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PCC as at February 2022

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

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

PCC Members: Robin Harmar, Margaret Lewis & Peter Titchmarsh, Mary Mason, Gill Hendry, Frances Brown, Andrew Prunty, Linda King, Rodney Wildsmith, Iain Wilson..

A Word from the Vicar



The 2020s are proving to be a Decade of changes that we could never have imagined. It started with Covid and Lockdowns. I still can't believe that clergy were actually forbidden to enter their Churches for 3 months and that it would be 18 months before we sang as a congregation again in Church. Those who encourage us to healthy life styles tell us that do anything for 3 months and you have developed a new habit/ routine. We have

certainly seen that as we are still seeing numbers creep back upwards since Covid ended. The litmus test for Church was the restarting of Concerts last year at All Saints and Christ Church with audiences enjoying the experience. The "Conspiracy Theory" of Covid being created in a Lab in Wuhan is now mostly accepted as fact - Batman is innocent after all! What other "facts" will prove to be false.



Last year also saw the magnificent achievement of our beloved Queen celebrating her Platinum Jubilee. The scenes on the Mall of respect and love for her were very moving, and I know from taking our "Queen" on



a visit around the village just how highly Aytonians thought of her. We celebrated in style with a wonderful display in Christ Church and a moving service followed by cake, wine and loyal toast. To hear just a few months later that she had died was a shock, although we all knew the day would come. Her funeral service brought the world together, with it being the biggest viewing audience

worldwide ever. For many of us she has been the only monarch that we can remember, and her example of faithfulness and service commanded huge respect. What would happen when she was gone. That their would be forces unleashed to undermine the monarchy was expected, but the biggest disappointment was seeing the charge led by a member of her own family, but it's not just a family altercation for the monarchy is interwoven throughout British Society and the Commonwealth, holding is together. In an ever changing and challenging world we need unity more than ever before.



On the 24th February we saw war begin in Europe as Russia invaded Ukraine, and that bloody conflict has now claimed hundreds of thousands of lives, destroyed cities and made millions refugees. It's easy to point the finger at President Putin and Russia, and they haven't helped by the manner they have conducted the war, with murder, rape and torture used as weapons, but I guess that if this conflict is like any others, it's likely that this won't be one sided. As with Covid, we need open minds, remembering words of Senator Hiram Johnson in WWI "The first casualty, when war comes, is the truth.

In the midst of these changes and challenges, Christ Church has continued proclaiming God's love, both in word and deed.

We have supported Middlesbrough Foodbank and The Genesis Project at Grove Hill, visited the lonely & housebound, and comforted the bereaved, supported charities and Church organisations with over £34K as well as generous support for the Diocese with £91,440 Freewill Offer. There's been outreach to the young with Little Fishes and Sunday School, and the welcome return to Church Parades of the Uniformed Organisations. Marwood C of E School restarted half termly services in Church in addition to the weekly assemblies taken by myself at school, and it was great to be welcomed back to both Roseberry Academy and Ingleby Greenhow School. Marwood School also celebrated their recent Ofsted Inspection with "Good with Outstanding Qualities", and my thanks to our Foundation Governors - David Fox and Vicky Bradley for their input. Vicky kindly stepped in to be Chair of Governors after I stood down after 27 years in the role.

Attendance at Services has continued to grow on Sundays, although we are not yet back to 2019 levels. However, we are still streaming our Sunday Service on Facebook and Zoom, and have another congregation there. Our Daily Prayer for the Day celebrated 1,000 consecutive days in December, and we have a very faithful Zoom team who lead each weekday following Olwen's musical start to each service. Last year we also formalised Andrew Blair's role as our Organist and Choirmaster and we are delighted to have him with us. Cafe Church also continued to grow, and thanks to Nick and Jane who lead it, and Helen for such a plentiful supply of delicious cakes.



Spiritual life has been nurtured through many groups that have met to study together throughout the year - Discipleship Groups, Lent Groups and the Confirmation Class, and huge thanks to all who lead them. We have also moved ahead respecting the creation with the work of Eco Church, championed by Geoff.



Last year saw 26 Baptism, 7 Weddings 56 Funerals (half of which had services in Church), 7 Confirmed, 153 Easter Attendance, 282 Christmas Eve & Day and a return to good attendances at all our Christmas Carol Services, apart from the Schools Carol Service which had



to be cancelled due to icy roads.

Our Church Hall is also buzzing hosting many community activities, 3 badminton groups, Guiding Groups, Pantos, Plays and lots of parties. Members of the Church are also involved in other Community activities and causes like the Discovery Centre.



In November the community once again gathered in large numbers for Remembrance Sunday, and the display last year was especially poignant with the History Society preparing biographies for all 48 men who lost their lives in the First and Second World Wars. This display attracted much attention as we saw that these were young men with families whose future had been taken away from them. Sadly we learn nothing and Ukrainian and Russian

families will be doing the same.

A good year for Christ Church, so many thanks to the great team who help make it so - our Churchwardens and Church Officers, PCC Members, Leaders of Organisations and Activities, all who assist on Sundays in every ways, our Parish staff who also help out at other Churches - especially Stokesley and Grove Hill - and to all our hidden heroes that come in when no one else is there to clean, tidy and decorate. Thank You all.

Paul Peverell

Vicar

Missing Member

For many years we had nesting tawny owls in the chimney by the car park. Sadly they disappeared in 2022. Perhaps the loss of trees took their cover away.



PCC Secretary Report 2022

The PCC have had quite a busy year. They are a hard working dedicated team and it is a pleasure to know them all. One or two members have stepped down but we have gained some new ones who are just as committed to work together to do their best to keep the Church community moving forward. There is always a good attendance at the meetings.

We have a new Vice Chair in Robin who took over from Rosemary. Mary Mason, as our Safeguarding Officer is very well informed and efficient. She makes sure everything is kept up to date, including PCC Members' training and DBS checks. We had a Safeguarding Sunday where Jane and Mary gave an overview to the congregation of what it takes to ensure we are a safe Church.

The PCC have to make sure the money that the Church receives is spent as wisely but as generously as possible. Our Treasurer, Ken, gives us a report each meeting and explains how the finances are faring. This helps us in our decisions regarding repairs, renewals and our Giving.

We have discussed how best to keep the Services as open as possible to all with the Vicar guiding us we made decisions regarding making the Services as normal as they used to be. We took into consideration the fact that some people are still vulnerable and worried about catching Covid, they should feel safe in Church.

Some families have commitments on a Sunday morning, Nick and Helen have opened a Service on a Sunday afternoon, Cafe church, which is well attended. Sunday School is still open during term times and it's lovely to see the children in Church towards the end of the Service and hear and see what they've been doing.

The team, led by the Vicar had to rally together to decide what to do to support the community regarding the Queen's passing when not long previously to that, we'd been organising the celebrations for her Platinum Jubilee.

When we had the idea of planting some trees at the front of Church, PCC discussed how best to go about it and included other groups such as Little Fishes and Scouts in the process.

The team also discuss any Deanery plans, for example Living Christ's Story. Finding ways to reach people who, for various reasons, feel excluded from Church and all it involves.

Not everyone recognises who the PCC Members are but they are a group of lovely people, doing God's work, looking after Christ Church, All Saints and everyone in them. The churches are in safe hands with this team and our Chairperson, Paul, guiding us. It's a pleasure to be part of it.

Frances Brown

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

1 Present

Rev'd Paul Peverell, (Chair) Ken Taylor, (Treasurer) Iain Wilson, Rosemary Wheway, (Vice Chair) Dr Helen Land, John Dickinson, Mary Mason, Rev'd Geoff Jaques, Peter Titchmarsh, Robin Harmar, Martin Simmons, Dr Vicki Nath, Chris Wildsmith, Rodney Wildsmith, Audrey Prunty, Peter Prunty, Rev'd Jon Dean, Enid Sedgwick, Jonathan Winterschlade, Frances Brown, (Minutes)

2 Welcome – the Vicar welcomed us all with a Prayer and silent Prayer. We said The Lord's Prayer together. We especially remembered the people of Ukraine and prayed for peace.

3 Election Of Churchwardens - Jonny and Helen had filled in nomination forms. Both were elected for a further year. The Vicar thanked them on our behalf for all the hard work they'd done. We welcomed them back into their roles.

