

The Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints, Cleadon



**Annual Report 2012
and
Agenda for the
Annual Vestry Meeting
&
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
4.00pm Sunday 21 April 2013**

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Evening Prayer

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Lead your people to freedom, O God.

**And banish all darkness
from our hearts and minds.**

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole
heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbours as
ourselves.**

**In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessed are you, sovereign God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
You led your people to freedom
by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire
by night.

May we who walk in the light of your presence
acclaim your Christ, rising victorious,
as he banishes all darkness from our hearts
and minds.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
Blessed be God for ever.

Hymn

Tune: Chatsworth (393589)

**Born in song!
God's people have always been singing.
Born in song!
Hearts and voices raised.
So today we worship together;
God alone is worthy to be praised.**

**Praise to God!
For he is the one who has made us.
Praise to God!
We his image bear.
Heav'n and earth are full of his glory;
Let creation praise him everywhere.**

**Christ is king!
He left all the glory of heaven.
Christ is king!
Born to share in our pain;
Crucified, for sinners atoning,
Risen, exalted, soon to come again.**

**Sing the song!
God's Spirit is poured out among us.
Sing the song!
He has made us anew.
Ev'ry member part of the Body;
Given his power, his will to seek and do.**

**Tell the world!
All power to Jesus is given.
Tell the world!
He is with us always.
Spread the word, that all may receive
him;
Every tongue confess and sing his praise.**

**Then the end!
Christ Jesus shall reign in his glory.
Then the end
Of all earthly; days.
Yet above the song will continue;
All his people still shall sing his praise.**

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The day is almost over, and the evening has
come; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your Spirit come down upon us
to set us free to sing your praise
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Agenda for the 2013 Vestry Meeting Sunday 21 April.

1. Minutes of the Vestry Meeting 2012
2. Churchwardens Report including the Annual Report on the Terrier and Inventory
3. Election of Churchwardens

Evening Prayer (cont.)

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary) is said
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; *
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me
blessed; *
the Almighty has done great things for me and
holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him, *
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm *
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones *
and lifting up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things *
and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, *
to remember his promise of mercy,

The promise made to our ancestors, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Hymn *Tune: Leoni (6684D)*

**Creator of the world,
whose breath gives life to all;
whose children from the womb uncurled,
grow old and fall;
to your eternal hands
I trust myself today,
to find through all life's shifting sands
the Godly way.**

**The Godly way, O Lord,
the path which Jesus trod,
the daily offering of word
and deed to God;
help me that path to tread,
to trace his life and death,
to sin and selfishness be dead,
and draw God's breath.**

**The breath of God shall be
pledge of our holiness,
the likeness of your family
restored in us.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, come,
the grace that Jesus gives,
make real in us what he has done
who ever lives.**

**O ever-living One,
O ever-loving Three,
to me a perfect love has come
eternally;
a love to wash me clean,
a love to drown my fears,
and loving arms on which to lean
through endless years.**

**The endless years shall be
fresh as the dawning day,
while travelling in company
the Godly way:
with heaven in our eyes,
and earth beneath our feet,
we walk in faith until we rise
and God we meet.**

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Gathering our prayers and praises into one, as
our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2013

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the APCM 2012
3. Reports of the PCC
 - 3.1. Electoral Roll
 - 3.2. Proceedings of the PCC
 - 3.3. PCC membership
 - 3.4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts
 - 3.5. Deanery Synod Report
4. Group Reports
5. Elections
 - 5.1. Elections to the PCC
 - 5.2. Appointment of Sidespeople
6. Appointment of the Independent Examiner
7. Vicar's Report

Evening Prayer (cont.)

Hymn *Tune: Abbot's Leigh (8787D)*

**As the light upon the river
at the rising of the sun,
shine, O Lord, upon our village;
here on earth, your will be done:
here we meet in glad thanksgiving,
worship, praise and prayer we bring,
grief for sin and joy for mercy –
all for you, O Christ our King.**

**Crucified and risen Saviour,
God incarnate, First and Last,
yours the city of the future,
yours the pilgrims of the past:
Lord, revive your weary people!
Let your voice again be heard;
rid your church of all excuses
for our deafness to your word.**

**From our failure and our blindness,
bound by debts we cannot pay,
God of Jubilee, release us –
O renew us all, we pray!
In a world exhausted, restless,
still oppressing and oppressed,
Lord of Sabbath, bring us freedom,
resurrection, life and rest.**

**Strengthen us to love our neighbours –
welcome strangers at our door,
find the lost and reach the lonely
so that they shall weep no more:
in our homes, our crowded journeys,
work or leisure, calm or noise,
come to satisfy our longings,
Christ, the joy of all our joys!**

**As the rain upon the garden,
as the water from the spring,
pour on us your Holy Spirit,
gifts to use and songs to sing:
as the light upon the river
at the rising of the sun,
shine, O Lord, upon our city –
as in heaven, your will be done.**

Christopher Idle b. 1938 (alt.)

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The Peace

May the peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace,
God's seal on our prayers.

Agenda for the first Parochial Church Council Meeting 2013/2014

In the Upper Room of the Parish Hall

1. Elections
 - 1.1. Lay Vice-Chair
 - 1.2. Treasurer
 - 1.3. Secretary
2. Any Other relevant Business

Minutes of Vestry Meeting 2012

The Vestry meeting was held in the Parish Hall on Sunday 29 April 2012, beginning at 4.10 pm and attended by 35 people. The Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert chaired the meeting.

1. The minutes of the vestry meeting for 2011

were approved without dissent.

2. The Churchwardens' report

The Churchwarden's report on page 13 of the Annual Report 2012 was accepted. The vicar expressed his thanks to the wardens for their support and hard work in the previous year.

3. Election of Churchwardens.

There were two nominations for election of Churchwardens, Mrs. Anne Hudson and Mr. Keith Higgin. **There being no other person seeking election, the above were duly appointed for one year as Churchwardens.**

Churchwardens' Report

As we began our term of office Vernon was recovering from his spinal surgery. In his absence we were fortunate to have visiting clergy as well as Audrey and Cathy to lead us in our worship. Thankfully Vernon returned to full duties at Pentecost. We meet weekly to share information, exchange views and engage in forward planning. We all find these sessions most beneficial.

The PCC meets 10 times annually and we thank especially those whose term of office is ending, for their continued input and support. We look forward to welcoming new members.

We would like to thank all those in our congregation, too numerous to mention individually, who continually offer their time, effort and skills in serving both the Church and our community through the various groups and committees organised within the Parish.

Throughout the year we have had many, happy social activities in Church, the garden and the Parish Hall. These events would not

have been successful without the help of our faithful volunteers.

We are also very grateful for the commitment shown by the leaders of the Young Saints as they nurture our young people in the Christian faith, as well as those who helped the children from the Primary School to participate in Experience Christmas.

Our Parish Administrator Yvonne Woolston has been with us for 18 months now and is doing a grand job running the office and Parish Hall efficiently. Our previous cleaner left in May and we were fortunate to find Lesley White as her replacement. Her hard work is much appreciated by all.

The Terrier and Inventory have been checked and found to be in order.

We thank you for your support and understanding. May God's blessings be with you always.

Keith Higgin and Anne Hudson

This concluded the Vestry Meeting for 2012.

Minutes of APCM 2012

The Vestry meeting was held in the Parish Hall on Sunday 29 April 2012, beginning at 4.10 pm and attended by 35 people. The Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert chaired the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from 16 people.

2. Minutes of the APCM for 2011

The minutes, included in the Annual Report, were approved as a true record of the above meeting, subject to the following amendment – reference to the Traidcraft report had been inadvertently omitted.

3. Reports of the PCC

PCC reports had been previously circulated within the Annual Report. All were accepted without comment except where noted below.

3.1. Electoral Roll

No comments

3.2. Proceedings of the PCC

No comments.

3.3. PCC Membership

No comments

3.4. Treasurers Report

The treasurer gave a brief explanation regarding the following:

1. After checking the new rules for organisations of the size and turnover of the PCC, it had been confirmed that the accounts could be constructed on a payments & receipts basis, a simpler approach than an accruals method of accounting.
2. A number of transfers were made between accounts during the year, to facilitate payments to the contractor for the building of the Chapter House. These were summarised on page 17 of the Financial Statement.

3.5. Deanery Synod.

No comments

4. Organisation Reports for the year 2011

Children and Young People.

Safeguarding Children
Toddler Group
Young Saints
Cleadon Village C of E Primary School

Uniformed Organisations

1st Cleadon Rainbows
1st Cleadon Brownies
1st Cleadon Guides
30th South Shields Cleadon Beavers
30th South Shields Cleadon Cubs
30th South Shields Cleadon Scouts

Fellowship Groups

Bible Study Group (Wed. evening)
Emmaus (Thu. evening)
Gospel Group (Mon. evening)
Married Couples Group
Men's Fellowship
Mother's Union

Missionary Support

The Children's Society
Christian Aid
Church Mission Society

Outreach

Coffee Drop-in
Day Club
Pastoral Care Group
Soup and Roll Lunches

Worship

Choir
Home Communion
Intercessions and Ministry of Healing

Support Activities

Communications Group
Coffee
Finance and Property Group
Friends of All Saints
Gardening Team
Gift Aid
Health and Safety Group
Parish Administrator
Site Development
Traidcraft Stall

Transport

The Vicar thanked Val Wallbank and her team for their work over the years running the Traidcraft stall, which ceased trading during the year. This was in part due to the increase in availability of fairly traded goods in shops, and the demand from consumers for these goods to be more widely available.

