

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



**Annual Report 2014  
and  
Agenda for the  
Annual Vestry Meeting  
&  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
4.00pm Sunday 26 April 2015**

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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: Thaxted)

**O God of all creation,  
most holy One-in-Three,  
uniting perfect wholeness  
with rich diversity,  
beyond all creeds and dogmas,  
above all class and race,  
pour out upon your people  
the riches of your grace:  
the love that dares to question,  
the courage to explore,  
the faith to tread where no one  
but Christ has gone before.**

**O God of liberation  
who breaks the prison bars,  
unchain our earthbound spirits  
to reach out for the stars.  
Release us from enslavement  
in narrowness of mind,  
from all that stops us searching  
for fear of what we find.  
Let faith join hands with knowledge,  
and wisdom set us free  
to celebrate with wonder  
the depths of mystery.**

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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 2015 Vestry Meeting Sunday 26 April.

1. Minutes of the Vestry Meeting 2014
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 : Hyfrydol)*

**Blessed be God, Creator, Father,  
God in whom we live and move,  
for you give your sons and daughters  
space and time, your love to prove;  
bless our homes and schools and  
churches,  
places where our children thrive,  
learning all that Jesus teaches,  
as a child of God alive.**

**Blessed be God, the Son of glory,  
Love made flesh, for us made poor,  
emptied in the human story,  
filling us for evermore;  
bless the poor with rich provision,  
bonds of poverty release,  
loose our faith in our possessions,  
help us trust you, Prince of peace.**

**Blessed be God, the Holy Spirit,  
come, the Church of God indwell,  
breathe on us, let us inherit  
faith to follow Jesus well;  
bless our loving, fill our praying,  
teach us wisdom from above,  
fill the Church with power for laying  
on the world your hands of love.**

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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 2015

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the APCM 2014
3. Reports of the PCC
  - 3.1. Electoral Roll
  - 3.2. Proceedings of the PCC
  - 3.3. PCC membership
  - 3.4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts
  - 3.5. Deanery Synod Report
4. Group Reports
5. Elections
  - 5.1. Elections to the PCC
  - 5.2. Appointment of Sidespeople
6. Appointment of the Independent Examiner
7. Vicar's Report

## Evening Prayer (cont.)

*Hymn* (tune: Love Unknown)

**The love of God comes close  
Where stands an open door  
To let the stranger in,  
To mingle rich and poor:  
The love of God is here to stay  
Embracing those who walk his way.**

**The peace of God comes close  
To those caught in the storm,  
Forgoing lives of ease  
To ease the lives forlorn:  
The peace of God is here to stay  
Embracing those who walk his way.**

**The joy of God comes close  
Where faith encounters fears,  
Where heights and depths of life  
Are found through smiles and tears:  
The joy of God is here to stay  
Embracing those who walk his way.**

**The grace of God comes close  
To those whose grace is spent,  
When hearts are tired or sore  
And hope is bruised or bent:  
The grace of God is here to stay  
Embracing those who walk his way.**

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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 2015/2016

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 2014

The Vestry Meeting was held in the Parish Hall on Sunday 2nd March 2014 and attended by 32 people. The Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert chaired the meeting.

## 1. The minutes of the vestry meeting for 2013

The minutes were approved with one abstention.

## 2. The Churchwardens' report

The Churchwardens' report on page 13 of the Annual Report 2014 was accepted. The vicar expressed his thanks to the wardens for their support and hard work in the previous year.

## 3. Election of Churchwardens.

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

## Churchwardens' Report

At the beginning of the year, many attended the farewell service for Bishop Justin Welby at Durham Cathedral.

The Archdeacon's Visitation took place at our own church on 13th May and we subsequently attended a Training Day on 12th June.

We continue to meet the vicar for discussion, planning and information sharing.

The Ministry Development Team has been meeting for a year now. One theme that it is intended to follow in the future is Developing Community Contacts.

Vernon arranged a Lent course and some members also visited Shepherds Dene during Lent.

Children from Cleadon Primary School came to church for Experience Easter and Experience Christmas.

Sadly, there has been an abeyance of much of Young Saints since the summer as no older children were attending. Work with younger children has continued with Saintlets.

Some Lindisfarne Gospel banners were borrowed in September for those not able to attend Durham Cathedral.

It was pleasing that three of our young people were confirmed by Bishop Mark in November at St John's Church, Hebburn.

The All Souls Service and the new Advent Carols by Candlelight were well received and attendances at the services over Christmas were all up on the previous year.

The Christmas Tree Festival and Bazaar was held again and much appreciated, although it would have been good to have had more people attending the Bazaar on the Saturday.

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

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

Finally, we thank everyone for their support and understanding during the year.

**Keith Higgin and Anne Hudson**

This concluded the Vestry Meeting for 2014.

# Minutes of APCM 2014

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held in the Parish Hall on Sunday 2nd March 2014 and was attended by 32 people. The Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert chaired the meeting.

## 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from 9 people.

## 2. Minutes of the APCM for 2013

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

## 3. Reports of the PCC

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

### 3.1. Electoral Roll

There are 142 parishioners currently on the Electoral Roll, and there have been no new inclusions.

### 3.2. Proceedings of the PCC

No comments.

### 3.3. PCC Membership

No comments

### 3.4. Treasurers Report

The Treasurer gave a brief explanation of the financial statement for the year, and a detailed explanation of the payments grouped under 'Special/Others' as shown on Page 15 and 'Major Church and Hall Expenditure' as shown on Page 16.

In response to a query about 'Restricted Funds' the Treasurer explained this is income from other bodies, for example, CMS, and The Children's Society, which is received by us but then issued to the appropriate recipient.

### 3.5. Deanery Synod

Vernon gave a brief explanation of the Deanery Synod's role as part of the government of the Church of England. Those elected to Deanery Synod

automatically become ex-officio members of the PCC.

### 3.5.1. Four nominations were received for three vacancies and following a vote, the following representatives were duly elected to Deanery Synod for a 3 year term to 2017:-

Bill Grant  
Keith Higgin  
Robina Lawson

## 4. Organisation Reports for the year 2013

Listed on pages 21 to 34 of the Annual Report.

4.1 Vernon formally expressed his gratitude to Rob Lawson and Debbie Whittle for their work with young people, and explained he is now looking to develop the younger group in Saintlets.

4.2 A two week consultation period will begin on 10<sup>th</sup> March regarding the potential change of status of the Primary School from grant maintained to Academy. Further information can be sought from Vernon, Keith Higgin or Robina Lawson, who are all School Governors.

4.3 Emmaus Group

Vernon expressed formal thanks to those involved in this group, particularly Audrey Bolam for her leadership, and Amanda Ford for her hospitality. The meeting is currently in abeyance.

4.4 Coffee Drop-In

Thanks were extended to Robina Lawson who began this now well established outreach, and to Lesley Smith who has taken over the organisation of the staffing.

4.5 Gift Aid

Vernon expressed his gratitude to Robina Lawson for her sterling work over the years as Gift Aid Administrator, and to Carol Casey for taking over this important role.

4.6 Health & Safety Officer

Vernon reported that Linda Ross has recently resigned and someone is needed to take on this role.



## 5. Changes to Elections to the PCC

Proposals outlined on Pages 35 and 36 of the Annual Report 2013.

- 5.1 Vernon explained that if accepted these changes would take effect from 2015, and the two significant elements of change to the lay membership would be a year on year election for a maximum 6 year term with a need to then stand down for one year; and to reduce the membership from 12 to 9 as smaller groups have been shown to have a better attendance rate.
- 5.2 Three people spoke against the proposal and two spoke for it.
- 5.3 A vote was cast and 4 voted in favour of the changes; 18 voted against; the remainder abstained. As the majority voted against it, the proposal has not been accepted.

## 6. Elections

### 6.1.PCC

- 6.1.1. Five nominations were received for four vacancies for a 3 year term and following a vote the following were duly elected:-
  - Nigel Thomas
  - Rob Lawson
  - Ian Sinkamba
  - Ernie Belsham
- 6.1.2. One nomination was received for one vacancy for a 2 year term and Helen Belsham was duly elected.

