

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



**Annual Report 2018  
and  
Agenda for the  
Annual Vestry Meeting  
&  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
during our worship  
10.00am Sunday 3 March 2019**

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## **Agenda for the 2019 Vestry Meeting Sunday 3 March.**

1. Minutes of the Vestry Meeting 2018
2. Churchwardens Report including the Annual Report on the Terrier and Inventory
3. Election of Churchwardens

## **Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2019**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the APCM 2018
3. Reports of the PCC
  - 3.1. Electoral Roll
  - 3.2. Proceedings of the PCC
  - 3.3. PCC membership
  - 3.4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts
  - 3.5. Deanery Synod Report
4. Group Reports
5. Elections
  - 5.1. Elections to the PCC
  - 5.2. Appointment of Sidespeople
6. Appointment of the Independent Examiner
7. Vicar's Report

## **Agenda for the first Parochial Church Council Meeting 2019/2020**

In the Vestry

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

# Minutes of Vestry Meeting and APCM 2018

## 1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from 8 people

## 2. **Introduction**

The Rev'd Vernon opened the service by welcoming everyone with the opening prayers. 33 members were present.

After the Gloria, hymns were sung. Prayers were read by Ellen Smith, Helen Belsham. The Gospel was read by Jenny Grant. Norma Chapman read the intercession prayers.

## 3. **Vestry Meeting**

Vernon opened the Vestry meeting to elect Church Wardens, the churchwardens Report was accepted by the Congregation. Brian Peel and Marie Philpott were both elected as Church Wardens by the Congregation to serve another year. Brian Peel added that himself and Marie are still new to the job of Church Wardens, they were working behind the scenes, and appreciated the help they had been given.

Vernon asked if the minutes could be accepted from pages 5 to 6. These were accepted by the congregation.

## 3. **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

The minutes were also accepted by the Congregation from pages 7 onwards.

Vernon mentioned that some of the Organisations needed more people to come and help to do the activities. We need more people to do more things, as this could be a problem in the future as we have members who were not active or able to help. The mission of the Church was referred to from the Gospel of John. Vernon incorporated his Sermon with the APCM.

## 4. **Vicar's Report**

The organisation Reports were mentioned. Vernon said that we had a God who can and will change things for the better. There was an exciting year ahead for 2019 when we celebrate 150 years of worship at All Saints and service to the community. Through worship there was an exciting prospect, but things need to be improved for the church to survive.

## 5. **Elections to the PCC.**

There are 4 vacancies for 3 years There were 2 vacancies unfilled in 2017

Nigel Thomas was elected onto the PCC

## 6. **Closure of APCM**

The APCM was closed. The congregation declared their faith in God, the service and meeting closed at 11.05am.

## 7. **Election of Officers**

The first Parochial Church Council Meeting commenced at 11.10am with the Rev'd Vernon, Helen Belsham, Brian Peel, Jenny Grant, Cathy Barnes, Keith Higgin, Jean Higgin, Nigel Thomas and Lesley Smith in attendance.

Mandy Forster Resigned as Secretary having done 5 years. There were no nominations for Secretary.

- Lay Vice Chair - Cathy Barnes proposed, accepted
- Secretary - Vacant
- Treasurer - Helen Belsham proposed, accepted

Meeting closed at 11.17am

# Report of the PCC

for the year ended 31 December 2018

## 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  
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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 2019

As 2019 is the year when everyone needs to re-apply for inclusion on the new Electoral Roll by the February 4th deadline, the total is now 84, with 56 females, 28 males - 63 residents living within the parish and 21 living outside.

### Valerie Wallbank

### Attendance

There were 99 communicants on Easter Day from 121 worshippers. On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 340 people attended services of which 42 took communion. The Usual Sunday Attendance is 61 adults and 9 under the age of 16.

### Proceedings of the PCC

The PCC approved the introduction of Morning and Evening Prayer at 8:30am and 5:00pm every Saturday, following the successful "Thy Kingdom Come" event from 11th - 19th May. The members also discussed ways of attracting people into church, ahead of the "Weekend of Invitation" 15th - 17th June.

The PCC has noted changes in General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Safeguarding training. All PCC members have now read the Safeguarding policy document and are required to complete the Church of England's online training programme. Thought has also been given to the duty of care needed by people doing many different jobs involving - amongst others - lone working and working at heights.

In June the PCC discussed its role in sharing the leadership of the church and voted to join the 2019 cohort of 'Partnership for Missional Church' (PMC) from January 2019. The Shared Ministry

Development Team (SMDT) agreed to become the Steering Group for PMC, at the September PCC meeting.

In September and October the PCC discussed options regarding All Saints' pledge to the Parish Share, in light of the cost of repairs to the fleche and spire, which are detailed elsewhere. It was decided to form a group to organise fund-raising and publicity. A JustGiving page has been set up for online donations.

The purchase of Remembrance Sunday booklets was approved, in an outreach attempt to involve the congregation at the Cenotaph, and the Bazaar and Christmas services and events were as successful as ever at uniting church and community.

Looking ahead, the PCC has discussed the church's 150th anniversary celebrations and, judging by all of the APCM reports received, All Saints' continues to be a very busy church with a great deal to look forward to!

### **Gill Helps (PCC Secretary)**

#### **PCC Membership**

Vernon Cuthbert*	Priest-in-charge
Brian Peel*	Churchwarden
Marie Philpott*	Churchwarden
Keith Higgin*	Deanery Synod to 31 May 2020, Diocesan Synod to 2021
Cathy Barnes*	Deanery Synod to 31 May 2020
Jenny Grant*	Deanery Synod to 31 May 2020

#### **elected until APCM 2019**

Carol Casey  
Jean Higgin  
Helen Belsham

#### **until APCM 2020**

Ron Richardson  
Lesley Smith

#### **from 29 April 2018 until APCM 2021**

Nigel Thomas  
Beverley George  
Robina Lawson

(\* 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.

#### **Appointment of Sidespeople**

As is the local custom appointments to Sidespeople was deferred to the Churchwardens.