4 Apologies accepted from – Mrs Jean Cumbor, Rev'd Jane Robson, Mrs Helen Dickinson, Mrs Viv Winterschlade, Mrs Betty Manton, Mrs Angela Jaques, Mrs Jill Hendry, Mrs Alison Lambert, Mr Ben Lambert, Mrs Pauline Titchmarsh, Dr Nick Land, Mrs Jo Dean, Mrs Margaret Lewis.

5 Minutes of last meeting 17 March 2021 – Proposed Jonny W, Seconder, Ken T. Minutes accepted as a true record.

6 Matters Arising from Minutes – None

7 Electoral Roll Report – Vicki reported that there are currently 214 members on roll.

8 Presentation Of Annual Report For 2021

The Vicar informed us that the previous year hadn't had a lot going on because of lock down so reports were sparse, however, this year with a lot more meetings and events and Church becoming more busy, people made up for it with more detailed reports. It made for a very optimistic document. It showed us there are far more people than we realise involved in the various groups around the Church. Proposed Mrs Mary Mason, Seconder Mr Peter Titchmarsh. Accepted Annual Report 2021 as a true record. The Vicar thanked everyone involved in running things etc. and expressed his hope that things will keep improving.

9 Financial Report And Presentation Of Audited Accounts For Year Ended 31 December 2021

– (Circulated in Annual Report) Paul invited Ken to explain a little about the finances. Ken, sharing the screen, hi-lighted the steady recovery from the lock down. There are more weddings and other Services happening in Church. Planned Giving is slightly down (£5000), Charitable Giving has increased slightly. Regarding General Funds, the income budgeted for and the actual totals almost agree. There was a grant and a legacy so the income is what we expected.

We reviewed our Mission Giving and Free Will to Diocese. We reduced Diocese payment by £3000 and Mission Giving by £2000. There is a list in the Annual Report of all the Christian charities which received help. Reserves are now at £34,000. which has enabled us to keep enough funds in the Church to run for three months, which is the legal requirement. We will review the Giving next year to try to increase payments. We were helped by the government payments and an offer of over £1000 to change banks. Restricted funds now has a balance of £18000.

Geoff asked about the numbers for standing order payments etc. Ken explained there are 142 people and 25 people in the envelope scheme. Ken thanked Helen, Robin, Inez, John and Jean for their help in gathering the amounts. He also thanked members of the Church for their generous giving.

Robin informed us that the Church Hall total is about £3000 more than it would have been but for an insurance claim which hasn't been spent yet. Balance is £6406.

All Saints finances are kept separately from the rest. Currently there is £1,675 *(Couldn't see either screen clearly, is this total correct?)*

Paul thanked Ken for his time and hard work and we showed our appreciation in an applause.

10 The Vicar's Comments – After discussions at previous PCC meetings, Mary Mason was appointed as Safeguarding Officer, taking over from David Fox.

Paul had set up a slide show illustrating the year's events and reports. It was lovely to watch and showed us all the positive things that have started to emerge in 2021, continuing into 2022.

Paul gave thanks to all the Parish staff, we agreed that we are very fortunate to have them. They help in other areas, St Chad's, St Oswald's and at Stokesley. He also thanked the PCC Minute taker, Frances. She is happy to help unless some one more efficient would like to take over the role.

Rosemary has spent a lot of years as Vice Chair, previously she has been Churchwarden. She decided to give the role over to someone else but is happy to continue as a PCC member. Paul presented her with a lovely bouquet of flowers to thank her.

Regarding 'Living Christ's Story' Paul explained about the Deanery Plan, to which John Dickinson is part of the team, to encourage us to be more Christ Like. We are encouraged to grow our numbers and lower our age profile. We are lucky at Christ Church in that we do have young people and families who are involved and play an important part in the Church.

We would like to continue with our generosity in supporting poorer parts of the Diocese and we still have to get our Christian message out there. Paul shared on screen 'Our Deanery Life' We need more help with things that we do well to give a better outcome. In future, we will look at a couple of items at each PCC meeting from the list shared. It will be a challenge for the year.

11 Election of PCC Members – There were 4 nominations as follows:

Iain Wilson – Proposer Rosemary Wheway, Secunder Dr Helen Land

Linda King – Proposer Mary Boyce, Secunder Marina Charlton

Rodney Wildsmith – Proposer Mr Peter Titchmarsh, Secunder Mr Jonathan Winterschladden

Andrew Prunty – Proposer, Jonathan Winterschladden, Secunder Dr Helen Land

Rev'd Geoff Jaques who is now PTO so not formally a member of the PCC was once again co-opted onto it - Nominated by Rev'd Jon Dean

The aforementioned were all duly elected to serve on the PCC

Mr Ken Taylor proposed that we use the company AZETS, Mr John Gresham, to act as the Independent Examiner. The Committee agreed.

12 Any Questions - Jonny took this opportunity to thank Paul on the PCC's behalf for all his hard work and patience in bringing us through the pandemic and throughout the year. His positive and optimistic attitude helped keep everyone's spirit and hope up, even though he was probably experiencing worse events than most of us.

This part of the meeting closed at 8.30pm and we all said The Grace together.

Churchwardens' Report

Since the last AGM we have continued to meet in person for worship at our regular Sunday Services in church at 8am and 9.15am with the services returning to the normal "pre-covid" pattern. 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, Jane Robson and Steve Green. 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.



Our LED lighting project to update and improve the church lighting, and reduce our carbon footprint was completed in February, and this has been very successful in improving the lighting, as well as reducing our electricity costs. Thank you to Robinsons from Knaresborough for carrying this out effectively and with minimum disruption. All lighting in all areas of the church building is now LED. Damp is affecting the south west corner of the church and this is currently being assessed. All the external doors were painted in the summer. In December we were offered a reduced rate to resurface the driveway as the council had some spare hot bitumen. As we were planning to do this, we jumped at this opportunity, saving several thousand pounds! We are continuing with general maintenance, and this year our quinquennial report will be carried out.

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

There is a large group of people working behind the scenes week by week to enable our church to function, and we are very grateful to everybody who helps. This group includes our sidespeople, volunteer cleaners, flower arrangers, and the coffee team. 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 & Jonathan Winterschladen

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND AFFAIRS



2022 was a year which saw the church make further steady progress towards “normal “operation after the effects of the Covid pandemic. Covid restrictions were largely removed and numbers attending the various services returned to near pre-Covid levels.

Our financial position continued to recover with planned giving increasing from £82,385 in 2021 to £84,695 in 2022. We were the fortunate recipients of three legacies totalling £15,500 and general donations to the Church reached the record high of £11,554- this sum included 7 donations of £500 or over. St Oswald’s church in Newton kindly made a donation of £1000 towards our clergy and service costs. In addition, we received grants from the Diocese to support the operating costs of our curate and to assist us with the escalating energy costs. Fees from funerals and weddings also showed an increase over 2022. Overall, our unrestricted income increased from £123,277 in 2021 to £154,246 this year compared to the budget of £131,600- a very satisfactory result

Owing to the loss of we made last year, and the uncertainties surrounding the effects of Covid, we budgeted for a lower Freewill Offer to the Diocese of £91,440 which was paid in full. We also reduced our mission giving from general funds to £8,000 from £10,000 the previous year. The project to upgrade the church lighting system was completed with £2,196 being required from general funds to supplement the fundraising effort. The opportunity was also taken to have the front carpark re-surfaced at a cost of £2,500. Overall, the unrestricted expenditure increased from £131,635 in 2021 to £138,189 this year leaving a surplus for the year of £16,057, a position made possible by the unbudgeted legacies and grants received during the year

We ran several appeals during the year. In March we raised £3,165 to support those suffering from the war in Ukraine. The Christian Aid Week appeal raised £588 whilst in September we raised £1,389 for the victims of the devastating floods in Pakistan. The Christmas Appeal this year was directed towards the Genesis Project which provides relief for people in need, primarily in the disadvantaged areas of Middlesbrough- a total of £2,994 was raised.

Ken Taylor - Hon Treasurer

Safeguarding Report



During my first year as Parish Safeguarding Officer I have worked with the PCC, clergy and the congregation to develop a culture of safeguarding at Christ Church to ensure that everyone is safe. This has involved DBS checks and safeguarding training for all who work with children or vulnerable adults within our parish. In November we raised the profile with Safeguarding Sunday.

