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PCC as at February 2021

Ex Officio: Clergy - Revd Paul Peverell, Revd Geoff Jaques & Revd Jon Dean, Revd Jane Robson: Churchwardens Helen Land & Jonathan Winterschladen.

Deanery Synod Reps: Rosemary Wheway, Ken Taylor, Nick Land, John Dickinson.

PCC Members: Caroline Legg, Robin Harmar, Margaret Lewis & Peter Titchmarsh, Mary Mason, Gill Hendry, Frances Brown..

A Word from the Vicar



Following on from the huge changes to society in general and Church life in particular brought about by the COVID Pandemic, 2021 has been a year of consolidation as we have sought to rebuild Church life, the congregations and confidence back up again.

The year began with another Lockdown where we were closed for Sunday worship and went back Online for several weeks— an art which we have certainly grown into. Services finally started again in February for the beginning of Lent and we have continued ever since.

Numbers were small at first, but as things relaxed and we could welcome back live music and the choir, then Sunday school and After Church Coffee, so numbers have gradually grown back into the teens at 8am and mid 60s at 9.15am— around half our former attendance. We are still running Zoom each week and streaming services on Facebook, but it is far harder to count their numbers and the reduction in physical presence has also had a big effect on income too.

Easter Day attendance in person was just 45 but by Christmas we had risen to 173 including the Crib Service (50) and 100 communicants between the services. The Christmas Carol Service the previous Sunday had 116 present and this service, Midnight Mass and Christmas Day were Zoomed and streamed.

In May we saw Jane, our Curate, ordained Priest by the Bishop of Whitby, in a very atmospheric service with a Thunder and Lightning accompaniment as the heavens proclaimed their support. Jane has proved a great asset to the Parish with her cheerfulness, faith and a great ability to communicate.

In September we also restarted our fortnightly Café Church as an outreach to younger families and that also is showing signs of growth. The monthly service for older folk in the Church Hall has also restarted with good numbers and we also take a monthly service in Fry Court.



As well as Sunday and weekday attendances getting started again, we also saw 17 Baptisms in Church, 4 Weddings and 1 Blessing and 52 Funerals (24 in Church and 28 straight to the crematorium).

Our Online Ministry has been most successful with a daily service on Zoom and Facebook Monday to Saturday that attracted 34 people average live and others on catchup.

At Marwood School we moved in September from Zoom assemblies to weekly in persons ones, which are far easier than Zoom ones! The school, of which I have been Chairman of Governors since 1995, also had an Ofsted Inspection before Christmas and obtained a Good with Outstanding features - a very good result we are very happy with.

Charitable Giving We maintained the Freewill Offer to the Diocese and supported many Christian Charities with giving both from the PCC and from special appeals during the year. We also donate collections from Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals to charities often nominated by the families, and are sometimes also the recipients. This support is greatly valued by the Charities that have also seen a decrease in their income.

The PCC is looking at various reports from the Diocese – Living Christ’s Story looking at the future of the Church and Living Together in Faith and Love that explores the nature of relationships. Study Groups and Daily Bible Study notes continue and we have met together with the other Churches in the village on several occasions.

In March of 2021 Rev’d Ben Gunter was licensed at Stokesley Parish, which had been looked after by the Vicar and Parish staff during the vacancy. Jon Dean still helps out there regularly each month and other staff are always available to help.

Safeguarding We are pleased to note that we haven’t had any concerns in this area during 2021. David Fox our Safeguarding Officer will soon be stepping down having done a good job and handing over to his successor Mary Mason. We wish her well.

Lots of things have restarted with great enthusiasm and you can read about these in the rest of this report.

Paul

PCC Secretary Report 2021

The PCC Committee have had regular meetings and well attended, despite the threat of covid. Most of the meetings in 2020 have been through Zoom but we have managed some face to face meetings too.

We said goodbye to Stephen (and Ismay) Green who have taken up a years appointment in Tunisia. Bev and Vicki decided not to seek re-election, and Bev is now a Churchwarden at Stokesley. We welcomed Mary Mason and Gill Hendry who have settled in well.

An important issue for us this last year has been the zero target regarding our Green issues. Geoff, as the representative for Green Matters across the Deanery has attended meetings and he updates us regularly and guides us in Eco matters and Eco friendly products. We have achieved the Bronze Eco award and are working towards Silver. The lighting project will play a large part in reducing our electricity usage. Thank you to Jonny Wintertschladen for the hard work and research he has done. He has kept the Committee informed which has helped us decide which way forward.

Ken, as Treasurer, has the difficult task of keeping the books balanced and keeping our feet on the ground where spending is concerned.

We are a practical and generous Church. This will be shown in the information from the Annual Meeting in March. Most of the Committee members nominated Christian Charities, and explained a little about how they worked. Hopefully some of the decisions made and donations will make a difference.

It was a shame to lose some Services last year, mainly Christmas time, as we had to decide, along with the Vicar how to keep people safe in Church. There are risk assessments which help us to make Church the safest place to be. Hopefully, as this year goes on, all Services will gradually return and with added enhancements now, for example Zoom and Facebook and Prayer For The Day. Some of us have to catch up with this one later on but we'd miss it now if it wasn't there for us.

We have discussed how best to support 'Little Fishes', Sunday School and Cafe Church which have re-started recently. It makes things look a bit more normal. We review these regularly.

I have had a very interesting year on the Committee and it's a pleasure to work with this team. They listen to each others views and work well together to ensure Church is a welcoming and safe place to be, also finding ways to reach out to people. We, with Paul's guidance, work hard to keep the Church moving forward and not taking things for granted. It's all done with love too!

Frances Brown

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Wednesday 17 March 2021 at 7.30pm on Zoom

Meeting of Parishioners

Present Rev'd Paul Peverell, Rev'd Jon Dean, Rev'd Geoff Jaques, Rev'd Jane Robson Audrey and Peter Prunty, Peter Titchmarsh, Alison & Ben Lambert, Jonny and Viv Winterschladen, Ken Bellamy, Mary Mason, Ken Taylor, Jean Cumbor, Helen Land, Gill Hendry, Enid Sedgwick, Helen Dickinson, Robin Harmar, Stephen Green, Vicki Nath, Martin Simmonds, Rosemary Wheway, Margaret Lewis, Caroline Legg, Frances Brown (Minutes)

Meeting opened with a Hymn and Prayer led by the Vicar followed by a Bible reading followed by Lord's Prayer.

1 Election of Churchwardens

The Vicar thanked Jonny and Helen for the year they have completed. They both said they are happy to stand again and have been proposed by Karen Peverell and Seconded by Julie Bourke. As there were no other nominations received before the meeting they were duly elected as Churchwardens for a further year.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1 Apologies for absence from Dr Nick Land, Ruth Waterton, Katherine, Pauline Titchmarsh, Jo Dean. Accepted

2 Minutes of last meeting 18 March 2020. Proposed by Rosemary Wheway and Seconded by Robin Harmar. All agreed and accepted as a true record.

3 Matters arising from last meeting/Minutes None

4 Electoral Roll Report from Vicki Nath who reported there are currently 214 on roll which is a decrease of 3 due to one person moving to another area and 2 people who died. We thanked Vicki for her work and effort.

5 Presentation of Annual Report for 2020 (Circulated) The Report from all Officers and Organisations connected to Church had been circulated, including a Safeguarding Report from David Fox. It This was accepted by the meeting Proposed by Peter Titchmarsh and Seconded by Helen Land.

6 Financial Report and Presentation of Audited Accounts for year ending 31 December 2020. Ken Taylor presented the accounts for the year, as featured in the Annual Report for 2020.

Free Will offering to Diocese was paid in full. Planned Giving has held up well. Charitable Giving is at £29,000 which is a slightly lower figure but still extremely good.

The total budgeted for was £156,000 and Actual budget was £146,720. Expenditure was approx £10,000 less than budgeted for. Balance at year end was £42,771, this was a good position.

Major recipients were Middlesbrough Food Bank, Barnabas Fund (Zimbabwe Appeal), Samaritans, Children's Society and Yorkshire Cancer Research. There are 33 other recipients. The total was £29,173.

The Budget for 2021 was discussed and is also in the Annual Report in more detail. General Fund Income stands at

Planned Giving - £86,000

Tax Reclaimed - £20,200

Loose Collections, donations - £8,300

Fees from Weddings and Funerals - £6,000

Miscellaneous Income - £2,500 making a total of approximately £123,000

Balance at 1 January 2021 was at £42,771 Balance at 31 December 2021 (possible) £37,271 a projected income of £123,000

Ken thanked everyone for their hard work regarding handling and organising the cash, mainly Helen, Ynez, John and Jean, and thanks to all Church members for helping. The Vicar thanked Ken on the Church Council's behalf for the huge amount of work that he does so efficiently. The accounts were Proposed by Peter Titchmarsh and Seconded by Alison Lambert and were accepted unanimously.

7 The Vicar's Comments Everything is in the Annual Report but the Vicar pointed us towards a few things. In January 2020, the Vicar had also taken on responsibility for Stokesley Parish during the vacancy. On 3 March 2021 the new Priest in Charge, Revd Ben Gunter, was licensed. We have continued to have alternating Sunday Services with Stokesley which will carry on for a short time to come before we go our separate ways. It has been a busy but good and positive time in one of the strangest periods the world has faced with the pandemic.

The Charity Auction in January 2020 was the last 'normal' thing that happened which helped many good causes. Come and See and Open Day had been well attended but 3 days later, on 23 March, we were all locked in our homes and out of Church! The Vicar started streaming Prayer For The Day on 27 March and on 29 March, the first online Sunday Service was streamed. This has progressed with help from The Welbury Trio and The Ingleby Duo contributing their musical expertise.

