

The Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints, Cleadon



**Annual Report 2015
and
Agenda for the
Annual Vestry Meeting
&
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
4.00pm Sunday 24 April 2016**

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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: Christ Triumphant)

**Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King,
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
Hear us as we sing:**

**Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown,
The eternal name.**

**Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing
By your humble birth:**

**Suffering Servant, scorned, ill-treated,
Victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
Sinners justified:**

**Priestly King, enthroned forever
High in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
Stifle hymns of love:**

**So, our hearts and voices raising
Through the ages long,
Ceaselessly upon You gazing,
This shall be our song:**

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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 2016 Vestry Meeting Sunday 24 April.

1. Minutes of the Vestry Meeting 2015
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 : Herongate)*
**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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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 2016

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the APCM 2015
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
8. Towards the year 2030

Evening Prayer (cont.)

Hymn (tune: *Leoni*)

**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

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.

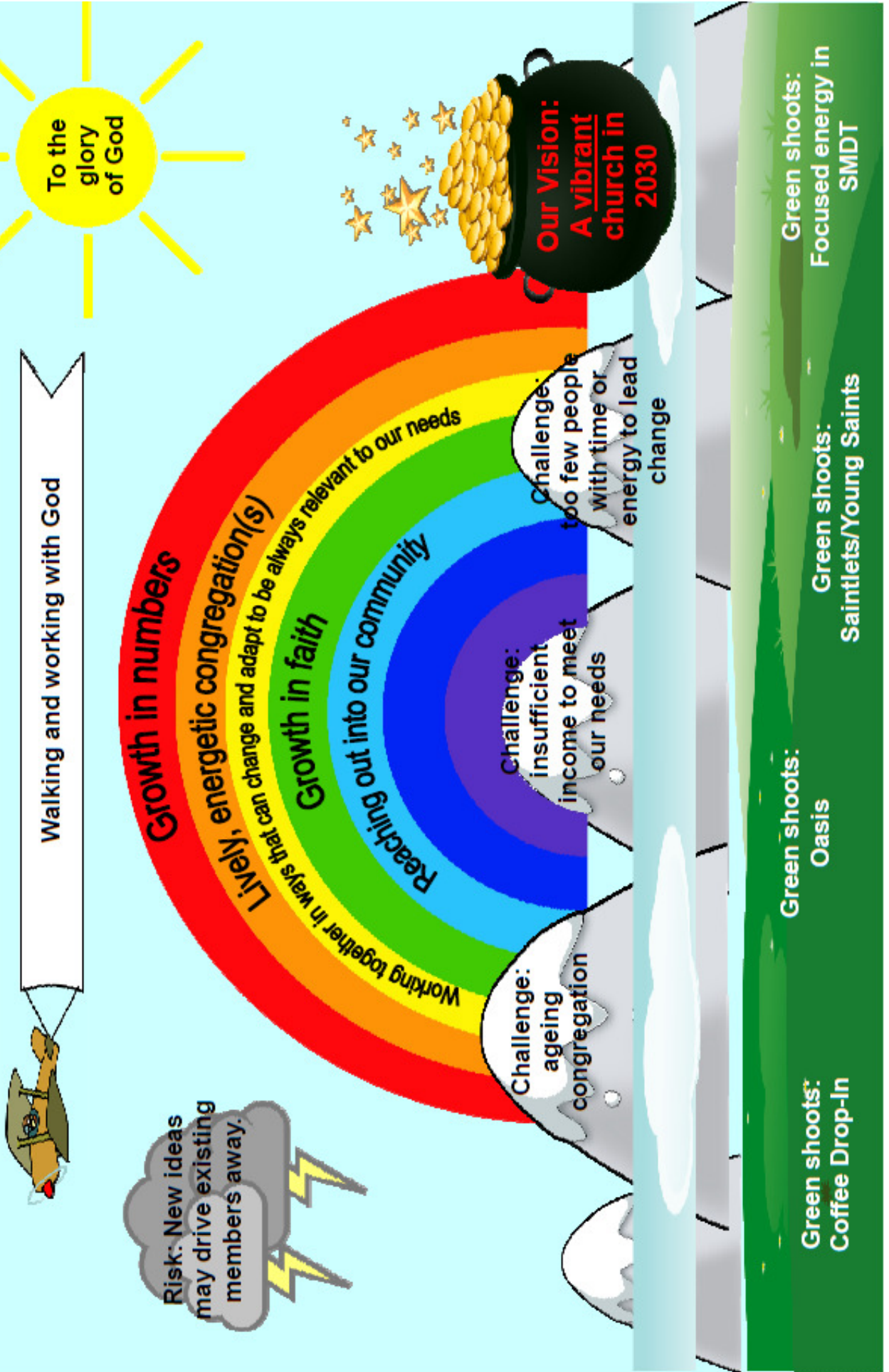
Let us offer one another a sign of peace,
God's seal on our prayers.

Agenda for the first Parochial Church Council Meeting 2016/2017

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

ALL SAINTS CLEADON PLAN-ON-A-PAGE: 2030 STRATEGY



Minutes of Vestry Meeting 2015

The Vestry Meeting was held in the Parish Hall on Sunday 26th April 2015 and attended by 31 people. The Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert chaired the meeting.

1. The minutes of the vestry meeting for 2014

The minutes were approved.

2. The Churchwardens' report

The Churchwarden's report 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. Mandy Forster and Mr. Keith Higgin. **There being no other person seeking election, the above were duly appointed for one year as Churchwardens.**

Churchwardens' Report

In February 2015 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 concluded the Vestry Meeting for 2015.

Minutes of APCM 2015

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held in the Parish Hall on Sunday 26th April 2015 and was attended by 31 people. The Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert chaired the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from 20 people.

2. Minutes of the APCM for 2014

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

3. Reports of the PCC

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

3.1. Electoral Roll

There are 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's detailed reports are shown on Pages 15-18 of the report.

Vernon paused at this point to give thanks to Gordon Coxon for his sterling work as Treasurer over many years, and especially this past year as he did wish to retire but continued in the role to ensure this year's report was concluded.

In addition, Vernon extended his thanks to Helen Belsham who has now taken over as Treasurer.

3.5. Deanery Synod

Vernon paused to reflect and give thanks to God for the service Bill Grant gave to us and to the Deanery before his sad and untimely death.

3.5.1. One nomination was received for the vacancy and Cathy Barnes was duly elected to Deanery Synod until 2017.

4. Organisation Reports for the year 2014

Listed on pages 21 to 34 of the Annual Report.

4.1 Vernon explained that Safeguarding is an important aspect of life in All Saints and that the PCC will need to look at our policy again.

4.2 Cleadon Church of England Academy – Vernon again wanted to pause and reflect on the sad death of Jane Beckett, who was an outstanding Principal.

