

# **The Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints, Cleadon**



**Annual Report 2016  
and  
Agenda for the  
Annual Vestry Meeting  
&  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
during our worship  
10.00am Sunday 30 April 2017**

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## **Agenda for the 2017 Vestry Meeting Sunday 30 April.**

1. Minutes of the Vestry Meeting 2016
2. Churchwardens Report including the Annual Report on the Terrier and Inventory
3. Election of Churchwardens

## **Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2017**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the APCM 2016
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 Deanery Synod
  - 5.2. Elections to the PCC
  - 5.3. Appointment of Sidespeople
6. Appointment of the Independent Examiner
7. Vicar's Report

## **Agenda for the first Parochial Church Council Meeting 2017/2018**

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 2016

The Vestry Meeting was held in the Parish Hall on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and attended by 28 people. The Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert chaired the meeting.

## 1. The minutes of the vestry meeting for 2015

The minutes were approved.

## 2. The Churchwardens' Report

The Churchwardens' Report was accepted. The vicar expressed his thanks to Keith for his six years of service, especially as this was the second time around he has been churchwarden, and also for his skills and support he has lent the vicar in this and many other roles he has undertaken. The vicar also expressed his thanks to Mandy for her one year of service as churchwarden but who will continue in the role of PCC Secretary.

## 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.

## Churchwardens' Report

Keith and Anne attended the Finances Resource Day on 21<sup>st</sup> March.

We welcomed pupils from Cleadon Church of England Academy for both 'Experience Easter' and 'Experience Christmas' during this year.

It was good to see so many young families responded to the invitation to join in for activities in the Parish Hall on Good Friday morning.

The Spirit in Stone Project had a final presentation on 22<sup>nd</sup> April in Newcastle Cathedral, attended by Anne and Keith. Anne wrote an article for the Courier explaining more about the trails being established and how this may increase our visitor numbers.

The Archdeacon's Visitation was held on 21<sup>st</sup> May in St Andrew's, Roker when Keith and Mandy were

sworn in as Churchwardens, with welcome support from parishioners.

Keith and Mandy attended a Training Session on 17<sup>th</sup> June at St Nicholas, Hedworth.

All Saints hosted the Deanery Synod on 6<sup>th</sup> October.

We also hosted the Durham Liturgical Committee's 'Wings for Worship' course held over 5 Thursday evenings during October and November, a number of which were attended by Mandy Forster and Rob Lawson.

The All Souls, Christingle, and Carols by Candlelight services were well attended, as were the Christmas Eve 4pm and 6pm services. Disappointingly, numbers were down at the 11.30pm and Christmas Day 10am services.

The Christmas Tree Festival and Fayre was held again, attended by the Mayor and Mayoress, with children from Cleadon Academy singing at the opening. The number of the wider community attending was disappointing, but the surplus of about £1950 was greater than in 2014. Thanks to Helen and Ernie Belsham for their hard work.

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

We 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, we thank everyone for their support and understanding during the year. Mandy thanks Anne and Keith for their patience, support and guidance during her first year of appointment as Churchwarden.

**Keith Higgin and Mandy Forster.**

This concluded the Vestry Meeting for 2016

# Minutes of APCM 2016

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held in the Parish Hall on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and was attended by 28 people. The Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert chaired the meeting.

## 1. Apologies for Absence

1.1 Apologies were received from 8 people.

## 2. Minutes of the APCM for 2015

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 136 parishioners currently on the Electoral Roll.

### 3.2 Proceedings of the PCC

No comments.

### 3.3 PCC Membership

No comments.

### 3.4 Treasurer's Report and Accounts

The Treasurer's detailed reports are shown on Pages 13-19 of the report. Owing to minor adjustments recommended by the Independent Examiner an addendum to the first issued copy of the Report was handed out. Vernon explained that our reserves do not meet the target of 3 months reserves as suggested by the Charity Commission, and the reduction in our Parish Share has in turn had an impact on the Diocesan reserves, resulting in there being less for the Diocese to support the work of the clergy. He also explained that we have insufficient funds to update the sound system in Church although there is a small amount available to enhance the loop system in the Chapter House.

### 3.5 Deanery Synod Report

No comments.

## 4. Group Reports

Listed on pages 20 to 32 of the Annual Report.

- 4.1 Christian Aid 2016 – commences 15<sup>th</sup> May. The list is at the back of the Church and Vernon encouraged everyone to help out as much as possible in order to ease the workload of Clive and Lesley Smith.
- 4.2 CMS – Vernon reiterated that Joan Walton is seeking someone to take over as the representative.
- 4.3 Day Club – June Roberts has stepped down from this role and Vernon expressed his gratitude for her long service.

## 5. Elections

### 5.1 Elections to the PCC

Four nominations were received for four vacancies for a 3 year term and the following were duly elected:-

Carol Casey  
Gill Helps  
Jean Higgin  
Helen Belsham

### 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 stated that this meeting gave him the opportunity to look back and thank people, but gets worried that someone will be overlooked. However, he emphasised that no-one is working in isolation as we are a team, a corporate body – an episcopal church united under a bishop, working alongside fellow parishes. Everyone belongs to a parish somewhere, and can ask for weddings, funerals etc., but increasingly people are asking from outside their parish boundary as they feel they have an historic link to a

particular church. We have a large proportion of our electoral roll coming from outside our boundary and we must recognise that we are part of a much wider church community.

In just under a year, Vernon explained that we will be hosting the Bishop's Mission Team, who will help us proclaim in word and deed our faith in Jesus Christ. We must think about how best to make the most of this team, as well as offer hospitality during their stay.

Within the Deanery itself, there are plans underway as to how best deploy the current clergy and plug the gaps such as the ongoing vacancy at Whitburn. Vernon stated that this may be done by joining Whitburn with another parish, and it is highly probable that this may be Cleadon. The Deanery's planning process concerning clergy, mission and ministry is looking for parishes to increasingly work together in order to show that we are a family united under our Bishop, in our faith in Jesus Christ.

## **8. Towards the year 2030**

Vernon explained this additional agenda item related to our Plan on a Page to 2030 Strategy set out on page 6 of the Annual Report and some of the members of the Shared Ministry Development Team would guide us through it.

Jenny Grant explained that the rainbow stripes are PCC-approved aims to be achieved by 2030, and this date had been chosen deliberately as many of the congregation will not be here any longer and it is our duty now to ensure that the church will still exist at that point. Each of the aims will have an action plan setting out what needs to be done and the people we need to make it a success. She emphasised that it is important to remember that whatever we do is for the glory of God.

Carol Casey outlined the problem that we have an ageing congregation but

there isn't an obvious supply of younger people coming along to take up the reins. We therefore need to review our activities, many of which have been running comfortably for years, and although there is nothing wrong with that, more and more people are needed to keep each activity going. Perhaps it is time to do less things well, rather than many activities not so well.