#### **Churchwardens' Report**

Starting 13<sup>th</sup> February, we had a six-week lent programme based around the film "I Daniel Blake." It was a thought provoking and, at times, hard hitting course, with a focus on raising awareness and taking action on poverty, which is one of the diocesan priorities. As a direct response to the issues that were raised in our discussions, Cathy contacted the leaders of the Bread of Life food bank in South Shields. We now have a weekly collection, generously supported by the congregation and much appreciated by those people using the foodbank. Thanks to Rev Vernon who led the programme.

Marie Philpott and Brian Peel were re-elected to the post of Churchwardens at the APCM on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April and were sworn in at Visitation Event on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Churchwardens have met with Vernon on a regular basis throughout the year, and have also attended the PCC and Finance and Property Group meetings.

Leading up to Pentecost, the "Kingdom Come" event of daily prayers took place (between 10<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May) and this has led to the introduction of Morning and Evening Prayer Services every Saturday at 8.30 and 5.00.

Following an initial event on 16<sup>th</sup> May, All Saints PCC has agreed to embark on a

three year programme "Partnership for Mission Church," which will start in March 2019. The purpose of the programme is to take our church on a spiritual journey, to find out how God is working in our wider local community, and help us to see how we can contribute to this work. Thirteen other parishes in Durham Diocese are also taking part.

The pupils from Years 3 and 4 from Cleadon Church of England Academy were welcomed to Church for "Experience Pentecost" in May and again in October for "Experience Harvest".

The repair and maintenance of the Church and other buildings has been challenging over 2018, particularly in relation to the ongoing issue of much needed repairs to the Church Spire. The extent of the work required and the consequent increase in costs only became apparent in September. Fundraising is progressing and grant applications have been submitted. The five yearly electrical inspection report, an asbestos survey, emergency works to the old school room and the required tree works were all carried out. Further works are to be carried out to the old school room, partly connected to an insurance claim. The planting of a new tree in March 2019 will take place as part of a range of events around the 150 year anniversary of the dedication of All Saints Church on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

Rev'd Vernon was on sabbatical from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December. Over that period we were supported in worship by a range of visiting clergy who provided an inspiring and varied range of sermons and services, which was appreciated by the congregation. The Remembrance Sunday marking the centenary of the Armistice in 1918 was particularly well attended, as were the Family Carol Services. Thanks to Jenny and Cathy who provided a lot of lay ministry support over this period. Thanks also to Terry, who stayed on as verger

until Christmas to help us out. Terry officially stood down as Verger after many years of service on 23<sup>rd</sup> December. We are now carrying a vacancy in this post.

The usual annual inspections have been carried out including updating the terrier.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone for their support during 2018, especially over the period of Vernon's sabbatical. Your help and encouragement is always greatly appreciated.

**Brian Peel and Marie Philpott**

### **Deanery Synod Report**

The Deanery Synod met five times during 2018, in February (St Stephen's, The Lawe), May (St Michael and All Angels, South Westoe), June (All Saints, Cleadon Village), September (Christ Church, Jarrow Grange) and November (St Jude, Rekendyke).

During the year we have tried to bear in mind the three diocesan priorities of Poverty, Growth and Children and Young people.

### **Deanery Plan**

It is proposed that the 10.5 allocated stipends be split:

3.5 Jarrow and Hebburn

5 South Shields

2 Whitburn, Cleadon, the Boldons

Each area is discussing how best to manage this. The plan needs to be finalised by 2020.

### **Resource Churches**

Funds have been made available by the Church Commissioners to enable the resourcing of churches to promote growth and the Rev'd David Tomlinson gave a presentation on this at an extra meeting in June. The aim is to normalise growth across the diocese and support leaders in achieving that growth, to create a culture of proactive change, develop new worshipping communities and grow vocations of all types. A resource church will have financing for extra people and will be expected to plant a worshipping

community elsewhere, becoming self-financing over a period of years.

This topic was discussed extensively as Jarrow Deanery has been chosen as an area for one of these resource churches. Expressions of interest were received from several parishes and bids have been submitted from Hebburn St John and Harton St Peter for the bishop's consideration.

In November we heard a presentation on modern day slavery and a brief introduction to the Diocesan Conference which will take place over a weekend in October 2019. All priests are expected to attend and have been given special dispensation to have no communion service in their parishes on the Sunday concerned.

No replacements have yet been found for the Synods officers and so the existing officers have kindly agreed to remain in situ. Two parishes in the deanery (St Hilda, South Shields and St Michael and All Angels, Westoe) remain in vacancy.

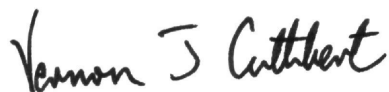
**Jenny Grant, Cathy Barnes, Keith Higgin**

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

These appear on pages 9-13 following.

**Helen Belsham**

This annual report was adopted by the PCC on 20th February 2019 and signed on their behalf by the Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert, PCC Chairman.





## **Financial Review**

In accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and in particular the 5th Edition PCC Accountability, the Annual Accounts can be presented adopting the Receipts and Payments basis.

Voluntary receipts for Unrestricted funds were at a slightly lower level than in 2017 even though Gif Aid recovered included an additional claim of £4,777 for the six months to 30th September. Unrestricted income from other church activities was also £2,000 lower. Thus, total unrestricted income was reduced by £4,621 at £86,629.

Unrestricted expenditure was £1,500 higher, mostly relating to increased expenditure on Parish Hall running costs and Church and Old School Room repairs. This was partly offset by not making any voluntary charitable donations and £1,960 is still owed in Parish Share.

The overall result was a deficit of £6,534 on Unrestricted funds.

Repairs to the Church related to replacement of some guttering and a more detailed examination of the fleche/spire. The spire was found to be in need of much more extensive repair but it has been made safe by use of the scaffolding. An estimated cost for the repairs is £60,000 including VAT and fund-raising efforts have begun, so that £7,000 is held in the Restricted fund towards this amount. Grants are being sought and personal approaches are to be made to individuals and businesses.

