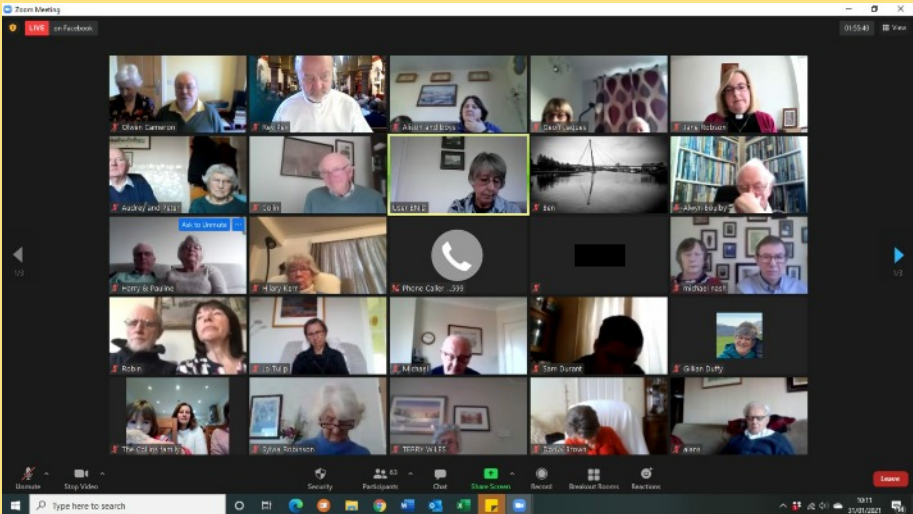


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## Annual Report

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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:** Vicki Nath, Caroline Legg, Robin Harmar, Margaret Lewis & Peter Titchmarsh, Bev Turner, Steve Green, Frances Brown.

# A Word from the Vicar



Little did we realise when writing this report last year as to how the world and Church life would have changed so dramatically in such a short space of time. In hearing of the Wuhan “Flu” in January we were astonished by the speed in which the country came to a Lockdown from March to the end of June, and all the challenges that have happened since.

Within a week of the first lockdown starting we had learnt how to stream services on Zoom and Facebook and not only had the Sunday Worship up and running again, we also started a new Daily Prayer that has grown considerably over the time and now involves a team from both other Churches within the village as well as others from outside. We get 40 – 50 live attendees with view in Facebook exceeding 200 during the day, and sometimes a lot more. All of our streamed services are going to far more people than before and we keep hearing of new people who listen every day or Sunday.

The Online worship has helped to bring both this Parish and the neighbouring one of Stokesley together during the vacancy in their parish. There is a buzz on the Zoom screen before the service and folk have got to know one another. We have also had people attending the other Church!! The success of this means it will be hard to lose new friends made, so we will be talking with the new priest, Ben Gunter, as to how we can keep some links going.

**Sunday numbers** between the Churches have included up to 40 actually present, when buildings have been allowed to be open, around 70+ on Zoom, and a far larger number joining in throughout the day on Facebook. We have many regular participants from outside the area, including some in France, Ireland, Romania and New Zealand – that we know about.

**Funerals** have continued, although the initial restrictions in the first lockdown were most draconian with only 6 mourners allowed. Thankfully that has been increased to 30, and we have used the facility to Zoom services from Church to allow greater participation and can also record services in Church. We have had 49 funerals this year, which given it being a pandemic year, is below the number for several recent years, so we have been fortunate.

**Weddings** The majority of weddings had to rearrange to 2021 because their Reception Venues were closed, so only 4 weddings took place this year. Despite restricted numbers in Church, we Zoomed services to France, the USA and various

places in the UK, and all were very happy occasions. Zoom has been such a blessing throughout. Its hard to think what it would have been like without it.

**Baptisms** were the biggest casualty of 2020 with just one taking place and all other couples postponing until safer times.

**Online Presence** Lots of things have transferred Online from Family Services and Study Courses to Christmas Carol Services and Memorial Services. It has been heartening to see both Midnight Mass and the Christmas Carol Services have been viewed 1.5K times each, as well as high figures for other occasions ie Remembrance Sunday when official Parades were banned. We were one of the few communities locally that still had the wreath laying ceremony take place at the same time, but with only a few people present.

**The Church website** was changed at the end of the year to a format that can be read more easily by mobile phones and it continues to get many hits for information. Facebook Posts are now available on the Front page. We also have started posting details of Funerals on Facebook and this has been much appreciated by the community and the families concerned.

**Spire** has continued to be well used and received in 2020. Due to the restrictions at the beginning of Lockdown it was decided not to have a paper version for April, but we resumed in May with many useful details for those without Internet access. We hope Spire continues to be both informative and interesting as a Magazine that seeks to bring Church and Community together.

**Physical Presence** We have kept Christ Church open on Sunday afternoons for Individual Prayer and donations for Middlesbrough Foodbank or special appeals and managed each day in the run up to Christmas. We hope to be able to return to leaving Church open unmanned every day. I have been there personally on Sundays and it has been a good place to be to talk/listen to those who need it, to read and pray in the quiet times, and even to help folk out with their technology. A team of volunteers have also been in regular phone contact with the housebound and during the first lockdown we have a scheme running to collect groceries and prescriptions.

In 2020 we also welcomed **Revd Jane Robson** as our Curate to train in the Parish. It hasn't been the easiest of times to start a new job, but she has got involved really well and regularly helps lead Prayer for the Day and other services, leading Family Worship and encouraging our younger families. Jane has also been much appreciated by families having funerals and has shown great empathy and professionalism. We have got a good one!



This last year has seen some faith stalwarts step down from roles as they needed to shield. **Gordon and Dorothy Wood** handed over the running of our Foodbank Collections after starting the monthly collections on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. These have grown and grown. **Ruth Waterton** also stepped down from organising the volunteers for leading Intercessions, a role she has faithfully done for 20 years. The onset of Zoom Services shared between Ayton & Stokesley provided the ideal time. As many of the volunteer cleaners were in the “at risk” group and the Church has been shut for 6 months in the last year, **Jan Thompson & Irene Reah** stepped down from organising the Church cleaning. Jan has kindly helped us a few times since, the Hall cleaners have also helped but we have had several changes there, and I have also run around with hoover and sanitizer. The big loss last year was when **Ewan Murray**, our very talented young organist, was accepted into Birmingham Royal Conservatoire to study organ in September. He has been a great blessing and helped enormously keep the music side of worship ongoing as we moved onto Zoom using his musical and computer talents. We start the new year in good heart and better prepared for what surprises may be in store as we continue to be a Christian presence in our village and beyond.

**Paul Peverell**

Vicar

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## **PCC Secretary Report 2020**

We have had a few challenges in this last year. I took over as PCC Secretary to the meetings in April, asking myself ‘How hard can it be?’ Well now I know, although I am very glad to have been useful and supportive to the PCC. All our meetings have taken place via Zoom which is the first challenge if your network coverage isn’t 100%!

Coronavirus was a major challenge for all of us. All Churches were closed to public worship. Baptisms and weddings were postponed. All concerts, meetings and any gatherings in the hall were cancelled. Funerals were still taking place with only immediate family attending. The Standing Committee and the PCC members are still having regular meetings and are well attended. Practical things have to be decided upon and things need to keep running as smoothly and ongoing as possible. Several risk assessments have been carried out and as things change, they are updated.



The Vicar knew that there are still ways to reach out to people and with the support of the Committee and other practical people, set up Worship, Prayers and Services for as many people as possible to attend on line through Facebook, Zoom and telephone. These Services have been invaluable to people and are very popular.

Vulnerable people in the village and surrounding areas were identified and contacted regularly. An emergency helpline was set up. Shopping and medications are two of the areas that people have been helped.

The car park at the rear of the Church Hall was resurfaced and the front patched up. The project for creating a Nett Zero Church is still ongoing. Replacing the lighting to a greener and more efficient system is being looked into.

The major good news that happened was our new Curate Jane took up her position with us in July and is a familiar face now as we see her in the online Services and in person when the lock-down was lifted a little for a short time. Her Ordination took place in September. I have joined a very strong and supportive team in the PCC as they continue to keep moving on and meeting further challenges as they appear. We are all looking forward to when we can meet in person in our support of the Church .

**Frances Brown**  
**PCC Secretary**

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## **The Ecclesiastical Parish of Great Ayton with Easby**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.30pm in Christ Church Coffee Lounge.

The Meeting was attended by Jonathan Winterschladen, Helen Land, Ken Taylor, Rosemary Wheway, Jon Dean, Robin Harmar and was chaired by the Vicar.

The Meeting was held just before the Lockdown began, but many people chose not to come.

### **Meeting of Parishioners**

1. Election of Churchwardens. Two nominations have been received for Jonathan Winterschladen – Proposed by Rosemary Wheway, Seconded by Gordon Wood; Helen Land – Proposed by Ken Taylor and Seconded by Jonathan Winterschladen. As these nominations had been received prior to the meeting, they were duly appointed to carry on their roles for a further year.