It was an enjoyable service which was successful in highlighting what safeguarding is and why it needs to be embedded within the church. Moving forward DBS checks are now to be updated every three years and I will be working to meet the deadline of the end of the year for implementing this change.

I would like to thank everyone for their support and positive attitude to safeguarding. It is very much a team effort.

Mary Mason - Safeguarding Officer

Stokesley Deanery Synod

I am sure that some of the people reading this will not really be aware of the Deanery and its activities. This is something that we are trying to overcome with improved communication but, if you do want to know more, please get in touch with any of the Deanery representatives.

Christ Church Lay Representatives during the year were, and still are, Rosemary Wheway, Nick Land, Ken Taylor and me. The clergy members of Synod are Paul Peverell, Jane Robson, Jon Dean and Geoff Jacques. So our parish has 8 out of 52 Synod members, in addition to which Ken Taylor was appointed Deanery Financial Advisor towards the end of the year. The Synod met four times in February, June, July and October and 2022 has been the year in which we have started things off after the hiatus of the pandemic.

The Deanery ended 2021 facing the challenge of bringing us all together, Living Christ's Story (LCS) and transforming our Church into one that is younger, better equipped and growing. The first half of 2022 was spent preparing our Deanery plan for LCS which was agreed and approved for submission to the Diocese at the July Synod. (Please get in touch if you would like a copy.)

The essence of the plan is that we must get out there and make new Disciples, as Jesus commanded. The only way we will survive as a Church is by offering the Good News to the wider community in such a way that the invitation is attractive and meets their needs, drawing them in.

LCS has three main tracks:

- Leading by prayer and worship – offering as many different options as possible to meet existing and potential needs of our communities;
- Welcoming and nurturing new and existing disciples – reaching out, listening and understanding what those needs are;
- Worshipping God by doing everything as well as we can – using our people, our buildings, skills, other resources, and our money, as effectively as possible.

The common thread throughout the plan is sharing ideas and experiences across the Deanery, finding out what works and multiplying it wherever possible, adapting and learning as we go.

The second half of the year began with us waiting for the Diocesan response to the submitted plan. It was somewhat underwhelming! A little inspiration and enthusiasm would go a long way but, to be fair, they were trying to consolidate the responses from all the Deaneries in the Diocese and prepare for the Diocesan Synod in November. We did meet Bishop Paul and Archdeacon Amanda and have the 'green light' to move forward. Our Deanery is one of the most stable in the Diocese and there are no plans for any reorganisation or major change. So our challenge at the end of 2022 is to mobilise our Church communities into action.

We will be working to build networks addressing different aspects of the LCS plan and using Deanery and Parish events to support those networks. Please get involved as it is the future of our Church that is at stake.



All Saints Eco service, supporting the Deanery Environmental network

John Dickinson

Christ Church Visitors



During the last year we have, sadly, lost several of the people we visit including one who has left the area to be nearer her family. We wish her well!

We currently have 16 Visitors who are in contact with 29 members of the congregation in Care Homes or their own homes and we are, thankfully, able to meet face to face again. Since November 2005, we have been in contact with 180 people who are mostly elderly or housebound. Sometimes we visit for a short time, for instance, following a stay in hospital until someone is able to return to church but often long term friendships are formed to the benefit of both sides.

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

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

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

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

Rosemary Wheway

All Saints Church

As for the whole of the country 2022 was a year of recovery for All Saints and my quiet optimism, expressed at the end of the 2021 Report was largely borne out. The church was open for the full summer season, from April to October, and a range of services and prayer events recommenced.



Highlight of the year was a classical guitar concert, beautifully performed by Jonathan Parkin (see photo). This took place on a balmy July evening during the summer heatwave, enjoyed by an audience of seventy, with wine served outside the church afterwards. In contrast the Candlelit Carol Service went ahead for the first time in three years on a freezing December night, but almost a hundred hardy souls packed the church for an uplifting sing.

Other notable events included the installation of a wooden bench, positioned outside the south chancel wall to allow tranquil repose and reflection looking out over the churchyard, thanks to the generosity of Grace Enderwick; another outdoor Eco Service in July; and an advertised Open Tour of the church on a Saturday morning, conducted by David Taylor.

The only slightly disappointing aspect of the year was the fact that visitor numbers were well down on pre-pandemic levels, though this should not have been a major surprise bearing in mind continuing post-covid caution, the cost of living pressures, and foreign holidays being back on the agenda. Also although we were fortunate to find some new recruits to replace several of our older experienced Guides who were forced to retire owing to declining health, coverage of weekend duties became an issue which needs addressing.

Nevertheless donations from visitors actually increased and together with income from the concert and some unexpected but very welcome charitable donations contributed to a healthy balance sheet, despite having to pay out over £1000 for the Quinquennial Inspection. This finally occurred in October and though we have yet to receive the full report, preliminary indications from the Inspector were that there were no major defects requiring urgent action.

In summary a very positive year and there is no reason to suppose that this will not continue in 2023. One thing I will be keeping an eye on is whether the change from Hambleton District Council to North Yorkshire County Council will have any effect on the maintenance of the churchyard. I am assured that in the short term it will not, but we must wait and see.



Robin Hazell
Custodian

Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF) brf.org.uk



It was good to meet in person again during 2022, for a time of discussion based on **New Daylight** daily Bible reading notes which are published three times a year by BRF. Twelve of us gathered in Christ Church Coffee Lounge in May, July and September to consider some of the topics presented by the various writers in the current editions of the notes and share our thoughts on how

helpful, relevant, enlightening – or not! Their daily writings and comments were for each of us.

Thirty-six people use two separate editions of the publications from BRF – **New Daylight** and **Guidelines** help us to continue to be “*grounded in faith, inspired in hope and led by God’s love.*”

New Daylight is also available as an **App for Android, iPhone and iPad** and as a **Daily email**. Check out their resources at brf.org.uk

Let me know if you would like to place a regular order a paper copy of New Daylight or Guidelines email d.e.sedgwick@talktalk.net

Enid Sedgwick

Prayer Report



Angela, Geoff, Jan, Frances and Enid returned to All Saints Churchyard after the winter months to continue the practice of having a weekly outdoor prayer time together using a simple pattern of prayer devised by former Archbishop, John Sentamu. To be able to meet in the churchyard is a joy but if it happens to be raining we do move our chairs into the church porch!

During the past year as the seasons have progressed through Spring, Summer and Autumn we have continued on into the winter months.

Come and join us any Thursday morning from 9.30 – 10.00am to see if this prayer time is for you.

Little Fishes



Little Fishes has had a fantastic year.

We have the same families attending each week to enjoy our short service followed by crafts, free play, drinks and a snack. We have had approximately 15-20 children attending each week.

We are using a closed Facebook to keep everyone informed of our activities. We encourage new families to attend by advertising

regularly on the community groups online. This year we have put posters up in shops in Great Ayton and Guisborough too.

The service comprises of songs, a story and prayers. Our rota of story tellers are fantastic! We theme a craft to link to the story. We have had some brilliant Bible stories, with puppets, adults dressed up and even a grumpy innkeeper visiting!

It has been such a wonderful year with the children.

The week the children planted poppies in the display outside church springs to mind. As does our final week before Christmas. We had a service with the Nativity story and carols round the piano. We then had a wonderful time playing pass the parcel, again accompanied by Viv on the piano. Then Father Christmas arrived to sing and give everyone a present. We finished with a shared party lunch. The photo shows what a wonderful session this was.

Finally, Little Fishes has been fantastic this year thanks to the help and support of an army of volunteers. We are creating a brilliant team here. If anyone wants to join in you'd be very welcome.

Rosie Lovell

Christingle 2022

It was fantastic to be able to revive the Christingle Service in 2022 – held on 27th November – since we've really missed it during the pandemic over the past two years.



We began on the Saturday by inviting the primary school children, Little Fishes and the nurseries to attend a Christingle making workshop in the Coffee Lounge. A brilliant collection of families arrived, including 33 children and all 100 Christingles were assembled in under an hour. Supported by drinks, cake and the occasional stray sweet, the atmosphere was fun and highly productive.

The following afternoon the service surpassed all expectations: 188 people arrived at Church and a rich variety of music, prayer and performance made for a lovely start to the season of Advent. So many parents remarked that this had restored a vital element to their preparation for Christmas. We also raised over £400 for The Children's Society. Thank you to Karen, Paul, Vicki, David and especially Ali for organising us all. We hope the traditions continue for many years to come!