The Vicar thanked the people responsible for all the reports provided to the meeting.

5. Change to Elections to the PCC

A proposal to change the arrangements for electing members to the PCC had been circulated within the Annual Report (pages 37-38).

The following changes were proposed:

- PCC members would be elected annually (i.e. for one year only) instead of the current practice to elect for three years.
- Elected PCC members could hold office for a maximum of six years continuously.
- On completion of a maximum six-year term, a person could stand for election again after a gap of one year.
- Elections would be by the single transferable voting system.
- The number of elected lay members of the PCC would reduce from 12 to 9.

There followed a short discussion, during which the following points were made:

- retaining 12 PCC members would allow more people to get involved, and avoid allegations of 'clique-iness'.
- retaining 12 PCC members would ensure that discussion/decision could take place even when some members were unable to attend. This was especially the case where married couples were both on the PCC, so if they were away on holiday two voting members would be missing.
- Moving to 9 elected lay members would still create a PCC of 15, when ex-officio members were included.
- In recent years the PCC has carried vacancies during the year, showing that (a) business can be conducted effectively with fewer than 12 elected members, and (b) it can sometimes be hard to recruit

enough people prepared to commit to being on the PCC.

- Having a smaller group would encourage greater commitment from members than is currently the case – having a larger group allows members to assume that they 'won't be missed' if other commitments get in the way.
- Having a smaller group would free more people to become involved in different types of ministry for the church, as new opportunities come along.

Following the discussion a vote was taken. The required two-thirds majority was not obtained, and so the proposal was rejected.

6. Elections

6.1. PCC

Term of office	Nominee	Voting
1 year	Mandy Forster	Unopposed
2 years	Denise Hughes Moira Day	Unopposed
3 years	Jean Higgin Gill Baker Carol Casey David Marcus	Unopposed

6.2. Election of Sidespeople.

In accordance with previous practice it was agreed that these people would be appointed by the churchwardens.

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner.

It was agreed that the Treasurer would approach Ms. Caroline Mulley with a view to re-appointing her as our Independent Examiner.

8. Vicars Report

Rev'd Cuthbert looked back over the last year, reflecting that for him the year had been one of injury and recovery. His recuperation from back problems which began in February 2011 had, he felt, affected his ability to carry out his duties as actively as he would have liked during the year. He wished to put on record his appreciation of the support he had received from the wardens, Keith Higgin and Anne Hudson, and also from Jean Higgin, who had been warden for the first part of the year.

The highlight of the year was without doubt the completion of the Chapter House project. We had all shared the excitement of watching the building rise from the ground, and then finally being able to occupy it, and welcome the new Bishop of Durham to bless it for ours and the community's use. The vicar expressed thanks on behalf of the congregations to the site development group, the members of earlier project groups, and to everyone involved in contributing to and supporting the project. The Chapter House has received very positive comments from everyone who has seen it; there has been praise from all quarters for the building and its impact on our site. An unexpected delight has been the ability to see out! This reminds us of our connection to the community of which we are a part.

The vicar then invited those attending the APCM to think about All Saints' strengths, weaknesses and opportunities as a church, and to consider what influences and motivates us as a worshipping community. After a period of time for discussion, those present were invited to read one another's comments, and then finally to discuss and suggest what God is calling our church to become in five years time.

Summarising this activity the vicar reminded us of some of the challenges we face

- In a village with a large number of young families, we are an ageing congregation.
- Expressing our faith is not always welcomed in today's increasingly secular society.
- All Saints' buildings are generally in good repair, but they need to be maintained and this can be costly. The Old Schoolroom needs urgent work on its heating and electrical installations. The church needs redecorating, and the hall boiler is reaching the end of its life. There are significant costs involved in carrying out these tasks.
- We are also expected to make our contribution to mission and ministry within the Diocese.

Part of our challenge is to remain faithful and hopeful – faithful to a God who reflects change, although often not in ways that we anticipate. The current Archbishop of Canterbury said we should 'identify what God is doing and join in'. We believe that God has a

future for us, as long as we continue to listen to what that future should be. Looking at where God wishes us to be in five years time helps us to identify what God wants our future to be like.

All Saints strapline is 'walking and working with God'. 'Walking' means being in fellowship with, and learning from, i.e. being on a journey. 'Working' means seeing what God is doing and joining in. We find discernment through prayer, and being in a relationship with God. We all need to continue to be disciples, and help his kingdom to grow. Yes this is challenging, but it is also hopeful, as we have a God that not even death could hold – Jesus rose again, and sent his spirit amongst us, to empower his people to do amazing things in his name.

There being no further relevant business, the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for 2012 concluded at 6 pm.

Report of the PCC

for the year ended 31 December 2012

Administrative information

All Saints' Church is situated in Cleadon Lane, Cleadon, Sunderland, SR6 7UU. It is part of the Church of England's Diocese of Durham. The correspondence address is
c/o All Saints' Parish Hall,
Sunderland Road,
Cleadon,
Sunderland
SR6 7UR.

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Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It has responsibilities for the maintenance of the Church building; the Parish Hall and the Old School Room.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Electoral Roll and Attendance

There are 142 parishioners on the new Church Electoral Roll for the 2013 APCM, 30 of whom are not resident within the parish. The average Sunday attendance, counted during October 2012, was 85 adults and 14 children. Attendance at Easter numbered 147; Easter Communicants was 132; attendance at Christmas was 305 and Christmas communicants numbered 50.

Malcolm Fortune

Proceedings of the PCC

During the year the PCC continued to provide oversight and leadership to the life of the church. Regular reports were given throughout the year from the Churchwardens, Cleadon Village School, Finance & Property, Locality, Deanery and Synod.

The PCC took final possession of the Chapter House. The Right Rev'd Justin Welby, Bishop of Durham, came to celebrate this with us in January.

A decision was taken to become a Shared Ministry Parish with a Shared Ministry Development Team. This is to further our understanding and practice that ministry is the responsibility of everyone (shared, not just the vicar's) and that the team will look at how this can be developed further. Selection of the team took place during the summer.

The PCC decided to celebrate, with Cleadon Methodists, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a Big Lunch for the whole village at Cleadon Village Primary School. A grant from South Tyneside MBC enabled this to be a gift to the community with burgers and sausages provided.

In June the Diocese requested offers for 2013 Parish Share from us instead of us paying a sum they deemed appropriate. The PCC offered a 3% increase on our 2012 Parish Share to £45,780 in 2013.

The 5 yearly electrical inspections on our buildings took place in 2012. There was work required across all the buildings to bring us in line with the current IEEE regulations. This has been completed by the PCC. Also the quinquennial inspection on the church was completed. The work required is not major nor urgent reflecting the effort the PCC has put into maintaining the church building.

A group from the PCC went to a seminar on Back to Church Sunday to inform our thinking and practice about the day. We again participated in Back to Church Sunday at the end on September.

The PCC decided to change the traditional Christmas Bazaar into a Christmas Tree

Festival, with the emphasis on engaging with the community. It was at this weekend that the Right Rev'd Mark Bryant, Bishop of Jarrow, came to commission us as a Shared Ministry Parish.

During the autumn we received a legacy of £20,000 from the estate of the late Gladys Hardgrave to be expended on the extraordinary for the benefit of the Church and its people rather than general costs.

Vernon Cuthbert (PCC Chairman)

PCC Membership

Vernon Cuthbert*	Priest-in-charge
Keith Higgin*	Churchwarden and Deanery Synod to 2014, Diocesan Synod to 2015
Anne Hudson*	Churchwarden
Gordon Coxon*	Deanery Synod to 2014 (Hon. Treasurer)
Bill Grant*	Deanery Synod to 2014, Diocesan Synod to 2015
Anthony Adamson	elected, resigned at APCM 2012 (Hon. Secretary)
Cathy Barnes	elected until APCM 2012 (Vice Chair)
Walter Carr	elected until APCM 2012
Robina Lawson	elected until APCM 2012
Ellen Smith	elected until APCM 2012
Linda Ross	elected until APCM 2013
Helen Belsham	elected until APCM 2013
Ernie Belsham	elected until APCM 2013
Mandy Forster	elected 29 April until APCM 2013
John Byers	elected until APCM 2014
June Roberts	elected until APCM 2014
Bryan Saunders	elected until APCM 2014
Denise Hughes	elected 29 April until APCM 2014
Gill Baker	elected 29 April until APCM 2015
Carol Casey	elected 29 April until APCM 2015
David Harcus	elected 29 April until APCM 2015
Jean Higgin	elected 29 April until APCM 2015 (Vice Chair)
Moyra Day	co-opted 29 April until APCM 2013 (Hon. Secretary)

(* denotes an ex-officio member of the council by way of their post).