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

1. **Apologies** from Tamzin Little, the retiring Secretary who had people unwell in her home so was unable to come. Ken Taylor took the minutes.
2. **Minutes of the last Meeting** on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 had been published in the Annual Report and were accepted by all present as a true and accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising** There were no matters arising.
4. **Electoral Roll Report.** The Following written Report was read out from Vicki Nath, Electoral Roll Officer. Following the annual revision of the roll for 2020, the number appearing on the roll is now 217. This is only a decrease of one. We have had 7 deaths during the year of people on the roll and six additions to the roll. This means there are still a significant number of church members who are not on the roll. Applications for enrolment can be accepted after the conclusion of the annual meeting and throughout the year not just at the annual revision.
5. **Presentation of the Annual Report 2019.** A full and comprehensive report has been made available both as a paper edition freely available at the back of Church and as a PDF Download from the Church Website. The Vicar thanked all the people and organisations represented within the report for all their hard work and commitment. The Report was duly accepted by all present.
6. **Financial Report and Presentation of Audited Accounts for year end 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.** Ken Taylor took us briefly through the accounts and Budget for 2020, which had been agreed by the PCC. There were no questions and Ken was thanked for all his work in getting the accounts done so efficiently and looking after the Church Finances so diligently.
7. **The Vicar's Comments** – these have been published this year within the report and are available to read there. The Vicar didn't add further.
8. **Election of Deanery Synod Members** Rosemary Wheway: Proposed by Jonathan Winterschladen and Seconded by Martin Simmons: Nick Land proposed by Gordon Wood and Seconded by Peter Titchmarsh. There were no further nominations, so Rosemary and Nick were appointed for three years and we carry one vacancy.
9. **Election of the PCC.** There were eight vacancies but just 4 Nominations: Peter Titchmarsh, Bev Turner, Ken Taylor and Frances Brown. The aforementioned were duly appointed. Also Rev'd Jon Dean proposed that Rev'd Geoff Jaques be co-opted onto the PCC for a further year, as now required as Geoff is PTO. This was unanimously agreed. We still have four vacancies on the PCC. We are grateful that Frances Brown has agreed to come on to the PCC to fill the vacant role of Secretary.
10. **Appointment of Independent Examiners** – Ken Taylor Proposed that Baldwins be appointed for a further year. Seconded by Rosemary Wheway and all agreed.
11. **Any Questions** There were no questions for the Annual Meeting, so the meeting closed to enable the Standing Committee to meet regarding the changes happening due to Coronavirus.

**Ken Taylor**

## Churchwardens' Report

The year began with the first lockdown and the requirement that we stop meeting in the church building for public worship. However, we didn't stop meeting for worship, and we are immensely grateful for Paul's efforts and determination to keep regular services going on-line. Our services have been available on Zoom and Facebook since the start, with people also being able to listen via their phone. Most people have been able to access the services, and we have also welcomed old and new friends from afar. In spite of IT glitches (which became "learning opportunities"), Paul has calmly and efficiently fixed them. We know that a lot of time, effort and practice has gone into achieving this - thank you so much, Paul. From the summer we were able to start meeting in church again, with strict rules about masks, hand sanitization and social distancing in place. The latest lockdown in January has seen a temporary return to on-line services again as COVID-19 cases in Great Ayton increased, but we hope to return to worship in the church building soon.

Another success story has been the blossoming of Prayer for the Day, where about twenty people meet on zoom each morning at 8.45am, with a similar number on Facebook. People are also watching on Facebook later in the day as well, and again this is attracting people from other churches and countries!

We have continued general maintenance to the fabric of Christ Church and All Saints Church. The car park behind Christ Church has been re-surfaced, and a bike rack installed. We haven't been able to paint the outside doors yet, but hope to do that this year. The Lighting Project consultation and planning continues, although slowed down by COVID-19 restrictions. We have also had the annual gutter cleaning and maintenance carried out on Christ Church, All Saints and the Church Hall.

The church silver and other items of value continue to be kept safely. We would normally update our records in January, but have delayed this until lockdown restrictions have been lifted.

There is a large group of people working behind the scenes who enable our church to function, even during this difficult year. This group includes our volunteer cleaners, sides-people and flower arrangers, and we thank them for their help. Coffee team - we have so missed your services this year but look forward to coffee after worship resuming one day.

We thank God for these blessings and for being able to keep in touch with one another during this time.

**Helen Land and Jonathan Winterschladen - Churchwardens**





# REVIEW OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND AFFAIRS



2020 was a year which many of us will remember for a long time – for all the wrong reasons! In March the Church, along with most of the country, was plunged into a lockdown as we confronted the deadly Covid-19 virus pandemic. Although we managed to open for a short while in the summer, the arrival of a more virulent strain of the virus caused us to lockdown again at the turn of the year. Fortunately, technology came to our rescue as Paul managed to stream services on-line to an enlarged congregation worshipping from the safety of their own homes.

Financially, this had a serious effect on our income – without services in Church we lost a large swathe of collections from casual visitors, weddings and funerals. Fortunately, we are blessed with a large number of planned givers who maintained their giving levels throughout the year. This was particularly true of those who give by envelope- with the help of other members of the finance team we were able to gather up the envelopes from their doorsteps, through letter boxes or from Church when it finally re-opened. A massive thank you to you all for your dedication!

As a result, our unrestricted income fell from the budget of £140,000 to £127,340. Planned giving held up well (only falling by 4% from budget) but loose collections fell by almost £5,000 and fees from funerals and weddings by £2,600.

We had budgeted for a loss of £16,000 for the year to enable some much-needed improvements to be carried out. The rear car park was resurfaced but the project to upgrade the church lighting system had to be put on hold. In 2019 the PCC agreed to increase the Freewill Offer to the Diocesan Common Fund for this year by 4% and we honoured this commitment. We were also able to donate £10,700 from general funds towards a range of local, national and international charities.

With the church being out of action for much of the year, electricity, service costs and administration costs were all below budget. This meant that our losses over the year (excluding the budgeted work on the car park) were restricted to £6,500.

We ran a number of appeals during the year. The Easter and harvest appeals for Middlesbrough Food Bank raised a total of £1,984 and a collection during Christian Aid week raised £827. In October we learnt that St Chad's church in Middlesbrough had been the victim of a lead theft from their roof so we raised £1305 to assist them with the repair.

For our Christmas appeal, we chose to support the Barnabas Fund in a project to supply starving children in Zimbabwe with a nutritious cereal called e-Pap. Normally this would be funded from collections from carol services but with the church closed this was impossible. Instead, we used a variety of giving methods namely cash, direct banking

and an on-line donation platform which proved very successful as a record total of over £4,200 was raised!. Despite use of the church being limited for weddings and funerals, we still managed to raise £29,172 for a total of 38 different charities.

All Saints church was closed throughout the year and fortunately expense was largely restricted to payment of the insurance premium.

The Church Hall was also used in a very limited way. To mitigate expenditure, one of the cleaning staff was placed on furlough and a discretionary grant obtained from the District Council. This enabled the hall to break even over the year, leaving a bank balance at the year end of £2,572.

Despite the losses incurred this year, the balance in our general funds remains at a relatively healthy level of £42,771 which is equivalent to 3-4 months operating costs, in accordance with the policy of the PCC.

In this very difficult year, I am even more indebted than normal to the efforts of our finance team - John & Ynez Clarke, Helen Dickinson and Jean Goat. But most of all, a huge thankyou to all members of our congregations, in person and on-line, local and in some cases far afield, who have helped to keep our church financially stable as we navigate these rough Covid waters! Here's to a calmer 2021!

**Ken Taylor - Hon Treasurer**

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## **Safeguarding Report - January 2021**

Against the backdrop of Covid-19, very little has changed substantially in terms of our approach to safeguarding at Christ Church. All those who work with vulnerable adults and young people are currently DBS checked and we have added one new church member to those cleared to work with children. Those whose certificates expired during 2020 have been renewed, with 2 dropping off since they no longer work with the church's youth groups. This means that a total of 44 people are currently on our approved DBS checks register.



Training in person has been suspended by the diocese during 2020, so that my booked course linked to risk assessing was postponed until further notice: this is an ongoing action for me to focus on as restrictions hopefully lift in 2021, so that we can work to detailed risk assessments for regular church activities in the future. In the meantime, a few church members have completed online training so that the current number of people with safeguarding training stands at 39, with 16 people having taken more than one level of online courses.

Thank you to all PCC members who have completed this training too: we only have 2 outstanding PCC members yet to complete safeguarding level C0.

**David Fox - Safeguarding Officer**

## Stokesley Deanery Synod

In 2020 the Parish was represented by Nick Land, John Dickinson and Rosemary Wheway. There were 2 vacancies. The clergy also attend.

There was a Synod meeting in February when Revd Nik Stevenson explained how he was available to help all parishes in the Deanery as Multiply Minister. He is based in the parish of St Francis, Ingleby Barwick working to attract people who, at present, do not interact with the church – especially the 20 – 40s.

The Deanery organised a Come and See mission which began with Lent Services in St Mary's Nunthorpe. These were led by Ven John Day, York Diocesan Mission Strategy Development Adviser, Revd Canon Maggie McLean, Canon Missioner in York Minster and Rt Revd Pete Wilcox, Bishop of Sheffield who launched the Come and See Mission in the Deanery. This was followed by our own Come and See Day on the Saturday before the first Lockdown.



The new Deanery Synod triennial began on 1<sup>st</sup> July. Revd John Ford retired as Area Dean in the Summer of 2020 and in the Autumn was succeeded by Revd Clay Roundtree.

It has not been possible for the Synod to meet but in October there was a service for members at which the preacher was Ven Dr Amanda Bloor who welcomed the new Area Dean.

**Rosemary Wheway**

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## Christ Church Visitors

The year began well with three meetings which included one with training in End of Life Care led by Dr Lucy Roth from Teesside Hospice. This was very well presented and led to some challenging and thoughtful discussion.

