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PCC as at February 2024

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

Deanery Synod Reps: Linda King, Frances Brown, Ken Taylor, Nick Land, John Dickinson, .

PCC Members: Robin Harmar, Peter Titchmarsh, Mary Mason, Gill Hendry, , Andrew Prunty, , Rodney Wildsmith, Iain Wilson, Rosemary Wheway.

Vicar's Report

2023 was a significant year, for having marked the Platinum Jubilee and Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II the previous year, the Parish were able to join together for a Service to Celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.



It was also a notable year for the Parish Clergy, for several achieved certain anniversaries of Ordination to the Priesthood in June – Paul Peverell (40), Geoff Jaques (25) Jon Dean (15) and our Curate, Jane Robson, left us in June to take on her own Parish of Kirkleatham, Redcar. Congratulations Vicar. We enjoyed having you with us also welcomed a new PCC Secretary in Celia Wilson, as Frances Brown stepped down from her faithful and cheerful service in the post.

Sunday Worship is the backbone of Church life strengthening us for the week ahead, and this has continued. The morning attendance remains similar to the previous year, and the Café Church is showing good signs of growth. We also have a regular virtual congregation for we continue to stream our services on both Zoom and Facebook. The former is particularly enjoyed by two retired clergy from outside the Parish who value the chat before the service each week.

Our Sunday Facebook stream is usually over 200 per week, and the Christmas Carol Service and Midnight Mass were well over 400 – although we can't guarantee how long people watch for. Comments received show that this is still valued.

Our Christmas attendances at our Carol Services and Christmas Eve & Day were up on last year, with the exception of the excellent Carol Service in Christ Church that still had room for more. We are fortunate in having an excellent choir that adds to our worship.



Church Parades for the Uniformed Organisations took place 4 times in 2023, including another good attendance for Remembrance Sunday. The fantastic display outside Church made the national Newspapers once again.



In the Summer, we opened our 12th Century Church for weekly communion and some Sunday evening Taize worship. The Church also hosts an annual Captain Cook Service (he attended the Church whilst growing up in the village) and also an annual Christmas Carol Service.

We also live streamed our daily Prayer for the Day from there for Thy Kingdom Come. Our daily streamed worship continues every day and is greatly appreciated.

The Parish staff also support other Parishes nearby, in particular Stokesley and St Oswald's/Chad's, Grove Hill in Middlesbrough.



Study Groups we have several study groups taking place throughout the year which bring people together across the congregations, as well as a shared Lent Course with the other Churches in the village. Children are taught appropriately via Little Fishes, Sunday School and also at Café Church.

Our Pastoral Visiting Group are kept busy visiting many who are housebound, and we also gather many older people together twice a month for afternoon Services.

Many of our Church have an active involvement in various groups in our village as well as The Genesis Project in Middlesbrough. We were delighted for them when they were awarded the King's Award for Voluntary Service.

We also support the Foodbank in Middlesbrough with monthly collections of

Food. The Church also supports many causes, locally and nationally, with monetary donations. The Church also reaches out into the wider community through its monthly magazine – Spire. We have also used Church for various concert again in 2023 and I appeared as Panto Dame for the last time after a 16 year run.

We still have many Occasional Offices – Baptisms (13), Weddings (8) and Funerals (48) and around half of the funerals come into Church first.

We are fortunate in having Marwood Church of England Infant School next to us, as well as Roseberry County Primary Academy. I visit Marwood every Friday for worship, and the school comes into Church for Festivals and an assembly each half term which are open to Parents and family. I also lead occasional Collective Worship at Roseberry Primary Academy and Ingleby Greenhow Church school.

The highlight of Christmas was the return of the Joint School Christmas Carol Service with well over 500 children and parents from both schools squashed into Christ Church. This hadn't happened since 2019 due to Covid and then last year icy roads made it too dangerous to walk here.

I was most surprised to be Installed as an Honorary Canon of York Minster last September 40 years since being ordained as a Deacon there in June 1982. My thanks to those who kindly came to support me.



This will be my last Annual Report as Vicar of Great Ayton, for in February we announced our intention to retire in October this year, having already moved last June to our own home in Nunthorpe in preparation. It has been a great joy and privilege to be here so long as Vicar, and I am sure I will leave a large part of me behind, as I will carry with me my love for all of you. May I end with a huge thanks to all who have worked with me over that time, Churchwardens, PCC, Parish Staff, Secretaries, Organist & Choir and all the wonderful volunteers represented in this report and the lovely folk, past and present, who have been part of Christ Church. We have a very special, loving and generous Church here. Be thankful for it and treasure it.

Paul

PCC Secretary Report 2023



2023 saw changes to our PCC as Frances Brown stepped down as secretary and I was handed the reins. It has certainly been a steep learning curve for me and I am delighted that Frances remains a PCC member to provide much valued help and support. Many thanks to Paul and all the members for their very warm welcome and patience as I have settled into the role since my first meeting in May.

The PCC is a group of 19 church members, whose function is to promote in the parish the mission of the church. We meet as a whole group four times each year. The standing committee is a sub-committee of the PCC which also meets four times each year prior to each PCC meeting. The PCC also has other sub-committees that meet regularly for Church Building, All Saints, the Church Hall and also meetings for Living Christ's Story. An important part of our work this year has been to join with others in the Diocese in exploring Archbishop Stephen's refreshed vision 'Living Christ's Story.' Much discussion has taken place during meetings, and also by a group of PCC members and other members of the church, about what this means to Christ Church. We are exploring how we can share Christ's story with others, reaching out to new people and growing our church.

Being a member of the PCC has provided me with valuable insight into the huge amount of work that goes on by many dedicated people to make Christ Church such a special place to worship and belong. The careful thought and planning that goes into providing the range of services that take place during the year is incredible. This includes the regular services each Sunday and the special services at different times in the year such as Christmas, Easter, Remembrance and Pentecost. This year was extra special as we celebrated the coronation of King Charles.

The meetings are very well attended and a wide range of topics are discussed with all contributions respected and listened to. We are very fortunate to have such a wide range of skills and expertise represented on the PCC including Ken as Treasurer, Mary as Safeguarding Officer and Helen and Jonny as Churchwardens. Many important decisions are made during the meetings as we seek to reach out to people of all ages and live Christ's story together.

Celia Wilson

The Ecclesiastical Parish of Great Ayton with Easby

Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Wednesday 16 March 2022 at 7.30pm
In Christ Church Hall

Meeting Of Parishioners

Present Rev'd Paul Peverell, (Chair) Mr Robin Harmar, (Vice) Mr Ken Taylor, (Treasurer) Mrs Linda King, Rev'd Jane Robson, Rev'd Jon Dean, Mrs Jo Dean, Mrs Angela Jaques, Rev'd Geoff Jaques, Mr Peter Prunty, Mrs Audrey Prunty, Mrs Alison Lambert, Mr Andrew Prunty, Dr Helen Land, Dr Nick Land, Mrs Helen Dickinson, Mr John Dickinson, Dr Vicki Nath, Mrs Rosemary Wheway, Mrs Jean Mitchell, Mrs Betty Manton, Mrs Jean Cumbor, Mrs Enid Sidgwick, Mr Rodney Wildsmith, Mr Jonny Winterschladden, Mrs Frances Brown (PCC Secretary)

Welcome The Vicar welcomed us all to what was his 30th Annual PCC Meeting with a glass of wine and an inspirational tale from Apostles. He said a Prayer for thankfulness and guidance. We all said The Lord's Prayer together.

1 Election Of Churchwardens Helen and Jonny had submitted nomination forms. Both were elected for a further year. The Vicar thanked them on our behalf for the hard work they had done in the past year and in the future year. We welcomed them back into their roles.

2 Apologies From Mrs Viv Winterschladden, Mrs Lynda Walker, Mr and Mrs Gordon and Dorothy Wood, Mr and Mrs Peter and Pauline Titchmarsh, Mr Andrew Blair, Mrs Chris Robertson, Mrs Elsa Taylor and Mr Ben Lambert. All were accepted.

3 Minutes Of Last Meeting 16 March 2022. Proposed – Jon Dean. Seconder – Jonny Winterschladden. All agreed. Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed.

4 Matters Arising No matters to be considered.

5 Electoral Roll Report Vicki informed us there are currently 210 people on roll. 7 had left for varying reasons and 3 new names have been added. Vicki would appreciate it if she could be informed of any new addresses.

6 Presentation Of Annual Report This was Proposed by Alison Lambert and Seconded by Jean Cumbor. Annual Report was accepted as a correct record. The Vicar thanked everyone for their input.

7 Financial Report And Presentation Of Audited Accounts For Year Ended 31 December 2022.

(Circulated in Annual Report) Ken shared the screen explaining the figures in more detail. He pointed out some highlights, for example, continuing recovery from Covid and donations reached record levels.

Our financial position improved slightly with our planned giving increasing by about £2000. There were grants and legacies which were very unexpected which meant we had £16,000 more than we'd budgeted for. The balance at end of year was £50,470 a very good figure.

Ken spoke about the main recipients of our Giving. There is a list of all the Christian Charities who benefited, within the Annual Report.

This year planned giving will be slightly down. John and Ynez Clarke work to claim the tax back which is very helpful.

Our expenditure will be a little bit higher due to the repairs required in Church. Andrew's wages have been included. The balance will be roughly £43,970. Ken thanked Helen, Robin, Helen, John, Jean, Robin and Ynez. The Vicar thanked Ken on our behalf for his hard work. We joined in by way of applause for Ken.

