

# **Saint Oswald's Church**

**Newton under Roseberry**



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

**For the year ended 31st December 2017**

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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
Mrs Ruth Coates		Elected April 2017

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

	2017	2016	2015
Electoral Roll	44	46	40
Average Sunday attendance			
- Adult	33	33	33
- Children	4	4	3
Easter Attendance	50	68	56
Christmas Attendance	70	54	38
Christenings/ Baptisms	13	9	10
Weddings	15	23	17
Funerals	1	0	2

*(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 from Christ Church, Great Ayton, on those rare occasions when the Vicar is unable to conduct our services.

# **Minutes of Annual Parish Church Meeting held at Saint Oswald's Church, Newton under Roseberry 30 April 2017**

## **Meeting of Parishioners**

### **1. Election of Churchwardens**

Mrs Maureen Rider and Mr Paul Carter had expressed their willingness to continue for a further year and were elected unopposed. The Chairman thanked them for their commitment to the varied tasks their roles involved. Those present showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**Present:** The Rev. Paul Peverell (Chairman) and 16 attendees.

**1. Apologies** were received from Mr & Mrs D Fordy, Mr A Brunton and Mr J Rider.

**2. Minutes of last meeting held on 17 April 2016** ( as printed in the Annual Report)

The minutes were taken as read. Mrs Janice Barker proposed they be accepted as a true record and Mrs Jancie Brown seconded this proposal. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

**3. Matters Arising:** none

### **4. Electoral Roll**

Mr David Gorton as Electoral Roll officer reported there were 45 names on the roll. The Chairman thanked Mr Gorton for his work on this task.

### **5. Presentation of Annual Report for 2016**

The reports had been available on line, and in booklet form in church, in previous weeks and copies were available at the meeting. There were no questions regarding the contents from those present. The chairman reported that the Treasurer wished to retire from her office at the end of the year. He was pleased that the finances of Saint Oswald's were in such a healthy state. We had been able to be generous with our Freewill offering and donations to various charities.

### **6. Financial Report and Presentation of Audited Accounts for year end 31 December 2016**

The Audited Accounts and Treasurer's Report for year end 31 December 2016 were included in the Annual Report booklet. Mrs Maureen Rider proposed the accounts be accepted, this was seconded by Mr John Stinson and all were in agreement. The chairman thanked Mrs Jancie Brown ( Hon Treasurer) for all her work and meticulous attention to the finances. Those present gave the Treasurer a well-deserved round of applause.

## **7. The Vicar's comments**

The vicar was very pleased with the number of weddings and christenings that had taken place over the year. He noted that five of the couples were still attending church albeit they did not live locally. He was aware that the church had more support from Newton residents. The King's Head Inn was especially helpful. He praised the work of PCC members and encouraged a round of applause. He felt blessed to be participating in the ministry of such a beautiful church and care of a remarkable historic building.

## **8. Election of Deanery Synod Representative**

Mr Gavin Coates proposed the re-election of Mrs Janice Barker. This was seconded by Mr J Stinson and all were in agreement.

## **9. Election of Parochial Church Council member**

All the members of the PCC were willing to continue for a further year. There was one vacancy to be filled. Mrs Janice Barker proposed that Mrs Ruth Coates be elected to the PCC. This was seconded by Mr David Gorton. Members voted unanimously to accept Ruth as a member of Saint Oswald's PCC.

## **10. Appointment of Sidesmen and women**

Mrs Jancie Brown and Mrs Janice Barker agreed to fulfil these duties.

## **11. Appointment of Independent Examiner**

Mrs J Brown reported that the firm of SV Bye accountants had been taken over by Baldwins. The meeting agreed that the examination of accounts be kept with Baldwins.

## **12. Any Questions on Church matters for consideration by the PCC**

There were no questions.

## **Tribute to Rev. Paul Peverell**

Mr John Stinson spoke on behalf of those present when praising the exceptional leadership and enthusiasm displayed by the Chairman. The reason Saint Oswald's flourishes is due to the dedication and sheer effort put in by the Vicar. Those present gave a well-deserved round of applause.

The Vicar responded, saying it was a privilege and a delight and "kept him sane".

He closed the meeting after thanking those attending.

## Hon. Secretary's Report:



Meetings of the PCC took place in the homes of various members on 27 February , 12 June , 4 September, and 27 November. Extra-ordinary meetings were convened in church after services on two occasions. On 30 April members met to consider the replacement of the vestry windows. On 30 March vandals caused some damage to one of the windows and to a panel of a door on the porch.

On 30 July issues arising from two horse-chestnut trees were examined. At all the meetings there was almost full attendance of the committee members who continue to show dedication to their duties.