As soon as Lockdown was inevitable, we held an emergency meeting where we were joined by several other members of the congregation to discuss what we could do, as a church, to help anyone in the village in need of assistance. A daily Helpline was established using the office phone number which was manned for 2 hours each day. 250 cards were printed and delivered to publicise this offering to deliver shopping, collect prescriptions, post letters etc. We are indebted to the small team who undertook these duties.



At the same time the 10 Helpline volunteers were given some names to phone in an attempt to support members of the congregation – especially those who could not access online services. As the Lockdown progressed these members were also given phone numbers to access our weekly Sunday morning services and the number of the Church of England's Daily Hope giving messages, prayers and hymns.

In December a copy of Spire was delivered to people who normally pick up a copy in church with the offer to deliver one in 2021, if needed.

It has been a difficult year but the Visitors continue to be in contact with those they once visited using the phone or posting letters to Care Homes in order to try to stay in touch.

We thank the Helpline Volunteers and those members of the Visitors Group for all that they have done and continue to do.

Rosemary Wheway

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## All Saints Church

2020 was a year like no other. The coronavirus pandemic meant that normal life and every day activities were severely disrupted throughout the year and All Saints was no exception. Thus the church remained closed for the summer season, taking into account the strict covid restrictions together with the safety of visitors and our guides. Apart from the social costs of lockdown, as was the case for many organisations, this left us with no income but continued outgoings, such as £800 insurance, still to pay.

However prior to the latest lockdown we were able to do some socially distanced work on the churchyard, clearing overhanging branches, brambles, nettles and ivy around the Loy memorial and most of the vicarage side. A big thank you to all the volunteers. especially the new ones who took part in this exercise. Coincidentally this ties in with a new churchyard land management scheme linked to a wider church 'eco project', for which some initial virtual planning has been carried out in the past two months.



This is something to look forward to and whilst it remains difficult to make many plans for 2021 we can be hopeful that conditions will soon start to improve to such a point where a degree of normality can return to life and we can consider a safe reopening of the church.

**Robin Hazell**  
**Custodian**

## Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF) [brf.org.uk](http://brf.org.uk)

“Thank you for all the many inspiring writings that help so much when things are tough”. The editor published this recent comment sent in from one of New Daylight’s many thousands of readers in a recent edition of the notes. There are 34 people at Christ Church who use **New Daylight** to help encourage a habit of daily reading and reflection as part of helping faith to grow. Positive comments came from several members of our group as the readings took us through the season of Creation in September, when a team of scientists (all people of faith) used a variety of passages from both the Old and New Testament to reflect on some of the wonders revealed by science, with the hope that a new perspective could enlarge our view of God as Creator. During November Amanda Bloor (now Archdeacon of Cleveland) invited us into a two week journey of using everyday objects to inspire prayer and as we went into December there was an opportunity with another very different writer to gain new insights into the familiar readings used during the Festival of nine lessons at Christmas. Lots of food for thought on a daily basis.

**Guidelines** also published by BRF provides a focus for more in depth study. Two people at CC use these notes - which along with **New Daylight** are published three times a year (Jan/May/Sept) If you would like me to order you a copy contact me at [d.e.sedgwick@talktalk.net](mailto:d.e.sedgwick@talktalk.net) or you can subscribe online and see BRF’s many other published resources via their website [www.biblereadingnotes.org.uk](http://www.biblereadingnotes.org.uk) **Enid Sedgwick**



### Prayer Report

“Through our lives and by our prayer, may your kingdom come”

During March an unprecedented change for the world unfolded as the Covid 19 crisis spread. With the closure of our church building prayer from our own homes and during “exercise walks” developed new life. Our personal prayers and thoughtfulness from our own homes continue to be a daily way of loving and caring for others.

Paul quickly established a daily “Prayer for the Day” on Zoom at 8.45am Monday to Saturday. Fifteen minutes spent together, with prayers, a psalm, a short reading and a Thought for the Day ending with the Lord’s Prayer. This began with about eight regular attenders but now nurtures on average 50 – 60 people per day, including catch up on the website and Facebook.



Our church building has been able to open for prayer at appointed times during the past year. The poppy display during Oct/Nov and the Memory Tree and Crib in December both provided focus points.

Before Covid on March 6 the well-attended “World Day of Prayer” service, organised by Angela Jaques and a team from each of the village churches went ahead as scheduled in St.Margaret’s church. The service had been prepared by Christian women of Zimbabwe and was used by 120 countries and islands from around the world as they each took part during the 24 hour cycle of prayer.

March 14 was Christ Church “Open Day” – organised as part of our response to the York Diocese “Come and See” initiative. During this time seven interactive Prayer Stations based on the Lord’s Prayer were set up in church. Throughout the day, on the hour, there was a short time of prayer together.



On the days between Ascension Day (21 May) and Pentecost Sunday (30 May) our Archbishops once again called for everyone to pray for God’s Kingdom to come into the lives of people around us. Prayer journals published specifically for this time were available. Many people made prayer ribbons visible outside their homes as reminders of prayer for our chosen five.

The Sentamu Prayer Group are in touch with each other regularly. We are an ‘open’ group who continue to use the Sentamu prayer pattern at least weekly to pray for the world, friends, family and each other.

Ann Browne who guided the ecumenical contemplative prayer group invited the Canon Christopher Collingwood, Chancellor of York Minster to speak on Zen Openness and to spend time in meditation together. His visit was well attended when it took place on 20 February in Christ Church coffee lounge.

Ann died on 21 May. She was indeed a prayer warrior and is missed. Her prayer group continue their pattern of regular contemplative prayer times on Monday evenings at 7.30pm and Wednesday afternoons at 4.00pm in their own homes. In September a Zoom meeting with Terry Doyle was organised by our group and well supported.(Terry is a long time practitioner and teacher of meditation, now employed in Middlesbrough working with the marginalised.)



In Nov / Dec. some of our group took part in a series of evening Zoom sessions for the season of Advent with Rev. Mel King which attracted people locally and from other countries.

**Enid Sedgwick**

## Little Fishes

After a good start to 2020, Little Fishes was one of the last services to take place in church before lockdown in March. Geoff and I had already decided that, after ten thoroughly enjoyable years of involvement with this venture, it was time to step down even before everything changed. We met lots of village families and hope that the Little Fishes outreach has benefited many on their journey of faith.

Thanks are due to all the helpers over the years – refreshments team, sidespeople, storytellers, leaders, set-up helpers and all who helped in many ways to make Little Fishes a successful service and fellowship event for so many years.

However, it did not stop there as we continued to operate a virtual service via Facebook throughout April to July, either from Great Ayton or Cumbria with good support. A virtual choir was formed with lots of enthusiastic children joining in from their homes singing “This little light of mine” and the Lord’s Prayer. It was a challenging time with technology and it was certainly different to work from home, dancing to songs round the room and telling stories in various ways. It seemed to work and we are grateful for all the support we enjoyed and good feedback we received. We still celebrated birthdays, although, sadly no real cake to share!

We met on Good Friday for a service which included virtual crafts and lots of Little Fishes made some great Easter Gardens to show everyone.

Lots of happy times over many years and wonderful memories to treasure of this successful venture.

### Angela Jaques



## World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer was well attended on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at St. Margaret's Church, Great Ayton. It was composed by the women of Zimbabwe on the theme of "Rise! Take your mat and walk". Lively music and songs, meaningful prayers, a short meditation and interesting dialogues about life in Zimbabwe were included, portraying a hard life at times but one full of hope and praise. Many thanks to all from the various churches who took part in any way.



Refreshments and fellowship followed and were enjoyed by all. Anyone is welcome to attend this annual service, celebrated on the same day, the first Friday in March all over the world. It is a great way to join with others in our village on this special day of prayer.

**Angela Jaques**

## Walking Group

The group was still going strong and meeting up until late March 2020 for informal walking, exercise and fellowship.

Usually a group of six to eight people (mainly women, but anyone welcome), meet on High Green at 1.45pm every Monday for a short, local walk. We have discovered lots of new low level routes around the village, either on lanes if muddy or through Newton Woods, along the River Leven and sometimes Guisborough Walkway.

No walking experience is necessary for an enjoyable short walk of up to two hours before a welcome cup of tea and chat afterwards. We are looking forward to Spring and Summer strolls restarting when lockdown eases. A great way to exercise and socialise with other people.

**Angela Jaques**



## Christ Church Choir

We started 2020 well with anthems every Sunday and choral evensong once a month – some jointly with the Roseberry Church Music Singers once a month. The majority of choir members also took part in supporting Marwood School's Music week by singing to them and with them in school one Friday afternoon. We then rose to the challenge of providing music by Zoom during the first lockdown, many thanks to Ewan and the latterly Viv for coordinating this. We even managed to individually record a hymn and an anthem which Ewan then compiled into one recording. At a time we weren't able to properly sing together, this helped all of us feel we were still part of a choir.



At the end of August we had to say goodbye to Ewan as he headed off to the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. We'd like to thank Ewan for his dedication, leadership and friendship during his time at Christ Church and while it was sad that we were not able to say goodbye in the way we would have liked to, the choir did manage a socially distanced send off to thank Ewan and wish him well for the future. It has been wonderful that Ewan has retained his links with Christ Church, he returned to play for one of our Christmas services and has continued to contribute to our Zoom services.