5. Changes to Elections to the PCC

No further proposals made following defeat at APCM 2014 and therefore not raised at this meeting.

6. Elections

6.1. PCC

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

Anne Hudson
June Roberts
Bryan Saunders
Louise Powell

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

8. Vicars Report

Vernon stated that this meeting gave him the opportunity to look back and thank people, but unfortunately someone always gets overlooked, especially those working in the background, for example those who provide coffee on Sunday mornings or those who deal with the church

contributions. However, it is not about a group of individuals – it is a community. We share bread that is broken from a bigger piece, to show that we are part of something bigger. We must recognise that we are not the only Christian community, as here we share and work alongside the Methodists.

He explained that Bishop Paul has identified who and what we are in this area, that is, The Church of England between the Tyne and the Tees, from the Dales to the Sea; blessing our communities, in the name of Jesus, for the transformation of us all. It is this statement – blessing our communities for the transformation of us all – that Vernon explained we need to think carefully about within our own local community. He asked us to think about the life of Jesus, who worked with the margins of society, as it is often where God is most at work. Vernon challenged everyone to think about in which ways do we make it a better place to live?

Vernon then reiterated the great commandment – ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind’. He stated that “to love, is to be active”. And he then repeated the great commission – ‘Go and make disciples of all nations...’. He explained that we should be going into the world to make disciples of others, and asked whether we are prepared to be transformed by walking and working with God, not as individuals but as a community working towards the same aims. We are not set apart from the community, rather, we are part of it and should be engaging with it.

Vernon explained that he would like us all to reflect on these things in the coming year as we seek to transform – he knows what he wants to see, but we need to take it forward together as a community.

There being no further relevant business, the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for reporting 2014 concluded.

Report of the PCC

for the year ended 31 December 2015

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 136 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll for the 2016 APCM, 35 whom are

not resident within the parish. The average Sunday attendance, counted during October 2015, was 72 adults and 8 children. Attendance at Easter numbered 110; Easter Communicants were 88; attendance at Christmas was 268 and Christmas communicants numbered 44.

Val Wallbank

Proceedings of the PCC

During 2015 the PCC continued to provide oversight and leadership to the life of All Saints'. Regular updates were provided by the Churchwardens, Finance and Property, Locality, Deanery and Synod, and Cleadon Church of England Academy.

In February, Vernon gave the PCC feedback on the major coming-together of the clergy called by Bishop Paul to discuss Vision and Strategy. Out of this, Vernon emphasised that Discipleship is going to be much more important in future.

In June, the PCC was tasked with helping to complete the Parish Level Summary page (which would link in to the Deanery Development Plan) by identifying what is important in the life of the Parish now, concerning the areas of Ministry & Church Community; Mission; Buildings; Finance; Cross Parish/Deanery/Ecumenical, and to define our next steps in the Medium Term (1-5 years) and Long Term, and how these responses will reflect the Diocesan priorities of Growth, Poverty, Children & Young People. The Deanery will repeat the exercise each year and expect us to report on the progress made.

In September, the PCC agreed to continue to support the local charity Hospitality and Hope during the weeks leading up to Harvest. In addition, and in response to the growing migrant crisis, the PCC voted in favour of supporting the charity Tearfund who launched a new Emergency Fund to bring desperately needed help and support in the Middle East itself.

In August, the PCC welcomed Emma Peak to its meeting. She is the Legacy and Regional Coordinator for Christian Aid North East, and spoke about stewardship and legacy giving – a

particularly uneasy topic to discuss openly. However, Emma was informative and encouraging, so much so, that the PCC invited her to speak to the 10am congregation one Sunday in October as part of our preparation for our Harvest renewal giving.

During this year we have made a transition from one long-standing Treasurer – Gordon Coxon – to a new one – Helen Belsham. The PCC extend its grateful thanks to Gordon for his sterling work over the years, and welcome Helen into her new and important role. It has been especially hard for Helen, and for the PCC as a whole this year, wrestling with our concerns over the level of our expenditure against income, recognising that income is falling in line with our falling attendance. Managing a very tight budget and attempting to improve our financial situation will be a key feature of the PCC meetings in 2016.

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

Mandy Forster (PCC Secretary)

PCC Membership

Vernon Cuthbert*	Priest-in-charge
Keith Higgin*	Churchwarden, Deanery Synod to 2017, Diocesan Synod to 2018
Anne Hudson*	Churchwarden until 21 May 2015
Mandy Forster*	Churchwarden from 21 May 2015
Bill Grant*	Deanery Synod to 28 Feb 2015, Diocesan Synod to 28 Feb 2015
Robina Lawson*	Deanery Synod to 2017
Cathy Barnes*	Deanery Synod from 26 April 2015 to 2017
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 until APCM 2017

Nigel Thomas
Rob Lawson
Ian Sinkamba
Ernie Belsham

elected from 26 April 2015 until APCM 2018

Anne Hudson
June Roberts
Bryan Saunders
Louise Powell

co-opted from 26 April 2015

Helen Belsham (PCC Treasurer)

Election of Sidespeople

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

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

Churchwardens' Report

Keith and Anne attended the Finances Resource Day on 21st March.

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

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

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

The Archdeacon's Visitation was held on 21st May in St Andrew's, Roker when Keith and Mandy were sworn in as Churchwardens, with welcome support from parishioners.

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

All Saints hosted the Deanery Synod on 6th October.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Keith Higgin and Mandy Forster

Deanery Synod Report

There have been 3 deanery Synod meetings this year. The 1st was in February when there were 2 main speakers. Val Barron spoke on Communities Together Durham, highlighting the poverty in many of our parishes and what we could do to help. Then Beth Miller, Child Protection Adviser, gave an interesting talk on the history and development of her post.

The 2nd was in May when Dr Gilley highlighted some of the important issues in her talk to Synod. These included, Safe Guarding;

Guidelines for Clergy, Persecution of Christians, Reform of the Church of England and Finances of the Church of England.

At the 3rd meeting Vernon & Canon Raymond Dick informed us of the Open Book scheme, where clergy & parishioners go in to local schools to read stories from the Bible and do a short scripted follow up. The impact of the Christian input into the schools concerned has become clear. This was followed by the Deanery Plan 2020.

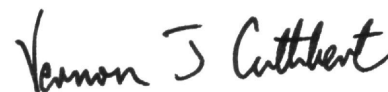
Robina Lawson

Treasurer's Report and Accounts

These appear on pages 13-18 following.

Helen Belsham

This annual report was adopted by the PCC on 13th April 2016 and signed on their behalf by the Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert, PCC Chairman.



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 no major movement of funds in 2015.

Helen Belsham (PCC Treasurer)

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately three months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance of £5,465.16p on unrestricted funds, which includes the Friends at the year-end, is below this target. The General reserves are ££2,683.04 and is below target. This was due to the unexpected additional refurbishment of the Church Central Heating system in 2014. The PCC took action to reduce its Parish Share offer for 2016 to help rebuild its reserves.

