

The Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints, Cleadon



**Annual Report 2017
and
Agenda for the
Annual Vestry Meeting
&
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
during our worship
10.00am Sunday 29 April 2018**

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Agenda for the 2018 Vestry Meeting Sunday 29 April.

1. Minutes of the Vestry Meeting 2017
2. Churchwardens Report including the Annual Report on the Terrier and Inventory
3. Election of Churchwardens

Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2018

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the APCM 2017
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

Agenda for the first Parochial Church Council Meeting 2018/2019

In the Chapter House

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

Minutes of Vestry Meeting 2017

The Vestry Meeting was held during the Sunday Morning Worship in the Church on Sunday 30th April 2017 and attended by 57 people. The Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert chaired the meeting.

1. The minutes of the vestry meeting for 2016

The minutes were approved.

2. The Churchwardens' Report

The Churchwarden Report was accepted. The vicar expressed his thanks to Bryan for his first year of service, especially as this was undertaken alone as the second Churchwarden vacancy remained unfilled.

3. Election of Churchwardens

There was only one nomination for election of Churchwardens, Bryan Saunders. **There being no other person seeking election, the above was duly appointed for one year as Churchwarden.**

However, a second person is still necessary to be appointed to support Bryan.

Churchwarden Report

I was sworn in as Churchwarden at the Archdeacon's Visitation held at Hebburn St John on Tuesday 24th May and attended the newly elected Churchwarden Training at St Nicholas Hedworth on 8th June.

I was part of a team welcoming pupils from Cleadon Church of England Academy for 'Experience Harvest' during this year.

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

I continue to meet with Vernon on a regular basis for discussion, planning and information sharing.

Thanks go to all in our congregation who continue to offer their time and talents in serving the Church and local community in so many different ways.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their support and understanding during the first year of appointment as Churchwarden.

Bryan Saunders.

This concluded the Vestry Meeting for 2017

Minutes of APCM 2017

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was during the Sunday Morning Worship in the Church on Sunday 30th April 2017 and was attended by 57 people. The Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert chaired the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

1.1 Apologies were received from 5 people.

2. Minutes of the APCM for 2016

The minutes were unanimously accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

3. Reports of the PCC

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

3.1 Electoral Roll

There are 138 parishioners currently on the Electoral Roll, this has increased by 2.

3.2 Proceedings of the PCC

No comments.

3.3 PCC Membership

Vernon reported that Gill Helps had recently resigned therefore leaving a vacancy for a 2 year term.

3.4 Treasurer's Report and Accounts

The Treasurer's detailed reports are shown on Pages 10-15 of the report. Vernon pointed out that our finances are not as healthy as they appear as we received a legacy and also reduced our Parish Share in 2016. However, he went on to explain that reducing the Parish Share in turn reduces the Diocesan funds for clergy and related costs and there is a responsibility for everyone to support our Church in this Diocese through our giving. Both he and the Treasurer thank everyone in our congregation for their generous contributions.

3.5 Deanery Synod Report

Deanery Synod representatives required to be elected for 3 year term.

4. Group Reports

Listed on pages 17 to 30 of the Annual Report.

5. Elections

5.1 Elections to Deanery Synod

Three nominations were received for a 3 year term and the following were elected unopposed:-
Cathy Barnes
Jenny Grant
Keith Higgin

5.2 Elections to the PCC

Two nominations were received for a 3 year term and the following were elected unopposed:-
Ron Richardson
Lesley Smith
Two vacancies remain unfilled for a 3 year term.
One vacancy to be filled for a 2 year term.

5.2 Appointment of Sidespeople

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

6. Appointment of the Independent Examiner

It was agreed that Ms Caroline Mulley is to be approached to confirm her re-appointment as our Independent Examiner.

7. Vicar's Report

Vernon expressed his thanks to everyone who actively participates in the life of the church, not just those who support him in his role, but to all who are part of a worshipping community. As the APCM was taking place during the Sunday Morning Service of Worship, Vernon was able to reflect on the Bible readings and explained that our acceptance of Jesus and being baptised means that we enter fully into the Christian community; and unlike the travellers on the road to Emmaus who hadn't recognised Jesus as their companion until he broke bread with them, we are fortunate to know that Jesus is with us on our everyday journey. We meet with Him as we share His meal

(communion) and in our faith in our daily living. And he explained that proclaiming the good news of Jesus is not just for one person (the vicar!) to tell but rather it is for us all to go out and proclaim it.

In closing, Vernon thanked everyone again for their participation, for meeting in the bread and wine, and advised us all to go out and meet Jesus.

Minutes Of Special Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 23rd July 2017 11.15am

1. Attendance

The Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert and 49 members of the Sunday morning 10am service worshipping community.

2. Apologies for Absence

Derek Bage, Valerie Wallbank.

3. Introduction

- Vernon explained that the meeting had been called to elect two new Churchwardens, following the recent resignation of the current, and only, Churchwarden Bryan Saunders.
- Details of the duties of a Churchwarden had been circulated prior to the special meeting in order that everyone could have the opportunity to read and pray about either nominating themselves or approaching someone they thought would be willing to undertake the role.
- Vernon reiterated that the role of a Churchwarden is not to undertake every single task, but to ensure that there are a number of other people available to carry out various tasks.
- Vernon also emphasised the fact that the Church of England expects there to be always two people elected as Churchwardens so that there is sufficient support during the year of office.

4. Nominations

- Vernon advised the meeting that he had received one nomination, but this was caveated on the understanding that this person would only take up the role if a second person came forward.
- Vernon then asked if anyone attending the meeting was willing to nominate themselves as a second Churchwarden, and Marie Philpott said she was willing to do so, although she expressed concern that she is not currently on the Electoral Roll.
- However, in response Vernon explained that as she has resided within the

parish for more than 6 months this is not a problem.

5. Election of Churchwardens

- As no other nominations were forthcoming, and both candidates had been proposed and seconded, Vernon announced that both Brian Peel and Marie Philpott were to be elected as Churchwardens.

Report of the PCC

for the year ended 31 December 2017

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.

Aims and Purposes

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.

Public Benefit

Our worship is open to all regardless of faith or affiliation. The resources available to the PCC are used to further its aims and purposes. The PCC takes as wide an interpretation of the 'whole mission of the Church' as possible to enable community use of its buildings, whilst retaining the right to not allow use that is contrary to this mission.

Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a registered charity No. 1132228 with the title "The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints Cleadon".

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.

Objectives and Activities

Electoral Roll and Attendance

There are 131 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll for the 2018 APCM. The average

Sunday attendance, counted during October 2017, was 71 adults and 8 children. Attendance at Easter numbered 99; Easter Communicants were 72; attendance at Christmas was 425 and Christmas communicants numbered 48.

Val Wallbank

Proceedings of the PCC

During 2017 the PCC continued to provide oversight and leadership to the life of All Saints'. Regular updates were provided by the Churchwarden, Finance and Property, Locality, Deanery and Synod, and Cleadon Church of England Academy. In addition, leaders of some of our church activities were invited to join a particular PCC meeting during the year and give the PCC members a brief overview of their work within the life of the church.