### 6.2.Election of Sidespeople.

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

## 7. Appointment of Independent Examiner.

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

## 8. Vicars Report

The Vicar made a presentation which detailed a decline of church buildings, and in our own area it showed at least 7 church

closures in South Shields within living memory. For approximately 12,500 parishes within the Church of England there are currently only 5,000 full time priests, which equates to 2.5 parishes per priest (or equivalent), leading to a heavy reliance on retired clergy. Vernon explained that it is unfortunate that the numbers retiring are not being met by new priests, particularly as the majority of new clergy are based around the south east and it appears difficult to attract new priests to the north east. As one quote stated "...there are not enough troopers in the show so the show will have to change".

He explained that within the Jarrow Deanery a number of churches are experiencing difficulties through issues such as unfilled vacancies; priests not allocated full time to one parish; and the fact that some churches that won't accept women priests. He himself is allocated only 0.65 to Cleadon, the remainder of the time being spent on youth development within the Deanery. It is quite feasible that he might be expected to spend less time in Cleadon in order to minister in Whitburn, recognising the relatively small population of Cleadon and the fact there is still an unfilled vacancy in Whitburn. The combined population of the two villages is smaller than the average population each priest in the deanery serves

Also presented was an index of multiple deprivation across the Deanery. This clearly showed that other parishes, with the exception of Cleadon and East Boldon, are struggling with deprivation which is reflected financially. Vernon explained that this is part of the context of what we are living in currently.

Vernon then presented a number of features from the recently published Church of England report "From Anecdote to Evidence", the findings from the Church Growth Research Programme 2011-2013. One important finding is that a factor associated with decline in the Church of England is the amalgamation of churches! Growth mostly happens when there is one leader for one community.

It is inevitable that we cannot expect everything to stay the same, as one person cannot be expected to do it all – a leader needs others to support. We need to be intentional in our worship, discipleship and nurturing. Church growth is happening through fresh expressions of church / starting new congregations, for example 'Messy Church'. Vernon explained that this type of growth does not necessarily lead to more/new additions to existing Sunday congregations rather it is the beginning of a new and different congregation.

Vernon posed some question relating to living an abundant life and enabling others around us to do this – “what might this look like in Cleadon? How generous are we prepared to be?”

The second presentation “Generous Giving” had previously been show to the 8am and 10am congregations on Sunday 2nd March. From this Vernon highlighted the generosity of the Church of England people in giving both time and money. He explained that we (congregations) give more to charities each year than is raised by the BBC’s Children in Need appeal.

However, we (Cleadon) have an issue with our income as we spent more than came in through the weekly giving by our families, who give as follows:-

- 9 households give more than £20/week;
- 16 give £10-20/week;
- 46 give less than £10/week.

We are dependent on 11 households for 50% (half) of our voluntary given income.

Vernon ended the presentation with a quote from Peter Hancock, Bishop Designate for Bath & Wells:-

“A vibrant church is one which is growing – welcoming, hospitable and reaching out with the love of Jesus”.

There being no further relevant business, the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for reporting 2013 concluded.

# Report of the PCC

for the year ended 31 December 2014

## Administrative information

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

## Aims and Purposes

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

## Public Benefit

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

## Structure, governance and management

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

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

## Objectives and Activities

### Electoral Roll and Attendance

There are 142 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll for the 2015 APCM, 32 whom are

not resident within the parish. The average Sunday attendance, counted during October 2014, was 77 adults and 8 children. This is lower than last year because of a well attended Baptism in 2013. Attendance at Easter numbered 112; Easter Communicants was 92; attendance at Christmas was 295 and Christmas communicants numbered 63.

**Chris Duke**

## Proceedings of the PCC

During the year the PCC continued to provide oversight and leadership to the life of the Church. Regular reports were given throughout the year from the Churchwardens, Cleadon Church of England Academy, Finance and Property, and Locality, Deanery and Synod.

The PCC was challenged at a number of its meetings this year to reflect on 'Where are we going and how are we going to get there?' with particular emphasis to set some meaningful targets to be measured against over the next 3 years. The PCC is continuing to work closely with the Shared Ministry Development Team in order to complete a Strategy that aligns itself to the Diocesan priorities of Poverty; Children and Young People (up to age 25); Mission and Growth.

The PCC agreed in September to increase our current Mission Giving to include two more local charities – Cruse Bereavement in South Tyneside, and the Church Housing Trust (both charities have involvement by current Church family members). This brings our overall Mission Giving charities to eight, the others being Church Army; Embrace the Middle East; Barnabas Fund; Gideons; Durham Family Welfare; Safe Water Trust.

Continuing to progress the links with the community as outlined in 2013, this year's Christmas Tree Festival was opened on Saturday 29th November by the Mayor and Mayoress of South Tyneside, supported by a choir of children from Cleadon Church of England Academy singing carols. Attendees at the preview evening on Friday 28th November were entertained by Compass Acappella and received festive refreshments of mulled wine and mince pies. It was a thoroughly successful

weekend and is indeed an enjoyable annual community event.

Another community link initiated during this year was the launch of 'Oasis' in July. This occurs on the first Sunday of every month, between 4-5pm in the Old School Room, and its intention is to offer a new way of thinking about Church. It is aimed at people who aren't regular Churchgoers, giving them an opportunity to pause after a busy weekend for a short period of calm, a chat and some tea and cake before returning home to prepare for the week ahead. We pray that, in time, 'Oasis' will succeed in growing a new congregation for All Saints.

### **Mandy Forster (PCC Secretary)**

#### **PCC Membership**

Vernon Cuthbert\* Priest-in-charge  
Keith Higgin\* Churchwarden,  
Deanery Synod to 2017,  
Diocesan Synod to 2015

Anne Hudson\* Churchwarden  
Gordon Coxon\* Deanery Synod to 2014  
(Treasurer to 31 Dec 2014)

Bill Grant\* § Deanery Synod to 2017,  
Diocesan Synod to 2015

Robina Lawson\* Deanery Synod to 2017  
elected until APCM 2014 (2 March 2014)

John Byers  
June Roberts  
Bryan Saunders  
Denise Hughes  
elected until APCM 2015 (26 April 2015)

Gill Baker  
Carol Casey  
David Harcus  
Jean Higgin (Vice Chair)  
elected until APCM 2016

Moyra Day  
Mandy Forster (PCC Secretary)  
Robina Lawson  
elected 2 March 2014 until APCM 2017

Nigel Thomas  
Rob Lawson  
Ian Sinkamba  
Ernie Belsham

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

§ Bill Grant died 28 Feb 2015, after providing his report on the Deanery Synod, page 13).

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**

In February the welcome service for Bishop Paul Butler took place in the Cathedral, which we attended with others. In May was the Bishop's Visitation when we were sworn in as churchwardens, supported by parishioners.

Bishop Paul visited Jarrow to introduce himself to churchwardens and officers in the Deanery.

The Great North Passion took place in South Shields Park, which many attended.

Cleadon Church of England Academy children came to church for Experience Pentecost and Experience Harvest.

The All Souls Service and Carols by Candlelight were well received and attendances at the services over Christmas were about the same as last year.

The Christmas Tree Festival and Fayre was held again and much appreciated, particularly the attendance of the Mayor and Cleadon Church of England Academy children singing at the beginning. The number attending was disappointing, although a surplus of £1737 was considerably more than 2013.

Treasurer Gordon Coxon expressed a wish to resign on 31st December and we are very grateful to him for his diligent work over many years.

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

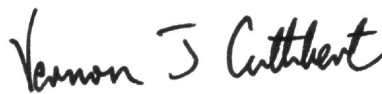
Thanks go to all those in our congregation who continue to offer their time and talents in serving the church and local community in so many different ways.

Finally, we thank everyone for their support and understanding during the year. Anne is not seeking re-election, so may Keith offer his

personal thanks for all her work during the last 4 years.

**Keith Higgin and Anne Hudson**

This annual report was adopted by the PCC on 15th April 2015 and signed on their behalf by the Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert, PCC Chairman.



### **Deanery Synod Report**

The diocesan office has now moved to just outside Durham City into a new building to be called Cuthbert House. The November Diocesan Synod approved draft administrative re-organisation, part of which is to involve the deaneries more in the management of diocesan activities.