David Fox

Walking Group

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



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

Angela Jaques

Christ Church Choir



Following the Covid related disruption to church and choir activities during the previous two years, 2022 was a year of relative calm with services at Christ Church returning to a regular pattern.

The choir has been “on duty” for all of our Sunday services, aside from its 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 Tudor motets to the contemporary, a number of which were new to the choir’s repertoire.

In November we welcomed visiting singers and guest director Richard Bendelow for an uplifting service of Choral Evensong to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Ralph Vaughan Williams. The service, which featured music written or arranged by Vaughan Williams, drew a good congregation from Great Ayton and further afield and we hope to be able to arrange similar such events in future.

Other highlights of 2022 were the confirmation service together with our annual Remembrance Sunday commemorations and carol services at Christ Church and St Oswald’s. As ever, we were delighted to be joined by former choir members and friends for our services over the festive period. These included a familiar young face in guest treble soloist Harry, who sang the first verse of Once in Royal David’s City at the Christ Church carol service. Well done Harry!

Many thanks to all of our singers who give so generously of their time and talent in enhancing our worship through music, and for making practices good humoured as well as productive. Special thanks to Olwen Cameron and Viv Winterschladen for their playing during 2022. Olwen has again been an almost constant presence providing piano music at the online “Prayer for the Day” and also directed the choir for the St Oswald’s carol service, which was greatly appreciated by the congregation at Newton. Viv was also busy

in the run up to Christmas and played for the ever-popular Christingle and Crib services. It was also good to welcome back former Choirmaster Michael Aisbitt for a guest appearance at the organ earlier in the year.

I am particularly 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. We are also indebted to Paul, the Ministry Team, PCC and parish at large for all your encouragement and 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 2022

We have decorated for an additional festival this year with the Queens 70th year on the throne. The theme was red white and blue with each window depicting 10yrs of her reign. Many thanks to everyone who supplied us with memorabilia.



For Easter we used yellow and white flowers with a cross beside the arrangement. Eleven of the arrangements were sponsored.

At Harvest we used a pumpkin as the container with autumn coloured flowers and foliage. We do think that

Christmas arrangements we used sledges with gold and red flowers and berries with a gold star. We made 17 arrangements in all. Linda Monaghan helped us again with the altar flowers, thank you Linda. Thank you to all our helpers for the garlands again.



The Memory tree was up for the start of Advent. Thank you again for the putting up and taking down it is much appreciated.



This year has seen Pauline Titchmarsh stand down from the Guild. In 1996 at a meeting at 1 Addison Road, Pauline was welcomed into the Guild by Mrs E Davison. Thank you Pauline for your many years of service.

We hope that you have enjoyed how the church has been decorated during these festivals and that you take as much enjoyment from them as we do making them.

•Marina Charlton

Christ Church Annual Cleaning Report

Looking back over 2022 it proved quite a difficult year to manage to put a rota together that wasn't too onerous for the Volunteers we had. We didn't wish to frighten them off by asking them to clean more than 6 times a year and so we had to make a few changes in order to maintain the regular cleaning of the Church. At the start of the year we realised quite a few of our regular cleaners did not wish to return after the break we all had during Covid. Can we thank you again for all the support you gave us over many years. In order to try and get new Volunteers, we advertised for help to keep our Church clean by putting posters up around the village and in local shops. We thought that perhaps some of the people of Great Ayton who only use the Church occasionally may come to our rescue. However, this did not work as we didn't get much response, which was quite disappointing. We also tried FaceBook and various other ways to get Volunteers without much success.

A rethink was needed. We decided that perhaps we could reduce the cleaning times to fortnightly rather than weekly. We had nothing to lose in giving this a try for the second half of the year. I am very glad to say this worked and we found that the Church was as clean as always, or at least nobody complained. So we will move forward into 2023 using the same system. Later in 2022 a few more Volunteers came forward and I'd like to thank those people as they have made a big difference to making the job of sorting the rota out much easier and keeping our beautiful Church super clean.

The added bonus of more Volunteers coming forward and only cleaning fortnightly is, everyone on the rota only needs to clean the Church twice a year in 2023. A big thank you goes out to all our present day cleaners for their support and those who've helped in the past. I do hope you'll all support us with the big "Annual Spring Clean".

Irene Reah



Christ Church Annual Spring Clean



Friday 17th March - from 4.00pm

Saturday 18th March - from 9.00am

PLEASE COME AND HELP!

Refreshments provided

Christ Church Hall



This year it is a pleasure to see the church hall, once again, being used at pre covid levels. Thank you to everyone who makes use of the hall and coffee lounge either on a regular basis or for one off events, we appreciate your support. The 200 club is a real asset to the hall, thank you Julie and Karen for running it so efficiently and to all of you that take part, we would though always welcome more participants! Of course the hall couldn't operate without the staff running it, so thank you Mandy, our church secretary, for organising all the bookings and looking after the financial side of things so efficiently. Thank you Anne for keeping the premises so clean and tidy and to Phil for turning his hand to many jobs that constantly crop up. What a great team all three of you make.

On the equipment side we have made two significant purchases, first an electronic screen was installed for presentations, just in front of the stage in the main hall, thank you Jamie for installing it. Later in the year we replaced the water boiler in the coffee lounge, it had become very temperamental, but then after 21 years' service could we expect much more? In addition we have also installed a water butt by the side of the hall for those wanting to water the new trees or pots in front of the church.

When it comes to maintenance we had what could easily have been a nasty incident when a sound baffle panel fell off the ceiling of the coffee lounge while the lounge was in use. Fortunately no one was hurt and the panels have now been securely screwed to the ceiling to prevent a reoccurrence. We decided it was time to ensure all our lights are LED, we think they are now, unless of course you find one we missed! The passages were painted in the summer, the first time since the renovation project in 2018, thank you Tony and Phil for undertaking the painting. A large branch of the tree at the back of the hall was removed as it overhung the flat roof, blocking drains from time to time. Finally a new light has been installed at the front entrance to the coffee lounge, this should enable the last person leaving the building for the car park to walk in the light rather than complete darkness.

Should anyone have any suggestions on how we can improve things for those that use the hall then please do let me know.

Robin Harmar - Hall Manager

Middlesbrough Foodbank and Genesis Project

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 were 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 foodbank (see their website for details), or via the church to pass on.

Over the past year we have been privileged to develop an increasing relationship with the Genesis Project based at St Oswalds and St Chads 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.

Rev Kath Dean (who leads the project) and some of the volunteers often join us on Prayer for the Day. Christ Church helps the project by providing Trustees, volunteers and financial support. This years Christmas collection went to Genesis. Staff from Christ Church also support St Oswalds and St Chads by leading services.

Helen Land

Sunday Morning Coffee

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

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

Helen Land

ECO Church

This year has seen a significant level of collaboration across different groups – the Deanery Environment Network, the Diocesan Rural Life and Faith Group and the local Climate Action Stokesley and Villages.

It was great to see over 60 people turn out for our **April** evening organised jointly by the *Deanery Environment Network* and *Climate Action Stokesley and Villages* in Stokesley Town Hall. We heard an excellent overview from our main speaker Howard Petch CBE, former Principal of Bishop Burton College. He was ably supported by local farmers Robert Campbell MBE former Chairman of the national organisation LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming) and David Hugill. They were joined on the Panel by Margaret Price who chairs the *Diocese Rural Faith and Life Group*. It was encouraging to hear their answers to a wide range of questions and particularly encouraging that the different groups (consumers, farmers, churches and wildlifers) were all 'on the same page' seeking a balanced way forward.

In June we organised a stall with 'Climate Action Stokesley & Villages' at the village fete to promote 'Caring for Creation' which attracted a wide variety of interest from people of all ages.

In **October** we participated in the zoom conference 'Feeding Britain' organised by the *York Diocese 'Rural Life and Faith'* group featuring key note speaker Emeritus Professor Tim Lang.