Rob Lawson told everyone of a statement given by the Archbishop of Canterbury in his inaugural speech in March 2105 – "First, the Church exists to worship God in Jesus Christ. Second, the Church exists to make new disciples of Jesus Christ. Everything else is decoration. Some of it may be very necessary, useful or wonderful decoration – but it's decoration". Rob then introduced an activity for everyone to tackle in groups. He provided a list of all our activities and asked people to pick out those that fit both of the Archbishop's statements of the purpose of the Church.

Vernon then concluded by asking the groups to think about and discuss this in the next 2 months, and bring any worries or plans to him, the SMDT members and the PCC by the end of June.

# Report of the PCC

for the year ended 31 December 2016

## 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 138 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll for the 2016 APCM. The average

Sunday attendance, counted during October 2016, was 72 adults and 8 children. Attendance at Easter numbered 111; Easter Communicants were 81; attendance at Christmas was 281 and Christmas communicants numbered 64.

**Val Wallbank**

## Proceedings of the PCC

During 2016 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 April, the PCC agreed to adopt a 15 year strategy, the idea being that although this is beyond the life of many of our current congregation, it shouldn't put us off thinking about the life of the church long term – our vision is that we will be a vibrant church in 2030. It was agreed that the Shared Ministry Development Team would begin developing a Strategic Plan, which would incorporate many of the ideas put forward by the PCC.

In May, Vernon confirmed that the Bishops Mission 'Talking Jesus Durham' will take place 2nd – 5th March 2017. This is a significant exercise in the life of the Church of England to grow in numbers. At September's meeting Rob Lawson outlined to the PCC a number of events which could be developed to cover the weekend visit to our Parish by one of the Bishops teams.

In June, the PCC agreed to adopt the Parish Policy Statement relating to 'Safeguarding and those working with Vulnerable Adults', which is displayed in Church.

In October, the PCC agreed to accept the Strategic Plan as a working document, particularly focusing on the short term priorities (years 1 and 2), and formally recorded their gratitude to the Shared Ministry Development Team for all the hard work they had undertaken to produce the plan. It is a vision for the future and it is hoped much of it will be achieved, however Vernon pointed out that although we may have the desire to do all these things, he questioned whether we have

the resources and commitment to undertake them.

Rounding off another busy year in the life of All Saints', the Christmas Coffee Morning and Family Fun Event was a festive success, bringing together the congregation and community of the parish and beyond.

**Mandy Forster (PCC Secretary)**

### **PCC Membership**

Vernon Cuthbert\* Priest-in-charge  
Keith Higgin\* Churchwarden until 24 May 2016,  
Deanery Synod to 30 June 2017,  
Diocesan Synod to 2018  
Mandy Forster\* Churchwarden until 24 May 2016  
Bryan Saunders\* Churchwarden from 24 May 2016  
Robina Lawson\* Deanery Synod to 30 June 2017  
Cathy Barnes\* Deanery Synod to 30 June 2017  
elected until 24 April 2016  
Moyra Day  
Mandy Forster\* (PCC Secretary)  
Robina Lawson  
elected until APCM 2017  
Nigel Thomas  
Rob Lawson  
Ian Sinkamba  
Ernie Belsham  
elected until APCM 2018  
Anne Hudson  
June Roberts  
Bryan Saunders  
Louise Powell  
elected from 24 April 2016 until APCM 2019  
Carol Casey  
Gill Helps  
Jean Higgin  
Helen Belsham

### **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**

The film Les Miserables was shown in the Parish Hall on Sunday 7th Feb in order to set the scene for the Lent course 'Another story must begin'. The course was held on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday evenings and although the Tuesday afternoon sessions were well attended, numbers at the Wednesday evening sessions were disappointing. There was much discussion arising from the information booklets and film clips provided each week, despite some of the questions being rather challenging! Thanks were extended to the Rev'd Vernon who ran the Lent course on his own.

Keith Higgin and Mandy Forster both stood down as Churchwardens, and I was elected to the post of Churchwarden at the APCM on Sunday 24th April 2016.

I was sworn in as Churchwarden at the Archdeacon's Visitation held at Hebburn St John on 24th May, where I was supported by members of the congregation from All Saints' Cleadon. I also attended the new Churchwarden Training event on the 8th June at St Nicholas Hedworth Lane.

The Archdeacon visited the parish for his quinquennial inspection and all records were found to be in order and he highlighted some minor repairs to the roof of the building. A Lightning Conductor Test and PAT testing were also required, which have since been done. Pupils from Year 3 and 4 from Cleadon Church of England Academy were welcomed to Church for 'Experience Pentecost' in May this year, and again in October for 'Experience Harvest'.

The Queen's 90th birthday celebration at Cleadon C of E Academy on 12th June had both poor weather and attendance, but the food had been very good.

I attended the 10am Service on Sunday 24th June for the first time (being a regular 8am worshipper) which I enjoyed, as well as meeting a new congregation. I also attended the Finance & Property Group meeting on 25th June for the first time.



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

My 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, understanding and guidance during my first year of appointment as Churchwarden.

**Bryan Saunders**

### **Deanery Synod Report**

There have been 3 Deanery Synod meetings this year plus a Quiet Evening at Whitburn Academy which for me was the most memorable. We were prayerfully guided through a well known passage of scripture. After short discussions in pairs then feedback to the group as a whole I left the meeting feeling I had spent valuable time with God and an insight into how the passage of scripture was leading me.

Our first meeting was very interesting as 4 congregations within our Deanery reported on their own Churchmanship, their numbers attending and from some, what level of commitment was given to their particular Church. They were all willing to answer questions.

The main other area discussed in meetings was the visitation of the Bishops to our Deanery in March this year.

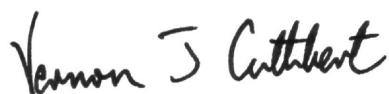
**Robina Lawson**

### **Treasurer's Report and Accounts**

These appear on pages 13-18 following.

**Helen Belsham**

This annual report was adopted by the PCC on 5th April 2017 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 2015 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 £11,181.74p increase in general funds, this increase arises from two key movements compared to 2015, £5,005 of this related to a legacy received in the year and we paid £6,960 less in Diocesan Share in the year. The offer for the Parish Share was reduced for 2016 to enable the PCC to rebuild reserves as noted below.

**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 £17,040.70p on unrestricted funds, which includes the Friends at the year-end, is just below this target. The General reserves are £8,840.54 and is also below target. This was due to the unexpected additional refurbishment of the Church Central Heating system in 2014. The PCC took action to reduce its Parish Share offer for 2016, as noted under the Financial Review, to help rebuild its reserves.

