

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



**Annual Report 2011  
and  
Agenda for the  
Annual Vestry Meeting  
&  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
4.00pm Sunday 29 April 2012**

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## Evening Prayer

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Lead your people to freedom, O God.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Hymn** *Tune: Hyfrydol (87 87 D)*  
**God who sets us on a journey  
to discover, dream and grow,  
lead us as you led your people  
in the desert long ago;**

**journey inward, journey outward,  
stir the spirit, stretch the mind,  
love for God and self and neighbour  
marks the way that Christ defined.**

**Exploration brings new insights,  
changes, choices we must face;  
give us wisdom in deciding,  
mindful always of your grace;  
should we stumble, lose our bearings,  
find it hard to know what's right,  
we regain our true direction  
focused on the Jesus light.**

**End our longings for the old days,  
grant the vision that we lack –  
once we've started on this journey  
there can be no turning back;  
let us travel light, discarding  
excess baggage from our past,  
cherish only what's essential,  
choosing treasure that will last.**

**When we set up camp and settle  
to avoid love's risk and pain,  
you disturb complacent comfort,  
pull the tent pegs up again;  
keep us travelling in the knowledge  
you are always at our side;  
give us courage for the journey,  
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.**

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

*Silence is kept.*

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

**Amen.**

## Agenda for the 2012 Vestry Meeting Sunday 29 April.

1. Minutes of the Vestry Meeting 2011
2. Churchwardens Report including the Annual Report on the Terrier and Inventory
3. Election of Churchwardens

## Evening Prayer (cont.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Luke 1.46-55*

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

**Hymn** *Tune: Leoni (66 84 D)*  
**Creator of the world,  
whose breath gives life to all;  
whose children from the womb uncurled,  
grow old and fall;  
to your eternal hands  
I trust myself today,  
to find through all life's shifting sands  
the Godly way.**

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

**The breath of God shall be  
pledge of our holiness,  
the likeness of your family  
restored in us.  
Come, Holy Spirit, come,  
the grace that Jesus gives,  
make real in us what he has done  
who ever lives.**

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

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

*Ian Jagger*

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

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

# Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2012

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the APCM 2011
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. Change to Elections to the PCC
6. Elections
  - 6.1. Elections to the PCC
  - 6.2. Appointment of Sidespeople
7. Appointment of the Independent Examiner
8. Vicar's Report

## Evening Prayer (cont.)

**Hymn** *Tune: Herongate (LM)*

**The church of Christ in every age,  
beset by change but Spirit-led,  
must claim and test its heritage  
and keep on rising from the dead.**

**Across the world, across the street,  
the victims of injustice cry  
for shelter and for bread to eat,  
and never live until they die.**

**Then let the servant church arise,  
a caring church that longs to be  
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,  
and clothed in Christ's humanity.**

**For he alone, whose blood was shed,  
can cure the fever in our blood,  
and teach us how to share our bread  
and feed the starving multitude.**

**We have no mission but to serve  
in full obedience to our Lord:  
to care for all, without reserve,  
and spread his liberating word.**

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## The Peace

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

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

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

## Agenda for the first Parochial Church Council Meeting 2012/2013

In the Upper Room of the Parish Hall

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

# Minutes of Vestry Meeting 2011

The Vestry meeting was held in the Parish Hall on Sunday 6 March 2011, beginning at 4.00pm and attended by 33 people.

In the absence of the Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert due to illness, Mrs. Cathy Barnes (PCC Vice-chair) chaired the meeting.

**1. The minutes of the vestry meeting for 2010**

were approved without dissent.

**2. The Churchwardens' report**

The Churchwarden's report on page 13 of the Annual Report 2011 was accepted.

**3. Election of Churchwardens.**

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

## Churchwardens' Report

Firstly, we would like to thank Vernon for his leadership and understanding. The Easter Experience, in particular, was a blessing to children and adults alike. We ourselves have benefited greatly from weekly meetings at the vicarage to share information, views and opinions.

It was good to welcome six new members into confirmation in November.

Secondly, we would like to thank anyone who has given the church invaluable assistance throughout this year, far too many people to mention individually. In the Church, Vestry, Parish Hall, Old School Room, kitchen and garden, countless volunteers have been giving of their time selflessly. We thank you all.

We would especially mention the members of the P.C.C., Terry Gregory for his outstanding first year as verger and all the sidespeople. Young Saints' leaders also deserve our thanks

for their work with our young people and, in particular, for their nativity productions.

This year has seen the blossoming of the Coffee Drop In, the opening of the church during weekdays and the magnificent response to the pledge appeal which will result in the Chapter House building proceeding in 2011. None of this would have happened without the co-operation and generosity of our church members.

The bad weather in November unfortunately curtailed the Christmas Experience, but not the spirits of the congregation, who turned up to services and the Bazaar despite the snow.

Our Parish Administrator, Gill Helps, left us in May after years of loyal service. In July we welcomed her replacement, Yvonne Woolston. We appreciate all their hard work and that of the cleaners, in the smooth running of the Parish Hall.

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

May God be always with us in fulfilling His work here in Cleadon.

**Jean and Keith Higgin**

This concluded the Vestry Meeting for 2011.

# Minutes of APCM 2011

In the absence of the Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert due to illness, Mrs. Cathy Barnes (PCC Vice-chair) chaired the meeting.

## 1. Apologies for Absence

Ernest and Helen Belsham, Marjorie Barnes, Anne Hudson, Ruth Nicol and Ellen Smith.

## 2. Minutes of the APCM for 2010

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of the above meeting.

## 3. Reports of the PCC

### 3.1. Electoral Roll

No comments

### 3.2. Proceedings of the PCC

No comments.

### 3.3. PCC Membership

No comments

### 3.4. Treasurers Report

The treasurer gave a brief explanation regarding our charitable giving from Unrestricted Funds, which is 2.5% of our giving income for 2009.

Under "Resources Expended Assistant staff"; these are the people who are reimbursed for such things as weddings and funerals. In conclusion, the Treasurer thanked Allan Bailey for his assistance in counting the money which is given every Sunday.

It was pointed out that whilst we had made a surplus of £6,329, this was because of a reduction in Hall Costs in respect of the Parish Administrator and an increase in Hall Lettings.

The Report was accepted and grateful thanks were expressed to the treasurer for all his work during the year.

### 3.5. Deanery Synod.

No comments

## 4. Organisation Reports for the year 2010

### Children and Young People.

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

### Uniformed Organisations

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

### Fellowship Groups

Emmaus  
Gospel Group  
Married Couples Group  
Men's Fellowship  
Mother's Union  
Garden Party

### Missionary Support

The Children's Society  
Christian Aid  
Church Missionary Society  
Link Mission Partners

### Outreach

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

### Worship

Choir  
Coffee  
Home Communion  
Intercessions and Ministry of Healing

### Administration

Bookstall  
Communications Group  
Finance and Property Group  
Friends of All Saints'  
Gift Aid  
Health and Safety Group



Keith Higgin thanked the people responsible for the reports for their work in the Parish during the past year.

## **5. Elections**

### **5.1. Deanery Synod**

There were three nominations: Mr. Gordon Coxon, Mr. Bill Grant and Mr. Keith Higgin. There being no further nominations the above three were accepted as our representatives on the Deanery Synod until May 2014.

### **5.2. PCC**

There were four vacancies and only three nominations.

Mrs June Roberts

Proposed by Mrs Jean Selby

Seconded by Mrs. Anne Hudson

Mr. Anthony Adamson

Proposed by Mrs. Anne Hudson

Seconded by Mrs Jean Selby

Mr. Bryan Saunders

Proposed by Mrs. Jean Higgin

Seconded by Mrs. Cathy Barnes

The Chairman said he had received an E-mail from Mr. John Byers who was willing to stand. He asked the meeting if they were happy to accept this offer. This was carried without dissent. So the three nominees above and Mr. Byers were elected to the PCC for a period of 3 years. The Chairman went on to thank those who were retiring from the PCC for their contribution during their period of office.

As Mrs. Hudson had now been elected as Churchwarden, her elected place on the PCC could now become vacant. There was also another vacancy because of a resignation. The Chairman proposed that we allow the PCC to fill the casual vacancies for the appropriate period of time. This was accepted.

### **5.3. Election of Sidespeople.**

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

## **6. Appointment of Independent Examiner.**

The Treasurer reported that, as our income is over £100,000, our accounts must be prepared on an accruals basis. As we are having the Chapter House built, our

expenditure for this year may exceed £250,000. If this happens our accounts must be fully audited. Mr. Coxon had discussed this with Ms. Caroline Mulley who is willing to undertake the task of Independent Examiner as she has done over past years if expenditure falls below £250,000. If it doesn't, then she wouldn't be able to carry out the audit as an independent person and her firm's fees would be very substantial. We will have to find a registered auditor who can carry out the work for a modest fee.

In conclusion, Mr. Coxon recommended that we appoint Ms. Caroline Mulley to act as Independent Examiner, but we may not call upon her services. His proposal was agreed.

## **7. Vicars Report**

The Reverend Vernon Cuthbert arrived to give the Vicar's Report.

During the past year we have done quite a lot. We are a busy church. Within the life of our community, we have been able to see our plans for the Chapter House move forward in order for building work to commence in May. This time last year there was a shortfall between what we had in the bank and what is required. During the year the community of the church has pledged to meet the short fall. I would like to thank everyone who has made this happen.

I would like to say thank you to the Friends of All Saints'. We reviewed the life and place of The Friends within the life of the Church. Four people who have enabled it to live and operate, Malcolm Fortune, Gordon Coxon and Mac and Linda English, have given ten years to the life of The Friends of All Saints' so that it could be part of our connection with the community. Within that review they felt that ten years was enough and have stood down. I would like to say thank you to Mac and Linda, Malcolm and Gordon for the time they have put into The Friends of All Saints'. There is change afoot. I wish to thank Ernie Belsham for leading the next stage of The Friends of All Saints'.