Repairs to the Old School Room ceiling cost almost £4,000, some of which was paid for by the Friends.

**Helen Belsham (PCC Treasurer)**

## **Reserves Policy**

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on Unrestricted funds equivalent to 3 months

unrestricted payments, to cover cash flow and emergency situations that may arise. The balance of £7,180.95 on Unrestricted funds at the year end, which includes the Friends accounts, is below this requirement. The separate fund balances are set out within the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

## **Investment Policy**

It is our policy to invest fund balances with the Central Board of Finance Church of England Deposit account.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT for Year Ending 31st December 2018

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

		2018	2018	2018	2017	2017	2017
	Not						
<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>	e	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<b><u>Voluntary receipts</u></b>							
Covenanted Planned Giving		34,439.26		34,439.26	34,931.10		34,931.10
Uncovenanted planned giving		2,213.30		2,213.30	3,064.40		3,064.40
Collections at Baptisms and Funerals		111.20		111.20	2,623.67		2,623.67
Voluntary Receipts and Donations	1	2,255.93	8,063.98	10,319.61	2,976.61	809.13	3,785.74
Gift Aid recovered		15,374.38		15,374.38	10,214.72		10,214.72
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>54,394.07</u>	<u>8,063.98</u>	<u>54,619.63</u>	<u>53,810.50</u>	<u>809.13</u>	<u>54,619.63</u>
<b><u>Activities for generating funds</u></b>		31,002.46		31,002.46	32,207.60	709.00	32,916.60
<b><u>Other Receipts</u></b>		1,232.53		1,232.53	3,472.00		3,472.00
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>		<u>86,629.06</u>	<u>8,063.98</u>	<u>94,693.04</u>	<u>89,490.10</u>	<u>1,518.13</u>	<u>91,008.23</u>
<b><u>PAYMENTS</u></b>							
<b><u>Church activities</u></b>							
Mission Giving and Donations							
- Durham Family Welfare		220.00		220.00			
- Children's Society			910.07	910.07			
- Church Mission Society			132.00	132.00			
- Christian Aid		241.00		241.00			
Total Giving and Donations		<u>441.00</u>	<u>1,042.07</u>	<u>1,503.07</u>	<u>1,960.05</u>	<u>2,2656.35</u>	<u>4,617.40</u>
Parish Share (Diocese & Deanery)		46,556.00		46,556.00	46,200.00		46,200.00
Clergy and Staff Costs	4	3,773.16		3,773.16	3,474.96		3,474.76
Church running expenses	5	10,498.22	57.47	10,555.69	10,188.88	15.00	10,203.88
Hall Costs		14,459.20		14,459.20	11,002.60		11,002.60
School Room running costs		2,473.69		2,473.69	2,853.54		2,853.54
Major Church, Hall & Old Schoolroom repairs		10,561.20		10,561.20	8,416.00		8,416.00
Fees to Diocese		1,040.00		1,040.00	455.18		455.18
Costs of generating funds		3,340.91		3,340.91	4,384.20		4,384.20
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>		<u>93,163.38</u>	<u>1,099.54</u>	<u>94,262.92</u>	<u>80,519.21</u>	<u>14,240.35</u>	<u>91,607.56</u>
Excess/(Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		(6,534.32)	6,964.44	430.12			(599.33)
Bank current account at 1 Jan		8,456.62	136.47	8,593.09			9,192.42
Net transfer to/from other Church Accounts.							
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>1,922.30</u>	<u>7,100.91</u>				
Bank (current account) at 31 Dec				9,023.21			8,593.09

**NOTES****All other giving/voluntary****1 receipts**

	2018 Unrestricted	2018 Restricted	2018 Total	2017 Unrestricted	2017 Restricted	2017 Total
Donations - Spire Appeal		7,021.91	7,021.91			
Donations - Charities		1,042.07	1,042.07		809.13	809.13
Donations - General	1,755.93		1,755.93	1,976.61		1,976.61
Legacy	500.00		500.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
	<u>2,255.93</u>	<u>8,063.98</u>	<u>10,319.91</u>	<u>2,976.61</u>	<u>809.13</u>	<u>3,785.74</u>

**2 Church Activities**

Fees for Weddings and Funerals

Parish Magazine

Church Hall lettings

Social events/Soup and Coffee

Christmas Fayre

Friends subscription

	3,871.00		3,871.00	4,840.00		4,840.00
	2,690.86		2,690.86	2,826.85		2,826.85
	15,954.25		15,954.25	17,998.31		17,998.31
	5,443.25		5,443.25	4,669.97	709.00	5,378.97
	2,898.10		2,898.10	1,872.47		1,872.47
	145.00		145.00			
	<u>31,002.46</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>31,002.46</u>	<u>32,207.60</u>	<u>709.00</u>	<u>32,916.60</u>

**3 Other Receipts**

South Tyneside MBC - refund

British Gas - compensation

Insurance Claim

	1,227.19		1,227.19			
	5.34		5.34			
				3,472.00		3,472.00
	<u>1,232.53</u>		<u>1,232.53</u>	<u>3,472.00</u>		<u>3,472.00</u>

**4 Clergy and Staffing Costs**

Clergy Expenses and Water Rates

Clergy staffing expenses

Organist, verger and bellringer

	1,659.16		1,659.16	1,815.80		1,815.80
	196.00		196.00	182.96		182.96
	1,918.00		1,918.00	1,476.00		1,476.00
	<u>3,773.16</u>		<u>3,773.16</u>	<u>3,474.96</u>		<u>3,474.96</u>

**5 Church Running Expenses**

Church Heating, Lighting &amp; Water

Church Ins, Maint &amp; Cleaning

Cost of Services

Upkeep of Church Yard

	2,303.24		2,303.24	1,606.05		1,606.05
	6,917.40		6,917.40	7,639.95		7,639.95
	455.58	57.47	513.05	643.02		643.02
	822.00		822.00	299.86	15.00	314.86
	<u>10,498.22</u>	<u>57.47</u>	<u>10,555.69</u>	<u>10,188.88</u>	<u>15.00</u>	<u>10,203.88</u>