#### *Stipendiary Ministry*

We now have 9 stipendiary priests in post with 2 to be licensed to Jarrow Team and Simonside late January 2015, more than for some time; and a curate in 'The Boldons'. There are only two vacancies: Harton with Cleadon Park, and Whitburn.

#### *Financial*

This deanery's contribution to the costs of running the mission and ministry of this diocese have fallen slightly below the level offered, as has the overall diocesan total. The diocese receives a substantial part of its income from the Church Commissioners. There is a recent review of the way the Commissioners distribute the income to the Dioceses around the country. The proposal suggests that support income be linked to two separate areas 'deprivation' and 'growth projects', with the dioceses themselves working in mutually supportive relationships.

#### *Representation*

The deaneries elect a new diocesan synod this year, which will then elect the new Diocesan committees. Your current lay representatives are Robina Lawson, Keith Higgin, and Bill Grant. The Revd Vernon Cuthbert, Keith Higgin and Bill Grant also serve the Diocese on Synod and other committees.

**Bill Grant**

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

These appear on pages 14-19 following.

**Gordon Coxon**

## **Financial Review**

In accordance with the Charities Act 2010 and in particular the 4th edition "PCC Accountability" the requirement is such that, when the income of a Charity for a financial year is below £250,000 the Annual Accounts can be presented adopting the Payments and Receipts basis. As a consequence of these requirements and as the income for the year 2014 does not exceed the threshold of £250,000 the Annual Accounts for All Saints Church Cleadon have once again been prepared adopting the Payments and Receipts method.

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

As Treasurer to the PCC I am obliged to include in my financial review details of any and all Major movements in the "Funds" and in this regard there have been only two items that I feel necessary to bring to your attention. The first is a transfer of funds from the General Deposit Acc. into the Barclays general fund of £2000 (net) and the second item is the Major item of expenditure on the Church central heating; both of these items were found necessary for the continued every day running of the Church at All Saints.

**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 £9,456.27p on unrestricted funds at the year-end is below this target, however, the PCC was in full agreement to the reduction in the Reserves prior to the undertaking of the unexpected additional refurbishment of the Church Central Heating system. It is some concern that this is the second year running that the Reserves held by the Church have been reduced and it is hoped that the trend

does not extend beyond the next financial year.

## **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 2014

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

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	CODE	2014 Unrestricted	2014 Restricted	2014 Total	2013 Unrestricted	2013 Restricted	2013 Total
<b><u>Voluntary receipts</u></b>							
Covenanted Planned Giving	1	36,112.10		36,112.10	34,131.42		34,131.42
Income Tax recovered	2	11,050.21		11,050.21	8,923.28		8,923.28
Uncovenanted planned giving	3	3,205.81		3,205.81	2,151.80		2,151.80
Collections (loose)	4	2,672.82		2,672.82	3,051.44		3,051.44
Sundry Donations	6	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
Donations/Appeals (Restricted)	8		3,103.50	3,103.50		1,056.30	1,056.30
Grants		0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
Legacies	9	500.00		500.00	300.00		300.00
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>53,540.94</u>	<u>3,103.50</u>	<u>56,644.44</u>	<u>48,557.94</u>	<u>1,056.30</u>	<u>49,614.24</u>
<b><u>Activities for generating funds</u></b>							
Church Coffee Mornings and Socials	10 +11	3,807.01	0.00	3,807.01	3,890.66	1,659.81	5,550.47
Christmas Bazaar		1,752.15		1,752.15	1,378.95		1,378.95
Magazine sales	14	2,582.55		2,582.55	3,143.12		3,143.12
Church Hall lettings (See Note 2)	15	14,951.00		14,951.00	12,971.00		12,971.00
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>23,092.71</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>23,092.71</u>	<u>21,383.73</u>	<u>1,659.81</u>	<u>23,043.54</u>
<b><u>Receipts from Church activities</u></b>							
Fees (Weddings and Funerals)	16	3,056.80	3,002.00	6,058.80	998.00	1,049.00	2,047.00
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>3,056.80</u>	<u>3,002.00</u>	<u>6,058.80</u>	<u>998.00</u>	<u>1,049.00</u>	<u>2,047.00</u>
<b><u>Receipts from investments</u></b>							
Dividends & Fixed Interest(Securities) (See Note 1, 2 & 3)	13	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b><u>Other incoming resources</u></b>							
Fund Raising (No Risk to PCC funds)	17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Special /Others		2,100.45		2,100.45	1,971.68		1,971.68
Insurance Claims	18	0.00		0.00	645.00		645.00
Cheques not presented		0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>2,100.45</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,100.45</u>	<u>2,616.68</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,616.68</u>
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>		<b><u>81,790.90</u></b>	<b><u>6,105.50</u></b>	<b><u>87,896.40</u></b>	<b><u>73,556.35</u></b>	<b><u>3,765.11</u></b>	<b><u>77,321.46</u></b>

**Note 1:- The P.C.C. Holds two Deposit Accounts with the CBF and the investment income for both these funds is detailed under sections 4 & 5 of these accounts.**

**Note 2:- Includes cheque for £125.00p that was returned.**

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

<u>PAYMENTS</u>	CODE	2014 Unrestricted	2014 Restricted	2014 Total	2013 Unrestricted	2013 Restricted	2013 Total
<b><u>Charitable activities</u></b>							
Overseas Mission	30	275.00	1,060.44	1,335.44	360.00	1,377.26	1,737.26
Relief Agencies	31	275.00	308.50	583.50	360.00	159.00	519.00
Home mission & organisations	32	825.00	1,466.81	2,291.81	720.00	1,216.06	1,936.06
Secular Charities	33	825.00	305.00	1,130.00	800.50	0.00	800.50
Parish Share (Diocese & Deanery)	34	48,130.31		48,130.31	45,780.00		45,780.00
Clergy Expenses	35	528.98	895.31	1,424.29		1,384.06	1,384.06
Assistant Staff	36	67.50		67.50	321.20		321.20
Parsonage Repairs & Water Rates	37	469.60		469.60	462.04		462.04
Church Heating, Lighting & Water	38	1,719.61		1,719.61	2,444.93		2,444.93
Church Ins, Maint & Cleaning	39 & 44	5,230.06		5,230.06	7,814.26		7,814.26
Cost of Services	40	492.50		492.50	517.89		517.89
Upkeep of Church Yard	41	280.00		280.00	41.98		41.98
Printing & Stationary	42 & 47	3,117.60		3,117.60	764.75		764.75
Support Costs (Training)	43	180.00		180.00	15.00		15.00
Hall Costs	44	9,905.77		9,905.77	10,768.68		10,768.68
Major Church & Hall Expenditure (See Note 3)		3,347.45		3,347.45	28,724.87		28,724.87
Assistant Staff	46	1,300.60	3,002.00	4,302.60	1,398.00	1,049.00	2,447.00
Administration	49	2,986.49		2,986.49	2,256.89		2,256.89
Others		64.00		64.00	184.00		184.00
School Room (Maintenance + Services)		2,970.82		2,970.82	4,374.99		4,374.99
							0.00
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>82,991.29</u>	<u>7,038.06</u>	<u>90,029.35</u>	<u>108,031.08</u>	<u>5,185.38</u>	<u>113,216.46</u>
<b><u>Fund raising trading</u></b>							
Cost of fetes/bazaars etc	48	75.00		75.00	74.40		74.40
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>75.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>	<u>74.40</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>74.40</u>
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>		<b><u>83,066.29</u></b>	<b><u>7,038.06</u></b>	<b><u>90,104.35</u></b>	<b><u>108,105.48</u></b>	<b><u>5,185.38</u></b>	<b><u>113,290.86</u></b>
(Deficit)/Excess of Receipts over Payments		(1,275.39)	(932.56)	(2,207.95)	(34,549.13)	(1,420.27)	(35,969.40)
Bank current account at 1 Jan		2,386.99	1,166.86	3,553.85	1,688.61	2,587.13	4,275.74
Sale of Stock							
Net transfer to/from other Church Accounts.		2,000.00		2,000.00	35,247.51		35,247.51
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>3,111.60</u>	<u>234.30</u>		<u>2,386.99</u>	<u>1,166.86</u>	
Bank (current account) at 31 Dec				3,345.90			3,553.85

**Note 3:- The major expenditure undertaken during 2014 was primarily involved in the maintenance of the Church central heating system.**