From time to time from September it was possible for a small choir to hold socially distanced rehearsals and sing at Sunday services. It was good to be able to include a choral setting at two Sunday afternoon Book of Common Prayer services.

In anticipation of the November lockdown, the choir recorded an anthem for Remembrance Sunday and some carols for use at online services, many thanks to Ben for recording these and to Andrew Blair for conducting and playing for us.

Whilst Christmas was very different this year, we were delighted to be able to sing live in church for our online Midnight Mass and on the first Sunday of Christmas.

We are looking forward to a time when choir and congregation are able to all sing together again. Thanks to all of the musicians and singers who continue to give of their time and talents at our online services, including Olwen and Ian for their contributions to the Prayer for the Day service, and to Paul and everyone for their continued support.

**Alison Lambert - Choir Secretary**

## Flower Guild 2020

Well what a year with the Flower Guild almost redundant. It will be a long time since the church saw so few flowers in year. In March we had a small display in church for Come and See then lockdown.

Nothing else until harvest . As the church was open for services Karen did a small arrangement on the altar and I did the barrow at the door. For Remembrance Sunday I did an arrangement of poppies on the Memorial Altar.

Advent Sunday saw the Memory tree go up. Many thanks to John and Helen Dickinson to helping the putting up and dismantling, all under COVID rules. This year there were 84 cards and the donations sent again to Herriot Hospice.

Christmas saw nine of the flower ladies on two separate days, COVID safe again. We did twelve arrangements around the church very simple, three gerberas in a cage. The church was open daily so we hope you managed to see them. Many people admired them .we certainly enjoyed doing them as it had been a full 12 months since the church was decorated. Let's see what 2021 brings.



### Marina Charlton



## The Children's Society 2020

The amount raised this year was £5,193.81.

In February we had our coffee morning well attended with many boxes brought in to be counted and fortunately we had the rest collected and banked before lockdown.

In March we had a display for the Come and See event. It was at this that were talks of a lockdown, so we the committee decided to cancel the Soup Lunch which was to be the following week. Everything else booked for 2020 having to be cancelled.



We decided for us a Christingle service would no longer be possible. The Christingle in Christ Church is traditionally Advent Sunday, so on that Sunday Helen Whiteley or Fundraising manager was invited to talk ,via zoom, at the 9.30 service. The collection from this service was donated to the children's society. We also set up a Just Giving Page which raised £710 plus some gift aid. Thank you to everyone who supported us. Let's hope things will be back to

normal by next Christingle.

Thank to Pauline and Peter Titchmarsh for the recycled birthday cards together with matched funding.

We had a very welcome donation from Christ Church PCC which was greatly appreciated in this most difficult of years.

Let's look forward to seeing you all again soon.

**Marina Charlton - Chairman**

## Servers' Report

Our faithful team of servers started 2020 by undertaking their usual duties supporting the celebrant by preparing the altar for Holy Communion services and tidying away afterwards. This is a simple but important task as it allows whoever is taking the service the time to greet people at the door, providing a warm welcome and maintaining those important pastoral care links we value so much at Christ Church.



Unfortunately, Eucharist services were suspended when Covid-19 regulations came in to all our lives, but we were able to celebrate at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

We look forward to a new year in which we can resume normal services. Our servers are Lynda, Richard, Jo, Frances, Adrian, Matthew, Oliver and I. I would like to thank Oliver for his time as part of our team and wish him well for the future.

**Lesley Miller**

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## Christ Church Hall

What a year it's been, not just from the pandemic, but from changes in personnel. In February Helen decided, after many years of dedicated service, it was time for her to step down from running the 200 club. True to form before Helen left she found a willing replacement in Karen, thanks so much to Helen, Karen, Julie and all the 200 club members for your continuing support. In July Tabby one of our two cleaners decided she would move on by joining her boyfriend in Leicester, we were sad to see her go and will miss the camaraderie she brought to us. We are delighted that Debbie has now joined Anne who, as always, has given us joy and laughter throughout the year. In October it was Sarah who decided that she needed



*Julie awaiting your call*



to move on, quite literally to Romania! That was a shock to say the least. Sarah has looked after the Hall for nearly seven years, always giving her utmost, running a very happy ship. We will all miss her sorely. On the bright side, at the time of writing, she has agreed to run things remotely from Romania until we find a replacement. That is a huge relief for which we are truly grateful.

Rather surprisingly our income held up well in 2020. We lost regular users and nearly all our one off bookings but the Furlough Scheme helped enormously. Many thanks to Ken for applying and administering this source of income which continues into 2021. A discretionary Small Business grant of £5000 was received via Hamble-

ton District Council, a life saver to businesses like ourselves that saw their income disappear almost overnight, when the first lockdown came into force. As mentioned earlier the 200 club provided a constant source of income, during this uncertain year, which was great help. Please do consider joining if not already a member.

On the expense side we replaced double glazing units in the main hall where their seals had broken, fixed a long standing rainwater drain issue, donated £500 to the carpark resurfacing project and bought some sound muffling screens for the coffee lounge. This last item is to try and reduce the echo heard in the coffee lounge when large numbers of people gather. (They are currently waiting installation by our builder). The stairway to the Upper Room was painted, being the only part of the building not done during the recent renovation project. Those of you who have been into the hall will have noticed many photographs now displayed on the walls of the passageways.

We are most grateful to Jim for providing the beautiful photos, mainly of the church spire taken from his back garden. Finally we are indebted to Phil for repairing and sealing the wooden floor in the Upper Room, a great improvement.

The hall committee, comprising of Helen, Jonny, Ken, Paul, Pauline, Sarah and Vicki, met virtually on three occasions over the year. Very sincere thanks to all the committee for their guidance during this extraordinary year and, to those hall users who managed to make use of the hall in difficult circumstances. We all hope for an upturn in 2021.



*Local photographer Jim Miller with the view of the Spire from his garden.*

**Robin Harmer - Hall Manager**

Bank balance as at 1 January 2021	£2572.22
Add receipts	£1819.50
Deduct receipts not cleared	£0.00
Deduct payments	£2000.71
Bank balance at 31 December 2020	£2391.01
Reserves at 31 December 2020	£2572.22
Accounts approved by: R. Harmar	PH Peverell
Date:	

2019		CHURCH HALL ACCOUNTS	2020
£		Receipts	£
2,757.41	Opening balance		2,572.22
1,055.00	200 Club		0.00
0.00	Sunday Morning Coffee		0.00
450.00	Guides Brownies Rainbows		0.00
0.00	Scouts		0.00
243.75	Badminton		249.00
472.39	Bradley Dancing		0.00
0.00	Children's Society		0.00
300.00	Dramatic Society		0
135.00	Flower Club		0.00
737.50	Marwood School		275.00
315.00	Funeral Teas		0.00
285.00	Scottish Dancing		0.00
625.00	Strictly FiTT		112.50
820.00	Sundry Rents		10.00
1033.14	Interest/Transfers/Electricity refunds/Other refunds		0.00
2,278.00	NY Horizons		272.00
140.25	SMART		0.00
0.00	Rugrats		0.00
51.00	Moo Music		0
<u>0.00</u>	<u>Sundries</u>		<u>693.00</u>
1,892.22	Job Retention Grant		208.00
100.00	Yoga & a Brew		0.00
5,000.00	Small Business Grant		0.00
<b>18,690.66</b>	<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>4,391.72</b>
		<b>Payments</b>	
1,138.37	Electricity		200.00
<b>1,712.79</b>	<b>Gas</b>		<b>876.70</b>
407.07	Water Rates		5.60
6,105.10	Wages		501.80
2,617.75	Repairs/maintenance		313.45
2,234.66	Equipment		11.96
424.02	Telephone		36.20
20.00	Licences		20.00
29.99	Sundries		0
343.94	Waste Disposal		0
230.00	Refunds		35.00
64.00	Post/Stationery		0
2572.22	Closing balance		2391.01
<b>17,899.91</b>	<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>4391.72</b>

## FOODBANK

Food Bank Sunday continues to be on the third Sunday of each month, when food can be left at church to take to Middlesbrough Food Bank. Although food collections paused for a few months with the first lockdown, many people continued to support the project with financial gifts.



Sadly, the need for food has increased in the last year with Covid restrictions leading to job or income loss, often affecting the poorest people in our communities. However many self employed people have also faced severe financial difficulties and needed the help of the Food Bank.

At Christ Church we re-started food collections with a bang for our Harvest Festival, just about filling my car completely. The Christmas Collection was even bigger, and I only just managed to squeeze myself into the driving seat! All these donations were very gratefully received by the Food Bank, and I would like to thank everyone for their generosity.

While we are in lockdown, the church will continue to be open for food donations between 1pm and 3pm on the third Saturday and Sunday of each month. Financial donations can also be made, either directly to the foodbank (see their website for details), or via the church to pass on.

**Helen Land**

## Sunday Morning Coffee

The Coronavirus pandemic has caused many disruptions to our everyday lives and particularly for worship and social activities for our congregation.

Sunday Morning Coffee, for many years now, has always been a way of welcoming newcomers and visitors to, particularly, our 9.15 Sunday congregation as well as being a social gathering.

Since March 2020, lockdowns and prohibitions of worship and gatherings have meant that our regular and popular *Sunday Morning Coffee* has been one of the 'victims'. One wonders if it will ever return and be the same again?



I have attached a photograph as a reminder of what we have been missing since March. In the meantime, I hope you all keep safe and well.