The Annual Parochial Church meeting was held on 30 April in church. As there was a vacancy on the PCC committee Mrs. Janice Barker proposed that Mrs Ruth Coates be elected to the committee and she was accepted unanimously, a young person bringing new talents to the PCC.

Mr David Gorton reported there were 45 names on the Electoral Roll, 6 more than the previous year. He was thanked for his efforts in his first year as Electoral Roll Officer.

As reported elsewhere efforts have been ongoing to keep the fabric of St. Oswald's in good order. It continues to be a welcoming church thanks to the hard work and loyalty of the PCC members lead by their unique chairman!

### **Postscript:**

Having served as Secretary for 8 years this will be my last report. It has been a privilege to serve my community of Newton-under- Roseberry and I am confident that Saint Oswald's, the church in which I was married over 50 years ago, will continue to thrive.

**Karolyn Willis - PCC Secretary**

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## Churchwardens' Report for 2017

All required inspections including fire extinguishers, and checking of guttering and down comers were carried out during the year. A new inventory has been compiled and with one exception, all goods and ornaments are present and in a satisfactory condition. The Altar Cross is in a poor state and it is hoped to replace this with a new one of different design funded by a generous gift from the family of Leslie Wilson who died in 2016.

Mrs Ruth Coates who already holds the relevant qualifications, has kindly agreed to be our Safeguarding Officer. Children coming to St Oswald's are always accompanied by parents, but in the event of any safeguarding issue arising, regarding a child or vulnerable adult, Ruth Coates should be contacted. Contact details are displayed on the porch noticeboard.



*The PCC at the Reception of Churchwardens*

A number of projects have been completed since last year's meeting, three requiring full Faculties for which the applications take many weeks to receive, so progress is always slow.

Long overdue, new windows were fitted in the Vestry in October 2017, replacing the two old rusty casements but retaining the character and appearance of the originals which are so appropriate set in our Temple Moore Tower stonework. The new lockable casements are of bronze, and the old glass was re-used as much as possible.



The brass Chandeliers have been cleaned and refurbished and the candles now sit more vertically in their holders. Unfortunately a means of raising and lowering them to ease the task of lighting the candles could not be found.

Some pruning and lopping of two trees is scheduled, when weather conditions allow.

The old Yamaha electric organ installed in 1985 was feeling its age, and has been up-graded. A new Roland keyboard was purchased which can produce a wide range of high quality sounds including church organ, piano and electric piano.

Looking ahead, substantial maintenance work on the Tower and roofs is due to start at the end of March 2018. This should complete work done to comply with most of the recommendations in the Quinquennial Inspection dated July 2013 - however, we now have notice that the next QI will take place in September 2018 so it remains to be seen what else may be found to keep St Oswald's in good order.

**Maureen Rider & Paul Carter - Churchwardens**

# Hon. Treasurer's Report

2017 went by in a flash – where did all the months go? Saint Oswald's had another successful year, with slightly fewer weddings than the previous one, but baptisms were plentiful. The members of the PCC act as vergers for these services.



Saint Oswald's received a very pleasant surprise with an unexpected legacy of £39,453 from a previous parishioner. The PCC decided to make a one-off donation of £15,000 to the York Diocesan Board of Finance. The 2017 Freewill Offering was paid in full, and it was agreed to increase our pledge for 2018.

As you will see from the Statement of Financial Activities our finances are robust at the present time and we have continued to make improvements around the church, with the replacement of the vestry windows, the overhaul of the chandeliers, and repairs to the bell ropes. A decision was made to purchase a piano/keyboard, and this was installed in time for the Christmas carol service in December. This should be a welcome addition to our technical equipment.



The concert in the summer was another successful one with £975 being raised – once again it was supported by generous donors.

The Harvest Festival collection went to RABI, and the Carol Service collection was given to School Aid India. Saint Oswald's mission-giving was increased to £200 each to The Children's Society, Church Army, Barnabas Fund, Big Kids, Brambles Farm Coffee Cart, and £300 to Together Middlesbrough & Cleveland.

Collections are sent to different charities chosen by wedding couples and baptism parents. These are: Zoë's Place, CLIC Sargent, Daisy Chain, British Heart Foundation, Yorkshire Cancer Research, Epilepsy Action, Alzheimer's Society, Maxi's Mates, Alice House Hospice and some are just for Saint Oswald's church.

Regular maintenance is on-going, as is cleaning and checking that all the equipment in the church is in good order. We thank all those involved with these, as well as those who are active in the social life of the church, such as flower arranging for festivals, helping with setting up for our parish picnic, baking for harvest & the carol services – they have no names, but they know who they are!

We are very grateful for the supply of the portaloos from Waters Waste, which is a boon for weddings and baptisms in particular, and very much appreciated on many other occasions.