The Accounts were proposed by Nick land and Seconded by Rosemary Wheway. We all agreed and accounts were signed off.

8 The Vicar's Comments (Shared in AR) The Vicar talked us through his report. He thanked the congregation for their generosity and reminded us that we are a very generous Church. There have been twenty six Baptisms, twenty eight weddings and twenty eight funerals. Bishop Paul came to our confirmation. There have been 1,000 consecutive streamed Services with Prayer For The Day, which had it's 3rd year anniversary on 27 March. Cafe Church continues to grow. Easter Communicants numbers are improving. The Memorial Services which are held twice a year are very well attended. Eco Church is doing well. There have been several well attended events throughout the year and we are constantly discussing, led by Geoff, how we can reduce our carbon foot print. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Service was well attended and a joyous occasion. Young people rang the bells in celebration. Sadly, not long after this we were all in mourning for our Queen. The Memorial Book, in church was signed by a large number of people.

Love In A Box wasn't quite as big this year. Roy Wheeler is stepping down. Princess Maria from Romania came to our area to thank everyone. Next Love In A Box Service will be 14 October 2023. The Vicar told us all how he is enjoying being back in the schools and being in the company of the young people. Regarding Remembrance, The History Society made histories to go with the poppies which made us famous. Prayer For The Day every day includes in their prayers for peace in Ukraine.

The Children's Society stepped back last year so parents from Marwood School came to make the oranges along with the children. This was very successful. We all agreed with the Vicar when he said the Church looked fantastic at Christmas. He thanked the Flower Guild for all their hard work. They make each event throughout the year so beautiful.

Concerts are increasing gradually. He reminded us that the Hall is very important in the village. Robin and his team are providing a brilliant service. There was an 80s disco which raised funds for Christ Church and All Saints. The Vicar has really enjoyed throwing himself into his role in the annual pantomime although he's not sure how many more he will be starring in.

Thy Kingdom Come breakfast was very enjoyable. ECO Church attended the village Fete day. The spring clean was attended by more younger people last year, this year's clean will be 17 and 18 March. The Vicar thanked all the volunteers for all the things they do, including the fire walkers. He gave his appreciation to the people who support the harvest and food bank collections.

We lost many good friends last year, the Vicar named a few. He explained how he pictures all the people who are no longer with us.

The owl seems to have disappeared, probably due to trees going. He shared with us a picture of the future Peverell house, hopefully things will start moving forward for them soon. The Vicar explained how other people will have to take on some of his duties, when he moves house (out of the village) and in readiness for his retirement.

9 Election Of Parochial Church Council/Deanery Synod Members

Nominations for Deanery Synod

John Dickinson, Proposer – Iain Wilson. Secunder – Ken Taylor

Kenneth Taylor, Proposer – Peter Prunty. Secunder – Audrey Prunty

Linda King, Proposer – Jo Dean. Secunder – Helen Land

Frances Brown, Proposer – Angela Jaques. Secunder – Linda King

The aforementioned were all duly elected to serve as Deanery Synod members

Nominations for PCC:

Peter Titchmarsh. Proposer – Audrey Prunty, Seconded – Marian Maidment
Rosemary Wheway. Proposer – Iain Wilson. Seconded – Dorothy Wood
Geoff has PTO so is now proposed annually. Proposed by Jane – Seconded Jon
The aforementioned were all duly elected to serve on the PCC

10 Appointment Of Independent Examiners Ken proposed that we use the company, AZETS, Mr John Gresham to act as Independent Examiners Seconded – Nick Land. All agreed and AZETS duly appointed.

The Vicar at this point presented a very surprised Frances with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and thanked her for her help with the Minutes for the last 3 years. Frances thanked everyone for their kind comments and said it was lovely to be part of such a great team.

11 Any Questions On Church Matters For Consideration By The PCC

At this point Helen proposed her thanks and all our appreciation for the Vicar and his dedication. We all agreed and showed this in an applause.

The meeting closed at 8.31 PM

Churchwardens' Report



Over the last year we have continued to meet for worship at our regular Sunday Services in church at 8am and 9.15am, with Sunday School meeting regularly at the 9.15am service. The 9.15am service continues to be transmitted by Zoom and Facebook. Cafe Church meets in the church hall every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 4pm, led by Nick Land, and Steve Green, and we are seeing increasing numbers of adults and children attending. A new discussion group has started for 8 year olds and over and this has an enthusiastic following. Weekday services - Holy Communion on Wednesday at 10am, and Coffee Lounge Communion on the first

Monday at 2pm, are also well attended. Prayer for the Day (8.45am via zoom and Facebook) continues to be a blessing to people, both from our own church and other churches near and far.

The damp that was affecting the south west corner of the church has been dealt with. Following re-pointing of external stonework in that area, the internal wall has been re-plastered and painted. The main doors to the church have had draught proofing strips added and been re-hung, which has successfully reduced the draughts.

In September the Quinquennial Inspection was carried out, and reported that "The Church is in really good condition and is clearly well looked after by the PCC". We would like to thank all who have been involved in maintaining the Church building, both past and present, for a job well done. There are some isolated areas of re-pointing that need doing, as well as some redecorating, and we will be tackling these over the next months. The Spire also needs closer inspection and possible re-pointing.

We have checked that the church silver and other items of value are kept safely. Since Paul moved to Nunthorpe in the summer, we are very grateful to our team of "Doorkeepers" who regularly unlock and lock the church each day.

There is a large group of people working behind the scenes week by week to enable our church to function, and we are very grateful to everybody who helps. This group includes our sidespeople, servers, volunteer cleaners, flower arrangers, and the coffee team. New people have joined these teams, serving God and our church community. We all have a role to play in the functioning of our church - please consider prayerfully what you could contribute.

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

Helen Land and Jonathan Winterschluden



Financial Report

After a year of solid growth from the Covid Pandemic in 2022, 2023 was a year which saw a general plateauing of both church numbers and finances. We lost a number of church members for a variety of reasons which was not compensated for by new additions so that our financial position deteriorated compared with 2022.

Our planned giving decreased from £84,695 in 2022 to £81,853 in 2023 with a consequent reduction in gift aid. The effects of the high level of inflation and cost of living produced a disappointing result to a giving appeal with only 7 members increasing their giving by a total of just over £1,000. St Oswald's church in Newton made a donation of £500 towards our clergy costs which allowed our general level of donations to remain similar to last year. Income from fees and fundraising both fell below the budgeted level and we did not receive any grants or significant legacies this year. On the positive side, we were the fortunate recipients of an upgraded card reader from the Diocese which was well used by visitors and casual givers. Overall, our unrestricted income fell from £154,246 in 2022 to £127,884 this year compared to the budget of £133,500.

The Freewill Offer to the Diocese was maintained at £91,440 as was our mission giving from general funds of £8,000. Clergy operating costs, service costs and general maintenance costs were all below budget this year which enabled us to make a reduction in unrestricted expenditure to £133,937 compared to the budget of £140,000.

Overall, the Church incurred a deficit of £6,053 compared to a budgeted deficit of £6,500.

We ran several appeals during the year. In March we raised £1,168 for the Turkey/Syria earthquake appeal. The Christian Aid Week appeal raised £374 whilst in September we raised £762 for the victims of the floods in Morocco and Libya. The Christmas Appeal this year was directed towards Anglican International Development to support their work in Sudan - a total of £3,063 was raised.

From our general funds we made donations to nine worthy Christian charities both locally and nationally. Including collections taken at weddings, funerals, baptisms and appeals a total of £28,629 was distributed to 47 different charitable causes during the year.

All Saints Church again opened as normal for visitors during the year. A highlight was the Deanery Eco Service which attracted a large congregation from around the Deanery and was held in glorious sunshine. The financial position continues to give concern with visitor numbers being well below recent levels. The Quinquennial Inspection also depleted the bank balance by over £1000.

The Church Hall had an excellent year with regular user groups and several new users contributing to an income of £14,596. Following the work carried out in 2022 maintenance expenditure was much lower than usual resulting in a healthy bank balance of £5,677 at the year end.

2024 will see a steep rise in energy costs which will place further pressure on the budget. As the PCC have also decided to increase our freewill offer to the Diocese after two years of reduced giving, serious thought will need to be given to our level of planned giving which has remained fairly static for several years

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

Ken Taylor

Safeguarding Report



I am now in my second year as Safeguarding Officer and continue to work with all members of Christ Church to keep safeguarding highlighted thus ensuring that everyone is safe. The Diocese of York had a Safeguarding Audit with the deadline of the 26th of June 2023 to reach the required standard. With a huge effort on the part of many and plenty of support I am delighted to say that

we were Level 3 by the 6th of June. As part of reaching this level all DBS checks have to be updated every three years and appropriate safeguarding training has to be updated. The online Parish Dashboard, a tool to help identify areas which need attention, gradually turned from red to green indicating that we had done what was required.

More recently I have attended a course on Lone Working and delivered a session to the Church Visitors on personal safety. I have also spoken to the PCC about how to stay safe when working alone and the PCC have agreed to adopt the Diocese of York Lone Working Guidance.

While clearly the level of risk is low, it is essential that we adopt and keep to the best practice in all our church work.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone at Christ Church for their positive attitude to the ongoing task of embedding a culture of Safeguarding in all we do within our parish.

Mary Mason Safeguarding Officer

Stokesley Deanery Synod

Did the Deanery pass the 'So What' test in 2023? Well, I think we did.