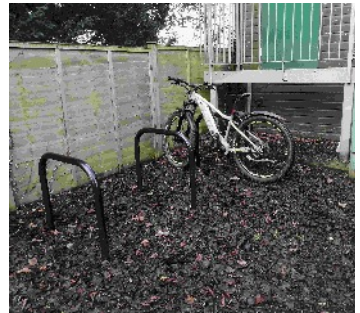
**Pauline Titchmarsh**

## Eco Church

At its February meeting the General Synod voted to set new targets for all parts of the Church of England to be Net Zero by 2030.

At the September PCC meeting it was decided to establish an Eco Church Steering Group to put a plan in place. A diagram entitled The Next Step for Churches was shared showing the Energy Footprint Tool, we are currently at category C on the scale. Geoff Jaques, Helen Land, Ken Taylor & Robin Harmar agreed to serve on the Steering Group.

A Rocha has a very helpful Eco Church survey on its website which the Group used to assess our current situation. There are 5 categories in the survey: Worship & Teaching, Buildings, Land, Community & Global Engagement and Lifestyle. The initial results confirmed that we had already made some useful steps in the right direction e.g. the installation of bike racks earlier in the year and suggested a number of ways in which we could make further progress.



1. Switch our electricity supply to 100% green
2. Convert our lights to LED bulbs
3. Establish a Land Management Plan

Having taken steps to progress the first 2 actions the Group held a Zoom meeting with a local Biodiversity Officer to give us guidance on establishing a Land Management Plan. As the land with the greatest potential is All Saints Churchyard we co-opted 2 additional members Robin Hazell and David Fox. We look forward to progressing this further in 2021.

Earlier in the year, as part of the Diocesan ‘Come & See’ weekend we had worked together with Stokesley Parish Church to organise an evening entitled “Nett Zero: 2030 The urgent challenge of Climate Change, a Christian Response” led by the Bishop of Sheffield, Pete Wilcox and his colleague Rev John Hibberd. This was well attended from across the deanery with a good mix of church members and environmental activists including members of Climate Action Stokesley and Villages.

Following the appointment of Revd Jan Nobel as Green Ambassador for the Diocese, Geoff has been invited to join the newly formed Diocesan Environment Steering Committee.

**Geoff Jaques**



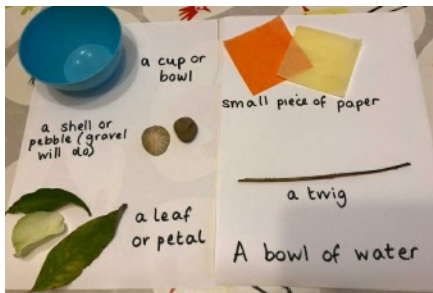
## Family 'Come & Praise'

The year started successfully in the church building before moving on to Facebook Live (via the closed Little Fishes Group) in the spring. By Easter we'd discovered how to invite a guest to join us – we welcomed the Foxes as the photo shows! One of the



benefits of going online was the ability to have pre-recorded videos from a range of storytellers – including some very creative ones from Frank Harrison and Matt Minnitt – and we had some beautiful duets from Faith & Charis and Will & Charlie.

Thanks to our parents we assembled a virtual Choir with 25 members: Abi, Ben, Bill, Charis, Charlie (x2), Chloe, Emily (x2), Faith, Hanni, Harriet, Harry, Isla, Jacob, Joe, Lyra-Beth, Noah, Mikey, Paloma, Poppy, Ollie, Olly, Sophie and Will who each sang a line of 'This Little Light of Mine'.



In the summer our new curate Jane joined the leadership team and following approval by the PCC we moved to Zoom services. This enabled live participation from all members – Rosie Lovell organised some creative activities, David Fox encouraged children & adults to contribute Family Prayers and Paul Fussey enlisted his family to sing along with his guitar.

Following a safety review we met for the first time in Christ Church Hall in December – each family being allocated their own table. A total of 29 people participated – 19 physically in the hall and 10 more on Zoom

**Geoff Jaques**



## Come and See

In March we took part in the Diocese of York's Come & See Mission weekend, the Saturday Open Day was a great success. Many people from all aspects of church life worked hard to show who we are and what we do! A full picture of the life of Christ Church meant that even for Church members it was an informative occasion for we often just see the part we are involved in, not realising all the other things that go on.

The day was punctuated by various activities in Church and a variety of Acts of Worship from the exuberance of Little Fishes led by Lucie Swales to calm in the Taizé Worship. Singers from Marwood Church of England Infant School charmed us with their singing. Ewan displayed not only his own musical talents but the breadth of church music from choral to worship song available here.

The Link Corridor and Hall were full of stalls from all the organisations connected with Christ Church and out the back the Scouts toasted marshmallows on a fire and had an archery range both of which were enjoyed by many youngsters (of all ages!).

The mouse treasure hunt organised by Jan Thompson & family took folk all around Low Green and then back to Church in search of mice – have you managed to find all the church mice?

Several of the exhibits displayed examples of our Christian Service to those less fortunate than ourselves, including our monthly collections for Middlesbrough Foodbank and Grace's Shed - a collection point for furniture, household goods and clothes for distribution via the Genesis Project.

Ken Taylor masterminded a video show in the Coffee Lounge showing some of the Christian Organisations we support through our annual giving.

Prayer Stations in church organised by Enid Sedgwick and a poster display prepared by John Dickinson gave insights into the spiritual life of our church community.



Bacon Butties, Soup Lunches and Coffee & cake were served throughout the day and the whole place had a buzz about it.

We had several visitors from the Sheffield Diocese join us, and some gave Testimonies as to how they came to faith. They were impressed to see an active and lively Church.

Our thanks to all the team who took part in so many different ways, and to all the church community who invited people to "Come & See".

**Geoff Jaques**

# Marwood Church of England Voluntary Controlled Infant School

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

Foundation Governors' Report to Christ Church P.C.C. January 2021



## **Lockdown, Academic performance, etc.:**

No report on the continuing outstanding success at Marwood School could begin this year without first thanking and paying tribute to Dorothy Walton and her wonderful staff for the unparalleled efforts put in to keep Marwood's academic levels and community atmosphere at the enviable level we have come to expect. Faced with challenges that no-one could be prepared for and often inexplicably day-to-day shifting changes in regulations and demands upon the school, Marwood remains the joyful and high achieving place that has made us proud for so long.

The arrangements for lockdown have been incredibly thorough and Personal, Social and Emotional Development has been one of the key areas in which imaginative and detailed work has been provided for children learning in school and at home. As well as this, technology has been to the fore and key virtual services – leavers 2020, Harvest, Christmas and the Nativity play - have been streamed to homes, as well as Reverend Peverell's weekly worships being regularly shared with those learning at distance. The general quality of activities for families teaching children themselves has been met with a host of positive responses from parents, and a recent survey home was overwhelming in its praise for the provision and the school's response. Since then even more innovative methods of teaching, including live lessons and the use of TEAMS to share and record work has gone a very long way to compensating for the lack of physical schooling.

The school was very much on course to meet its academic targets when the first lockdown occurred. When the children returned to school in the Autumn, the money from the Covid Catch-Up Fund were put to dynamic use and the process of restoring the pupils to pre-lockdown levels of attainment was embraced with real vigour. The success of this focused support meant that a very impressive 92% of pupils in Year 2 passed their phonics screening test before Christmas, with more likely to follow, surpassing even pre-lockdown expectations. This signals a remarkable ability in the school to ensure that the potentially detrimental effects of 2020 and 2021's academic disruption have been substantially overcome by the school's wonderfully dedicated and talented staff, a most reassuring and noteworthy accomplishment which fills everyone with quiet confidence for the period after the present lockdown ends.

### **Staffing:**

Into this complex mix, have come additional new governors – Mr Neil Skerry (parent governor) and Dr Sara Papworth (Local Authority Rep.) who have rapidly settled into their roles and proved assets to the governing body. Additionally, changes in staffing have occurred with Mrs Pamela Tann (HLTA) and Miss Debra Furlong (Midday supervisor) being welcome additions to the caring atmosphere that distinguishes the school. More challenging still, and with congratulations of course in order, Mrs Emma Anderson has taken maternity leave following the birth of her daughter, Rosie and has been covered in her position as Reception class teacher by Miss Cathrine Gale. This has been an extremely successful appointment as Cathrine has shown wonderful commitment to the Marwood ethos, a real empathetic level of care for the children and outstanding creativity and organisation in the curriculum she has delivered: the new intake could not have had a better start to their education. The school has continued to staff a wrap-around care provision that remains extremely popular with Marwood families.

### **Outside the building:**

After the successful creation of our sacred space in the outdoor playground area, the rest of the playground has had a big facelift: beautiful new floor markings, including the new Marwood Mile challenge, have made this a lovely interactive space. The rest of the school has had a lick of turquoise paint too, so that the whole of the outside of school looks very welcoming. Indeed, Dorothy received a personal letter on behalf of the school from Rishi Sunak, M.P. congratulating her on making the outdoor space such a vibrant setting for the children.



### **Events and Community Activities:**

Whilst some of the usual enrichment activities for the children and contact with the local community has been difficult to sustain over the past twelve months, the school still managed to deliver its Harvest gifts to the residents of the local bungalows. Other traditional activities have continued this year, owing to the staff's resilience and ingenuity, including a wonderful Nativity play which was sent out in video form and brought welcome Christian cheer in the run up to Christmas. The annual rearing of chicks and butterflies was not halted by Covid-19 and regular updates via photos and video clips was one of the many ways the school kept its community feeling as involved as ever.