If we don't change then we die; it is organisations, it is bodies, that live. The message that we give doesn't change; what remains the same is the message of a God who loves us and is involved with us. That remains the same. But the environment in which we operate does change.

Another thing that has changed, over which we have no control, is that Communicate, the means by which our internet presence until now has been possible, no longer allows us to update our website. During the time I've been indisposed I have started the development of a new website. It's not going to be available for a few weeks, but the basics are there and it works. The web address is [www.cleadonallsaints.org](http://www.cleadonallsaints.org). It's a change that has been forced on us but a change that I hope will allow us to be better represented on the Internet.

It has the line "Walking and working with God" in the banner.

- We walk with God. There is an intimacy entailed in walking with someone, you might walk in companionable silence, but often if you go out for a walk you talk with the person you are walking with, you communicate with them. As we walk with God, we are moving from one place to another and we will be changed by the journey.
- Working with God: seeking to identify what God is doing and joining in.

You could say it is shorthand for the two great Commandments:  
"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul and with all your strength" and "Love your neighbour as yourself."

Walking and working with God means allowing ourselves to be changed to become more like God and for us to take on the heart of God, which has a concern for everyone around us. We are not perfect but, by working with God, we hope to be a little more like God. By walking with God we listen out for those bits of us that need changing. We will be changed by the journey. If we were to compare the Church

ten years ago to what it is now, it will be different.

Ten years ago there was a Vision Day when you identified a number of things that it was important to do: connecting with the community; renewing the worship; renewing the place in which the worship took place.

Much of what was in that vision document has been achieved within the church building. You have renewed the heating, the lighting, the flooring. It's completed, it's now a warm place to worship.

With regard to connecting with the wider community, The Friends of All Saints' was part of that connecting and has been in operation for ten years. It has done a good job and helped to raise the profile of All Saints within the wider community. We now have the bells that announce our presence on a regular basis. Some people like them, some don't, but they're there and it is difficult to ignore them totally.

Part of connecting within the community was the desire to have a drop-in facility. We are doing this, not necessarily in the physical space that was anticipated. The plans needed changing, because the environment within which we were organising ourselves, changed. The school that was next door to us now occupies a place closer to the centre of the village and that site is redundant. We no longer have people walking past on Cleadon Lane on a daily basis in the numbers we used to have when the vision was identified. We did, however, have the old dining hall of the Infants School returned to us, which we have been able to make use of as the space for the Drop-in.

The church is being opened for people to drop in and make use of as a sacred space during the week. It is a reality that is happening. It was a great delight for me, early in the New Year, to find a gentleman in there; he was using the space to pray quietly.

So much of what was in the vision document we are doing, not necessarily in

the way it was anticipated, but it's happening. And the final part will be the renewal of the ancillary rooms to the southeast area of the worship building. The building of the Chapter House will take place during this year.

This concluded the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for 2011.

So that means we need to be thinking again about where we are going, what are we trying to achieve, who are we trying to achieve it for and what with? During this coming year we will be thinking through some of those questions and on April 13th the new PCC meets. It will be an open meeting where Judy Hirst, as part of the Diocesan Resource team, will come to help us think through some of these questions. As we consider what we are about, going into the future, I am sure it will envisage some changes.

We are called to strive for perfection; we are called to strive to be like Christ. We are called to inhabit the kingdom of God here on earth, not just waiting until we get to heaven.

We've had some interesting times over the last calendar year and I'm sure the next twelve months will be quite equally interesting. As a church community we are bound to change. Because realistically, if we don't, the few church members we buried at the start of this year will, over the coming years, be significantly more. The congregation is getting older. So we need to be open to new people coming in: people who will not necessarily know how we do things (because this is the way we have always done it) but who may want us to examine with them what worshipping means today and tomorrow and how that will affect their walk in their life and us in ours. Change is not an option, it will happen. It's whether we embrace it and seek to use it to proclaim the glory of God or whether we try and avoid it and appear to be like dinosaurs.

# Report of the PCC

for the year ended 31 December 2011

## 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,  
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"The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints Cleadon" is a registered charity No. 1132228.

## Objectives and Activities

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

## Structure, governance and management

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

## Electoral Roll and Attendance

There are 171 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll for the 2012 APCM, 48 of whom are not resident within the parish. The weekly average adult attendance, counted during October 2011, was 95 adults and 12 children. Attendance at Easter numbered 125; Easter Communicants was 113; attendance at Christmas was 391 and Christmas communicants numbered 62.

**Malcolm Fortune**

## Proceedings of the PCC

During the year the PCC continued to provide oversight and leadership to the life of the church.

The Open Doors project continued to occupy the PCC throughout the year. The Site Development group compiled a cash flow for the Open Doors Project (Chapter House) to identify where expenditure was to be incurred ahead of the income that was pledged toward the project. An opportunity arose for the contractors working on the new building to construct a new footpath from the west end, towards the new vestry, making a level entrance at the south door.

The April meeting was an unusual one. We had a guest speaker that being the Rev'd Judy Hirst, also the meeting was open to non PCC members. Having been introduced, Judy split those present into pairs and each pair had to identify 5 sentences relating to Cleadon and in the same pairs to do the same for All Saints. Then Judy gave us an opportunity to change one thing, regardless of practicality, the final question posed was what do we think the church is used for? After this exercise Judy then spoke about her role in assisting parishes to develop models of shared ministry.

A similar exercise was done at the November meeting, in which the Vicar invited members of the PCC to express their thoughts as to where our strengths and weaknesses lay and what opportunities, All Saints has.

In September the Vicar gave an illustrated talk on the new Website, the address which is "www.cleadonallsaints.org". It is mostly aimed at those not regularly attending the church, although there were a few areas that are intended for All Saints regulars. He then went onto talk about the replacement of the notice board in Cleadon Lane, to proclaim that "we are a living church".

Regular reports were given throughout the year from the Churchwardens, as well as those concerning Cleadon Village School, Finance & Property, Locality, Deanery and Synod.

On a personal note, I would like to mention that I am standing down as your PCC secretary

a post I have held since 2009, I would like to wish my successor very good luck in the post to whoever he or she maybe.

**Anthony Adamson (PCC Secretary)**

### **PCC Membership**

Vernon Cuthbert*	Priest-in-charge
Jean Higgin*	Churchwarden until 27 May 2011
Keith Higgin*	Churchwarden and Deanery Synod to 2014
Anne Hudson*	Churchwarden from 27 May 2011
Gordon Coxon*	Deanery Synod to 2014 (Hon. Treasurer)
Bill Grant*	Deanery Synod to 2014
Anthony Adamson	elected until APCM 2014 (Hon. Secretary) to resign at APCM 2012
Malcolm Fortune	elected until APCM 2011
Ron Richardson	elected until APCM 2011
Lesley Smith	elected until APCM 2011
Cathy Barnes	elected until APCM 2012 (Vice Chairman)
Walter Carr	elected until APCM 2012
Robina Lawson	elected until APCM 2012
Ellen Smith	elected until APCM 2012
Linda Ross	elected until APCM 2013
Helen Belsham	elected until APCM 2013
Ernie Belsham	elected until APCM 2013
John Byers	elected from 6 March 2011 until APCM 2014
June Roberts	elected from 6 March 2011 until APCM 2014
Bryan Saunders	elected from 6 March 2011 until APCM 2014

(\* 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**

As we began our term of office Vernon was recovering from his spinal surgery. In his absence we were fortunate to have visiting clergy as well as Audrey and Cathy to lead us in our worship. Thankfully Vernon returned to full duties at Pentecost. We meet weekly to

share information, exchange views and engage in forward planning. We all find these sessions most beneficial.

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

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

Throughout the year we have had many, happy social activities in Church, the garden and the Parish Hall. These events would not have been successful without the help of our faithful volunteers.

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

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

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

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

**Keith Higgin and Anne Hudson**

### **Deanery Synod Report**

Your representatives to Jarrow, who you elected in 2011, are Keith Higgin, Gordon Coxon and Bill Grant. Keith was subsequently elected Deanery Treasurer. Jarrow Deanery elects its Diocesan representatives in 2012; Keith is a currently a member of The Diocesan Board of Finance; and Bill the Diocesan

Pastoral Committee; both are also on Diocesan Synod.

There has been a serious shortage of stipendiary priests working in the Jarrow Deanery due to sickness and unfilled posts. The gap has been filled so far thanks to the efforts of unpaid and retired ministers from inside and outside the area.

#### PASTORAL

The Jarrow Team Ministry is changing so St Pauls, Jarrow and St Peters, York Avenue have 1 priest, and Perth Green and St Simons become another single parish with 1 priest but formally working together in Group Ministry.

There are proposals in hand to establish a stipendiary priest in 'The Boldons' where the Archdeacon is at present 'Priest in Charge' of all three parishes.

The pattern of Ministry for South Shields is being established; St Stephens (the Lawe) and Rekendyke (St Judes) are taking steps to work together; St Peter's Sunderland Road and Cleadon Park (St Marks and St Cuthbert) both have Canon Dick as their priest.

#### FINANCIAL

The payment to the Diocese of Parish Share has been even lower this year. Despite the subsidy from the Church Commissioners the diocese has not enough income to pay its way. A new method of asking for the money for the Ministry and Mission in the Diocese is being proposed for 2013.

#### MEETINGS In 2011

May 3rd Tuesday in Cleadon Primary School. A discussion led by Diocesan Officers presented both sides of the debate about Women Bishops so we can report back to Diocesan Synod. The main problem left appears to be the delegation of authority for parishes which would like the 'Episcopal oversight' of a male Bishop.