To recap, our York Diocese is split into three Archdeaconries. One of those, the Archdeaconry of Cleveland, is divided into six Deaneries, of which Stokesley Deanery is one. Stokesley Deanery is subdivided into eight benefices containing twenty two individual parishes. Great Ayton is one benefice of two parishes, Christ Church and St Oswald's Newton. No changes there; phew!

We do have some changes in our Lay representation on Deanery Synod. During the year Rosemary Wheway and Nick Land stepped down and Frances Brown and Linda King were elected along with Ken Taylor and I who continued. We do play a significant part in the life of the Deanery, in that Nick remains as a General Synod member, Ken is the Deanery Financial Advisor and I am the Lay Dean. The clergy members of Synod are Paul Peverell, Jon Dean and Geoff Jaques.

The Deanery Synod met three times in 2023, in February, June and October. The main business of the Synod has been the Living Christ's Story programme, LCS, which has undergone a significant change in the year. As reported last year, we spent a lot of time creating a plan for the Deanery during 2022. In 2023 we realised it was not going to work. The objectives and much of the scope remains, but the way we implement them had to change. A plan that depended on Parishes working together, across boundaries, is counter to our culture of Parish individuality and independence.

In 2023 we reverted to a process of sharing ideas and experiences across the Deanery, finding out what works and multiplying it wherever possible, adapting and learning as we go. The main platform for this is the Deanery Synod meetings where the formal business is completed as quickly and efficiently as possible

and the bulk of the time given to four carousel tables on different matters.

In 2023 we have covered a broad range of topics including 'back office' issues such as parish administration, grants, light and heat and even structuring the PCC in line with Living Christ's Story. Outreach subjects have included pilgrimages, outdoor ministry, and how to focus on children and young families. We have also supported the Environmental Network with table discussion on the Eco-Church initiative and 'Creating an Eco culture'. This is something that many Parishes have found time for and have in common. According to those attending, our Synod meetings have become more interesting, informative and encourage networking and communication.



Our main Deanery event, in early September, consisted of a pilgrimage walk from Stokesley to Great Ayton and an open air environment service at All Saints. Over 70 people attended the service, from more than 10

parishes in the Deanery, a very positive worship and fellowship experience.

Within our own parish we are looking at three areas of activity. Firstly, looking at how we welcome and engage with those coming to our Church. Secondly, addressing our ability to support and nurture children and young families, enabling them to meet and worship in today's changing circumstances. Thirdly, reviewing how we can develop our technology to support our administration and mission through our worship activities and communication. You will hear more of this as we go through the year!

John Dickinson (Lay Dean)

Christ Church Visitors



In 2023 we had 16 Visitors who were in contact with 26 members of the congregation in Care Homes or their own homes. Since November 2005, we have been in contact with 189 people who are mostly elderly or housebound. Sometimes we visit for a short time, for instance, following a stay in hospital until someone is able to return to church and very often long term friendships are formed to the benefit of both sides.

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

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

During the latter half of 2023 we made a concerted effort to increase the number of those attending the Coffee Lounge Communion. This takes place on the first Monday of the month at 2pm and we transport most of the people who would otherwise be unable to attend. These services are open to **anyone** who appreciates a **weekday afternoon service** and is followed by refreshments. Please let us know if you would like to attend.

On December 4th 2023 15 people and 8 helpers attended the Carol Service which was a 90% increase on the previous year.

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

Rosemary Wheway

All Saints Church



On the face of it, a steady year for All Saints but one which disguises potential jeopardy for our future, in the form of declining visitor numbers and an extremely difficult financial situation.

Overall visitor numbers were at their lowest in the past twenty years. It is difficult to pinpoint the exact cause of the decline but it is probably a combination of factors including cost of living pressures, post covid downturn, lack of international visitors, disruption in the village from the riverbank repairs and the fact that fifty percent of weekend guide duties were again not covered. However the church continued to be used regularly for other religious events such as prayer groups, the Thy Kingdom Come Pentecostal week and monthly Taize services. In addition there was another Eco service in the churchyard and the year ended as usual on a high with 110 people packed in for the inspirational candlelit carol service.

Guide numbers remained at the same level as the previous year and we have at least one new potential recruit. However we did lose a guide in December when Colleen Skerry died, just a few months after her husband passed away. We thank Colleen for her long years of voluntary service to All Saints.

I was too optimistic about finances in my last Report as when the Quinquennial Report eventually arrived it identified a wide range of remedial work required over the next five years, costing thousands of pounds. At present we do not even have enough money in our funds to cover the cost of routine work, such as painting the windows. Discussion has taken place within the sub-committee about ways to rectify this situation but although we have another concert planned for the summer which will help us survive for another year my own view remains that unless we can achieve some regular outside funding for All Saints, the future of the church is at risk.

Robin Hazell
Custodian

Little Fishes



The last year has been a busy and exciting year for Little Fishes.

We are welcoming between 15 and 25 children and their families each week. We come together to share songs, a story and a craft with free play too. This year we have had lots of fabulous things happen. We had a visit from a hamster, chicks, a summer party, added poppies to the display outside and a visit from Santa.

Our fantastic tea and coffee team has grown to provide snacks and drinks for us all. We have also welcomed some new volunteers to the story rota, a much appreciated help.



Our link with Marwood has grown. This year we have welcomed the children and staff to share various events. My personal favourite was Mrs Anderson and the chicks at Easter. We have advertised the Marwood preschool forest school sessions which I have attended with several families from Little Fishes. I have also started to attend the Methodist Church playgroup and we look forward to working together.



On a practical note we gained an extra store cupboard to help with ensuring we have plenty of toys for the children. Is it full already with lots of donations of brilliant toys and we are all enjoying the choice of resources.

I include some photos of some of the fantastic fun we have had, including the arrival of Scruffy one of our volunteer's puppets.

Rosie Lovell

Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF)



BRF continues to produce a variety of material for its four ministries – Anna Chaplaincy, Living Faith, Messy Church and Parenting for Faith – all of which can be easily accessed online. Their Bible Reading notes – **New Daylight** and **Guidelines** - have been used for several years now by people at Christ Church to help our faith journeys. New Daylight is also available as an App and as a Daily email. For several years I have enjoyed ordering and distributing the notes and organising occasional meetings together to discuss and share thoughts on the daily writings and comments. I am now stepping aside from doing this and am delighted to say that Angela Jaques is continuing this ministry.

Enid Sedgwick



I am pleased to be involved in the BRF Notes group. Currently there are 41 people who read the books and we recently held an interesting discussion group based on topics covered in the notes at the home of Chris Robertson. It is the intention to hold three or four similar gatherings during 2024. Many thanks to Enid for her encouragement and support for many others to enable them to extend their knowledge and understanding of the bible over many years. Please get in touch if you would like to start taking the Notes which are published three times a year at a cost of £4.95 a copy. 01642 722979.

Prayer Report

Sentamu Prayer Time named after the Archbishop John Sentamu – This pattern of prayer was devised and handed on by him during his time as Archbishop of York. The regular prayer time it initiated here at Christ Church is open to all.

We gather in All Saints Churchyard on Thursday mornings at 9.30 am. To be able to meet in the churchyard is a joy. We take chairs outside or place



them in the porch if it's raining! During the past year we have progressed through Spring, Summer, Autumn and on into most weeks during the Winter months. After praying together using the Sentamu prayer pattern we have a time for intercessions, personal prayers or are simply quiet together – that's usually when the rooks start their raucous chorus of joy!

Talk to any one of us for more information or simply turn up and join us on Thursday mornings from 9.30am-10.00am to see if this prayer time is for you.

**Enid Sedgwick/Angela Jaques/Geoff Jaques/
Jan Thompson/Frances Brown**

Bell Ringing

If you enjoy hearing the bells ring on Sunday mornings, and for weddings, we desperately need your help to find new members to join our team! We currently have only four ringers, the lowest number we have been for many years. If you know anyone aged 10 and upwards who would like to join our team, please do get in touch with me.

We have an octave of tubular bells which are very easy to ring, only requiring one initial practice, and then we see fast improvement each time they pull the ropes. Initially our ringers work in pairs taking 4 ropes each. As they get older and stronger they can ring all 8 bells alone if they wish to do so.

When they are booked for weddings, they pull from the end of the service until the bride leaves the church premises.

There is no reward for ringing on Sundays, but they can earn upwards of £20 each for weddings. They must be reliable and consistent for their Sunday ringing, before I offer them weddings, which are much more demanding as they usually ring for longer.

Campanology as a hobby is an unusual skill to put on a UCAS University entrance form, useful for competitive degrees such as law and medicine.

Our current ringers are:-

Edward Lambert

Isobel and Hannah Brown

Tristan Cowley

They have rung for 59 Sunday services and 6 weddings this year. On behalf of the whole congregation I should like to thank them for getting up early on a Sunday morning to do so.

Elsa Taylor 07896 626016 or 01642 722400

Elsa Taylor

Christ Church Choir



The choir saw in the start of 2023 with Benjamin Britten's lovely New Year Carol at our Sunday morning service on New Year's Day, and saw it out with a less familiar but beautiful arrangement of Away in a Manger by Reginald Jacques on New Year's Eve.

In between, it's been another busy year with singers being "on duty" for all our Sunday services, aside from the choir's annual break in August, to

lead the singing of our hymns and communion settings. We have also enjoyed singing a wide range of anthems spanning several centuries, from 16th century motets to the contemporary, including items which were new to the choir's repertoire.