Investment Policy

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT for Year Ending 31st December 2015

1 GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	CODE	2015 Unrestricted	2015 Restricted	2015 Total	2014 Unrestricted	2014 Restricted	2014 Total
<u>Voluntary receipts</u>							
Covenanted Planned Giving	1	33,933.96		33,933.96	36,112.10		36,112.10
Income Tax recovered	2	9,988.07		9,988.07	11,050.21		11,050.21
Uncovenanted planned giving	3	3,793.50		3,793.50	3,205.81		3,205.81
Collections (loose)	4	2,317.98		2,317.98	2,672.82		2,672.82
Sundry Donations	6	1,390.50		1,390.50	0.00		0.00
Donations/Appeals (Restricted)	8		4,388.85	4,388.85		3,103.50	3,103.50
Grants					0.00		0.00
Legacies	9				500.00		500.00
		<u>51,424.01</u>		<u>55,812.86</u>	<u>53,540.94</u>	<u>3,103.50</u>	<u>56,644.44</u>
<u>Activities for generating funds</u>							
Church Coffee Mornings and Socials	10 +11	4,169.28		4,169.28	3,807.01	0.00	3,807.01
Christmas Bazaar		2,047.70		2,047.70	1,752.15		1,752.15
Magazine sales	14	3,034.90		3,034.90	2,582.55		2,582.55
Church Hall lettings	15	16,480.92		16,480.92	14,951.00		14,951.00
		<u>25,732.80</u>		<u>25,732.80</u>	<u>23,092.71</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>23,092.71</u>
<u>Receipts from Church activities</u>							
Fees (Weddings and Funerals)	16	2,581.00	3,406.00	5,987.00	3,056.80	3,002.00	6,058.80
		<u>2,581.00</u>	<u>3,406.00</u>	<u>5,987.00</u>	<u>3,056.80</u>	<u>3,002.00</u>	<u>6,058.80</u>
<u>Receipts from investments</u>							
Dividends & Fixed Interest(Securities) (See Note 1, 2 & 3)	13	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
		<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<u>Other incoming resources</u>							
Fund Raising (No Risk to PCC funds)	17	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special /Others		0.00		0.00	2,100.45		2,100.45
Insurance Claims	18		1,073.00	1,073.00	0.00		0.00
Cheques not presented		83.77		83.77	0.00		0.00
		<u>83.77</u>	<u>1,073.00</u>	<u>1,156.77</u>	<u>2,100.45</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,100.45</u>
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>		<u>79821.58</u>	<u>8,867.85</u>	<u>88,689.43</u>	<u>81,790.90</u>	<u>6,105.50</u>	<u>87,896.40</u>

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1 GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

<u>PAYMENTS</u>	CODE	2015 Unrestricted	2015 Restricted	2015 Total	2014 Unrestricted	2014 Restricted	2014 Total
<u>Charitable activities</u>							
Overseas Mission	30	1,057.05		1,057.50	275.00	1,060.44	1,335.44
Relief Agencies	31		245.08	245.08	275.00	308.50	583.50
Home mission & organisations	32	1,080.00	1,133.00	2,213.00	825.00	1,466.81	2,291.81
Secular Charities	33	989.00	1,690.00	2,679.00	825.00	305.00	1,130.00
Parish Share (Diocese & Deanery)	34	48,960.00		48,960.00	48,130.31		48,130.31
Clergy Expenses	35	1,198.73		1,198.73	528.98	895.31	1,424.29
Assistant Staff	36	201.20		201.20	67.50		67.50
Parsonage Repairs & Water Rates	37	478.51		478.51	469.60		469.60
Church Heating, Lighting & Water	38	2,171.38		2,171.38	1,719.61		1,719.61
Church Ins, Maint & Cleaning	39 & 44	7,547.48		7,547.48	5,230.06		5,230.06
Cost of Services	40	555.17		555.17	492.50		492.50
Upkeep of Church Yard	41	63.72		63.72	280.00		280.00
Printing & Stationary	42 & 47	2,325.67		2,325.67	3,117.60		3,117.60
Support Costs (Training)	43	0.00		0.00	180.00		180.00
Hall Costs	44	9,185.34		9,185.34	9,905.77		9,905.77
Major Church & Hall Expenditure (See Note 1)		0.00		0.00	3,347.45		3,347.45
Assistant Staff	46	1,429.00	1,662.00	3,091.00	1,300.60	3,002.00	4,302.60
Administration	49	2,082.37		2,082.37	2,986.49		2,986.49
Others		99.50		99.50	64.00		64.00
Replacements claimed under insurance		247.00	1,073.00	1,320.00	0.00		0.00
School Room (Maintenance + Services)		3,784.31		3,784.31	2,970.82		2,970.82
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>83,455.43</u>	<u>5,803.08</u>	<u>89,258.51</u>	<u>82,991.29</u>	<u>7,038.06</u>	<u>90,029.35</u>
<u>Fund raising trading</u>							
Cost of fetes/bazaars etc	48	82.00		82.00	75.00		75.00
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>82.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>82.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>		<u>85,537.43</u>	<u>5,803.08</u>	<u>89,340.51</u>	<u>83,066.29</u>	<u>7,038.06</u>	<u>90,104.35</u>
(Deficit)/Excess of Receipts over Payments		(3,715.85)	3,064.77	(651.08)	(1,275.39)	(932.56)	(2,207.95)
Bank current account at 1 Jan		3,111.60	234.30	3,345.90	2,386.99	1,166.86	3,553.85
Sale of Stock							
Net transfer to/from other Church Accounts.		52.78	(52.78)		2,000.00		2,000.00
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>(551.47)</u>	<u>3,246.29</u>		<u>3,111.60</u>	<u>234.30</u>	
Bank (current account) at 31 Dec				2,694.82			3,345.90

Note 1:- 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

	2015	2015	2014	2014
<u>2.1 Flower Fund</u>				
<i>Receipts</i>				
b/f	181.52		181.52	
Other receipts (Weddings and Donations)	5.00		0.00	
<i>Payments (Flowers for Weddings etc.)</i>				
Transfer from General account	5.00		0.00	
Balance at 31 Dec	0.00		0.00	
		<u>181.52</u>		<u>181.52</u>
<u>2.2 Vicars Expenses</u>				
<i>Receipts</i>				
b/f	0.00		895.31	
<i>Payments</i>				
Expenses paid to Incumbent	0.00		1,424.29	
Balance at 31 Dec		<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
<u>2.3 Fees</u>				
<i>Receipts</i>				
	3,406.00		3,002.00	
<i>Payments</i>				
	1,662.00		3,002.00	
Balance at 31 Dec - amounts due to be paid out see creditors		<u>1,744.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
<u>2.4 Charity Collections</u>				
<i>Receipts</i>				
	4,388.85		3,103.50	
<i>Payments</i>				
	3,068.08		3,103.50	
Balance at 31 Dec - amounts due to be paid out see creditors		<u>1,320.77</u>		<u>0.00</u>

