church and leading to the positive outcome of increased congregations for Sunday service. Thanks were also given to members of the PCC for undertaking additional tasks in ensuring that all aspects of St. Oswald's Church were effectively supported. Mrs Jancie Brown formally thanked Rev Peverell for his commitment to the church and the support he has given in developing increased weddings and Christenings. Members thanked Rev Peverell with a round of applause.

Election of Parochial Church Council members

All existing PCC members agreed to continue for a further term of office. There was one additional member elected to the PCC, Mrs Lois Neesham-Howe, who was proposed by Mrs Janice Barker and seconded by Mrs Maureen Rider. Members voted unanimously to accept Lois as a member of St. Oswald's PCC

Appointment of Independent Examiner

Mrs Jancie Brown proposed that Messrs. S.V.Bye continue in this role, all agreed.

Appointment of Sidesmen/Women

None at present

Any questions on Church matters for consideration by the PCC

There were no questions and the meeting closed at 11.55am followed by a final prayer.



Hon. Secretary's Report:



Meetings of the PCC took place on 29th February 2016, 13th June, 28th September, and 28th November. All meetings were very well attended when matters affecting the efficient running of the Church were discussed in detail. The election of Mrs. Lois Neesham-How to the committee was especially welcome as she is bringing a much valued young person's perspective to the deliberations.

The team spirit of PCC members enabled the 23 weddings at St. Oswald's to run smoothly, even on 21st May and 17th September when two separate weddings took place.

The enthusiasm and selflessness shown by the committee in handling various tasks is evident inside the church building and in the churchyard. Numerous improvements and repairs have been undertaken or supervised, all helping to make for a safer and more comfortable experience for congregations and visitors. None of this, of course, would be happening without the guidance of our irreplaceable Chairman!

Karolyn Willis - PCC Secretary

Stokesley Deanery Synod

This year the focus of the Deanery Synod has been about developing life in the Deanery under the heading: Inspiring, Influencing and Leading Mission and Ministry.

The Deanery is being encouraged to bear in mind three purposes - namely Enabling Mission, Sourcing Ministry and Supporting Relationships.

As each parish differs, it is hoped that we at Saint Oswald's can contribute strengths which we all have - ability, experience, knowledge and passion - in order to reach out to all ages and to have a social life.

Janice Barker
Deanery Synod Representative

Churchwardens' Report for 2016

All required inspections including fire extinguishers, lightning conductor, guttering and down comers were carried out during the year. The inventory has been checked and all goods and ornaments are present and in a satisfactory condition.

Mrs Gail Jukes, who is the Safeguarding Officer for Christ Church, Great Ayton, agreed to continue to be our Safeguarding Officer. All children coming to St Oswald's are always accompanied by parents, but in the event of a safeguarding issue arising, Mrs Jukes should be contacted. A poster giving details is displayed in the porch.

Following recommendations from John Arthur, the Diocesan Bell Advisor, an emergency light was installed on the gallery stairs and also a light in the bell chamber. A Faculty for carrying out maintenance of the tubular bells was obtained in February 2016 and at last, the work is now almost complete. The sourcing of new leather straps for the bell mechanism has taken time, but now all that remains is for those to be fitted. The above mentioned light has been much appreciated by people who have worked on the bells.

In the church yard, the south boundary wall was stripped of ivy and re-pointed, and a nearby self-seeded tree was removed, which will hopefully give it some more years of life. Very many thanks to John Stinson for all his work in the churchyard.

For the future, consideration will need to be given to renewing the vestry windows which are in a sad

state of repair, and also to a comprehensive overhaul of the Tower, which are the two outstanding matters for attention mentioned in the Quinquennial report of 2013.

As Churchwardens, our role is to keep St Oswald's in good order and once again we have been very appreciative of the many ways in which we are helped by members of the PCC and the congregation. Requests for help, ranging from spring cleaning to churchyard maintenance, erecting the tall ladder when required and church decoration for special times, have always been met with enthusiasm, and we would like to thank all those who have supported us in many ways during the year.



Maureen Rider & Paul Carter - Churchwardens

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

Another successful year has come to an end with 2016 being a busy one for St Oswald's. The Statement of Financial Activities shows that our finances are in good order. The weddings held in our church were much to help in this department, and I know that all the vergers enjoy the experience of helping with these.