It was fantastic to be joined by several friends and family members for a particularly uplifting Easter morning service which included Wesley's epic anthem Blessed be the God and Father. We also enjoyed celebrating the coronation of King Charles in May with a service including music from every part of the United Kingdom.

The following month we welcomed visiting singers and guest director Richard Bendelow for a terrific service of Choral Evensong to sing music by several composers with anniversaries falling in 2023, most notably that of William Byrd in the 400th anniversary year of his death. The service (which also featured music by Rachmaninov, Noble and Weelkes) drew a good congregation from Great Ayton and further afield and we look forward to holding similar services in 2024.

Choir members also joined with other musicians to lead the singing at Taize services held in All Saints over the summer months and at a similar service in Christ Church for Advent. Outside Great Ayton, singers from Christ Church joined former choirmaster Michael Aisbitt and our friends at Stokesley Parish Church to lead the music at a busy service of admission of churchwardens in June and sang at the Royal School of Church Music area festival at York Minster in September.

As ever, we were delighted to be joined by former choir members and friends for our services over the festive period, the musical highlights being two varied and well received Carol Services at Christ Church and St Oswald's.

Many thanks to all our singers who give so generously of their time and talent in enhancing our worship through music, and for making practices so enjoyable. Special thanks to Olwen Cameron and Viv Winterschladen for their piano playing during 2023, both at Sunday services and occasional special services. Once again, Viv was particularly busy in the run up to Christmas and played for the ever-popular Christingle and Crib services. It was also lovely to see Michael Aisbitt for a guest appearance at the organ console in November.

We are grateful to Alison Lambert and Helen Dickinson for their assistance in keeping the choir library in good order and to all who contribute to the smooth running of the choir.

As this is the last annual report before Paul's well-deserved retirement we give particular thanks for all of the support, encouragement and help which he has given to us, collectively and individually, during 2023 and throughout his ministry at Christ Church and wish him and Karen a happy retirement. We are, as ever, grateful to the Ministry Team and parish at large for your continued support.

We are always looking to welcome new members of all ages and voice parts so if you (or somebody you know) enjoys singing and would like to join a friendly group of singers, please come and speak with any of us on a Sunday morning.

Andrew Blair

Flower Guild 2023



This year we have decorated the church for all the major festivals, Easter, Harvest and Christmas, and we also decorated for the Coronation of King Charles.

Easter colours were white and yellow arrangements in baskets with eleven of these being sponsored.

For the coronation in the May we decorated the windows with crowns, and

circular arrangements with red, white and blue flowers to compliment with a small vase of spring flowers.

Harvest flowers for the windows were decorated with pumpkins, chrysanthemums all displayed within apple crates all using autumn shades.

For the Christmas season the bamboo trees came out again with the addition of new lights, sledges and small Christmas trees with a small candle within a glass vase which were lit for all the church. There were 18 sponsored flower arrangements.

This year we kept our theme very traditional with yellow blooms, red and green carnations, complimented by green foliage and berries.

At the end of November the memory tree was assembled, we had well over 100 memory card on the tree. All the donations from this went to the Herriot Hospice.

We would like to appeal for some more help with the decorating of the church, at any of the festivals, as our numbers are depleting and we are in need of some volunteers.

We do hope that you have all enjoyed the floral decoration in the church as much as we have enjoyed doing them.

Our grateful thanks to everyone who has helped or donated, your support is greatly appreciated.

Marina Charlton



Christ Church Annual Cleaning Report



Firstly, can I just say a big thank you to everyone who helps keep our lovely Church clean and tidy, you all do a wonderful job. After losing a lot of Volunteers in 2021 due to Covid, we didn't have many Volunteers coming forward to replace them in 2022, even though we advertised in the village.

We made the decision to only clean the Church fortnightly in 2023 instead of weekly. This was an experiment to see if the Church looked neglected or if it still looked as clean and tidy as it did when it was cleaned weekly. We waited for complaints coming in, but they didn't, thank goodness. Therefore, this confirmed that the way forward was to repeat the fortnightly rota for 2024 and not get stressed about the lack of Volunteers or the worry that those who had volunteered had to clean 4 or 5 times a year.

The new rotas have been sent out and the Volunteers have confirmed they are happy to clean the Church on the two dates they have been given. We are still looking for more Volunteers to cover holidays and times when the cleaning dates allotted can't be covered. Anyone wishing to help out, please contact Irene Reah. It doesn't mean you have to go on the rota. Irene's Mobile: 07969 758332. Or landline: 01642 723804.

Is there anyone out there who likes cleaning brasses and would like to polish them just once a year? Last year (2023) the brasses were cleaned and polished by the same three ladies and were only done three times in the year. Then a couple of kind ladies volunteered to help with both general cleaning and polishing the brasses ready for Christmas. The Church looked beautiful, clean and sparkly with gorgeous flower arrangements over the Christmas period. We are very grateful to those ladies (and a hubby) who volunteered, as they also said they'd help out next year, with cleaning the brasses. **But we still need more Volunteers!**

The big Annual Spring Clean for this year will be on the dates and times listed below. We do hope you will put these dates in your diary and come along and help. We especially need people who are strong and not afraid to climb up ladders to reach the cobwebs.

Irene Reah



Christ Church Annual Spring Clean

Friday 15th March - from 4.00pm

Saturday 16th March - from 9.00am

PLEASE COME AND HELP!

Refreshments provided

Christ Church Hall



The Church Hall continues to be well used by both church groups and the wider community. A big thank you to all of you who make use of the facilities, it means so much more to see continued good use by such a variety of different groups. Of course the Hall doesn't just run itself, Mandy, our parish secretary, does a sterling job looking after the bookings and seeing to all the day to day finances. The Hall is kept in immaculate order by Anne and sometimes her husband John as well. Phil always there to put things right when things go wrong or break. What a terrific team they are, thanks so much to you all.

I am indebted to both Julie Bourke and Karen Peverell for running the 200 club, it helps keep our finances on an even keel, especially important when you consider we have to cope with the continued high price of gas and electricity.

Expenditure on equipment has been rather frugal this year. We have replaced the central heating remote thermostat with a 'Nest' controller. Hopefully this will enable us to adjust the central heating rather more easily than in the past. The broadband has been upgraded from a desultory 3-4 Mbps to something like 68 Mbps and remarkably the cost has reduced!

On the maintenance side Northumbrian Water replaced the lead water pipe on their side of our water meter, you may remember the temporary traffic lights on the road outside the Hall? They now tell us that their 'charitable arm, is going to replace the lead pipes on our side of the meter as well. Watch this space for that, hopefully sometime in the next few months. Drinking water samples taken show our lead content well below the legal limit but even so it would be good to have them replaced.

Finally many thanks to all the Hall committee members for their contribution and continued support.

Robin Harmar - Hall Manager

Middlesbrough Food Bank and Genesis Project

Food Bank

“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. All these donations are very gratefully received by the Food Bank, and I would like to thank everyone for their generosity.

Sadly, (and shockingly!) the need for the Food Bank is increasing as food and energy prices increase with inflation. The Food Bank provides three days of nutritionally balanced food for people in need, and for many, this is a real lifeline.

Financial donations can also be made, either directly to the Food Bank (see their website for details), or via the church to pass on.

The Genesis Project

Over the past year we have been privileged to develop an increasing relationship with the Genesis Project based at St Oswald's and St Chad's in Middlesbrough. The Genesis Project seeks to “Share God's love in practical ways to meet the urgent needs of the Community”. It does this through a food co-op, clothes bank, practical support, warm space, shared meals, pastoral support, worship, work opportunities and Children's work.

Helen Land

Sunday Morning Coffee



Now that those long months of lockdowns and ever-changing rules about socialising safely have faded into the past, we've all been able to enjoy catching up with each other in the Coffee Lounge after the 9.15am Sunday Service. It's been a wonderfully uplifting experience, which we've somehow appreciated even more following the earlier restrictions. Our six amazing teams of two volunteers set up well before the service starts, and it's thanks to them that regular

worshippers and visitors alike can enjoy the simple pleasure of chatting over a cup of Yorkshire Tea or a mug of ground coffee - with chocolate biscuits of course!

On special occasions we've exchanged the tea and coffee for prosecco and cake. King Charles' Coronation gave us a good opportunity on 7 May to celebrate in style with an enormous and wonderfully iced fruit cake, and we repeated the experience on 25 June when we bade farewell to Jane Robson before she left us for Kirkleatham.

If you've joined us for coffee before, you'll know that some of us like to sit at the tables, some prefer the low easy-chairs and several even choose to simply stand at the bar! If you haven't yet joined us, then I'd like to extend a warm welcome. You'll always find someone to chat with and it'll help you to see that you're a cherished member of our church family.

Celia Elliott

ECO Church

As part of our Eco Church commitment we held the first Deanery Environment Service in All Saints churchyard in September. John Dickinson organised an Eco Pilgrimage from Stokesley Parish Church led by John Stinson. More than 70 participated in the service which was addressed by Archdeacon Amanda. We have continued to encourage churches across the deanery to participate in the Eco church programme.



Geoff Jaques

Cafe Church



Café Church is an opportunity for informal family friendly worship, bible teaching and discussion, coffee, cake and conversation. We meet at 4pm in the Church Hall on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

There is lively worship at 4.30pm and groups for children at 5pm – which allows their parents to listen to a short bible talk and discuss together about how it might apply to everyday life. We have been exploring the Gospel of Mark and seeking to answer his big questions – ‘Who is Jesus?’ and ‘How should we respond to him?’