Cards were sent to the house bound who might need help with shopping etc. A manned Helpline was set up in the Hall Office. Rosemary co-ordinated all this which was greatly appreciated, and the Vicar thanked Rosemary and her team.

Baptisms, weddings and funerals in church have been very low in Great Ayton. Jan Thompspon has stepped down from the cleaning. We will have to investigate the cleaning rota more closely in the future and Ewan gave up as Musical Director to further his studies. Vicki is stepping down from the PCC, likewise with Bev Turner who is returning to Stokesley to support Ben. Pauline is retiring from organising the coffee rota and Ruth is stepping down from organising the Intercessions which she has been involved in for about 20 years. Geoff and Angela have stepped down, after 10 years with Little Fishes. They have done a brilliant job which has taken lots of effort which made young people and their families very welcome and a good introduction to the Church. We are very sad to see Sarah Botez move to Romania after doing a splendid job of Office Secretary. She is still helping the Vicar occasionally from afar. The Vicar thanked all of these people for their hard work.

People coming forward are Reverend Jane's Ordination and Dr Nick Land's Licensing as A Reader. He is currently doing a placement at St Barnabas Middlesbrough. Olwyn has attended every Prayer For The Day Service and played the piano, with her husband sometimes singing and both are appreciated. Viv has taken over from Ewan in organising the Hymns and choir. Andrew helps on the organ. The organ in Church will need a little attention and tuning up properly due to lack of use. The Remembrance Service was very different in that there were only 14 people present but it was streamed and broadcasted throughout Great Ayton with many viewers. The Christmas Appeal did very well and Online Services were well viewed over Christmas. It has been quite a successful year. Prayer For The Day is watched from all over the world.

Lock down and doing things online has brought different Churches together and we see people from the Jubilee Church, Roman Catholic and Methodist Churches joining some services. Over 300 people have watched in some form or other when the Archbishop of York gave a Thought For The Day. The Vicar thanked everyone for their support. He described 'Come And See? We have Gone And Shown! The Vicar asked us to think about how to move forward as lockdown begins to ease in April and on 21 June if everything is lifted. He described how we've added to our congregation and barriers have been removed from denominations. It has been a journey. It has been exhausting but it has brought many pluses.

8 Election Of Parochial Church Council Members There are currently 6 vacancies. The Vicar was delighted to say that 2 people have been nominated, Proposed and Seconded, Mary Mason and Gill Hendry who have been duly elected

to serve on the PCC. The Vicar reminded us that to be on the PCC, we must be on the Electoral Roll, Vicki has the list and information which is now open. The representatives on the Deanery synod are John Dickinson, Ken Taylor and Rosemary Wheway.

9 Appointment of Independent Examiners Ken nominated John Gresham of Azets and Robin Seconded. All agreed.

10 Any Questions on Church matters for Consideration by the PCC

At this point Helen Land thanked Paul on our behalf for all he does in guiding, teaching and leading us. He has developed his IT skills and doesn't flinch when God shows his sense of humour at Church Services and throws Zoomers off the network or sends things completely blank. He calmly sorts it out with his usual positive attitude. He has grown and developed his skills and kept us all together.

The Vicar thanked us all for attending. He mentioned that he will remember 2020 more because of some very tragic funerals of young parents with family, than with any from the pandemic. We have had bigger numbers in other years.

The meeting was closed at 8.35pm.

Churchwardens' Report

Since the last AGM, we have continued to meet in person for worship at our regular Sunday Services in church at 8am and 9.15am. Numbers have steadily increased and now fifty to sixty people are attending the 9.15am service. This service also continues to be transmitted by zoom and Facebook. Cafe church re-started in September and meets in the church hall every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 4pm. Weekday services - Holy Communion on Wednesday at 10am, and coffee lounge Communion on the first Monday at 2pm, are also well attended. Prayer for the Day (8.45am via zoom and Facebook) continues to be a blessing to people, both from our own church and other churches near and far.

Finally, our LED lighting project to update and improve the church lighting, and reduce our carbon footprint is going ahead in February. Damp is affecting the southwest corner of the church and this is currently being assessed and resolved. Our new church architect, Alexa Stephens, recently visited to advise about heating /draught proofing and further reducing our carbon footprint. We are continuing with general maintenance and plan to paint the external doors this year.

We have checked that the church silver and other items of value are kept safely.

There is a large group of people working behind the scenes week by week to enable our church to function, and we are very grateful to everybody who helps. This group includes our Sidespeople, volunteer cleaners, flower arrangers, and the coffee team. Since covid, a number of people have been unable to continue in their role. Thank you very much to Pauline Titchmarsh, who organised the coffee team for many years, and thank you to Celia Elliott who has taken on this role. It has been lovely to start having coffee after the 9.15am service again. Thanks also go to Jan Thompson who has stepped down from organising the church cleaning, and thank you to Irene Reah and Lynne Nicholson who are taking over from her.

New people have joined these teams, serving God and our church community. We all have a role to play in the functioning of our church but fewer people are involved now than were before covid. Please consider carefully what you could contribute.

We thank God for His continued blessings, enabling us to fulfil His ministry here in Great Ayton.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND AFFAIRS



2021 was a year in which we slowly recovered from the effects of the Covid pandemic. Although the Church managed to re-open, Covid restrictions were still in place for most of the year which discouraged many people from returning. Fortunately, services were streamed on Zoom and Facebook which allowed many people to maintain contact with the Church.

Our financial position slowly improved compared to 2020- not only did we welcome regulars and visitors back into church but the online giving methods ensured a regular stream of donations. Funerals and baptisms also resumed at a higher level with a beneficial effect on fees and donations to charities. Unfortunately, we lost several of our regular givers during the year which meant that our planned income was nearly £4,000 below budget. However, increased donations and a legacy of £1,000 made up most of this shortfall.

As a result, our unrestricted income was almost exactly in line with the budget at £123,277.

We had budgeted for a loss of £5,500 for the year as the PCC wished to retain the mission giving level at £10,000 and maintain our Freewill Offering to the Diocese at last year's level of £94,440. However, as a result of a number of small overspends our unrestricted expenditure rose to £131,635 giving an overall loss for the year of £8,358.

The project to upgrade the church lighting system resumed during the year. We received two quotations for the work and finally settled on Robinson's Lighting & Electrical of Knaresborough at a price of £12,180. Funding for the project was secured from grants from the Jack Brunton Trust and the Archdeacon's Small Grants Fund, supplemented by an appeal to the congregation with the balance of just under £2,000 being taken from a legacy received in 2019. The work is expected to be carried out in February of 2022.

We ran several appeals during the year. In May and June, the Christian Aid Week Appeal (followed by an appeal for famine relief) raised £1,840 The Harvest appeal focused on Open Door North East (supporting asylum seekers in the region) and raised £1,238. The Christmas Appeal this year was directed at Tear Fund in support of their Afghanistan Relief Appeal- the excellent total of £3,900 was raised for this very worthy cause.

As has been the practice in recent years, we allocated £10,000 of our general funds to worthy Christian causes both locally and nationally. This year 11 charities benefited- if we include collections received at weddings, funerals, baptisms and appeals a total of £30,540 was raised for 51 different charitable causes this year.

All Saints Church re-opened for visitors during the year, but the traditional Carol Service was not held due to Covid concerns. In an attempt to raise funds for the Church on a more regular basis, a "Friends of All Saints" programme was launched with some modest success by the year end. We also benefited from the collection raised at the Santa's Sledge tour of the village which raised £672. Our thanks are due to Peter Greenwell and the Cleveland Mountain Rescue Service for choosing All Saints as their beneficiary this year. As a result, the bank balance at the year end was better than expected at £1,362.

The Church Hall also re-opened with many of the regular user groups returning. We also benefited from the Government Small Business Support Grants and a £1,500 "gift" for transferring our bank account from HSBC to Metro Bank. This enabled the hall to increase its bank balance to the healthy level of £6,406 at the year end.

As a result of the losses incurred this year, the balance in our general funds fell to £34,411 which is at the lower end of our policy of maintaining unrestricted reserves at 3-4 months operating costs.

Once again, I am indebted to our finance team - John & Ynez Clarke, Helen Dickinson, Jean Goat and Robin Harmar for their hard work and support in ensuring that our finances are maintained in good order in often trying circumstances.

Ken Taylor - Hon Treasurer

Safeguarding Report - January 2021

This year, the regular checking of church officials in terms of safeguarding has continued.

39 members of Christ Church's congregation are currently DBS checked, not including those on the ministry team who are centrally checked. 6 people have stepped down from roles and their DBS checks have since gone out of date. 30 of those in such roles have completed a level of safeguarding training, with several more in the pipeline.



There was one safeguarding issue raised which, following consultation with the Diocese, was not deemed a concern to be followed up; the situation also resolved itself without action.

From March 2022, I will be handing over the role of Safeguarding Officer to Mary Mason, with whom I have had a preliminary meeting; the subsequent hand-over will be concluded with another meeting where I will pass on documents, records and work with Mary to explain the role in more detail. Many thanks to Paul for his support and guidance during my tenure. I will be working with Karen Peverel to support her in Sunday School provision and we felt that the roles could present a potential clash of responsibilities. This will, of course mean that, from now on it will be Mary and not I who greets you from the walls when you use the toilet cubicles!