Archdeacon Amanda preached at our second annual Bluebell Service on the first Sunday of **May**. We held our annual Eco Church service in the beautiful setting of All Saints Churchyard in **July**. We were delighted that friends from both St. Margaret's and the Methodist Church joined Christ Church in worship – the latter have subsequently started their own Eco Church programme. We even had some people join us who were just enjoying the churchyard. The intercessions were led powerfully by four of our young children and Little Fishes provided pictures of animals to show us what they wanted us grownups to look after. We prayed a prayer of commitment to doing our part to look after God's creation. Members of Christ Church Eco Group shared changes that they had made to give everyone some ideas of what they could do. Everyone went home with some more suggestions of Just One Thing that we can do; and a Cheeky Panda bamboo toilet roll as a reminder of what we had promised!

Also in **July**, 3 flowering cherry trees were planted in front of the Church Hall to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Earlier in the year we'd transplanted several groups of snowdrop bulbs.



You'll read elsewhere about the LED lighting project which marked another step in reducing our Carbon Footprint.

We are hopeful that after a couple more steps we'll become only the 3rd church in the diocese to achieve the Silver Eco Church Award in 2023!

Geoff Jaques

Cafe Church



Over the last 12 months Café Church has continued to develop and grow. We have continued to meet on the second and fourth Sunday of every month, starting with LOTS of cakes, coffee and chat. Then we have informal worship in the Church Hall, followed by bible teaching and discussion for the adults, and nibbles and something special for the children.

At the start of the year Revd Jane and Nick and Helen Land continued to lead the services. After some seasonal themed sessions and a special session on stress and anxiety we looked at some of The Bible Project videos on topics such as Hope, Joy, Love and Generosity. In the autumn term we began to look through the Gospel of Mark systematically, only making it to the second chapter in December! This has led to some really good discussions, taking many of us to some really deep places and helping us to grow in our faith as well as helping us to understand the story Mark was trying to tell.

In September Stephen Green re-joined the team, allowing us to have live worship once more. Dancing and noisy instruments have been enjoyed by (almost) everyone and we have been able to learn some new songs. The short informal worship continues to be fully All Age with an interactive prayer activity as well as songs, a bible reading and some written prayers.

Some of the older children were getting less enthusiastic about Helen's videos so in September we introduced a bible discussion for those aged 8-11. They have enjoyed this and they also are growing in understanding and faith.

Attendance is increasing, with 10-14 children and 15-24 adults coming along each fortnight. It has been great to welcome people of all ages, including those from other churches in Great Ayton and Stokesley and further afield.



Thank you to Helen, Ismay and others for the cakes, of which there have been a wide variety, even some healthy and gluten free ones! And a special thank you to those who have helped Helen and Steve to provide a quality time for the children whilst the adults played!

Jane Robson
Nick Land
Stephen Green

Sunday School

We meet every Sunday during term time school except for the 2nd Sunday. We have about 18 children on the register with varied attendance. Activities are available from 9am for early arrivals. We start with a service. The children take turns lighting the altar candles, we change the colour of the cloth as in Church to teach the children about Church colours and seasons. The service continues with our weekly story, prayers, the peace and singing. David Fox has shared teaching the story 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 and sang at the Christingle service which restarted on Advent Sunday to prepare for the crib service mid-November. We had 16 children take part in the Crib Service and it is always a highlight of the year. The



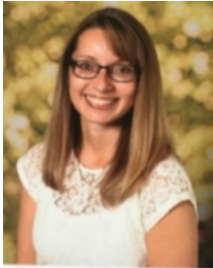
children did so well and a big thank you to Mrs Winterschladen for accompanying on piano.

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.

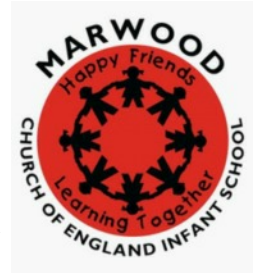
Karen Peverell

Marwood Church of England Voluntary Controlled Infant School

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



Marwood continues to thrive, with much to celebrate over the year. The School very much lives out its Vision and responds to neighbours in need. As a result, it has been nick-named 'Mighty Marwood' by members of the York Diocese Education Team!



Developing a Global Conscience

Everyone at Marwood was thrilled to be awarded the Christian Aid Global Neighbours (CAGN) Bronze Award in March last year.



By adopting an outward perspective, the school has focussed on helping others in the local and global community. In February, Marwood School led community action which exceeded expectations in support of the Ukraine Appeal. A total of **six** van loads of humanitarian aid were collected and sent to distribution sites - a testament to the generosity of the local people and the school community.

Climate Justice



Marwood were approached by Christian Aid as one of six schools to be called to action for climate justice. Year 2 children worked with a professional artist to create a piece of artwork which was made into a postcard and used to send messages to the then chancellor - Rishi Sunak. The Year 2 children made their own climate pledges and learnt about the impact climate change was having on global neighbours. The result was a beautiful piece of artwork

with the postcards being used Nationally by Christian Aid.

Trinity Group



The Trinity Group, a children's focus group facilitated by one of the Foundation Governors, has also focussed on spirituality and developing an awareness of local and global challenges. The Ukraine Appeal, Climate Justice and Foodbanks were some of the topical issues explored in their meetings. The school is now enrolled for the CAGN Silver Award and focuses on the issues of Fairtrade and Climate Change. The school was delighted to have been chosen by the Co-op to be one of their charitable causes.

Outdoors in 'The Sacred Place', they plant, dig and prune and promote spiritual use of the area with handmade spiritual prompts giving the children the opportunity for peace and calmness in the playground.

The children have responsibility for regularly refreshing the spiritual areas in school such as the prayer chair in the collective worship space but also encouraging the children to lead in prayer and collective worship.

Annual Diocesan Conference

In June 2022, Marwood was overjoyed that due to the global work by the school, they were asked to deliver pupil-led collective worship at the Annual Diocesan Conference in York based on 'A Community of Hope'. The feedback about the



children was highly positive and reflective of the hard work and effort that went into the preparation for the event by the children, parents and staff. The highlight being a personal thank you from the Archbishop of York. There were numerous comments and correspondence after the event surrounding the behaviour and standard of their delivery, especially for children of such a young age.

Board of Governor Changes

Finally, after 27 years as Chairman of the Board of Governors, Rev. Peverell stepped back this October. Rev. Peverell has worked alongside many headteachers and staff in his time as Chair of the Governing Body and has been a vital source of support and guidance to all. Known affectionately as Rev. Pev. by the children, he remains on the governing body as Foundation Governor and continues to be a regular visitor in school, delivering Collective worship every Friday, always there for help advice. The governors and staff, past and present, joined Paul in celebrating his 27 years in September. We also welcomed Dr Jonathan Grimbley as Local Authority governor and Mrs Helen Berriman as parent governor to the board and have already exercising their governor responsibilities with enthusiasm.



Reverend Peverell with Headteachers past and present
(left to right) Celia Wilson, Rev. Paul Peverell, Viv Smith and Dorothy Walton
(present Headteacher)

Performance

Attendance and academic performance remain high. The staff have worked very hard to embed the new phonics programme into the curriculum and this is already having a positive impact and assisting with some of the interventions required after the pandemic. The curriculum continues to engage and excite the children, embedding our Christian values and encouraging a love of learning.

PTFA

The PTFA is very active and despite the cost of living crisis is able to fund several activities for the children during the year, the highlight being a trip to see a performance of The Snow Queen in December at The Arc in Stockton. The children also enjoyed a Christmas Bedtime story event hosted by Dorothy Walton (Headteacher) and run by parent volunteers.

All Saints

The churchyard and church at All Saints continue to be very well used by the school, for Science, History and Art with activities including nature walks, sowing bee bombs and learning to spot wild flowers. The PTFA also hosted a new parents gathering as their children took their first exciting steps at Marwood in the Summer Term.

Nativity Play

This year was the full return of the wonderful nativity play: 2022's extravaganza was 'The Hoity-Toity Angel' which took place over two dramatic and extremely vivacious performances which delighted the audience. As ever, the costumes, music and level of performance belied the Infant status of the school and left some tremendous memories.

Harvest Festival

A very well attended Harvest took place in Christ Church with music and readings led by the children: it was heart-warming to welcome back parents to these occasions and lusty renditions of many songs – with particular mention of 'Cauliflowers Fluffy' – were enjoyed by all.