## General Fund Deposit Account

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2018	TOTAL 2017
Balance 1 Jan 2018	3285.85		3285.85	3247
Interest earned	16.19		16.19	12
Balance 31 December 2018	<u>3302.04</u>		<u>3302.04</u>	<u>3259</u>

## Friends of All Saints' Church Cleadon

Balances 1 Jan 2018		4,651.16		4654
Subscriptions		488.00		564
Sales of Jams, vegetables and flowers		217.50		495
Interest on Deposit account		11.51		9
		<u>5,368.17</u>		<u>5722</u>
Less Expenses:				
Postages	76.56			67
Magazines	345.00			370
Water Heater	538.00			634
Old School Room repair	<u>2,425.00</u>	<u>3,384.56</u>		<u>1071</u>
Balances 31 December 2018		<u>1,983.61</u>		<u>4651</u>

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2018

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2018	TOTAL 2017
Monetary Assets				
Bank Current account	1,922.30	7,100.91	9,023.21	8,593
CBF Deposit account	3,275.04		3,275.04	3,259
Friends Current and CBF accounts	<u>1,983.61</u>		<u>1,983.61</u>	<u>4,651</u>
	7,180.95	7,100.91	14,281.86	16,503
Other Assets				
Parish Hall - Cost in 1938	2,228.00			2,228
Debtors		Nil		1,952
Liabilities				802
Parish Share 2018	1,960.00			
Restricted Fund				
Flower Fund		79.00	79.00	136
Church Spire Fund		<u>7,021.91</u>	<u>7,021.91</u>	
		<u>7,100.91</u>	<u>7,100.91</u>	<u>136</u>

## **Notes to the financial statements**

For the year ended 31st December 2018

### **Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the PCC, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition.

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, if held, 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 paid over. 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.**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018, which are set out on pages 9 to 13.

### **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.



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20 February 2019

# Organisation Reports 2018

## Children and Young People

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

#### Toddlers@All Saints

During 2018 Toddlers @ All Saints thrived with new faces and old. Everyone that comes appears to enjoy their time playing, making and chatting. I would like to thank Sara and Julie who held the fort for the 3 months of the vicarage sabbatical and by all accounts did a great job. Thank you also to those who helped with refreshments during this time.

We ventured up to church for Mothering Sunday and summer celebrations, a simple toddler friendly service followed by craft and normal toddler time. The summer celebration saw us continuing in the vicarage garden enjoying the sunshine. We had to say goodbye to 5 of our number as they headed on to 'Big School'

**Janet Cuthbert**

#### Young Saints and Saintlets

During 2018 we have seen an increase in regular attendance of youngsters at Young Saints. This is a real encouragement and blessing. We have begun to use the roots material which follows the lectionary to help with the framework of the sessions. It is possible to be flexible with the activities but gives a good starting point. We have also started the morning by joining with the main worship activity at the beginning before heading out after the collect and returning to share in communion. This appears to be working well. A BIG THANK YOU to those who stood in to lead the sessions during the 'vicarage sabbatical'.

**Janet Cuthbert**

#### Cleadon Church of England Academy

This has been yet another busy year! Our Academy values include 'Achieving together' and 'Acting with Integrity' – supporting the communities in which we live and work and encouraging collective care and responsibility. Over the year the children have worked in many different ways to model these particular values.

Church of England schools and academies are encouraged to participate in the Archbishop of York's Young Leaders Award for Key Stage 2 children. This is a unique active citizenship programme which empowers young people to make a difference in their local community. Designed to form part of the school curriculum, the award offers an exciting opportunity for young people to engage in new learning experiences, discover the benefits of volunteering, and grow in leadership, character, and key life skills. It is a combination of classroom based learning and learning outside of the classroom, as well as community action. The Award also strongly supports the SIAMS framework for Church School Inspections, particularly in promoting distinctive Christian character and fostering positive relationships. This year, Mrs Campbell, who is our RE Lead, worked with a group of Key Stage Two children to achieve the award. Part of the work they covered included collecting for a local charity shop. Our families gave very generously and the charity was delighted with their results. The Archbishop has now extended the award scheme to include younger children, so more of the children will have the opportunity to take part.

One of the undoubted highlights of the year, was the admission of a small group of our Year 3 children to Holy Communion before confirmation. This is the first time this has happened at the Academy. The Revd. Cuthbert ran a series of classes for the children at lunchtime, then a special family service was held in church where

they received communion for the first time. Classes will again be held in the summer term, where baptised children who have expressed an interest can take part.

The Church of England's Vision for Education endorses the view of "Life in all its fullness" (John 10:10). At the Academy, we believe in providing many opportunities for our children to experience this – our Church School Council will continue to keep you informed of our many, varied activities!

May I take this opportunity thank the Reverend Vernon, those involved in governance and the members of All Saints Church for their support and prayers; I look forward to your continuing support in the future.

**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. Anyone who wants to add their daughter's 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 earlier the better.

We have had another busy year having fun. We had a night of learning new skills such as juggling, cooking etc. We designed a card and sent it to Prince Harry and Meghan Markle for their wedding and received a thank you card from the newlyweds, which was very exciting.

The Trefoil celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday and to celebrate, our Division held a fun afternoon in Roker. We had a trip to the ice cream parlour in Whitburn for an ice cream sundae, some of the girls made their Promise whilst there.

We are trying out the activities from our new programme and some of the Rainbows have already started gaining their interest badges. We are hoping to have a sleepover this year.

**Lisa Nesworthy and Sarah Devine  
(Rainbow Leaders)**

### **1st Cleadon Brownies**

Anyone who wants to add their daughter's name to the waiting list please go to [www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested) and add it online.

We have had our annual weekend at PGL, near Preston, which is always a fun filled adventurous weekend outdoors. The Brownies chose for their Christmas treat to go ice skating, so we decided to make a day of it in the holidays with a trip to the Life Centre including ice skating. We have also had a company visit the unit and teach the Brownies circus skills.