July 20th Wednesday St Peter's York Avenue. A business meeting with elections of Deanery posts. Draft Deanery Share figures were presented, with a discussion of the application of our agreed basis of allocation. We approved a motion for Diocesan Synod from Hebburn St John; which asked for Episcopal oversight to

be delegated by law (instead of by code of practice as originally proposed to General Synod). This was subsequently not passed by Diocesan Synod.

October 6th Thursday St Nicholas Boldon. Meeting chaired by the acting Area Dean, Canon Raymond Dick. Father David Huntley, the new Incumbent of St Lawrence, Horsley Hill was introduced and welcomed. Parish Share 2012 agreed. Rev'd Charles James led a thought provoking period of prayer and reflection.

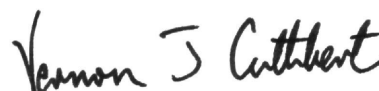
**Bill Grant**

#### Treasurer's Report and Accounts

These appear on the following pages

**Gordon Coxon**

This annual report was adopted by the PCC on 18th April 2012 and signed on their behalf by The Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert, PCC Chairman.



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## **Financial Review**

In accordance with the Charities Act 1993 and in particular the 3rd edition "A guide to the SORP 2005 revisions" 2006; and taking into account the requirements of the Charities Commission; such that, when the income of a Charity for any 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 2011 does not exceed the threshold of £250,000 the Annual Accounts for All Saints Church Cleadon have been prepared adopting the Payments and Receipts method.

Accounts presented using the Accruals and Prepayments basis in previous years under these regulations required 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 the Treasurer to the P.C.C., I am obliged to include in my financial review details of any and all Major movements in the "Funds". In this regard one of the major changes to the funds involves the completion of the "Open Doors" or "Chapter House" project as it has of late been referred to. The Parish resorted to a renewed appeal for funds and pledges and, as this was successful, the construction of the "Chapter House" was commenced in May 2011. Through the total "giving" from all sources of the Chapter House fund £40,411.72p for the year with transfers from other church accounts of £19,291.34p together with the Loan of £10,000.00p from the Durham Diocese we were able to finance the contractors and subcontractors costs for the year of £197,471.24p\* (for a detailed make of these figures please refer to Appendix 1). Pledges have been received which should, when fulfilled, cover the liability of the loan from the Diocese.

The income from the hire of the Parish Hall also shows a substantial increase and the cost of running the Hall a significant decrease which it is thought reflects on the appointment of the Parish Administrator and the reduced hours she is required to work.

The overall effect of these changes has resulted in the funds available to the PCC (held in reserve) being reduced from the level previously set by the PCC however it will result in the Chapter House account being cash positive through out and it is hoped that the remaining pledges that has been made will enable the Loans and transfers to be repaid in full; with the consequent restoration in Reserves to an acceptable level.

**G Coxon (PCC Treasurer)**

## **Reserves Policy**

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately three months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance of £11,263.67p in unrestricted funds at the year-end is in deficit of this target.

## **Major Restricted Fund**

The balance of £18,490.55p in the Open Doors Restricted Fund is still being held towards the cost of the proposed extension.

## **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 2011

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

<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>	CODE	2011 Unrestricted	2011 Restricted	2011 Total	2010 Unrestricted	2010 Restricted	2010 Total
<b><u>Voluntary receipts</u></b>							
Covenanted Planned Giving	1	33,293.29		33,293.29	31,957.71		31,957.71
Income Tax recovered	2	9,576.31		9,576.31	9,345.47		9,345.47
Uncovenanted planned giving	3	2,731.00		2,731.00	3,922.30		3,922.30
Collections (loose)	4	5,263.65		5,263.65	5,225.56		5,225.56
Sundry Donations	6	0.00		0.00			
Donations/Appeals (Restricted)	8		3,056.72	3,056.72		1,545.54	1,545.54
Grants (See Note 1)		0.00		0.00			
Legacies	9	0.00		0.00	1,500.00		1,500.00
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b><u>50,864.25</u></b>	<b><u>3,056.72</u></b>	<b><u>53,920.97</u></b>	<b><u>51,951.04</u></b>	<b><u>1,545.54</u></b>	<b><u>53,496.58</u></b>
<b><u>Activities for generating funds</u></b>							
Church Coffee Mornings and Socials	10 +11	4,143.39		4,143.39	4,608.24	1,783.93	6,392.17
Christmas Bazaar		2,031.25		2,031.25	1,797.42		1,797.42
Magazine sales	14	3,009.96		3,009.96	3,028.54		3,028.54
Church Hall lettings	15	16,272.00		16,272.00	15,631.00		15,631.00
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b><u>25,456.60</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b><u>25,455.60</u></b>	<b><u>25,065.20</u></b>	<b><u>1,783.93</u></b>	<b><u>26,849.13</u></b>
<b><u>Receipts from Church activities</u></b>							
Fees (Weddings and Funerals)	16	2,752.00	2,427.00	5,179.00	2,780.50	2,453.50	5,234.00
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b><u>2,752.00</u></b>	<b><u>2,427.00</u></b>	<b><u>5,179.00</u></b>	<b><u>2,780.50</u></b>	<b><u>2,453.50</u></b>	<b><u>5,234.00</u></b>
<b><u>Receipts from investments</u></b>							
Dividends & Fixed Interest(Securities) (See Note 2 & 3)	13	6.83		6.83	21.65		21.65
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b><u>6.83</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b><u>6.83</u></b>	<b><u>21.65</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b><u>21.65</u></b>
<b><u>Other incoming resources</u></b>							
Fund Raising (No Risk to PCC funds)	17	55.10		55.10	1,701.34		1,701.34
Special /Others		3,590.10		3,590.10	2,369.15		2,369.15
Insurance Claims	18	996.25		996.25	1,237.15		1,237.15
Cheques not presented		0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b><u>4,641.45</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b><u>4,641.45</u></b>	<b><u>5,307.64</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b><u>5,307.64</u></b>
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>		<b><u>83,721.13</u></b>	<b><u>5,483.72</u></b>	<b><u>89,204.85</u></b>	<b><u>85,126.03</u></b>	<b><u>5,782.97</u></b>	<b><u>90,909.00</u></b>

**Note 1:- Proceeds obtained from sale of Legacy**

**Note 2:- The Mary Greenwell account is a separate fund within these accounts (See Item 4)**

**Note 3:- The Vision account is held in a separate deposit account (for details see Item3.1 & Appendix 1)**



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT for Year Ending 31st December 2011

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

<b><u>PAYMENTS</u></b>	CODE	2011 Unrestricted	2011 Restricted	2011 Total	2010 Unrestricted	2010 Restricted	2010 Total
<b><u>Charitable activities</u></b>							
Overseas Mission	30	325.00	852.00	1,177.00		880.03	880.03
Relief Agencies	31		798.43	798.43		377.15	377.15
Home mission & organisations	32	650.00	1,081.87	1,731.87	651.00	1,354.65	2,005.65
Secular Charities	33	359.00	236.86	595.86	663.00	717.64	1,380.64
Parish Share (Diocese & Deanery)	34	44,499.58		44,499.58	44,103.55		44,103.55
Clergy Expenses	35	955.57		955.57	1,292.02		1,292.02
Assistant Staff	36	341.00		341.00	0.00		0.00
Parsonage Repairs & Water Rates	37	418.06		418.06	388.33		388.33
Church Heating, Lighting & Water	38	2,119.66		2,119.66	2,035.68		2,035.68
Church Ins, Maint & Cleaning	39 & 44	4,563.78		4,563.78	6,725.95		6,725.95
Cost of Services	40	500.69		500.69	1,050.12		1,050.12
Upkeep of Church Yard	41	0.00		0.00	867.10		867.10
Printing & Stationary	42 & 47	1,361.16		1,361.16	1,691.33		1,691.33
Support Costs (Training)	43	283.33		283.33	75.00		75.00
Hall Costs	44	10,968.10		10,968.10	12,178.41		12,178.41
Major Church and Hall Expenditure (See Note 3)		1,685.85		1,685.85	1,685.85		2,945.51
Assistant Staff	46	1,306.00	2,427.00	3,733.00	1,411.00	2,453.50	3,864.50
Administration	49	1,564.28		1,564.28	1,890.31		1,890.31
Others		605.14		605.14	551.43		551.43
School Room (Maintenance+Services)		2,775.28		2,775.28	1,007.01		1,007.01
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>72,281.48</u>	<u>5,396.16</u>	<u>80,677.64</u>	<u>79,526.75</u>	<u>5,782.97</u>	<u>85,309.72</u>
<b><u>Fund raising trading</u></b>							
Cost of fetes/bazaars etc	48	62.00		62.00	102.00		102.00
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>62.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>62.00</u>	<u>102.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>102.00</u>
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>		<b><u>75,343.48</u></b>	<b><u>5,396.16</u></b>	<b><u>80,739.64</u></b>	<b><u>79,628.75</u></b>	<b><u>5,782.97</u></b>	<b><u>85,411.72</u></b>
Deficit/Excess of Receipts over Payments		8,377.65	87.56	8,465.21	5,497.28	0.00	
Bank current account at 1 Jan		5,754.37		5,754.37			65.03
Sale of Stock			4,291.34	4,291.34	192.06		
Net transfer to OPEN DOORS		(10,659.78)		(10,659.78)			0.00
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>3,472.24</u>	<u>4,378.90</u>		<u>5,689.34</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>65.03</u>
Bank (current account) at 31 Dec				7,851.14			5,754.37

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT for Year Ending 31st December 2011

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

	2011	2011	2010	2010
<b><u>2.1 Flower Fund</u></b>				
<i>Receipts</i>				
b/f	210.02		450.02	
Other receipts (Weddings and Donations)	76.50		180.00	
<i>Payments (Flowers for Weddings etc.)</i>	100.00		420.00	
Transfer from General account	0.00		0.00	
Balance		<u>186.52</u>		<u>210.02</u>
<b><u>2.2 Vicars Expences</u></b>				
<i>Receipts</i>				
Closing of Trust Fund (June 2011)	4,291.34			
<i>Payments</i>				
Expences paid to Incumbent	955.57			
Balance		<u>3,335.77</u>		