The Bishops Mission 'Talking Jesus Durham' arrived in the Diocese over the weekend of 2nd – 5th March. This was a significant exercise in the life of the Church of England to grow in numbers and a number of events took place in Cleadon for the whole community to join in with the Bishops, other clergy and our congregation, including a 'Bake-Off' event in Cleadon Academy and a Hymnathon. There was also an opportunity for people to visit other parish events too. Overall feedback was the weekend went well.

Following on from the 'Talking Jesus Durham' weekend a 6 week course began on 7th March entitled Start! aimed at those starting their journey of faith.

The Shared Ministry Development team continued working to support Vernon in his Missional Leadership Growth initiative. Opportunities arose during the year for the team to accompany Vernon on visits to other parishes to explore their vision for the future, and also to reciprocate their hospitality and allow us to share our vision.

In October the PCC agreed to 'park' the detailed Strategic Action Plan; but retain the Strategic Goals 'Rainbow'; in order to refocus on a Missional Leadership for Growth project called 'Love, Relate, Create', which will allow us to focus on the importance of first showing

our *love* for others, so that we can then build new *relationships* with them, from which we can hope to *create* new ways of doing things for them, and ultimately create new Christians.

In November the PCC agreed to join a pilot scheme within the Diocese – the Parish Giving Scheme, which provides a professional, effective donation management system to support parishes fund their mission and ministry. It is hoped it will also reduce the burden of work on our parish volunteers.

The Deanery Plan had been discussed in detail during 2017, particularly relating to the reduced clergy numbers expected by 2020, culminating in a decision by the PCC in November to set up a small working party to look at planning the way forward for the two parishes of Whitburn and Cleadon to work together under one priest by the end of 2018.

Rounding off another busy year in the life of All Saints', the Christmas Tree Festival and Bazaar was another festive success, bringing together the congregation and community of the parish and beyond.

Mandy Forster (PCC Secretary)

PCC Membership

Vernon Cuthbert*	Priest-in-charge
Bryan Saunders*	Churchwarden until 25 June 2017
Brian Peel*	Churchwarden from 26 July 2017
Marie Philpott*	Churchwarden from 26 July 2017
Keith Higgin*	Deanery Synod to 31 May 2020, Diocesan Synod to 2018
Cathy Barnes*	Deanery Synod to 31 May 2020
Robina Lawson*	Deanery Synod to 30 June 2017
Jenny Grant*	Deanery Synod from 1 July 2017 to 31 May 2020
elected until 30 April 2017	
Nigel Thomas	
Rob Lawson	
Ian Sinkamba	
Ernie Belsham	
elected until APCM 2018	
Anne Hudson	
June Roberts	

Bryan Saunders
Louise Powell
elected until APCM 2019
Carol Casey
Gill Helps
Jean Higgin
Helen Belsham
elected from 30 April 2017 until APCM 2020
Ron Richardson
Lesley Smith
Co-opted
Mandy Forster (PCC Secretary)

Election of Sidespeople

(* 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

Starting 31st January, we had a six-week lent programme called "Faith Pictures". It was designed to help us as Christians to talk naturally to friends, neighbours and colleagues about what we believe. The kinds of communication which best stick in the mind are concrete and rooted in story-telling. In the course we visualised and talked about pictures and stories that might help us to articulate and share our faith with others. Each session contained a short video followed by discussion in pairs and as a whole group. It was a really enjoyable and informative course, which emphasised the importance of honesty and listening. Thanks to Rev Vernon and Cathy who led the course.

Bryan Saunders stood down as Churchwarden at the end of June and Marie Philpott and Brian Peel were elected to the post of Churchwardens on Sunday 23rd July and were sworn in at the PCC meeting on Wednesday 26th July 2017.

The Quinquennial Inspection of the Church building was carried out by Tony Barnes of B3 Architecture on 20th October and the report issued at the end of 2017, a few minor matters require attention and these are being

addressed. There have been several minor maintenance matters through the year including some roof repairs undertaken in October and a tree survey and maintenance plan prepared in September 2017 and this will be progressed in 2018. The five yearly Electrical Inspection has been instructed to be carried out, and the normal annual inspections have also been carried out.

The pupils from Years 3 and 4 from Cleadon Church of England Academy were welcomed to Church for "Experience Easter" in April and again at the end of November for "Experience Christmas".

The Churchwardens have met with Vernon on a regular basis since July, and have attended the PCC and Finance and Property Group meetings. A meeting also took place with the Churchwardens from Whitburn on 17th November, this was helpful with a view to exploring ways of working together more closely in the future.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone for their support and work over 2017 this is much appreciated and for helping the new Churchwardens who are still learning the role.

Brian Peel and Marie Philpott

Deanery Synod Report

The Deanery Synod met four times during the year, in February (at St Lawrence the Martyr, Horsley Hill), May (at St Mary & St Martin, South Shields), September (at St Oswald, Hebburn) and November (at St John the Baptist, Perth Green).

The key area of business for the Synod in 2017, discussed at several meetings, was the

Deanery Plan:

- current circumstances require deaneries to formulate plans for allocating clergy in their area by 2020;
- deaneries have been charged with reaching a successful solution through discussion, negotiation, co-operation and prayer.
- provision has been made for 10.5 clergy posts within Jarrow Deanery (Jarrow, Hebburn, South Shields, Cleadon, Whitburn and the Boldons), but the way in which these posts are

allocated to parishes is a matter for the deanery to decide.

These discussions were held in an atmosphere of good-will, as we got to grips with thorny issues such as sharing a priest, different types of churchmanship, 'too many buildings', and 'will people be prepared to travel between churches?' Discussion will continue into 2018.

In a regular '**Down Your Way**' slot at each meeting, 3 or 4 parishes gave a brief presentation outlining their church's geographical location and character, its service patterns, attendance, groups and other activities. It was surprising to realise how little we knew about one another!

Guest speakers talked on a variety of subjects, from latest news from our Lesotho Link, to Diocesan initiatives on church growth, and the proposed new Parish Giving Scheme.

Although the **Synod's officers** (Chair, Secretary etc) were due to stand down in accordance with new synodical rules, we were unable to find new people to take on these roles and so the election had to be postponed until Spring 2018.

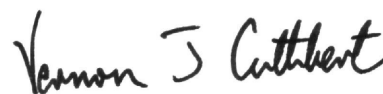
Cathy Barnes, Jenny Grant, Keith Higgin

Treasurer's Report and Accounts

These appear on pages 11-16 following.

Helen Belsham

This annual report was adopted by the Standing Committee of the PCC on 19th April 2018 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 requirement is 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 2017 does not exceed the threshold of £250,000 the Annual Accounts for All Saints Church Cleadon have once 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" and in this regard, there has been an £2,487.89 increase in general funds.

Helen Belsham (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 £12,818.16p on unrestricted funds, which includes the Friends at the year-end, is below this target. The General reserves are £4,964.43 and is also below target due to emergency work carried out on the church roof at a cost of £4,170.00. The Parish Share was also increased.