We have a new programme beginning this year which was launched last July and the girls have already achieved some of their interest badges, which they are now supposed to complete at home, while we work on other badges called Skills Builders and complete so many hours of Unit Meeting Activities to eventually achieve their Gold Award. These activities are based around six themes and these themes are the same throughout all sections of Girlguiding.

**Lisa Nesworthy (Brownie Leader)**

### **1st Cleadon Guides**

Our Guide unit turned 80 in May. To celebrate we held a games and BBQ night for the girls and parents, at West Hall Scout Campsite.

Whilst we said goodbye to Heather - Val, Lynne, Rebecca, and Charlotte our young leader, were happy to welcome a new leader, a unit helper and a young leader when another unit had to close. Since we all have various work commitments and



Lynne runs the Rangers every other week, the additional hands have provided much needed flexibility.

Our unit has grown from 15 to 21 Guides. Among the usual kinds of things (games, crafts, drama, badges, cooking etc), we had a circus skills night and a trip to the beach and ice skating.

Although we did not manage to run a holiday or camp, a few of our girls went to the Division organised Dukes House Wood outdoor centre.

One of the highlights of the year was in February. We entered a team into an engineering Robotics Challenge competition using Lego Mindstorm equipment. There was a lot of hard work both before and on the day. The girls gave presentations to engineers from the RAF as well as making their robots do various challenges which they had programmed. We were excited when our team won a trophy for the best robot design.

Girlguiding is in the process of rolling out new program resources for all sections and although we are getting to grips with the new materials, it looks very promising and helpful.

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

### **1st Cleadon Rangers**

We currently have 5 Rangers (between 14 and 16 years of age). We generally meet every other week. Lynne and Lisa continue as the leaders.

We have had a fun year but sadly we said goodbye to half our unit as they went off to university. Not before we held a little party however!

We have had craft nights, discussion nights, mocktail and food related nights (a tried and tested favourite!), joined the

Guides for circus skills and we have even tried tiling using mini mosaic tiles to make a coaster.

Four of our Rangers went to the Division organised Dukes House Wood outdoor activity centre which they enjoyed.

Rangers nationally is going through a transition period at present. The upper age range is to be dropped from 25 to 18 (inclusive), there is a new uniform on it's way and like the rest of Girlguiding we have a new program of activities and badges. In October, we took 3 of our Rangers to the Girlguiding's North East England office in York. They took part in testing and giving feedback on potential new activities for the program. It was a good way for the girls to feel involved and that members' views do matter.

**Lynne Carr (Rangers Leader)**

### **30th South Shields (Cleadon All Saints') Scout Group**

2019 sees the 30<sup>th</sup> South Shields Scout Group celebrate its 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday. As part of our birthday celebrations we will be holding a Festival themed group camp in July. On the last day we will be inviting parents, families and former leaders from the group to help us celebrate with a BBQ and family activities.

The Group is currently running a competition for the young people to design a new and more modern group logo. This will allow us to present each child a badge during our BBQ.

**All of the Scout Group reports written by Victoria Purvis-McGinn (Cub Leader)**

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

The Beavers have covered a multitude of activity badges over this year and managed to fit in lots of visits to complete these badges. Space Badge-Sunderland Astronomical Society, fire safety at South

Tyneside Fire Station and Skiing at Silksworth.

They have been to Cleadon Hills for a hike where they created their own Andy Goldsworthy inspired art.

The Beavers have also been learning and focusing about Mindfulness and meditation during which they made their own mindful jar to help them whilst at home.

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

This past year has been another busy one for our Cub section. They have taken part in a wide variety of adventurous activities and camps including group camp, sixer/seconder camp, Cuboree and our final camp was Spy camp held at West Hall where they learnt what it takes to be a spy, they had a visit from some forensic detectives who taught them all about fingerprints and identifying human bones. The Cubs discussed amongst themselves and decided that this year they would support 2 local causes for their Community Impact badge, they chose Hope NE & Cleadon All Saints Spire fund. They set about organising a pie and pea supper for parents and guests with themselves providing the entertainment. They worked tirelessly over a period of weeks learning the Makaton sign language for the song "This is Me" from The Greatest Showman and put on a show to be remembered.

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

The Scouts have seen an increase in numbers as our older Cubs start moving up to Scouts and an increasingly more active and adventurous program. Scouts took part in Group Camp in June where they visited the Sunderland Marina to learn Paddle boarding. They also took part in Going for Gold camp which saw them travel around the Tyne & Wear area via Metro, Bus, Train & Ferry trying to get as many team photos with local landmark to gain points.

Aside from camps the Scouts have taken on the challenge of the Sunderland Escape rooms and also a gruelling 12-mile hike all whilst evading capture from leaders.

## Fellowship Groups

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

The group meet at 2.30pm on Wednesdays to discuss the following Sunday's three readings at the Communion Services.

After the assaults on our membership by "time's winged chariot" we are down to only five members. All seem to enjoy meeting together to study the required scriptures, with some very interesting questions raised. We would very much like to have others join us; we would extend a warm welcome to anyone wishing to join newcomers, just come along,

**Bob Lawson**

### **Friends in Faith** (monthly 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. eve.)

The group meets once a month on Mondays at 7.30pm. We exist to meet the demand for a friendly group wishing listen to interesting speakers and to discuss the topics raised, with an emphasis on a Christian point of view. Much of our talking is light hearted but some serious issues are not avoided.

Among the speakers over the last year have been Bernadette Askins on Prison Matters, Walter Carr on the Centre of Newcastle, Ian Davies on How I Became a Priest and our Vicar, Vernon, who gave a very interesting illustrated talk on his visit to New Zealand and Australia. The group also run a Coffee Morning in the Church Hall for a selected charity.

We had also had a trio of "fun" meetings – a Christmas Party (shared with The Men's Fellowship), a Quiz (so well made up by Allan Bailey) and a Domino Drive with fish and chips. The group is open to anyone interested; please contact me if you are wishing to join.