## **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 2016

## **1 GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	CODE	2016 Unrestricted	2016 Restricted	2016 Total	2015 Unrestricted	2015 Restricted	2015 Total
<b><u>Voluntary receipts</u></b>							
Covenanted Planned Giving	1	34,283.54		34,283.54	33,933.96		33,933.96
Income Tax recovered	2	9,770.71		9,770.71	9,988.07		9,988.07
Uncovenanted planned giving	3	3,423.40		3,423.40	3,793.50		3,793.50
Collections (loose)	4	1,534.23	60.00	1,594.23	2,317.98		2,317.98
Sundry Donations	6	2,508.87	2,010.00	4,518.87	1,390.50		1,390.50
Donations/Appeals (Restricted)	8	1,150.00	1,494.04	2,644.04		4,388.85	4,388.85
Legacies	9	5,005.00		5,005.00			
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>57,675.75</u>	<u>3,564.04</u>	<u>61,239.79</u>	<u>51,424.01</u>		<u>55,812.86</u>
<b><u>Activities for generating funds</u></b>							
Church Coffee Mornings and Socials	10 +11	5,292.04	763.55	6,055.59	4,169.28		4,169.28
Christmas Bazaar		1,770.85		1,770.85	2,047.70		2,047.70
Magazine sales	14	3,106.55		3,106.55	3,034.90		3,034.90
Church Hall lettings	15	17,173.06		17,173.06	16,480.92		16,480.92
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>27,342.50</u>	<u>763.55</u>	<u>28,106.05</u>	<u>25,732.80</u>		<u>25,732.80</u>
<b><u>Receipts from Church activities</u></b>							
Fees (Weddings and Funerals)	16	1,504.00	2,743.00	4,247.00	2,581.00	3,406.00	5,987.00
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>1,504.00</u>	<u>2,743.00</u>	<u>4,247.00</u>	<u>2,581.00</u>	<u>3,406.00</u>	<u>5,987.00</u>
<b><u>Other incoming resources</u></b>							
Insurance Claims	18			0.00		1,073.00	1,073.00
Cheques not presented				0.00	83.77		83.77
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>83.77</u>	<u>1,073.00</u>	<u>1,156.77</u>
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>		<b><u>86,522.25</u></b>	<b><u>7,070.59</u></b>	<b><u>93,592.84</u></b>	<b><u>79,821.58</u></b>	<b><u>8,867.85</u></b>	<b><u>88,689.43</u></b>

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT for Year Ending 31st December 2016

## **1 GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

<b><u>PAYMENTS</u></b>	CODE	2016 Unrestricted	2016 Restricted	2016 Total	2015 Unrestricted	2015 Restricted	2015 Total
<b><u>Charitable activities</u></b>							
Overseas Mission	30	375.05		375.05	1,057.05		1,057.50
Relief Agencies	31		115.00	115.00		245.08	245.08
Home mission & organisations	32	750.00	1,232.75	1,982.75	1,080.00	1,133.00	2,213.00
Secular Charities	33	899.00	754.32	1,653.32	989.00	1,690.00	2,679.00
Parish Share (Diocese & Deanery)	34	42,000.00		42,000.00	48,960.00		48,960.00
Clergy Expenses	35	1,220.83		1,220.83	1,198.73		1,198.73
Assistant Staff	36	299.85		299.85	201.20		201.20
Parsonage Repairs & Water Rates	37	488.48		488.48	478.51		478.51
Church Heating, Lighting & Water	38	2,638.08		2,638.08	2,171.38		2,171.38
Church Ins, Maint & Cleaning	39 & 44	6,336.55		6,336.55	7,547.48		7,547.48
Cost of Services	40	437.37	105.05	542.42	555.17		555.17
Upkeep of Church Yard	41	88.99	10.00	98.99	63.72		63.72
Printing & Stationary	42 & 47	2,126.52		2,126.52	2,325.67		2,325.67
Support Costs (Training)	43	183.89		183.89	0.00		0.00
Hall Costs	44	9,880.32		9,880.32	9,185.34		9,185.34
Major Church & Hall Expenditure (See Note 1)		1,019.00	2,310.00	3,329.00	0.00		0.00
Assistant Staff	46	1,250.00	1,353.60	2,603.32	1,429.00	1,662.00	3,091.00
Administration	49	2,107.49		2,107.49	2,082.37		2,082.37
Others				0.00	99.50		99.50
Replacements claimed under insurance				0.00	247.00	1,073.00	1,320.00
School Room (Maintenance + Services)		2,627.04		2,627.04	3,784.31		3,784.31
<b><u>Sub Total</u></b>		<b><u>74,727.96</u></b>	<b><u>5,880.72</u></b>	<b><u>80,608.68</u></b>	<b><u>83,455.43</u></b>	<b><u>5,803.08</u></b>	<b><u>89,258.51</u></b>
<b><u>Fund raising trading</u></b>							
Cost of fetes/bazaars etc	48	612.55		612.55	82.00		82.00
<b><u>Sub Total</u></b>		<b><u>612.55</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b><u>82.00</u></b>	<b><u>82.00</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b><u>82.00</u></b>
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>		<b><u>75,340.51</u></b>	<b><u>5,880.72</u></b>	<b><u>81,221.23</u></b>	<b><u>85,537.43</u></b>	<b><u>5,803.08</u></b>	<b><u>89,340.51</u></b>
(Deficit)/Excess of Receipts over Payments		11,181.74	1,189.87	12,371.61	(1,275.39)	(3,715.85)	3,064.77
Bank current account at 1 Jan		(551.47)	3,246.29	2,694.82	3,111.60	234.30	3,345.90
Sale of Stock							
Net transfer to/from other Church Accounts.		(300.00)	300.00		52.78	(52.78)	
<b><u>Sub Total</u></b>		<b><u>10,330.27</u></b>	<b><u>4,736.16</u></b>		<b><u>(551.47)</u></b>	<b><u>3,246.29</u></b>	
Bank (current account) at 31 Dec				15,066.43			2,694.82

**Note 1:- The major expenditure undertaken during 2016 was a new sound system and painting.**

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT for Year Ending 31st December 2016

## **2 RESTRICTED AMOUNTS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND**

	2016	2016	2015	2015
<b><u>2.1 Flower Fund</u></b>				
<i>Receipts</i>				
b/f	181.52		181.52	
Other receipts (Weddings and Donations)	50.00		5.00	
<i>Payments (Flowers for Weddings etc.)</i>				
	105.05		5.00	
Balance at 31 Dec		<u>126.47</u>		<u>181.52</u>
<b><u>2.2 Special Donations</u></b>				
<i>Receipts</i>				
Garden Donation	10.00			
Sound System	2,010.00			
From General Funds	300.00			
<i>Payments</i>				
Garden Donation	10.00			
Sound System	2,310.00			
Balance at 31 Dec		<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
<b><u>2.3 Fees</u></b>				
<i>Receipts</i>				
	2,743.00		3,406.00	
<i>Payments</i>				
	1,353.60		1,662.00	
Balance at 31 Dec - amounts due to be paid out see creditors		<u>1,389.40</u>		<u>1,744.00</u>
<b><u>2.4 Charity Collections</u></b>				
<i>Receipts</i>				
	2,257.59		4,883.85	
<i>Payments</i>				
	2,102.07		3,068.08	
Balance at 31 Dec - amounts due to be paid out see creditors		<u>155.52</u>		<u>1,320.77</u>