One more thing – please consider taking a Standing Order form for Saint Oswald’s – regular income is essential for our funds, should you not be able to attend church so often, and Gift Aid can be claimed on these donations.

Saint Oswald’s is such a lovely church and welcomes all comers, as is evinced by the wedding couples who return on a regular basis, together with their families and friends. It’s a pleasure to have them in our midst.

A big thank you to Rev Pev, as without his interest and enthusiasm I feel Saint O’s might not be such a special place. The Christmas All Age Service with animal masks and “voices” was a great way to end Sunday Worship for the year. Long may it continue to be a little gem in the North Yorkshire countryside.



This is my last annual report as I have been on the PCC for 12 years and Treasurer for nine.

I was “volunteered” into this post by Rev Pev, a prospect which seemed daunting. I needn’t have worried because I’ve had great support from him and also from the Treasurer of Christ Church who has kept me on the straight and narrow path of finance – not one of my strengths! The challenge for me was interesting. Being on the PCC has been extremely rewarding and its members work well together and I hope this will continue.

**Jancie Brown**  
**Hon Treasurer**



# Vicar's Report

This last year has been one of the fastest moving years that I can remember, I suspect in part because as well as my responsibilities with Great Ayton and Newton under Roseberry, I also took on Nunthorpe Parish as Priest in Charge for a year.

Hopefully this didn't have a huge effect on Saint Oswald's as I worked the Rota so I was still covering most of the services, but the extra Sunday demands - especially spending most Sundays doing Christenings at one of the three Churches, meant that I was unable to get to any Wedding Fairs at all last year. The proof of the pudding is in the eating, and it's not a surprise that we have seen our weddings at both Saint Oswald's and Christ Church take a drop. (St Mary's Nunthorpe, on the other hand, has seen quite an increase!)



*Churchwardens & clergy at York Minster for the Admission of Churchwardens Service*



God has truly blessed us in recent years with young couples in the 20 - 40 age group who have come to us for weddings and Christenings and have continued attending. The generation that has been keeping Saint Oswald's going so well for so long is now begriming to look to step down and hand the baton on. I hope there will be willing hands reaching out to take over.

This Annual Meeting will see some changes in our line up. Jancie Brown, our much valued Treasurer, indicated a few years ago her desire to step down this year, and we were pleased to welcome Ruth Coates onto the PCC and ready to take on Jancie's duties as Treasurer. Our sincere thanks to Jancie for all that she has done in running the Church accounts so efficiently and always having the latest figures ready for us. As well as the Treasurer role, Jancie has also done our Gift Aid claiming back Tax on donations made. In larger Churches this is often a separate job, but has been done by our Treasurer as well. I am sure that Jancie would wish me to say that we could do with more people giving regularly by



*Can't find another photo of Jancie, so here are her Easter flowers.*

Standing Orders, as this makes the administration much easier and also helps us budget accordingly.

The good management of our accounts and a particularly generous bequest from the late Mary Baines meant that we were able to show greater generosity in supporting poorer Churches in the Diocese by increasing our Freewill Offer. We have so much to be thankful for, it is good for us to express this by being generous with other.

Paul Carter has also expressed his desire to step down as Churchwarden this year, and Maureen Rider has already said she wishes to step down next year. To have a staggered change over is good because it means Maureen will be there to guide a new person in this coming year.

Paul has been especially supportive at the All Age Service and in arranging our successful and enjoyable Annual Concerts in Church. He is happy to continue the latter and will still be coming to All Age, but a little later so he can bring our Narrator with him. Thank you Paul for all that you have done.



*The Spring Clean volunteers. Unlike an oven, the Church doesn't clean itself!*

Karolyn Willis has also decided to step down as PCC Secretary this year and come off the PCC. Karolyn has kindly taken the minutes for PCC Meetings and received various bits of correspondence from the Diocese. We thank her for doing this faithfully over the years.

Our year ended with the wonderful news that one of our Congregation and narrator in chief, David Carter, had been awarded the MBE in Her Majesty the Queen's New Years Honours List for his Community Work. A well deserved award.

This year I will have completed 25 years as Vicar of Great Ayton and Newton under Roseberry. I never thought when I arrived that I would be in the same place so long, and it is mainly due to having a disabled son and a suitable house that we have stayed. Given that the job offers have never flowed through the letter box, it is more than likely that you will have to cope with me until I retire. It is a huge privilege to be Vicar of two of the most generous and supportive Parishes in the Diocese, and I am so grateful for those who have given their faithful support over the years. I pray that as God has blessed us in years past by raising up another generation of caring, dedicated and faithful people to serve our Church and Parish, that this blessing will continue into the future. Perhaps God could be calling you to step forward in some way? Don't think you have to be an expert first. You gain experience by doing jobs.

With thanks for the last year, and prayers and blessing for 2018.