The Standing Committee consists of the Priest-in-charge, the Churchwardens, and the Vice Chairman, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary of the PCC. It meets on an occasional basis when urgent business needs to be transacted by the PCC.

Churchwardens' Report

The Bishop's Visitation was a Diocesan-wide event in Durham Cathedral in May, when we were sworn in by Bishop Justin.

We meet with Vernon most Monday's and find these informal sessions useful for planning, discussion and information sharing.

Parish Administrator Yvonne Woolston and cleaner Lesley White both decided to leave and we have welcomed Shirley Newton and Samantha Stamp as their successors. They have settled well into their new roles and their hard work in maintaining cleanliness and the smooth running of the Parish site is much appreciated.

The Chapter House is proving to be a great asset and looked particularly splendid when full of visitors as we joined the nation to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June. We participated in The Big Jubilee Lunch and a Service of Celebration in Sunderland Minster.

Pupils from Cleadon Primary School visited Church for Experience Pentecost and Harvest. These occasions are fun and learning opportunities for young and adults alike. It is always a pleasure to welcome Young Saints and Saintlets into worship on Sunday mornings, but the younger congregation numbers are decreasing.

This year has seen the commissioning of the Ministry Development Team and a successful Christmas Tree Festival.

The Terrier and Inventory have been checked and found to be in good order.

We would like to thank all those in our congregation who continually offer their time, effort and skills in serving both the Church and our local community.

Finally, thank you for your support and understanding during last year.

Keith Higgin and Anne Hudson

The Cleadon representatives on Deanery Synod 2011-2014 are Gordon Coxon, Keith Higgin and Bill Grant.

Bill Grant

Deanery Synod Report

MEETINGS in 2012

- Feb 7th at St Hildas South Shields, the Eucharist was celebrated, and the subsequent meeting approved the Deanery accounts for 2011.
- May 10th St Oswalds Hebburn, the speaker was Nick Rowark, 'Diocesan Advisor for Youth Ministry'.
- Oct 2nd St Nicholas Hedworth the speaker was The Revd Canon Judy Hurst, 'Local Church Growth and Development Officer'.

PASTORAL

- Hebburn(2) has 2 priests covering its parishes and 1 curate.
- Jarrow (2), 4 churches has no priests in post and working.
- All Saints, South Shields, (2) has 2 priests.
- Whitburn and Cleadon each have 1 priest. Cleadon Park is looked after by St Peters Harton.
- St Michaels Westoe, St Peters Harton and St Lawrence each have 1 priest, as Deanery plan.
- St Judes's Rekendyke and the Lawe Top are expected to have 1 priest shared by the two parishes.
- St Hilda's will have one priest working with them, the Missions to Seamen and the Town Centre.
- It is planned that the three Boldon churches will have 1 priest and 1 'House for Duty' post in addition to the Archdeacon as an (0.25) associate priest.

FINANCIAL

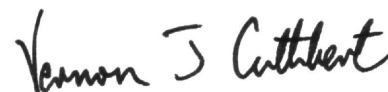
- The 'Parish Share' to sustain Stipendary Mission and Ministry within the Diocese is now offered by the parishes instead of being requested through the Deaneries.
- The Deanery Share offered for 2013 is higher than that paid in 2012 but lower than that paid in 2011.
- The present staffing level in the Deanery and the 2016 target are both higher than can be sustained by the present parish shares offered within this Deanery.

Treasurer's Report and Accounts

These appear on the following pages

Gordon Coxon

This annual report was adopted by the PCC on 10th April 2013 and signed on their behalf by The Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert, PCC Chairman.



Financial Review

In accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and in particular the 4th edition "PCC Accountability" the requirements are such that, when the income of a Charity for a financial year is below £250,000 the Annual Accounts can be presented adopting the Payments and Receipts basis. As a consequence of these requirements and as the income for the year 2012 does not exceed the threshold of £250,000 the Annual Accounts for All Saints Church Cleadon have again been prepared adopting the Payments and Receipts method.

As in previous years these regulations require a slightly more informative presentation of the detailed make-up of some income and expenditure streams and where this is necessary we have shown the item made up of each of its constituent parts i.e.:- "restricted and unrestricted funds".

As Treasurer to the PCC I am obliged to include in my financial review details of any and all Major movements in the "Funds". In this regard a major change to the general fund involved the receipt of an unrestricted legacy of £20,000.00 which enabled the reserves to be enhanced and the completion of some major Church and Hall expenditure to be completed without the introduction of any major fund raising activities (for details of the equipment involved please refer to Item 2 of the Financial report)

As reported last year completion of the "Chapter House" project was achieved in 2011 and in this respect scheduled loan repayments have been made (for a detailed make of these figures please refer to Appendix 1)

The overall effect of these changes has resulted in the funds available to the PCC (held in reserve) being increased to in excess of the level set by the PCC (see Reserves Policy outlined below).

G Coxon (PCC Treasurer)

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately three months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that

may arise from time to time. The balance of £29,588.19p in unrestricted funds at the year-end is in excess of this target.

Investment Policy

It is our policy to invest our fund balances with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT for Year Ending 31st December 2012

1 GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	CODE	2012 Unrestricted	2012 Restricted	2012 Total	2011 Unrestricted	2011 Restricted	2011 Total
<u>Voluntary receipts</u>							
Covenanted Planned Giving	1	37,628.67		37,628.67	33,293.29		33,293.29
Income Tax recovered	2	8,561.23		8,561.23	9,576.31		9,576.31
Uncovenanted planned giving	3	1,816.30		1,816.30	2,731.00		2,731.00
Collections (loose)	4	3,930.75		3,930.75	5,263.65		5,263.65
Sundry Donations	6	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
Donations/Appeals (Restricted)	8		3,048.11	3,048.11		3,056.72	3,056.72
Grants		0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
Legacies	9	20,000.00		20,000.00	0.00		0.00
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>71,936.95</u>	<u>3,048.11</u>	<u>74,985.06</u>	<u>50,864.25</u>	<u>3,056.72</u>	<u>53,920.97</u>
<u>Activities for generating funds</u>							
Church Coffee Mornings and Socials	10 +11	4,574.91		4,574.91	4,143.39		4,143.39
Christmas Bazaar		1,840.35		1,840.35	2,031.25		2,031.25
Magazine sales	14	2,928.70		2,928.70	3,009.96		3,009.96
Church Hall lettings	15	14,519.40		14,519.40	16,272.00		16,272.00
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>23,863.36</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>23,863.36</u>	<u>25,456.60</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>25,455.60</u>
<u>Receipts from Church activities</u>							
Fees (Weddings and Funerals)	16	1,969.00	1,902.00	3,871.00	2,752.00	2,427.00	5,179.00
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>1,969.00</u>	<u>1,902.00</u>	<u>3,871.00</u>	<u>2,752.00</u>	<u>2,427.00</u>	<u>5,179.00</u>
<u>Receipts from investments</u>							
Dividends & Fixed Interest(Securities) (See Note 1, 2 & 3)	13	0.00		0.00	6.83		6.83
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6.83</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6.83</u>
<u>Other incoming resources</u>							
Fund Raising (No Risk to PCC funds)	17	46.00		46.00	55.10		55.10
Special /Others		2,986.37		2,986.37	3,590.10		3,590.10
Insurance Claims	18		166.52	166.52	996.25		996.25
Cheques not presented		0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>3,032.37</u>	<u>166.52</u>	<u>3,198.89</u>	<u>4,641.45</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,641.45</u>
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>		<u>100,801.68</u>	<u>5,116.63</u>	<u>105,918.31</u>	<u>83,721.13</u>	<u>5,483.72</u>	<u>89,204.85</u>

Note 1:- The Mary Greenwell account is a separate fund within these accounts (See Item 4)

Note 2:- The Open Doors account is held in a separate deposit account (for details see Item 3.1 & Appendix 1)

Note 3:- The Church held a small investment with CCLA, the interest being a contribution towards the expenses of the incumbent. As permitted by a recent instruction from the Diocese the principal was recovered and is now incorporated into the General Accounts (for details see item 2.2)

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1 GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