**Bob Lawson**

### **Men's Fellowship**

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

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

Meetings commence at 7.30pm with light refreshments and ends at approx. 9.00pm. We now have 10 members and were pleased to welcome one new member in 2018. As above at the May/June meeting we hold our AGM when elections are held to appoint the new officers; annual subscriptions agreed and accounts presented for acceptance. The purpose of the group is to promote fellowship and spirituality within the male congregation of All Saints.

Members and any other interested people are advised of each meeting via the Church weekly sheet and or the Courier inviting interested people to attend a meeting of our Fellowship group. For the year 2018 Speakers and the topics discussed were as follows:-

January: The Rev Vernon produced a box of games that his family took on holidays and we all took part in a game of "Uno"

February: Allan Bailey gave a power point presentation of Sunderland Remembered  
March: Walter Carr played a DVD of the Second World War

April: Allan Bailey hosted a joint quiz with the Friends In Faith.

June: AGM

September: Walter Carr again provided a DVD which gave an account of the Korean War

October: Part 2 of the Korean War DVD was shown

November: Walter Car started to show a DVD of Bobby Patterson however the TV screen failed and we listened to it which was still a very good laugh.

December: We joined with Friends In Faith for their Christmas Party

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

**Gordon Coxon (Chairman)**

### **Mothers' Union**

We are a small group of 14 members always hoping for new members to join us. We met as was regular, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month for Holy Communion and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 2pm for our monthly meeting in the Chapter House.

After a short prayer and praise service we were able to welcome some good speakers, very kindly offering to talk about a topic of their choice. These included Mrs. Eileen Bishop from Durham, Walter Carr and Bob Lawson from our own church family, the Rev'd June Talbot and Margaret Wright from Cleadon Methodist Church. We did appreciate the time they gave up to join us.

This year some of the branches in M.U. had to fold up in Jarrow Deanery, leaving Cleadon branch to be the only one operating. The members without branches remained as Deanery members. However, they were able to join us at All Saints' branch if they so wished.

Linda Ferries has joined us on a regular occasion which has been very good. I'm sure she will continue to attend. Olga Donkin was able to attend on one occasion with some friends, so we hope that will continue.

Three Deanery Meetings were arranged so we could all be together and that will continue. We look forward to a successful 2019.

**Margaret Robson**

## **Mission**

### **Children's Society**

It is sometimes hard to believe that in these modern times, in England alone 3.7million children live in poverty, 1 in 20 children have been sexually abused and 100,000 children run away from home or care every year. The Children's Society reaches out to these vulnerable children and young adults, without their intervention many would continue to face the tragic effects of these issues without anyone to listen to or support them.

I am pleased to report that in 2018, All Saint's Parish Church donated £958 in support of the work of The Children's Society. This amount represents £787 from the home collection boxes and £171 from a coffee morning held in June. There will be an additional donation from the Christingle Service held in December.

With this donation we are contributing to something truly life-changing for thousands of children.

The Senior Supporter Relations Manager from The Children's Society has asked me to extend warmest gratitude to all who have contributed towards this donation. Your kindness and generosity makes a significant difference to their work and ensures that more children have the care and support they need and deserve.

**Anne Hudson**

### **Christian Aid**

The Christian Aid House to House Collection week took place from May 13<sup>th</sup> until May 19<sup>th</sup> 2018. 43 volunteers helped to deliver and collect the envelopes throughout the village, raising a total of £3104-78, of which £802-24 was gift aided, thus attracting a further 25% from the government.

This is probably the only fund-raiser which allows every single resident of the village

to participate. The work our money does in other parts of the world is unimaginable, from helping communities in Haiti to pick up the pieces after devastating hurricanes to providing the tools for poorer communities to undertake useful and gainful employment. However, unless another couple will come forward to take on the organisation of this fundraising week, our involvement may have to come to an end. My husband, Clive, and I have been doing the job for 15 years, but now I feel I cannot continue alone. I will offer all the help and support I am capable of to anyone who feels they could take over the reins.

Cleadon is well-known in district Christian Aid circles for its care and generosity. Extra funds have been included from collections in the Methodist Community to £107 from a coffee morning and £241 from Lenten Soup and Roll lunches at All Saints, but none of these, although highly acceptable, comes near the amount raised from the House to House week.

Please consider taking on this task. It happens only once per year and takes up time in May, after which nothing until the following year. So it really isn't all that arduous. I would love to know that the charity will not be out of pocket because of me! Phone me on 5363346 or email [lesley.smith@live.com](mailto:lesley.smith@live.com)

**Lesley Smith**

## **Outreach**

### **Pop in for Coffee**

The coffee pop-in, held in the Old Schoolroom every weekday from 10am until 12 noon, has been renamed **The Community Brew** this year and still serves the community with hot and cold beverages and snacks free of charge, although very few people take advantage of that. Regular donations to Church funds of £100 per month cover at least some of the heating and lighting expenses for the Schoolroom and the advantages of having somewhere to meet, people to talk to and a place to find out information have proved useful to both church members and non-church members alike. It has even drawn non-church members into joining the congregations. A new and colourful board announces opening times, replacing the banner which had become a bit tatty over time.

A dedicated team of volunteers make sure it is open each weekday, and although on some days there are few visitors, on others it is a hive of activity. Extra volunteer help is appreciated so if you can spare a couple of hours one morning per week, or month, I would be pleased to hear from you (5363346); and if you have time to just pop in for a coffee and a chat you will be made very welcome indeed.

**Lesley Smith**

### **Pastoral Care Group**

We have ten active members including Methodist representative Kathleen Robinson who has kindly replaced Rita Sample, a valued member who resigned due to her husband's ill health.

We meet each month to discuss, pray and take action on pastoral care issues. We share our knowledge of those needing pastoral care, arrange for visits, prayers or practical help, gathering names from our care lists and from the community. Throughout the year we have visited

hospitals, care homes and individual homes. In this way we hope no one is overlooked.

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

The group assisted at five baptisms. Jean visited the families beforehand and Ellen delivered anniversary cards. We also sent 50 invitations for the Christingle and Christmas family services.