One of the most exciting developments in the last year has been the growing number of 8–11 year olds coming to Café Church. We have responded to this by starting their own discipleship group – here they are thinking about what Jesus does!

People of all ages are very welcome to join us. Given the number of families with school age children numbers fluctuate between holidays and term time – but we have averaged over 30 children and adults over the last year.

A big thanks to everyone who helps with Café Church – but particularly Steve Green who leads worship and co-ordinates the older children’s group, and Helen Land who provides cakes and occupies the younger children.

For further information contact me (drnickland@aol.com) or just come along.

Nick Land

Sunday School



We meet every Sunday during school term time except for the 2nd Sunday. We have about 28 children on the register with a very varied attendance from 2 to 20. Activities are available from 9am for early arrivals. We start with a service. The children take turns lighting the altar candles, we change the colour of the cloth, as in Church, to teach the children about Church colours and seasons. The service continues with our weekly story, prayers, the peace and singing. David Fox has shared teaching the story some weeks which is a great help. We go into Church for the end of the service and show our crafts and tell the congregation what we have learnt.

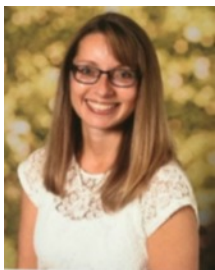
The children did the prayers at the Christingle Service, we had 18 children take part in the Crib Service and this is always a highlight of the year. The children did so well and a big thank you to Mrs Winterschladden for accompanying on piano.

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

I will be stepping down from Sunday School when Paul retires after leading it for 23 years. I would like to thank everyone who has helped over the years, to Alison Collins who shared the role for a few years and special thanks to Julie Bourke, Viv Winterschladden, Julie Ford, and Jackie Ancell who have helped for many years when they didn't have children involved in Sunday school. If anyone is interested in taking over from me or sharing the role with someone, please let me know.

Karen Peverell

Marwood Church of England Voluntary Controlled Infant School



Marwood Infant School remains a thriving school where strong foundations in education are laid, and where children flourish in its Christian ethos and care.

2023 has been a busy year for Marwood pupils, Mrs Walton and her staff team, punctuated with many exciting events

and activities: His Majesty King Charles III's Coronation, Easter Spirituality Day, RE workshops and of course, a visit from His Grace, The Archbishop of York.



Academic Performance

Marwood's vision *"to achieve the best in all we do"* whilst guided by core Christian values is reflected in its academic performance. Governors have witnessed the excitement and enthusiasm of pupils in engaging and carefully planned lessons.



The successful outcomes attained in 2023 demonstrating the hard work of its pupils, staff, and leadership as well as the parents and caregivers who do a wonderful job of supporting from home.

Under Mrs Walton's leadership, academic standards at Marwood remain well above national averages and returning to pre-pandemic levels for the majority. Many children are working at a greater depth in English, Reading and Mathematics, again, well above national averages. Subject leaders have created opportunities for children to engage in diverse curriculum activities that they may not otherwise encounter, chick hatching, digital art, lambing, sewing, religious and emergency services visitors to name a small proportion. Year One Phonics performed above the national average, attributable to the hard work of the pupils, and staff, and the unwavering support of parents and carers.

Initiatives like “Read with Rosie” - carried out by volunteer Mrs Bourke - have served to further encourage reluctant readers. “The children’s love of reading is obvious” was a comment by a visiting school advisor.

Whilst academic progression is important to the children’s development, the jam-packed curriculum that the staff work so hard on shaping to their needs ensures that learning is a busy, enjoyable, and affirming experience. Pupil’s contributions are cherished, their unique talents are encouraged and celebrated, with some of the children using their talents to raise money for charity.

Financial Performance

Pupil intake numbers remain high and have been helped in part by access to wraparound care, Stay and Play sessions, as well as Marwood’s excellent reputation and its strong relationships with the local community. The school has seen an increase in families applying from local towns and villages and welcomes applications for pupils outside the catchment area.

In October, Mrs Walton and Reverend Peverell were very pleased to receive a significant donation on behalf of the school from the Cooperative Community Funding Scheme. A donation of over £6000 was awarded which will enable upgrades to the outdoor timber structures, gardening equipment and much more. The school was extremely grateful to the Cooperative and all those members of the school and local community who selected Marwood as their chosen cause.



Careful financial management means the school remains in a healthy financial position in the face of current economic challenges. Improvements to the fabric of the school include Reading Area improvements, the installation of energy-efficient, double-glazed windows and Reception playground resurfacing.

Recognition and Appreciation

“Everyone in school is greatly valued as unique with different gifts and skills”.

Marwood has a cohesive, caring, and dedicated staff, who consistently deliver high standards of teaching and infuse the curriculum with imaginative and engaging activities for the children. Each staff member brings their unique talents to the children’s learning and has an area of expertise from which the children benefit

greatly. As experts in their field, the staff have also assumed extra specialisms alongside their remit. The coordination and implementation of a new phonics system by Mrs Anderson have been central to these successes. Emma also supports Mrs Walton as Head one day a week. The teaching of Mathematics is a particular area of strength, with our Year One teacher, Mrs Spenceley, leading a local network group. Mrs Grossett continues to champion RE and Sports within the school and is a leader in both the RE and PE network. The teacher assistants too have unique talents that enable the children to have a wide range of experiences and are a great support to the children both academically and pastorally. We are very appreciative of our midday supervisory staff who are well-trained and responsive to the needs of the children providing professional care and supervision in all weathers!

The breadth of activities at Marwood is attributed very much to the kindness of local people and volunteers too. Forest school is ever popular with the children on the grounds of Manor House, kindly offered by the Winterschladen family. This is widely attended not only by Marwood pupils but by pre-schoolers also.

The stars of Marwood and our *raison d'être* are the children we serve. They are a credit to their parents and carers giving their best both in their studies and their behaviour. We are so grateful for the parents' support.

Anglican Faith, Spirituality and RE

Collective Worship is monitored termly and themes both reflect the Church Calendar and a range of topics appropriate to Christian teachings. These include biblical teachings, Saint's Days, Picture News (an age-appropriate current affairs programme) and focus on religious/historical figures and Fischy Music. The act of worship although inherently Christian, draws on themes that are relevant to all. Children model appropriate behaviours for worship and take turns leading prayer, participating in singing and operating the music system. Collective worship is a daily whole-school event, and many pupils describe it as their favourite part of the day.

Embedding spirituality into school life is an on-going priority at Marwood. Just before Easter, a spirituality focus day enabled the children to experience a carousel of activities: Easter Story-themed Godly Play, music-led painting, a reflection labyrinth, an Easter Word Hunt and the most popular activity, time with the newly hatched chicks. Mrs Anderson had incubated eggs from a range of breeds so the children could appreciate the uniqueness of each egg and hatchling.

Spirituality is also seen in the extensive caring for our planet and nature and the wonders it beholds. The children and parents supported national initiatives such as the Great British Bird Watch and Sustran's Big Walk, a walk-to-school initiative to tackle climate change. The children have planted bee balm with Forest School volunteer Mr Passmore to encourage an increase in bee populations locally. In science lessons, the children get to explore nature and the delight and fascination amongst the children in finding and counting minibeasts, releasing frogspawn, watching butterflies hatch in the Y1 classroom and stick insects in Y2. Off-site visits to Butterfly World and Forest School and activities such as litter picking encourage Marwood pupils to protect, love and respect nature and habitat.

At Marwood, the profile of RE (a core subject) is high. The children spend well over the recommended curriculum allocation learning about Christianity and its denominations in the main, alongside other world faiths and cultures, Islamism, Judaism, and other country's festivals. Visitors Imran Kotwal and Sunita Patel were welcomed into school to share insights into life as a British Muslim, the Islamic faith and the similarities and differences in Indian culture.



Archbishop Stephen's Visit

It was wonderful to welcome The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cotterill, and Reverend Dr Jenny Wright to school in November, on their ministerial visits in the Diocese. His Grace joined Collective Worship on the theme of "Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me" and launched our community mission, "Action for Peace". The message is

that together we can make a difference, and it takes just one person to initiate change in the world. His Grace and Reverend Jenny each painted a stone with a self-portrait which the children placed on the War Memorial at Christchurch along with their own self-portraits. The pupils are encouraging those in the local community and visitors to the village to add their decorated stone to the display – this could be a word, message or simply a self-portrait.

Charitable Giving:

Throughout the school year the children, staff and parents have donated well over a £1000 to charity, with donations to Children in Need, Fairtrade, Love in a Box, African Aid, Christian Aid, the Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal and an exhilarating

Rudolph Run for Teesside Hospice. This is a massive achievement and testament to the generosity and compassion of the unreserved support of our families.

School Staffing

At the end of the academic year, we were sorry to see Mrs Donaldson retire after 20 years of serving as the school's Caretaker. Mrs Donaldson has also performed other roles (cleaner, patrol crossing officer and midday supervisor) vital to the safe and smooth running of the school. We are immensely grateful for the years she devoted to the school and for how she undertook her roles with humility, efficiency, kindness and good humour. Her absence has left a big a vacancy to fill.

Governor Changes

In September we were sorry to see Andrew Johnston and Matthew Minnitt step down as parent and co-opted governors both of whom brought some exceptional knowledge and skill to the school's leadership. We were sad to see them leave.