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

	2014	2014	2013	2013
<b>2.1 Flower Fund</b>				
<i>Receipts</i>				
b/f	181.52		181.52	
Other receipts (Weddings and Donations)	0.00		180.00	0.00
<i>Payments (Flowers for Weddings etc.)</i>				
Transfer from General account	0.00		420.00	0.00
Balance at 31 Dec		<u>181.52</u>	0.00	<u>181.52</u>
<b>2.2 Vicars Expenses</b>				
<i>Receipts</i>				
b/f	895.31		2,279.37	
<i>Payments</i>				
Expenses paid to Incumbent	1,424.29		1,384.06	
Balance at 31 Dec		<u>0.00</u>		<u>895.31</u>

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

	2014	2014	2013	2013
<b>3.1 Vision Fund (closed 2013)</b>				
b/f	0.00		4,941.77	
Donations, Loans , Grants etc			8,000.00	
Tax Refund			3,110.00	
Interest			12.21	
Expenses and Refunds			16,063.98	
Balance at 31 Dec (Account Closed 2013)		<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>

### **4 General DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

	2014	2014	2013	2013
<i>Receipts</i>				
B/F	5,190.83		31,264.66	
Transfers from other Accounts	0.00		0.00	
Interest	26.19		181.94	
Total Receipts		<u>5,217.02</u>		<u>31,446.60</u>
<i>Payments</i>				
Nett Transfer to Church General Account	2,000.00		26,255.77	
Balance at 31 Dec		<u>3,217.02</u>		<u>5,190.83</u>

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

	2014	2014	2013	2013
<i>Receipts</i>				
B/F	2,450.59		1,508.68	
Membership				
i) From General Account	170.00		205.00	
ii) Friends Account (Standing Orders)	358.00		378.00	
iii) Friends Account Cash Subs	335.00		360.00	
Receipts from sale Plants & Veg.	218.00		Nil	Nil
Receipts from sale of Note-lets	56.00		Nil	
Income Tax Refund (From General Account)	235.75		132.50	
Interest	10.75		1.58	
<i>Payments</i>				
Administration Expenses (postage etc)	144.92		89.17	
Cost of Note-lets	Nil		Nil	
Magazine Contribution	380.00		390.00	
Balance at 31 Dec		<u>3,309.17</u>		<u>2,450.59</u>

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT for Year Ending 31st December 2014

## **6 STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2014**

		2014	2014	2013	2013
6.1	<b><u>MONETARY ASSETS</u></b>				
	Barclay's Current Account	3,345.90		3,553.85	
	CBF Fund ( formerly Mary Greenwell)	3,217.02		5,190.83	
	CBF Deposit Account (Open Doors)	0.00		0.00	
	Friends of All Saints	3,309.17		2,450.59	
	Total		<u>9,872.09</u>		<u>11,195.27</u>
6.2	<b><u>OTHER ASSETS</u></b>				
	Church Hall (COST IN 1938)		<u>2,228.00</u>		<u>2,228.00</u>
6.3	<b><u>DEBTORS</u></b>				
	For 2014 none known		None		None
6.4	<b><u>LIABILITIES (Major Known above £100)</u></b>				
	Retention on Old Schoolroom Refurbishment	500.00		0.00	
	<b><u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u></b>		None		None

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **OPEN DOORS FUND RECONCILIATION**

Fund movement year to 2003 Dec 31		10,410.99			
Balance @ 2003 Dec 31	c/f		10,410.99		
Fund movement year to 2004 Dec 31		10,883.39			
Balance @ 2004 Dec 31	c/f		21,249.38		
Fund movement year to 2005 Dec 31		20,941.44			
Balance @ 2005 Dec 31	c/f		42,235.82		
Fund movement year to 2006 Dec 31		64,471.99			
Balance @2006 Dec 31	c/f		106,707.81		
Fund movement year to 2007 Dec 31		47,778.82			
Balance @2007 Dec 31	c/f		154,423.63		
Fund movement year to 2008 Dec 31		(6,127.24)			
Balance @2008 Dec 31	c/f		148,296.39		
Fund movement year to 2008 Dec 31		(5,605.94)			
Balance @2009 Dec 31	c/f		142,690.45		
Fund movement year to 2010 Dec 31		3,568.28			
Balance @2010 Dec 31	c/f		146,258.73		
Fund movement year to 2011 Dec 31		(127,768.18)			
Balance @2011 Dec 31	c/f		18,490.55		
Fund movement year to 2012 Dec 31		(13,548.78)			
Balance @2012 Dec 31	c/f		4,941.77		
<u>Fund movement year to 2013 Dec 31</u>		<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>		
Interest for 2013				12.21	
Tax Refunds from Gift Aided receipts				3,110.00	
Expenses					
Architect's Fee					800.00
Main Contractor					0.00
Sub Contractors					634.46
Donations					
Direct Giving (Jan/Dec)				0.00	
Individual Pledges (2013)				8,000.00	
Events				0.00	
Grants (4 off)				0.00	
Loan Repayment (Diocese)					5,150.00
Transfers (Internal to Church Accounts)					
Sub Totals				16,063.98	16,063.98
<b>TOTAL FUND @ DEC 31 (Fund Closed 2013)</b>			<b><u>0.00</u></b>		<b><u>0.00</u></b>

## **Notes to the financial statements**

For the year ended 31st December 2014

### **Accounting Policies**

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

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

### **Funds**

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

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund.

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

### **Incoming resources**

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

### **Resources expended**

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

### **Assets Retained for Church Use**

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

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

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

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

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2014, which are set out on pages 14 to 19, 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 do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Act.

### **Basis of this Report**

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

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

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

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

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

Signed by:



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

15 April 2015

# Organisation Reports 2014

## Children and Young People

### Safeguarding Children

The group responsible for safeguarding is unchanged although it has to be said that it is more than a couple of years since we had a meeting. The group is a sub group of the PCC.

The reason there have been no meetings is the same as the demise of the South Tyneside Safeguarding Board. There are very few changes or new introductions to affect safeguarding other than the fact there is still discussion and name changing of what used to be CRB criminal record bureau. Last year it became VBS vetting and barring system and is currently referred to as DBS disclosure and barring service.

Just because there appears to be little activity does not mean safeguarding is any less important and each and every one of us has a responsibility to ensure our children and young people come to no harm. I would like to thank everyone who contributes to ensuring we maintain this safe environment.

During 2014 we have completed 1 renewal DBS and 3 new ones. The three new ones are helpers to Janet with Young Saints – Ian Sinkamba, Kellie Campbell and Louise Powell – and we welcome and thank them.

**Jackie Gregory**

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

#### Toddlers@All Saints

Toddlers has continued meeting during the last year on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30pm – 3.00pm. For the majority of the year numbers were quite high at around 20 children each week. Since September our numbers have been a little lower. It has been suggested this may be due to nurseries admitting children from the age of two and a half which is rather frustrating. However it doesn't stop those attending having a great time.

We enjoyed summer, harvest and Christmas Celebrations in church. These have been enjoyed by those taking part.

During the year we have replaced a number of toys or added to the variety of toys we have taking into account the stages of development the children have reached.

We responded to the invitation to join in with the Christmas tree festival with our *Christmas is coming.....How many sleeps?* tree. The children made little beds with sleeping children to hang on the tree. It was also delightful to be in a position to pay for the materials to decorate the parish hall for Christmas again this year.

I would like to thank all the parents, grandparents and carers who bring the children for their continuing support and help with the clearing at the end of the session as well as the children who are great at helping when it's time to tidy.

**Janet Cuthbert**

### Young Saints

Many folk appear to believe that we have no Young Saints although there is a group known as Saintlets. Saintlets was developed as a sub group of Young saints to meet a need we weren't catering for. As is apparent on Sunday mornings Saintlets has begun to thrive so therefore Young Saints is alive and kicking!! We have a core group of regulars and both children and adults appear to enjoy our time together in the chapter house as do those who visit. During our time together we try and have fun whilst exploring the Christian faith. It is a delight to see how at ease the children are when we join the rest of the congregation.

During the year 3 parents have been police checked so that in time we can develop a slightly older group or they can step in if needed on a Sunday morning, which they have on a number of occasions already.