<u>PAYMENTS</u>	CODE	2012 Unrestricted	2012 Restricted	2012 Total	2011 Unrestricted	2011 Restricted	2011 Total
<u>Charitable activities</u>							
Overseas Mission	30	360.00	820.00	1,180.00	325.00	852.00	1,177.00
Relief Agencies	31	360.00	379.80	739.80		798.43	798.43
Home mission & organisations	32	360.00	1,328.11	1,688.11	650.00	1,081.87	1,731.87
Secular Charities	33	798.00	300.00	1,098.00	359.00	236.86	595.86
Parish Share (Diocese & Deanery)	34	44,448.00		44,448.00	44,499.58		44,499.58
Clergy Expenses	35		1056.40	1056.40		955.57	955.57
Assistant Staff	36	332.20		332.20	341.00		341.00
Parsonage Repairs & Water Rates	37	445.25		445.25	418.06		418.06
Church Heating, Lighting & Water	38	1,535.42		1,535.42	2,119.66		2,119.66
Church Ins, Maint & Cleaning	39 & 44	5,532.77		5,532.77	4,563.78		4,563.78
Cost of Services	40	764.69		764.69	500.69		500.69
Upkeep of Church Yard	41	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
Printing & Stationary	42 & 47	1,876.54		1,876.54	1,361.16		1,361.16
Support Costs (Training)	43	45.00		45.00	283.33		283.33
Hall Costs	44	11,767.77		11,767.77	10,968.10		10,968.10
Major Church and Hall Expenditure (See Note 4)		16,355.15	166.52	16,522.03	1,685.85		1,685.85
Assistant Staff	46	834.00	1,902.00	2,736.00	1,306.00	2,427.00	3,733.00
Administration	49	2,955.23		2,955.23	1,564.28		1,564.28
Others		639.00		639.00	605.14		605.14
School Room (Maintenance+Services)		2,854.50		2,854.50	2,775.28		
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>92,263.88</u>	<u>5,952.83</u>	<u>98,216.71</u>	<u>74,325.91</u>	<u>6,351.73</u>	<u>80,677.64</u>
<u>Fund raising trading</u>							
Cost of fetes/bazaars etc	48	1,202.03		1,202.03	62.00		62.00
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>1,202.03</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,202.03</u>	<u>62.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>62.00</u>
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>		<u>93,465.91</u>	<u>5,952.83</u>	<u>99,418.74</u>	<u>74,387.91</u>	<u>6,351.73</u>	<u>80,739.64</u>
Deficit/Excess of Receipts over Payments		7,335.77	(836.20)	6,499.57	8,377.65	(868.01)	8,465.21
Bank current account at 1 Jan		4,427.81	3,423.33	7,851.14	5,754.37		5,754.37
Sale of Stock						4,291.34	4,291.34
Net transfer to OPEN DOORS		(10,074.97)		(10,074.97)	(10,659.78)		(10,659.78)
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>1,688.61</u>	<u>2,587.13</u>	<u>4,275.74</u>	<u>4,427.81</u>	<u>3,423.33</u>	<u>7,851.14</u>
Bank (current account) at 31 Dec				4,275.74			7,851.14

Note 4:- Includes: Hall boiler replacement; Old Schoolroom heating installation; Old Schoolroom electrical re-wiring; Hall and Church electrical upgrade; Church roof repairs.

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2 RESTRICTED AMOUNTS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND

	2012	2012	2011	2011
2.1 Flower Fund				
<i>Receipts</i>				
b/f	186.52		210.02	
Other receipts (Weddings and Donations)	60.00		180.00	76.50
<i>Payments (Flowers for Weddings etc.)</i>				
Transfer from General account	65.00		420.00	100.00
Balance at 31 Dec	0.00		0.00	
		<u>181.52</u>		<u>186.52</u>
2.2 Vicars Expenses				
<i>Receipts</i>				
b/f [Closing of Trust Fund (June 2011)]	3,335.77		4,291.34	
<i>Payments</i>				
Expenses paid to Incumbent	1,056.40		955.57	
Balance at 31 Dec		<u>2,279.37</u>		<u>3,335.77</u>

3 RESTRICTED AMOUNTS IN SEPARATE DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS

	2012	2012	2011	2011
3.1 Vision Fund (See Appendix 1 for details)				
b/f	18,490.55		146,158.73	
Donations, Loans , Grants etc	17,080.00		63,747.93	
Tax Refund	3,076.05		5,194.85	
Interest	37.93	38,684.98	860.28	215,961.79
Expenses and Refunds	33,743.21		197,471.24	
Balance at 31 Dec		<u>4,941.77</u>		<u>18,490.55</u>

4 General DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

	2012	2012	2011	2011
<i>Receipts</i>				
B/F	6,085.65		9,638.26	
Transfers from other Accounts	25,044.39		0.00	
Interest	134.62		78.95	
Total Receipts		<u>31,264.66</u>		<u>9,717.21</u>
<i>Payments</i>				
Nett Transfer to Open Doors Account	0.00		3,631.56	
Balance at 31 Dec		<u>31,264.66</u>		<u>6,085.65</u>

5 FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS ACCOUNT

	2012	2012	2011	2011
<i>Receipts</i>				
B/F	849.17		5,151.67	
Membership				
i) From General Account	205.00		240.00	
ii) Friends Account (Standing Orders)	383.00		378.00	
iii) Friends Account Cash Subs	415.00		465.00	
September/May Events	Nil		Nil	
Receipts from sale of Christmas Cards	Nil		Nil	
Receipts from sale of Note-lets	Nil		Nil	
Income Tax Refund (From General Account)	77.50		203.07	231.00
Interest	2.40		26.42	
<i>Payments</i>				
Administration Expenses (postage etc)	Nil		75.00	222.92
Cost of September/May Event Buffet	Nil		Nil	
Cost of Note-lets	Nil		Nil	
Magazine Contribution	415.00		420.00	
Purchase of Sand for Path	38.39		0.00	
Transfer to Open Doors Acc	Nil		5,000.00	
Balance at 31 Dec		<u>1508.68</u>		<u>849.17</u>

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6 STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2012

		2012	2012	2011	2011
6.1	<u>MONETARY ASSETS</u>				
	Barclay's Current Account	4,275.74		7,851.14	
	CBF Fund (Mary Greenwell)	31,264.66		6,085.65	
	CBF Deposit Account (Open Doors)	4,941.77		18,490.55	
	Friends of All Saints	1,508.68		849.17	
	Total		<u>41,990.85</u>		<u>33,276.51</u>
6.2	<u>OTHER ASSETS</u>				
	Church Hall (COST IN 1938)		<u>2,228.00</u>		<u>2,228.00</u>
6.3	<u>DEBTORS</u>				
	For 2012 none known		None		None
6.4	<u>LIABILITIES (Major Known above £100)</u>				
	Diocese Loan	5,000.00		10,000.00	
	Chapter House Contractor & Sub-Contractors	0.00		15,307.00	
	<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>		<u>5,000.00</u>		<u>25,307.00</u>

APPENDIX 1

OPEN DOORS FUND RECONCILIATION

Fund movement year to 2003 Dec 31		10,410.99			
Balance @ 2003 Dec 31	c/f		10,410.99		
Fund movement year to 2004 Dec 31		10,883.39			
Balance @ 2004 Dec 31	c/f		21,249.38		
Fund movement year to 2005 Dec 31		20,941.44			
Balance @ 2005 Dec 31	c/f		42,235.82		
Fund movement year to 2006 Dec 31		64,471.99			
Balance @2006 Dec 31	c/f		106,707.81		
Fund movement year to 2007 Dec 31		47,778.82			
Balance @2007 Dec 31	c/f		154,423.63		
Fund movement year to 2008 Dec 31		(6,127.24)			
Balance @2008 Dec 31	c/f		148,296.39		
Fund movement year to 2008 Dec 31		(5,605.94)			
Balance @2009 Dec 31	c/f		142,690.45		
Fund movement year to 2010 Dec 31		3,568.28			
Balance @2010 Dec 31	c/f		146,258.73		
Fund movement year to 2011 Dec 31		(127,768.18)			
Balance @2011 Dec 31	c/f		18,490.55		
<u>Fund movement year to 2012 Dec 31</u>		<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>		
Interest for 2012		37.93		860.28	
Tax Refunds from Gift Aided receipts		3,076.50		5,194.85	
Expenses					
	Architect's Fee		1,600.00		2,132.05
	Main Contractor		3,915.22		183,635.30
	Sub Contractors		7,927.99		11,703.89
Donations					
	Direct Giving (Jan/Dec)	0.00		1,120.00	
	Individual Pledges (2012)	17,080.00		12,916.00	
	Events	0.00		2,320.59	
Grants (4 off)		0.00		18,000.00	
Loan Repayment (Diocese)			5,300.00	10,000.00	
Transfers (Internal to Church Accounts)			15,000.00	19,291.34	
Sub Totals		38,684.98	33,743.21	69,703.06	197,471.24
TOTAL FUND @ 2012 DEC 31			<u>4,941.77</u>		

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31st December 2012

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the PCC, 4th Edition. The Charities Act 2011 is a consolidation of previous Acts but did not introduce new legislation.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investments of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) 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 must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund.

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

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC receives the amounts due. All other income is recognised when it is received. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

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 parish share 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.

Assets Retained for Church Use

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected at any reasonable time. For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £5,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of All Saints' Church, Cleadon.

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2012, which are set out on pages 15 to 20, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with The Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and s.144 (2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Act.

Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by Charity Commission under s.145 (5)(b) of the Act. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed by:

Caroline Mulley
16 Callum Drive,
South Shields,
NE34 6TZ



Date: 10th April, 2013

Organisation Reports 2012

Children and Young People

Safeguarding Children

This group remains a sub group of All Saints PCC. Its membership is

- Debbie Whittle – young saints
- Gill Forth – uniformed organisations
- Robina Lawson – children's advocate and PCC representative
- Jayn Gray – Cleadon Primary School – Deputy Head Teacher
- Elizabeth Hayes – Boldon School – Head Teacher
- Jackie Gregory – named representative
- Anne Hudson – Churchwarden

It could be said that at Cleadon All Saints we have had a year of total inactivity in relation to safeguarding children. However all those who are involved with children's activities on a day to day basis will be well aware that safeguarding is always high on their agenda, if it was not the chances are we would have had one or two incidents to investigate. So at this point I would like to thank each and every one of you for your care and diligence.