We welcomed Lynda Austin to the board as Parent Governor in September. Lynda brings a great skill set to the leadership team and has had two children already move through the school. This next year we will also see Paul step down as Governor when he retires as Vicar of the Parish after just over 31 years.

Events and Community Activities:

The PTFA at Marwood has been very active in raising funds crucial to ensuring extracurricular activities and school resources. The Summer Fair after the annual duck race proved very popular with children and parents. The PTFA quizzes, Bedtime Story evenings, BBQs. We are so grateful for the time and effort the parents put into extending the social aspects of school life. Above all, the children love supporting these events and this is demonstrated by the attendance.

Trinity Group

Trinity Group continue to build a body of evidence to support us in achieving the Christian Aid Global Neighbours Silver Award. Areas of focus covered Fairtrade, promoting reflection areas in school, and exploring big questions like how we solve world hunger and poverty. They also made Fairtrade collage for the campaign from coffee beans and Fairtrade products. Their work was supported by a visit from the Cooperative Fairtrade representative. The children's enthusiasm, knowledge of global issues and ideas for change was inspirational.

Looking forward to this year, we continue to concentrate on these topic areas, this year the group is planning more work on appealing to the local community to support Fairtrade in their daily purchases.

Links with Christ Church

As always, the nativity performance was a huge success: 'The Little Robin' had its usual wonderful shows in the Christ Church Hall, but also went on tour to the children's groups in the village.

Marwood seeks to constantly uphold and develop its valuable links with Christ Church, promoting Sunday School and café church as well as having regular links with Little Fishes who have regular visits from Emma Anderson and many of whose numbers attend the forest school and stay-and-play sessions which has helped to support steady intake numbers into Reception. Two particular key link events with Christ Church have been the *Love in a Box* service and, notably, *Christingle*. The latter has become entrenched as a Marwood event with many Marwood families attending the Christingle-making workshop on the Saturday and then the service next day.



Links with the local community

Marwood's profile in the local community remains very high: the front of school is regularly bedecked with celebrational decorations, such as at the lovely Coronation party we held in May. We continue to also support and promote many village and local organisations, from J-Time, Rainbows, Brownies, Beaver and Cubs to the Fire Service and local Police Force who have both visited over the past 12 months.

Our latest high profile activity has been the aforementioned 'Action for Peace': the village has been encouraged to add to the display and support its message.

Finally, no report would be complete without a heart-felt note of thanks to Dorothy and her staff. The school's vision and the successful delivery of this rest firmly at their doors and we have every confidence that the school will go on from strength to strength led by her excellent team.

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

World Day of Prayer



The World Day of Prayer took place this year on Friday 3rd March at Great Ayton Methodist Church. The theme was “I have heard about your faith” composed by women of Taiwan, a country under constant threat and power struggle, constantly facing conflict from China and isolated internationally for decades. A map of Taiwan was displayed together

with blue, green, yellow and white cloths and orchid flowers to represent the ocean, mountain peaks and natural resources of the country.

The service included letters of encouragement read out for women facing suffering and injustice. Around 38 people attended a lively celebration of praise, meditation and prayer which spread all around the world from sunrise to sunset on the same day. Active participation from members of Great Ayton churches contributed to the drama, reflection and music on the organ and guitar. Refreshments were provided in the form of a Taiwanese honey castellated sponge cake and pineapple cake, both made from Recipes from Taiwan. Many thanks to all involved.

A total of £224 was given as part of the common vision to improve the lives of women and children around the world.

All are welcome to join us next year on March 1st 2024 at St. Margaret’s Catholic Church Great Ayton for a joyful, thoughtful service.

Angela Jaques

Discipleship Group

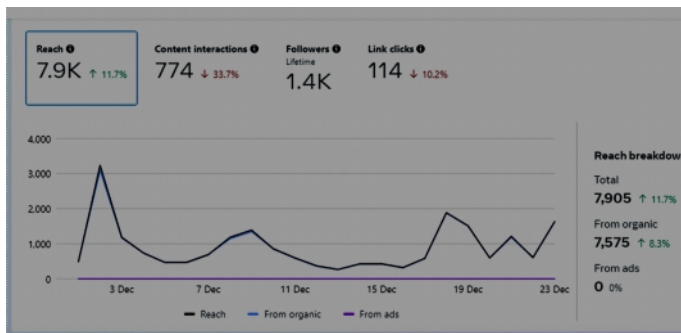


Our 4 groups have continued to meet on Wednesday afternoon & evening, Thursday evening and Sunday evening. A range of topics have been explored including Proverbs, Pete Greig's "how to hear God" and Romans. One group also created a Virtual Prayer Walk with members submitting photographs of

places in and around the village which were special to them along with a short explanation & prayer. Anybody is welcome to join at any time!

Geoff Jaques

Facebook



Facebook reach

This metric counts reach from the organic or paid distribution of your Facebook content, including posts, stories and ads. It also includes reach from other sources, such as tags, check-ins

and Page or profile visits. This number also includes reach from posts and stories that were boosted. Reach is only counted once if it occurs from both organic and paid distribution. This metric is estimated.

Content interactions

The number of likes or reactions, saves, comments, shares and replies on your content, including ads. Content can include formats such as posts, stories, reels,



videos and more. This metric counts all interactions, including ones that were eventually removed.

Facebook followers

The total number of followers of your

Facebook Page or profile. This is calculated as the number of follows minus the number of unfollows over the lifetime of your Facebook Page or profile.

Geoff Jaques

Spire - The Future

Spire started back in 1991 as an A4 mag stapled together, with Malcolm Race, a retired Gazette journalist recently moved into the village, serving as the Editor until 2009. In that time it changed into the present A5 format and in February 2003 I started the first online edition alongside the paper edition. Over time it grew to be the same, except it was in colour! In 2009 we started the colour paper edition, and I took over as Editor.

Spire has been a great vehicle for Church news, combined with some humour and articles of community interest. I have always sought to make the Registers page more interesting by taking a photograph of the wedding couples as their guests leave church.

Any Church magazine editor has to carry a camera in their pocket to catch the photographs, for using ones from the web without permission can get you into bother. We have just been warned again that a York Church has been fined £700 for using a photograph without permission!

When we started Spire we printed 300 copies each month and I sent out another 600 pdf copies to anyone I thought may be interested. Once Data Protection came along, we moved to a MailChimp database that people can opt in to – or even opt out of. This has made delivery far easier and Spire wings its way to 347 people in Europe, America, Canada, Africa – but principally in Yorkshire. I often hear from former Aytonians as to how much they appreciate this link with home.

The colour paper copies have been printed by Bob and Angela of Quoin Publishing, who are so reliable and very reasonably priced, and Jean Goat has organised deliveries around the village and to the Cafés, Library and Health Centre since it started 33 years ago. Well done, Jean.

Times have changed, as over the years we have lost many of our regular contributors like the Mothers Union, Children's Society and Yorkshire Cancer Committee. Bill Kirby was a faithful contributor with everything typed on his typewriter that had caps lock permanently on, and with little punctuation. Malcolm Race has been the most faithful contributor of all, with two pages every month without fail, but he has intimated that he may retire at this next birthday – when he will be 98!!

Compiling Spire and often writing half of it, is a big commitment each month, but one I have always enjoyed. My time as Editor is coming to an end in October when I retire as Vicar. It would be good to think it could continue in some form, but as you get older the months come round far too quickly, so perhaps bi-monthly or even quarterly.

When I left St Martin's I handed the Church Mag there over to the Churchwarden's son, who enjoyed it so much, it inspired him to become a journalist, and he even became Editor of The Dalesman magazine. Is there anyone in Great Ayton similarly inspired?

Paul Peverell, Editor



Great Ayton & Newton under Roseberry Parishes



Did you enjoy the Coronation? See Page 5 for some of our Memories. We even had the King drop in.

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Great Ayton District Guides

2023 started with a fabulous fashion show and quiz to raise funds. Neave launched our district Facebook page where we have enjoyed sharing updates from the units. We enjoyed a trip to York in February for Thinking Day which included attending North East England's service in York Minster. 72 Brownies, Guides and leaders enjoyed a rainy but packed residential weekend at PGL Newby Wiske. They did a selection of adventurous activities including a vertical assault course, zip wire, orienteering and a giant swing. Members from most units finished the year watching WISH at a private cinema screening.



All units have combined the programme with fun activities and outings including walks, trips to the beach, outdoor cooking, celebrated the King's Coronation and a mix of visitors to their units. 2nd Guides also celebrated their 50th anniversary.



Young members achieved lots of badges with many bronze, silver and gold awards too. Leaders Helen, Jess and Eleanor achieved their three, five and twenty years' service awards and I was presented my Queen's Guide Award. Christine and I were invited to Girlguiding Celebrates, a red carpet event at Odeon Luxe, Leicester Square, to celebrate achieving Laurel Award and Queen's Guide Award respectively. Melissa and Alison were also in attendance as guests.

Rebecca Storey - Great Ayton District Commissioner

2nd Great Ayton Rainbows



Rainbows continues to be very popular and still with a waiting list. The age range was changed so girls can now start from 4 years old.

We always have lots of fun and a varied program.

In February, the rainbows joined the Division trip to York – visiting the Railway Museum in the morning and then attended the Region Thinking Day Service in York Minster. Some of the girls made their promise outside the Minster.

A very creative evening making Easter Bonnets and on a very wet and misty night – we went to Gribdale to roll our decorated eggs – still lots of fun taking part.