**Paul**

## **Deanery Synod Report**

A Diocesan Report "Developing our Deaneries" published 2017 is intended to provide a framework for purposes including Enabling Mission in order to engage with organisations such as a school, Chaplaincies and local councils.

This would also include working with other Churches and addressing social issues. As the Deanery covers town and country areas, each with different needs, it is hoped that worship and other joint activities will be encouraged, and mutual support and encouragement will be developed.

As part of this process Stokesley Deanery have now formed a Deanery Leadership Team and each Deanery now has an Area Dean and a Lay Dean to head them.

**Janice Barker - Deanery Synod Representative for Saint Oswald's**



## **New Safeguarding Representative**

In February 2018 Newton PCC appointed Ruth Coates as our own Safeguarding Representative. This role had formerly been done by Great Ayton's Representative. Whilst Saint Oswald's doesn't run anything exclusively for young people or vulnerable adults, it was felt better to have our own Representative that folk can identify with if issues were to come up.

## **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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 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.

Mr J Gresham FCCA  
Baldwins (Guisborough) Ltd  
Date 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018



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**Parochial Church Council of Newton under Roseberry**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
Receipts & Payments For the year ending 31st December 2017

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	<b>TOTAL</b> 2017	<b>Total</b> 2016
<b>Voluntary Income</b>				
Planned giving - gift aided	5712	0	5712	5014
Income tax recovered	3382	0	3382	4069
Gift Aid envelopes	3704	0	3704	3715
Cash collections	1283	0	1283	1630
Charity collections	0	2307	2307	3709
Appeals	0	966	966	909
Donations to church	290	0	290	1275
Gift-aided donations	160	200	160	330
Legacy	39453	0	39453	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>53984</b>	<b>3473</b>	<b>57457</b>	<b>20153</b>
<b>Admin</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>246</b>
Activities for generating funds	975	0	975	1000
Fees	10080	0	10080	14107
Investment income	1438	0	1438	1366
<b>Total</b>	<b>12493</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12493</b>	<b>16718</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>66477</b>	<b>3473</b>	<b>69950</b>	<b>36871</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Church Activities				
Freewill Offering to Diocese	15000	0	15000	9996
Fees Paid to Diocese	3057	0	3057	4397
<b>Total</b>	<b>18057</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18057</b>	<b>14393</b>
Charitable Donations				
Home	1300	0	1300	1000
Secular charities	0	3310	3310	4859
Appeal	0	559	559	1693
<b>Total</b>	<b>1300</b>	<b>3869</b>	<b>5169</b>	<b>7551</b>

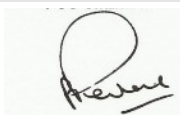
Activities related to Church	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2017	Total 2016
Incumbents expenses	0	0	0	0
Heat/Lighting	1120	0	1120	728
Insurance	1188	0	1188	1057
Church Maintenance	6343	0	6343	1719
Church administration	1441	0	1441	2294
Deanery	35	0	35	35
Service sheets	318	0	318	390
Verger	560	0	560	734
Bells	260	0	260	440
Organist fees	747	0	747	860
York Diocese donation	15000	0	15000	0
Donation to Gt Ayton PCC	2000	0	2000	0
Concert	118	0	118	0
Purchase - new Keyboard	2513	0	2513	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>31643</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31643</b>	<b>8257</b>
Excess of receipts over Payments	<b>15477</b>	<b>-396</b>	<b>15081</b>	<b>6670</b>
Bank current account 2 January 2017			28366	
Bank current account 2 January 2016			43447	
			15081	

#### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES as at 31st December 2017

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2017	2016
Cash Funds - Nat West Current A/c	43051	396	43447	28366
<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>				
M & G Charibonds 1923.536 units	31597	0	31597	29534
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>74648</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>75044</b>	<b>57900</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Creditors	134	0	134	130

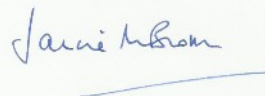
The attached notes form part of these financial statements

Approved on 26 February 2018



**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 2017

#### Available cash reserves

Balance brought forward 1 January 2017	<b>28366.62</b>
Add receipts	69949.95
Deduct payments	54869.20
<b>Reserves at 2 January 2018</b>	<b><u>£43447.37</u></b>

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**

15 April 2018 following the 11am All Age Service

### **AGENDA**

#### **Meeting of Parishioners**

1. Election of Churchwardens

#### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last meeting 30 April 2017
3. Matters arising
4. Electoral Roll Report
5. Presentation of Annual Report for 2017.
6. Financial Report and Presentation of Audited Accounts for year end 31 December 2017.
7. The Vicar's Comments.
8. Election of Parochial Church Council members.
9. Appointment of Sidesmen and women
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