Christingle

An excellent example of how well Marwood and Christ Church interact was seen this year in the Christingle Service: after many years of wonderful service to the event, the team of leaders passed the mantle on to Ali Prunty whose team, guided by Karen and Vicki, decided to involve the school and indeed the village children in the event more fully. Hence invitations were sent out, and a Christingle-making afternoon took place in the coffee lounge with 34 children attending, the majority

from Marwood. The 100 Christingles were assembled in about 50 minutes and all the families returned to Church for the Sunday evening service. 188 people attended and we hope that the link between the schools and the church continues in a new and very exciting tradition.

Dorothy Walton
David Fox
Vicky Bradley

World Day of Prayer



Planning for the 2022 World Day of Prayer started in January when representatives from the four denominations in the village met together. The service takes place on the same day, the first Friday in March each year all over the world. It is a joining together to share in fellowship and praise.

On Friday 4th March over 40 people came to the Friends' Meeting House to celebrate the annual Day of Prayer. This year the service was prepared by women in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The theme was "I know the plans I have for you". Packets of seeds were handed out, representing a sign of potential and hope.

After a prayer for the people of Ukraine was read, five minutes silence was held to hold all involved in conflict in our hearts. Women from all churches in the village took part in bible readings, prayers and a time of reflection, including Lucie Swales from our church.

Olwen Cameron provided the music for hymns and songs of praise which everyone could join in in person this year. Many thanks to her for this contribution.

During the service seven candles were lit, showing light as a beacon of hope in the world. A bright, colourful collage depicting symbols and pictures of England, Wales and Northern Ireland together with a globe and maps remind us that on this day many people around the world come together to pray for hope for the future according to God's plans.



Refreshments followed a time of thanksgiving, reflection, prayer and praise. It was really good to be back together in fellowship again.

Please do feel free to join us this year on Friday 3rd March 2023 for an inspiring World Day of Prayer celebrated at Great Ayton Methodist Church at 10.30am.

Angela Jaques

Discipleship Group



Two BRF books ‘Sharing the Easter Story’ and ‘Sharing the Christmas Story’ have provided the study material for 2 of our groups; one meeting on Wednesday afternoons (at Rosemary’s home in Lent and the Coffee Lounge in the autumn) and the other in Great Ayton Discovery Centre

on Thursday evenings. I’m sure the BRF appreciated selling 20+ copies of each book through us! They provided a great launch pad for our discussions which frequently went off in a variety of directions, enabling us to build both faith and fellowship. Jane, Jon, Margaret & Geoff have guided the groups.

Our Sunday evening zoom group has continued exploring the life of Moses through the books Exodus, Numbers & Deuteronomy. In June we enjoyed a BBQ at Anna’s farm, a great opportunity to welcome back Steve and Ismay. At the moment we are exploring the Epistle of James.

One of the Big Church Read books is “How to Pray” by Pete Greig – designed for group work with a short introductory video for each couple of chapters. Helen’s group have got a lot out of it so we’re planning to use that in our other groups this Lent, probably following up later in the year with “how to hear God” also by Pete.



It’s been great learning alongside 30 members of our church during the year – we look forward to others joining us in 2023.

Geoff Jaques

Online – Facebook & Zoom



Amazingly we had our 1000th daily service live on Facebook in December!

Since the end of March 2020, each weekday at 8:45am we have broadcast a 15 minute Prayer for the Day led by Paul and Jane, with music by Olwen and talks, psalms and prayers led by a wide range of people on zoom from within Ayton and beyond – including participants in Stokesley, Ingleby Barwick, Grove Hill, Whitby and all the way from New Zealand!

Not surprisingly daily numbers were much higher in 2020 than in the past year, but if you compare numbers who joined for more than a minute across the three months of December: 2020 averaged 39, in 2021 down to 21 and 2022 an incredible 18! In just the 6 days after Christmas, 21 different people made themselves known on our Prayer for the Day Facebook videos either by a comment or a 'like', mainly from the village but stretching all the way down to the south coast.

Our Sunday Services in December attracted around 30 people with 40 for Midnight Mass and 69 for the Carol Service. Numbers from Social Media sources can be deceptively high, hence rather than quoting the hundreds and thousands that are “reached” we restrict our count to those who were with us for at least a minute.

Facebook is a great place to alert people to recent deaths and upcoming funerals as well as Food Bank alerts and other events. Such posts regularly reach 3000 with 1000+ engagements. An excellent community service.

Geoff Jaques



Spire

It was back in 1992 when my processor, Revd Peter Jones, thought we should have a Church Magazine, so a few A4 pages were printed and stapled together. Malcolm Race, a retired journalist from the Gazette saw it, and thought it could be improved – so got the job! Initially Joan Rowland ran it off on the photocopier, and gradually the format changed and it went to colour printing at Quoin Publishing. From the beginning Jean Goat has organised the distribution in the village and dropped off free copies to cafes, Library/Discovery Centre, and until Covid – at the Health Centre. Some local businesses have also helped sell it.

In February 2003 I experimented with a pdf electronic version, and over the years that has grown in both number and reach, and eventually both paper and electronic copies combined. We regularly send 340+ copies out each month, plus 200+ paper copies, and the magazine is also available on the Church website and via Facebook.

We deliberately feature some village news as well to encourage people to read what's on in Church and bring things together. The Register page is always appreciated, and the brides and grooms feature in colour photos.

Spire goes to many former Aytonians across the world keeping them in touch with home.

My thanks to the most faithful contributor still, our first Editor, Malcolm Race, who never fails to send in a page.

Paul Peverell, Editor



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Great Ayton District Guides



Girlguiding in Great Ayton District bounced back to normal with a very busy summer for all six units and the Trefoil Guild. The first whole district outing since the pandemic was celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at a Division campfire. This promptly followed with a trip to Beamish Museum on a very hot Saturday in July where ice cream was essential! Every Brownie and Guide unit also enjoyed at least one residential trip this year.



Thanks to some very generous donations we purchased new camping equipment which we showcased to the Freemasons of Ayton Lodge, Great Ayton Trefoil Guild and Jo Ropner, Lord Lieutenant for North Yorkshire during the Guides practice pitching on the High Green.

On behalf of all members of Girlguiding in Great Ayton we laid flowers and wrote in the book of condolences for the passing of the Queen. Our young members have earned many badges including Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. The past year we have also celebrated our amazing leaders with many surprise awards, without their dedication and commitment our unit meetings, trips and attendance at village events would not happen. Thank you to everybody that has supported us over the past year.





Rebecca Storey - Great Ayton District Commissioner

2nd Great Ayton Rainbows

It has been fantastic to be able to deliver 'normal' guiding in 2022- getting back to good guiding fun.

We had our Thinking Day fun afternoon in Eaglescliffe where girls from all sections enjoyed various activities

We decorated our own egg cups at Buttercups pottery and also managed to do our Egg Rolling up at Gribdale, this is very definite a firm favourite on the calendar.

On a lovely sunny afternoon the rainbows all walked from Newton Under Roseberry to see the bluebells



As it was the Jubilee year – we completed the Jubilee Challenge pack and had a very special visitor to the unit. We also celebrated with a Division Campfire up at Comondale on the evening the beacons were being lit across the country.



We have been working very hard with our badges – Both Bella & Sophie achieved their Bronze & Silver awards before the summer term, Sophie completing her GOLD award just as she moved up to Brownies. We presented the Silver awards on our end of term trip to the beach in Saltburn.

It was a delight to also see Rebecca & Neave (Brownie Leader) presented with their Chief Commissioner Award in July by our region Chief Guide Linda Grant, for all the work they have done with the challenge badges in the region.

At the end of term – a number of very excited rainbows joined the district trip to Beamish – it was a lovely warm day and the girls had a fabulous day out.

In September we did some activities around healthy living and had a fun trip to the Lifeboat Station In Redcar

We completed the 12 days of Christmas challenge – one activity being making a Christmas card which were delivered to the residents of Church Close.



The term ended with a Christmas party for everyone.

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

1st Great Ayton Brownies

Looking back over 2022 – we have certainly been busy and we have had on average over 24 girls attending every week.



We painted egg cups at Buttercups too and then had tremendous fun rolling boiled eggs down the hill at Gribdale.