The 'safeguarding children's protection group' have not met during 2012. The members of the group remain unchanged. Advice has come from various bodies and reports from eminent people which at times only served to confuse.

On 12/06/12 'BUREAUCRACY AXED TO PUT VULNERABLE CHILDREN FIRST' The essence of this report is that front line workers keeping children safe will be freed from pointless bureaucracy that has stifled their judgement for too long. The Government published its plans to overhaul its child protection system axing hundreds of pages of instruction manuals and replacing it with short, precise guidance and checklists clearly listing roles and reduced even to the number of CRBs required.

I said I would start and review our policy page by page and I did start just as another edict came from the centre so decided to wait until we knew what was required.

Jackie Gregory

Non-Uniformed Children's and Youth work

Toddlers @ All Saints

Janet and Jackie are delighted to report that the numbers attending Toddlers@AllSaints has increased steadily over 2012. If everyone came every week we would be heading towards 30 children plus adults! Thankfully we are blessed each week with a manageable number for our hall size and activities. We have children from a few weeks old to 3+ and it is a delight to watch them grow in size, abilities and confidence. The adults who bring the children, whether they be Mums, Dads, Grandparents or other carers, seem to enjoy the range of activities we provide (the fair-trade filter coffee is particularly enjoyed) and the chance to chat and catch up.

During 2012 we have made use of the chapter house for 4 out of our 5 toddler celebrations. We have celebrated Easter, Mothering Sunday, Summer, Harvest and Christmas. After our summer celebration we were disappointed not to enjoy our cream tea in the vicarage garden thanks to the weather (although we were able to go outside a couple of weeks earlier). For our Christmas celebration we went into church to hear and sing about the Christmas story. The children thoroughly enjoyed singing Happy Birthday to Jesus and blowing out the candles on the birthday cake that they tucked into later, as well as unwrapping the 'toddler group' Christmas presents from under the tree, which we then went and played with in the hall.

We are always delighted for new children to join us with their grown-ups from 0-5 years.

Janet Cuthbert

Young Saints

There are currently two groups of Young Saints. The older group is following the Living Stones books, which give guidance notes for each lesson. The session includes a Bible story and either a game, drama or creative work. The younger group, called 'Saintlets', is run by Janet in the Chapter House and is a crèche for children below school age. The groups have fun whilst learning about the Christian faith.

Once again, the Young Saints annual coffee morning raised much-needed funds, and we would like to thank everyone for their support. Special thanks go to Ruth for her annual gifts of Easter eggs and Christmas selection boxes for all the children. Also, many thanks to our regular donor who wishes to remain anonymous, and to Amanda for her much appreciated guidance. And not forgetting our gratitude to Rob for his enthusiasm in organising other events for the older group; ably assisted by Rebecca; plus our much-loved annual trip to the Customs House Pantomime.

This Christmas, following another well-acted Nativity Play, everyone was surprised but delighted by an additional performer - Rob – who did a solo, dressed as a little angel! Following this service the fun continued with a Family Night Party organised by Fiona, who did a splendid job, ably assisted by the other Mums and Dads. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all who attended. This rounded off the Young Saints year very nicely indeed.

Debbie Whittle

Cleadon Village C of E Primary School

There are many activities that take place during the school year and this year has been no exception. However, one of the most exciting projects the school has been involved in is the Durham Choristers Project.

Year 4 took part in the singing project run by the Music Outreach Service at Durham Cathedral. One of the objectives of the project is to raise aspirations of the children, allowing them to sing with choristers and develop their confidence and ability.

Since early January the children have been working on a fortnightly basis with Mish Kelly, Director of Music, learning an assortment of quite challenging songs, some of which really extend the children's abilities. Staff complete extra rehearsals with the children and also have to attend training sessions. The school hosted a chorister rehearsal morning, which three other schools also attended. The singing of the choristers really inspired both staff and children.

The project culminated on 13th March 2013 with a concert in the Cathedral, with the children singing alongside choristers from the cathedral and representatives from six other primary schools from South Tyneside. The concert itself was well attended by parents and families and was a celebration of music and the children's achievements

I would like to take this opportunity thank the Reverend Vernon, governors and members of All Saints Church for their support and prayers during the last eventful year and look forward to your continuing support in the future.

Mrs. J. Beckett (Head Teacher)

Uniformed Children's and Youth work

1st Cleadon Rainbows

We continue to have a full unit and a long waiting list. The system has now changed so anyone who wants to add their daughter's name to the waiting list needs to go to www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested and add it online.

We had a Rainbow sleepover in November with a Winter Wonderland theme, the Rainbows had a great time. Congratulations and thanks go to Sarah, my Assistant Guider, who organised it all and has gained her Overnight Licence.

The Brownies completed The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics badges, with lots of fun activities, including inviting their parents to a Jubilee street party and a Brazilian Carnival Parade. They designed their own sports outfits and the Rainbows made a card and sent it to the Queen. We had a lovely reply back thanking us.

The Rainbows had a brilliant day at Beamish Wild to celebrate their 25th Birthday in May. They saw the Birds of Prey, climbed a tree, had a tractor ride, played in the adventure park and completed an animal treasure hunt.

Thank you for supporting us in our fundraising events and our weekly meetings. Also my thanks go to my Assistant Guiders and Young Leaders who help me every week.

Lisa Nesworthy (Rainbow Leader)

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We had a pack holiday at Moorhouse in November with 21 Brownies staying the whole weekend and 12 Brownies who joined us for the day on the Saturday. They completed their Toymakers badge and their Out and About badge. A great time was had by all and the girls' behaviour was excellent.

The Brownies completed The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics badges, with lots of fun activities, including inviting their parents to a Jubilee street party and a Brazilian Carnival Parade.

I had the fantastic opportunity of going to India with a group of Senior Section Guides in the Summer. I worked in Anand Gram, a leprosy rehab centre in Pune before touring Delhi, Agra and Jaipur. We saw the Taj Mahal, which was spectacular and rode an elephant up to the Amber Fort. We had all kinds of experiences, not all of them good, such as using the public bus, not one to be repeated. I'd like to thank those who supported me with the fundraising for this experience of a lifetime.

Thank you for supporting us in our weekly meetings. Also my thanks go to my Assistant Guider and Young Leaders who help me every week.

Lisa Nesworthy (Brownie Leader)

1st Cleadon Guides

We have 40 girls on our register, however our waiting list has reduced a little; currently most girls have a chance of a place in less than a year of turning 10.

Val, Lynne and Marilyn continued as leaders with the addition of Amanda who has fast become a great asset to our unit and working towards her leadership qualification. Three Young Leaders also try to get to Guides around their studies.

In our weekly meetings we have carried out various activities including Jubilee related ones which was followed by our Jubilee Party Night. We have also had games, crafts, cooking nights and of course our annual walk over the hills to Whitburn chip shop and a Christmas Meal out in Roker.

Away from our usual weekly meetings, there was a weekend trip in May to the Thurston Outdoor Activity Centre in heavy rain!, a trip to Sheffield Arena to the Big Gig Guide Pop Concert and also a weekend in November to the Guide Camphouse in Spennymoor with a Christmas theme where the girls also carried out some service in the woods to help with maintenance at the centre.

We carried out some fundraising which included a Pyjama Party to raise funds for the Church Garden, a film night to raise money for a County Group going to the Indian World Guiding Centre and we also made decorations for the Guiding Tree at the Church's Christmas Tree Festival.

So once again another enjoyable year for our Unit.

Lynne Carr (Assistant Guide Leader)

30th South Shields (Cleadon) Beavers

The Beaver Colony welcomes boys and girls from the age of 6 to 8 years of age. We meet on Monday night from 5.30-6.30pm in the Methodist church hall. The group has operated over the past year at capacity and we have a long list of boys and girls on our waiting list to join us when they become 6 years old.

Over the past year we have held many meetings working on activities relating to badges, in particular the challenge badges which are needed in order to be awarded the chief scout bronze award. We are delighted that a number of our beavers have succeeded in gaining all the necessary badges and have indeed been awarded the chief scout bronze award.

We have spent many meetings visiting places such as the beach, the park and the district scouts West Hall for outdoor activities. The beavers had fun and enjoyed the physical challenge of a trip to the climbing wall. We

were kindly given a tour of the local fire station and have had visits from the police and fire services who have given the beavers talks regarding their safety and what to do in an emergency.

The beavers joined all the uniformed organisations at the Remembrance Sunday service at All Saints Church followed by a March to the Cenotaph in the village for the service and two minutes silence.

Ann Walker

30th South Shields (Cleadow) Cubs

This year has been jammed packed, with fun, adventure, activities and much more. The Cubs are working towards their challenge badges, so our aim, to get all the Cubs through their silver award during their time in the pack, can be achieved.