In June we went to Monk Park Farm near Thirsk, meeting up with Rainbows from across the County for another fun filled day although the play park had more attraction than the animals.

July was the annual trip to Saltburn beach for sandcastles & fish and chips.

Lots of badges have been earned this year keeping mums & grans busy with sewing!



In October we visited Holey Moley indoor golf at Skelton – the girls had a really fun evening although the technique of swinging a golf club was challenging to some!

After some Christmas activities and a party, we ended the term with a trip to the Showcase cinema for a private screening of the Disney Wish with the Brownies.

A big thank you to all our leaders – Rebecca, Helen, Pauline & Melissa, and our young helpers Lois & Lexie who make sure Rainbows have lots of fun every week.

Christine Kenyon, Rainbow Leader

1st Great Ayton Brownies

We continue to be a full unit with currently 28 girls every week although quite a few will move to Guides this term.

We try to have a good mix of badgework and craft/fun activities.

At the start of term, we made a Chinese dragon that we paraded round the hall and had some Chinese food too.



Brownies joined the Thinking Day trip to York Railway Museum and the Service at York Minster, in keeping with the theme of the service, they all made animal masks.

In March, we welcomed Stormy to the meeting – he is the RNLI mascot – he came to so show us all the kit the crew wear and we had great fun trying it on. The girls had also brought some money in for the collection boat.



Sophia, Abi & Jocelyn all achieved their Bronze awards.

In April, we hosted a fashion show to raise funds for the district trip to PGL – the girls modelled the sunglasses and had great entertainment at the leaders modelling for the evening.



We had a Coronation Party for the King and decorated Crowns.

Always a favourite of the girls – we made junk boats then sailed them in the river, and we had a great evening at the Walkway Centre in Pinchinthorpe.



One evening, the girls requested to try and put up a tent – so we retrieved one of the Guides tents from the store and they were given the task of putting it up without instructions – good team building – they did succeed – sort of although not sure how long it would have stayed up.



We had our traditional trip to Saltburn beach, rock pooling was on the agenda this year rather than sandcastles.

On one of the wettest, cold weekends of the Summer we had our district trip to the new PGL centre at Newby Wiske. The girls had a fabulous time – from climbing walls,/poles to giant swings and zip lines.

Brownies also enjoyed the mini golf although unlike the rainbows – they could certainly hit the golf balls – some budding Tiger Woods out there.

We had an excellent turn out for Remembrance Parade – thanks to Molly and her colour party for a brilliant job.

We ended the term with the trip to the Cinema with the rainbows.

Thanks to our Brownie Team, Lucy, Neave and Tracey for all their help and support with the girls.



Christine, Tracey, Lucy & Neave

Once again 1st Great Ayton Guides have enjoyed a busy and varied year completing lots of badges and unit meeting activities along the way. They joined the Leven division trip to York but visited York Castle Museum instead of the Railway museum before re-joining everyone to attend the North East England Thinking Day service in York Minster.



To celebrate the Kings Coronation, they attempted activities from the Coronation Challenge badge which included a scavenger hunt full of facts about our new King and a game of pin the crown on the King. The warmer weather of the summer brought about more sessions outside including a trip to crazy golf in Stokesley, their traditional walk from Stokesley to Great Ayton and outdoor cooking at Saltburn beach.

They enjoyed the district residential weekend to PGL even though it was very wet at times! They enjoyed the adventurous activities: giant swing, climbing, vertical challenge, sensory trail, orienteering, zip wire and all aboard.



Along with 2nd Great Ayton Guides the unit enjoyed watching leader Sarah and some of their friends in the panto and climbing at GoClimb. 2023 finished with some goodbyes, Charlotte and Lois both achieved their gold award which was presented by North Yorkshire North East County Commissioner Rachel Lamond before they joined Rangers. The unit also became the 13th to participate in her County Commissioner 50 Challenge to celebrate the county's 50th anniversary in 2024. Zoe said goodbye too, she stepped down as a Guide leader after joining in September 2018 and being the unit leader since 2019, we

wish her all the best in her Brownie leader & county role and a huge thank you! Rebecca and Helen joined Sarah and Jess in the leadership team.

Rebecca, Sarah, Helen and Jess

Scouting in Great Ayton

2023 was another good year for Scouting in Great Ayton, seeing our numbers mostly increase, and allowing our youth members to have a fun time when they are both learning and playing.

Our Beaver numbers are down, we started with 9 children and maintained that number through the year, not helped by an apparent lower number of boys in the current 6-7 year old age range in the village. Since Guiding remains strong, we do not get many girls in Scouting in the village.

Pete has continued to be Beaver Scout Leader, and he is brilliant with the kids – it can sometimes be challenging to be surrounded by a large number of excitable 6-8 year olds but he copes really well.



The Beavers managed to get to the County Beaver Damboree this year, held at Askham Bryan College. They had an incredible day and a half, doing lots of interesting and fun activities, including camping overnight and got to spend half a day in the wildlife park – the wallabies were a great hit with the Beavers. We even managed to get Max, the County Commissioner, to invest Pete at the Damboree, meaning Pete could take over fully as Beaver leader.

Cubs numbers have stayed relatively stable all year, with a pack size which is not quite full, allowing us to bring new youth members in when we get enquiries. The leadership team has also grown, with Bex and Chris both joining as assistant leaders, and another on the way.

The Cub camp was held at Ravengill, and we had another cracking pack holiday with two nights under canvas. The weather was lovely and lots of activities were undertaken.



Once again, most of the Cubs who have left in the last year have gone up to Scouts, and a good percentage have managed it with their Silver award.

The Scouts section has continued to grow over the year, and we have managed to cover many interesting subjects in games and activities. Danielle has taken over as Scout Leader and is doing a brilliant job in the role. We also welcomed Adam and Edward as new Scout leaders, both are 18 and hopefully have a long career in Scouting awaiting them.



In September, after the success of last year, the Scouts got to go to Ignite 2023, the County Scout and Explorer camp, which was held at Castle Howard. Live music, a silent disco and other evening activities were enjoyed, along with full days of activities with a wide range of things to try. Both the Scouts and the leaders had a brilliant time, and I was rather sad I'd injured my foot and couldn't attend.

Please can we thank our leadership teams for each unit, along with the parents who come to help when we need it and our Executive committee who keep us running financially and with a hut roof over our heads. Things are going to change a bit over the next year, with role name changes and movement to a more team based model for how Scouting is run – something which Ayton has done for years anyway. This is the last time we can refer to me as “Group Scout Leader” however, during 2024 I will become “Group Lead Volunteer” - a new name for the same job.

Finally, we need to make our usual plea, leaders wise we are doing really well in Cubs and Scouts, however we are desperate for at least one more Beaver leader, Pete is great but the ideal is to have at least two leaders in each section. We would also like to start a Squirrels unit (4 and 5 year olds) but we cannot do that until we have leaders in place, ideally adults with early years experience.

As always, the executive committee always needs volunteers, we need a Group secretary and people to shadow and eventually replace the Secretary, Treasurer and Chair when they decide they want to retire.

The unit roles do not have to be onerous, we understand that people are not available for every meeting and flexibility is the key to how our teams work. Being a volunteer for Scouting is a hugely fulfilling activity, watching young people grow in skills and confidence whilst they move through the sections is a pleasure.

We look forward to another great year for Scouting, allowing us to enjoy working with the children of the village to give them skills for life and an enjoyable time getting them. With a little bit of extra help from new volunteers we can keep all our sections going strong and even add a new unit to allow us to include reception and year 1 age children in the Scouting experience.

Ben Lambert - Group Scout Leader

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

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023 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

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.



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26th February 2024

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

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ending 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2023 £	2022 £
INCOME					
Income from donations and legacies	2(a)	116,526	21,340	137,866	169,466
Income from trading activities	2(b)	1,233	0	1,233	889
Income from investments	2(c)	986	0	986	334
Church activities	2(d)	8,336	14,596	22,932	21,583
Other incoming resources	2(e)	803	790	1,593	3,277
TOTAL INCOME		127,884	36,726	164,610	195,549
EXPENDITURE					
Church activities	3(a)	133,937	35,129	169,066	193,165
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		133,937	35,129	169,066	193,165
Net (expenditure)/income		(6,053)	1,597	(4,456)	2,384
Gain on revaluation of assets for charity's own use		0	22,134	22,134	21,489
Net movement in funds		(6,053)	23,731	17,678	23,873
Balances b/f 1 January 2023		50,470	742,982	793,452	769,579
Balances c/f 31 December 2023		44,417	766,713	811,130	793,452

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible	5(a)	0	759,932	759,932	737,798
TOTAL		0	759,932	759,932	737,798
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors & prepayments	6	1,928	218	2,146	2,033
CBF Deposit Account		25,683	0	25,683	24,886
Santander Current Account		1,179	886	2,065	4,868
Santander Instant Access Account		14,848	0	14,848	19,678
Barclays Business Saver Account		779	0	779	2,053
Metro Bank Hall Account		0	5,677	5,677	2,136
TOTAL		44,417	6,781	51,198	55,654
TOTAL NET ASSETS		44,417	766,713	811,130	793,452
PARISH FUNDS					
Revaluation of Assets	7	0	759,932	759,932	737,798
General Fund (unrestricted)	7	44,417	0	44,417	50,470
Restricted	7	0	6,781	6,781	5,184
Total		44,417	766,713	811,130	793,452