The PCC have fulfilled our Freewill Offering pledge to York Diocese for 2016, and agreed to increase our donation for 2017. This money goes to help in general ministry and also towards giving support to other parishes whose finances are not in such a satisfactory state.

The collections from weddings and baptisms have been given to a variety of charities: Macmillan, Alzheimer's Society, CLIC Sargent, Combatstress, Royal Signals Benevolent Fund, Daisy Chain, Pink Ribbon Foundation, Zoë's Place, Cleveland Police Federation, British Heart Foundation, Butterwick Hospice, Médecin sans Frontières UK, Parkinsons UK, Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Martin House Hospice, School Aid India, Yorkshire Cancer Research & St Oswald's Church.

The Harvest Festival collection went to "Send a Cow", and the Carol Service collection was for School Aid India. St Oswald's mission-giving was increased to £150 each to The Children's Society, US, CMS & The Church Army, and £400 to "Together Middlesbrough".

Our annual concert in June was a successful event, with £1000 being raised on the evening – thanks once again to generous donors.

The portaloos were in place for most of the year and we are very grateful to its donor & provider.





Repairs have been carried out to the churchyard wall, and general repairs have taken place in and around the church.

The PCC members assist with many activities around the church and churchyard and we are grateful to others in the congregation who help to keep the church clean and tidy, and decorate the church for Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

More payments are being made online, and increasingly wedding fees are being transferred directly to our bank account. Gift-aid applications to HMRC are made online, and the payments to us are credited very quickly.

Once again I would point out that if you are not an attender at church on a regular basis, setting up a standing order to St Oswald's might be a good idea, thus enabling us to nurture the church for the future, the village and the diocese and to make donations to those less fortunate than ourselves.

My thanks go to all the PCC members, and especially to Revd. Peverell for his generous enthusiasm and attention to St Oswald's. We are all very pleased to welcome our congregation which continues to grow – it's a real pleasure to see couples who have been married here returning to services regularly, and then to come and have their child baptised in the same church.

Jancie Brown
Hon Treasurer



Vicar's Report

If life gives you lemons - make lemonade! That is a saying I saw a while ago on a poster, and it captures the truth about working to your strengths. We are in a particular situation at Saint Oswald's Church, which is very different to many other urban or rural parishes with larger populations or different issues, and we have sought to build upon what we have.

Community When I arrived as Vicar in 1993, the Church didn't have very strong links with the village. We may have got some villagers attending at Harvest and Christmas, but that was it. Over the years we have seen our links grow with several villagers coming on the PCC and the late Margaret Sanderson becoming Churchwarden. Through welcome and encouragement - and a little arm twisting to read lessons at the Carol Service! - we have seen more and more folk from Newton coming to Church more often.

When Odin's Glow took place in 2009, Redcar and Cleveland Council organisers reported that the villagers saw the Church as the community building and their pride in it was apparent when they brought lots of different visitors along.

It has been good to see community links grow, and John Stinson has formed a Residents' Group that meet regularly. The increase in weddings has also benefited the King's Head Inn with more custom. The Vicar too, is a regular there for breakfast each week, with a queue of folk wanting to go with him!

Weddings and Christenings

Without doubt, the biggest effect on our Church life has come through the many weddings and Christenings we now attract. They come to us because:-

- We have a beautiful, well maintained and historic building.
- They enjoy the relaxed style of worship.



- They find a warm and welcoming congregation that puts them at their ease.

In 2016 we had an incredible 23 weddings in Saint Oswald's Church, putting us in the top 5% of wedding Churches in the Country. Given that we had a further 17 at Christ Church we did very well indeed!



The wedding ministry is about welcoming young couples to make their vows before God, rather than choosing the civil alternative, which would probably otherwise be the case. We try not to poach from other Churches, but Whinstone View Wedding Venue encourage couples to think about having their wedding with us.



Most of the couples attend to qualify, which has a terrific boost on our numbers at worship, for they bring family and friends with them. The wonderful thing is that many report that coming to Church was far more of a positive experience than they imagined, and we have some who continue to come to worship after their ceremony.

We have also seen an increase in Christenings, through the return of wedding couples, but also from the local community who may have experienced a service and choose to come to us. We encourage them to attend our All Age Service, but don't have this as a condition as grace is a free gift.



Social Occasions

As well as for worship, we also seek to bring people together for social occasions. Our annual Concert is a most anticipated event.

We celebrate our Patron Saint, Oswald King of Northumbria, on the first Sunday of August each year with a service and picnic, both well attended.