Activities this year have consisted of a weekend trip to Thurston with the Scouts where they took part in gill scrambling, climbing, kayaking, and canoeing. There was a camp in June even though the weather was bad - they loved it - not sure if the parents loved all the muddy clothes. The Cubs enjoyed a Christmas outing to see the Panto Peter Pan at Sunderland Empire. We have had many fun nights up at West Hall where they have built shelters, done backwoods cooking, making and lighting fires and taken part in games in the outdoors. All this as well as fun in the hall making gloop and volcanoes for their scientist badge, games, learning about the Queen and the jubilee: they even received a letter from the Queen which was very exciting. Other activities included a visit to the RNLI, canoeing on the marine park and much more.

For 2013 we have another jammed packed programme, cubboree, team work games, a cubs come dine with me, a trip to York, swimming gala and much more.

We have a new leader Glyn, and our pack is the biggest it has ever been and is running at capacity.

Our main aim is to have fun and believe us it's not just the kids who are having fun!

Lexi Forth

30th South Shields (Cleadow) Scouts

Our Scout meetings continue to be well attended; we currently have 16 Scouts aged between 10 and 14. Our leadership team has stayed the same during 2012; comprising of myself (Peter Ireland), Lynne Ireland and Christopher Johnson. We have a young person who attends weekly from the South Tyneside Explorer group.

2012 began with our traditional January visit to Wet and Wild in North Shields and unfortunately wet and wild seemed to be the theme for the rest of the year! We thoroughly enjoyed the fast moving Newcastle Eagles basketball game we saw in February. March saw some of the older Scouts planning their own expedition to York; this included a sleepover in a very cold Scout hall and a visit to the York Dungeons. In May an adventurous trip to the French Alps was led by Chris, in conjunction with Houghton-le- Spring District.

In the summer of 2012 many of our planned activities were curtailed due to the inclement weather. Our team for the South Tyneside camping competition were bitterly disappointed that the camp at West Hall was cancelled due to flooding; a coastal bike ride was scuppered by the weather and our Olympic tribute evening which would have earned the Scouts their athletics badge was a wash out! The Scouts helped clear an area of the church garden as part of our usual Friday meetings.

The highlight of the autumn term was undoubtedly the group weekend to Thurston Outdoor Education Centre in Coniston. The Scouts and Cubs participated in a weekend of wet activities, although this time it wasn't the rain! The activities were water based and included gill scrambling, kayaking and sailing. We enjoyed a visit to the climbing wall in November and learned circus skills as our Christmas event.

We look forward to another varied and active year in 2013, but let's hope for better weather!

Peter Ireland (Scout Leader)

Fellowship Groups

Bible Study Group (Wednesday eve.)

Our studies have included the 'Letter to the Hebrews', the 'Book of Psalms' followed by tapes on both studies by David Pawson, a popular biblical scholar. We are currently ploughing through the 'Book of Revelation', more for the promised blessing than personal enlightenment!

We do enjoy the cut and thrust of discussion and the fellowship, which makes the evening so enjoyable.

Dulcia Morris

Emmaus (Thursday eve.)

The Emmaus Group began during the time of Rev'd Norman Shaw, our vicar at that time. A large number of the church family attended initially. Over the years its number gradually diminished. In 2012 Thelma Hendry died; Ruth Nicol and Eleanor Sheldon are unable to attend due to mobility problems.

Five of us continued to meet at the home of Amanda Ford, Audrey Bolam led us and continues to, from a choice of religious topics involving bible reading and questions to discuss. We meet every Thursday evening except the last Thursday in the month. Our meeting starts with light refreshments and general news about sick people we know. Audrey then leads us in prayer and follows with bible readings concerned with the topic, each of us taking part when necessary. The questions for the course lead to discussion and sometimes written work – nothing too difficult.

Those of us who have been able to attend have enjoyed the fellowship as well as the bible study. We would welcome anyone wishing to join us.

Margaret Robson

Gospel Group (Monday eve.)

The Gospel group has been held every Monday evening in the Chapter House. The group starts at 6.30pm and finishes (more or less) at 7.15pm. The object of the group is to read and discuss the next Sunday's gospel. Since last year one member has resigned but a new member has joined us. At present there are

about eight of us; we would like to extend a hearty welcome to any other parishioner who would like to join us. You are welcome even if you simply come to 'test the waters'.

We talk about the gospel concerned, and some of the opinions are unorthodox but interesting. Part of the appeal is to see how the preacher on the following Sunday approaches the reading we have just studied. It is remarkable how often the preacher takes a completely different approach from any that we have thought of. It certainly makes the next Sunday's sermon more interesting.

It would be wrong to suppose that the meeting takes place in an atmosphere of deep, rather gloomy study; instead a meeting never goes by without some broad smiles and hearty comradeship. Everyone is encouraged to say something during the meeting but no pressure is ever put on anyone to speak.

Bob Lawson.

Married Couples Group.

We meet on the third Monday of the month, usually in the home of Keith & Jean at 11, Laburnum Grove. The group exists in order to provide a forum for committed couples to socialize and to learn more about our faith and the world around us. Some of our meetings are light hearted and great fun, for instance our annual Domino drive with a fish and chip supper. We have speakers three or four times a year on a variety of topics.

The group was able to organize an outing last summer. We were able to attend the Stephen Joseph Theatre in Scarborough to see an Ayckbourn play, Absurd Person Singular. We rounded the day off by having a meal at a hotel in Stokesley. The Christmas party as usual was a joint effort with the Men's Fellowship and was enjoyed by all. Allan Bailey devised a very clever pictorial quiz which had us all enthralled. The other joint effort with the Men's Fellowship was a very well thought out quiz devised by Anthony Adamson, it really had our brains rattling.

During the last year we have had some very interesting talks by a number of speakers. The

most memorable was a presentation by Marie–Therese Mayne on St. Cuthbert.

Our annual coffee morning was held in May. We always dedicate our coffee morning to a well known charity, last year we raised £288 for the Great North Air Ambulance organization.

Bob Lawson.

Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship meet in the Church Hall Upper Room on the last Monday of the month and the season begins in September and runs through to May. Our meetings start at 7.30pm for 7.45 and it is hoped to finish by 9.00pm. We have 11 members at present and we are all retired. As the name implies we are an all male organisation; however do hold the occasional "Open Meeting" when ladies are most welcome.

At our May meeting or the last for the season we hold elections to appoint a President; Chairman; Secretary/Treasurer and three committee members, our AGM. To finance the provision of speakers and other nominal expenses an annual subscription of £5 is charged which becomes due in September. Not all speakers charge a fee and as a consequence we have been able in the past to support the work of the church with the occasional donation.

The purpose of the group is to promote fellowship and spirituality within the male congregation at All Saints. Members and any other interested people are advised of every meeting either in the weekly sheet and /or in the Courier; which regularly calls for anyone interested to attend a meeting and become a Member of our "Fellowship" group.

Speakers cover a wide range of topics and this last year (2012) were as follows :-

- Walter Carr provided a video of the early 1900s, a video of the recently produced "BBC Metro Musical" and one on South Shields trolley buses.
- Mr Philip Curtis who gave an illustrated talk on Sunderland AFC in the 1960's.
- Walter Carr showing some old photos of South Shields.

- Dr Ian Rogers on his recent visit to Malaysia, also attended by the Married Couples group.
- With the Married Couples a quiz.
- A talk was by our own President, the Rev. Vernon Cuthbert.
- The Christmas Party hosted by the Married Couples, a great way to start the Festive Season.

Gordon Coxon (Chairman and Treasurer)
Allan Bailey (Secretary)

Mothers' Union

Even though we are somewhat reduced in numbers we manage to survive with 15 paid – up members including a very loyal and hardworking committee.

We continue to meet twice each month with the exception of January and August. We meet on the first Thursday for communion, often held in the Chapter House, followed by coffee in the church drop-in coffee shop. The second Thursday is our main meeting usually held in the church, but from now on for a short time, will be in the Chapter House.

Our meeting begins with a short service of prayers, bible readings and hymns. This is usually followed by a speaker, then refreshments while chatting with other members and guests. Our meetings commence at 2pm.

Apart from our own branch meetings we keep in touch with the Deanery. Deanery Meetings were held each month in 2012. All Saints Cleadon M.U. were the hosts for the Annual Overseas Event which brought members from all over Jarrow Deanery. We were very proud that so many members responded to our invitation. Other annual events on the calendar include a visit to Kimblesworth M.U. and their visit to us, our Patronal Service in November and finally the Diocesan Annual Event, the Festival Service at Durham Cathedral which is always very impressive and stimulating.

I mentioned about a reduction in our M.U. membership so we will always be happy to welcome new members.

Margaret Robson

Mission

Children's Society.

The Children's Society has a long history of providing support to many thousands of vulnerable children and young people each year. Their direct work on research, policy making and campaigning aims to tackle the root causes of the problems affecting these young people.