## **3 General DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

	2016	2016	2015	2015
<i>Receipts</i>				
B/F	3,234.51		3,217.02	
Interest	11.92		17.49	
Total Receipts		<u>3,246.43</u>		<u>3,234.51</u>
<i>Payments</i>				
Balance at 31 Dec		<u>3,246.43</u>		<u>3,234.51</u>

## **4 FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS ACCOUNT**

	2016	2016	2015	2015
<i>Receipts</i>				
B/F	2,782.12		3,309.17	
Membership				
i) From General Account	145.00		170.00	
ii) Friends Account (Standing Orders)	338.00		398.00	
iii) Friends Account Cash Subs	435.15		350.00	
Receipts from sale Jams, Plants & Veg.	150.00		279.97	
Income Tax Refund (From General Account)	66.25		127.50	
Interest	8.48		12.44	
<i>Payments</i>				
Administration Expenses (postage etc)	91.00		69.98	
Magazine Contribution (To Gen A/c)	370.00		370.00	
Church Noticeboard			1,020.00	
Garden seat			404.98	
Balance at 31 Dec		<u>3,464.00</u>		<u>2,782.12</u>

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT for Year Ending 31st December 2016

## **5 STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2016**

		2016	2016	2015	2015
5.1	<b><u>MONETARY ASSETS</u></b>				
	Barclay's Current Account	15,066.43		2,694.82	
	CBF Fund ( formerly Mary Greenwell)	3,246.43		3,234.51	
	Friends of All Saints	3,464.00		2,782.12	
	Total		<u>21,776.86</u>		<u>8,711.45</u>
5.2	<b><u>OTHER ASSETS</u></b>				
	Church Hall (COST IN 1938)		<u>2,228.00</u>		<u>2,228.00</u>
5.3	<b><u>DEBTORS</u></b>				
	Donation CAF			902.00	
	Gift Aid - Estimate	6,384.00		6,433.00	
			<u>6,384.00</u>		<u>7,335.00</u>
5.4	<b><u>LIABILITIES (Major Known above £100)</u></b>				
	Retention on Old Schoolroom Refurbishment (see note 2)				
	Fees to be paid re weddings and funerals	3,133.40		1,744.00	
	Charity collections to be paid over	1,476.29		1,320.77	
	Utilities – estimate	500.00		500.00	
	<b><u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u></b>		<u>5,109.69</u>		<u>3,564.77</u>

## **Notes to the financial statements**

For the year ended 31st December 2016

### **Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the PCC, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2016, which are set out on pages 10 to 15, 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

6 April 2017



# Organisation Reports 2016

## Children and Young People

### Safeguarding Children

Once again it has been a very quiet year for safeguarding children. When it is as quiet or should I say uneventful as this it is easy to become complacent so it is important that we all stay ever vigilant. As I say each year lack of harmful event is thanks to everyone being mindful of the dangers and risks to children that surround us.

Training of leaders is always on the agenda but it is so difficult for them to get away to attend particularly as the training is held at Cuthbert House in Durham. South Tyneside does hold training but it is very expensive.

I am sure you will all have noticed our safeguarding children's policy is in need of updating and I have looked at new data in respect of the 'Care Act 2014' but having spoken to Beth Miller the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer at Durham who informs me that they are about to embark on updating their policy so there is little point in updating ours until we see what changes they make.

It remains for me to thank the leaders, parents and children who give such pleasure on Sundays and I understand this year Christingle was quite innovative. Well done to all.

**Jackie Gregory**

### Non-Uniformed Children's and Youth work

#### Toddlers@All Saints

I am delighted to report attendance at Toddlers@AllSaints has been much higher during 2016. In the spring we enjoyed an influx of mums bringing new-borns and it's been delightful watching them grow and develop over the weeks.

We said good bye to 4 of our regulars in the summer as they headed off to full time school or afternoon nursery. We presented each one with a Biblically based story book at our

summer celebration service in church at the end of the summer term.

During the year we have also celebrated Harvest and Christmas in church and both children and carers appear to really enjoy these simple services. We were pleased to be able to donate our subs for the week prior to Mothering Sunday to the Mothers Union Big Wheels appeal and subs collected at our Christmas celebration will be going to the Save the Children Christmas jumper appeal. It was also our pleasure to pay for the resources with which we decorated the Parish Hall for Christmas.

I am hoping to re-brand the toddler group in the coming year in order to further encourage parents and carers that babies are as welcome as toddlers. During the last year it has been necessary for me to be away on a number of Wednesdays relying on Vernon to find help to set up and clear away. Thank you to anyone who helped. This has highlighted a need to set up a rota of helpers for 2017.

**Janet Cuthbert**

#### Young Saints and Saintlets

It has been a delight on Sunday mornings to welcome our Young Saints and Saintlets into the Chapter House with or without their adults. It has been good to see a number of the adults dropping off their charges and heading into the main service as well as having some stay and enjoy the fellowship in the Chapter House. It has been lovely to welcome Alastair, Euan and Tony into our midst in recent months. Numbers vary from week to week depending on the commitments of the youngsters but on the whole we seem to have a stable core of children from ages 1-14.

Thanks again to Louise and Kelly who have stepped in on occasions this year to lead the group when it has been necessary for me to be absent. During the coming year I hope to build on this help. During the year we have tried to follow the lectionary and celebrate important church festivals using age appropriate activities.

**Janet Cuthbert**

## **Cleadon Church of England Academy**

This has been another successful year for the Academy. I'm sure many of you are aware that assessment and testing arrangements for children were changed last year. Last year was indeed a very 'testing' time for both the children and the staff! Nevertheless, our pupils did extremely well, performing well above the national average once again.

At Cleadon Church of England Academy, we very rarely have changes in staffing – this year is proving the exception to the rule! We now have a new Vice-Principal, Mr. Scott, who is settling in well and for the first time, three teaching assistant apprentices. This is a new initiative for us, but it is proving successful. Not only has it improved the support we can offer pupils, but it gives young people the opportunity to train in an outstanding setting which we hope will enhance their job prospects in the future.

Our biggest project this year has been the proposal to add a Nursery class to our current provision. The Local Authority has identified a shortfall of nearly 400 places next year, so we are hoping to meet a clear need. We are currently awaiting the decision on a bid for additional funding to support the new classroom. However one of our ongoing difficulties, in common with most schools nowadays, is parking around the Academy. Understandably, many residents are concerned about the possible impact of additional pupils, so we are working closely with the Local Authority to introduce new strategies and reinforce those already in place.

**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](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested) and add it online.

We made a card for the Queen's 90th Birthday and sent it to her and received a card and letter expressing her thanks from her Lady in

Waiting. We had tea and a craft session at Katie's Garden in Sunderland. We had a lovely Hawaiian night, all the girls came dressed up in bright clothes and wore leis and grass skirts, we drank fruit cocktails, ate pizzas, danced and played games.