### **Newsletter:**

The weekly newsletter also continued to celebrate many of the school's classroom events and achievements. Together with the website and Facebook page, it has provided a valuable means of communication for parents while homeschooling during school closures.

### **Collaboration with Ingleby Greenhow School:**

To quote Dorothy in her newsletter at the end of Spring Term 2020, “There has never been more of a time where our school Bible quote of ‘Love your neighbour as Yourself – Matthew 22 v 39 has been so very pertinent for all of us.”

One of the positives of 2020 across the country must be the reawakening of community spirit in the face of this pandemic. Since last March, Marwood’s links with Ingleby Greenhow Primary School have been further strengthened. During the first lockdown, the schools collaborated to accommodate, care and educate the children of key workers, sharing resources and staff. This proved a popular alliance, with both the children and staff during a very challenging period. Friendships were made that will no doubt continue to grow and enrich for years to come.

### **Trinity Group**

2020 saw two groups of children getting involved in activities designed to promote awareness of global issues such as poverty, injustice and the destruction of the environment in a format that is age-appropriate and enjoyable. Although opportunities have been limited in 2020 and the group had to shrink to remain within the guidelines of class bubbles, the children have nevertheless completed a range of activities. These included making friendship bracelets, Christmas prayer baubles,



experiencing an unjust dinner party, playing random acts of kindness bingo and the offering of their own prayers for their global neighbours. The children are very enthusiastic and keen to share their thoughts and ideas. As class representatives, they are adept at relaying what they have discussed in Trinity Group to their peers during circle time. We continue to build a body of evidence to support us in achieving the Christian Aid Global Neighbours Bronze Award.

### **Summary**

In spite of the health crisis, Marwood has emerged stronger than ever. It remains a very special place where children can thrive both academically and holistically. Dorothy and her team have kept a sense of normality for the children and have been steadfast in dealing with the day-to-day challenges they have faced while maintaining high quality teaching standards. What is more, they have approached the changes with rigour and resolve to ensure the safety of the children and adults working within and visiting the school. Parents have been very grateful and supportive of the school and this has been reflected in the complimentary feedback from parent surveys in October. The feedback was unanimously positive, particularly praising the calmness of the staff and their ability to reassure and communicate changes well.

At the same time, as Headteacher, Dorothy has shown prudence and good judgement working well within tight budgeting constraints to ensure the school's financial and administrative health. This level of commitment from both herself and her staff is demonstrative of their professionalism and passion for the school and the community it serves.

Hence it seems fitting to conclude with the words of a Marwood parent, We are eternally grateful for all of the care and support our children have been given in school to adjust to the 'new normal', build resilience and continue their learning all of which we know will make a positive difference to their futures. Thank you Team Marwood. X" Parent Survey October 2020

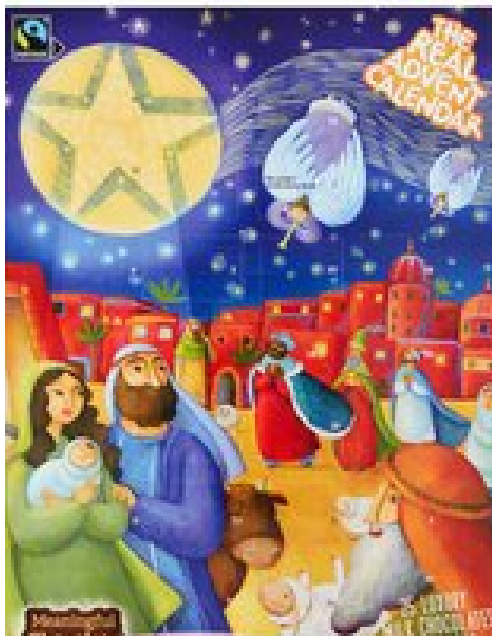
**Foundation Governors: Rev. Paul Peverell, David Fox and Vicky Bradley**

## **Sunday School Report 2020**

Sunday school met for the first three months of 2020 and we have been unable to meet since due to the Covid pandemic.

I was able to offer packs of crafts to the children to complete at home just before Easter and they all received from Church a Real Advent Calendar, they were Fair trade Advent calendars which came with a free 24 page Christmas story-activity book.

Normally we meet every Sunday during term time school except for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month when it is a Family Service at 11am. We have 20 children on the register with an average attendance of 15.



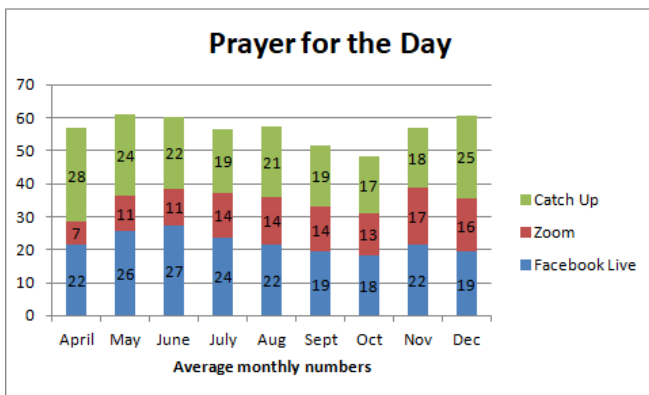
**Karen Peverell**

## Online – Facebook & Zoom

A mixture of joys and trials since we began in March. Little did we think that the ‘Come & See’ service on March 15<sup>th</sup> would be the last Sunday worship in the building for a while – and for many for the remainder of the year.

The great success online was Prayer for the Day, each morning at 8:45 from Monday to Saturday for 15 minutes.

As you can see from the chart, the average numbers are very consistent - we are typically nurturing 60 people each day! A truly amazing response. The Zoom numbers have grown steadily as more have discovered the benefit of being active participants.



Our Outreach numbers for PftD are much higher - headline numbers shown by Facebook show that 2 mornings Reached over 800 people and the highest number of Engagements was on 14th December (295).

### A brief note on a couple of other services.

The Carol Service Reached 1930 people with 457 Engagements on Facebook and a Peak Live figure of 25 with 58 views of > 1 minute

Midnight Mass Reached 1967 people on Facebook with 414 Engagements and a Peak Live figure of 44 with 191 views > 1 minute.

Other articles in this Annual Report also show the broad range of uses we have made of technology during 2020.

Our final post of the year told 1737 people the Brilliant News that over £4,000 had been raised to feed starving children in Zimbabwe – much of the giving being Online!





## Great Ayton District Guides

We had a successful start to the year with fundraising meaning we could finally get the District Store (behind Christ Church) repaired to make it weather proof to keep our camping equipment safe for when we can go on trips again.



Unfortunately, as with most of life at the moment, since March Guiding has been very different in Great Ayton. For most of the year face to face Guiding has not been allowed. A number of units have managed successful meetings on Zoom (which none of us had even heard of this time last year), with fun to be had and completion of badges and other awards. Not all units have managed this however. Guide, Brownie and Rainbow leaders are all volunteers and the pandemic has meant it has been easier for some leaders than others to keep offering regular sessions remotely. Some girls have been more interested than others in remote sessions too. Some of the girls have completed badges and other activities on their own at home too.

Some units have managed in person meetings in the Autumn terms, some socially distanced indoors, and some outdoors: finally a change to see each other not on a screen!

District meetings of leaders have also been successfully held on line too.

It has been challenging for all of us. We want to keep the spirit of Guiding alive in Great Ayton and even though numbers being able to actively take part may have been lower than normal, we hope that at some point in 2021 things will get more back to normal and numbers will increase again. We appreciate all that the leaders are managing to do for the girls in this difficult time.

**Eleanor Albrecht** - Great Ayton District Commissioner

### 2nd Great Ayton Rainbows

#### 2nd Great Ayton Rainbows - Church report 2020

Well, the Rainbows started the year with lots of plans to work on our Skills builders and meeting activities with some fun and crafts along the way.

Unfortunately, all guiding was suspended mid-March due to the national lockdown. We waited a few weeks and then discovered the world of Zoom! Most of the girls have zoomed on a regular basis – parents telling us it is the highlight of the week to connect with their friends.



It's amazing what activities we can adapt. So far, we have baked a cake in a mug, fruit smoothies/kebabs, pizzas and more – (and the best thing of all we don't have any of the mess to clear up). Scavenger hunts and challenges have been really popular, we even managed to do a sponsored 'Act your Age' challenge for Children in Need.



We were delighted to present Abi Prunty with her GOLD award in July (the first in the unit)– on zoom with a surprise visit from Melissa with her certificate & badge.

We were allowed to resume face to face guiding at the end of September. A totally different experience for all of us -but helped enormously by the spots on the church hall floor for the girls to keep their social distance.

We held a Halloween themed night, giving the girls a chance to dress up as trick or treating was off limits.



In the meantime, the Rainbows have been busy earning their interest & Skills builder badges.



Abigail & Pippa are pictured painting their poppy stones for Remembrance – you may have seen them appear at the War Memorial.

Back to Zoom for the November Lockdown to do our Christmas crafts, but we did manage a Christmas party for the girls in the hall before term finished.

Just at the start of this term we were delighted to present 2 Bronze Awards, 1 Silver and 1 Gold award to 4 of our Rainbows, they all worked incredibly hard to achieve these – Well done. Anahit & Jocelyn with their bronze awards, Pippa with her Silver and Molly wearing her Gold award badge and all the badges she earned.