Here are just a few examples of their work. For the 100,000 children who run away each year, 1 in 12 will be harmed. Across the country there are nine dedicated runaway projects. Here project workers run programmes of 10 intensive support sessions for a young person who has run away from home multiple times. They also visit schools and give talks of the risks faced when running away from home. Today over 65,000 children live in care, often moving from home to home. Project workers provide tailored one to one support to give these children the stability they need. Each day tens of thousands of Young Carers miss out on vital education and play because they are caring for a disabled or chronically ill family member. The Children's Society work in partnership with other agencies to make sure that solutions are found to consider the needs of the whole family.

Over the last year donations from All Saints' have totalled £1,328. This magnificent total was raised from home collection boxes, Christingle collection candles and a coffee morning. With your support and generosity The Children's Society can continue to fund vital work to help children and young people who face harm and injustice in their daily lives. As Parish Co-ordinator, I would like to thank you all, on behalf of The Children's Society, for your continued love and support for the children.

Anne Hudson

Christian Aid

"I'm inspired by the way collectors find that bit of extra time to support Christian Aid", said an organiser and we have to agree with them. The house to house collections certainly change lives and we learn about people all over the world who have been helped to make a living through funds raised in this way. The

fishing community of Mo-Albert in Sierra Leone are now an organised group catching and smoking fish for market. Elsewhere coffee farmers have been helped to reach more customers and many communities have a better life through investments in schools and youth projects.

Christian Aid week 2012 began on May 13th and ended May 19th. During that week, 44 collectors worked throughout Cleadon Village collecting 1066 envelopes, including 105 gift-aided, which raised £3086.02 A further £379.80 was also sent to the organisation from Soup and Roll lunches during Lent. Hopefully the PCC will sanction this practice again for 2013 to give this year's Christian Aid Week a kick start.

However, our main resource is people. The three extra who came forward last year enabled us to cover every house in the village, but more help would mean a slightly less stressful time for those who take on additional areas within the strict time limit we are allowed. We only ask a few hours in one specific week of the year. Please consider adding your name and a contact number to the list which will appear in church a few weeks before the designated time and we would be grateful for those already on the list if they would tick if they are able to help again, or cross if it is not a possibility.

In these times which are hard for everyone, keeping up our contribution to the work which is done day in and day out seems very little, but indeed it does make a massive difference to the lives of those who receive the help.

Lesley and Clive Smith.

Church Mission Society.

The group has not met again this year owing to the Members becoming too elderly and infirm to attend these Meetings however on the positive side, as a result of the generosity of our Church family, we have succeeded in raising the sum of £660.00 from our Lent boxes and £311.00 from our "November Coffee Morning". Our gratitude goes to Anne Hudson and Lesley Smith who kindly arranged and organised the latter event on our behalf.

The funds that were raised have been sent by our Treasurer to support our Link Mission partners Eric and Sandra who are due on home leave this year. We look forward with great anticipation to seeing them both again in the near future.

Joan Walton

Outreach

Coffee Drop-in

The coffee drop in is continuing to fill a need, identified over 12 years ago, as a place to meet in the village. We have many people from outside our congregation as well as those who come to meet up with friends in the congregation. The visitors vary including: local workmen, people attending functions in the hall, walkers and others who see the notice and pop in. We have several regulars who are not "Church goers" but enjoy the refreshments and hopefully the fellowship provided.

Anyone who would like to help in the coffee drop in, either on a regular basis or to cover for holidays is encouraged to please speak to any of the team. I would like to thank the group of helpers who give their time so generously week by week and those who are always willing to stand in at short notice.

Robina Lawson

Day Club

We are a very happy group who meet each Friday in the Church Hall, we serve coffee at 11.15a.m. and a two course hot lunch at 12.30pm.

Membership has dropped in the last year unfortunately, mainly because of illness and age. At the present time we have a regular attendance of between twelve to eighteen who have lunch and really do enjoy socialising.

We would love to have more members and I feel Church members could possibly help in encouraging the lonely and housebound to come and join us. Transport can be arranged.

At Christmas twenty of us, members and helpers, enjoyed a very festive lunch at the Sea Hotel.

I would like to thank all the helpers for giving their time and effort to make Friday lunches such a success.

We would welcome anyone who would be willing to come along and help to prepare and serve food, not necessarily each week but on a rota system and would greatly appreciate

some help from any gentleman who could come along at 10.15a.m. and put up tables for us.

Those of who are involved with the Day Club believe we are providing a much needed service in the community.

June Roberts

Pastoral Care Group

We now have eleven members, including our Methodist representative Rita Sample. Sadly, two have retired but Peggy Carson has joined us. We continue to meet each month to discuss, pray and take action on pastoral care issues. Members review their personal Care Lists, bringing to the group's notice anyone in need of visits or prayers. These are constantly amended so that no one is forgotten or overlooked. My personal thanks go to the group for their unfailing support.

Congratulations, Welcome and Thinking of You cards as well as cards at Christmas and Easter are still faithfully being delivered by the Parish Network throughout the year. In September the Network was remembered in Pastoral Sunday prayers at both churches. Around thirty Networkers enjoyed a social evening at which the Vicar thanked us for witnessing as Christians in our community. We also held an exhibition of mobility aids by B-Able, which proved very helpful. Three more Networkers have joined our ranks.

The group assisted at twelve baptisms and sent out anniversary cards and Christmas Family Services invitations. We also sent bereavement and wedding anniversary cards. Throughout the year we have visited Hospitals, Homes and individual homes. Ten gifts of hyacinth bulbs at Christmas were very much appreciated.

We are always thankful for the pastoral care that many other individual church members give, especially the Happy at Homes visitors. Together, by showing our love for others, we are hopefully witnessing to God's love for everyone.

Jean Higgin

Soup 'n' roll Lunches

The Tuesday Soup 'n' Roll Lunches continue to be as popular as ever, we are fortunate to have a loyal and discerning clientele who we are happy to see and serve with our delicious menu of homemade soup, roll and butter, followed by homemade cake, and tea or coffee at the very competitive price of £3 per meal. We are pleased to see we have attracted a number of new customers over the past year; it is always a pleasure to welcome new faces, to enjoy a meal in comfortable friendly surroundings.

We open at 11:45am in the Parish Hall every Tuesday, apart from a short break at Christmas, Easter, and the school summer holidays. The four teams of volunteers make and serve the meals on a monthly rota, we are always keen to hear from anyone who would like to join us; you don't have to cook although that would be very welcome.

Our PCC Treasurer informs me that over the past year our Soup 'n' Roll lunches have earned a Grand Total of £2372.89p for Church Funds of which £379.80p was donated to Christian Aid during Christian Aid Week 2012.

Thank you to our volunteer teams and special thanks to our faithful clientele, those of long standing and new.

Edna Nichol

Worship

Choir

In 2012 we were pleased to welcome Peggy in to the Alto line bringing our strength up to ten Choristers.

Over that period they once again have been most loyal and I must thank them for their attendance at Services and also when Choir Practices have been held - on many occasions when there has been no heating on in the Church. We seem to get that problem sorted from about mid-November onwards when extra rehearsals were held for the items presented at the 'Alternative Carol Service' (ACS). Certainly there were some extremely cold rehearsals on occasions but hopefully that has now been resolved.

Bearing in mind our small numbers, they have led the singing really well and I must congratulate them on their performance at the ACS. The pieces I selected to use were to some extent different to the type of music normally sung but their response was superb. The item 'One Little Angel' is not easy and I wondered if we could manage it but, thanks to the Angel flown in especially for part of the Carol it went quite well. Many thanks go to Rob Lawson for his help. We might have something slightly different again for Christmas 2013.

We are now rehearsing for the weekly Sunday 10am music and meet at 7pm on the last Thursday in the month. If you feel you can help see myself or any Choir member - you will be welcome.

**Gordon Trehitt
(Organist and Choirmaster)**

Home Communion

Holy Communion is offered to the sick or housebound on a regular basis following the 10am service on the first and third Thursdays in the month.

We would be happy to hear from anyone wishing to partake of Home Communion on a short or long term basis, please contact the Revd Vernon Cuthbert so that a member of the

team can get in contact and make suitable arrangements.

Edna Nichol

Intercessions and Ministry of Healing

We continue to meet on a monthly basis. It is a pleasure that .Audrey Bolam and Bill Grant are now joining us for prayer, planning and discussion.

Rev'd Margaret Devine has recently retired so she no longer comes along to our meetings and we were also sorry when Edna Nichol "retired" from the group. Edna was a founder member and her leadership over recent years has been of great benefit to us all. Edna has agreed to continue with the distribution of prayers which can be used for Intercessions whilst Joan Walton compiles the rota. We thank those members of the congregation who lead us in prayer each week during the 10am Sunday Service.

Services with Prayers for Healing within the Sunday 8am Service and Thursday 10am Service are held at regular intervals and Prayers for Healing continue to be offered in the Chapter House each Sunday following the 10am Service.

On 23rd March last year we travelled to Shepherds Dene for a quiet day of reflection and prayer Members from the Pastoral Care Team joined us and we all agreed that the visit had been most restful and worthwhile. This year during our meetings we are hoping to revisit the Acorn Christian Trust resource pack, "Growing and Healing." Some members of the group have previously worked through the course and have found it to be most useful

Anne Hudson

Support Activities

Coffee

We are still using ground coffee on Sunday mornings and this is generally appreciated. It is however necessary to prepare well in advance of the morning service, at about 9.30am, to make up several flasks of coffee ready for the congregation when they come down to the Parish Hall. Even so it is not unusual to make up further flasks to meet demand.