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 2017

1 GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	CODE	2017 Unrestricted	2017 Restricted	2017 Total	2016 Unrestricted	2016 Restricted	2016 Total
<u>Voluntary receipts</u>							
Covenanted Planned Giving	1	34,931.10		34,931.10	34,283.54		34,283.54
Income Tax recovered	2	10,214.72		10,214.72	9,770.71		9,770.71
Uncovenanted planned giving	3	3,064.40		3,064.40	3,423.40		3,423.40
Collections (loose)	4	2,623.67		2,623.67	1,534.23	60.00	1,594.23
Sundry Donations	6	1,976.61	809.13	2,785.74	2,508.87	2,010.00	4,518.87
Donations/Appeals (Restricted)	8				1,150.00	1,494.04	2,644.04
Legacies	9	1,000.00		1,000.00	5,005.00		5,005.00
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>53,810.50</u>	<u>809.13</u>	<u>54,619.63</u>	<u>57,675.75</u>	<u>3,564.04</u>	<u>61,239.79</u>
<u>Activities for generating funds</u>							
Church Coffee Mornings and Socials	10 +11	4,669.97	709.00	5,378.97	5,292.04	763.55	6,055.59
Christmas Bazaar		1,872.47		1,872.47	1,770.85		1,770.85
Magazine sales	14	2,826.85		2,826.85	3,106.55		3,106.55
Church Hall lettings	15	17,998.31		17,998.31	17,173.06		17,173.06
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>27,367.60</u>	<u>709.00</u>	<u>28,076.60</u>	<u>27,342.50</u>	<u>763.55</u>	<u>28,106.05</u>
<u>Receipts from Church activities</u>							
Fees (Weddings and Funerals)	16	1,509.00	3,331.00	4,840.00	1,504.00	2,743.00	4,247.00
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>1,509.00</u>	<u>3,331.00</u>	<u>4,840.00</u>	<u>1,504.00</u>	<u>2,743.00</u>	<u>4,247.00</u>
<u>Other incoming resources</u>							
Insurance Claims	18		3,152.00	3,152.00			0.00
British Gas compensation		320.00		320.00			0.00
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>320.00</u>	<u>3,152.00</u>	<u>3,472.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>		<u>83,007.10</u>	<u>8,001.13</u>	<u>91,008.23</u>	<u>86,522.25</u>	<u>7,070.59</u>	<u>93,592.84</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT for Year Ending 31st December 2017

1 GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

<u>PAYMENTS</u>	CODE	2017 Unrestricted	2017 Restricted	2017 Total	2016 Unrestricted	2016 Restricted	2016 Total
<u>Charitable activities</u>							
Overseas Mission	30	375.000	1,332.22	1,707.22	375.05		375.05
Relief Agencies	31	585.50	55.50	641.00		115.00	115.00
Home mission & organisations	32	750.00	1,024.63	1,774.63	750.00	1,232.75	1,982.75
Secular Charities	33	249.55	245.00	494.55	899.00	754.32	1,653.32
Parish Share (Diocese & Deanery)	34	46,200.00		46,200.00	42,000.00		42,000.00
Clergy Expenses	35	1,310.39		1,310.39	1,220.83		1,220.83
Assistant Staff	36	57.25		57.25	299.85		299.85
Parsonage Repairs & Water Rates	37	505.41		505.41	488.48		488.48
Church Heating, Lighting & Water	38	1,606.05		1,606.05	2,638.08		2,638.08
Church Ins, Maint & Cleaning	39 & 44	7,639.95		7,639.95	6,336.55		6,336.55
Cost of Services	40	643.02		643.02	437.37	105.05	542.42
Upkeep of Church Yard	41	299.86	15.00	314.86	88.99	10.00	98.99
Printing & Stationary	42 & 47	2,323.33		2,323.33	2,126.52		2,126.52
Support Costs (Training)	43	125.71		125.71	183.89		183.89
Hall Costs	44	11,002.60		11,002.60	9,880.32		9,880.32
Major Church & Hall Expenditure (See Note 1)					1,019.00	2,310.00	3,329.00
Assistant Staff	46	1,476.00	8,416.00	9,892.00	1,250.00	1,353.60	2,603.32
Administration	49	1,985.54		1,985.54	2,107.49		2,107.49
Others		455.18		455.18			0.00
Replacements claimed under insurance			3,152.00	3,152.00			0.00
School Room (Maintenance + Services)		2,853.54		2,853.54	2,627.04		2,627.04
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>80,443.88</u>	<u>14,240.35</u>	<u>94,684.23</u>	<u>74,727.96</u>	<u>5,880.72</u>	<u>80,608.68</u>
<u>Fund raising trading</u>							
Cost of fetes/bazaars etc	48	75.33		75.33	612.55		612.55
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>75.33</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>75.33</u>	<u>612.55</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>612.55</u>
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>		<u>80,519.21</u>	<u>14,240.35</u>	<u>94,759.56</u>	<u>75,340.51</u>	<u>5,880.72</u>	<u>81,221.23</u>
(Deficit)/Excess of Receipts over Payments		2,487.89	(6,239.22)	(3,751.33)	11,181.74	1,189.87	12,371.61
Bank current account at 1 Jan		10,330.27	4,736.16	15,066.43	(551.47)	3,246.29	2,694.82
Sale of Stock							
Net transfer to/from other Church Accounts.					(300.00)	300.00	
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>12,818.16</u>	<u>(1,503.06)</u>		<u>10,330.27</u>	<u>4,736.16</u>	
Bank (current account) at 31 Dec				11,315.10			15,066.43

Note 1:- The major expenditure undertaken during 2016 was a new sound system and painting of the Chapter House and the Parish Hall.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT for Year Ending 31st December 2017

2 RESTRICTED AMOUNTS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND

	2017	2017	2016	2016
<u>2.1 Flower Fund</u>				
<i>Receipts</i>				
b/f	126.47		181.52	
Other receipts (Weddings and Donations)	10.00		50.00	
<i>Payments (Flowers for Weddings etc.)</i>	105.05		1055.05	
Balance at 31 Dec		<u>136.47</u>		<u>126.47</u>
<u>2.2 Special Donations</u>				
<i>Receipts</i>				
Garden Donation	25.00		10.00	
Sound System	0.00		2,010.00	
From General Funds	0.00		300.00	
<i>Payments</i>				
Garden Donation	15.00		10.00	
Sound System	0.00		2,310.00	
Balance at 31 Dec		<u>10.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
<u>2.3 Fees</u>				
<i>Brought forward creditors</i>	3,133.40		1,744.00	
<i>Receipts</i>	3,331.00		2,743.00	
<i>Payments</i>	8,416.00		1,353.60	
Balance at 31 Dec - amounts due to be paid out see creditors		<u>(1,951.60)</u>		<u>3,133.40</u>
<u>2.4 Charity Collections</u>				
<i>Brought forward creditors</i>	1,476.29		1,320.77	
<i>Receipts</i>	1,483.13		2,257.59	
<i>Payments</i>	2,657.35		2,102.07	
Balance at 31 Dec - amounts due to be paid out see creditors		<u>302.07</u>		<u>1,476.29</u>

3 General DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

	2017	2016	2016	2016
<i>Receipts</i>				
B/F	3,246.43		3,234.51	
Interest	12.42		11.92	
Total Receipts		<u>3,258.85</u>		<u>3,246.43</u>
<i>Payments</i>				
Balance at 31 Dec		<u>3,246.43</u>		<u>3,246.43</u>