We have completed the Tesco Farm to Fork badge, a baking Challenge badge and a Beatrix Potter one.

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, who is supporting Sarah at meetings when I'm busy with my County Commissioner's role.

**Lisa Nesworthy (Rainbow Leader)**

### **1st Cleadon Brownies**

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We made a card for the Queen's 90th Birthday and sent it to her and received a card and letter expressing her thanks from her Lady in Waiting. We had tea and a craft session at Katie's Garden in Sunderland. We have had a visit from the Police who brought some Police dogs for the girls to stroke and learn about the training involved. They also brought a Police car which the girls loved pretending to drive, talk on the walkie talkies, use the handcuffs and try on the uniform.

We had a weekend near Preston at the PGL Centre joined by East & West Boldon Brownies and 2nd Cleadon Brownies in May, a great time was had by all and the girls behaviour was excellent as always. They are looking forward to going again this May. We had a sleepover just before Christmas with a Christmas craft theme on the Thursday, followed by pizza and the Polar Express film before snuggling down to sleep. The following day, 23rd Dec, all 42 of us took over the metro to Sunderland where we went ice skating. There was a great atmosphere with all the

Christmas excitement from not just the Brownies but Leaders too.

The Brownies have achieved their Hostess badge, Tesco's Farm to Fork badge, a Baking Challenge badge and a Beatrix Potter one as well as the usual badges they complete at home.

Thank you for supporting us in our weekly meetings. Also my thanks go to my Assistant Leader Nicola, who has taken more of the organising on due to my new role as County Commissioner, Young Leaders and all the girls doing their D of E who help at the meetings each week and also events we have outside the meeting place.

**Lisa Nesworthy (Brownie Leader)**

### **1st Cleadon Guides**

2016 has seen a few changes in our unit. For the first time in many years our numbers have dropped to 16, however a few more girls are expected to move up by Easter 2017. The lull is no bad thing however, as a smaller group can obviously make certain activities possible which you would not try with more! Val and Lynne have continued as the main leaders however our 2 Rebecca's have now completed their leadership qualification and come when they are able around study and work commitments. We have been fortunate also to welcome Heather into our unit. Heather has recently moved to the area and she is an experienced leader of various sections so it is brilliant to have some new ideas for the girls.

We have been as busy as usual, we have cooked, ridden bikes, hula hooped, carried out science experiments and made craft items, played games and BBQ'd at West Hall. The Guides have also completed a Senior Section Centenary Challenge badge which covered a whole host of activities including looking back over the last few decades – we even had a lady come in to talk to us about her time in our unit in the 1970's.

In the summer we joined with Hexham Guides for a camp at Dilston.

At Christmas, we had a successful mother and daughter craft night and then the girl chose an

outing to the Gravity Force Trampoline park which was great fun!

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

### **1st Cleadon Rangers**

We currently have 10 Rangers (average age 16) who generally meet every other week. Lynne and Lisa continue as the leaders.

It was a GCSE year for many of our girls earlier this year so for some meetings we were thin on the ground however those who could still met when we could.

It has been the Senior Section's (aged 14-26) Centenary Year and the girls completed a Senior Section Centenary Challenge Badge which involved carrying out various activities. The Rangers have been bowling, watched a film, had a 1970's night, they have cooked, done lots of craft work, played games, been on a walk, had a BBQ, went ice skating and not to forget lots of talking and eating.... the Rangers two favourite activities!

The Guiding County also held a sleepover event in Roker which most of our girls attended. They made some things, had a meal out, watched a film, slept (mostly!) and then went on a local treasure trail, the event went well and the Rangers enjoyed themselves.

**Lynne Carr & Lisa Nesworthy  
(Assistant Guide Leaders)**

### **30th South Shields (Cleadon) Beavers**

It has been a busy year in Beavers, after 3 years of running Beavers Zoe Overton stepped down as Beaver leader in September. We now have 2 new Beaver leaders - Rebecca Riley and Andrea Ali - who took charge in September.

Beavers are running at full capacity of 26 with a very big waiting list. Over the last year Beavers have had visits from the Police dogs, had a science lesson from Big Band Science. Beavers make full use of West Hall with many a night spent up there Fire Lighting and learning basic camping skills.

**Glyn Purvis-McGinn  
(Group Scout Leader)**

### **30th South Shields (Cleadow) Cubs**

Cubs have been jammed packed this year with different activities working toward different badges and challenges and celebrating 100 years of cubs.

We have had many camps throughout the year. We started with cookery camp, teaching the cubs to cook from scratch and even showed them how to make things such as pasta. We had group camp with beavers, cubs and scouts which had lots of adventurous and fun activities such as a cave bus. Then in September we had space camp - the cubs learnt all about space and completed different science activities. Cubs have had a go at learning to surf and scuba dive. They have learnt about water aid and enjoyed making scarecrows. To celebrate cubs turning 100 they took part in a service at Durham Cathedral, participated at district cub camp at Beamish and had a party in December. We look forward to 2017 and all the fun, exciting activities that cubs have to offer.

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

### **30th South Shields (Cleadow) Scouts**

Starting in January Scouts had a new leadership team in place after Debbra and Andrea left in September after 2 ½ years as Scout Leaders. Over the last year Scouts have enjoyed activities such as Surfing, Climbing, Sailing and Archery to mention a few. In October scouts attended Confido at Moor House where 1500 Camped and enjoyed a weekend of activities. In November we had a team that took part in Operation Sanctuary, which is where we meet at a location for a briefing before getting on coaches and driven 8 miles 'as the crow flies' and then told to find their way back. An hour after being dropped off teams of catchers (leaders) is let loose to try and catch the Scouts. Our Scouts got caught 5 teams and came 18th overall. We walked 16 ½ miles that day.

At the moment we have 15 scouts in the group so have room for a few more. And as always we are looking for extra help.

**Glyn Purvis-McGinn  
(Group Scout Leader)**

## **Fellowship Groups**

### **Bible Study Group** (weekly Wed. afternoon)

Reading the Bible is a personal joy, but together, in a group, sharing experiences is exciting.

Studying Nehemiah, opened up the need for courage, strategy and determination. Following Matthew, we spent three weeks studying Jesus as a man, his authority, especially when choosing and training his disciples - three years to turn the world upside down. We have just started 2 Corinthians.

As a small group we would welcome more new members, although this year we were pleased to welcome two gentlemen to our group.

**Dulcia Morris**

### **Gospel Group** (weekly Mon. eve.)

The group meets each Monday at 6.30pm in the Chapter House. There are now only five members, who faithfully attend each week. We examine the forthcoming Gospel for the following Sunday, often leading to some lively discussions. As there are so few members, it has been suggested that we amalgamate with the Wednesday group who meet in the afternoon. This has not yet been decided but is on the cards.