On Saturday mornings we use instant coffee served with the option of hot milk primarily because of the speed of service which can be achieved compared with the use of the percolator.

Over the past year the sum of £864.79 (compared with £970.49 in 2011) has been raised for church funds on Sunday mornings alone. With only five church coffee mornings in 2012 on Saturdays, the average takings were £169.80 (c.f. £166.00 for 2011) amounting to £849.00 (c.f. £998.25. 2011). This brings the total annual revenue generated by the operation for 2012 to £1713.79.

And now the commercial for this equal opportunity enterprise. We need additional staff particularly for Sunday Coffee - male or female - no discrimination here. Once more, this problem really is cause for concern. Finally I would like to thank all team members, and other volunteers, who make and serve refreshments at Saturday coffee mornings and on Sundays after 10.00 am worship also the Scouts who set out the tables and chairs.

Enid Bage

Communications Group

The committee members continue to be Brian Bage, Allan Bailey, Gordon Coxon and Keith Higgin.

Our principal task is producing The Courier each month. We would very much welcome articles from the uniformed organisations and other groups that do not already contribute. The Thursday morning collation team includes Allan Bailey, Charles Westerberg and Terry &

Jackie Gregory. Jackie also prints the advertisements.

Anne Hudson maintains the distribution lists and acts as Advertising Manager, as well as collecting the subscriptions. Our advertisers continue to change much more frequently now, so if you use a local business who might wish to advertise, please pass on their name to Anne. It is also helpful if readers who use businesses that advertise mention The Courier, so that they are aware that their contribution is appreciated.

The Twenty Second edition of the Information Booklet was printed in the summer, a joint booklet with the Methodist Church which includes both church and non-church events happening on each site. Copies are available at the back of church.

Easter and Christmas cards were again produced for village-wide distribution in conjunction with the Methodists. Margaret Westerberg painted another lovely, original water-colour for each card and we are most grateful to her for this.

We really would appreciate having more people to help with the work to spread the load. You don't need to come to the committee meetings, there is still ample opportunity to assist. Please consider carefully whether you can help at all.

Keith Higgin.

Finance and Property Group

The group has regularly monitored income and expenditure against budget, reviewed premises hire fees and statutory fees for weddings and funerals.

The new Church Notice Board still requires appropriate permission from the local authority and Diocese before it can be ordered and erected.

Following completion of the Chapter House, the church building was re-valued at £2.8M, leading to an increased insurance premium. Insured repairs were made to the roof of the church, following wind damage. The work necessary to deal with the partly collapsed

drain running from the boiler house steps, has now received approval and this will be completed early in 2013. The Quinquennial Inspection of the church took place and the report shows mostly minor repairs and maintenance work.

The five year electrical inspection was carried out on all buildings and necessary work completed, including a full re-wire of the Old School Room. Central heating was also installed in the Old School Room and the exterior rendering repaired. A surveyor from Building Needs has inspected this building to assess repair and dilapidation work and installation of an accessible toilet.

In the Parish Hall we have had the dishwasher repaired and bought a new floor polisher, back door and telephone. The Parish Administrator Shirley Newton and cleaner Sam Stamp have both settled well into their new jobs.

Walter Carr has been diligent in carrying out many, many maintenance jobs during the year involving plumbing, fixing, joinery, clearing gutters and drains and much more.

Keith Higgin

Friends of All Saints

The membership of the friends at the start of 2012 was 118 adults and 14 children.

Financially the subscriptions for the year amounted to £995.

We purchased 830 copies of the Cleadon Courier. This equated to £415. These were distributed to our members in the village and some were posted to members further afield.

Helen and I arranged three coach outings throughout the year. In April we went to Barnard Castle for lunch, and then Durham Cathedral. Holy Island and Alnwick in June, then in September we had a day at Keswick.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Friends please contact us at 5, Woodlands Road.

Helen and Ernie Belsham

Gardening Team

Following the completion of the Chapter House, we have been able to spend more time at the east end of the gardens. In addition to continuing clearing the accumulated weeds, we have extended the pathways and finished the paving to the rear of the Organ Loft. Our building team has constructed a "Reflective Area" complete with trellis, up which clematis and climbing roses are being trained. We thank Bob Lawson for making us a sturdy seat so that any may sit and enjoy some peace and tranquillity.

The lawn to the south of the church has been re-laid, and all the lawns are now benefitting from regular maintenance. Jubilee Roses, kindly provided by the Guides, have been planted by the church door, as have many more spring bulbs.

The highlight of our year was to have received an "Outstanding Award" by the R.H.S. in their "It's your neighbourhood" section.

We continue to rely on the generosity of our congregation and the support of the Village Community for financial support. We gratefully acknowledge the kind donations from the Cleadon Village Association and also from the Big Band Concert; these supplemented our income from our Coffee Morning and Heritage Day Tea-party.

We will welcome additional volunteers to join our happy band.

John Byers

Gift Aid

The number of people taking envelopes is now 61 but covers 72 people and we have 27 Standing Orders, covering 30 people. Then we have 2 people who give quarterly/yearly & a few people who give directly onto the plate. Anyone wanting envelopes, or Standing Order forms, please see me or one of the sidespeople any Sunday morning.

The money reclaimed in tax is substantial and I ask anyone who pays tax either on investments or income to fill in a Gift Aid form. This is the only form you need to fill in and providing you pay Income Tax or Capital Gains

tax we can reclaim on the amount you give. You have already paid this tax to the government so it will not cost you anything.

Thank you to those who do the envelopes week by week and thanks to Gordon, and in his absence, Keith, for getting the bank statements to me so promptly.

Robina Lawson

Health and Safety

The Health and Safety sub group has 3 members of the congregation; Val Wallbank, Gill Barker and myself.

Over the past few months we have carried out Risk Assessments in the Church Hall, Stage area, Kitchen, Office and Corridors. Over the coming few months we will be looking at the Church, Chapter House and the Old School room. Thanks must be given to Walter Carr for helping with some of the recommendations from the Risk Assessments in the Hall.

Over the year there has been several incidents as regards Health and Safety. It is important that if an incident occurs it is recorded. If people are not aware of where to record any incidents one of the group or a Church Warden will be able to help.

The Health and Safety policy still requires updating and this will be completed once all the Risk Assessments have been finished.

Health and Safety is everyone's responsibility and a sensible approach needs to be taken as regards to Health and Safety.

Linda Ross

Parish Administrator

This is my first report as I only took on the role as church administrator in May last year. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to every one for such a warm welcome into the church. I would also like to welcome the new cleaner Samantha. She now has an excellent system in place and prides herself in keeping all areas of the church in top condition.

The Parish Hall continues to be really busy and all the groups and activities taking place seem

to be as popular as ever. The Hall is also proving to be a big hit with parties whether it's an after noon birthday party or an evening with a live jazz band.

Christmas is always the highlight of the year and this year the church decided to make changes. Instead of having the Christmas bazaar we decided to have a Christmas tree festival. Everyone was welcome to join in and decorate a tree. We had a great response from Church members, hall groups and local businesses. This was well attended by the local community and had some excellent family activities taking place in the hall. As you can imagine this was very popular with the younger. It was a fun day had by all.

As always church members continue to work very hard to maintain the church and its grounds and raising funds through charity coffee mornings and the Christmas tree festival.

Shirley Newton

Site Development

The year started with practical completion of the Chapter House, this having taken place just before Christmas 2011, although there were still snagging jobs to be finished. Many of these were completed by the time Bishop Justin Welby came to preside at our service on 15th January 2012 and give his blessing to the Chapter House.

February saw the final meeting of the Group and responsibility for oversight of the remaining work was passed to the Finance and Property Group.

Just before Easter, Murray Construction and Development Ltd went into liquidation. There was still some remedial work required and this was arranged by Andrew Gillespie, who had been site foreman.

Negotiations continued with the liquidator for settlement of the amount still owing, which resulted in a final payment of £3,915.22. There are payments to make to the Quantity Surveyor and Architect, as well as loan repayments to our own General Fund and to the Diocese. Final promises are still due,

together with Gift Aid tax refunds, but the end result should be a surplus of about £5,000 towards the development of the Old Schoolroom.

Everyone seems to admire the building and it is well used, on Sundays for Saintlets and on weekdays for meetings and some Thursday morning services. It has also been useful for a number of social events during the year.

Keith Higgin

Transport

Again there is not a great deal new to report on this front since the service has not been in great demand over the past year and then mainly for hospital appointments either at the Royal and General in Sunderland or South Tyneside Hospital in South Shields. The main problem at both hospitals is parking, even with a blue badge. In many cases we are only able to offer a drop off service. Volunteer drivers are advised to check with their insurance company that the service provided is covered by their policy. The facility is normally for seniors only and usually for medical reasons. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteer drivers, many of whom have conveyed passengers at short notice and trust that they will continue to support the scheme during the coming year.

Enid Bage