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 21 February 2024 and signed on its behalf by Rev'd Paul Peverell (PCC Chairman) and Ken Taylor (PCC Treasurer)

Paul Peverell

Ken Taylor

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2023 (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

		Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS	
		funds	funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
2. INCOME					
Income from donations and legacies					
2(a)	Planned giving:				
	Tax efficient giving	74,139	0	74,139	75,689
	Tax recoverable	19,590	651	20,241	21,401
	Other	7,714	0	7,714	9,006
	Loose plate collections	6,510	13,897	20,407	23,663
	Special Appeals (inc Compassion UK)	0	6,792	6,792	7,741
	One-off Grants	780	0	780	4,912
	Donations	7,293	0	7,293	11,554
	Coronavirus Hardship Fund	0	0	0	0
	Legacies	500	0	500	15,500
		116,526	21,340	137,866	169,466
Income from other fundraising activities					
2(b)	Fundraising	1,233	0	1,233	889
		1,233	0	1,233	889
Income from investments					
2(c)	Bank interest	986	0	986	334
Income from Church activities					
2(d)	Church Hall lettings	0	14,596	14,596	11,871
	Fees from weddings and funerals	6,465	0	6,465	7,493
	Church magazine sales	1,276	0	1,276	1,322
	Admin income	41	0	41	241
	Book Sales	554	0	554	656
		8,336	14,596	22,932	21,583
Other incoming resources					
2(e)	All Saints collections & donations	0	635	635	2,434
	Churches Together	0	155	155	150
	Sundry income	803	0	803	693
		803	790	1,593	3,277
TOTAL INCOME		127,884	36,726	164,610	195,549

Of the total income of £164,610 (2022 : £195,549), £127,884 (2022 :£154,246) related to unrestricted funds and £36,726 (2022 : £41,303) related to restricted funds

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2023 (contd)

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	£	£	2023	2022
3. EXPENDITURE	£	£	£	£
3(a) Church activities				
Mission and charitable giving				
Overseas missions & relief agencies	3,000	7,219	10,219	9,667
Home missions & church societies	5,030	3,582	8,612	11,505
Secular charities	0	10,397	10,397	13,626
Education and Development				
Youth expenses	512	0	512	481
Books & resources	2,375	0	2,375	2,686
Church magazine costs	1,463	0	1,463	1,547
Ministry				
Parish offer to Common Fund	91,440	0	91,440	91,440
Clergy operating costs	3,070	0	3,070	4,219
Vicarage costs	2,000	0	2,000	2,747
Service costs	1,306	0	1,306	2,120
Churches Together	0	308	308	143
Church maintenance & running costs				
Electricity and insurance	7,121	0	7,121	6,110
Maintenance & small projects	5,137	0	5,137	5,725
Lighting Project	0	0	0	14,951
Church Hall operating/maintenance costs	0	11,056	11,056	16,141
Salaries and honoraria	8,936	0	8,936	6,273
All Saints operating/maintenance costs	0	2,567	2,567	1,631
Administration expenses	1,176	0	1,176	1,282
Independent Examiner's fee	378	0	378	342
Sundry Expenses	993	0	993	529
	133,937	35,129	169,066	193,165
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	133,937	35,129	169,066	193,165

Of the total expenditure of £169,066 (2022 : £193,165), £133,937 (2022 : £138,189) related to unrestricted funds and £35,129 (2022 : £54,976) related to restricted funds

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2022 (contd)

	2023	2022
	£	£
6 DEBTORS & PREPAYMENTS		
Gift Aid Tax rebate due from December	2,146	2,033
Prepayment and accrued interest	0	0
Other debtors	0	0
	2,146	2,033

7 FUNDS

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

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

Of the balance of the revaluation of assets, £759,932 relates to restricted funds

Fund movements 2023

	General Funds (unrestricted)	Revaluation of Assets	Church Hall	All Saints	Other (restricted)	Total
Balance at 1 January 2023	50,470	737,798	2,136	2,165	883	793,452
Incoming resources	127,884	0	14,596	635	21,495	164,610
Resources expended	133,937	0	11,056	2,567	21,506	169,066
Revaluation	0	22,134	0	0	0	22,134
Balance at 31 December 2023	44,417	759,932	5,676	233	872	811,130

Fund movements 2022

	General Funds (unrestricted)	Revaluation of Assets	Church Hall	All Saints	Other (restricted)	Total
Balance at 1 January 2022	34,413	716,309	6,406	1,362	11,089	769,579
Incoming resources	154,246	0	11,871	2,434	26,998	195,549
Resources expended	138,189	0	16,141	1,631	37,204	193,165
Revaluation	0	21,489	0	0	0	21,489
Balance at 31 December 2022	50,470	737,798	2,136	2,165	883	793,452

Church Hall Accounts 2023

Bank Reconciliation:	
Bank balance as at 1 January 2023	£2,136.11
Add receipts	£14,596.41
Deduct receipts not cleared	£0.00
Deduct payments	£11,055.63
Bank balance at 31 December 2022	£5,676.89

2022		CHURCH HALL ACCOUNTS	2023
£		Receipts	£
6,406.03	Opening balance		2,136.11
1,143.00	200 Club		935.00
225.00	Guides Brownies Rainbows		750.00
337.50	Yoga		112.50
1,749.25	Badminton		1,615.25
718.75	Bradley Dancing		1,973.50
600.00	Dramatic Society		300.00
450.00	Flower Club		525.00
1,193.00	Marwood School		1,528.50
665.00	Funeral Teas		1,000.00
565.00	Scottish Dancing		645.00
987.50	Strictly FiTT		1,155.00
1,820.00	Sundry Rents		2,935.50
500.00	Interest/Transfers/Electricity refunds/Other refunds		569.11
646.00	NY Horizons		34.00
0.00	Spanish Class		87.50
0.00	Marwood PTFA		70.00
271.43	Sundries		360.55
18,277.46	Total Receipts		16,732.52
		Payments	
1,200.00	Electricity		1,200.00
2,158.83	Gas		2,185.26
633.12	Water Rates		377.98
3,374.00	Wages		4,140.63
5,999.40	Repairs/maintenance		1,673.62
1,216.69	Equipment		334.14
575.53	Telephone		589.69
20.00	Licences		40.00
555.94	Sundries		50.00
357.84	Waste Disposal		399.31
50.00	Refunds		50.00
0.00	Post/Stationery		15.00
2,136.11	Closing balance		5,676.89
18,277.46	Total Payments		16,732.52

Christ Church Charitable Giving 2023									
Charity	Tax refund	Donations	Spec Serv	Fundraising	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Gen Funds	Total
Christian Aid		374							374
United Society (restored as USPG)								500	500
Church Mission Society								500	500
Together Middlesbrough & Cleveland								1000	1000
Genesis Project								1000	1000
Childrens Society		20	527.95						548
Children in Distress			548.9						549
Christians Against Poverty								1000	1000
Barnabas Aid		381							381
The Message Trust (Respect ME)								1000	1000
Big Kids (Brambles Farm)								1000	1000
DEC Earthquake Appeal	143.75	1024.65							1168
School Aid India		50						1000	1050
Tear Fund (East Africa Famine Relief)				804.17					804
British Red Cross		630.1							630
RNLI							459		459
Stainton Lodge Care Centre							405		405
Pancreatic Cancer UK							144		144
British Heart Foundation						183	325		508
Yorkshire Cancer Research							258		258
Cancer Research UK							677.41		677
Stroke Association							791		791
Glaucoma UK							387		387
Anglican International Development	218		2844.66						3063

Great North Air Ambulance						593	593
South Cleveland Heart Fund		104.61				719	824
JCUH Charity Sir R O						240	240
JCUH Critical Care unit						285	285
Ward 1, James Cook University Hospital						269	269
Macmillan Cancer Support		169.03				908	1077
Dementia UK						786	786
Alzheimers Society						221.6	222
MS Society						285.2	285
MIND Foundation GmbH						167	167
Daisy Chain				381.65			382
Zoe's Place				135.97			136
Teesside Hospice Care Foundation				170.59			171
Motor Neurone Disease Association				0	415.09		415
Toy Box		200				1000	1200
Young Lives v Cancer (CLIC Sargent)				530.12			530
Anthony Nolan				86.82			87
Help for Heroes					103		103
Middlesbrough Food Bank		1511					1511
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal			323				323
Christian Motorcyclists Association							
CRY- Cardiac risk in the Young						30	30
					197.19		197
Total	361.75	4191.04	4244.64	804.17	1134.56	926.91	8335.43
					8030		28028.5
						Restricted 20598.5	
						Unrestricted 8030	



Charity Auction
Superwoman

Memories of 2023



A Cake fit for a King



And the dog came too



Praying for Jane before she leaves



Harvest Flowers celebrate God's goodness



The bi Annual Memorial Services have always been well attended and appreciated.



Supporting the new Honorary Canon of York Minster



Thank You Jane, for all you shared with us.



A Slender Spire as the sun sets



We will
Remember
Them



The Archbishop authorizes Rosemary
as a Lay Minister



Some of the Christmas Choir praising God



Pews packed tight with over 500+
for the schools Carol Service.

The Parish of Great Ayton with Easby

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 7.30pm

In Christ Church Hall

Meeting of Parishioners

1. Election of Churchwardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last meeting 15th March 2023
3. Matters arising
4. Electoral Roll Report
5. Presentation of Annual Report for 2023
6. Financial Report and Presentation of Audited Accounts for year ended 31st December 2023
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