**Bob Lawson.**

Since the writing of these reports, during the first quarter of 2017, the Gospel Group and the Bible Study Group have joined together, meeting on Wednesday afternoons in the Chapter House. They are currently studying the given readings for each coming Sunday.

### **Married Couples** (monthly 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. eve.)

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 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 several times a year on a variety of topics.

The group was not able to organize an outing last summer but this year we hope to remedy this omission to our normal schedule. The Christmas party as usual was a joint effort with the Men's Fellowship and was enjoyed by all. Allan Bailey devised a very wide ranging quiz which had us all enthralled. During the last year we have had some very interesting talks by a number of speakers including our Vicar, Peter Talbot, Margaret Wright, Paul Cleaver-Thorpe, Barbara Adshead and two of our own members.

Our annual coffee morning was held in May when we supported "Daft as a Brush". Sad to report, one of our members, Jean Selby, has died.

**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. Meetings commence at 7.30pm with light refreshments and end at approx. 9.00pm.

We have 12 members and 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 them to attend a meeting of our Fellowship group.

For the year 2016 Speakers and the topics discussed were as follows:-

- January - Walter Carr gave a talk on the life and family of Queen Victoria
- February - Peter Talbot gave an illustrated talk about his holiday on the West Coast of Scotland

- March - No meeting
- April - Allan Bailey hosted a joint quiz with the Married Couples Group
- June - AGM
- September - Gordon Coxon gave an illustrated talk on his employment as a Site Electrical Engineer in Botswana
- October - Walter Carr gave a talk on some of his work experiences in the Northumbrian Police Force
- November – Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert gave a talk about the Church Year
- December - We joined up with the Married Couples Group for a joint Christmas Party

**Gordon Coxon**

### **Mothers' Union** (monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> Thu. afternoon)

Our Mothers' Union members continue to meet on the first Thursday in the month for communion and on the second Thursday for our main meeting in the Chapter House. There are no MU meetings in January or August. We meet at 2pm.

We were very happy to welcome 4 new members to our group making a total of 16.

It was a pleasant surprise when Mrs Eileen Bishop, Vice President of the MU in the Durham Diocese, asked if she could come to visit us. The arrangement was made so she joined us when Rev'd June Talbot was our speaker. It was a really enjoyable afternoon.

In conclusion, I must thank those members of our church family who have, at different times, agreed to come and give us a talk which has always helped to keep our group going.

Anyone else who would like to join us will be most welcome.

**Margaret Robson**

## **Mission**

### **Children's Society.**

For over 130years volunteers and fundraisers supporting The Children's Society have been changing the lives of this country's children and young people.

Over the last year All Saints' have made donations in the region of £1,211 which

represents £891 71p from home collection boxes, £200 from a coffee morning and the remainder from Christingle Candles.

There are currently 44 people within the parish, and beyond, who have a home collection box which is emptied annually by the box co-ordinator. The collective total of "small change" can really make a big difference to help children escape the devastating cycle of poverty, abuse and neglect.

A coffee morning in July which was well supported raised £200 and it is hoped that this event can be repeated again in 2017.

The Christingle Service, held at the beginning of Advent, was another opportunity for giving to the work of The Children's Society. Christingle collection candles are available from early November and then returned to be offered during the Service.

Information received from The Children's Society states that last year their services directly helped over 18,000 children and young people and their campaign wins contributed to 5.6million positive changes giving vulnerable children up and down the country the hope of a brighter and happier future.

On behalf of The Children's Society and the young people they work with, thank you for helping to make children's lives better.

**Anne Hudson**

### **Christian Aid**

The house to house collection took place from May 15th until May 21st last year. It is one of the biggest fund raisers for Christian Aid and in Cleadon we have given every resident the opportunity to help with the work the organisation does for the poorer communities of the world. This may involve help with fishing, farming marketing and education, providing the tools needed to sustain a living standard. These are always on-going enterprises so that people receive not just food but the self-esteem to help themselves.

This year we had 42 collectors, including 3 from the Methodist Church, and they covered 87 streets within the village. We were able

within the permitted week to collect 1,014 envelopes with a total of £3514.01. Of these 122 envelopes containing £925.09 were gift aided, allowing the charity to collect a further 25%. We also added the proceeds from the Coffee Morning held the previous August which amounted to £221.80.

The thanks received from the communities helped by Christian Aid, which say how their lives have been transformed, is truly inspirational. God has promised a world where the poor are blessed and the hungry are satisfied. Surely this week's work must have gone some way towards eradicating poverty from the world.

When Christian Aid week comes round in 2017, usually the second week in May, we pray that all of our collectors, and more who have been inspired by this year's work, will come together again and keep on showing the generosity both in spirit and in finance of the people of Cleadon Village.

**Lesley and Clive Smith.**

### **Church Mission Society.**

In the summer Joan handed the reins for CMS link over to me as she was unable to continue due to her continuing illness. On behalf of us all Eric and Sandra included I would like to hope Joan is able to enjoy a quiet restful Christmas with her family.

I would also like to offer her a big thank you for all she did with regard to CMS work, it is not until you get involved with something that you realise just the amount of work involved.

You will remember last year Joan wrote about Barakah farm. Well plans continue but drought is always a problem and so too is the expectation of many of the locals. Sandra hopes that when it is fully open the centre will help people feel more comfortable meeting together. Kapihan-sa-Barakah translated means 'over-a-cup-of-coffee'.

I am provided with a mission disc which demonstrates the development of many of the mission partners work around the world. This disc makes really interesting listening and if

anyone would like to borrow it please contact me.

Please continue to pray for Eric and Sandra and the work they do.

**Jackie Gregory**

## **Outreach**

### **Pop in for Coffee**

The Pop-in for Coffee still runs on a daily basis from 10am until 12 noon each weekday in the Old Schoolroom. Opened as a community facility in 2009, we have managed to keep it open with the help of a dedicated team of regular workers, plus a number who are willing to be called upon when needed. Last year we benefitted greatly from extra help from people who have agreed to a once per month commitment which has been an excellent arrangement. If anyone else feels they could offer this amount of time we would be extremely grateful.

The facility offers a wide range of beverages and snacks, free of charge, although the donations received have been very generous. From them we have managed to pay £100 per month plus a bonus at the end of the year to Church funds, which may offset the cost of heating and lighting the schoolroom.

Although sometimes there are few customers, the opportunity is still there for a meeting place with friends, a chat area, a waiting room for those who missed the bus, an information centre and a welcome rest for hardy walking groups. We are also hoping to set up a craft group on Mondays and Wednesdays so that people can bring their own work to do in company with others or join in a project to produce wall tapestries for the room.

Altogether, the Pop-in is open for the whole community to use and we owe a debt of gratitude not only to those people who spend time and energy to keep it running, but also to all of those people who "pop in" on a regular basis, making the whole project worthwhile.

**Lesley Smith**

### **Day Club**

In the Spring of 2016 some changes took place. I was unable to carry on providing lunches as I was waiting to go into hospital for a major operation. Fortunately Jackie and Terry Gregory agreed to keep the club going every third and fifth Friday. Their offer has enabled the club to carry on and their offers are much appreciated.