David Fox - Safeguarding Officer

Stokesley Deanery Synod

2021 was a quiet year for the Stokesley Deanery, but something is brewing! First some context: Christ Church falls within the Stokesley Deanery which, if you are not aware, stretches north to Brookfield on the outskirts of Middlesbrough, west to High and Low Worsall, south into Bilsdale and to Kildale in the east. The Deanery is the network for developing and supporting mission and ministry across 20 parishes. Just over 75,000 people live within the Deanery, just under 5,000 of these in the parish of Great Ayton with Easby.

The Deanery Synod is the main group comprising the clergy and lay representatives from each Parish. Christ Church representatives during the year were, and still are, Rosemary Whewey, Nick Land, Ken Taylor and me. The Synod met three times in March, June and October 2021 and it is where parishes keep in touch, share experiences and try to figure out how to deal with the major issues.

2021 saw significant changes in key roles. At the beginning of the year Tessa Stephens, Vicar of Nunthorpe, took over from Clay Rowntree as Area Dean. I was appointed Lay Dean in June. In October Liz Taylorson was appointed as Deanery Secretary.

The Deanery role is becoming increasingly important. As a Church we are getting smaller, older and poorer. Unless we find a way of reversing that trend the organisation that we call Church will fade away. The main business of Synod during 2021 was Living Christ's Story (LCS) which is the Diocesan programme to address the issue. Basically we are charged with making disciples and we are not doing a very good job. Our operating model is broken, so how do we build a new one based on the first principles of our faith? How do we engage with more people and show them the relevance of Jesus Christ to their daily lives?

At the beginning of the year a new consultation process was launched under the LCS banner. This saw each parish being asked to consider its priorities. Across the Deanery the results were consolidated and give an insight into the way we are, collectively, thinking.

Did you know?

- We want to proclaim the Good News, teach and respond to human needs but we are, apparently, not so concerned with challenging injustice or sustaining God's creation;
- We generally feel we have the means to develop ministry using our own resources;
- We are willing to seek ideas, advice and support from the Diocese, Deanery and wider church network;
- We really would like support for reaching children and the 20's, 30's, and 40's age groups, but are least likely to want help with evangelism or technology;
- We are not well provisioned in terms of lay ministry;
- We prioritise reshaping ministry if it helps to reach younger adults, simplify parochial structures or develop online ministry, but not if it means losing any of our churches or challenges the way we currently do things.
- We don't think we can keep income at the same level in real terms;
- We do believe that we should cover our own costs and support the poorest parishes.

Whilst these are gross generalisations, I think they are a fair representation of the collective results. At the same time I am sure that, individually, we could all take issue

with some of these points being unfair, misleading, not what was really meant and, in some cases, conflicting. We might even agree with some! So many different view and perspectives.

And this is where the Deanery ended 2021, facing the challenge of bringing us all together, Living Christ's Story and transforming our Church into one that is younger, better equipped and growing. Look out 2022.

John Dickinson

Christ Church Visitors

During the first part of 2021 we were unable to meet as a group but we continued to communicate by phone, letters or in some cases talking through windows or on doorsteps. By September 2021 we were able to meet again as a group and also recommenced the monthly Coffee Lounge Communion services.



We currently have 17 Visitors who are in contact with 35 members of the congregation in Care Homes or their own homes and in most cases we are able to meet face to face again. Since November 2005, we have been in contact with 180 people who are mostly elderly or housebound. Sometimes we visit for a short time, for instance, following a stay in hospital until someone is able to return to church but often long term friendships are formed to the benefit of both sides.

We continue to meet regularly with the clergy so that they can monitor our visits and we review our guidelines annually.

Our aim is to visit anyone in the village in need – the housebound, lonely, sick and infirm – and this does not exclusively mean those who were regular churchgoers. We visit people mostly in their own homes but several of those visited eventually move out of the village to Care Homes and our Visitors travel to Stokesley, Middlesbrough, Eaglescliffe, and Guisborough to stay in touch. We also visit hospitals when we are allowed.

On the first Monday of the month at 2pm the group supports the Coffee Lounge Communion service and also transports some of the people who would otherwise be unable to attend. These are open to **anyone** who appreciates a **weekday afternoon service** and is followed by refreshments. Please let us know if you would like a lift.

We continue to deliver cards on the first anniversary of a bereavement and also a Welcome Pack whenever we see a removal van in the village. Please tell us if you know someone who would like a visit or if you have new neighbours who would like a Welcome Pack.

Rosemary Wheway

All Saints Church

It has been a veritable roller coaster of a year for All Saints, as we rode the pandemic wave and dealt with other events which had an impact on the church, fortunately for the most part in a positive way.

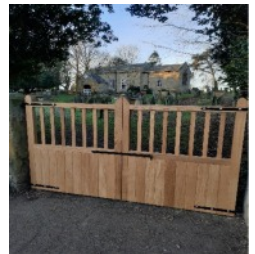
The church reopened to visitors in June 2021 after lockdown restrictions were eased having been closed throughout 2020 due to the covid outbreak and remained open up until the end of October. During this period we welcomed over 750 visitors, very similar to a normal year particularly bearing in mind that there were virtually none from abroad and box donations also showed a marginal increase. In general coverage of guide duties was at a high level, though we have almost certainly lost several guides for 2022, as usual owing to a combination of ill health and old age! Unfortunately the church remained closed for services and most other events owing mainly to social distancing guidelines in force.

Nevertheless there was a successful outdoor service in July, organized by the church eco group, to publicise and celebrate its project to improve the bio diversity of All Saints churchyard, as well as other church lands and property. This remains very much a work in progress but amongst other events to promote the development our local MP Rishi Sunak enjoyed a photo opportunity with children from Marwood School in a corner of the churchyard.



In October we finally launched the “Friends of All Saints” scheme, which had been on the table for at least two years but like many things delayed by the pandemic. It is fair to say that this has had a quiet start, despite widespread local publicity, but we have already received some surprising and generous gifts from individuals and I am confident that in the long term it will help to stabilise All Saints finances.

Finally in December Storm Arwen wreaked havoc across the country and All Saints was not spared, suffering significant damage to slates on the north facing nave roof. Fortunately this was repaired before the inside of the church was badly affected and thanks to the generosity of the Rotary and Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team, who decided to donate the proceeds of the annual Santa Sleigh tour of the village to All Saints, the cost was more than covered. Subsequently the New Year has started on a very positive note, with the installation of much needed new gates at the front of the churchyard (see photo) and for this I offer massive thanks to Hambleton District Council and to Richard Brown.



So on balance our prayers have been answered and we can look forward to better prospects for 2022, including the restoration of some services and a classical guitar

concert in July, subject of course to the pandemic easing. Challenges remain, not the least being able to maintain a full roster of guides and the cost of the Quinquennial Inspection, but there are reasons for quiet optimism.

Robin Hazell
Custodian

Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF) brf.org.uk

It's now 100 years since the first monthly leaflet of Bible readings was offered by Rev'd Leslie Mannering to his congregation at St. Matthew's Church, Brixton. Other churches in the Southwark Diocese gradually began to use the leaflet and the circulation grew, quickly reaching 1,500 copies by 1926. The **Bible Reading Fellowship** was then officially named. In this, their centenary year, BRF will celebrate the work of the past 100 years - from those first Bible reading notes to the series of ministries they are involved in today – Anna Chaplaincy, Living Faith, Messy Church, Parenting for Faith. Discover more about these at www.brf.org.uk/centenary



At Christ Church **New Daylight** and **Guidelines** encourage the people who use them to continue with a daily habit of Bible reading and reflection as part of helping faith to grow - both sets of notes are published three times a year (Jan/May/Sept) Contact me at d.e.sedgwick@talktalk.net if you would like to have a paper copy booklet ordered or you can subscribe online. **New Daylight is available as an App.** There are many other BRF resources to be discovered via their website at www.biblereadingnotes.org.uk

Pre Covid several of us who use the notes at Christ Church met together to discuss them – hopefully I will be able to organise getting together again very soon.

Enid Sedgwick

Prayer Report

Sentamu Prayers follow a prayer pattern devised and passed on by the Right Reverend John Sentamu whilst he was Archbishop of York. It has been a joy to be able to meet outside on Thursday mornings (9.30am) in All Saints Churchyard during the spring & summer to pray together for about 30 minutes using this simple pattern of prayer. All are welcome to join with us when we are able to meet outside again later this year once the temperatures warm up in the Spring.



24 Hours of prayer during Thy Kingdom Come began with an open invitation to gather in All Saints Churchyard at 12 noon on Tuesday 18 May for half an hour of prayer, hymn singing and some quiet reflection. Via each of the churches individuals and families had been asked to sign up for half hour prayer times that would be suitable for them to set aside in their own homes (or out on a walk) so that there would be an unbroken stream of prayer continuing for the next 23 hours – including throughout the night. Many thanks to those who set their alarm clocks for the early hours of the morning!! There was no shortage of volunteers to fill all the half hours with prayer



until we returned to All Saints Churchyard at 11.30am on Wednesday 19 May to end the 24 hours of prayer as we began - with half an hour of prayer and hymns together outside. Ruth Smith from Great Ayton Methodist Church provided us with live music which (alongside the warm sunshine) brought extra blessings to that time.

Prayer walk for COP 24

“The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it” Psalm 24 v.1

This walk took place on 30 October just before the start of the 26th Climate Change Conference in Glasgow and was promoted via the churches in Great Ayton. It gave those who came a chance to talk, think about and reflect on the neglect of creation and also to give thanks for some of the positive new initiatives, as we walked. We left Christ Church at 10am – sent out by Rev Pev with a prayer and blessing. We walked via All Saints churchyard to St. Margaret’s Church. We had a short stop for relevant prayer in each of those places before setting off along Easby Lane to take the track towards the football fields. Another pause for prayer before walking over the football fields which were very lively at that time on a Saturday morning! On through the woods, past the Bowling Green and Leven Court with plenty of time to chat and share our thoughts until we reached the Quaker Burial Ground where we paused for more food for thought and prayer. Drizzly rain now with us as we walked on to High Green. Shelter from one of the mature trees was welcome as we stopped for prayer time there. Waterfall Park was our last prayer point before walking on to the Methodist Church for welcome tea and coffee, together with time to reflect and add our own prayers re Climate Change to their indoor Prayer Wall.