Thank you so much to the leaders and parents for their support this year, it has certainly been the most testing for everyone. We are so looking forward to resuming our regular weekly meetings face to face with the girls.

## Christine, Pauline, Sarah, Rebecca, Melissa & Helen

Rainbow Team



## 1st Great Ayton Brownies

Brownies started 2020 working on our Live Smart Challenge.

We held a sponsored silence to raise some funds to repair the District Storage Garage.



We braved hammer and nails in February to do some nail art hearts, one of the topics we were working on was 'Girls can do Anything!' we managed with no injuries.



As with everything, guiding stopped in March so with a couple of weeks break for Easter, we then started Zooming.

Lexie and her rainbow sister Sophia pictured doing their own egg rolling.



Most of the girls join us on a weekly basis, similar to the Rainbows – trying Scavenger hunts, baking and challenges. Especially for the mums- many of the girls did the Home Sweet Home Challenge which involved lots of tidying up and doing household jobs.



Katie used lockdown to earn every one of the Brownie Interest Badges – lots & lots of really hard work had gone into each badge.

We returned to meeting face to face at the end of September and began work on our First Aid badge – fortunately we managed to complete this before the November lockdown.

As we couldn't attend the Harvest Parade service, all the girls contributed a fantastic amount for the Foodbank collection



Paloma at the War Memorial with her purple poppy for Remembrance Day.

During the November lockdown, the girls made lots of Christmas crafts on zoom and then we held a Christmas party in the hall to end the term in December.

We had planned a pack holiday, but like everything this has been postponed.

Thanks to our leaders and parents for all their support this year – it has certainly been challenging but in true guiding spirit we have adapted and kept guiding going.

**Christine, Tracey, Lucy & Neave**

## Scouting in Great Ayton

As for everyone else, it has been a strange and difficult year for Scouting, and personally a difficult year to start as Group Scout Leader. We had to stop face to face meetings in the middle of March and unfortunately still have not managed to re-start them. However, we have continued with virtual meetings since then, to make sure that the children in the units can still have some connection with each other. We are looking forward to the lockdown easing again and being able to have meetings in person.

Meeting in a virtual way is a very different way to conduct Scouting, and in some ways it is a lot harder, presenting extra preparation issues and complexities. However I think I can say for the leaders who have been running the virtual sessions that we get as much out of them as the children.

Our Beaver, Cub and Scout camps had to be cancelled, however North Yorkshire County Scouts has been arranging virtual camps which have proved to provide fun and hilarity and allowed the youth members to earn some extra badges.

Unfortunately, Endeavour, our Monday Cubs unit, has had to close upon the retirement of Steve Laskey. I would like to extend 1<sup>st</sup> Great Ayton Scout Group's thanks to both him and Jean, for keeping the unit running for so many years, and providing fun and education to many children over those years. The Cubs from Endeavour who wished to stay on have transferred to Monument Cubs.

Jennifer Scott, who has run the River Beavers colony for the last few years has also decided to stand down, so I would like to extend the same thanks to her from the group. However, I am glad to say that we have new leaders undergoing the appointments process now to take over the unit, and we hope to have energetic (and a bit noisy) six to eight year olds making our lives interesting again on Zoom soon.

Finally, can I make a plea please, at the moment we are running Scouting 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 unit which is very understaffed and in danger of closing. 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 on [gsl@1stgreataytonscoutgroup.org](mailto:gsl@1stgreataytonscoutgroup.org).

**Ben Lambert - Group Scout Leader**

## Christ Church Charitable Giving 2020

Charity	Tax refund	Donations	Spec Serv	Fundraising	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Gen Funds	Total
Christian Aid	113	715						0	828
United Society (restored as USPG)								1000	1000
Church Mission Society								1000	1000
A Rocha International								1000	1000
Childrens Society	82.11		483.43					1000	1566
Children in Distress		357.5						0	358
Christians Against Poverty								1000	1000
Message Trust								1000	1000
Barnabas Fund (Zimbabwe)	537.5			2749.05				0	3287
Samaritans Northallerton & The Dales	287.5						1530	1000	2818
Tear Fund								1000	1000
St Oswald's (Middlesbrough) PCC	131.25			1174.02				0	1305
Emergency Childcare S Bank		320				0		0	320
UCCF								1000	1000
VersusArthritis					0			0	255
NHS Charities Together								0	155
Yorkshire Cancer Research						0	1334	0	1334
Big Kids				0				1000	1000
Great North Air Ambulance							278	0	278
Macmillan Cancer Support						0	111	0	111
My Sisters Place						0	110	0	110
Dementia UK							419	0	419
Alzheimers Society						0	70	0	70
Prostate Cancer UK							411.25	0	411
Epilepsy Research UK						120.35	0	0	120
Zoe's Place					0	0	161	0	161

Teesside Hospice Care Foundation						0	870	0	870
Heriot Hospice Homecare	133					0	133	0	133
Headway Darlington						138	138	0	138
JCUH - Renal Unit Fund						196	196	0	196
CLIC Sargent				77		0	77	0	77
School Aid India			664				664	500	1164
Green Howards Trust		0				413.68	413.68	0	414
Middlesbrough Food Bank	195	3115	0					0	3310
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal		0	0			81	81	250	331
Norton Primary Academy		0	0			50	50	0	50
Capt Cook Schoolroom Museum Trust				0		100	100	0	100
RNLI Treadurr Bay Branch						485	485	0	485
Great Ayton Health Centre						296.16	296.16		296
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1345.86</b>	<b>4640.1</b>	<b>483.43</b>	<b>4587.07</b>	<b>76.69</b>	<b>120.35</b>	<b>7169</b>	<b>10750</b>	<b>29173</b>
								Restricted	18423
								Unrestricted	10750

## Charitable Giving

Our charitable giving held up very well in 2020 despite the lockdown having been £31,731 in 2009 and £29,173 in 2029.

This was due to the PCC Giving remaining at the same amount, and also very successful appeals for Middlesbrough Foodbank, St Chad's Church Roof in Middlesbrough and the Christmas Appeal for Zimbabwe.

The main casualties were the children's charities usually supported by baptism collections, as only 1 took place, and the reduction both in the number of weddings and funerals in Church and the restrictions of those able to attend. We have done as much as possible to encourage Online Giving to the charities as well, as they too will be seeing a downturn in Funds, but would like to thank all for their generosity which has enabled a better result than we imagined.

## **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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 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  
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New Garth House  
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16<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

For the year ending 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS	
		Funds	Funds	2020	2019
INCOME		£	£	£	£
Income from donations and legacies	2(a)	119,519	20,570	140,089	170,876
Income from trading activities	2(b)	495	664	1,159	2,640
Income from investments	2(c)	202	0	202	256
Church activities	2(d)	6,808	15,933	22,741	27,212
Other incoming resources	2(e)	316	362	678	3,232
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>127,340</b>	<b>37,529</b>	<b>164,869</b>	<b>204,216</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
Church activities	3(a)	146,720	35,591	182,311	175,418
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>146,720</b>	<b>35,591</b>	<b>182,311</b>	<b>175,418</b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>		<b>(19,380)</b>	<b>1,938</b>	<b>(17,442)</b>	<b>28,798</b>
Gain on revaluation of assets for charity's own use		0	20,256	20,256	19,666
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(19,380)</b>	<b>22,194</b>	<b>2,814</b>	<b>48,464</b>
Balances b/f 1 January 2020		62,151	681,467	743,618	695,154
<b>Balances c/f 31 December 2020</b>		<b>42,771</b>	<b>703,661</b>	<b>746,432</b>	<b>743,618</b>

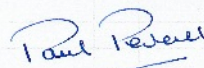
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**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

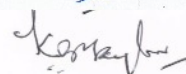
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2020 £	2019 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible	5(a)	0	695,446	695,446	677,291
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>695,446</b>	<b>695,446</b>	<b>677,291</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors & prepayments	6	1,665	620	2,285	2,273
CBF Deposit Account		24,549	0	24,549	24,446
Santander Current Account		615	1,675	2,290	3,118
Santander Instant Access Account		14,110	2,556	16,666	31,570
Barclays Business Saver a/c		1,829	0	1,829	2,134
Barclays Community a/c		3	0	3	29
NatWest Bank Hall Current a/c		0	3,363	3,363	2,757
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>42,771</b>	<b>8,214</b>	<b>50,985</b>	<b>66,327</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<b>42,771</b>	<b>703,660</b>	<b>746,431</b>	<b>743,618</b>
<b>PARISH FUNDS</b>					
Revaluation of Assets	7	0	695,446	695,446	677,291
General Fund (unrestricted)	7	42,771	0	42,771	60,050
Restricted	7	0	8,215	8,215	6,277
<b>Total</b>		<b>42,771</b>	<b>703,661</b>	<b>746,432</b>	<b>743,618</b>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 15 February 2021 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  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2020**

**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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2020 (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

Moveable 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

<b>2. INCOME</b>		Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS	
		funds	funds	2020	2019
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income from donations and legacies</b>					
2(a)	Planned giving:				
	Tax efficient giving	77,009	0	77,009	79,253
	Tax recoverable	20,184	1,346	21,530	22,545
	Other	8,852	0	8,852	8,376
	Loose plate collections	1,434	8,911	10,345	24,091
	Special Appeals (inc Compassion UK)	0	7,853	7,853	4,471
	One-off Grants	1,892	0	1,892	8,988
	Donations	9,148	0	9,148	7,152
	Coronavirus Hardship Fund	0	2,460	2,460	0
	Legacies	1,000	0	1,000	16,000
		<b>119,519</b>	<b>20,570</b>	<b>140,089</b>	<b>170,876</b>
<b>Income from other fundraising activities</b>					
2(b)	Fundraising	495	664	1,159	2,640
		<b>495</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>1,159</b>	<b>2,640</b>
<b>Income from investments</b>					
2(c)	Bank interest	202	0	202	256
<b>Income from Church activities</b>					
2(d)	Church Hall lettings	0	15,933	15,933	15,722
	Fees from weddings and funerals	4,913	0	4,913	7,541
	Church magazine sales	1,137	0	1,137	1,888
	Admin income	0	0	0	1,630
	Book Sales	758	0	758	431
		<b>6,808</b>	<b>15,933</b>	<b>22,741</b>	<b>27,212</b>
<b>Other incoming resources</b>					
2(e)	All Saints collections & donations	0	212	212	2,637
	Sundry income	316	150	466	595
		<b>316</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>3,232</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>127,340</b>	<b>37,529</b>	<b>164,869</b>	<b>204,216</b>

Of total income of £164,869 (2019: £204,216), £127,340 (2019: £157,844) related to unrestricted funds and £37,529 (2019: £46,372) related to restricted funds.