The club has gained one or two new members and all enjoy the food and friendship. I still enjoy being part of the membership and enjoy having lunch and chatting with all the members.

I would like to thank Jackie and Terry, and all their helpers, for all their efforts, and to Nigel Thomas and Derek Bage for transporting those members who need transport.

I would like to see the lunch club grow and feel there are a number of local people who would benefit from the food and friendship. This will only happen if Church members tell friends and neighbours, we must advertise ourselves. It is so important to be involved in the local community.

Once again, all my thanks and I wish the club every success.

**June Roberts**

### **Pastoral Care Group**

We are now twelve in number, including Methodist representative Rita Sample and two honorary members. Sadly Jean Selby and Joan Walton have died, both tireless workers who will be sorely missed.

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 individual care lists and from members of the community. In this way we hope no one is overlooked.

In March some of us visited Shepherd's Dene retreat, which was again a rejuvenating day. In September, at the annual Get-Together, there was the opportunity to thank the Network members who continue to deliver Congratulations, Welcome and Thinking of You cards as well as Christmas and Easter cards. On Pastoral Sunday prayers were said in both churches.

The group assisted at fourteen baptisms. Jean visited the families beforehand and Ellen delivered anniversary cards. There was a favourable response to the Christingle and Christmas family services invitations.

Throughout the year we have visited hospitals, care homes and individual homes. Ten gifts of hyacinth bulbs were delivered at Christmas, kindly planted by George Wilson. Val sent bereavement cards. Linda sent wedding anniversary cards. My personal thanks go to everyone.

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 with a fairly regular clientele. The numbers vary from 15 to 26 and for all it is a very lively happy group we would love to increase the numbers attending. So if anyone knows of anybody who would like a hot bowl of home made soup followed by a selection of home-made cakes with a warm welcome just point them in our direction, every Tuesday from 12 mid day to 1.30pm.

Last year we changed one or two things by (popular request) such as cake forks, small buns and small tea pots which have been in use now for about nine months. Like most things they are popular with some and not with others, as the saying goes you can't please all of the people all of the time but we continue to try.

We also were able to introduce a team of 5 people to make and serve on the 5th Tuesday of the month. This relieves a double up for the other four teams. We are very grateful to the team taking this session and have enjoyed some good and varied soups.

At this point as usual I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributes to making this such a good lunch.

The treasurer informs me that we made £1481.36 from that we gave a cheque for £115.00 to Christian Aid.

**Jackie Gregory**



# Worship

## Choir

It is a pleasure to report once again that All Saints is blessed with a small group of singers who have shown, once again during 2016, their loyalty to the Choir. Although only six ladies and two men they give a good strong lead to the singing and are quite adept at being able to learn quickly any new Hymns or tunes with which we are presented. We meet for rehearsal on the last Thursday evening in the month at 7pm and there are still 'vacancies in all parts!' It has been my privilege to work with them for approximately 17 years and I thank them for their continued friendship and loyalty.

As I mentioned last year we lost Lena and Malcolm Fortune and it is good to learn that they have settled at Hurworth, near Darlington, and are involved with the local Church. We wish them well. It is good to see our former member Peggy Carson is still able to come to Church on Sunday morning.

As mentioned above there are 'seats in all parts' and if you feel you can help us have a word with any Choir member or myself and give it some thought.

**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

There are currently twelve members of the congregation on a rota to lead our prayers of Intercessions during Sunday morning worship at 10am. Edna Nichol kindly organises the rota and photocopies guidance notes which can be used by the intercessor in their preparations for prayer.

Jean Higgin provides the names of those for whom directed prayer is requested.

It is in our prayers that we are often closest to God. We give thanks for those who take on the responsibility of leading us in prayer. Prayers for healing continue to be available on Sundays after the 10am service.

**Anne Hudson**

## Oasis (monthly 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday afternoon)

Oasis is a café style of church. Taking place from 4pm on the first Sunday of the month it enables thinking and crafts based on a theme. There is always cake and often a choice that makes saying no to an extra slice very hard work.

In addition to the monthly Sundays we also held an extra Oasis on Good Friday thinking about the cross, prior to the walk of witness with our Methodist friends. This and the December Oasis (Christingle) were the two with the highest attendance.

A review of Oasis on its second anniversary had us recognise that it was only working on these two occasions. It was decided to continue with Good Friday and Christingle but not the regular monthly meeting.

Oasis is facilitated by the Shared Ministry Development Team.

**Vernon Cuthbert**

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 are still using fairtrade 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 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 (2016) the sum of £725.52 (compared with £742.07 in 2015) has been raised for church funds on Sunday mornings. With five church coffee mornings in 2016 on Saturday, the average takings were £ 182.60 (c.f. £178.38 for 2015 for four), amounting to £913.00. This brings the total annual revenue generated by the operation for 2016 to £1638.52 compared with £1455.57 for 2015.

During the eight 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.

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 after their meeting on Friday evenings ready for the 'staff' on a Saturday morning.

**Enid Bage**

### **Communications Group**

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

Our regular task is producing 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. Grateful thanks to all of them.

Anne Hudson maintains the distribution lists and collects the subscriptions, as well as being Advertising Manager. Our advertisers change much more 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 are aware their contribution is appreciated.

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

Easter and Christmas cards were again produced for village-wide distribution in conjunction with the Methodists. One of Margaret Westerberg's earlier paintings was used for the Easter card. The ladies painting group that meets in the community room each Wednesday, submitted paintings for the Christmas Card and we used two of these, one on the card and the other on the front of the December Courier.

We would still like more people to help, particularly with printing and collation. It is not difficult, but is offering a very useful service to the church and the community.

**Keith Higgin**

### **Finance and Property Group**

Members are Chairman Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert, Treasurer Helen Belsham, Gift Aid Secretary Carol Casey, Walter Carr and Keith Higgin. Churchwarden Bryan Saunders joined during the year and John Byers resigned.

We monitored income and expenditure and reviewed statutory fees.

A budget was prepared which showed a potential surplus of £9,000, largely as a result of reducing our Parish Share Offer for 2016 by £7,000 to £42,000. The Share Offer for 2017 recommended to the P.C.C. was an increase to £46,200.

Charges for hiring our premises were reviewed and continued at the same levels. Contracts for supply of gas and electricity were examined and suppliers changed to reduce our expenditure. The Mission Giving was reviewed and recommendations made to the P.C.C.

The sound system in the Church and Chapter House was considered and an estimate received for £2,250 to up-grade this, including a loop system in the Chapter House. After obtaining a grant of £1,150 from One Stop and donations from members of the congregation, a faculty was obtained and the work carried out.

The gutters for the Parish Hall and Old School Room were cleared in the summer. The Archdeacon made a periodic inspection and highlighted PAT testing and a test of the lightning conductor, which were subsequently carried out. Some pointing of ridge tiles and repair and re-painting of the fleche was also identified, which will be scheduled for 2017 in conjunction with the architect.