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

We have also introduced copies of "In Loving Memory" to distribute to the bereaved. These have been very much appreciated.

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

**Jean Higgin**

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

Sadly, the volunteer teams for this mission outreach facility have concluded that it has outrun its course in the present environment. It has been running for probably about 15 years and teams have been available each week to supply the demand. However, after the summer holidays, it was decided to keep going until December, but if the numbers both of volunteer helpers and of customers should continue to decrease, we should call it a

day – so unfortunately the last lunch was served on December 11<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Most of the team members have reached a certain age, although it was with reluctance that they gave in to circumstances. However, should new, younger volunteers come forward, to re-start the facility, possibly after Easter, most of the present team members would be willing to give all the support needed.

Thanks must go to all who have been involved in making soup and cakes, shopping for necessities like rolls, butter, croutons and cream, or in just being there ready to run around to serve, collect dishes, wash up and take home the tea-towels and table cloths for laundering. Thank you also to those who came as customers either on a regular basis or just occasionally. All were highly valued.

**Lesley Smith**

## **Worship**

### **Choir**

Once again it is time to provide the Annual Report for the Choir for the twelve months ended 31<sup>st</sup>. December, 1918. I am most fortunate to have an extremely loyal group of singers who meet in Church for rehearsal on the last Thursday monthly at 7pm and to ensure that new or 'strange' Hymns are prepared for the relevant Sunday morning Worship.

Our 'membership' remains at eight who provide good leadership to the congregation although in recent weeks we have been helped by David Scrafton who has been with us as his time permits and also Ann Richardsons' daughter Claire in the Soprano section. Particularly, they helped us when at the Carol Service on 16<sup>th</sup> December the Choir sang 'Were you there on that Christmas Night?' a carol which I recently found and which in song detailed the events of the first Christmas and asked the question 'Were You There?' at the end. It was well presented and the Choir enjoyed taking part in that Service. David will probably be able to join us on occasions but Claire is hoping to be with us on a regular basis and we welcome them both.

My very grateful thanks to all the Choir members for their hard work, loyalty and friendship during 2018 and now on to 2019.

**Gordon Trew hitt,  
Organist & Choirmaster**

### **Home Communion**

Home Communion is available to anyone in the parish who is baptised and unable to attend Church. Please contact Rev Vernon Cuthbert if you wish to have home Communion.

**Robina Lawson**

### **Intercessions and Prayers for Healing.**

We are all called to be faithful in prayer and leading prayers is a significant role in worship.

There are currently 15 members of the congregation who are leading our prayers of Intercessions during Sunday morning worship. Edna Nichol organises the rota and provides a useful resource linked to the lectionary material used elsewhere in the service. Jean Higgin provides the names of those whom directed prayer has been requested. These two resources are helpful when preparing for prayer and pleading on behalf of others.

There is the opportunity to speak with Vernon or the Churchwardens for those who would find it helpful to share private concerns with others in prayer.

**Anne Hudson**

### **Saturday Morning Prayer 8.30am**

### **Saturday Evening Prayer 5.00pm**

We are using seasonal booklets to say Morning and Evening prayers together. We use the common worship lectionary for our Old and New Testament readings. We meet in the Chapter House and usually are completed within 30 minutes. A few of us take turns in leading.

**Vernon Cuthbert**

### **Sunday Worship 8am**

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

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

**Vernon Cuthbert**

### **Sunday Worship 10am**

This is our main act of worship as it has Young Saints in the Chapter House running

alongside the early part of the service, and we sing.

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

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

It was a delight to licence Jenny Grant as Authorised Lay Funeral Minister on Sunday 30 September after she completed her training and the Bishop of Durham accepted the recommendation she be authorised. Jenny will therefore share in the Funeral Ministry.

**Vernon Cuthbert**

### **Thursday Worship 10am**

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

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

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

**Vernon Cuthbert**

## **Support Activities**

### **Coffee**

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

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

Over the past year (2018) the sum of £844.22 (compared with £790.90 in 2017) has been raised for church funds on Sunday mornings. With five church coffee mornings in 2018 on Saturday, the average takings were £ 144.80 (c.f. £187.76 for 2017 for six), amounting to £724.00 (cf £1126.60 for 2017)

This brings the total annual revenue generated by the operation for 2018 to £1568.22 (compared with £1638.52 for 2017).

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

In closing I would like to thank all team members, and other volunteers, who make and serve refreshments for Saturday



coffee mornings and on Sundays after 10.00 am worship. Also the Cubs/Scouts who often arrange the tables and chairs after their parade on Friday evenings, thus enabling them to be prepared before rest of the team arrive on the Saturday morning.

Finally, my 10 year tenure is now complete and I intend to resign as Team Leader although may still be available to help, on occasion, from time to time.

**Enid Bage**

### **Communications Group**

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

We continue to produce The Cleadon Courier each month. We would welcome articles from anyone wishing to contribute, particularly the uniformed organisations and other groups that do not already feature. The collation team included Allan Bailey, Derek Bage and Terry & Jackie Gregory, but sadly we lost Jackie, who also printed the advertisements each month. Gordon Coxon and Brian Bage are sharing all the printing, so it would be good to have someone else to help with this task. Additional volunteers have come forward to help with collation, namely Anne Hudson, Margaret Laws, Walter Carr. Thank you.

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

The Twenty Eighth edition of the Information Booklet was produced in the summer, including information on the

Methodist Church personnel and events. Copies are always available at the back of church.

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

Grateful thanks to the distributors. A ladies painting group that meets in the community room submitted paintings for both of these cards and we were pleased to use them.

**Keith Higgin**

### **Finance and Property Group**

Members are Chairman Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert, Churchwardens Marie Philpott and Brian Peel, Treasurer Helen Belsham, Gift Aid Secretary Carol Casey, Bryan Saunders, Walter Carr and Keith Higgin. We monitor income and expenditure and reviewed the statutory fees.

A budget was prepared which showed a break-even position with Parish Share at £48,516.