Thanks to those who gave us food for thought and prayer at the stopping points. Enid, Anne Press, Rev’d Rob Weir, Peter Morgan, Rev’d Geoff Jaques, Chris Stokeld.

Enid Sedgwick

Little Fishes

For those of you who don't know me, I'm Rosie Lovell, and I took over the running of Little Fishes in 2021, with lots of support from Lucie Swales, Jane Robson and Geoff and Angela Jaques. I want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to them and to Ali Prunty for pitching in with story telling.

We have been fortunate enough to welcome back a lot of volunteers to the tea and coffee rota who have been a huge help in the smooth running of the group. A massive thank you to them.



We started meeting face to face in September (Tuesdays 9.45am). We have a short service, with a story and singing and dancing. We then move on to play with a craft linking to the story. For example, at Epiphany during story time we found all the things the Wise Men would need on their journey. We then had a craft to make crowns for the kings.

We have had the same lovely families joining us each week and have welcomed new faces too. It is amazing to see the children and parents/carers spending time together, learning about Christ in a fun, relaxed environment.



I have been sharing our adventures on a closed Facebook group, and have been advertising the group using social media to encourage new members. Our numbers have been healthy even with COVID, which is fantastic!

It has been a wonderful experience taking over the day to day running of the group. Little Fishes has a brilliant history and I feel blessed to lead it forwards.

Rosie Lovell

The Children's Society 2020

Unfortunately because of Covid we have not held any events this year. We moved the box opening from February to September when things were a little better. Only the committee were involved and we each had list of box holders to collect boxes from and to return when counted. All members of the committee counted the money. Alan Mico and Geoff Jaques very kindly helped transport the money to the bank at Guisborough.



*Pre pandemic memories of the successful
Christingle services*

We had a donation from Christ Church. We also sang carols near the Royal Oak on the Wednesday before Christmas accompanied by Jamie Harvie, to all who came and helped us raised £128.52.

This year we have raised £3719.09. Thanks to everyone for your kind support.

Marina Charlton - Chairman

Walking Group

The group continues to meet regularly on Mondays at 1.45pm on High Green for a short walk of around one to one and a half hours followed by refreshments. Anyone is welcome to attend for a low level, flat stroll around Great Ayton – often along by the river Leven towards Stokesley (if it's not muddy) or through Newton woods. Other walks have included Ingleby Greenhow and Guisborough walkway.

Usually up to six people walk, then enjoy a chat and get-together over a welcome drink. It is a good way to combine both exercise and fellowship. We look forward to many more walks in warm, sunny weather in 2022.



Angela Jaques

Christ Church Choir

Sunday 3rd January 2021 saw a depleted choir of three battling through wintry conditions to sing Benjamin Britten's New Year Carol on the threshold of the third national lockdown. Little did we know then that we would not be meeting to sing together again until for almost five months.

In the meantime, music for our online services was provided remotely by singers and instrumentalists coordinated by Viv Winterschladen, to whom we are greatly indebted. We are hugely grateful to everybody who kept music such an important part of worship at Christ Church during a such a difficult period. It's not easy singing a solo into a laptop knowing that there are so many people watching and listening! Choir members also enjoyed meeting socially via Zoom during this time.

Live singing in church became possible again at the end of May, but with numbers limited to six socially distanced choir members who operated on a rota system until the August summer break. Whilst this period presented several challenges, it also provided opportunities to bring additional variety to hymns through the use of solos, unaccompanied singing and varied arrangements. The musical highlight of the summer term was undoubtedly when an augmented choir had the privilege of providing the music for Jane's ordination service and the long-awaited return of congregational singing during August certainly deserves an honourable mention.



It was fantastic for everybody in church to be able to lift voices and sing together again when choir resumed in September. In addition to leading the singing of our hymns and communion settings, we have also enjoyed singing a wide variety of anthems, from Plainsong to Taize and from Tudor to the contemporary. It was particularly good to participate again in the Remembrance Sunday commemorations, and to be able to sing at the Christ Church and St Oswald's Carol Services after a year's absence. We were also delighted to be joined by some familiar faces and visitors for our services over the festive period.

Many thanks to all our singers who give so generously of their time and talent in enhancing our worship through music. Special thanks to Olwen Cameron who has been a constant presence providing some piano music at the online "Prayer for the Day" each week, and also at several of our Sunday services. We are also grateful to Paul, the Ministry Team, PCC and parish at large for all of your encouragement and support.

With the coming year comes the fresh challenge of increasing our numbers across all voice parts again. If you enjoy singing (or have sung with the choir in the past) and would like to join a friendly group of singers, please come and speak with any of us on a Sunday morning – we'd love to see you!

Andrew Blair

Flower Guild 2021



Easter flowers were very simple this year as the church was only open under Covid rules.

We bought small vases with the money bequeathed to us by Dulcie Jones our former leader. We all took daffodils and they were placed on the windowsills. We arranged ourselves into two groups so we could keep to Covid rules. It was lovely to see more flowers in church.

For Harvest we had 10 arrangements. A mixture of autumn colours with quite a lot of chrysanthemum's provided by John at the allotments, both single and double spray. The barrow was placed near the entrance.

Beginning of December saw the memory tree go up. Thank you for all the help with this. It was well used with monies going to the Herriot Hospice again. Then in time for the carol service we decorated for Christmas not knowing if the services would be allowed or not. I'm sure everyone who visited church during the Christmas period enjoyed them as much as we enjoyed arranging them, we had so many lovely comments.



We had 15 sponsored arrangements, the windows being on sledges and choir boys adorned every arrangement. We used white and green flowers that even on the darkest days were bright and beautiful



Altar Flowers

We did not have a rota for 2021, so thank you everyone who gave me donations as and when needed.

Marina Charlton

Christ Church Annual Cleaning Report

It has been a very strange couple of years having to deal with Covid and all the restrictions imposed on us all and we are not quite back to normal yet.

The Church has not been neglected, due to a few people who popped in and gave the carpets a Hoover and flicked a duster round. I believe Rev Pev was one of those people. You all know who you are, so well done and a big thank you to each and every one of you.

We have started a new list for Volunteer Cleaners, as a lot of our regulars have not returned due to their circumstances. So I would like to thank everyone who has been on the cleaning rota in the past, as your help was most appreciated and you will be greatly missed.

As the rota is very much reduced from a few years ago, the Volunteers that are still with us are having to do more cleaning and therefore we are in desperate need of new people to help out. It only takes just over an hour to Hoover and dust if done with a friend. So if you feel you can help out, please get in touch with:

Helen Land 01642 778076 - Lynne Nicholson 07812695574 - Irene Reah 01642 723804.

Posters have been put up around the village and advertising on FaceBook for more Volunteers in the hope we can get some more people on board a couple of times a year and so we are appealing to the villagers to help us out, rather than just ask regular Sunday Church attendees. We have three new Volunteers so far, which is wonderful, big thanks to them.

Lynne Nicholson has taken over from Jan Thompson and so is making sure we have polish, the Hoover is working and the cleaning has been done. Anything amiss, or you feel we need more of something, can you please contact Lynn and let her know.

Thank you Jan, you did a brilliant job of looking after everything, but now time to relax a little and thank you for staying on the cleaning rota and brass cleaning list.

We are going ahead with the big Annual Spring Clean this year. See below for dates and times.

Lastly, can I just say a big thank you to everyone who helps keep our lovely Church clean and tidy, you all do a wonderful job.

Christ Church Annual Spring Clean



Friday 1st April - from 4.00pm

Saturday 2nd April - from 9.00am

PLEASE COME AND HELP!

Refreshments provided

Christ Church Hall

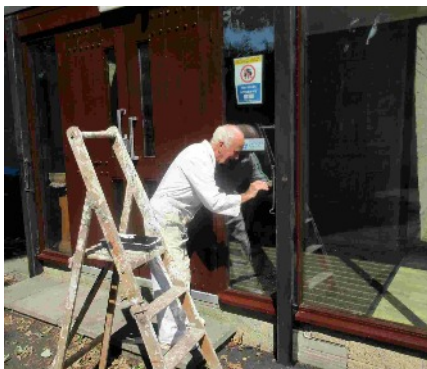
2021 has been a year of considerable change. In January we were very sad to see Sarah depart with her family to live in Romania. Following many years looking after the hall it was hard to see her go. We were immensely grateful that she continued in the role remotely until we could find her replacement. Dan stepped in to her shoes, not literally! No sooner had he arrived than Coatham Coaches offered him a full time role which of course he sensibly took. We all wish Dan well in his new job and thank him for his work with us. Now we welcome Mandy into the role, here's hoping she stays for many a year. Personnel managing the



hall was not the only change. Anne looked after the cleaning of the hall on her own for a large part of the year, we really appreciated that. When bookings picked up a little in the autumn we recruited Debbie to help her, welcome Debbie. Late flash, Debbie now only does holiday relief as she has two other jobs. One constant is

Phil, he continues to undertake odd jobs around the hall for which we are eternally grateful.