3 General DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

	2015	2015	2014	2014
<i>Receipts</i>				
B/F	3,217.02		5,190.83	
Transfers from other Accounts	0.00		0.00	
Interest	17.49		26.19	
Total Receipts		<u>3,234.51</u>		<u>5,217.02</u>
<i>Payments</i>				
Nett Transfer to Church General Account	000.00		2,000.00	
Balance at 31 Dec		<u>3,234.51</u>		<u>3,217.02</u>

4 FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS ACCOUNT

	2015	2015	2014	2014
<i>Receipts</i>				
B/F	3,309.17		2,450.59	
Membership				
i) From General Account	170.00		170.00	
ii) Friends Account (Standing Orders)	398.00		358.00	
iii) Friends Account Cash Subs	350.00		335.00	
Receipts from sale Plants & Veg.	279.97		218.00	
Receipts from sale of Note-lets	0.00		56.00	
Income Tax Refund (From General Account)	127.50		235.75	
Interest	12.44		10.75	
<i>Payments</i>				
Administration Expenses (postage etc)	69.98		144.92	
Cost of Note-lets	Nil		Nil	
Magazine Contribution	370.00		380.00	
Church Noticeboard	1,020.00			
Garden seat	404.98			
Balance at 31 Dec		<u>2,782.12</u>		<u>3,309.17</u>

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6 STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

	2015	2015	2014	2014
6.1	<u>MONETARY ASSETS</u>			
	Barclay's Current Account	2,694.82	3,345.90	
	CBF Fund (formerly Mary Greenwell)	3,234.51	3,217.02	
	CBF Deposit Account (Open Doors)	0.00	0.00	
	Friends of All Saints	2,782.12	3,309.17	
	Total	<u>8,711.45</u>		<u>9,872.09</u>
6.2	<u>OTHER ASSETS</u>			
	Church Hall (COST IN 1938)	<u>2,228.00</u>		<u>2,228.00</u>
6.3	<u>DEBTORS</u>			
	Donation CAF	902.00		
	Gift Aid - Estimate	6,433.00		
		<u>7,335.00</u>		<u>None</u>
6.4	<u>LIABILITIES (Major Known above £100)</u>			
	Retention on Old Schoolroom Refurbishment (see note 2)		500.00	
	Fees to be paid re weddings and funerals	1,744.00		
	Charity collections to be paid over	1,320.77		
	Utilities – estimate	500.00		
	<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>	<u>3,564.77</u>		<u>500.00</u>

Note 2:- The retention for the Old Schoolroom refurbishment has not been claimed by the contractor and it is now considered unlikely that this will be paid and so it is no longer shown as a creditor.

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31st December 2015

Accounting Policies

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

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

Funds

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

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

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

Incoming resources

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

Resources expended

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

Assets Retained for Church Use

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

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

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

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

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2015, which are set out on pages 13 to 18, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with The Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. They consider an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

15 April 2016

Organisation Reports 2015

Children and Young People

Safeguarding Children

There has been little activity during the year related to children's safeguarding issues. In the main it has to be said this is due to the vigilance of not only those directly involved in children's activities but all who attend church. As has been said many time before 'safeguarding' is the business of everyone. Training sessions on 'foundation safeguarding' and 'child sexual exploitation' have been attended by leaders involved in our children's activities this year.

The Diocese of Durham has not made any changes to the procedures for Disclosure and Barring procedures and we have had 2 renewals this year.

I would like to take this opportunity again to thank everyone who contributes to ensuring we maintain this safe environment. I would also like to thank Janet Cuthbert and her helpers for their enthusiasm and their productions.

Jackie Gregory

Non-Uniformed Children's and Youth work

Toddlers@All Saints

We have had a good year at toddlers. Numbers fluctuate but there is a faithful core group. We have had new-borns through to age four attending with parents, grandparents or childminders. We have continued to provide a wide variety of play and creative activities which the children and grown-ups seem to appreciate. During the year we have had a number of toddler celebrations in church. The summer celebration saw us saying farewell to a number of children as they prepared to make the move to school, each child received a Bible story book. At Christmas we participated in the annual Christmas tree festival and enjoyed making buttons from paper, salt dough and copious amounts of glitter to create our tribute to the pantomime character of 'Buttons'. As in the last few years toddlers were happy to provide the resources to decorate the hall for Christmas.

Janet Cuthbert

Young Saints

We have continued to meet in the Chapter House most Sundays during the year as the 10am service starts and then join the congregation during the communion part of the service. Up until September we did our best to follow the themes/stories of the lectionary. From September we have used the Lion Story Teller Bible starting at the creation and working our way through it. The children seem to be enjoying the activities and stories. We produced a re-enactment of the nativity to share with the older congregation in December. It would be really good to have an older and younger group during the coming year.

Janet Cuthbert

Cleadon Church of England Academy

This has been a year of change for the Academy. As most of you will already know, in April our Principal, Mrs. Jane Beckett, died after a short illness. This was a very difficult time for the Academy. I had worked with Jane for more than fifteen years; we were not only colleagues, but also friends. Much has been written and spoken elsewhere about her qualities as a leader, however it is other qualities we miss in school – her calm presence, wry sense of humour and unfailing offers of support. An enduring memory is that of an entourage of more than fifty members of staff walking slowly through the village, as we made our way to All Saints' to Jane's funeral. It was an incredibly moving sight, many shop owners and workers came to pay their respects as we walked by their doorways. During this difficult period, the staff and I were overwhelmed by the level of support and kind messages we received from the Church, parents, the local community, other schools and the Diocese. We felt blessed to be surrounded by so many who cared. I would like to take this opportunity to once more thank the Reverend Vernon, Directors and members of All Saints Church for their support and prayers.

However, nothing stays the same – particularly in Education – and the Academy has continued to move forward. In July I was appointed as the new Principal for the Academy, we have also welcomed new staff – notably our new

French Assistant who is with us for nine months. Our Church School Council will continue to keep you informed of what we are getting up to in school!

Mrs. J. Gray (Principal)

Uniformed Children's and Youth work

1st Cleadon Rainbows

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

We had a sleepover in May with a Frozen theme so the girls all came dressed up as Elsa, Anna or other Disney Princesses and had a great time. We went to Build a Bear at the Metrocentre. The Rainbows chose a rainbow coloured bear and named her Rainbow Bear, they also chose a Frozen dress for her to wear. They take it in turns to take her home for the week and then share their adventures together with the rest of the Rainbows.