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	£	£	2020 £	2019 £
<b>3. EXPENDITURE</b>				
<b>3(a) Church activities</b>				
Mission and charitable giving				
Overseas missions & relief agencies	3,500	5,736	9,236	6,716
Home missions & church societies	6,000	5,181	11,181	12,519
Secular charities	1,250	7,786	9,036	13,095
Payments from Hardship Fund	0	320	320	0
Education and Development				
Youth expenses	172	0	172	659
Books & resources	2,690	0	2,690	2,453
Church magazine costs	1,184	0	1,184	1,648
Ministry				
Parish offer to Common Fund	94,440	0	94,440	90,840
Clergy operating costs	2,837	0	2,837	2,352
Vicarage costs	2,257	0	2,257	2,685
Service costs	1,041	0	1,041	2,483
Church maintenance & running costs				
Electricity and insurance	6,505	0	6,505	6,520
Maintenance & small projects	10,514	0	10,514	1,744
Organ restoration project	0	0	0	2,431
Church Hall renovation project	0	0	0	0
Church Hall operating/maintenance costs	1,892	15,328	17,220	14,142
Salaries and honoraria	7,812	0	7,812	8,062
All Saints operating/maintenance costs	0	1,087	1,087	1,221
Administration expenses	1,426	0	1,426	2,924
Independent Examiner's fee	288	0	288	282
Sundry Expenses	811	154	965	539
Depreciation	2,101	0	2,101	2,103
	146,720	35,592	182,312	175,418
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>146,720</b>	<b>35,592</b>	<b>182,312</b>	<b>175,418</b>

Of total expenditure of £182,312 (2019 : £175,418) , £146,790 (2019 : £135,141) related to unrestricted funds and £35,592 (2019 : £40,277) related to restricted funds.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2020 (contd)**

**4(a) STAFF COSTS**

Wages and salaries	7,812	0	7,812	8,062
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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:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Vicar's operating costs allowance	2,040	2,040
Vicarage gas and electricity allowance	960	960
Vicarage telephone paid	608	852
Vicarage water paid	420	448
Book allowances	600	500
	<b>4,628</b>	<b>4,800</b>

**5. FIXED ASSETS**

**5(a) Tangible**

		Church Hall	Church equipment	Total
		£	£	£
Actual/deemed cost	At 1 January 2020	675,190	27,160	702,350
	Revaluation	20,256	0	20,256
	Disposal	0	0	0
	Additions at cost	0	0	0
	At 31 December 2020	<b>695,446</b>	<b>27,160</b>	<b>722,606</b>
Depreciation	At 1 January 2020	0	25,059	25,059
	Withdrawn on disposals	0	0	0
	Charge for the year	0	2,101	2,101
	At 31 December 2020	<b>0</b>	<b>27,160</b>	<b>27,160</b>
Net Book Value	At 31st December 2020	695,446	0	695,446
	At 31st December 2019	<b>675,190</b>	<b>2,101</b>	<b>677,291</b>

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.

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	2020	2019
	£	£
<b>6 DEBTORS &amp; PREPAYMENTS</b>		
Gift Aid Tax due from December	2,285	2,273
Prepayment and accrued interest	0	0
Other debtors	0	0
	<b>2,285</b>	<b>2,273</b>

**7 FUNDS**

The restricted funds comprise the Church Hall fund, the All Saints Church 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, £695446 relates to restricted funds

<b>Fund movements 2020</b>	General Funds (unrestricted)	Revaluation of Assets	Church Hall	All Saints	Other (restricted)	<b>Total</b>
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	<b>42,771</b>	<b>695,446</b>	<b>3,363</b>	<b>1,675</b>	<b>3,177</b>	<b>746,432</b>

<b>Fund movements 2019</b>	General Funds (unrestricted)	Revaluation of Assets	Church Hall	All Saints	Other (restricted)	<b>Total</b>
Balance at 1 January 2019	35,244	659,728	1,177	1,134	(2,129)	695,154
Incoming resources	157,844	0	15,722	2,637	28,013	204,216
Resources expended	133,038	2,103	14,142	1,221	24,914	175,418
Revaluation	0	19,666	0	0	0	19,666
Balance at 31 December 2019	<b>60,050</b>	<b>677,291</b>	<b>2,757</b>	<b>2,550</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>743,618</b>

## Looking Forward



This year has been one of great challenges, not just for us, but for everyone the world over as we have had to respond to new circumstances.

It has shown the determination and resilience in people, and more importantly we have rediscovered the old values of community and loving our neighbours. The simple pleasures in life of a walk in the countryside have been more appealing than time spent on the PC or TV as we realise how precious it is. If we haven't come out of the pandemic with a greater appreciation for our world and a greater desire to protect and care for it, then we have learnt nothing.

We have also learnt so many new skills with IT and where would we have been without Zoom, Facebook and similar this last year. Streamed Services are here to stay and can add tremendously to what we do, but they cannot replace the live event, for you can't have a quiet word on Zoom or hug anyone. We need both, and our live worship needs to be inclusive, inspiring and retain some of the intimacy and involvement that we have enjoyed on Zoom, but with the added dimension of reaching out to others.

Barriers have been broken down between Churches and communities. We have been greatly blessed with Prayer for the Day, Sunday Worship shared with Stokesley Church, and all the people from near and far that we have come together with. New friends have joined us from other Churches and none, and we have captured the vision of the task we share and the same Saviour we follow. When we return back to our buildings we must not forget the vision of unity given to us and slip back into old ways. As Martin Luther King said in his great speech at the Lincoln Memorial in 1963, "I have a dream ... I have seen the promised land." We don't know what the future will bring, and it will be different, but with God with us it can also be a lot better.

We need to keep the vision with us of moving forward positively into the future, just carrying with us the real treasures from the past, but not the excessive packaging that we have acquired over the years. We need to travel lighter, for we won't be taking everything with us into the Promised Land, for Heaven is better equipped than here. And we need to keep the living stones of Christ Church in as good a condition as the stones of the Church building.

We have heard from the Diocese that we **MUST** change to carry on, for we cannot sustain the present model for much longer, so we all need to look to new ways of doing things. This needs to happen, both within our own Church and Diocese and

also with those in different Churches. The time is coming when Christians need more than ever before to get their act together and try and live that unity that Jesus spoke about. We need to see how we can journey together sharing our insights and gifts.

Vicars come and Vicars go - eventually - but God's work and the life of the Church goes on. The future will be challenging and exciting. Do you want the thrill of the ride, or are you just content to sit on the park bench and watch others having fun? I know where I want to be.

To gain new vision we need new people with new ideas and energy to step onto the Church Council. Most of the people now on the PCC were actually on it when I arrived, and frighteningly I am still one of the younger members! This is not so at Newton under Roseberry where I am in the older section. Could God be calling you to be involved and help give new energy and direction? We have several vacancies on the PCC and we need the younger generations who belong Christ Church to be better represented. Now is the hour. Can you serve, or do you know a younger person you could encourage and pray for? Start now!

Let me end with this prayer which I invite you to pray with me

### **A Prayer for Many Gifts**

*by Stephen Cherry, Dean of King's College Cambridge*

Give us, O Lord, a calm soul and a clear head,  
a broad mind and a generous spirit.

Give us, a warm heart and a listening ear,  
our true voice and a gentle touch.

Give us, a hunger for justice and a thirst for peace,  
a passion for truth and a love of mercy.

Give us, a painter's eye and a poet's tongue,  
a saint's patience and a prophet's hope.

Give us, a sage's wisdom and a fool's delight,  
a pilgrim's purpose and an angel's content. Amen.

Let us walk into the future with confidence that God is there waiting for and with exciting things to share and new challenges to be entrusted with.

God bless, **Paul.**

# **The Parish of Great Ayton with Easby**

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm on Zoom

Meeting ID: 874 3753 3788

Passcode: 450764

### **Meeting of Parishioners**

1. Election of Churchwardens

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last meeting 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020
3. Matters arising
4. Electoral Roll Report
5. Presentation of Annual Report for 2020
6. Financial Report and Presentation of Audited Accounts for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020
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