Several maintenance tasks have been completed, the painting of the emergency staircase from the Upper Room, the installation of a new path from the emergency exit doors in the main hall and the replacement of the double glazed window glass in the main hall with toughened glass. But who could forget Tony, although senior to most of us, he stepped in to redecorate the outside of the link passage, what a good job he did too. On the eco front we now have LED lights throughout the church hall buildings, thank you Richard for doing that.



In August it was pointed out that the passage floor leading up to the Upper Room was becoming increasingly uneven. On closer inspection we found a leak under the stairs from a redundant lead pipe that we weren't even aware was there! There's always something new to be learnt! The leak was fixed promptly but floorboards have yet to be replaced, hopefully in January 2022.

Financially it's been a curious year, like others we've suffered through Lockdowns but gained through government grants given to us. We also benefited from the government's furlough scheme. Many thanks to Ken for administering the furloughing so efficiently for us.

In these extraordinary times it is especially important that we keep our income coming in. We were given a financial incentive to change our bank account away from the Nat West Bank, we're now with the Metro Bank. One small change (excuse the pun!) is that we can no longer accept cash, cheques are still accepted but bank transfers are the preferred way forward. We are most grateful to all of you that support the 200 club and most importantly to Julie and Karen for administering the scheme, it helps to know we have a reliable source of income during these strange times. We are of course extremely grateful to all those who seek to use the hall, both our regular users and those that come for 'one off' occasions, it wouldn't function without you all, so thank you all.

Last but definitely not least many thanks must go to the committee that help look after the hall, Helen, Jonny, Ken, Mandy, Paul, Pauline and Vicki. Their wise friendly counsel is always appreciated, thank you.

Robin Harmar - Hall Manager

MIDDLESBROUGH FOODBANK

Foodbank Sunday continues to be on the third Sunday each month, when food can be left at church to take to Middlesbrough Foodbank. The need for food support in Middlesbrough remains high, and when I have been dropping our collection off at the warehouse, the shelves have been a lot emptier than in previous years, reflecting the increased demand. With rising inflation and increased heating costs, sadly the need is only going to increase.

The Foodbank is a project founded by local churches and community groups, working together towards stopping hunger in Middlesbrough. The central depot in Skippers Lane Industrial Estate supplies eight distribution centres across Middlesbrough, and these provide three days nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people in crisis who are referred to them. It is part of a nationwide network of Foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.



Thank you to everyone who has donated food or money (£1,750 donated this year. Donations can be gift-aided, and given either directly to the Foodbank - see their website for details, or via the church). I always receive a warm welcome when I take our donations in, and all our donations are very gladly received by the Food Bank Volunteers. I would urge you all to continue to be generous, sharing our wealth with those who have little.

Helen Land

Sunday Morning Coffee

Coffee after the 9.15am Sunday Service resumed again in October - Hooray! For many years now, this has been a way of welcoming newcomers and visitors to our worship, and for cementing friendships. In fact, the first time we served coffee in October was to say “Good-bye” to Stan and Eileen as they returned to the USA after their summer stay in the Village.

I would also like to thank Pauline Titchmarsh who has organised and run this for many years, and to all the team members - it really is a much loved service. And I am very grateful to Celia Elliott, who has kindly taken on this role.

Helen Land

An Amazing Year for ECO Church

We have held 3 special services focusing on Caring for God's Creation.

In September we celebrated **Great Big Green Sunday**. In July over 70 people came from the various churches in the village and community Wildlife & Climate Action groups to our Open Air Service to celebrate the bio diversity of All Saints living churchyard and recommit ourselves to Care for God's Acre.



At our first annual **Bluebell Service on the first Sunday of May** Diocesan Green Ambassador Rev Jan Nobel presented our A Rocha ECO Church Bronze Award Certificate.

Throughout the year our project to convert our church lighting to LED began to take shape with completion planned for early 2022.

April 2021: Rishi Sunak MP assisted pupils & staff of Marwood School in the siting of 6 nesting boxes in our living churchyard surrounding All Saints Church.



Following the PCC approval of our **Land Management Plan**, a group of volunteers cleared a patch of nettles in All Saints churchyard to enable a more diverse group of plants to grow there.

Our switch to 100% Green electricity began in **March**



In **Lent** over 30 participated in the 'Caring for Creation' Ecumenical Lent Course on Zoom. **February** saw some of us working with community group Climate Action Stokesley & Villages planting trees and others clearing litter along the side of the A172.

Geoff Jaques

Family 'Come & Praise'

The year 2021 was a strange time for Come and Praise. After a lovely on-site/Zoom service in December 2020 we had to revert to Zoom only for January and February. But fortunately we were able to return to a mix of on-site/Zoom for March and May, reverting to Zoom only for April.

We stayed in the 4pm monthly slot and Jane and Geoff took it in turns to lead sessions. We had input from members of 12 different families over the six sessions, saying prayers or readings, leading the singing (when allowed) or leading the family prayers or the wondering time.

Despite Covid everyone made the best of what we could do with socially distanced and masked fun! We even discovered how to worship without singing, using silent action songs or Makaton!



Our last session was a full on-site service in June. It was lovely not to have to worry about Zoom for that session! But we must admit that Zoom was a wonderful blessing as it enabled people who were unable or nervous about joining us in church to play a full part in the service. Even if that did mean emailing/WhatsApping details of activities so that parents could get them ready before going on line!

With the resumption of twice monthly Café Church and Sunday School in the 9:15 service the sad decision was made to stop Come and Praise to reduce the conflict parents would face in choosing which to attend.

I want to thank Geoff for his support in running Come and Praise, and all those who took part, bringing their joy and enthusiasm to each and every service.

Jane Robson

Sunday School

Sunday school restarted in November. We meet every Sunday during term time school except for the 2nd Sunday. We have about a dozen children on the register with varied attendance. Activities are available from 9am for early arrivals. We start with a service. The children take turns lighting the altar candles, we change the colour of the cloth as in Church to teach the children about Church colours and seasons. The service continues with our weekly story, prayers, the peace and singing. David Fox is helping by telling the story about once a month which is a great help and he is a big hit with the children. We go into Church for the end of the service and show our crafts and tell the congregation what we have learnt.



We started to prepare for the crib service mid-November. We initially had around 16 children wanting to take part including some of the older children now at secondary school but as the Omicron variant started to spread some families didn't want to risk their children mixing and quite a few of the children caught Covid just before Christmas. The Crib Service is always a highlight and we managed to perform with just 9 children including some last minute stand-ins and a real baby Jesus (Thank you baby Eloise for playing the role so beautifully) The children did so well and a big thank you to Mrs Winterschladen for accompanying on piano.

I would thank the PCC for their continued financial support which allows us to do interesting crafts and run special events for the children.

Karen Peverell



Marwood Church of England Voluntary Controlled Infant School

Marwood Church Of England Infant School continues to thrive in every way.

2021 has been an eventful year for Marwood School with the achievement of the Archbishop of York's Young Leaders Award, a visit from Rishi Sunak, a letter from the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, the recording of The Lord's Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Initiative, and the lifting of class bubbles, being major causes for celebration. In November, this list was lengthened following a very positive outcome following a visit from OFSTED.

1. Academic Performance

Standards in reading, writing and math remain high at Marwood with performance above the national average despite the changing pandemic landscape. The learning interventions, afforded by the government allocated catch-up funding, are already having a significant impact on performance in English and Mathematics, again, with progress well above the nationally expected levels. Subject leaders have created opportunities for children to engage in diverse curriculum activities that they may not otherwise encounter. The children have learned about South American rainforests, participated in Bhangra dancing workshops, taken a virtual challenge to the Paralympics in Tokyo, looked at the geography of Sri Lanka as well as exchanging letters and friendship gifts with their link school there. After Easter, the children of reception handled day old lambs while Year 1 hatched tadpoles and watched them develop into frogs to mention but a few of the experiences the children have enjoyed this year.

2. Financial Performance

The school remains in a healthy financial position despite the challenges of the last year. The main reason for this is the resilience of staff in the face of the pandemic keeping staff absence to a minimum, a healthy pupil intake despite a declining birth rate and financial prudence by the headteacher and her admin team in managing school finances.

3. Inspections and Recognition OFSTED Visit and Report

In the Autumn of 2021, the school was inspected by OFSTED. Mrs Walton was called in early November to say that two of HM inspectors would be in school the next day, the last inspection having occurred over 14 years ago under a previous inspection framework.

Therefore, we are incredibly pleased to report that OFSTED deemed Marwood School GOOD with some outstanding features against the new inspection framework.

Within the report the inspectors commented how...

“The school is the hub of the community.”

“Pupils have a strong sense of wanting to do good, both globally and locally.”

“The school has embedded their Christian values of Love, Friendship and Forgiveness within the curriculum.”

The school was deemed good in all areas and outstanding in Personal Development which they described as ‘exceptional.’

It is at this point in this report that we should congratulate the staff for their resilience, commitment, and innovation by delivering learning in such an imaginative and engaging manner; the parents whose support is unwavering; the governors who give their time and support so freely; but the real superstars are the children, whose behaviour is exemplary and who demonstrated to the inspectors just what a fun and happy place Marwood School is to learn.

The inspectors further commented on the good phonics results in Year 1 and made their suggestions on how the school could develop further. School leaders have already begun to address the recommendations of the report to achieve the highest standards required by the new framework.

Despite all the challenges of the pandemic including Lockdowns and cases of Covid within school for the first time, the school has remained open in the main with teaching moving online when required. This has meant that attendance levels have remained well above the national average. In the autumn term during another period of tighter restrictions due to the Omicron variant, the school moved back to bubbles and tighter measures while supporting those who were affected by the new wave with online learning. With arrangements from previous Lockdowns already in place, and parent support high, the children were able to continue their learning with minimal disruption. Once again, technology has been a vital component for lessons and delivery of Reverend Peverell’s weekly worships in the first few of months of the year and especially during the school’s closure just prior to the Christmas holidays.