The Rainbows have built sandcastles on the beach, had a film night and spent an evening doing activities in the Park. We went to see Shrek at the Empire in November and Get Santa at Cineworld in December. We have also had a fundraising evening for The British Heart Foundation.

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 and add it online.

The Brownies have been to the climbing wall at Pennywell, built sandcastles on the beach,

had a film night, hunted for eggs on Cleadon Hills and spent an evening doing activities in the Park with 2nd Cleadon Brownies. We went to see Shrek at the Empire in November and Get Santa at Cineworld in December.

We had a weekend near Preston at the PGL Centre joined by East & West Boldon Brownies and 2nd Cleadon Brownies in May, a great time was had by all and the girls behaviour was excellent as always. They are looking forward to going again this May. We will also have had a pack holiday at Camphouse, Spennymoor in February. The theme is Alice in Wonderland and we have lots of fun activities planned for the girls. We also have 1 of our Brownies, along with Nicola and I, joining Southwick Brownies and Guides on a trip to Paris at Easter, which we are all excited about.

The Brownies helped the gardening team feed the birds in the Church grounds as part of the Friends to Animals badge. They designed their bedroom within a budget and gained the Number Fun badge.

Thank you for supporting us in our weekly meetings. Also my thanks go to my Assistant Guider Nicola, Young Leaders Joanna and Faye who run the meetings with me every week and Holly who is doing her Duke of Edinburgh with us.

Lisa Nesworthy (Brownie Leader)

1st Cleadon Guides

2015 has been a very busy year for Cleadon Guides. The girls have worked for various badges including:- community, fire safety, performing arts, craft, hobbies, camping and holiday badges. We have 36 girls on are register and some on the waiting list.

In the summer we joined with Hexham Guides for a camp at Dilston and in November we had a Christmas weekend at Spennymoor camp house.

For their Christmas outing this year the girls chose to go ice-skating and had an enjoyable evening at the temporary rink in Sunderland.

We only have three qualified leaders and as Lynne is only available fortnightly as she also

runs the Rangers on the alternate weeks, we could do with help if anyone is interested!

Lynne Carr (Assistant Guide Leaders)

1st Cleadon Rangers

Since the launch of the 1st Cleadon Ranger Unit in May 2014, the unit continues to find its feet and we now have 13 members meeting every other week.

Rangers sits under the Senior Section arm of Girlguiding. Our group is open to girls between 14 and 26 however our average age at present is 15.

In our meeting place we have done a variety of crafts such as quilling, card making and enjoyed model making the decorations for the Christmas tree festival. We have made collages about ourselves, made mug cakes, tried African drumming with the Guides and ordered in pizzas!

We have also got out and about snow tubing, been on village trails, went with the Guides on their annual chip shop walk over the hills, spent a night at West Hall Scout site and enjoyed an ice skating session and meal out in Sunderland before Christmas. Some of our girls also joined with another section and went to Girlguiding's Big Gig pop concert in Sheffield.

The highlight to our year however had to be our weekend trip to London in March. As well as some sightseeing, a trip on the London Eye and shopping, we visited the Harry Potter Studio.

All in all a great year which we will hopefully top during 2016. It is the Centenary Year for the Senior Section and Girlguiding will have events both locally and nationally arranged for their members.

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

30th South Shields Scout Group

It has been a very busy year for the group this year. The Beavers have moved back into the Church Hall so that we are now under the same roof for the first time in 7 years. This Christmas saw the group come together and

deliver a gift to every house in the village. The Cubs and Scouts had a great weekend at Thurston in November. 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 still going from strength to strength. 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 (Cleadon) Beavers

No individual report was received from this group.

30th South Shields (Cleadon) Cubs

It has been a very busy year for the Cubs. Due to not having enough leaders we have had to close our Monday night Pack and now only run 1 pack on a Friday. At the moment we have 34 cubs within the group. In September we had our yearly themed camp and this year it was WWII. The Cubs all arrived as evacuees with their gas mask box and 'ID' tags. Then through the weekend they experienced Air raids, food rationing and we had a visit from the WI. In June the Cubs and Beavers had a sleep over at Beamish Museum, where the Cubs had to help the local police officer to solve a murder and the Beavers had to clean a pit village cottage. We all had a Fish and Chip supper from the Chip shop as well.

Cubs have been learning about other religions and had a visit to the Al Azhar Mosque. They also visited the Salvation Army in Sunderland too. We've had visits from the police and Guide dogs and visited the recycling centre in Springwell and been behind the scenes at Tesco's. These are just some of the things that the Cubs have been up to this year with many more adventurous things planned this year for the 100th anniversary of Cubs.

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

30th South Shields (Cleadon) Scouts

No individual report was received from this group.

Fellowship Groups

Bible Study Group (weekly Wed. afternoon)

A wise man wrote "Every church should have a Bible Study. It is an opportunity to hear the voice of the Lord, to listen, learn and act upon his Word". This is the reason for our group.

This year, we found a different approach to the Parable of the Sower. We were challenged by the determination and faith of four friends, who made a hole in the roof to get their friend to Jesus.

The Bible is a gold mine but the Book of Habakkuk took some digging, as did the Book of Obadiah.

Looking up references we discussed the character of Saint Paul, before enjoying the Book of Hebrews.

We also chose, and discussed our favourite verses from the Bible.

Lastly, we are now finding out what the Lord has to say to us in the Letters of Saint Peter.

All in all, it's a life-changing experience.

Dulcia Morris

Gospel Group (weekly Mon. eve.)

The Group meets regularly on Mondays at 6.30pm. Our aim is to examine and discuss the Gospel for the following Sunday. Often the discussion is lively, but sometimes the verses are so familiar that we rely very much on unfamiliar versions of the bible to enhance our viewpoints. We also find a great deal of help from the two books of Nick Fawcett "No Ordinary Man." The group has a steady small number of members; we would be delighted to welcome any new parishioners to our ranks.

Bob Lawson.

Married Couples (monthly 3rd Mon. eve.)

The group meets on the third Monday evening of each month with exceptions for the summer holiday and Easter periods. Every member is grateful to Keith & Jean Higgin for the warm welcome with which they greet us each month

in their home. New members are always welcome to the group and it's pleasing to report that after a static period in recent years, a number of new couples have joined us.

During the last year we have had a number of speakers including our Vicar, Vernon, and Peter Talbot. Peter likes to visit remote parts of the world, preferably mountainous and icy! His talks are well illustrated by some outstanding photographs. This latest talk was on Spitzbergen. The booked speaker for September was unable to come, so at the last minute members were asked to tell the rest of the group about any notable event that had occurred whilst they were on holiday.

The Christmas party, held jointly with the Mens' Fellowship was a big success and included a quiz and a visit from Santa Claus. Our regular programme is planned for 2016 and includes a visit by Diana Laidler from JPC Newcastle.