Through this Annual Report, may I pass on my gratitude for all those who work so hard, so willingly and so cheerfully to make Saint Oswald's such a warm and welcoming Church. To our Churchwardens, Church Officers and PCC Members for all

the work they do, especially for their active support of all the weddings and Christenings. We all really do enjoy doing these, and I hope it shows.

My thanks too, to our neighbours in Newton who had the busiest year of weddings last year - possibly in the history of the Church. They may be relieved to hear its quieter this year!

Finally thank you to all attend regularly. It is especially pleasing to see families return regularly to worship after celebrating life's events,

Once again may I say I consider it being a tremendous privilege to be Vicar here.

Every blessing to you all.

Paul

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

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2016 which are set out on the following 3 pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave 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.


Mrs E Hamilton FCA
S V Bye Chartered Accountants
Date 28th February 2017

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Parochial Church Council of Newton under Roseberry
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
Receipts & Payments For the year ending 31st December 2016

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2016	Total 2015
Voluntary Income				
Planned giving - gift aided	5014	0	5014	4687
Income tax recovered	4069	0	4069	3403
Gift Aid envelopes	3715	0	3715	3554
Cash collections	1132	0	1132	1630
Charity collections	0	3709	3709	2133
Appeals	0	909	909	1550
Donations to church	1275	0	1275	0
Gift-aided donations	330	0	330	920
Total	15535	4618	20153	17877
Admin	246	0	246	125
Activities for generating funds	1000	0	1000	853
Fees	14107	0	14107	11298
Investment income	1366	0	1366	1327
YDBF QI	0	0	0	549
Total	16718	0	16718	14152
TOTAL RECEIPTS	32253	4618	36871	32029
Payments				
Church Activities				
Freewill Offering to Diocese	9996	0	9996	9480
Fees Paid to Diocese	4397	0	4397	3620
Total	14393	0	14393	13100
Charitable Donations				
Home	1000	0	1000	600
Secular charities	0	4859	4859	2603
Appeal	0	1693	1693	1285
Total	1000	6551	7551	4488

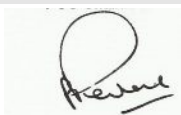
Activities related to Church	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2016	Total 2015
Incumbents expenses	0	0	0	0
Heat/Lighting	728	0	728	676
Insurance	1057	0	1057	948
Church Maintenance	1719	0	1719	6189
Church administration	2294	0	2294	1052
Deanery	35	0	35	25
Service sheets	390	0	390	330
Verger	734	0	734	510
Bells	440	0	440	360
Organist fees	860	0	860	871
Choir	0	0	0	90
Total	8257	0	8257	11050
Total Payments	23650	6551	30201	28638
Excess of receipts over Payments	8603	-1933	6670	3391
Bank current account 2 January 2016			21696	
Bank current account 2 January 2015			28366	
			<u>6670</u>	

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES as at 31st December 2016

Cash Funds - Nat West Current A/c	26737	1933	28670	
Less unpresented cheques	197	107	304	
Balance	26540	1826	28366	21696
Other Monetary Assets				
M & G Charibonds 1923.536 units	29534	0	29534	27581
TOTAL ASSETS	56074	1826	57900	49277
Liabilities				
Creditors	130	0	130	126

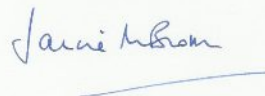
The attached notes form part of these financial statements

Approved on 27 February 2017



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 Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis

BANK RECONCILIATION

Cash Balances - Nat West Current A/c 31 Dec 2016

Available cash reserves

Balance brought forward 2 January 2016	21696.43
Add receipts	36871.44
Deduct payments	30201.25
Reserves at 2 January 2017	<u>£28366.62</u>

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

The Parish of Newton under Roseberry

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

30th April 2017 following the 11am Holy Communion Service

AGENDA

Meeting of Parishioners

1. Election of Churchwardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last meeting 19th April 2016
3. Matters arising
4. Electoral Roll Report
5. Presentation of Annual Report for 2016
6. Financial Report and Presentation of Audited Accounts for year end 31st December 2016.
7. The Vicar's Comments
8. Election of Deanery Synod Representative
9. Election of Parochial Church Council member
10. Appointment of Sidesmen and women
11. Appointment of Independent Examiners
12. Any Questions on Church matters for consideration by the PCC