Rishi Sunak Visit

It was fantastic to welcome The Chancellor of the Exchequer to school on a sunny day in March. Interested in seeing the school's outdoor improvements, Mr Sunak helped to erect bird boxes in All Saint's churchyard as part of Eco church project and chatted to the children about his role as Chancellor. He enjoyed a game of Mirror Me in the school playground with the children and posed for a photograph of him holding a wicker briefcase in the Sacred Place after asking the children about the significance of its contents. Members of Trinity Group gave well informed responses to his questions and left wooden crosses they had made in All Saint's porch for members of the visitors to use.



Thy Kingdom Come

In April, the school was very honoured to be asked to participate in another special event. The Archbishop of York was recording the online C of E service for Pentecost Sunday, linked to Thy Kingdom Come, at York Minster. He asked that pupils at Marwood School record the Lord's Prayer for this special service in May. This was a wonderful opportunity to participate in a wider church event and the children thoroughly enjoyed the recording of it and understood its importance.

Letter from Kensington Palace

In June, after the school had sent The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge letters from each Marwood child along with a book entitled 'Grandad's Island', about the loss of a loved one, Mrs Walton received a heartfelt letter of thanks. The death of the Duke of York had provoked a lot of discussion in some of the children about the loss of their own grandparents. The result was a positive demonstration to the children of how we can be of help to others in times of need.

Young Leaders Award

In July, the school was awarded the Archbishop of York's Young Leaders Award. The Award is comprised of 4 components which develop leadership and communication skills aimed at empowering young people to become confident, committed, community minded leaders of the future. The children followed activities and challenges for Teamwork, Kindness, Action and Perseverance. A big well done to both the children and staff for achieving the award.

4. School Staffing:

There is a wonderful team spirit amongst the staff at Marwood School which makes it such a pleasure to visit the school and why staff stay and even after retirement continue their links with the school. This year the staff have met challenges of the pandemic with renewed vigour, positivity and a true passion for their subject areas that brings the curriculum to life for their pupils. This was especially evident during the Ofsted inspection, which is a tense time for any school, but their redeeming qualities shone through to produce a fantastic outcome.

In March, the school welcomed back Reception Teacher, Emma Anderson after a period of parental leave and said a heartfelt goodbye to their interim teacher Ms Gale-Sau. The changeover was seamless for the children and Mrs Anderson has settled quickly back into her Reception Teacher role with her class and it is great to have her back.

We also welcomed a new midday supervisor Debra Furlong, and were grateful to be able to access funding to enable Mrs Donaldson to continue in her role of crossing patrol officer- both of which are vital to the safe and smooth running of school.

Foundation Governors: Rev. Paul Peverell, David Fox and Vicky Bradley

World Day of Prayer

It was the turn of Christ Church to host the World Day of Prayer on Friday 5th March 2021 and it was decided to hold a Zoom and Facebook service because of current Covid regulations. This proved to be a real success with over 50 people attending, special thanks are due to Rev'd Jane Robson for her technical skills which made the whole venture possible.

The lively service was prepared by the women of Vanuatu on the theme of "Build on a strong Foundation". Vanuatu is an archipelago of 80 islands 2000 miles east of Australia, and is an ecological treasure. Life there can be hard, especially for women but local people are proud of their many different languages and customs and modern technology is changing lives for the better.

The service included participants reading dialogues, meditation and prayers. Music and singers, who so enhanced our worship with their vocal renditions of some lovely lyrics was organised by Viv Winterschladen and, as we were in our own homes, we could all sing along!

Please do feel free to join us and many others all over the world next time on the first Friday in March, especially as the service will be composed by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. A grand total of £250 plus was donated to the worldwide Day of Prayer to fund projects run by Christian charities around the world.

Angela Jaques

Discipleship Groups.

We now have 3 groups meeting regularly, with a total of 24 people participating across the ages from their 20s to their 80s, young and older, men and women.



A new Sunday evening group of 8 formed at the beginning of the year on zoom to explore the DVD based Moving On course, designed by Robin Gamble. This was followed by a journey through Genesis with Joseph; as the year progressed Anna led us through the book Ruth before we had a whistle stop tour through the Acts of the Apostles. As John lives on Tyneside we have continued to meet on zoom. When Café Church restarted we moved from weekly to fortnightly.

Helen leads a group which continues to meet every couple of weeks. At the moment they are studying Daniel using one of the Big Church Read books, "Singing in Babylon" by Jeff Lucas, looking at finding purpose in Life's Second Choices.

Having begun as an Adult Confirmation preparation group many years ago, our longest running group also began the year on zoom using the Moving On course. Following this we spent several weeks exploring the Old Testament book of Job, still on zoom. As the year moved on up to 10 of us began meeting in the Coffee Lounge on a fortnightly basis on Wednesday teatime, discussing St Mark's gospel. Towards the end of the year we said farewell to Elaine Brown as she moved away from the area.

If you would like to join a group to explore the Bible or any other aspect of our faith please get in touch, there's always room for more!

Geoff Jaques

Online – Facebook & Zoom

This has continued throughout the year with Prayer for the Day (PftD) each morning Monday to Saturday at 8:45 on Zoom and live on Facebook and on Sunday at 9:15 plus special services and regular posts keeping everybody up to date. Total viewing was 164,000 minutes which not surprisingly is 15.8% down on 2020 when more restrictions were in place. 79% of our followers are women and 21% men. 65% are over 45 and 35% under 45. We gained 229 new followers during 2021.



Jane's ordination service (which attracted large numbers into the building) reached 643 people online. Of our Sunday morning services February and March filled the top 6 viewing slots on Facebook and Zoom when we were serving both Ayton & Stokesley.

The Act of Remembrance reached 1,200 people online as well as the many who physically stood around the war memorial. Posts notifying people of upcoming funeral services regularly reach more than 2,500 with 500 or more engagements; three such posts in December received over 500 likes or comments. A valuable service for the community and the families.

Whilst average daily numbers have fallen from c50 in 2020 to the mid 30s this year, **PftD** continues to reach out across the village church communities & beyond to Ingleby Barwick, Middlesbrough and Saltburn. In December we had **34 different people participating on Zoom** and **36 different named people** who've 'made themselves known' on **Facebook**.



As part of the 2021 Thy Kingdom Come season, 11 members of our village Christian Community each shared a little bit of their journey of faith in short video clips which were published via All Saints Facebook page and subsequently on our website. The viewing response was amazing. The top 3 are: 699 viewed Barry's 'Discovering the Bible', 650 viewed plumber

Luke's inspiring account of God's Righteousness and 465 Rosie telling us about the amazing Big Family that church is to her.

Great Ayton District Guides

"Guiding in 2021 has become more normal as the year progressed, but has still been overshadowed (like everything) by Covid. We were all still Zooming for the first part of the year, but as time when on outdoor Guiding was allowed, and then indoors. It says something for the resilience and adaptability of the leaders that all units have managed to cope with opening up indoors by September, with 2 metre distancing initially, as well as face coverings for adults and older girls, but it has been lovely to be back meeting in person and doing fun and educational things with the girls. It was good to be back for a somewhat normal Remembrance Sunday parade in November. We are hopeful that 2022 will allow even more freedom including trips away overnight, that haven't happened for 2 years now."

From the end of February Rebecca Storey will be District Commissioner

Eleanor Albrecht - Great Ayton District Commissioner

2nd Great Ayton Rainbows

Unfortunately, we started 2021 back on our zoom meetings due to the 2nd lockdown. However, the girls were all well practiced in virtual meetings so just took it in their stride



Our region, North East England was celebrating its 50th birthday so we worked on the challenge badge set around the region.

At the end of January, we had a virtual visit from a zoo, where we were introduced to Meerkats, Kookaburra, spiders and more!



We have made pancakes, Easter crispy cakes– all from the kitchen of their own home – with no mess for us to clear up

April saw restrictions lifted slightly when we were able to meet outdoors. Despite a tad chilly we met outside on the church grass. Helen brought along two new-

born lambs for the girls to feed. We also had walk up Gribdale and through the woods at Newton to see the bluebells.

Once back inside, with social distancing, we did some crafts and badges. We undertook the bug trail in the village – made duck food for the ducks but on the day in question – there were no ducks to be seen to feed!

Pippa achieved her Rainbow GOLD award just before moving up to Brownies.

On a very hot sunny day, we had our last meeting of the term on Redcar beach and enrolled some of our new rainbows.



In September we continued with some program work – one of which was designing outfits from scraps and bin bags.

We raised an amazing sum of over £600 between the rainbows and brownies for Children in Need with a dancethon.

We made Christmas crafts and had a trip to see Rev Pev in Rapunzel finishing with a short meeting

on the High Green by the Christmas tree on the last week of term due to the high levels of local Covid -cold but great fun and hot chocolate was had by all.

Massive thanks to the parents, girls and most of all the leadership team for the challenging year we have had dealing with all the changes we have had.



Christine, Pauline, Sarah, Rebecca, Melissa & Helen
Rainbow Team

1st Great Ayton Brownies

Like the Rainbows, we started 2021 with our weekly meetings on zoom.

We worked on the Region 50th Birthday challenge and joined with the Rainbows for the virtual zoo evening.

We managed to incorporate lots of the Unit meeting activities with online adaptations so that the girls continued to work on the Brownie Program and earn their badges. A few girls from 3rd Great Ayton Brownies joined us from January - July as they only had low numbers.