## **3 RESTRICTED AMOUNTS IN SEPARATE DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS**

	2011	2011	2010	2010
<b><u>3.1 Vision Fund (See Appendix 1 for details)</u></b>				
b/f	146,158.73		142,690.45	
Donations, Loans , Grants etc	63,747.93		10,204.00	
Tax Refund	5,194.85		0.00	
Interest	860.28	215,961.79	704.25	153,598.70
Expenses and Refunds	197,471.24		7,439.97	
Balance		<u>18,490.55</u>		<u>146,158.73</u>

## **4 M. Grenwell DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

	2011	2011	2010	2010
<i>Receipts</i>				
B/F	9,638.26		9,589.21	
Transfers from other Accounts	0.00		0.00	
Interest	78.95		49.05	
Total Receipts		<u>9,717.21</u>		<u>9,638.26</u>
<i>Payments</i>				
Nett Transfer to Open Doors Account	3,631.56		0.00	
Balance at 31/12/06		<u>6,085.65</u>		<u>9,638.26</u>

## **5 FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS ACCOUNT**

	2011	2011	2010	2010
<i>Receipts</i>				
B/F	5,151.67		4,476.90	
Membership				
i) From General Account	240.00		270.00	
ii) Friends Account (Standing Orders)	378.00		415.00	
iii) Friends Account Cash Subs	465.00		565.00	
September/May Events	nil		0.00	
Receipts from sale of Christmas Cards	nil		0.00	
Receipts from sale of Note-lets	nil		252.00	
Income Tax Refund (From General Account)	231.00		203.07	
Interest	26.42		25.16	
<i>Payments</i>				
Administration Expenses (postage etc)	222.92		75.00	
Cost of September/May Event Buffet	nil		0.00	
Cost of Note-lets	nil		210.33	
Magazine Contribution	420.00		475.00	
Purchase of Hard Core for Path	0.00		295.13	
Transfer to Open Doors Acc	5,000.00			
Balance at 31/12/2011		<u>849.17</u>		<u>5,151.67</u>

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT for Year Ending 31st December 2011

## **6 STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2011**

	2011	2011	2010	2010
<b>6.1 MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
Barclay's Current Account	7,851.14		5,754.37	
CBF Fund (Mary Greenwell)	6,085.65		9,638.26	
CBF Deposit Account (Open Doors)	18,490.55		146,158.73	
Friends of All Saints	849.17		5,151.67	
Total		<u>33,276.51</u>		<u>166,703.03</u>
<b>6.2 INVESTMENTS (AT COST)</b>				
Durham Diocesan Board of Finance £4,286 3 1/2% Funding Stock 1994/04 (Stock Sold May 2011)		0.00		4,291.34
<b>6.3 OTHER ASSETS</b>				
Church Hall (COST IN 1938)		<u>2,228.00</u>		<u>2,228.00</u>
<b>6.4 DEBTORS</b>				
For 2011 none known		None		None
<b>6.5 LIABILITIES (Major Known above £100)</b>				
Diocese Loan	10,000.00			None
Chapter House Contractor & Sub-Contractors	15,307.00			
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>25,307.00</u>		NIL

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **OPEN DOORS FUND RECONCILIATION**

Fund movement year to 2003 Dec 31		10,410.99	
Balance @ 2003 Dec 31	c/f		10,410.99
Fund movement year to 2004 Dec 31		10,883.39	
Balance @ 2004 Dec 31	c/f		21,249.38
Fund movement year to 2005 Dec 31		20,941.44	
Balance @ 2005 Dec 31	c/f		42,235.82
Fund movement year to 2006 Dec 31		64,471.99	
Balance @2006 Dec 31	c/f		106,707.81
Fund movement year to 2007 Dec 31		47,778.82	
Balance @2007 Dec 31	c/f		154,423.63
Fund movement year to 2008 Dec 31		(6,127.24)	
Balance @2008 Dec 31	c/f		148,296.39
Fund movement year to 2008 Dec 31		(5,605.94)	
Balance @2009 Dec 31	c/f		142,690.45
Fund movement year to 2010 Dec 31		3,468.28	
(Correction from 2010; payments received but not credited)	c/f	100.00	
			146,258.73
<u>Fund movement year to 2011 Dec 31</u>		<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
Interest for 2011		860.28	
Tax Refunds from Gift Aided receipts		5,194.85	
Expenses			
Architect's Fee			2,132.05
Main Contractor			183,635.30
Sub Contractors			11,703.89
Donations			
Direct Giving (Jan/Dec)		1,120.00	
Individual Pledges (2011)		12,916.00	
Events		2,320.59	
Grants (4 off)		18,000.00	
Loans (Diocese)		10,000.00	
Transfers (Internal to Church Accounts)		19,291.34	
Sub Totals		69,703.06	197,471.24

**TOTAL FUND @ 2011 DEC 31**

**18,490.55**

## **Notes to the financial statements**

For the year ended 31st December 2011

### **Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.

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

### **Funds**

Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investments of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established. Under encouragement of the Charities Commission this investment has been realised and now forms the Vicar's Expenses Fund.

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. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

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

### **Incoming resources**

All income is recognised when it is received. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

## **Resources expended**

All expenditure is recognised when it is paid and is accounted for gross.

### **Fixed Assets**

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96 (2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

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 £2,500 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 2011, which are set out on pages 13 to 20, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

### **Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner**

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

### **Basis of this Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

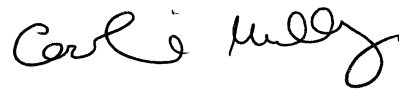
### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

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

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

Signed by:



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

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2012

# Organisation Reports 2011

## Children and Young People

### Safeguarding Children

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

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

Jean Higgin was the warden representative and has now stepped down from that role. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jean for her for her contributions to the group. Anne Hudson, the new warden has agreed to join the safeguarding children group.

We have had an uneventful and quiet year. The main reason for this is waiting to see just what government changes are to be introduced. Professor Eileen Munro, a prominent academic in the field of child protection, was asked by the government to lead a review of child protection, her third and final report was published in May 2011. The report offers many sensible messages one being a reduction in central government guidance and control. There is also a suggestion that CRBs should be transportable.

I have discussed with Helen Straughan (diocesan CRB administrator) if any changes are to be made and as yet there is no information.

This year we will be reviewing and updating our child protection policy and will consider including any recommendations during the review. We must also update 2 of our staff's CRBs and we will be submitting a clearance application form for an 18 year old. This is an exciting introduction and will hopefully help compliment the group and encourage an increase in the number of young saints.

Once again I would like to thank everyone who helps to encourage and keep our young saints safe.

**Jackie Gregory**

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

#### Toddlers @ All Saints

Toddlers continue to meet at 1.30pm on a Wednesday. We average about 10 children per session, if all the children who attend came each week the number would be nearer to 20 plus.

We celebrated Easter by heading into church waving our palm leaves and making a joyful noise with instruments. The children participated in Maundy Thursday by eating bread and butter and drinking blackcurrant, we held up sad faces for Good Friday and smiley ones for Easter Day.

The summer term was rounded off with a visit to church where we went for a ride in Noah's Ark. We had to say goodbye to a few children who were heading to school in September and presented them with a small story book. Again we were blessed with fine weather so were able to enjoy playing in the vicarage garden and eating a cream tea!

During the Autumn term we celebrated Harvest and Christmas. It was a delight to have children who had been baptised making the special effort to come to the Christmas Celebration and toddler session that followed. We enjoyed singing Happy Birthday to Jesus and acting out the Christmas story using our wonderful knitted nativity figures. The children also enjoyed opening the parcels of new toys from under the Christmas tree.

A big thank you must go to Jackie Scott who has continued to help run the group despite her daughter having started school in September.

**Janet Cuthbert**

#### Young Saints

There are currently three groups of Young Saints. The two older groups are following the Living Stones books, which give guidance

notes for each lesson. The session includes a Bible story and either a game, drama or creative work. The youngest group, called 'Saintlets', is run by Janet in the new Chapter House and is a crèche for children below school age. The groups are engaged in such a way that makes it interesting, fun, and encourages them to enjoy learning about the Christian beliefs.

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

This Christmas, the older groups combined forces for their Nativity Play in which the Leaders also took part, and the children (and also the congregation) loved the fact that Rob dressed-up to play the part of the 'midwife'. Following this service the fun continued with a Family Night Party organised by Fiona, who did a splendid job, ably assisted by the other Mums and Dads. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all who attended. This rounded off the Young Saints year very nicely indeed.

**Debbie Whittle**

### **Cleadon Village C of E Primary School**

There are many activities that take place during the school year and this year has been no exception.

Each year we take thirty six children to the Lake District on a week's residential outdoor education course.

This year the pupils took part in a wide range of fun and engaging activities including mountain biking, mountain walking, canoeing, ghyll scrambling, orienteering and rock climbing. These activities allowed the pupils to

enjoy themselves while promoting the school's mission statement to work together, becoming more responsible and building a good sense of team spirit. The activities allowed the pupils to learn the importance of working as a strong, trusting team especially in the more strenuous activities such as rock climbing and ghyll scrambling where the challenge was more difficult. Even the less strenuous exercises such as orienteering allowed the pupils to exercise their communication skills and learn to listen to one another and consider other people's opinions and approaches to solve different problems. All activities encouraged transferable skills such as decision making, time management, boosting confidence and allowing leadership qualities to flourish. Spending a week at Thurston allowed the pupils to gain a feeling of responsibility such as cleaning up after themselves, making their own beds plus being considerate to others due to communal living. All pupils thoroughly enjoy the activities and staff at the centre commented on the excellent behaviour of our pupils.