After Easter we began the planning for our much awaited pack holiday – as

it was the week after the Queens Jubilee we made that our theme, earned a jubilee badge and had a fantastic afternoon tea with scones made by the girls. The sun

shone all weekend and we had an amazing time. Quite a few girls also attended the Division Campfire on the night of the Jubilee Beacons



In June we made crisp packet blankets – these are washed and ironed onto plastic and handed out to the homeless to keep them warm. Many have been sent to the Ukraine

Most of the girls also attended the district day trip to Beamish – we managed to get down the mine and visit all the shops and of course an ice cream – it was a hot day.

We started the Autumn term looking at people who help us.

We had a visit from Guide Dogs for the Blind (no Dog!) who challenged the girls to complete activities wearing glasses as if they had a visual impairment one of which was to butter a slice of bread and put jam on it blindfold– if you haven't ever tried it – you will realise it is much

harder than you think

We visited Stokesley Fire Station, had a good look round the fire engine and had fun doing some games - and just before the end was great excitement as there was an actual 999 call out.

The following week was a really fun night at the RNLI lifeboat station in Redcar learning all about water safety and what happens when the lifeboat is called out. Lucy was challenged to dress up in the crew gear in under a minute.



We had a brilliant turnout for Remembrance Sunday. Brownies also completed the Christmas challenge badge – had a very messy night making bird feeders.

Brownies were tasked with delivering the xmas cards which finished with getting chips from Aytons and hot chocolate on the High Green.

Christine, Tracey, Lucy & Neave

Guides



We've had another busy year at Guides this year with have done lots of badges games and crafts, a day trip to Beamish and a campfire with singalong to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, the girls loved doing the Jubilee challenge badge. We also had a cookout at the beach, where four of our girls Charlotte, Magda, Claudia, and Eliza gained their bronze awards.

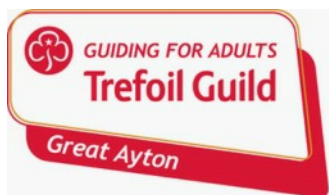
Six of our guides took part in the Poacher 2022 camp for a week of fun and activities. The girls that went had an amazing time doing things they wouldn't normally do, i.e. zip wire, clay pigeon shooting, scuba-diving, circus skills, Zorbing, inflatables, ice and rollerskating, crafts and much much more.

The guides have also taken part in harvest and remembrance parades and did shoeboxes for love in a box. Just before Christmas Charlotte and Lois, gained their silver awards.

We took the Guides to the village panto just before Christmas, where they had a good laugh at me being the maid, but I had a little trick up my sleeve... we surprised Sally and Hannah on stage with their gold awards. Well done to all the girls that have achieved awards this year, you have all worked really hard.



Sarah Brown
Zoe Ieng
Jess Hume



Great Ayton Trefoil Guild



Great Ayton Trefoil Guild meet at Yatton House every 2nd Monday in the month unless we are out eating somewhere which happens quite often! In January we have our Annual Meeting in the Buck. We have good contact and help if needed with the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows units.

Over the last year we celebrated the Queen's Jubilee and Betty Breckon's 80th Birthday, had a BBQ in a member's Garden and enjoyed our Christmas meeting at the Whinstone View Bistro. We have 13 members at present and are always happy to welcome anyone to our meetings.

Sue Patterson

Chair Great Ayton Trefoil Guild

Whilst the Trefoil Guild are not technically a Church Organisation and don't meet here, they are part of Guiding in Great Ayton and may have been former Leaders or members here, so we include this for completeness.

Scouting in Great Ayton

2022 was a good year for Scouting in Great Ayton, our numbers have improved and the young members have had a great time learning and playing in the movement.



We started the year with a colony of 15 Beavers, which has been maintained through the year. The Beavers have worked on lots of badges and had fun doing it. In May, our Beaver leaders Ruth and Alison Dumphy-Brook stepped back from the roles due to work commitments, we extend our thanks to them for the work they did. At that point,

Ben and Alison Lambert stepped in to keep Beavers running whilst new leaders were recruited. We are glad to say that Pete and Janet have stepped in and are currently undergoing their training to take over.

Beavers didn't manage to have a night away in 2022, unfortunately the way things went made it a little too complicated for that. We are hoping to run one this year though.

Cubs started the year with a full pack, and we have maintained that for the entire year. We have seen lots of Cubs go off to Scouts, and lots more come in from Beavers or from the waiting list. We managed to have two Cub camps in 2022, the main one was the County Cub Camp at Pateley Bridge over Jubilee weekend, where the Cubs got to spend four fantastic days doing as many activities as they could – grass sledging remains a favourite. We camped with two other Cub packs from North Hambleton District and it all went smoothly from an adult perspective too.



We also fitted in a small, two night camp in May for some of the Cubs who were unable to go to the County camp. We had a good time doing activities on site at Ravengill Scout site, and managed to spend a day in Whitby (where the sweet shops were, as always, a great hit with the Cubs).

Nearly all of the Cubs who have left over the year went up to Scouts, and we're pleased to say that the majority of them managed to get their top award, the Chief Scout's Silver award.

Scouts has grown in strength greatly over the year. We started with only a handful of Scouts, and now have 13, with more joining over the next few months. We have seen a few Scouts leave, with around half of them moving up to Explorers. We are proud to report that we have handed out several Chief Scout's Gold awards to Scouts as well.



In September, the Scouts went to Ignite 2022, the County Scout camp. This was a weekend of activities, with evening entertainment such as live music, cinema and fire juggling acts to watch, an evening disco on one night and lots of food. The Scouts had free reign of the activities field and could choose whatever they wanted to do – it was a brilliant weekend for both the Scouts and the leaders.

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.

Finally, we need to make our usual plea, although we are still doing well we need more volunteers. Ben is currently running three units – although he should be able to step back from Beavers over the next few months – as well as being Group Scout leader, and it is starting to take a toll on him. Ideally we need at least one more leader for each unit, two for Scouts, and the executive committee always needs volunteers, including 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 full time, we understand that people are not available for every meeting. 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.

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 2022 which are set out on the following 7 pages.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that there are no other material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act;
or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records ; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ending 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2022 £	2021 £
INCOME					
Income from donations and legacies	2(a)	142,658	26,808	169,466	139,493
Income from trading activities	2(b)	849	40	889	4,100
Income from investments	2(c)	334	0	334	15
Church activities	2(d)	9,712	11,871	21,583	25,952
Other incoming resources	2(e)	693	2,584	3,277	2,220
TOTAL INCOME		154,246	41,303	195,549	171,780
EXPENDITURE					
Church activities	3(a)	138,189	54,976	193,165	169,496
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		138,189	54,976	193,165	169,496
Net (expenditure)/income		16,057	(13,673)	2,384	2,284
Gain on revaluation of assets for charity's own use		0	21,489	21,489	20,863
Net movement in funds		16,057	7,816	23,873	23,147
Balances b/f 1 January 2022		34,413	735,166	769,579	746,432
Balances c/f 31 December 2022		50,470	742,982	793,452	769,579

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible	5(a)	0	737,798	737,798	716,309
TOTAL		0	737,798	737,798	716,309

CURRENT ASSETS

Debtors & prepayments	6	1,729	304	2,033	2,461
CBF Deposit Account		24,886	0	24,886	24,562
Santander Current Account		2,124	2,744	4,868	7,319
Santander Instant Access Account		19,678	0	19,678	10,669
Barclays Business Saver Account		2,053	0	2,053	1,850
Barclays Community Account- CLOSED		0	0	0	3
Metro Bank Hall Account		0	2,136	2,136	6,406
TOTAL		50,470	5,184	55,654	53,270

TOTAL NET ASSETS

50,470	742,982	793,452	769,579
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PARISH FUNDS

Revaluation of Assets	7	0	737,798	737,798	716,309
General Fund (unrestricted)	7	50,470	0	50,470	34,413
Restricted	7	0	5,184	5,184	18,857
Total		50,470	742,982	793,452	769,579

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 16 February 2023 and signed on its behalf by Rev'd Paul Peverell (PCC Chairman) and Ken Taylor (PCC Treasurer)