We had a decorated egg competition online which was great fun and made Easter Crispie cakes.

After Easter, we held meetings outside, enrolled new Brownies at Captain Cooks monument and walked from Newton to Gt Ayton through the bluebells with a few stops for some badge activities.

We had some blind crisp tasting, biscuit sampling and drew some self-portraits. One evening we had an interesting chat with Jill from the local Hedgehog rescue.



We too did the bug trail with a stop for a Suggitts ice cream and attended the beach on the last day of term.

Katie and Lexie both earned their Silver Award

During the Autumn term we worked on various activities and badgework and had a fun night making sweet Halloween treats.

Most of the girls attended the Remembrance Parade in November and contributed to the Children in Need Dancethon.

Ending the term with the trip to the Pantomime and the impromptu meeting on the High Green for a bit of fun and hot chocolate.

We are all hoping we can get to go on our Pack Holiday later in the summer.

Thanks again to the Brownie Leader Team for all their efforts to keep guiding going during the challenging time and to all the girls for coping so well with all the changes to our normal unit meetings.



Christine, Tracey, Lucy & Neave

Guides



Guides started the year off on zoom, we did lots of the guiding program and enrolled several girls we even managed to do a bit of cooking to i.e. mini pancakes on tin cans and cakes in mugs. The girls loved doing lots of interest badges and our 50th birthday challenge with lots of activities from the northern regions but I think their mums liked the Mother's Day challenge best as they got pampered. When we were allowed to meet face-to-face again we enjoyed a river walk and went to Suggitts for ice cream.

Just before the summer we had four special awards to give out which is a huge achievement for any guide Lois gained her bronze, Sally, Isobel and Hannah gained their silver, and Isobel also gained her gold.

After the summer we got straight on with badge work, crafts and games. The girls brought donations for the food bank at harvest and paraded on Remembrance Sunday. We had a fun trip to Great Ayton's Christmas panto (Ooh yes we did) and a great day out at Beamish where we even saw Santa.

Sarah Brown



Scouting in Great Ayton

2021 was another “different” year. We started the year as we finished 2020, with virtual meetings on-line using Zoom. The Beaver colony was temporarily stopped, due to the leaders having to give up volunteering.



However, we started the new year with some hopeful signs, membership was down but we had new adult volunteers. Danielle started as assistant Scout leader and Ruth and Alison stepped forward to take over the Beaver unit.

We kept on with the on-line meetings until June, when we were able to meet face to face on Low Green. All three sections met over the last half of summer term and a great time was had by all, playing games, learning how Scouting works and doing activities like building bird boxes.



Also in June, we were able to show off the new cladding on the Scout hut. The faded and disintegrating old timber cladding has been replaced with new longer life cladding. That along with new windows means that the hut will remain watertight and (relatively) warm for years to come. The second half of the hut still needs doing, but we are well on our way. Thanks to our executive committee for making

this project go well. 2022 is the 50th anniversary of when George Saunders acquired a site hut from his employer ICI, and it was erected behind Christ Church to be a new home for 1st Great Ayton Scouts. This is an amazing legacy for George, who unfortunately is no longer with us, and we are proud to do what we can to preserve that legacy for many years to come, providing us a home in which we can enrich the lives of all members of our Scout group.

In September, we returned to something like normal, all three sections started meeting in the hut and we have done since then. The new Beaver leadership team has settled into their role brilliantly, with 16 Beavers having fun for the whole autumn term.



Due to the ongoing situation, we couldn't have summer camps for the youth members in 2021, we are looking forwards to nights away for all units this year though.

Our numbers are more healthy now, with full Beaver and Cubs units, although we don't have many Scouts. That will change in June, when a group of Cubs will be ready to make the jump up to the older unit.

I'd like to extend huge thanks to the leaders and parents, who have supported Scouting over the last 12 months. They have enabled us to run on-line sessions, and return to face to face Scouting.



Finally, can I once again make a plea please, although we are doing well at the moment, we are still running with a very low number of leaders. We could do with extra leaders in both Beavers and Cubs, but the biggest problem is in the Scout troop which really needs a Scout leader – I have been acting Scout leader for 18 months and it is rather taking a toll on me when I also have a Cub pack to run. We would hate to see any of our

units back in danger of closing due to lack of leadership. If you, or anyone you know, might like to try being a leader, we would welcome you with open arms. Being a leader in Scouting is a very fulfilling experience, and it can be tailored to suit your availability. If you feel you can help, please contact me by emailing: gsl@1stgreataytonscoutgroup.org

Ben Lambert - Group Scout Leader

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Great Ayton with Easby

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on the following 7 pages.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has since been withdrawn.

We understand this has been done in order for the accounts to prepare a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that there are no other 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act;
or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records ; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



Mr J Gresham FCCA
Azets
New Garth House
Upper Garth Gardens
Guisborough TS14 6HA
17th February 2022

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
GREAT AYTON WITH EASBY**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ending 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS	
		Funds	Funds	2021	2020
INCOME		£	£	£	£
Income from donations and legacies	2(a)	114,452	25,041	139,493	140,089
Income from trading activities	2(b)	0	4,100	4,100	1,159
Income from investments	2(c)	15	0	15	202
Church activities	2(d)	8,313	17,639	25,952	22,741
Other incoming resources	2(e)	497	1,723	2,220	678
TOTAL INCOME		123,277	48,503	171,780	164,869
EXPENDITURE					
Church activities	3(a)	131,635	37,861	169,496	182,311
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		131,635	37,861	169,496	182,311
Net (expenditure)/income		(8,358)	10,642	2,284	(17,442)
Gain on revaluation of assets for charity's own use		0	20,863	20,863	20,256
Net movement in funds		(8,358)	31,505	23,147	2,814
Balances b/f 1 January 2021		42,771	703,661	746,432	743,618
Balances c/f 31 December 2021		34,413	735,166	769,579	746,432

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2021 £	2020 £

FIXED ASSETS

Tangible	5(a)	0	716,309	716,309	695,446
TOTAL		0	716,309	716,309	695,446

CURRENT ASSETS

Debtors & prepayments	6	1,690	771	2,461	2,285
CBF Deposit Account		24,562	0	24,562	24,549
Santander Current Account		3,639	3,680	7,319	2,290
Santander Instant Access Account		2,669	8,000	10,669	16,666
Barclays Business Saver Account		1,850	0	1,850	1,829
Barclays Community Account		3	0	3	3
Metro Bank Hall Account		0	6,406	6,406	3,363
TOTAL		34,413	18,857	53,270	50,985

TOTAL NET ASSETS

34,413	735,166	769,579	746,431
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PARISH FUNDS

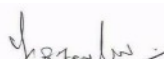
Revaluation of Assets	7	0	716,309	716,309	695,446
General Fund (unrestricted)	7	34,413	0	34,413	42,771
Restricted	7	0	18,857	18,857	8,215
Total		34,413	735,166	769,579	746,432

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 16 February 2022 and signed on its behalf by Rev'd Paul Peverell (PCC Chairman) and Ken Taylor (PCC Treasurer)

Paul Peverell



Ken Taylor



THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF GREAT AYTON WITH EASBY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a "true and fair" view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a "true and fair view". This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1st April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year is carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not normally invest separately for each fund.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes

Income: Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Interest is accounted for when received. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. Incoming resources are generally accounted for gross except fees which are net of amounts paid directly to the Diocese and other third parties

Expenditure: Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The Diocesan freewill offering is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
GREAT AYTON WITH EASBY**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2021 (contd)

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in accordance with S10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected at any reasonable time. For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December

2. INCOME	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS	
	funds	funds	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Income from donations and legacies				
2(a) Planned giving:				
Tax efficient giving	73,138	0	73,138	77,009
Tax recoverable	19,613	1,529	21,142	21,530
Other	9,247	0	9,247	8,852
Loose plate collections	3,132	12,423	15,555	10,345
Special Appeals (inc Compassion UK)	0	7,579	7,579	7,853
One-off Grants	544	5,500	6,044	1,892
Donations	7,778	0	7,778	9,148
Coronavirus Hardship Fund	0	(1,990)	(1,990)	2,460
Legacies	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
	114,452	25,041	139,493	140,089
Income from other fundraising activities				
2(b) Fundraising	0	0	0	1,159
	0	4,100	4,100	1,159
Income from investments				
2(c) Bank interest	15	0	15	202
Income from Church activities				
2(d) Church Hall lettings	0	17,639	17,639	15,933
Fees from weddings and funerals	6,658	0	6,658	4,913
Church magazine sales	1,193	0	1,193	1,137
Admin income	31	0	31	0
Book Sales	431	0	431	758
	8,313	17,639	25,952	22,741
Other incoming resources				
2(e) All Saints collections & donations	0	1,631	1,631	212
Sundry income	497	92	589	466
	497	1,723	2,220	678
TOTAL INCOME	123,277	48,503	171,780	164,869

Of the total income of £171,780 (2020 : £164,869), £123,277 (2020 : £127,340) related to unrestricted funds and £48,503 (2020 : £37,529) related to restricted funds

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2021 (contd)

	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS	
	funds	funds	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
3. EXPENDITURE				
3(a) Church activities				
Mission and charitable giving				
Overseas missions & relief agencies	4,000	7,466	11,466	9,236
Home missions & church societies	6,050	3,703	9,753	11,181
Secular charities	0	9,771	9,771	9,036
Payments from Hardship Fund	0	150	150	320
Education and Development				
Youth expenses	278	0	278	172
Books & resources	2,269	0	2,269	2,690
Church magazine costs	1,370	0	1,370	1,184
Ministry				
Parish offer to Common Fund	94,440	0	94,440	94,440
Clergy operating costs	4,911	0	4,911	2,837
Vicarage costs	2,294	0	2,294	2,257
Service costs	959	0	959	1,041
Church maintenance & running costs				
Electricity and insurance	6,505	0	6,505	6,505
Maintenance & small projects	2,424	0	2,424	10,514
Church Hall operating/maintenance costs	544	14,596	15,140	17,220
Salaries and honoraria	4,008	0	4,008	7,812
All Saints operating/maintenance costs	0	1,944	0	1,087
Administration expenses	1,027	0	1,027	1,426
Independent Examiner's fee	318	0	318	288
Sundry Expenses	238	231	469	965
Depreciation	0	0	0	2,101
	131,635	37,861	169,496	182,312
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	131,635	37,861	169,496	182,312

Of the total expenditure of £169,496 (2020 : £182,312), £131,635 (2020 : £146,790) related to unrestricted funds and £37,861 (2020 : £35,592) related to restricted funds

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
GREAT AYTON WITH EASBY**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2021 (contd)

4(a) STAFF COSTS

Wages and salaries	4,008	0	4,008	7,812
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During the year, the PCC employed a part-time administrator and organist/choirmaster but no payments were large enough to attract social security costs.