The second key event this year has been a visit from OFSTED. The inspection took place at the end of November and was both thorough and rigorous. Everyone was absolutely delighted with the report which states Cleadon Village C. of E. Primary School is an outstanding school. It aims high for its pupils, knows itself exceptionally well and is effective in providing a purposeful environment in which all pupils thoroughly enjoy learning. The excellent leadership has been the key to driving change and striving for excellence. This has empowered the entire staff team to continually improve so that each and every pupil can achieve their very best. Team work is truly at the heart of this school's success. Pupils' overall achievement is outstanding and pupils' personal development is excellent in all respects.

The Inspection Report is testament to the excellent work that is happening in school on a day by day basis and was welcomed by the staff, governors, parents, Local Authority and the Diocese.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity thank the Reverend Vernon and Reverend Margaret, parents, governors and members of

All Saints Church for their support and prayers during the last eventful year and look forward to your continuing support in the future.

**Mrs. J. Beckett (Head Teacher)**

## **Uniformed Children's and Youth work**

### **1st Cleadon Rainbows**

We continue to have a full unit and a long waiting list, so please put your daughter's name down as soon as possible, don't wait until they are aged 4 or 5.

We had a Rainbow Day at Blackfell Primary on a typical rainy summer's day. They made things to take home, stroked some baby owls and eagles and ended the day with a storyteller entertaining them.

The Rainbows have completed a Cupcake Challenge badge and a Smartie Challenge badge. We had to make cakes and decorate them. We had a Smartie party where they all wore red, their choice, and ate red food.

We joined together with East and West Boldon Rainbows for our Christmas party. Angela from Karmazoo came and told a story with yoga actions. We all wore pyjamas and had hot chocolate. A great time was had by all.

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

**Lisa Nesworthy (Rainbow Leader)**

### **1st Cleadon Brownies**

We continue to have a full unit and a long waiting list.

We had 140 Brownies sleeping over at the Centre for Life in October. The activities were a session in the science lab, exploring the Wallace & Gromit exhibition, a ride on the simulator and watching a video about space. We all suffered from a lack of sleep due to loud music being played next door till 4.00am but enjoyed it none the less.

The Brownies also took part in the Cupcake Challenge and Smartie Challenge earning

themselves 2 lovely badges. They earned their Science Investigator badge by completing lots of science experiments and learning about scientists.

We had a talk from a guide dog trainer who brought a lovely guide dog along with her. We learnt lots about how the dogs are trained and what is expected of them. We gave a donation to the Guide Dog Association.

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

**Lisa Nesworthy (Brownie Leader)**

### **1st Cleadon Guides**

Once again our Guide unit ran during 2011 with around 40 girls and we continue to have a long waiting list. Val, Lynne and Marilyn run the unit with 3 Young Leaders who try to get as often as they can around their studies.

We have been involved in various activities during 2011 both at our weekly meetings and at extra events like a County World Festival Day held in Washington in the spring. In our meetings we have worked towards some badges and challenges including a Royal Wedding Challenge and Cup Cake Challenge. We have also had games, craft and cooking nights, visited the Sunderland climbing wall, had our annual walk over the hills to Whitburn chip shop and a Christmas Meal out in Roker.

We carried out some fundraising which included a Bingo night for Grace House Hospice and a Cup Cake Coffee Evening for Cleadon in Bloom.

We have ran three residential opportunities for the girls, a craft weekend in March at the Guiding Camphouse in Spennymoor, a trip to Wembley the to Guide Pop Concert incorporating an Alton towers tip in October and also a very wet camping weekend at Dilston near Corbridge in the Summer – we survived!

So once again I am pleased to report it's been another busy and enjoyable year for our Unit.

**Lynne Carr (Assistant Guide Leader)**



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

Our group capacity is 20 beavers and we are fully subscribed. We have 3 exceptional young helpers, Kieran, Philip and Sam, who are committed to supporting us every week. We have two new leaders – Lisa and Sheryl – who took over the Group from Sonia and Susan.

Our aim is to provide a balanced programme for our Beavers and this year we structured our activities to work towards the Promise Challenge Badge, the Global Challenge Badge and the Creative Challenge Badge.

We enjoyed a very interesting visit to our local Methodist church, learning about fair trade and charities such as water aid. We visited Souter Lighthouse and took a trip to the local Bird Conservation Society.

We learned how to greet Beavers around the world and exchanged letters with colonies in Singapore and Dubai. As part of our Adventure Activity Badge we held a treasure hunt in Cleadow Park and enjoyed an evening climbing at Simonside Climbing Wall.

Our Beavers learned to bake, ice and decorate cakes and to make (and eat) various pizzas. We enjoyed the summer nights with meetings held at West Hall, visits to the local parks and sand castle building on the beach and finished off the year with an evening climbing at Simonside Climbing Wall.

We were all extremely proud to take part in the village Remembrance Sunday parade.

We have 3 Beavers who have achieved their Bronze Award after 2 years of commitment and work.

We are currently working on our Fitness Challenge Badge, and we hope to tie this to the Olympic and Para-Olympic Games.

**Sheryl Ralsh**

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

Since taking over the cubs in September Victoria and I have been working towards the challenge badges. Our aim is to get all cubs through their silver award (highest award in cubs). So far we have had one cub gain this

award and another 2 just need the final element the interview which will take place with the ADC. The cubs enjoyed a Christmas climbing party at Simonside wall. They have undergone their skater badge and had great fun showing the leaders what they could do on their skates, scooters or skateboards, while also taking part in fitness by doing just dance on the Wii.

We have an action packed programme for the current term and into the summer term, getting the cubs to learn about their local area, fun days at West Hall Campsite and a district cub camp. This year we are taking a themed approach of the Olympics and the Queens Jubilee which is crossed over into the camp theme and fun days.

One of our cubs is representing the district at a county climbing competition and we wish him the best of luck and sure he will do great. We are also entering the cubs into a district swimming gala which will be held in March.

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

**Lexi Forth and Victoria McGinnis**

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

There are currently 19 Scouts, their ages range goes from 10 to 14. We have 3 leaders, myself, Chris and Lynne. Our numbers are due to rise again during 2012, due to the success of our cub pack and beaver colony.

The Scouts usually meet at 7.30 p.m. on a Friday. The meetings are well attended and we try to provide a variety of activities. Most meetings begin with a rowdy game to "let off steam", which we then follow with activities to address the key elements of a balanced programme. The Scouts tackle world issues, have a chance to be creative, take part in outdoor and community activities – hopefully while enjoying themselves and learning valuable life skills!

In recent months we have completed a night hike in Durham City. The route was challenging as several sections had no artificial lighting. We walked along the river bank,

through a wooded area and returned finally to the city centre without losing a single Scout! In a joint venture with the Cub pack we performed a Christmas Campfire for a group of parents. This included a couple of songs, some very funny jokes and some traditional campfire sketches. The venue however was less traditional as it took place in the church hall! The Troup have also completed the Global Challenge badge. To achieve this they have researched sanitation and water issues in other countries and have taken part in a workshop provided by a representative from Oxfam.

A small group of the Scouts took part last summer in the South Tyneside District Scouts Camping Challenge. This camping competition was held at West Hall. The Scouts taking part attended three training days, before the competition weekend. During this camp, they were responsible for their own campsite and all the cooking and cleaning that was required. At the end of the weekend the camp was assessed and our team were awarded a silver award.

**Peter Ireland (Scout Leader)**

## **Fellowship Groups**

### **Bible Study Group (Wednesday eve.)**

During our studies of the Gospel of John; stories of Elisha; Psalms and Hebrews we have enjoyed some lively discussions.

**Dulcia Morris**

### **Emmaus (Thursday eve.)**

The Emmaus Group has continued to meet on Thursday evenings with the exception of the last Thursday of the month, at 10 Farmhill Road, beginning at 7.00pm. We are a small, informal group, whose purpose is to avoid the F.A.Q.s in our study of the Bible, but rather to look at its teaching from different viewpoints, asking ourselves how the Scripture can speak to us as individuals, and how we can understand and interpret the same Scripture in different ways as may suit our present needs. Sharing our understanding in this way can be a very enlightening exercise, and we can learn much from Scriptures and through one another.

We work from the Lifebuilder series of study books, which focus on a particular theme, which may be viewed from different parts of the Bible, rather than addressing an entire epistle or Gospel, or a specific personality from either the Old or New Testament.

We would be very happy to welcome anyone who feels they would like to join us, and transport can be provided if necessary. Our evening begins with delicious refreshments provided by Amanda and we have a time of chat, catching up with one another's news. Our meeting then opens with a prayer taking the opportunity to bring before God any problems, difficulties, or thanksgivings, arising from our earlier discussion. We then turn to the Bible itself, using the Lifebuilder study book. The evening concludes at approximately 9.30pm.

**Audrey Bolam**

### **Gospel Group (Monday eve.)**

The Gospel group has been meeting every Monday evening in the Committee room of the Parish Hall. From February we hope to meet in the new Chapter House. The group starts at 6.30pm and finishes (more or less) at 7.15pm.

The object of the group is to read and discuss the next Sunday's gospel. At present there are about eight of us; we would like to extend a hearty welcome to any other parishioner who would like to join us. You are welcome even if you simply come to 'test the waters'.

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

We took two sessions away from the norm by attending a member's house to view the 2010 Christmas "Nativity" series on video. It proved a very interesting and worthwhile diversion from normal.

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

**Bob Lawson.**

### **Married Couples Group.**

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

Sad to say, one of our members passed away during the year. We all miss the smile and good nature of Margaret Lambert with her friendly greetings. She was a very good example to us all in the faith she has shown by her very regular attendance at All Saints over many, many years.