Charges for hiring our premises were reviewed and continued at the same levels.

In January, the latest Quinquennial Report was considered. The major requirements were an examination of the church fleche/spire and repair of the boundary wall. A quotation was initially obtained for almost £9,000 for new covering for the west end glazing and repairs to the guttering and spire.

An electrical inspection of all our buildings was carried out and urgent work was completed. We also obtained an asbestos report, which identified some material in the church and hall, but no need for immediate action.

A tree survey was obtained identifying some necessary work, including removal of one tree, and all this has been done.

It was noticed that the north gable end of the Old School Room needs re-rendering. In July, an uninsured van driver crashed through the barrier and damaged the wall of the Old School Room on Sunderland Road. The insurance company has agreed to pay for this repair, but detailed estimates are still awaited for this re-rendering and the gable end wall. Water ingress causing rotting to one roof truss of the Old School Room also needed attention, requiring a structural engineer's report. This has been repaired urgently, with the bulk of the cost met from the Friends account.

When the contractor was able to examine the Church spire more closely, with the benefit of scaffolding, it was found that the damage was far more severe than first thought. The Diocesan Advisory Committee has been consulted and the necessary work agreed in principle, which it is estimated will cost in the region of £60,000 including VAT. Grants are being sought to raise the necessary funds and an appeal to members of the congregation, friends and the general public is to be made early in the New Year.

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

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

**Keith Higgin**

### **Friends of All Saints**

The membership of the Friends at the start of 2018 was 93 Adults and 12 Children. We purchased 690 copies of the Cleadon Courier. This equated to £345.00. They were distributed to our members in the

village and some posted to members further afield.

We continued to grow bedding plants and organic vegetables throughout this year, and together with homemade jams, were sold in the church hall after the 10.00 am service. With the generosity of our congregation we were able to bank £407.50 into the Friends Account.

We hope to continue selling our produce throughout 2019.

The Friends organised a coach outing in September to Whalton Village Show where we all had a wonderful day out. This year the Scottish Pipe Band entertained everyone with their music of the Highlands. There was an organ recital in the village church. There were many stalls selling homemade produce, honey, crafts, Barbour clothing, there were also classic cars on display, sheep racing was fun to watch and so much more to see, not forgetting the ice cream and food stalls. We all came home tired, happy with lots of purchases.

During 2018 we purchased a new water heater for the old schoolroom kitchen. This was at a cost of £538.00. We also paid for emergency repairs to the schoolroom ceiling, this was at a cost of £2,425.00.

Again we cannot thank our friends enough for their continued generosity, help and support.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Friends please contact us at 5, Woodlands Road, Cleadon.

**Helen and Ernie Belsham**

### **Gardening Team**

The Garden Team meets every fortnight from the end of March until November. This year we have concentrated on maintenance of the gardens because the planting and preparation of previous years continues to mature.

The Team were saddened by the death of Clive, a tireless worker and an original team member. We are pleased to welcome David Scrafton to our ranks, his vigour and input is greatly appreciated.

We thank the congregation at All Saints' and the wider village community for their continued encouragement and support. We hope to welcome everyone to our Summer Tea Party which we intend having as our contribution towards the "Save our Steeple" appeal.

New members are always welcomed, no experience is needed!

**John Byers**

### **Health and Safety**

Over the course of 2018 I undertook to carry out specific risk assessments in the Church, Church Grounds, Church Hall, Kitchen, Office, Corridors, Toilets, Chapter House, Old School Room, Church Yard, Gardens and First Aid Boxes. There are no reported risks outstanding.

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

**Helen Belsham**

### **Parish Administrator**

Well here we are again another year over where does the time go.

I would like to start by wishing Terry Gregory well. Terry has been the Verger here for many years and I am sure he will be a huge miss. Please remember to pay me a visit from time to time. I would also like to wish Bryan Saunders every success in taking over part of the position as mid-week Verger for Thursdays and funerals.

I would also like to mention all the people that give up their time to volunteer here at the Church from the coffee morning team

to the gardening team and also handy man Walter who is always busy somewhere doing something. You people put so much time and effort into doing things here at All Saints.

This year has been another good year for the groups all still going strong. A couple of new groups have joined us: the Boldon U3a gardening team group; and a new French class for children, so I would like to welcome them.

My final note is a big thank you! To the people past and present who call in just to say hello it means a lot and it's always a pleasure to see you.

**Shirley Newton**

### **Shared Ministry Development Team**

The Shared Ministry Development Team (SMDT) was launched in 2013. Its purpose is to seek ways to help others develop their gifts, and also to give support to our parish priest in leading the church in mission and ministry. The team is careful to honour the past but to look to the future with enthusiasm for ministry development opportunities in the parish. There are seven members, including the vicar. We meet monthly, with time given to prayer, worship and reflection as well as discussion, and we report on our activities to the PCC. Since May it has been a pleasure to share our worship with others who join us for Morning Prayer for the first half-hour.

Much of our time in 2018 was devoted to discussion and discernment over our participation in 'Partnership for Missional Church' (PMC), a Diocese-supported 3-year programme aimed at creating new ways of thinking about 'mission', in which everyone understands and accepts that mission work is something we are all part of. The programme asks us to turn our attention to what is happening outside the four walls of our church, to find out what God is already doing, and to join in.

In June the PCC voted to join the PMC programme. Marie Philpott agreed to join the Shared Ministry Development Team as the programme lead, and the team agreed to become the PMC Steering Group, making this our single agenda item for the next three years. Sadly at this point Rob Lawson, who had been a member of the SMDT from the start, had to withdraw due to pressure of work. We were sorry to lose him, but immensely grateful for his input over the years.

In November members of the team attended the launch of the Partnership for Missional Church programme in Durham. As time goes on we will provide regular updates on progress to members of the congregations, and seek the involvement of others in various aspects of the programme.

**Lesley Smith, Bryan Saunders, Carol Casey, Jenny Grant, Vernon Cuthbert, Cathy Barnes & Marie Philpott.**