No employee received total employee benefits which exceeded £60000 in either the current or previous year.

4(b) PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS (TRUSTEES)

Allowances are made to the Vicar on a monthly basis to cover miscellaneous administration costs and a contribution towards vicarage utility costs. In addition telephone and water bills are paid for the Vicarage.

Five trustees receive an annual book allowance of £100 each. Totals are:

	2021 £	2020 £
Vicar's operating costs allowance	2,040	2,040
Curate expenses	2,597	0
Vicarage gas and electricity allowance	960	960
Vicarage telephone paid	646	608
Vicarage water paid	358	420
Reader's expenses	274	0
Book allowances	600	600
	7,475	4,628

5. FIXED ASSETS

5(a) Tangible

		Church Hall £	Church equipment £	Total £
Actual/deemed cost	At 1 January 2021	695,446	27,160	722,606
	Revaluation	20,863	0	20,863
	Disposal	0	0	0
	Additions at cost	0	0	0
	At 31 December 2021	716,309	27,160	743,469
Depreciation	At 1 January 2021	0	27,160	27,160
	Withdrawn on disposals	0	0	0
	Charge for the year	0	0	0
	At 31 December 2021	0	27,160	27,160
Net Book Value	At 31st December 2021	716,309	0	716,309
	At 31st December 2020	695,446	0	695,446

The Church Hall is included as an asset and is valued at the 2006 insurance valuation escalated at 3% per annum. A new motorised screen, projector and camera were added as assets to the Church equipment in 2017 and are depreciated at 25% per annum.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF GREAT AYTON WITH EASBY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2021 (contd)

	2021	2020
	£	£
DEBTORS & PREPAYMENTS		
Gift Aid Tax due from December	2,461	2,285
Prepayment and accrued interest	0	0
Other debtors	0	0
	2,461	2,285

FUNDS

The restricted funds comprise the Church Hall fund, the All Saints Church fund, the Lighting Upgrade Fund and funds raised for various charities.

The Church also holds the funds for Great Ayton "Churches Together" as a restricted fund.

Of the balance of the revaluation of assets, £716,309 relates to restricted funds

	General Funds (unrestricted)	Revaluation of Assets	Church Hall	All Saints	Other (restricted)	Total
Balance at 1 January 2021	42,771	695,446	3,363	1,675	3,177	746,432
Incoming resources	123,277	0	17,639	1,631	29,233	171,780
Resources expended	131,635	0	14,596	1,944	21,321	169,496
Revaluation	0	20,863	0	0	0	20,863
Balance at 31 December 2021	34,413	716,309	6,406	1,362	11,089	769,579

Fund movements 2020

	General Funds (unrestricted)	Revaluation of Assets	Church Hall	All Saints	Other (restricted)	Total
Balance at 1 January 2020	60,050	677,291	2,757	2,550	970	743,618
Incoming resources	127,340	0	15,933	212	21,384	164,869
Resources expended	144,619	2,101	15,328	1,087	19,177	182,312
Revaluation	0	20,256	0	0	0	20,256
Balance at 31 December 2020	42,771	695,446	3,363	1,675	3,177	746,432

Church Hall Accounts 2021

Bank Reconciliation:	
Bank balance as at 1 January 2021	£2572.22
Add receipts	£18429.81
Deduct receipts not cleared	£0.00
Deduct payments	£14596.00
Bank balance at 31 December 2021	£6406.03
Reserves at 31 December 2021	£6406.03

2020		CHURCH HALL ACCOUNTS	2021
£		Receipts	£
2,757.41	Opening balance		2,572.22
1,055.00	200 Club		620.00
0.00	Alicia Fitness		148.00
450.00	Guides Brownies Rainbows		0.00
0.00	Scouts		0.00
243.75	Badminton		931.00
472.39	Bradley Dancing		745.00
0.00	Bank Incentive Payment		1,500.00
300.00	Dramatic Society		0
135.00	Flower Club		0.00
737.50	Marwood School		537.50
315.00	Funeral Teas		0.00
285.00	Scottish Dancing		155.00
625.00	Strictly FiTT		612.50
820.00	Sundry Rents		1149.25
1033.14	Interest/Transfers/Electricity refunds/Other refunds		683.11
2,278.00	NY Horizons		544.00
140.25	SMART		0.00
0.00	Insurance Claim		2444.29
51.00	Moo Music		272
<u>0.00</u>	<u>Sundries</u>		<u>1,001.51</u>
1,892.22	Job Retention Grant		544.00
100.00	Yoga & a Brew		0.00
5,000.00	Small Business Grant		6,542.65
18,690.66	Total Receipts		21,002.03
		Payments	
1,138.37	Electricity		1,200.00
1,712.79	Gas		2,019.89
407.07	Water Rates		67.97
6,105.10	Wages		4,502.70
2,617.75	Repairs/maintenance		4,964.77
2,234.66	Equipment		812.02
424.02	Telephone		476.40
20.00	Licences		20.00
29.99	Sundries		132.11
343.94	Waste Disposal		225.14
230.00	Refunds		175.00
64.00	Post/Stationery		0
2572.22	Closing balance		6406.03
17,899.91	Total Payments		21002.03

Christ Church Charitable Giving 2021										
Charity	Tax refund	Donations	Spec Serv	Fundraising	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Gen Funds	Total	
Christian Aid	305	24		1511						1840
United Society (restored as USPG)								1000		1000
Church Mission Society								1000		1000
Together Middlesbrough & Cleveland								1000		1000
Genesis Project								1000		1000
Childrens Society								1000		1000
ECSSSUP (South Sudan Mission)								1000		1000
Children in Distress		207								207
Christians Against Poverty								500		500
Church Army								500		500
The Message Trust (Respect ME)								1000		1000
Big Kids (Brambles Farm)								1000		1000
MIND							683			683
Barnabas Fund (Zimbabwe)	55	862.93						1000		1918
Springhill Hospice							55			55
Tear Fund (Afghanistan)	408.75	3491.55								3900
Versus Arthritis							144			144
D Baker (Coronavirus Hardship Fund)		150								150
Open Door North East	147.75			1090.53						1238
RNLI							259			259
LIVENORTH							310.5			311
St John Ambulance							577			577
British Heart Foundation							928			928
Yorkshire Cancer Research							958.38			958
Stroke Association							265			265
Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust						24.9				25
Great North Air Ambulance							336			336
Great North Children's Hospital Trust									95.39	95.39

South Tees Hospital Charity ICU				545			545
Leeds Hospitals Charity				32			32
Macmillan Cancer Support			32.45	148			451
Dementia UK							105
Alzheimers Society							510
Anthony Nolan Trust				69.32			69
Great Ayton Health Centre							158
Daisy Chain			162.08				162
Zoe's Place			419.01				945
Teesside Hospice Care Foundation			56.83				55
Heriot Hospice Homecare				55			273
Alice House Hospice							63
World Day of Prayer			63.08				50
Young Lives v Cancer (CLIC Sargent)							792
Leo's Neonatal Charity			791.77				116
Darlington Dogs Trust							155
Middlesbrough Food Bank						155.4	1750
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal						165	321
							30540
							10050
							7805
							484.84
							1879.22
							2602.01
							521.45
							6280.43
							916.5
							521.45
							321

Charitable Giving

Christ Church pursues a policy of giving a proportion of its Income to support Christian Charities, as well as donating the collections from Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals to charities - usually agreed with the families. We don't have to do this, and many Churches don't, but we believe it gains lots of goodwill in the community as well as maximising support for good causes.

On top of this we also have special appeals at different times of the year - Christian Aid, Harvest and Christmas amongst them as well as supporting any disaster appeals.

This last year we have given £30,540 away to support good causes.

We have tried to keep up to date with electronic means of Giving with a Contactless Pay Station in Church and a Giving Button on both Website and Facebook Pages that are being increasingly used.

Our generosity to others comes from appreciation of God's generosity to us. "As you sow, so shall you reap"

The Parish of Great Ayton with Easby

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Wednesday 16th March 2022 at 7.30pm

In Christ Church Hall

Meeting of Parishioners

1. Election of Churchwardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last meeting 17th March 2021
3. Matters arising
4. Electoral Roll Report
5. Presentation of Annual Report for 2021
6. Financial Report and Presentation of Audited Accounts for year ended 31st December 2021
7. The Vicar's Comments
8. Election of Parochial Church Council members
9. Appointment of Independent Examiners
10. Any Questions on Church matters for consideration by the PCC