Regretfully, the group was not able to organize an outing last summer. Over a long period we have visited many places within an eighty mile radius and had some really wonderful days out. We usually started with a short Morning Prayer service & always finishing at a good hotel for a convivial meal! Whether or not members will wish to restore these outings remains to be seen.

The Christmas party as usual was a joint effort with the Men's Fellowship and was enjoyed by all. The other joint effort with the MF was a very well thought out quiz devised by Anthony Adamson, it really had our brains rattling.

During the last year we have had some very interesting talks by a number of speakers. The September meeting was led by our Vicar, Vernon, in his accustomed confident fashion. One of the most interesting presentations was by our own Helen Belsham who let us into some of the secrets of bee keeping. Though Helen brought along samples of the equipment needed, she thought it wiser not to bring along any bees !

Our annual coffee morning was held in May. One of our speakers had given a very informative talk about her work in a Bangladesh village, so we were pleased to donate the proceeds of the coffee morning to her work in the village.

**Bob Lawson.**

### **Men's Fellowship**

The Men's Fellowship meet in the Church Hall Committee Room on the last Monday of the month and the season begins in September and runs through to May. Our meetings start at 7.30pm for 7.45pm and it is hoped to finish by 9.00pm. We have 14 members at present and we are all retired. As the name implies we are an all male organisation.

At our May or last meeting for the season elections take place to appoint a President; Chairman; Secretary/Treasurer and three committee members. To finance the provision of speakers an annual subscription of £5 is charged which becomes due in September. The purpose of the group is to promote

fellowship and spirituality within the congregation.

Members and any other interested people are advised of every meeting either in the weekly sheet and /or in the Courier, which regularly calls for anyone interested to attend a meeting and become a Member of our "Fellowship" group.

Speakers cover a wide range of topics and this last year (2011) were as follows:

In January the Reverend Vernon Cuthbert gave an illustrated talk on his hobby/ involvement with Geocaching. In February Local "Historian" Maurice Chadwick gave a talk on Early Cleadon (1183 to date).

We joined with the Married Couples to take part in a quiz in March which was organised by the Chairman and it was greatly enjoyed by all contestants. In May, following the AGM when the officers were returned unopposed, Walter Carr gave a video of War Time Memories. Gordon Bell gave a video show of Buckingham Palace in September.

We held a second Quiz with the Married Couples in October; organised by Anthony and as usual a thoroughly enjoyable night was had by all. November brought Rev Vernon Cuthbert who asked the Question "Jesus Who?" The year 2012 as always ended with a Christmas Party hosted by the Married Couples a great way to start the Festive Season.

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

### **Mother's Union**

The Mother's Union (MU) continued to meet twice in each month, the 1st Thursdays for Communion, the 2nd Thursday for our main meetings, in January and August, however, we always have a break. We were very grateful for the January break as the weather conditions had caused problems for many of our members.

We began the year in February rather sadly, having lost one of our long-serving members, May Bailey. May was so loved and respected by all of us for all the work she did for the MU. Her unexpected passing was a shock to

everyone who knew her. Later in the year we lost another of our long serving members Joan Day, who had been ill for some time. Both May and Joan are sadly missed. Our membership is now 21.

2011 turned out to be a busy year for our MU group. Starting with the MU Festival in May. I was very grateful to Ann Cooper for agreeing to help carry the banner at short notice. Other special events were held in the autumn, The MU Overseas Event in September, which we hosted. Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert very kindly led the service when members from other churches in the Jarrow Deanery came to visit. It was a fundraising event raising £125 for the Overseas Fund. Mrs. Carol Hopkinson gave an informative account of the need for continuing to raise money for the Overseas Fund.

A visit from Kimblesworth MU members followed when the Rev'd June Talbot was our speaker, then came our Patronal Service in November when I have to thank Audrey Bolam our reader, for leading the service and Kathleen Robinson for playing the organ. Again MU members from the rest of the Deanery were present. In April our guest speaker was Mrs. Ethel Brown talking about the training of Puppies to be guide dogs. We concluded the year with our Christmas Party when entertainment is always a feature of the day.

**Margaret Robson**

## **Mission**

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

It is hard to imagine that every 5 minutes another child in the UK will run away from home.

A new report called "Still Running 3" reveals the shocking truth that a quarter of child runaways have been the victim of a harmful or dangerous experience.

One in 5 has begged, stolen or done "other things" to survive and one in 6 will sleep rough or stay with someone they have just met.

In England alone, 84,000 children run away overnight on at least one occasion every year.

Despite the dangers these children face, the Government has scrapped the requirement for

local authorities to report on their protection. This means that no one is now responsible for their welfare.

With their biggest campaign for years "Make Runaways Safe", The Children's Society are calling upon the Government to create an action plan for runaways.

If you want to sign the online petition go to [www.makerunawayssafe.org.uk](http://www.makerunawayssafe.org.uk) or contact your MP and ask them to sign the Early Day Motion(EDM No2039).

Your continued support over the last year is helping to raise vital funds whether it is through house boxes, supporting Christingle, chatting over coffee or visiting the new Children's Society shop at The Nook, South Shields. A staggering £ 5 million is collected each year from thousands of supporters.

Your house box collections this year totalled £809 and the coffee morning in June raised £272 making a total of £1081. The monies from the Christingle service will be added to this. On behalf of The Children 's Society, thank you .

**Anne Hudson**

### **Christian Aid**

The house to house collection for Christian Aid takes place early in May each year and is the biggest fund raiser nationally for the charity. The money which is collected is used by workers all over the world to fund workable projects like the community shops in Honduras aiming at a more just trading system or the coffee processing factory in Nicaragua which has helped to transform the lives of farmers and workers so that they can invest in schools, youth projects and more work. The things we accept as normal, like clean water, drainage and food, become the work of Christian Aid workers on the ground in poorer countries everywhere.

Last year, the allotted week was May 15th to May 21st and during that week, Cleadon Village raised £2887.05 by collecting envelopes house to house. Because only this week is allowed by law, an army of collectors is needed to do the work in the given time. We were able to field just 41 people willing and able to take on a street or two or three, and 3

of those were new recruits. We can only hope that they, and all of those veteran collectors who have been doing their bit for years, will all turn up trumps this year, and hopefully with the addition of a few more willing feet to pound the beat, we may be able to give every single person in the village the opportunity to help this very worthy cause. 1032 filled envelopes were collected and the 97 of those which were gift aided provided an extra percentage from tax.

All Saints' Church also added an extra £331.93 which was raised at Soup and Roll lunches during Lent. We hope that this practice will be approved again this year and everyone will come along each Tuesday, have a delicious lunch and a sociable time and help to raise our yearly giving. Cleadon Methodist Church also uses other means to raise extra money for the cause as well as providing some of the collectors we need so badly.

The collection week this year begins on Sunday, May 13th and ends on Saturday, May 20th. The envelopes should be delivered within the previous week to give householders the chance to sign the gift aid form on the envelope so that the tax can be collected by Christian Aid for amounts both large and small. Please try to persuade neighbours and friends to give as generously as possible. Times are hard for everyone, but even the smallest amount from a lot of people has an effect. A few weeks in advance a list will be posted in church and in the hall so that collectors can say whether or not they will be available to help, and spaces will be provided for new helpers. Please consider doing this work. It takes only an hour or two during one week in the year. The people who keep the projects going all over the world are there full time. Our effort is quite small in comparison, but means so much to those communities whose lives are being changed for the better with tools and training which helps them to get themselves out of the poverty rut.

**Lesley and Clive Smith.**

### **Church Missionary Society.**

Sadly this group has not met all year. Members have become elderly or infirm and quite unable to attend meetings. Fortunately,

thanks to our church family, we managed to raise £564 in our Lent boxes and £311 at our November Coffee Morning, so the treasurer was able to send a substantial sum in support of our link mission partners.

We are still listed as one of only three CMS audio – mission groups in the North East (nationally there are 66 such groups). Our link mission partners Eric and Sandra Read moved from the Democratic Republic of the Congo to working in the Philippines. Sandra's mother was ill with a diagnosis of cancer at the beginning of 2011 and her father died suddenly later that year. Despite this, Eric, Sandra and their children Peter and Atiyyoh seem to have settled well in this familiar territory. They have found a suitable house and a suitable school for the children. We get the occasional link letter from them, but understand it is more practical and convenient for them to communicate by Email.

Since the recent floods in the Philippines, water is a major problem in much of the city of Cagayan de Oro. Eric has been asked to help one church assemble and set up a water filtration unit, which has been loaned by another church in Manila.

**Joan Walton**

## **Outreach**

### **Coffee Drop-in**

The coffee drop in is continuing to prosper. We have many people from outside our congregation as well as those who come to meet up with friends in the congregation. The visitors vary including, local workmen, people attending functions in the hall, walkers and others who see the notice and pop in.

If anyone who would like to help in the coffee drop in, either on a regular basis or to cover for holidays, please speak to any of the team. I would like to thank the group of helpers who give their time so generously week by week and for the encouragement given by so many of the congregation. A special thanks to Martha who has helped us from the start but now feels it is time to be on the other side of the counter, thank you Martha for all your help and your continued support.

**Robina Lawson**

### **Day Club**

Cleadon Day Club continues to run smoothly and my thanks go to the many volunteers who willingly give their time and effort to make it such a success.

Members who attend enjoy their morning arriving at 11.00am for coffee and socialise until 12.30pm when we serve a two course hot meal followed by tea or coffee. A transport service is provided for those who need it.

On December 12th we served an excellent Christmas lunch attended by members and helpers which had a wonderful Christmas spirit, with crackers, a glass of wine and lots of joviality.

We have lost four or five members this year, they are greatly missed, and we welcome others to come and along and join us. I'm sure there are many who would appreciate the service we provide in the community. Anyone interested can contact me on 536 2837. You will be made very welcome.