We all enjoyed creating our people for our 'Christmas is coming the Church is glad to sing' themed tree for this year's Christmas tree festival. I would also like to thank Kellie

Campbell, one our Saintlet Mums, for her fantastic face painting at the festival.

**Janet Cuthbert**

### **Cleadon Church of England Academy**

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

The school was successful in applying for and being granted a Big Lottery Grant of £10,000 towards the purchase of an outdoor gym. The gym was installed during the Summer term and has extended our outdoor provision. Hopefully, it will encourage our children to keep fit and active in PE lessons, lunchtimes and afterschool in a fun and exciting way.

Each station on the fitness circuit has a focus on a different zone of the body, giving a full and varied workout. The equipment helps improve strength, flexibility, balance, coordination and improves cardiovascular health. The equipment works on levers and the users body weight is used for resistance.

The Big Lottery Grant partially covered the cost of the equipment. The school and PTFA have been busily fundraising to cover the remaining costs as well as the cost of the all weather surface.

On 1st July Cleadon C of E Primary School converted to academy status. The conversion to academy status is an exciting new chapter in the life of the school. The decision to convert was not taken lightly, the Governing Body believe that it is the best way to ensure the school continues to deliver high standards of education with a clear focus on doing the very best for every child that comes into the school.

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

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

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

### **1st Cleadon Rainbows**

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

The activities this year were centred around the Big Brownie Birthday Challenge which was for all guiding sections and the girls gained a badge at the end of it. They had a campfire sing song and toasted marshmallows at the Environmental Centre, they had a taste of India evening, activities in the park, a night at the Customs House and a pirate party with fantastic Johnny Depp (Jack Sparrow) and Orlando Bloom lookalike entertainers, we all dressed up as pirates and had a fab time. I'd like to have a sleepover for the girls this year as they haven't had one for a while.

Thank you for supporting us in our fundraising events and our weekly meetings. Also my thanks go to my Assistant Guiders Sarah & Bethany who help me run the meetings every week.

**Lisa Nesworthy (Rainbow Leader)**

### **1st Cleadon Brownies**

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

The Brownies have been bowling, had a film night, walked to the chip shop over Cleadon Hills, spent an evening doing activities in the Park with 2nd Cleadon Brownies, a day at Washington Wildfowl Park, the Street Scientist gave the girls a night of science experiments, they had a night at the Customs House and finished the year with a Carol Concert in Church with their parents.

We had a weekend near Preston at the PGL Centre joined by East & West Boldon Brownies in March, a great time was had by all and the girls behaviour was excellent. I look forward to taking them to the PGL again in May.

This year the Brownies celebrated their centenary called The Big Brownie Birthday with lots of activities geared towards the new badge. We had a fun day at Camphouse, Spennymoor, for Thinking Day in February with a Sangam (our Guiding House in India) theme. The girls tried on saris, made Indian sweets, learnt about life in India and experienced lots more.

Thank you for supporting us in our weekly meetings. Also my thanks go to my Assistant Guider Nicola and Young Leaders Joanna & Faye who run the meetings with me every week.

**Lisa Nesworthy (Brownie Leader)**

### **1st Cleadon Guides**

Our unit continues with high numbers, although we were down to 32 at the end of the year (due to the creation of our new Ranger Unit), we have girls on our waiting list who have turned 10 and due to join us.

Val Cram and Lynne Carr continue as the main leaders with Amanda, Rebecca A and Rebecca N working through their leadership qualifications.

In our weekly meetings up to the Summer, our activities were centred around the Big Brownie Birthday (100 Years) Challenge which was issued to all guiding sections and covered many topics. Our highlights were our knitting night where the girls invited a Mam, Grandma or Aunt to help them learn to knit, fake wounds and learning the related first aid, an evening by the Safe Water Trust, activities surrounding jobs, a evening at West Hall Scout Site, Snow Tubing at Silksworth and of course our annual chip shop walk over the hills!

In our Autumn terms we did a program on healthy eating and exercise, we had a visit from the Newcastle University Street Scientists, and had a lovely Christmas meal out.

We have also had a busy year with trips - a Spring weekend at Spennymoor Guide Camp House, a Summer Camp at Dilston, an Autumn trip to London to include the Big Gig Guide Pop

Concert at Wembley and lastly a Christmas Crafts weekend at Minsteracres.

So once again another enjoyable year for our Unit.

**Lynne Carr (Assistant Guide Leader)**

### **1st Cleadon Rangers**

After many years of really needing it! I finally decided it was time to open the 1st Cleadon Ranger Unit. Open to girls between 14 and 26, we formally started in May with 10 members.

We generally run on alternative Wednesdays at the same time as Guides. With great thanks to the Church, we are able to use the upstairs room when we are not out and about.

Lisa Nesworthy (Rainbow and Brownie Leader) agreed to join our leadership team and that has been a great relief, as I am very much still involved with the Guides and sometimes I need to pop between the two meetings. Unfortunately our busy lives could not afford a separate evening at present to run Rangers. Both Lisa and myself have already managed to complete our Leadership Qualifications for this age group.

Our average age at present is 15 and it has been a delight to work with such a lovely group of young ladies! Since May our various activities have including an Indian Evening, Snow Tubing, BBQ night at West Hall Scout Site, juicing & smoothy making, film evening, games night, pamper night, Christmas craft night a we had a great Christmas meal out to Nandos.

We have also joined with the Guides for a few nights, but in essence the unit runs as a separate entity with their own activities for which the members are encouraged (with support and guidance) to plan for themselves.

**Lynne Carr (Assistant Guide Leader)**

### **30th South Shields Scout Group**

All leaders have worked very hard to give all the young people a very active and interesting program. It's because of the leaders' ambition and enthusiasm that the group is going from strength to strength and is now at the biggest

it has ever been. To cope with this we are now looking at opening another Scout Section this year. The group will also become more active in the local community as well. I am looking forward to another active and action packed year for our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

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

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

We are now running with 24 young Beavers and are proud that we have 4 girls within the group.

We started January 2014 making and flying paper planes, a good old traditional game. We then moved onto celebrate Chinese New Year by sampling Chinese food and reading fortune cookies. Each Beaver used chopsticks to eat the food and took a special pair of chopsticks home with them. One of our Beavers Jake introduced his pet hens to the group and we talked about hen keeping as part of an animal friend badge.

In January the Beavers visited the church as part of their faith badge and each wrote a prayer and the group read a bible story together.

February saw the Beavers began to learn about foreign countries and each researched and drew a flag for the country they looked into. They also learnt about safety and practiced fire drills and emergency aid. A litter pick was conducted at the local park one evening as part of the environmental badge.

The Beavers all cooked and ate a pancake for Shrove Tuesday, all 24 of them!! We visited Roker Life Boat Station where we had a tour and talk around the lifeboats.

In March we made Mothers Day cards and had a visit to West Hall. The Beavers learnt about doing their best and raised money for the RNLI by helping out at home.

In April we had an exciting treasure hunt around West Hall hunting for Easter Eggs and began to make pirate flags in preparation for the big Beaver Picnic day out which happened in June. 15 Beavers spent a very exciting day

out at Moor House in Durham, climbing, abseiling, and lots of other fabulous activities. To incorporate The Tour De France we did lots of weeks relating to France including tasting French food. We also had a session on bike maintenance and the Beavers all brought their bikes along to be checked by a bike expert then took time cleaning them.

Also in June we made some beautiful Fathers Day mugs which the Beavers all designed and hand painted, thanks to Rosebud Ceramics.

In July we had another exciting treasure hunt at West Hall and took part in the annual district sandcastle competition down on the beach and we continued with our weekly French theme.

After the summer holidays we had another litter picking session at the local park, took part in traditional conker fights and attended Quazer lazer for some team work!!

October we made some lovely bird feeders and took some seed home to help look after our garden birds. The Beavers took part in a healthy eating badge, making sandwiches and a fruit salad. We attended West Hall again where we put tents up and had a little camp fire.

In the run up to Christmas we made snow globes and fresh foliage candle table arrangements for the Christmas table and finished the year with our annual Christmas party and buffet.

This is just a handful of the activities the Beavers took part in. We are looking forward to another eventful and productive year ahead!