4 FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS ACCOUNT

	2017	2017	2016	2016
<i>Receipts</i>				
B/F	3,464.00		2,782.12	
Membership				
i) From General Account	170.00		145.00	
ii) Friends Account (Standing Orders)	313.00		338.00	
iii) Friends Account Cash Subs	251.00		435.15	
Receipts from sale Jams, Plants & Veg.	495.00		150.00	
Income Tax Refund (From General Account)	75.00		66.25	
Interest	8.84		8.48	
<i>Payments</i>				
Administration Expenses (postage etc)	67.20		91.00	
Magazine Contribution (To Gen A/c)	370.00		370.00	
Water heater – Hall Toilets	634.00			
Balance at 31 Dec		<u>3,705.64</u>		<u>3,464.00</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT for Year Ending 31st December 2017

5 STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

		2017	2017	2016	2016
5.1	<u>MONETARY ASSETS</u>				
	Barclay's Current Account	11,315.10		15,066.43	
	CBF Fund	3,258.85		3,246.43	
	Friends of All Saints	3,705.64		3,464.00	
	Total		<u>18,279.59</u>		<u>21,776.86</u>
5.2	<u>OTHER ASSETS</u>				
	Church Hall (COST IN 1938)		<u>2,228.00</u>		<u>2,228.00</u>
5.3	<u>DEBTORS</u>				
	Overpaid fees to Diocese	1,951.60			
	Gift Aid - Estimate			6,384.00	
			<u>1,951.60</u>		<u>6,384.00</u>
5.4	<u>LIABILITIES (Major Known above £100)</u>				
	Fees to be paid re weddings and funerals			3,133.40	
	Charity collections to be paid over	302.07		1,476.29	
	Utilities – estimate	500.00		500.00	
	<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>		<u>802.07</u>		<u>5,109.69</u>

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31st December 2017

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 on a receipts and payments basis and under the historical cost convention. 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 2017, which are set out on pages 11 to 16, 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 trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. They consider an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures set down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners Section 145(5)b of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the Financial Statements presented 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 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records 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.

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

19 April 2018

Organisation Reports 2017

Children and Young People

Safeguarding Children

Safeguarding of children is very successful due in most part to the diligence of the leaders and helpers. There is a need to review if there are any new helpers requiring safeguarding clearance and this will be completed this year.

Once again a sincere thanks to all who are involved in protecting our children.

Jackie Gregory

Non-Uniformed Children's and Youth work

Toddlers@All Saints

This has been another successful year for Toddlers@AllSaints. We have consistently had good numbers attending. Both children and carers appear to enjoy the activities provided. I must thank all those carers who stepped up to help set up, put away and provide refreshments during late June and early July whilst I went on annual leave. We were able to make donations to the Mothers Unions Mothering Sunday appeal and to the Save the Children Christmas jumper appeal during the year. The Christmas celebration was a joyful celebration in church with the children participating in the Christmas story as the main characters, through singing, blowing out the candles on Jesus' birthday cake and unwrapping presents from under the tree.

Janet Cuthbert

Young Saints and Saintlets

During the year we have seen high numbers and low numbers, but on the whole we have a consistent group of children and parents joining us on Sunday mornings. No matter how many children turn up we have a good time in the Chapter House trying to follow the lectionary themes (not always easy especially given the wide age range). Thank you needs to go to Louise, Kellie and Ian for standing in and taking the helm on Sundays I am unable to be at church. The Young Saints also participated in the Tree Festival by creating a wonderful Snow Dog tree - again thanks go to

Kellie, Louise and Jill for coming up with the idea and decorating the tree.

Janet Cuthbert

Cleadon Church of England Academy

This has been a very exciting year for the Academy. Following the widespread consultation exercise the previous year; it became very apparent that many parents and members of the Academy community would welcome Nursery provision. After a very lengthy application process, we were informed in April that our bid for funding had been successful – the builders moved onto site the very next day! We are now the proud owners of a state-of-the art brand new Nursery block. The uptake of places has exceeded our initial forecasts, we are now practically full and even have a waiting list for September 2018.

As well as extending our age-range this year, the Directors also made the decision to move to school-led wraparound provision and Cleadon Owls was born! Each day, more than sixty children attend Breakfast and After-school Club. The children love what is on offer and we have had very positive feedback from the parents.

As a result of the above initiatives, we have continued to expand our team and employed eleven new members of staff in September. For the first time, we have taken on an Office apprentice and this is proving very successful.

As we move towards the end of the Autumn Term, the children are naturally very excited, but as a staff the general excitement is tinged with a hint of sadness. Mr. Binz, who has taught at the school for 32 years, has decided to take early retirement at Christmas. He will be a huge miss, but we wish him a long and happy retirement.

Mrs. J. Gray (Principal)

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 daughters name to the waiting list needs to go to

www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested and add it online.

We have had another busy year working on a Roundabout badge among other badges. We had a night of hula hooping and learnt some new hula hooping skills, have tried yoga and made meditation jars which was a very calm, relaxing night. These are just a few of the many activities we have done during the year, ending the year with a night at the cinema to see Paddington 2.

Rainbows celebrated their 30th Birthday this year so we had a lovely County Princess Day at Harton School with over 160 Rainbows all dressed as Disney Princesses. The girls met Cinderella and sat in her carriage, they made tiaras, magic mirrors, glass slippers, danced, sang and played a birthday cake game where they got to collect all the pieces to decorate a cake and take it home. We also had a Division Rainbow disco in Roker, where we danced lots and played silly games that the DJ organised. Lots of fun was had by all at both events.

Thank you for supporting us in our fundraising events and our weekly meetings. Also my thanks go to my Assistant Leader Sarah and her mam Lisa, Melanie, Elea and Jessica our Leaders in Training.

Lisa Nesworthy (Rainbow Leader)

1st Cleadon Brownies

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

Unfortunately, the Brownies lost Nicola, a leader who has been with us for over 5 years and was a great enthusiastic leader. Nicola moved away at the beginning of the year and everyone misses her at Brownies, she did however, come along to our sleepover at Camp House, Spennymoor during the Christmas holidays. We went with 2nd Boldon Brownies and had a unicorn theme. Jill, a Guide Leader from Sunderland South, came along to help us with an indoor campfire sing song, and has offered to come to Brownies to teach us some more songs, we look forward to

that. I assisted Nicola in the kitchen, a role I've never experienced before, but quite enjoyed it and no one got food poisoning.

The Brownies have experienced many different activities at Brownies throughout the year, learning new skills with a hula hoop, yoga, making slime, badgework to name but a few. We have also learnt about the work of Jill Griffiths making and providing water filters for countries that don't have fresh clean water. Between Rainbows and Brownies we bought water filters for 3 communities to have clean water, well done girls.

My thanks go to the D of E girls who help each week, Emily who has just started on her Leadership Qualification and also the parents who now help on the rota.

Lisa Nesworthy (Brownie Leader)

1st Cleadon Guides

Leaders remain Val, Lynne, Heather and Rebecca with Charlotte added to our team as a great young leader! Heather will however be leaving us to return home to Northern Ireland in the Summer, Rebecca will be living in Durham for university from September - both ladies will be a miss to our unit. Our unit presently has 15 Guides.

Among the usual kinds of things (games, crafts, drama, badges, cooking etc) in 2017 we have raised money for charities, investigated some local history, and had a day at the coast visiting Souter and the beach.

As part of a badge based on coast, lakes and mountains, the girls had a "summer" evening at the water activities centre in Roker. I don't think we could have picked a worse evening for weather, very windy and very wet! Instead of mixed water sports, the girls still went off paddling bell boats up the river and loved it.