**June Roberts**

## **Pastoral Care Group**

Twelve members, including our Methodist representative Rita Sample, have continued each month discussing, praying and taking actions on pastoral care for our community. Here, members bring to the group's notice anyone in need of care on their personal Care Lists. These are constantly amended so that no one is forgotten or overlooked. My personal thanks go to all the group for their constant support.

Congratulations, Welcome and Thinking of You cards are still faithfully being delivered by the Parish Network. The latter were delivered to the sick and bereaved of whom, sadly, there were many this year. This was evident in the number of relatives attending the All Souls' Service. Thanks to all the Networkers who delivered cards, not only throughout the year but also at Christmas and Easter.

Following suggestions from the Network questionnaire last year, pastoral care articles have appeared every month in the Courier. In September the Network was remembered in Pastoral Sunday prayers at both churches. We held another Get-Together, at which the Vicar thanked everyone and reminded us that just by being the contact in our area we were witnessing as Christians. We were also reminded that it was, amazingly, twenty years since the Network had been launched.

The group assisted at eight baptisms and sent out anniversary cards and invitations to the Christmas Family Services. Bereavement and wedding anniversary cards have also been sent.

Throughout the year we have visited hospitals, Homes and individual homes. Ten gifts of hyacinth bulbs at Christmas were very much appreciated.

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

**Jean Higgin**

## **Soup 'n' roll Lunches**

Soup and roll lunches continue on most Tuesdays throughout the year, not only do our faithful and discerning clientele continue to support and enjoy the delicious home made soups, roll and butter, home made cakes and tea or coffee, but it has also proved over the years to be a happy social occasion in comfortable surroundings.

Due to increased costs we have felt obliged to increase the price to £3.00 this year, which we believe remains good value.

As before the four teams of volunteers make and serve the meals on a monthly rota. In the past year we have welcomed Irma Luke to our team.

We are always keen to hear from anyone willing to offer their services even if it is on an occasional basis, you don't necessarily have to cook although that too would be an asset!

We are open for business in the Parish Hall most Tuesdays at 11:45am, apart from a short break at Christmas and school summer holidays. All profits go to church funds except during Lent when all money is given to the village Christian Aid Appeal.

During the past year, our PCC Treasurer informs me we have donated £1,621.78p to church funds plus £331.93p to Christian Aid.

Thank you to all our volunteers and a big thank you to our faithful clientele old and new.

**Edna Nichol**

## **Worship**

### **Choir**

Generally the hymns used during worship are from 'Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New' and mainly the tunes are 'Standard' to those hymns selected. There are a small number of hymns where a new tune or one derived from another hymnal is used but such tunes are looked at by the Choir in rehearsal which enables them to give a lead to the congregation who appear to be reasonably adept at picking up such tunes. We have also had a few 'non-hymnal' items to learn, usually written by more modern hymn writers.

Apart from the Peruvian Gloria, there are three other Gloria settings in use according to the Church season and these appear to go down well and are well responded.

My very sincere thanks go to all nine members of the Choir for their loyalty and support during the past twelve months, 2011. Unfortunately, Malcolm has been unable to be with us for some of the time due to illness, He has been missed and our thoughts and prayers go with him for his return to health and with us once again ere long.

This despite having to rehearse in a cold Church: the boiler, although having been 'set' to activate itself about an hour prior to the rehearsal is due to commence, regularly failing to ignite. Switched on manually on arrival at about 6.40 pm, rehearsal starts at 7.00 pm, is of little use as it takes quite a while to heat the Church on a cold winters' evening to any sort of reasonable temperature which on occasion it may attain as we are leaving.

Following the completion of the building of the Chapter House, it was nice to get the Organ back in harness at Christmas time. There were one or two teething troubles, not unexpected when it was out of use for a lengthy period, but all seems to be in order following attention by Harrison's to those difficulties.

In closing, my thanks to all at All Saints for their friendship and support.

**Gordon Trewitt  
(Organist and Choirmaster)**

### **Home Communion**

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

Anyone wishing to partake in Home Communion on either on a short or longer term basis please contact the Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert so that a member of the team can get in contact and make suitable arrangements.

**Edna Nichol**

### **Intercessions and Ministry of Healing**

The group continue to meet on a monthly basis for prayer, planning and discussion. We are always happy to have the Rev'd Margaret Devine join us when her busy schedule permits.

We were sorry to lose Robina Lawson from the group, we appreciate all she has given over the past years, especially as Robina was a founder member, we have prayed, learned, and shared together. We were happy to welcome Ellen Smith to join us last autumn. Joan Walton continues to compile the rota for Intercession Prayers and we are grateful to those members of the congregation, who lead us in prayer.

Our plan of services for the coming year follows that which our vicar has compiled. Services with prayers for Healing within the Sunday 8am service and Thursday 10am service will be held at regular intervals.

Prayers for Healing will continue to be offered in the Chapter House each Sunday following the 10am service.

**Edna Nichol**

## **Support Activities**

### **Coffee**

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



unusual to make up further flasks to meet demand.

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

Over the past year the sum of £970.49 (compared with £952.98 in 2010) has been raised for church funds on Sunday mornings alone. On Saturday mornings the average takings were £166.00 with the total for six church coffee mornings amounting to £998.25. February, 2011 saw the total peak at £194.20: by contrast the lowest figure was £140.00 in December, 2011.

This brings the total annual revenue generated by the operation once again close to £2,000.00.

And now the commercial for this equal opportunity enterprise. We need additional staff particularly for Sunday Coffee - male or female - no discrimination here. This problem really is cause for concern.

Finally I would like to thank all team members, and other volunteers, who make and serve refreshments at both Saturday coffee mornings and on Sundays after morning worship.

**Enid Bage**

### **Communications Group**

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

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

Anne Hudson maintains the distribution lists and acts as Advertising Manager, as well as collecting the subscriptions. Our advertisers

continue to change much more frequently now, so if you know anyone who might wish to advertise, please pass on their name. When readers use businesses that advertise, please mention The Courier, so that they are aware that their contribution is appreciated.

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

Easter and Christmas cards were again produced for village-wide distribution in conjunction with the Methodists. Margaret Westerberg painted another lovely, original water-colour for each card and we are most grateful to her for this. Yvonne Woolston assists with printing the cards and Courier fronts. Thanks are also due to all those church members who carry out the distribution.

We now have a new web-site [www.cleadonallsaints.org](http://www.cleadonallsaints.org). If you have access to the internet, do have a look. If you think anything needs to be put onto the pages, particularly to promote an event, please let us know.

We really would appreciate having some more people to help with the work to spread the load. If you don't want to come to the committee meetings, there is still ample opportunity to assist. Please consider carefully whether you can help in any way.

**Keith Higgin.**

### **Finance and Property Group**

The group has monitored income and expenditure against budget; reviewed premises hire fees and the pay of the Parish Administrator.

The roof repairs to the church, necessary following the theft of lead, were eventually completed, the cost being covered by the insurance company.

New First Aid boxes were obtained for the Church, Hall and Old School Room.

Cracks in the church walls, identified in the last quinquennial report, have been repaired.

An estimate was obtained for repairing the damaged rainwater drain under the church lawn and the insurance company indicated that it would cover this cost. However, we have needed to refer to the local authority regarding possible damage to tree roots, which has meant additional work at extra cost, so the situation is still on-going.

A new Church Notice Board has been designed and accepted by the Diocesan Advisory Committee. Local Authority approval is awaited following which a Faculty will be issued.

The gardening team has continued to keep the church grounds looking very attractive, even during the building works, for which everyone is most grateful.

The wall lights inside the Parish Hall and the outside lights in the car park have been repaired.

Repairs were also carried out to the roof and exterior of the Old School Room to make it secure for the winter.

The heaters in the Old School Room continue to be troublesome and will be replaced as part of the refurbishment of the interior of the building.

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

Yvonne Woolston is our cheerful Parish Administrator with responsibility for hall bookings and recording the essential testing of gas and electrical appliances and fire extinguishers.

**Keith Higgin**

### **Friends of All Saints**

The year started with a change at the helm in as much as Helen and I were requested to take over the running of The Friends. At the

time we took over membership stood at 122 adults and 12 children.

Financially, our subscriptions amounted to £1,035, some of which went to The Friends fund, while the rest went directly to the church accounts through the purchasing of 84 copies of the Cleadon courier, equating to £420. The majority of these were distributed throughout the village. Some were posted around the country and one airmailed to Spain.

The pathway on the north side of the church was funded by us, and a contribution was made to the building of the New Chapter House. In September, Helen and I organised a trip to York Minster.

**Ernie Belsham**

### **Gardening Team**

The Gardening Team continues to meet every second Monday morning (except during winter). This year our efforts have been restricted due to the on-going building work and because of this we were not judged in the Northumbria in Bloom competition. In addition to routine maintenance work, we have continued improving the border along the outside wall to Cleadon Lane and have planted many more spring -flowering bulbs. A successful "Tea-Party" was held on the lawn to coincide with Heritage Day and as a result a small donation to the Chapter House Fund was made.

We hope to resume clearing and developing the ground to the east of the chancel; the cleared area along the south wall of the church will be re-designed and planted so that our new Chapter House can be viewed to greater advantage.

We appreciate the continued support of the congregation, the donations of plants and materials and at our fund-raising Coffee Morning. Constructive suggestions and more volunteers are always welcomed.

**John Byers**

### **Gift Aid**

The number of people taking envelopes is now less than 60 but covers 74 people and we now have 28 Standing Orders covering 30 people.

Then we have 2 people who give quarterly/yearly and a few people who give directly onto the plate. Anyone wanting envelopes or Standing Order forms please see me or one of the sidespeople any Sunday morning. The money reclaimed in tax is substantial and I ask anyone who pays tax either on investments or income to fill in a Gift Aid form. This is the only form you need to fill in and providing you pay the tax we can reclaim on the amount you give. You have already paid this tax to the government so it will not cost you anything.