**Zoe Overton (Beaver Scout Leader)**

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

It has been a very busy year at Cubs and we now have two separate cub packs with a total of 55 cubs and a very big waiting list. At the beginning of the year the Cubs went to Simonside Climbing Wall for 3 weeks. Cubs have entered quite a few competitions this year. They came first in the District Swimming Gala and fourth in the County Dodge Ball



Competition. In September the Cubs took part in our yearly Themed Group Cub Camp, this year it was Medieval themed where they got to taste rabbit and pigeon and to live like medieval knights over the weekend. The Cubs have worked towards a lot of badges over the year as well as including their Backward Cooking and Pioneering badges.

We have had visits from the Police, been to Pets at Home, and they also went on-board the DSV Orelia to see how the ship works and to meet the divers.

**Victoria Purvis-McGinn  
(Cub Scout Leader)**

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

Scouts have had a very busy year with new leaders taking over the running of the section. The Scouts have taken part in a lot of Camps and competitions.

They took part in Camp Challenge which is where the scouts have to organise the weekend for their patrol, it includes putting a menu together for the weekend, going shopping for the food and being able to store it correctly over the weekend. They must cook all their own meals and organise their own activities for the weekend either on site or off. They also took part in Sanctuary Challenge, which is where scouts meet at a location (this time in Bishop Auckland), then all the Scouts are put on coaches and taken 8 miles away and dropped off. They must then make their way back to the start without getting caught by the catchers which are set loose 30 minutes afterwards.

We now have 33 scouts in the troop and growing every term.

**Norman Dennis (Scout Leader)**

## **Fellowship Groups**

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

As a group we enjoy meeting in the Chapter House every Wednesday afternoon. Anyone wishing to join us will be most welcome.

This year we have studied and discussed the relevance of Psalms 90, 37 and 34. This was followed by the Lent course (King's Speech). Here there were hidden treasures and we enjoyed digging them up.

We went on to study Paul's letter to the Ephesians, amplified by a tape of David Pawson on the background of Paul's letter. The Book of Jonah was light relief with lively discussion. This again was followed by a commentary on Jonah by David Pawson. Next, Romans 8 was a good choice, it taught us all we needed to know about salvation.

Coming up to Christmas, we examined all the characters involved in the Nativity: Gabriel, Mary, Joseph, Caesar, inn-keeper, shepherds, Angels, Simeon, Anna, Magi, King Herod, priests, lawyers, soldiers – illuminating. Not just, "Away in a manger".

**Dulcia Morris**

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

The Gospel Group meets each Monday evening in the Chapter House. We meet to discuss the gospel for the forthcoming Sunday. When everyone is present there are seven of us but usually only five or six can manage to attend. The discussions are wide ranging and bring into focus many aspects of interest that the gospel reading brings to the fore. It is rarely that anyone goes away from a meeting without some point being the impetus for further consideration.

When the following Sunday's sermon is preached it is remarkably rare that anything we have discussed previously is ever mentioned! It just shows how deep and wide-ranging any consideration of a gospel passage can be.

Come along and join us, you will be made very welcome. The only difficulty is that certain topics or secondary personalities occur again and again so we feel that over several years

we have 'talked out' whatever we have to contribute or discuss around those topics! Of course discussions on most bible subjects or persons can never end.

**Bob Lawson.**

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

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

The group was not able to organize an outing last summer. This was largely due to the number of members who had more pressing engagements on the selected day, but this year we hope to remedy this omission to our normal schedule by planning earlier. The Christmas party as usual was a joint effort with the Men's Fellowship and was enjoyed by all. Allan Bailey devised a very wide-ranging quiz which had us all enthralled. During the last year we have had some very interesting talks by a number of speakers. The most memorable was a presentation by Mrs. Diana Laidler on her career as a showgirl. She accompanied her talk by singing various songs known to most of us from the pre-pop era. Mrs. Laidler finished her talk by illuminating her faith as a convinced Christian. Really quite an inspiring evening.

Our annual coffee morning was held in May. We always dedicate our coffee morning to a well known charity.

**Bob Lawson.**

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

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

The season begins in September and runs through to May or June. Meetings commence at 7.30pm for 7.45pm and end at approx. 9.00pm.

We have 12 members and are all retired from full time work. As the title implies we are a main organisation and very occasionally hold "Open" evenings when the general church congregation are most welcome.

At the May/June meeting we hold our AGM when elections are held to appoint the officers; and subscriptions are agreed so that any speaker's fees can be paid and other nominal expenses met.

The purpose of the group is to promote fellowship and spirituality within the male congregation of All Saints. Members and any other interested people are advised of each meeting by the Church weekly sheet and the Courier inviting interested people to attend a meeting of our Fellowship group.

For the year 2014 Speakers and the topics discussed were as follows:-

- January Walter Carr presented a DVD of Old South Shields
- February Peter Talbot gave an illustrated talk about Antarctic
- March Walter Carr introduced a DVD on World War 1 prisoners
- April Allan Bailey hosted a quiz including the Married Couples
- May/June AGM incorporating officers and committee elections
- September Rev. V Cuthbert lead a discussion regarding "Remembrance" referring to the centenary of the outbreak of World War 1
- Oct/Nov We were entertained by Walter Carr showing DVD's of the local comedians Bobby Thomson and Bobby Patterson
- Dec As tradition has it we were once again invited to join the Married Couples at their Christmas Party

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

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

Our small MU group continued to meet as one of only three branches not in abeyance in Jarrow Deanery. We met as usual for Communion on the first Thursday of the month and on the second Thursday in the Chapter House.

In 2014 we met for Deanery meetings once a month when possible. At our meetings in the Chapter House we held a short service of hymns and prayers and a Bible reading followed by a speaker or some entertainment – Vernon, our Priest-in-Charge; Audrey Bolam; Peter Talbot; and Adrienne Hammond, to name but a few.

Our first meeting of the year was a quiet afternoon in February with 'Wave of Prayer' when members participated with prayers and readings. Once again we hosted our Patronal Service in November, and we also hosted the Deanery Advent Carol Service, very kindly led by Audrey Bolam. These two services were attended by Branch members, Church family members as well as other church branches and Deanery members, and followed by afternoon tea in the Church Hall with a friendly time of fellowship.

Our members' annual visit to Kimblesworth in September was our tenth visit so it was a lovely celebration of our friendship. Unfortunately, their return visit to us has no longer been possible without their own transport and the cost of booking transport has been too expensive. We have always enjoyed our visits, appreciating their generous hospitality and the fellowship over the years. Sadly, Irene Burnside and Susan Weaver had not been able to attend our meetings due to illness and Peggy Carson, not as often. We hope that 2015 will see them feeling much better.

Finally, we continue to hope for new members who will be most welcome.

**Margaret Robson**

## **Mission**

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

During 2014 All Saints has been one of the 6,000 local church communities supporting the vital work of the Children's Society.

In July a coffee morning raised £236 and home box collections this year totalled £1,016.62p. Monies collected in the Christingle candles, offered at the annual Christingle service in December will be added to those

totals. A Christmas tree was decorated to represent the Children's Society in the Christmas Tree Festival.

Mr Michael Vallance, volunteer speaker of the Society, gave a presentation in October. He gave a brief insight as to how funds are used to help disadvantaged and vulnerable young people in our society. We were also reminded how we could make a difference by donating used clothes and items to the local Children's Society charity shops and to talk more openly about its work and to try and raise its profile. By speaking out, praying, campaigning and fundraising supporters are a vital mechanism to provide essential services.

Around 2.4 million children are living in families who have fallen into the 'debt trap'. With the new Debt Trap programme the charity is looking at how problem debt is driving families into poverty. It is also campaigning to prevent others from becoming trapped in a cycle of poverty and debt.

Every penny raised does help make a difference to a young person's life. On behalf of the Children's Society thank you for your prayers and continued support.

**Anne Hudson**

### **Christian Aid**

The annual house to house collection for Christian Aid took place between Sunday May 11th and Saturday May 17th 2014. This is the main fund raiser of the year for this charity, although they are very grateful to those who over the year bake cakes, plant, walk, run, dance or serve teas and coffees in order to swell the coffers. In Cleadon, we have involved the whole population by calling at each of the 2000+ houses in the village and giving each resident the opportunity to give to the cause.