Further afield, we have had a weekend at Guide Spennymoor Camphouse in the spring, went to Glasgow Arena for the "Tartan Gig" Guide pop concert and joined with Hexham Guides for a camp at Dilston in the Summer.

Presently, our unit is involved with an engineering Robotics Challenge competition using Lego Mindstorm equipment. Whilst very

good equipment and syllabus, it is proving to be quite a challenge to get some Guides ready for a competition in February.

At Christmas, the Guides chose Gravity Force Trampoline Park, where they had fun and some Guides even made their promise!

**Lynne Carr & Val Cram
(Guide Leaders)**

1st Cleadon Rangers

We currently have 9 Rangers (between 14 and 18 years of age). We generally meet every other week. Lynne and Lisa continue as the leaders.

We have had a reasonably quiet year. We still managed to make things, cook, do some drama, have game nights and worked on a badge. We have also been trialling some activities from the new senior section program which is due out in the next year or so.

We have been out for a couple of meals, a trip to the beach and West Hall.

**Lynne Carr
(Assistant Guide Leader)**

30th South Shields (Cleadon) Beavers

Beavers are thriving and the colony constantly runs a full capacity with good leader support. Beavers have had a great time exploring various badges during 2017. We have done a few hikes up at Cleadon Hills and conquered the BP walk at Humshaugh.

Our Beavers stayed over at Beamish museum, camping, which they enjoyed. We have been skiing at Silksworth and worked on fire safety at South Shields fire station, pitched tents, made pancakes, learned about other countries and first aid. They have built sandcastles on the beach and finished the night with an ice cream! We have had Vaisya from Gill Griffith talking about Water Aid, and finished the year with a 'Beavers Got Talent'.

**Rebecca Riley
(Leader)**

30th South Shields (Cleadon) Cubs

This year has been jammed packed, with fun, adventures, activities and much more. The cubs are working towards their challenge badges, which make up the highest award in

cubs, the Silver Award. Our aim is to get all the cubs through their Silver Award.

This year the children have participated in a number of camps. We have had two themed camps. One was Medieval Camp and the second camp was cookery camp. The children learnt to cook a number of different dishes. With the beavers and scouts the Cubs took part in a one-night camp at Beamish. The Cubs and Scout went to Hawkthirst for a weekend where they took part in lots of outdoor activities such as cooking outside, climbing and abseiling, den building, and canoeing.

We have had activities at the church hall, at the park and at our local campsite West Hall. Other activities included a visit to the fire station, a Mosque, Buddhist Temple, canoe capers, a walk around Penshaw Monument, bowling and many more.

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

**Victoria Purvis-McGinn & Alex Forth
(Cub Scout Leaders)**

30th South Shields (Cleadon) Scouts

Helen and I became joint Leaders of the Scout section of the 30th Group in January and have ran a varied and engaging programme for Scouts this year! The activities involved have been; Fencing, Skiing, Climbing, Tennis lessons at a local tennis club, a walking tour of Cleadon Village with members of the Village Historical Society when Scouts were told some very interesting facts about the village in days of yore.

We carried out a couple of "community" based projects this year by refurbishing and re-painted the wooden bench outside the village Community Building and dressed and planted a Scout based floral display in one of the flower boxes too.

Scouts also visited the Victorian Tunnels in Newcastle discovering what they were originally built for and how they became important as a massive air raid shelter during the war.

We visited the Sikh Gurdwara, which for those who may not know is the name given to their place of worship and prayer, located on Temple Park Road in South Shields. This gave them a very good and informative insight into the Sikh religion and the importance of prayer and reverence to their religion. Never previously having had a visit from any Scouting or Guiding groups our guide for the evening was very impressed with the detailed questions asked and the politeness and courteous nature of the Scouts. Some new Scouts were very privileged to be invested at the end of the tour/talk which our guide was more than pleased to allow.

Scouts have also been on various camps this year including a very busy programme of activities at Hawkthirst, a Scout Association outdoor activity centre, in Kielder Forest over the 1st weekend in December!

We currently have 20 Scouts with 2 Explorer helpers, this number will rise in the New Year when a handful of Cubs are due to join us.

**Helen and Philip
(Joint Scout Leaders)**

Fellowship Groups

Bible Study Group (weekly Wed. afternoon)

There have been two groups studying the bible for a number of years. The Bible Study Group met on a Wednesday in the Chapter House, the Gospel group met on a Monday evening in the same venue. Membership of the Monday group had shrunk so it decided to amalgamate with the Bible Study Group and all meet together on a Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm.

The joint venture has been a success when it has been possible to meet. Unfortunately, summer holidays and members infirmities have led to rather spasmodic meetings, but it is hoped that more regular ones can be held henceforth. The group have been studying St. John's Gospel and have thoroughly enjoyed the meetings because of the learning and lively discussions involved.

Bob Lawson

Friends in Faith (monthly 3rd Mon. eve.)

Most members of this group were previously members of The Married Couples Group. As the membership of the MC group has dropped in the last few years and without any new members on the horizon, it was decided to change the MCG. A new identity was decided with the change to drop the requirement of members to be married or widowed.

Since the changes were implemented last autumn, new members have been admitted and have slotted into the meetings without dissent. Membership is still open and anyone wishing to join will be most welcome. We exist to support All Saints' Church, to provide social meetings in a pleasant friendly atmosphere, to listen to speakers and to support each member in a strong Christian way.

The F in F group usually meet in the home of Keith and Jean Higgin at 11 Laburnum Grove on the third Monday of each month starting promptly at 7.30pm.

Bob Lawson.

Men's Fellowship (monthly last Mon. eve.)

The Men's Fellowship at All Saints' continues to meet in the Upper Room of the Church Hall on the last Monday of each month. The season

begins in September and runs through to May or June when we hold our AGM.

Meetings commence at 7.30pm with light refreshments and end at approx. 9.00pm. We now have 10 members and we are all retired from full time work. As the title implies we are a male organisation and very occasionally have held "Open" evenings when the general church congregation were invited.

At the May/June meeting we hold our AGM when elections are held to appoint the officers; subscriptions agreed; and accounts presented for acceptance. The purpose of the group is to promote fellowship and spirituality within the male congregation of All Saints'. Members and any other interested people are advised of each meeting via the Church weekly sheet and/or the Courier inviting interested people to attend a meeting of our Fellowship group.

For the year 2017 Speakers and the topics discussed were as follows:-

- January Walter Carr played a DVD featuring Bobby Pattinson
- February Derek Bage played a DVD of a Dean Martin Celebrity night with Michael Landon
- March Walter Carr played a DVD of Laurel and Hardy which was most disappointingly unfunny
- April Allan Bailey hosted a joint quiz with the Married Couples
- June AGM
- September Walter Carr again provided a DVD which demonstrated Buddhist Monks dancing in a form of martial arts display. Once again did not go down very well
- October Brian Bage played a DVD of early introductions to National Service in the RAF heading "Get Some IN"
- November Bob Lawson played a DVD showing 5 ancient civilisations
- December We joined up with the Friends in Faith group for a joint Christmas Party

Should any male members of the congregation wish to join our group please do attend any of our monthly meetings when you will be most welcome.