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, all retired from full time work. Although we are an all-male organisation we occasionally hold "Open" evenings when the general church congregation are most welcome.

The AGM is held May/June when elections are held to appoint the officers and subscriptions are agreed in order 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'. Meetings are promoted via the Church weekly sheet and or the Courier inviting interested people to attend the monthly meeting.

For the year 2015 Speakers and the topics discussed were as follows:-

- January: Walter Carr presented a DVD of the 2nd World War (In colour)
- February: Walter Carr presented a DVD of Old South Shields
- March: Walter Carr presented a DVD on soldiers suffering "Shell Shock"
- April: Allan Bailey hosted a quiz in conjunction with the Married Couples group
- May/June: AGM incorporating officers and committee elections, followed by a DVD of the sit-com "One Foot in the Grave"
- September: Rev Vernon gave a talk on introducing the local schools to stories from the Bible
- October: Nigel Thomas gave a talk on a recent holiday to Transylvania
- November: Ian Hudson gave a talk on his recent cycle tour from South Shields to Seville
- December: Christmas Party held with the Married Couples group

Gordon Coxon

Mothers' Union (monthly 2nd Thu. afternoon)

Before Christmas we were sad to lose Irene Burnside. Although unable to join us for some time, over the years Irene had been a loyal and long-serving member and will always be remembered by those who knew her. We now have only 11 paid-up members having gradually reduced over the last 10 years.

The small group we are at present meets on the second Thursday of each month except August and January. We meet in the Chapter House at 2pm, and some of us also meet on the first Thursday of the month for Communion at 10am.

Our meetings begin with a short time of worship, prayers, a Bible reading and hymns. This is followed by a talk by one of many who have very kindly been able to come and speak to us. During 2015 this has included Vernon, our Priest-in-Charge, Bob Lawson, Audrey Bolam and Peter Talbot.

Every year we are invited by MU members at Kimblesworth to join them for their Friendship Day, which has always been and still is, an enjoyable day in September. A return visit by them has been a problem due to transport

problems but we hope this will change in 2016.

We support as many as possible Deanery and Diocesan events such as the Patronal Services at different churches in the Deanery and the Advent Carol Service. Each year at present Cleadon MU hosts All Saints' Patronal Services as All Saints' Church MU Group is in abeyance. It is a pleasant afternoon when MU members from other churches in Jarrow Deanery attend. The Festival Service at Durham Cathedral is a 'must' for us to attend, 2015 especially, being the MU's 125th anniversary. It was a very impressive event with the whole Diocese present.

MU meetings are times of fellowship so we welcome anyone who would care to join us.

Margaret Robson

Mission

Children's Society.

All Saints' Cleadon continues to support the work of The Children's Society and uses the Christingle Service at the beginning of Advent as one of the ways it raises funds for its work. This year £157.04 was collected in the Christingle collection candles.

During the months of July and August contributions from the home collection money boxes was counted. The total sum from 46 boxes was £941.58 which is slightly less than last year's total. Sadly some faithful contributors have died over the last year. The annual coffee morning in September was well supported and raised £200.

Letters received from The Children's Society in response to the donations made from All Saints' are always full of thanks and gratitude. The funds raised enable the Society to continue providing support through outreach work as well as providing assistance and advice to entire communities through new family centres. These are specifically designed to help families establish long term solutions to issues such as mounting debt and childcare. By working with families they are able to support more children to have a chance of a bright and happy future, something they simply could not do without help and support.

Thank you once more on behalf of The Children's Society and all the young people they are able to help. I hope that I can count on your support again in the coming year.

Anne Hudson

Christian Aid

Christian Aid is one of our charity missions which truly involves everyone who wishes to be involved. In one week each year we ask every household in the village to give to the cause via the envelope which is collected by a dedicated volunteer. This year our village collection amounted to £3620.84 with the addition of approximately £253.50 from the gift-aided envelopes.

This money, together with £245.08 given from Soup and Roll lunches during Lent and £117.50 from the Coffee Morning on August 2nd 2014, held in aid of Christian Aid, is sent through the Sunderland Collection point to be used wherever it is most needed. This may be for fishing boats and gear in South America, farming implements or seeds for poor rural communities, water purifiers and wells in Africa, or basic business needs for people who have suffered through natural or man-made disasters. It also helps to educate and train people around the world to give them the opportunity to earn for themselves. Setting people up to work for themselves both helps them and preserves their dignity. Our generosity has helped families all over the world to escape from grinding poverty and our community has helped other communities to build a brighter future for themselves.

In the week May 10th to May 15th 2015, we had 42 people from our church with 3 people from Cleadon Methodist Church to distribute and collect in the envelopes from door to door. This is time taken out from busy schedules to fulfil this collection pledge, and some people give up more time to make sure we cover all of the 2000 plus houses in the village. This is dedication for which the organisers are really grateful.

We hope that you all will join with us to pray for the communities we are helping and for the people who give their time and energy to help. We pray also to have all of our previous

collectors, and more, fit and well enough to do it again this year; and we pray that the generous spirit of Cleadon residents will shine through again when Christian Aid Collection Week, May 8th – May 14th 2016, comes round again.

Lesley and Clive Smith.

Church Mission Society.

It was a privilege to be able to welcome our CMS link mission partners Eric and Sandra Reed to our coffee morning in June. Eric told us their farm in the Philippines was on the main southern island of Mindanao. He explained that they chose to grow guava and calamansi because there is a ready market for these and they both produce year round crops and start producing within 2 years of planting. The guava production has reached 2000kg by September. Having the farm opens up relationships with people and its income funds the work they do. It is called Baraka Farm, Baraka being the name for 'Blessing' in Hebrew and Arabic.

During the year we were introduced, on disc, to mission partners in different parts of the world – Dr Ruth Hulser doing wonderful maternity work in Tanzania; Helen Burningham engaged in a Girls Educational Programme in Sudan until, because of unrest, was then moved to Uganda; Dr Corrie Verduyn working in Uganda; Peter and Sally Bartlett in Paraguay. There was concern raised, following the earthquakes in Nepal, of the safety of mission partners Jean and Paul Dobbing, Dan and Philippa Munday, as well as several Timothy (local) partners like Ram Prasad Shethra. Fortunately they were all safe and well and offering support to those who had lost everything in the earthquake. Other mission partners include Alan and Lex Hamilton working in South East Asia; Adel and Claire Shokralla and Jane and Peter Knott working in Egypt; Felipe and Sarah Yanez and Chris and Veronica Padayachec working in Spain.

Joan Walton

Outreach

Pop in for Coffee

The Coffee Pop-in is still going strong, opening each week day from 10am until 12 noon, apart from a short break over the Christmas period when the Schoolroom is in use by the local florist, Jan Watters, for storage space.