Paul Peverell

Ken Taylor



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. INCOME	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		TOTAL FUNDS	
	2022		2021			
	£		£		£	£
Income from donations and legacies						
2(a) Planned giving: Tax efficient giving	75,689		0		75,689	73,138
Tax recoverable	20,337	1,064			21,401	21,142
Other	9,006		0		9,006	9,247
Loose plate collections	5,660	18,003			23,663	15,555
Special Appeals (Inc Compassion UK)	0	7,741			7,741	7,579
One-off Grants	4,912		0		4,912	6,044
Donations	11,554		0		11,554	7,778
Coronavirus Hardship Fund	0		0		0	-1,990
Legacies	15,500		0		15,500	1,000
	142,658	26,808			169,466	139,493
Income from other fundraising activities						
2(b) Fundraising	849		40		889	4,100
	849		40		889	4,100
Income from Investments						
2(c) Bank interest	334		0		334	15
Income from Church activities						
2(d) Church Hall lettings	0	11,871			11,871	17,639
Fees from weddings and funerals	7,493		0		7,493	6,658
Church magazine sales	1,322		0		1,322	1,193
Admin Income	241		0		241	31
Book Sales	656		0		656	431
	9,712	11,871			21,583	25,952
Other incoming resources						
2(e) All Saints collections & donations	0	2,434			2,434	1,631
Churches Together	0	150			150	150
Sundry Income	693		0		693	439
	693	2,584			3,277	2,220
TOTAL INCOME	154,246	41,303			195,549	171,780

Of the total income of £195,549 (2021 : £171,780), £154,246 (2021 : £123,277) related to unrestricted funds and £41,303 (2021 : £48,503) related to restricted funds

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	£	£	2022	2021
3. EXPENDITURE	£	£	£	£
3(a) Church activities				
Mission and charitable giving				
Overseas missions & relief agencies	3,000	6,667	9,667	11,466
Home missions & church societies	5,000	6,505	11,505	9,753
Secular charities	0	13,626	13,626	9,771
Payments from Hardship Fund	0	0	0	150
Education and Development				
Youth expenses	481	0	481	278
Books & resources	2,686	0	2,686	2,269
Church magazine costs	1,547	0	1,547	1,370
Ministry				
Parish offer to Common Fund	91,440	0	91,440	94,440
Clergy operating costs	4,219	0	4,219	4,911
Vicarage costs	2,747	0	2,747	2,294
Service costs	2,120	0	2,120	959
Churches Together	0	143	143	231
Church maintenance & running costs				
Electricity and insurance	6,110	0	6,110	6,505
Maintenance & small projects	5,725	0	5,725	2,424
Lighting Project	4,688	10,263	14,951	0
Church Hall operating/maintenance costs	0	16,141	16,141	15,140
Salaries and honoraria	6,273	0	6,273	4,008
All Saints operating/maintenance costs	0	1,631	0	1,944
Administration expenses	1,282	0	1,282	1,027
Independent Examiner's fee	342	0	342	318
Sundry Expenses	529	0	529	238
Depreciation	0	0	0	0
	138,189	54,976	193,165	169,496
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	138,189	54,976	193,165	169,496

Of the total expenditure of £193,165 (2021 : £169,496), £138,189 (2021 : £131,635) related to unrestricted funds and £54,976 (2021 : £37,861) related to restricted funds

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

4(a) STAFF COSTS

Wages and salaries

6,273	0	6,273	7,812
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During the year, the PCC employed a part-time administrator and organist/choirmaster but no payments were large enough to attract social security costs.

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

4(b) PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS (TRUSTEES)

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

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

	2022	2021
	£	£
Vicar's operating costs allowance	2,040	2,040
Curate expenses	1,869	2,597
Vicarage gas and electricity allowance	1,280	960
Vicarage telephone paid	703	646
Vicarage water paid	344	358
Reader's expenses	225	274
Book allowances	600	600
	<u>7,061</u>	<u>7,475</u>

5. FIXED ASSETS

5(a) Tangible

		Church Hall £	Church equipment £	Total £
Actual/deemed cost	At 1 January 2022	716,309	27,160	743,469
	Revaluation	21,489	0	21,489
	Disposal	0	0	0
	Additions at cost	0	0	0
	At 31 December 2022	<u>737,798</u>	<u>27,160</u>	<u>764,958</u>
Depreciation	At 1 January 2022	0	27,160	27,160
	Withdrawn on disposals	0	0	0
	Charge for the year	0	0	0
	At 31 December 2022	<u>0</u>	<u>27,160</u>	<u>27,160</u>
Net Book Value	At 31st December 2022	<u>737,798</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>737,798</u>
	At 31st December 2021	<u>716,309</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>716,309</u>

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

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	2022	2021
	£	£
6 DEBTORS & PREPAYMENTS		
Gift Aid Tax rebate due from December	2,033	2,461
Prepayment and accrued interest	0	0
Other debtors	0	0
	2,033	2,461

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, £737,798 relates to restricted funds

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

Fund movements 2021

	General Funds (unrestricted)	Revaluation of Assets	Church Hall	All Saints	Other (restricted)	Total
Balance at 1 January 2021	42,771	695,446	3,363	1,675	3,177	746,432
Incoming resources	123,277	0	17,639	1,631	29,233	171,780
Resources expended	131,635	0	14,596	1,944	21,321	169,495
Revaluation	0	20,863	0	0	0	20,863
Balance at 31 December 2021	34,413	716,309	6,406	1,362	11,089	769,579

Church Hall Accounts 2022

Bank Reconciliation:	
Bank balance as at 1 January 2022	£6406.03
Add receipts	£11871.43
Deduct receipts not cleared	£0.00
Deduct payments	£16141.35
Bank balance at 31 December 2022	£2136.11

2021		CHURCH HALL ACCOUNTS	2022
£		Receipts	£
2,572.22	Opening balance		6,406.03
620.00	200 Club		1,143.00
0.00	Guides Brownies Rainbows		225.00
0.00	Yoga		337.50
931.00	Badminton		1749.25
745.00	Bradley Dancing		718.75
0.00	Dramatic Society		600.00
0.00	Flower Club		450.00
537.50	Marwood School		1193.00
0.00	Funeral Teas		665.00
155.00	Scottish Dancing		565.00
612.50	Strictly FiTT		987.50
1,149.25	Sundry Rents		1,820.00
683.11	Interest/Transfers/Electricity refunds/Other refunds		500.00
544.00	NY Horizons		646.00
148.00	Alicia Fitness		0.00
1500.00	Bank incentive Payment		0.00
2,444.29	Insurance Claim		0.00
272.00	Moo Music		0.00
544.00	Job retention grant		0.00
6,542.65	Small business grant		0.00
1,001.51	Sundries		271.43
21,002.03	Total Receipts		18,277.46
		Payments	
1,200.00	Electricity		1,200.00
2,019.89	Gas		2,158.83
67.97	Water Rates		633.12
4,502.70	Wages		3,374.00
4964.77	Repairs/maintenance		5,999.40
812.02	Equipment		1,216.69
476.40	Telephone		575.53
20.00	Licences		20.00
132.11	Sundries		555.94
225.14	Waste Disposal		357.84
175.00	Refunds		50.00
0.00	Post/Stationery		0.00
6406.03	Closing balance		2136.11
21002.03	Total Payments		18,277.46

Christ Church Charitable Giving 2022									
Charity	Tax refund	Donations	Spec Serv	Fundraising	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Gen Funds	Total
Christian Aid	93		190	495					778
United Society (restored as USPG)								1000	1000
Church Mission Society								1000	1000
Together Middlesbrough & Cleveland								1000	1000
Genesis Project	304.25	200		2490					2995
Childrens Society			400						400
Samaritans Northallerton & Dales								1000	1000
Children in Distress		300							300
Clergy Support Trust								1000	1000
The Message Trust (Respect ME)								1000	1000
Big Kids								1000	1000
DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal	190	1199.21							1389
DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal	467.5	2697.24							3165
School Aid India				695.74				1000	1696
Tear Fund (Afghanistan)		39.61							40
Versus Arthritis							310		310
Unicorn Centre (Riding for the Disabled)							310		310
British Heart Foundation							209		209
Yorkshire Cancer Research						96	539		635
Cancer Research UK							410		410
Stroke Association							608.9		609
Multiple Sclerosis Society							540		540
Prostate Cancer UK							664		664
Great North Air Ambulance							654.55		655
Yorkshire Air Ambulance							476		476
Reuben Manor Amenities Fund							255		255

The Parish of Great Ayton with Easby

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Wednesday 15th March 2023 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 16th March 2022
3. Matters arising
4. Electoral Roll Report
5. Presentation of Annual Report for 2022
6. Financial Report and Presentation of Audited Accounts for year ended 31st December 2022
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