Gordon Coxon

Mothers' Union (monthly 2nd Thu. afternoon)

All Saints' Mothers Union is a small group of 14 paid-up members who met as usual on the first Thursday of each month for communion and on the second Thursday for our main meeting in the Chapter House at 2pm. We do not meet in January and August.

We started 2017 in February with a 'Wave of Prayer'. Other meetings began with a short service of prayer and praise. This was followed by a speaker when available, for whom we were always very grateful for giving up their time – Mrs Eileen Bishop, Vice President of Durham Diocese MU, Mr Walter Carr, Mr Nigel Thomas, and Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert, our Priest-in-Charge, to name some.

Cleaddon MU is the only branch in the Deanery continuing to meet and to hold a Patronal Service. We held ours as usual in November inviting members from the rest of Jarrow Deanery. Vernon led the service which was followed by refreshments in the Chapter House. It was a very pleasant afternoon, although fewer Deanery members were able to attend.

In view of MU branches having to close, it was arranged at a special Deanery meeting to hold 3 Deanery meetings during the year when everyone would be able to meet, namely 'Lady Day', a fundraising event in June or July, and Advent. It was also thought that Deanery members could join us at our monthly meetings and would be most welcome.

Therefore we look forward to our meetings in 2018 with the hope of success.

Margaret Robson

Mission

Children's Society.

The Children's Society seeks to create a society where children and young people are valued respected and happy. They are committed to helping vulnerable and disadvantaged young people, including safeguarding children in care and young runaways. Through campaigns and research, they seek to influence policy and perceptions so that children have a better chance in life.

All Saints', Cleadon, continues to support the work of The Children's Society whose Christian values of love, justice and forgiveness underpin the work they do.

During 2017 donations totalling £1,040 have been joyfully made from both Church members and the local community. The home collection boxes this year raised £757, the coffee morning in July £192 and the Christingle Candles £91. This wonderful contribution will allow the Children's Society to continue reaching out to the thousands of vulnerable children who are dealing with issues of hardship, abuse and neglect often without anyone to support them.

The Children's Society has asked to extend their warmest gratitude to all who have contributed towards this donation. Your kindness and generosity makes a significant difference. Thank you.

Anne Hudson

Christian Aid

The Christian Aid House to House Collection 2017 took place between May 14th and May 20th. Once again the 43 volunteers managed to cover all of the streets within the Cleadon Village boundary, giving every single person the opportunity to contribute to this fantastic cause within a very short space of time.

Every year, the posters, envelopes and other printed material resound to the thanks of people across the world whose lives have been changed through the intervention of Christian Aid workers. Benefits have included setting up fishing industries, providing farming equipment, giving women the chance to work and earn through sewing, weaving, or keeping

animals and selling their bi-products. So whatever we give has an on-going effect upon poverty-stricken communities by increasing earning power as well as their self-respect.

The total amount paid this year to the Christian Aid account in May was £3938.11 plus the money raised at the coffee morning held in January 2017 which was £151.17, a slight increase on previous years, which is a really positive sign. Also because 122 envelopes were gift aided, the charity can reclaim an extra 25% of the amount within these. Such generosity must surely lead to a world without poverty. This always seems to be a long way away, but the numbers of people thanking the charity for its help must show the way to reach that goal.

This year's collection week will be the second week in May and by the time you read this we will have already held our coffee morning in January. Clive and I have decided that this year will be the last house to house collection for us to organise, but we feel that the cause is so necessary and seeks our help for such a short time in a year that someone with more energy than we have now will step forward to take up the reins and keep the momentum going. Whoever does so can be guaranteed all the help and support that we can give.

The people of Cleadon are renowned for their generosity of spirit as well as of finance and we hope that enough of us will keep giving our time, energy and funding to this charity which does so much to relieve the suffering of people all over the world.

Lesley Smith.

Church Mission Society.

I have to admit to very little involvement with our Church Mission Society partners Eric and Sandra this year, but work on the principle no news is good news.

I will be contacting them very soon to see how their family is getting on and how the farm progresses. I have pinned their news letters to the church and school notice boards.

I would like to thank Val Wallbank who took over collecting and processing the CMS envelopes last year at very short notice due to

my untimely leave of absence. Once again thank you to all who contributed to this collation. I am going to write to Katie Jenkinson and ask for a letter of thanks so I can pin on the notice board CMS thanks.

Jackie Gregory

Outreach

Pop in for Coffee

Another year has gone by – more quickly even than previous ones!- and the Old Schoolroom Pop-in for Coffee has functioned every weekday throughout the year, except for three weeks around the Christmas period, when the room is used by Jan Watter for flower storage.

More people both from the church congregations and from the wider community have offered their dedicated help to keep the facility open, some on a regular weekly basis, others monthly and some when called upon, and we can only thank them for sparing the time to do a wonderful job.

A wide range of beverages is available including a selection of herbal teas, cappuccino and latte, alongside the traditional fair trade coffee and tea, and there are usually some snacks which are most acceptable. Although we make no charge for the drinks, we do manage to cover costs from the kind and generous donations of the customers. Each month a total of £100 has been paid into church funds which will hopefully cover the main heating and lighting costs.

We have also made a good start on our tapestry project with one garden-based picture almost complete and the wonderful "Road to Emmaus" well under way. If you would like to be involved just pop in, have a coffee and wield your magic on the picture. There are also books to borrow and return and, of course, most important there are people to enjoy a chat with. If you haven't used this community facility so far, do pop in and see how you like it. It can even act as an information centre if you need to know what's on. Watch out for a possible name change though. A suggested re-branding has been "The Community Brew". What do you think?

Lesley Smith

Day Club

It has been quite a year for the day club, in that I took over from June and then she took over from me and the club continued through sickness and in health. What a sturdy bunch we senior people are.

If only we could encourage other senior or even not so senior people to attend because it is such a happy group and they enjoy some very interesting home cooked meals. We also have a transport system available. There are between 10 and 14 average members attending.

Please tell your friends about the club. I would like to take this opportunity to thank June, Terry, Margaret for their regular help and support, and Joan for her loyal step-in support, and to Nigel and Derek for their response to requests to bring someone to the club.

Jackie Gregory

Pastoral Care Group

We are still twelve in number including Methodist representative Rita Sample and two honorary members.

We meet each month to discuss, pray and take action on pastoral care issues. We share our knowledge of those needing pastoral care, arrange for visits, prayers or practical help, gathering names from our care lists and from the community. Throughout the year we have visited hospitals, care homes and individual homes. In this way we hope no one is overlooked.

This year we held two successful Pastoral Evenings, one in March on "South Tyneside Churches Together" and one in September on "Dementia Friendly Churches". Over 30 people attended each event.

Also in March, eight of us visited Shepherd's Dene retreat for a quiet day of prayer. In September, at the Network Get-Together, we thanked the members who continue to deliver Congratulations, Welcome and Thinking of You cards, Christmas and Easter cards. On Pastoral Sunday prayers were said in both churches. We now have a new card saying "Welcome Home".

The group recommended an All Saints' funeral preference form to the P.C.C. This was agreed. Forms are now in place at the back of church.

The group assisted at fourteen baptisms. Jean visited the families beforehand and Ellen

delivered anniversary cards. We also sent invitations for the Christingle and Christmas family services.

Ten gifts of hyacinth bulbs were delivered at Christmas, kindly planted by George Wilson. Val sent bereavement cards and Linda sent wedding anniversary cards.