Each day seems to have its own distinctive clientele, with some people regularly popping in at a certain time while others make occasional visits. However, all enjoy the chat over whatever choice of hot beverage they make. Our new banner proclaims when we are open, but so far we have managed, sometimes with difficulty, to cover every shift. This is thanks in no small measure to those who have a dedicated time slot and to the extra helpers who have shown themselves willing to take over at short notice when necessary. I am extremely grateful to all of them.

Although the Old Schoolroom is not inundated with eager customers each day, I still feel that the service we provide offers community space to anyone needing it, and hope that we can continue to be effective in this way. Donations for coffees etc do mount up and easily cover the cost of basic needs as well as giving a monthly sum to church funds which hopefully might cover some of the heating and lighting used.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped to make this venture a success. This includes the staff both regular and occasional, and all of the customers who come for the company and often stay to help! We aim to please as many people as possible, but please tell your neighbours about us. They may like to pop in for a chat as well.

Lesley Smith

Day Club

We continue to provide coffee and biscuits followed by a home cooked two course lunch each Friday throughout the year. Although numbers are not as many at present, those members who do come along really enjoy both the food and friendship and we feel there must be other people in the area who could benefit from joining us in the Parish Hall each Friday.

We hear of a number of people who are lonely or have recently lost their partner or for other reasons can't always have a good meal, and chat. If you come into this category then the Day Club could help you. Why not give us a try. If transport is a problem we have various Church members who can come to the rescue. We are also conscious to recruit some extra helpers who would be willing to come along and help this worthwhile cause. If you feel you are able to help in any way, please contact myself, telephone number 0191 5362837. We meet at 10.30am, serve the meal at 12.30pm and usually finish by 2.15m.

June Roberts

Since writing this report June Roberts has had to stand down from leading, due to her own infirmity. Therefore, at the time of publication, the Day Club is currently meeting on the 3rd and 5th Friday of the month under the leadership of Jackie Gregory. We thank June for the immense contribution she has made to the Day Club.

Pastoral Care Group

We now have fourteen members, including Methodist representative Rita Sample and new member Anne Hudson.

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 from members of the community. In this way we hope no one is overlooked.

In March some of us visited Shepherd's Dene, which was, however, interrupted by the sad death of Bill Grant. The group has sponsored some trees in his memory.

In September, at the Get-Together, there was the opportunity to thank the Network members who continue to deliver Congratulations, Welcome and Thinking of You cards as well Christmas and Easter cards. This was well attended as was the inspiring talk by Brian Burnie from the charity "Daft as a Brush".

The group assisted at six baptisms. Ellen again delivered anniversary cards. Judging by the good attendances, there was a favourable response to the Christmas family services invitations.

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

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

Jean Higgin

Soup 'n' roll Lunches

The soup and roll lunches are as popular as ever although the average attendance is slightly down varying between 15 and 28. Catering is still a little difficult providing for such a variation and of course the big worry is that one day we run out of soup.

The new EU Food Information Requirements that came into force on 13th December last year are still very important although have taken a slightly back seat. This may be because we know most of our clientele and when anyone new attending is always asked if they have any allergies. There are still only 14 notified allergens.

We have been examining ways to improve our service and increase numbers. This year we undertook an advertising campaign informing the public. The advertising leaflet was well received and displayed in local shops, churches and caring organisations but sadly did not have the response we had hoped.

The team leaders met to discuss a questionnaire that had been placed on tables on three consecutive weeks. Each comment was discussed and it was felt it was a worthwhile exercise. Changes agreed are: provide cake forks: use small tea pots for tea: make sure the buns are warm: create a fifth soup team

and have a list of people who could help to cover sickness.

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 made £1472.70, from that we gave a cheque for £245.08 to Christian Aid.

Jackie Gregory

Worship

Choir

During 2015 the Choir members have once again shown their continued loyalty both at the Sunday morning 10am Services and the monthly Choir practices held on the last Thursday of the month. There are not many Church Choirs functioning now which is very sad but All Saints is very fortunate in having such a devoted group. Though not large in number they give a good strong lead to the congregation and quickly 'pick up' some of the lesser known Hymns we encounter from time to time. I am very grateful for their loyalty and friendship.

Last year I mentioned that we would be losing Lena and Malcolm Fortune but their departure, fortunately for us, has been delayed and they are hopeful that their 're-location' will take place early 2016. As a consequence they have now left the Choir after many years of loyal service in view of their impending move and, on a personal note it has been my privilege to enjoy their friendship for almost 16 years and on behalf of all Choir members wish them health and happiness for the future.

We also lost Peggy Carson during 2015 - she was only with us for a relatively short while but it is good to see that she can still get to Church on a Sunday morning and are thankful for the valuable contribution she made during her time with the Choir.

We were pleased to welcome Anne Hudson and Audrey Bolam in to the Choir earlier this year. It is good to have these two ladies with us and thanks to them for joining us.

Regrettably we have been unable to recruit any men but I know that is a cry from most 'Mixed' Choirs and Choral Groups these days.

**Gordon Trehwitt
(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

Leading prayers is a significant role in worship. There are members of the congregation who remain faithful in taking on this responsibility of leading the Intercessions at the 10am Sunday morning service.

To help them in their preparations there are two resources made available. Jean Higgin provides names of those for who directed prayer is requested and Edna Nichol photocopies guidance notes from a book which links to the lectionary material used elsewhere in the service. Joan Walton kindly organises the rota for the Intercessors.

Over the last year there have been no services held specifically to include prayers for healing. However, prayer for healing is available following the 10am Sunday Service.

Anne Hudson

Oasis (monthly 1st Sunday afternoon)

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

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

Oasis is facilitated by the Shared Ministry Development Team.

Vernon Cuthbert

Sunday Worship 8am

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

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

Vernon Cuthbert

Sunday Worship 10am

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

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

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

Vernon Cuthbert

Thursday Worship 10am

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

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

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

Vernon Cuthbert

Support Activities

Coffee

The ground coffee we use on Sunday mornings is still generally appreciated and is prepared well in advance of the morning service, at about 09.30 am, ready for the congregation when they come down to the Parish Hall. And 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 (2015) the sum of £742.07 (compared with £856.60 in 2014) has been raised for church funds on Sunday mornings alone. With four church coffee mornings in 2015 on Saturday, the average takings were £178.38 (c.f. £167.90 for 2014 for five) amounting to £713.50 (c.f. £839.50. 2014 for five).

This brings the total annual revenue generated by the operation for 2015 to £1455.57 compared with £1571.03 for 2014.

Over the years the number of volunteer helpers has gradually reduced and we really do need additional staff, particularly for Sunday Coffee – anyone over the age of 18 is welcome. This problem really is cause for concern and it would be nice to see some younger people on the team.