We collected 1098 envelopes containing £3479.43 with £905.11 gift aided. Also, as a church, we have donated the proceeds of Soup and Roll lunches during Lent, which amounted to £308.50, as well as the proceeds from the previous year's August Coffee Morning which raised £149.60. The house to house collection was undertaken by 5 members of Cleadon Methodist Church, which

also donated its own funding for Christian Aid, and 41 from our church congregations, 4 of whom were new recruits.

Everyone is striving for a better and brighter world, one where everyone finds joy in having 'enough', and one whose societies seek justice for all. The aim to "Make Poverty History" has not yet been achieved, but the generosity of all in Cleadon, together with the time and energy expended by our collectors, will surely be helping little by little to have world poverty eradicated for ever.

We pray that when Christian Aid week comes round this year, from May 10th until May 16th, all of our collectors, and hopefully some more, will be prepared to spend those few hours delivering and collecting envelopes throughout the area. The more collectors we can recruit, the less onerous is the task for everyone and we will be able to say honestly that Cleadon Village cares about the World.

**Lesley and Clive Smith.**

### **Church Mission Society.**

I have been a supporter of CMS since I was a teenager, not at this Church I admit, but because of previous links I was delighted when I found there was a CMS group here at All Saints. I was happy to take over from Nina Brown and Jocelyn and Doug Hardgrave, who held the reins, when I came. Since then, we have supported prayerfully and financially a CMS link mission partner. Mary Coleman was in the Sudan and later in Uganda, when I came; then we had Esther Mombo whom George and Margaret Wilson offered hospitality to, and who, since, has become principal of a college in Kenya. Following Esther, if memory serves me, we had the Cooks in Jerusalem. Following them, we had Rosemary's god-daughter and her family in Cambodia. And now we have Eric and Sandra Read and their family in the Philippines – having previously been in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The world has been remembering the 10th anniversary of the Tsunami which put a new word in most of our vocabularies. But the Philippines have twice, since then, had a typhoon to cope with. In 2013, typhoon Haiyan struck and in December 2014 typhoon

Hagubid devastated parts of the Philippines. The resilience of the people was what impressed Eric and Sandra as they volunteered to help in Tacloban last year.

Please will someone from All Saints family take over the link with CMS – I would be most grateful and only too happy to support them.

**Joan Walton**

## **Outreach**

### **Pop in for Coffee**

The Pop-in for Coffee opened as a community facility in November 2009 in the Old Schoolroom, and has kept open almost every weekday from 10am until 12 noon ever since. Not only does it provide a wide range of beverages and snacks, it also has become a meeting place for friends, a chat area, a queries answering service, a shelter or waiting room for travellers and a welcome stopping off point for the hardy walking groups.

Although there is no charge for coffee etc, most customers give very generous donations, which amount approximately to £100 per month being paid into church funds. This may just off-set heating and lighting, but add to this the benefit of the friendly, sociable, community spirit, and the whole venture becomes both successful and worthwhile.

None of this would be possible without the commitment of the regular teams who prepare the room for their mornings work and are there for however many people drop in for drinks, chats or advice. They too are helped by those who are willing to come in when the regular staff are otherwise engaged, so a massive thank you to each and every one of the teams, and if any more of you out there feel the urge to volunteer your services, you will be welcomed with open arms.

Obviously there would be no service without customers, so a huge thank you to all who come regularly for drinks, snacks and chat, and to those of you who advertise the facility as widely as possible by word of mouth.

**Lesley Smith**

### **Day Club**

Cleadon Day Club continues to be held each Friday from 11.00am-1.30pm in the Parish Hall. We provide coffee and biscuits on arrival and serve a two course home-made lunch at 12.30pm. We are a very friendly group and enjoy having new members coming to join us.

We specialise in a friendly atmosphere and would love to meet new people. I would like to thank everyone who comes along to help, it is

such a worthwhile venture. We would also welcome extra helpers so if you have any spare time and would like to help we would welcome you.

**June Roberts**

### **Pastoral Care Group**

We have thirteen members, including Methodist representative Rita Sample and new member Audrey Bolam. Sadly, Rev'd Norman Shaw, initiator of the Network and past member, Eleanor Sheldon, died this year.

We continue to meet each month to discuss, pray and take action on pastoral care issues. We share our knowledge of those needing pastoral care, be it visits, prayers or practical help, both from our individual care lists and beyond. In this way we hope no one is overlooked. My personal thanks to everyone.

Up-to-date Network cards were delivered to every Cleadon household, signed by a specific contact person. At the Get-Together in September, those who had volunteered or helped in any way were warmly thanked, including the Network members who continue to deliver Congratulations, Welcome and Thinking of You cards as well Christmas and Easter cards.

The group assisted at eight baptisms and sent out anniversary cards and Christmas Family Services invitations. There was a good response to these and to requests for photos for the Pastoral Christmas Tree.

Throughout the year we have visited hospitals, care homes and individual homes. Gifts of hyacinth bulbs were delivered at Christmas. We sent bereavement and wedding anniversary cards.

We also visited Shepherd's Dene and the new St. Benedict's Hospice.

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

**Jean Higgin**

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

The Tuesday Soup 'n' Roll lunches continue to be as popular as ever. As I mentioned last year catering can be somewhat precarious due to the varying numbers attending between 20 and 40 each week.

This year we have an added benefit as a result of the new EU Food Information Requirements that came into force on 13<sup>th</sup> December this year. The aim of the changes is to provide information in a clearer and more consistent way which is good news for customers.

This new piece of European legislation is called the Food Information for Consumers Regulation (EU FIC) Reg. No. 1169/2011 and it changes the way food caterers must provide information. There are only 14 notified allergens and it has been agreed at All Saints that the allergens will be on notice boards in the hall, the coffee shop and the chapter house. Each group providing catering will display on a white board if the ingredients they have used relate to any of the allergens. This information has been widely circulated.

We are lucky to have a regular clientele and excellent teams who provide home- made soups and cakes. The cost remains at £3.00 per lunch and we meet every Tuesday at 11.45am but have short breaks to coincide with school holidays.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributes to making this such an enjoyable lunch.

The treasurer informs me that we gave £2018.56 to church funds and this number includes £214 to Christian Aid.

**Jackie Gregory**

## **Worship**

### **Choir**

Our numbers have remained constant at ten members during 2014 and they have once again been most loyal in attendance at Services and at the monthly Choir rehearsal. I am very grateful for that loyalty and also for their friendship.

Despite our numbers being small they have led the singing in the excellent manner to which we have become accustomed and on occasions when a new Hymn or tune has been chosen they have dealt with such most admirably. All Saints is in the fortunate position of having a group of dedicated people who are able to lead the singing - regrettably, many Churches do not have that benefit these days with the demise of many Choirs or Choral groups.

Since the Organ came back into full use in late 2013 and during 2014 it has, fortunately, served us well with only the half-yearly tuning etc. and long may that continue.

To conclude, it is sad that we will be losing Lena and Malcolm Fortune shortly as they move from Cleadon to be nearer their family in the Darlington area. I know that the Choir and myself along with all of their friends at All Saints will wish them well and they will be made most welcome whenever they pay us a visit. Thank you Lena and Malcolm for your contribution and every good wish for the future.

**Gordon Trehitt  
(Organist and Choirmaster)**

### **Home Communion**

This service is available to any baptised Christian, living within the Parish of Cleadon, who cannot get to Church. For more information please contact the Vicar or one of the Church Wardens.

**Robina Lawson**

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

Members of the congregation remain faithful in leading the Intercessions during the 10.00am.

Sunday Service. Edna Nichol continues to distribute prayers for guidance whilst Joan Walton compiles and keeps the rota up to date. Jean Higgin has the names of those who at the time need to be remembered in our prayers. These will include those who are making good recovery, the sick and the bereaved. Vernon requests that Intercessors include in the prayers particular groups e.g education, health workers, our mission partners or items of topical news.

It was in 2000 that a new Healing Team came into being at All Saints. There were 12 founder members. Over the years the team met monthly, gaining confidence and experience. 'Healing', in its widest sense was the focus of the team. Their aim normally was to have one service with prayers and the laying on of hands for healing each month. Over the years, and for a variety of reasons, the group numbers have decreased to 4 and after prayers and careful thought these members have decided not to continue meeting.