We value the pastoral care that individual church members give, including the Happy at Home visitors. Together, by showing our love for others, we hope we can witness to God's love for everyone.

Jean Higgin

Soup 'n' roll Lunches

The soup and roll lunches are as popular as ever although it has to be said with a reduced number but a very regular clientele. We used to have 15-25 regular people attending we now have between 10-16. The reduction in number has in no way reduced the enjoyment we get from attending this friendly happy occasion. It is also very rewarding to see the number of people who attend in extremely inclement weather.

There are still 5 teams making truly delicious soups and baking too delicious cakes. Slight change in personnel in that Vernon has had to give up due to pressure of work but in his place we now have Debbie O'Neil and Jennifer Lockerbie, a great replacement and a big welcome to the teams.

During the year we raised £1402.48 for church funds and £180.00 to charitable donations.

I would again like to thank everybody who contributes to making this event so happy and successful.

Jackie Gregory

Worship

Choir

It does not seem like a year ago since I compiled my last report but once again I have to thank our small group of singers for their continued loyalty both to the Choir and myself. During the last twelve months we have continued to hold our rehearsals on the last Thursday in the month at 7pm and would be pleased to welcome new members to our group - that there are people in the congregation who could make a substantial contribution to the Choir was evidenced during the Carol singing afternoon arranged by Rob Lawson when 'O Holy Night' was in the programme and that is not an easy piece of music to sing without a rehearsal but it was an excellent presentation under the circumstances. Well done and do not say you cannot sing - you proved that you can so why not come and join us!

You will have noticed that quite recently the Choir has been singing for a few minutes before the start of the 10 am Service. These items are taken, in the main, from the Chants at the back of the Hymn-book. I hope you find them helpful in your preparation for the Worship which follows.

**Gordon Trehitt
(Organist and Choirmaster)**

Home Communion

Home Communion is available to any baptized Christian within our parish. For further information please contact Rev. Vernon Cuthbert.

Robina Lawson

Intercessions and Ministry of Healing

The prayers of Intercession usually include the concerns of the Church of Christ, creation, human society, those in authority, the local community, the sick and suffering and the communion of saints. There are guidance notes available each week which can be used by the intercessor in their preparations for prayer.

There are currently 17 members of the congregation willing to lead us in prayer during

Sunday morning worship. Edna Nichol organises the rota whilst Jean Higgin provides the names of those for who directed prayer is requested.

Prayers for healing continue to be available on Sundays following the 10am Service but it has been noted that this opportunity has not been accessed for some time.

Anne Hudson

Sunday Worship 8am

Based on the 1662 Book of Common Prayer communion service this is a quieter time of worship than later in the morning.

Numbers attending average 14 each week. There are opportunities for Bible reading and assisting at the Communion table during the service.

Vernon Cuthbert

Sunday Worship 10am

This is our main act of worship as it has Young Saints in the Chapter House running alongside the early part of the service, and we sing.

We use seasonal booklets for variety when the service is a celebration of Holy Communion. Each 2nd Sunday is a 'Service of the Word' where the emphasis is on the teaching.

Our singing is supported by the organ and choir with some sung responses as part of the liturgy as well as the hymns. Participation is encouraged with Bible readers, intercessors and assistants at the Communion table all playing a role.

Vernon Cuthbert

Thursday Worship 10am

Mostly taking place in the Chapter House, sometimes within the Chancel, this is a said service with an unaccompanied hymn sung at the preparation of the table for Holy Communion.

We use the seasonal booklets from Sunday's 10am service unless outside of the seasons (Ordinary time if it is not Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, or Eastertide) when a booklet specifically for midweek worship is used.

On some 1st Thursdays of the month our congregation is swelled by members of the Mothers' Union. There are opportunities for the set Bible readings to be read by those attending.

Vernon Cuthbert

Support Activities

Coffee

We use ground fair-trade coffee on Sunday mornings and this is generally appreciated. It is however necessary to prepare well in advance of the morning service, at about 09.30 am, to make up several flasks ready for the congregation when they come down to the Parish Hall. Even so it is not unusual to make up further quantities 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 percolator.

Over the past year (2017) the sum of £790.90 (compared with £725.52 in 2016) has been raised for church funds on Sunday mornings. With six church coffee mornings in 2017 on Saturday, the average takings were £ 187.76 (c.f. £182.60 for 2016 for five), amounting to £1126.60 (cf £913.00 2016). This brings the total annual revenue generated by the operation for 2017 to £1917.50 (compared with £1638.52 for 2016).

During the nine years that I have been responsible for this enterprise the number of voluntary helpers has gradually reduced. Like most such activities at the present time we need additional staff, particularly for Sunday Coffee, either male or female over 18 years of age. Once more this problem really is cause for concern and it would be nice to see some younger people on the teams.

In closing I would like to thank all team members, and other volunteers, who make and serve refreshments for Saturday coffee mornings and on Sundays after 10.00 am worship. Also the Cubs/Scouts who often arrange the tables and chairs after their parade on Friday evenings, thus enabling them to be prepared before rest of the Team arrive on the Saturday morning.

Finally, my 10 year tenure will come to an end next January and I intend to resign as Team Leader although may still be available to help, on occasion, from time to time.

Enid Bage

Communications Group

HELP! We urgently need volunteers to help with production of the Courier, particularly with the collation on Thursday mornings each month. Various illnesses amongst present helpers are making the task very demanding for those continuing to do the work. It is only for a couple of hours maximum, each month, and a rota of people would mean that the same team does not have to do the work every time. Please do think about whether you are willing to help and ask any of the team what is involved.

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

We produce The Cleadon Courier each month. We welcome articles from anyone wishing to contribute, particularly the uniformed organisations and other groups that do not already feature. The collation team includes Allan Bailey, Charles Westerberg, Derek Bage and Terry & Jackie Gregory. Gordon Coxon and Brian Bage share the printing and Jackie also prints the advertisements. Our thanks are due to all of them.

Anne Hudson maintains the distribution lists and collects the subscriptions, as well as being Advertising Manager. Our advertisers change very frequently nowadays, so if you know of anyone who might wish to advertise, please pass their name to Anne. It also helps if readers who use businesses that advertise, mention The Courier, so that they know their contribution is appreciated.

The Twenty Seventh edition of the Information Booklet was produced in the summer, including information on the Methodist Church personnel and events. Copies are always available at the back of church.

Easter and Christmas cards were produced for village-wide distribution in conjunction with the Methodists.

Grateful thanks to the distributors. A ladies painting group that meets in the community room submitted paintings for the Easter Card and we used two of these, one on the card and the other on the front of the Courier. One

of Margaret Westerberg's earlier paintings was used on the Christmas Card.

Keith Higgin

Finance and Property Group

Members were Chairman The Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert, Treasurer Helen Belsham, Gift Aid Secretary Carol Casey, Walter Carr, Bryan Saunders and Keith Higgin, who were joined by churchwardens Marie Philpott and Brian Peel during the year. We monitor income and expenditure and reviewed the statutory fees. A budget was prepared which showed Income of £80,000 and expenditure of £83,000, a potential deficit of £3,000. The Share Offer for 2018 recommended to the P.C.C. was an increase to £48,516. Charges for hiring our premises were reviewed and mostly continued at the same levels.