The Archdeacon's permission was obtained for re-painting the exterior of the Chapter House, which was then completed. The corridors of the Parish Hall have been re-painted.

All boilers, emergency lights, fire alarms and fire extinguishers have been serviced and tested.

We are grateful to gardening team members for keeping the Church grounds attractive and clearing leaves from the whole site.

Walter Carr continues to carry out many routine maintenance jobs involving plumbing, fixing, joinery, electrics, painting, clearing gutters and drains. We are extremely grateful to Walter for this unseen work, which saves us a considerable amount of money.

## **Keith Higgin**

### **Friends of All Saints**

The membership of the Friends at the start of 2016 was 103 adults and 12 children. Financially the subscriptions for the year were £840.

We purchased 710 copies of the Cleadon Courier which 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 this year, and together with home-made jams, were sold in the Church Hall after the 10am Sunday service. With the generosity of our congregation we were able to bank £125 into the Friends account. We hope to continue selling our produce throughout 2017.

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 and there were many stalls selling home-made produce such as honey and crafts, along with Barbour clothing. There were classic cars on display, sheep racing and so much more to see, not forgetting the ice cream and food stalls. We all came home tired but happy.

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**

The Garden Team have now begun hibernation until Spring, so it is time to reflect on what has again been a very busy and proactive year.

Spring time was heralded by a mass of daffodils closely followed by the tulips as gradually the rest of the garden began to wake up. The violas in the planters were a great

success and these were followed by the begonias, these were slow to start but eventually were most attractive.

The border to the south wall is starting to mature and we appreciate the kind donation of many perennial plants by one of our members. The lawns continue to benefit from regular maintenance and mowing.

The Rotary Club of Jarrow with Harton have donated many crocus corms as part of Rotary International's Purple4Polio project, we hope to have a good display in spring.

We were again successful in the Its Your Neighbourhood section of the RHS Northumbria in Bloom initiative and were awarded an "Outstanding" classification at the recent awards ceremony in Gateshead, where we were also interviewed for the Radio Newcastle garden programme.

Next year we plan to concentrate our efforts on the west end of the gardens this is very challenging and will require much work and thought.

We continue to appreciate the support from our church family and the wider village community as we strive to improve and maintain the garden for the benefit of all, and if anyone is interested in working with us they will be most welcome, no gardening experience is required.

**John Byers**

### **Gift Aid**

I am pleased to report that the number of members of the Church donating by weekly donating envelopes and by weekly and monthly standing orders has remained constant over the past year despite the demise of some of our long standing members. The generous response by some Church members to the "Giving Promise Appeal" has resulted in an increase to the income of the Church. I offer my thanks to those members.

Church members who are tax payers can complete a HM Revenue and Customs Gift Aid Declaration which enables the Church to reclaim a further 25% of donations without

any further cost to themselves. I would therefore request those Church members who are not at present contributing through Gift Aid to check whether they are eligible for this scheme and if they are to consider doing so. I would also request the present Gift Aid subscribers to check that they are still eligible tax payers after the increase in personal allowances.

I would appeal to 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 contributions which are pledged by a loyal core of Church members. May I please ask members when unable to attend Church to continue to put aside their giving until their return as the work of the Church goes on in their absence.

Should anyone wish to commence using Weekly Collection Envelopes or by Standing Order please do not hesitate to contact me.

If anyone has any queries regarding Gift Aid Declarations I would be very happy to help.

**Carol Casey**

### **Health and Safety**

During the year of 2016 I carried out risk assessments in the Church and grounds, Church Hall, Kitchen, Office, Corridors, Chapter House, Old School Room, Church Yard and Gardens. Any risks were brought to the attention of Reverend Vernon Cuthbert and the PCC. All risks have been rectified, there are no risks outstanding currently.

It is everyone's responsibility for Health and Safety, anyone aware of something untoward or that they are not entirely happy with will be looked into and rectified accordingly.

**Helen Belsham**

### **Parish Administrator**

Here we are again another year over so soon. This year has been another good year for the groups which are all still going strong, plus I would like to welcome a new group - a karate club which seems to be doing really well.

I know I say this every year but I would like to mention all the volunteers here at the Church. You do so much from coffee mornings to soup lunches not only to raise money for the Church but also to welcome people from the community to come along and see or meet new friends. You all work so hard.

We had a Christmas coffee morning which myself and my daughter came along to and I am happy to say I left with a few prizes.

I would like to give a special mention to the people who are no longer with us. I have been here a while now and you get to know people, some who just call in to the office to say hello others who you sit in the coffee morning with and have a chat.

My final note is a big thank you to all the people who call in to the office just to say hello, it means so much to me.

**Shirley Newton**

### **Safeguarding Adults at Risk**

The term Adults at Risk replaces the words vulnerable adults. In 2014 the Care Act set out a clear framework for how we should protect adults at risk from abuse or neglect.

As a church we are obliged to follow the advice set out in the act. As Christians we are called to live in the 'Justice of God' so we must take the accountability detailed seriously. To this end the PCC has introduced a Safeguarding Policy for Adults at Risk.

For many years we have recognised the problems and therefore the need to have safeguarding policies and procedures for children. In the same light many of us recognised the problems relating to adults at risks but churches have been particularly slow to adopt the same need for policy, procedure and training. However we are where we are and training has begun and two of us went to Durham for a particularly good training session.

During this next year we hope to have a lot more people attend training sessions at Durham, lists of dates are on notice boards. We will also be producing a general awareness

information leaflet on adults at risk which will be given out to all who attend church and free to anyone who is interested. There is a more in-depth detail of possible problems related to adults at risk in the November Courier.

Addressing the accountability of 'at risk' is a fairly new concept but as we all learn together I am sure our observation and reporting skills will improve.

**Jackie Gregory**

### **Shared Ministry Development Team**

During the past year, the Shared Ministry Development Team (SMDT) has worked on a 10-year strategic plan for the parish. This was presented to the PCC and then revised after feedback. It is envisaged that the plan will become a working document to develop and achieve short-term, medium-term and long-term objectives.

The SMDT continues to support Rev'd Vernon while looking at ways of growing both church numbers and discipleship within All Saints.

Monthly meetings are held at 8.30am on Saturday mornings and include an act of worship or prayer.

The SMDT has also played an active role in the Talking Jesus project, and as part of the Mission Leadership for Growth initiative visited Greenside and Crawcrook parish. It has also arranged and hosted bacon roll breakfasts which link the 8am and 10am congregations.

Among other ongoing projects, the SMDT is looking at options to replace the Oasis Sunday afternoon 'church with a difference,' which came to a conclusion in 2016.

During the year Lesley Smith joined the team. Other members are Jenny Grant, Cathy Barnes, Brian Saunders, Carol Casey and the Rev Vernon Cuthbert.

**Rob Lawson**