The opportunity for prayers for healing will still be available following the 10.00am Sunday Service and Vernon has said he will call on members should he need them for a particular service. Healing is to do with being made whole in spirit, mind and body and we give thanks to those who shared in this ministry.

**Anne Hudson**

## **Support Activities**

### **Coffee**

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

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

Over the past year (2014) the sum of £856.60 (compared with £855.03 in 2013) has been raised for church funds on Sunday mornings alone. With five church coffee mornings in 2014 on Saturday, the average takings were £167.90 (c.f. £179.00 for 2013) amounting to £839.50 (c.f.£716.00. 2013 for four).

This brings the total annual revenue generated by the operation for 2014 to £1696.10 compared with (cf) £1571.03 for 2013.

During the six years that I have been responsible for this enterprise the number of volunteer helpers has gradually reduced. Like most such activities at the present time we need additional staff, particularly for Sunday Coffee, either male or female over 18 years of age. No discrimination here! Once more this problem really is cause for concern and it would be nice to see some younger people on the team.

Finally I would like to thank all team members, and other volunteers, who make and serve refreshments at Saturday coffee mornings and on Sundays after 10.00 am worship. Also the Scouts who set out the tables and chairs after their parade on Friday evenings ready for the 'staff' on a Saturday morning.

**Enid Bage**

### **Communications Group**

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

Our regular task is producing The Courier each month. We would very much welcome articles from anyone wishing to contribute, particularly the uniformed organisations and other groups that do not already feature. The collation team includes Allan Bailey, Charles Westerberg and Terry & Jackie Gregory. Jackie also prints the advertisements and we are grateful to all of them for their regular commitment.

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

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

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

We would very much like more people to help, to share the load. You don't have to come to committee meetings; there is ample opportunity to assist in other ways.

**Keith Higgin**

### **Finance and Property Group**

The members are the Vicar, Treasurer, Gift Aid Secretary, John Byers, Walter Carr and Keith Higgin.

The group monitored income and expenditure against budget and reviewed the statutory fees for weddings and funerals.

Whilst the Old School Room refurbishment is finished, retention of about £500 has to be

paid, after a window sash cord has been repaired.

In the Parish Hall there have been blocked drains, gutters and leaking toilets needing attention.

The upper room loop system is to be transferred to the Chapter House.

Some gas and electricity suppliers have been changed, with others to be reviewed in the New Year.

A new computer was purchased for the parish office with Windows 8.1 and Office 2013 systems installed.

Sam Stamp resigned as cleaner and Susan Collins was employed in her place. The wages of the Parish Administrator and Cleaner have been reviewed and increased from 1st January 2015.

Walter Carr has continued to carry out many routine maintenance jobs during the year involving plumbing, fixing, joinery, electrics, clearing gutters and drains. We are extremely grateful to Walter for all this unseen work.

All boilers, fire alarms and fire extinguishers have been serviced and tested, including PAT testing of electrical equipment.

The Mission Giving was reviewed and recommendations made to the PCC.

We received a Faculty just before Christmas for the spandrel paintings in church to be cleaned (cost about £570) and a new Notice Board and Poster Case to be purchased (cost £960).

**Keith Higgin**

### **Friends of All Saints**

The membership of the friends at the start of 2014 was 105 adults and 13 children.

Financially the subscriptions for the year was £925. We purchased 730 copies of The Cleadon Courier for our members, this cost us £365.



This year we grew and sold bedding plants in the church hall after the 10.00am service making £106 for the friends.

We also sold our organic vegetables and home made jams in the church hall, this added a further £115.

We hope to continue selling our produce throughout 2015.

Thanks for the generosity of our friends and the congregation for their help and support.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the friends contact us at 5 Woodlands Road.

**Helen and Ernie Belsham**

### **Gardening Team**

The Garden Team was delighted to receive an "Outstanding Award" at the "It's Your Neighbourhood" ceremony held by the Northumbria in Bloom section of the Royal Horticultural Society. This is not a competition, being more of an assessment taking into consideration various aspects including environmental concerns, waste recycling and community involvement.

We have already started our 2015 project, having removed the large privet hedge adjoining the old school premises, because it was becoming very difficult to control and too large to maintain. Once some remedial work has been carried out on the wall, it is our intention to erect trellis work for climbers and roses, increase the size of the lawn, and replant the new border. In due course a new rose bed is to be planted and it is hoped that when all is completed, it will be attractive and more easily maintained.

We continue to appreciate the support, comments and financial assistance of our Church family and the wider village community. Our thanks to Allan Bailey for the production of yet another excellent annual presentation brochure (a copy of which can be seen at the back of the Church).

**John Byers**

### **Gift Aid**

This is my first report as Gift Aid Secretary since taking over from Robina Lawson in April 2014. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking her for the sterling work she has done as Gift Aid Secretary for many years, and for her help and guidance in the changeover. My thanks go also to Gordon Coxon, Treasurer, for his assistance and to the people who empty the envelopes every Sunday. HM Revenue and Customs has now introduced computerised systems for Gift Aid Charity Relief and I am at present coming to grips with the system.

I regret to report that the number of people donating by standing order and by weekly donating envelopes has again decreased this year, as has our pledged giving. However, we have a strong loyal core of Church members donating to the work of our Church and to the Diocese and our Church relies on this generous support. May I please ask members when unable to attend Church, to continue to put aside their giving until their return, as the work of the Church goes on in their absence. Please prayerfully consider your present giving to our Church – "All things come from you, O Lord and of your own do we give you".

Should anyone wish to change to Standing Order or to commence donation by using weekly collection envelopes please do not hesitate to contact me. If anyone has any queries regarding Gift Aid declarations I shall be very happy to help.

**Carol Casey**

### **Health and Safety**

Over the year 2014 I have carried out risk assessments in the church hall, kitchen, office, corridors, church, chapter house and the old schoolroom, and the risks mentioned have been brought to the attention of Reverend Vernon and the PCC. These have mostly been rectified with only one risk outstanding which will be dealt with by the gardening team when they return to duty in 2015.

Everyone has a responsibility to Health and Safety, anyone aware of something untoward or that they are not happy with will be looked

into with a view to rectifying this to the best of our ability.

**Helen Belsham**

### **Parish Administrator**

Another year has passed and once again it has been a buzzy one for All Saints Church. The Church volunteers are still continuing to work really hard providing soup afternoons, day club and the daily drop in coffee mornings. This not only provides a nice place to catch up with friends but is a nice opportunity to meet new ones.

The group activities are still going strong and we have a couple of new ones to introduce these are Pilates and U3a Fulwell which now have a small group up and running. The Christmas tree festival was once again a great success and I speak from personal experience as I brought along my daughter and three nephews who vary in age but were all greatly entertained, a good day was had by all.

The Church gardening team continues to work hard maintaining the gardens and it was nice to see in the summer that some parents with young children took advantage of this and came along for a picnic. Thank you to the Church volunteers who always spare the time to call in the office for a chat - it may only be five minutes but it is always greatly appreciated.

**Shirley Newton**

### **Shared Ministry Development Team**

The SMDT has been meeting monthly for over a year. Its objectives include:

- To explore what the Church is called to be and do:
- Helping the Church to choose priorities
- Promoting mission of the Church
- Enabling the congregation to develop its faith
- Identifying and addressing the needs of the wider Cleadon community
- Nurturing the gifts and ministry of the congregation
- Thinking about how to expand our congregation

Our team members are the Rev Vernon Cuthbert, Jenny Grant, Mandy Forster, Ellen Smith, Chris Duke, Cathy Barnes and Rob Lawson.

One initiative launched by the SMDT in 2014 was Oasis, a coffee and cake drop-in session held in the Old School Room at 4pm on the first Sunday of every month. The rationale behind Oasis is to offer a different sort of worship opportunity for people who don't attend our usual Sunday services. Growth of the Oasis congregation has been slow, but the SMDT committed to run it for at least a year before a decision will be taken on its future.

The team is also working on a strategic plan for the parish (20:20 Vision) which is based on the diocese's three priorities of Poverty, Children and Young People and Mission and Growth. Once complete, this plan will be presented to the PCC for further discussion.

**Rob Lawson**