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

**Robina Lawson**

### **Health and Safety**

This is my first report as I only took on the responsibility for Health and Safety in October of last year. I would like to thank Jackie Gregory for her continuing support and advice as I take on this role.

I am only aware of one incident in the past year, which occurred in November 2011.

There is some work to be done regarding Health and Safety within the Church relating to Risk Assessment and reviewing our H&S policy. Prior to any of this being carried out discussions with the PCC need to take place to ensure their approval.

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

**Linda Ross**

### **Parish Administrator**

During the year we warmly welcomed our new cleaner Lesley White who has transformed the Hall, Old School Room and the church and works diligently in keeping everything in prime condition. She is a real asset to All Saints Church.

Christmas is always a highlight of the year. The Christmas bazaar saw one of its biggest successes in raising funds of around the

£2,000 mark and was well attended. The Oakleigh Gardens School Christmas church service and party in the hall was enjoyed by all. The local community enjoyed family films that were shown in the church hall in the lead up to Christmas.

The Parish Hall continues to be busy as ever with new groups and activities. The new fitness phenomenon, Zumba fitness, now runs several sessions at All Saints which have proved to be very successful. The new Saintlets group for younger ones is very popular. The Antiques Fair was a well attended event and so was the Cleadon in Bloom shopping evening.

Learning Ladders which started life at All Saints Old School Room has grown from strength to strength and has built up a successful reputation in providing English and Mathematic tuition to local children.

The Guides, Scouts, Dance class, Young Saints, Women's Institute, Day group, Mothers Union and Thursday Club to name but a few all continue their hard work and provide a valuable service to the community.

As always Church members work tirelessly to maintain the gardens and the buildings and raise funds through tea dances, the Christmas Bazaar and charity coffee mornings.

**Yvonne Woolston**

### **Site Development**

The year started with sufficient funds and pledges in place to proceed with our building. Final details were agreed and a contract was signed at a price of £190,395 with Murray Construction and Development Ltd.

The vestries were emptied and items stored with members of the congregation, to whom we are most grateful. Some essential items for weekly services were kept behind the red curtain under the organ loft, which became an accepted feature!

A busy weekend, with a Flower Festival and a Wedding Gown event, heralded the start of work on 3rd May. The old vestries were quickly demolished, the site laid out and holes bored

for the concrete foundations. The area was fenced off, but we followed progress through a viewing panel. It seemed to take some time before the building started to come out of the ground, but progress on the shell followed quite quickly.

The new path was laid from the west end to the new entrance, which also gave level access into church through the main door.

With roof trusses in place one could envisage the size of the building.

Prior to breaking through into church, the organ was protected, but organist Gordon maintained the quality of music on the electronic keyboard. With work continuing, the committee was monitoring progress and considering detailed plans for the interior fittings – lighting, heating, cupboards, decoration, carpets, chairs - so that everything could be ready for delivery at the appropriate time. Completion was due in September, but delays were accepted to enable the best materials to be acquired, which enhanced the quality of the finished product.

We took possession immediately before Christmas in the knowledge that there were still some issues outstanding, but that we had a working building that everyone seems to admire.

**Keith Higgin**

### **Traidcraft Stall**

The past year has been a difficult one for us all but particularly for the stall in its trading to help those suffering in the Third World.

Since we began this project eleven years ago, we have achieved our main objective of raising awareness of the plight of producers who were struggling to obtain fair prices for their goods. Now most supermarkets are stocking fairly traded provisions and, by so doing, are ensuring a regular market for those producers. Unfortunately, as a small vendor, our stall cannot compete with these larger outlets. In addition, just as prices are continually rising in the high street, so Traidcraft's prices have also increased and, understandably, everyone is having to spend with greater care. This has

been a major factor in the dramatic decrease in our sales along with the deaths of several of our regular customers.

Over the years, besides supplying parishioners with Traidcraft foodstuffs, their faithful support has enabled the church to benefit from just over a thousand pounds. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone for their loyalty and regular purchases.

Of course, we could not have been so successful, if it had not been for the reliable team of helpers whose commitment meant that the stall was available every Sunday morning after the 10.00am service and at the monthly coffee mornings. To Jan McGill, Val McIntosh, Julie Ratter, Linda Ross and, more recently, Carol Casey I would like to extend my sincere thanks but, most of all, to everyone who has bought anything at all from the Traidcraft Stall.

Although the decision to close the stall after Christmas was tinged with regret, I do urge everyone to continue to champion the cause of fair trade through our local stores.

**Valerie Wallbank**

### **Transport**

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

**Enid Bage**

# Proposed changes to the Election of PCC Members

to become effective in 2013

## Parochial Church Council Members

(1) the parochial church council shall consist of:—

- (a) all clerks in Holy Orders beneficed in or licensed to the parish,
- (b) any deaconess or lay worker licensed to the parish;
- (d) the churchwardens, being actual communicants whose names are on the roll of the parish;
- (f) all persons whose names are on the roll of the parish and who are lay members of any deanery synod, diocesan synod or the General Synod;
- (g) such number of representatives of the laity as the annual meeting may decide [nine (9)], and so that the number determined may be altered from time to time by a resolution passed at any annual meeting, but such resolution shall not take effect before the next ensuing annual meeting; and
- (h) co-opted members, if the parochial church council so decides, not exceeding in number one-fifth of the representatives of the laity elected under the last preceding sub-paragraph of this paragraph or two persons whichever shall be the greater, and being either clerks in Holy Orders or actual lay communicants of sixteen years of age or upwards. The term of office of a co-opted member shall be until the conclusion of the next annual meeting; but without prejudice to his being co-opted on subsequent occasions for a similar term, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of these rules.

(2) Any person chosen, appointed or elected as a churchwarden of a parish, being an actual communicant whose name is on the roll of the parish, shall as from the date on which the choice, appointment or election, as the case may be, is made be a member of the parochial church council of the parish by virtue of this paragraph until he is admitted to the office of churchwarden, and he shall thereafter continue to be a member of that council by virtue of paragraph 1(d) of this rule unless and

until he ceases to be qualified for membership by virtue of that sub-paragraph.

(3) A person shall cease to be a member of a parochial church council—

- (a) if his name is removed from the roll of the parish, on the date on which his name is removed;
- (b) if he refuses or fails to apply for enrolment when a new roll is being prepared, on the date on which the new roll is completed;
- (c) if he is disqualified from being a charity trustee under the Charities Act 1993 or from serving on that parochial church council by the bishop under section 10(6) of the Incumbents (Vacation of Benefices) Measures 1977 and 1993, on the date on which the disqualification takes effect; but, so far as the provisions of (a) and (b) above are concerned, shall be without prejudice to any right which that council may have to make that person a co-opted member.

## Conduct of Elections at Annual Meetings

(1) The election of parochial representatives of the laity to the parochial church council and to the deanery synod shall be conducted by the method of the single transferable vote.

(2) All candidates for election at an annual meeting must be nominated and seconded by persons entitled to attend the annual meeting, and in the case of parochial representatives of the laity, by persons whose names are entered on the roll of the parish. A candidate shall be nominated or seconded either before the meeting in writing or at the meeting.

(3) If the number of candidates nominated is not greater than the number of seats to be filled, the candidates nominated shall forthwith be declared elected.

(4) If more candidates are nominated than there are seats to be filled, the election shall take place at the annual meeting.

(5) No clerk in Holy Orders shall be entitled to vote in the election of any parochial representatives of the laity.

(6) Each person entitled to vote shall have as many votes as there are seats to be filled but may not give more than one vote to any one candidate.

(7) Votes may be given on voting papers, which must be signed by the voter on the reverse thereof. (a) Where owing to an equality of votes an election is not decided,

the decision between the persons for whom the equal numbers of votes have been cast shall be taken by lot. (b)When an election or any stage of an election is recounted, either on appeal or at the request of the presiding officer or of a candidate, if the original count and the re-count are identical at the point when a lot must be drawn to resolve a tie, the original lot shall be used to make the determination.

(9) The result of any election by an annual meeting shall be announced as soon as practicable by the person presiding over the election, and a notice of the result shall in every case be affixed on or near the principal door of every church in the parish and every building licensed for public worship in the parish, and shall bear the date on which the result is declared. The notice shall remain affixed for not less than fourteen days.

Thereafter the secretary of the parochial church council shall hold a list of the names and addresses of the members of the council which shall be available for inspection on reasonable notice being given by any person who either is resident in the parish or has his name on the electoral roll, but the secretary shall not be bound to provide a copy of such list.

(10) Names and addresses, of parochial representatives of the laity elected to the deanery synod shall be sent by the secretary of the parochial church council to the diocesan electoral registration officer appointed in accordance with rule and to the secretary of the deanery synod.

- (1) the single transferable vote –
  - (a) The voter shall rank the candidates sequentially with one (1) being the most favoured candidate until all candidates are ranked or the voter no longer wishes to rank further candidates.
  - (b) All votes will be counted, and those of the candidate with the least number of votes will have their votes re-allocated to the candidate next in preference. This shall be repeated until the number of candidates remaining equals the number of places up for election.
  - (c) If the number of votes for the candidate with the least votes results in a tie it shall be resolved by lot.

### **Term of office**

Representatives of the laity on the parochial church council of a parish shall hold office from the conclusion of the annual meeting until the conclusion of the next annual meeting of the parish.

### **Limitation on years of service**

No representative of the laity on the parochial church council may hold office for more than six years continuously and at the annual meeting at the end of the year of the council that completes the six years such person may not stand for election as a representative of the laity on the council. A person who has ceased to be eligible by reason of such decision may again stand at the next ensuing annual meeting.

Amendment shall be by two-thirds majority at an Annual Parochial Church Meeting.