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

Enid Bage

Communications Group

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

Our regular task is producing The Cleadon Courier each month. We welcome articles from

anyone wishing to contribute, particularly the uniformed organisations and other groups that do not already feature. The collation team includes Allan Bailey, Charles Westerberg, Derek Bage and Terry & Jackie Gregory. Gordon Coxon and Brian Bage share the printing and Jackie also prints the advertisements. We continue to be grateful to all of them for their 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 anyone who might wish to advertise, please pass their name to Anne. It also helps if readers who use businesses that advertise, mention The Courier, so that they are aware their contribution is appreciated.

The Twenty Fifth 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. One of Margaret Westerberg's earlier paintings was used for the Christmas card this year.

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

Keith Higgin

Finance and Property Group

Members are Vicar, Treasurer, Carol Casey, John Byers, Walter Carr and Keith Higgin. Helen Belsham became treasurer during the year.

We monitored income and expenditure and reviewed statutory fees.

A budget was prepared which showed a potential deficit of £11,000, so our Parish Share Offer for 2016 was reduced by £7,000 to £42,000.

Charges for hiring our premises were reviewed and increased from September 2015.

Contracts for supply of gas and electricity were reviewed and suppliers changed for Church and hall, with Old School Room to follow.

Retention work on the Old School Room was finished.

The spandrel paintings in church were cleaned, financed by a donation from Cleadon Village Association. New notice boards were erected at the entrance gate, partly financed by the Friends.

The sound system in the Church and Chapter House has been reviewed and an estimate received for £2,250 to up-grade this, including a loop system in the Chapter House.

The Parish Hall break-in involved repair and decoration, paid from insurance, but costing us the excess of £250.

Repairs have been carried out to Church heating and Chapter House roof and carpets have been cleaned.

Walter Carr continues to carry out many routine maintenance jobs involving plumbing, fixing, joinery, electrics, painting, clearing gutters and drains. We are extremely grateful to Walter for this unseen work.

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

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

Keith Higgin

Friends of All Saints

The membership of the Friends at the start of 2015 was 105 adults and 13 children.

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

We continued to grow bedding plants and organic vegetables throughout the year. These were sold in the Church Hall together with homemade jams. With the generosity of our congregation we were able to bank £158 into the Friends account.

The Friends bought a 6ft. teak hardwood bench with a suitable plaque for the church garden at a cost of £400. This has been placed on the south side of the church. We also donated £620 towards the new notice boards located at the church gates.

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

Helen and Ernie Belsham

Gardening Team

Another busy year culminated in the team being awarded an "Outstanding" award by the Royal Horticultural Society in the Northumbria in Bloom 'It's Your Neighbourhood' section.

During the year trellis panels have been erected along the south wall of the garden and the Women's Institute kindly donated rose bushes to celebrate the centenary of its organisation. The Mayor and Mayoress of South Tyneside came and planted the bushes and were appreciative of the gardens. We have planted tulips and daffodils in this border and we hope that there will be a very colourful display in the spring of 2016. Our recycling bins have been re-sited near to the front gate, neatly hidden by more panelling.

Our annual soiree was again enjoyed by many visitors and despite the heavy rain we raised sufficient funds to replace our lawnmower.

As in previous years, we supported the Christmas Tree Festival with a decorated tree inside and lights on the big tree on the front lawn. And once again in December the leaves were cleared, the utensils cleaned, the shed tidied so the gardening team take off their boots until Spring.

The gardening team would like to extend their gratitude to our supporters from both the congregation and wider Village community.

John Byers

Gift Aid

HM Revenue and Customs has changed the requirements for Gift Aid Declarations and the wording will be updated from April 2016. I would therefore ask those church members who are not giving through Gift Aid to check whether they are now eligible and whether they would now consider doing so as this system enables us to reclaim a further 25% of donations without any further cost. I would also request the present Gift Aid givers to check they still eligible tax payers after the rise in personal allowances.

I can report that the number of people donating by weekly donating envelopes and by monthly standing order has decreased this year due to falling numbers. Hence the decline in income for the year, however, the response in the Giving Promise Appeal made in October resulted in a generous support by the church members and hopefully will result in an increase of income for the coming year.

I would like to give my thanks to the members for prayerfully considering their giving and their loyal support. The work of our Church and the Diocese relies on this generous giving – "All things come from you, O Lord, and of our 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 glad to help.

Carol Casey

Health and Safety

During 2015 I have carried out risk assessments in the Church, Chapter House, Church Hall, Old School Room, kitchen, office, corridors, toilets and outside areas of the church and gardens. All risks have been brought to the attention of Rev'd Vernon

Cuthbert. Any issues have been dealt with and rectified and there are no outstanding risks.

Everyone has a responsibility for Health and Safety, and anyone aware of something untoward or are not happy with should be reported and the matter will be looked into with a view to rectifying these to the best of my ability.

Helen Belsham

Parish Administrator

Where has the time gone? Another year has passed by so quickly!

The Parish Hall and Old School Room are still as popular as ever, with regular weekly classes to one-off event bookings. A few more new classes have been introduced during the year - these are Taylor made, a toddler learning class; and also a karate class. I am pleased to say both are doing well.

Once again, I would like to mention the coffee morning team, the soup and roll team, and the day club team as they all work so hard keeping these groups going. In addition, I must give a special mention to the gardening team who work in all weathers to keep the grounds looking so nice.

As usual I attended the Christmas Tree Festival. Working in the office I get to see all the hard work carried out leading up to this event. I attended the event along with my daughter and three nephews, and we had a lovely afternoon and would like to give a special mention to the Cuthbert family who provided the afternoon activities. This is the one thing my family always ask about before attending and the activities change each year - so well done for that.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who calls into the office from time to time even it is for just a few minutes to see how I am - I do appreciate it.

Shirley Newton

Shared Ministry Development Team

New members to the Shared Ministry Development Team (SMDT) were welcomed

this year after Ellen Smith, Chris Duke and Mandy Forster decided to stand down. They were replaced by Carol Casey and Bryan Saunders who have already made meaningful contributions to the team. Other members are Jenny Grant, Cathy Barnes, Rob Lawson and the Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert.

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

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

During the year, the SMDT continued to run Oasis, our café church, held on the first Sunday of every month. Our additional Good Friday and Christingle events were particularly well attended. At the end of 2015, the SMDT agreed to run Oasis for a further 12 months, believing it provides the following:

- Provides a different experience of church
- Allows time and space for relationships to grow
- Sows seeds
- Offers a time of relaxation in busy lives
- Is free from liturgy and the mysteries this contains
- Provides a warm welcome

The SMDT also hosted Starter for Ten, an evening in which congregation members were invited to ask questions about the Church, their faith or the Bible. It is hoped a similar event will be held in 2016.

Finally, the SMDT has begun work on a 15 year strategic plan for presentation to the PCC.

Rob Lawson