An ingress of water into church required repairs to the roof costing £4,170, towards which an insurance claim of £3,152 was received. Further work is necessary on the church, namely repair and painting of the fleche, repair to guttering and replacement of coverings over the west end windows, which could cost over £10,000 including VAT. A tree inspection has been carried out, revealing work required costing £865.00 plus VAT. Local authority permission is still awaited to enable this work to proceed.

The gutters of the Parish Hall and Old School Room have been cleared. A 5 year electrical inspection is required for all the buildings, but this was still not completed at the year end. The quinquennial inspection of the church by our architect was carried out in October and the report identifies some work to be carried out, but nothing of an urgent nature. All boilers, emergency lights, fire alarms and fire extinguishers have been serviced and tested.

Gardening team members keep the Church grounds attractive and clear leaves from the whole site. Walter Carr continues to carry out routine maintenance jobs involving plumbing, fixing, joinery, electrics, painting, clearing gutters and drains. We are extremely grateful to him for this unseen work.

Keith Higgin

Friends of All Saints

The membership of the Friends at the start of 2017 was 96 adults and 12 children. Financially the subscriptions for the year were £765.00.

We purchased 710 copies of the Cleadon Courier. This equated to £355. These were distributed to our members in the village and some were posted to members further afield.

We continued to grow bedding plants and organic vegetables throughout the year, and together with home-made jams and honey, were sold in the Church Hall after the 10am service. With the generosity of our congregation we were able to bank £221 into the Friends Account. We hope to continue selling our produce throughout 2018.

The Friends organised a coach outing in September to Whalton Village Show where we all had a wonderful day listening to the children of Africa sing along to music with their oil drums. There was an organ recital in the church. Also many stalls on the main field selling home-made produce, honey, crafts, Barbour clothing, lots of classic cars on display, sheep racing and so much more to see and do, not to forget the ice cream and food stalls. We all came home tired and happy.

In November the Friends paid for a new Hot Water Heater for the Ladies and Gents toilets in the Church Hall, costing £634.00. This not only benefitted the church family but also the organisations who use the hall too.

Again, we thank our Friends for their generosity, help and support. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Friends please contact us at 5, Woodlands Road.

Helen and Ernie Belsham

Gardening Team

Once the remaining leaves are collected and the last Green Bin collection has been made, the Gardening Team will begin hibernation until the Spring.

We have had another successful year culminating with an "Outstanding" classification at the recent Northumbria in

Bloom presentations in the "It's your neighbourhood" section. This is a testament to the work and dedication of the Team, who, despite advancing years, continue to make such a significant donation to both our Church and the wider village communities.

The Team is pleased to welcome David Scrafton to our Monday gatherings, we appreciate his vigorous contribution, and we will be pleased if anyone else would like to join our happy band!

The encouragement and support from our Church family is much appreciated and we hope that you will come and enjoy the Tea Party we have planned for June 2018.

John Byers

Gift Aid

I am pleased to report that the number of Church members donation by weekly envelopes and monthly standing orders has increased slightly over the past year. The generous response by members to the "Giving Promise Appeal" has resulted in an increase to the income of the Church.

The Parish Church Council has agreed changes to the "Parish Giving Scheme" of weekly donation envelopes and monthly standing orders which will be introduced shortly. The Diocese has introduced a "Direct Debit Scheme" donation and Gift Aid payments will be collected on a monthly basis and the administration will be carried out by a team appointed by the Diocese and the cost of running the scheme met by them. Other Churches are already taking part in this scheme.

Full details of the scheme and the forms required for completion will be forwarded to all Church Members as soon as possible.

Those members not wishing to join the scheme will still be able to remain on the weekly envelope donation or standing order scheme. However, the Parish Church Council recommend the new system as we look to the future and embrace the computer banking systems.

I would appeal to the Church Electoral Roll Members not presently supporting the work of the Church to consider whether they are now able to do so. The work of the Church and the Diocese relies on our pledged contributions.

If anyone has any queries regarding Gift Aid Declarations, please do not hesitate to contact me, I shall be very happy to help.

Carol Casey

Health and Safety

Over the course of 2017 I undertook to carry out risk assessments in the Church, Church Grounds, Church Hall, Kitchen, Office, Corridors, Chapter House, Old School Room, Church Yard and Gardens. There are no reported risks outstanding.

It is everyone's responsibility to report any Health and Safety issues that they feel are relevant. Anyone not happy with anything untoward these will be looked into and rectified accordingly.

Helen Belsham

Parish Administrator

Another year over. There have been happy moments and sad moments for me this year. The sad times are hearing of people who are a big part of the Church who have not been too well and watching them and their loved ones doing their best to deal with it. Then there has been sad news of people losing their loved ones. All of you are in my thoughts.

Now for my happy moments, and this is mainly due to the Church gardening team who have had some special birthdays between them this year and Susan and I were more than happy to join in with their celebrations. Big thank you.

This year has been another good year for the groups - all still going strong. A new group has joined us - the Boldon U3A Railway Enthusiast group, so I would like to welcome them.

I would also like to give a special mention to Kate (Walter Carr's granddaughter). On several occasions when there have been Church functions to raise money for the Church Kate is always happy to give up her

time and come along to help. So thank you for that Kate.

Once again a big thank you to all the volunteers at the Church new and old you do so much. My final note is a big thank you to all the people who call in to the office just to say hello, this means so much to me

Shirley Newton

Safeguarding Adults at Risk

In view of the fact that the PCC has introduced a Safeguarding Policy for adults we have not progressed as I would have liked. I think there is a better understanding for the need to complete DBS applications and think this year we will have a greater success. Marie Philpott, one of our new Churchwardens, has attended a full day course at Durham on Safeguarding and we have completed a new DBS application.

In this lack of training or clearance there is no suggestion of any problems, it is more the need to keep in line with the law. And as I said last year as Christians we are called to live in the 'justice of God' so ***we must take accountability detailed seriously.***

Jackie Gregory

Shared Ministry Development Team

Vernon, Cathy Barnes, Carol Casey, Jenny Grant, Rob Lawson, Brian Saunders and Lesley Smith have continued to meet monthly throughout 2017. At the beginning of the year individual members were heavily involved with planning and execution of events over the successful Talking Jesus weekend of March 2nd-5th.

We also acted as the team for Missional Leadership for Growth, a clergy development project focused on joining in with God's mission, leading to growth in discipleship and greater understanding of our mission for God. As part of this we hosted St Jude's, Rekendyke for an information sharing day. Some of us also attended a study day at Beamish Hall in May, led by Revd. Canon Dave Male. The message we brought home from this was LOVE, RELATE, CREATE, i.e. get to know people and relate to them and then offer something they need rather than as we so often do, think about doing something then

trying to find someone to participate. Before this we had already arranged a Treasure Hunt as an event that might attract people from outside the church but had we attended the meeting first might have thought about this differently. The treasure hunt took place around the village on a beautiful June day and new people who are not part of our congregation did participate.

We looked again at the rainbow and action plan in view of "Love, Relate, Create" and decided that the rainbow plan on a page should stand but that the action plan needed reconsideration.

We are all aware how we have been blessed with a greater understanding of our faith and confidence in talking to others about it since joining the Shared Ministry Development Team and are currently trying to find a way for others to achieve this benefit too.

Jenny Grant