

Saint Oswald's Church

Newton under Roseberry



**Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council**

For the year ended 31st December 2013

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Full Parochial Name

The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Oswald, Newton under Roseberry

Location and Address

Church Lane, Newton under Roseberry, TS9 6QR

MEMBERSHIP

Incumbent

The Reverend Paul Peverell (Vicar of Great Ayton with Easby and Newton under Roseberry).

PCC Members

Mr Paul Carter	Churchwarden/ vice Chairman
Mrs Maureen Rider	Churchwarden
Mrs Jancie Brown	Hon Treasurer
Mrs Karolyn Willis	Hon Secretary Re-elected 15 April 2012
Mr John Rider	Re-elected 15 April 2012
Mrs Janice Barker	Re-elected 15 April 2012
Mr John Stinson	Elected 15 April 2012

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

	2013	2012
Electoral Roll	40	60
Average Sunday attendance - Adult	20	21
- Children	5	7
Easter Attendance	34	45
Christmas Attendance	60	51

(Normally no service on second or fourth Sundays each month)

AIMS AND ORGANISATION

We continued normally to celebrate Holy Communion on the first and fifth Sundays of each month with an All Ages service on the third Sunday. The All Ages service congregation continues its slow growth in numbers of both adults and children. The “special” services around Christmas, at Easter and at Harvest continue to fill the Church in most cases so that there is standing room only. We benefit from the assistance of the clergy and lay readers from Christ Church, Great Ayton, on those rare occasions when the Vicar is unable to conduct our services.

St. Oswald's Church, Newton under Roseberry

Minutes of Annual Parish Church Meeting held in church on 7th April 2013

Present; The Rev. Paul Peverell (Chairman) and 12 attendees whose names are entered on the Electoral Roll.

Apologies were received from Mr. and Mrs. J. Stinson and Mr. and Mrs. T. Willis.

Minutes of Annual Parish Church Meeting held on 15th April 2012 (as printed in Annual Report)

The minutes were taken as read. Mrs. J. Brown proposed they be accepted as a true record, this was seconded by Mrs. J. Barker and all were in agreement.

Matters Arising: none

Election of Churchwardens

Mrs. Maureen Rider and Mr. Paul Carter had expressed their willingness to continue for a further year. They had been proposed and seconded and the Chairman declared they were duly elected for a further year.

The formal swearing in of Churchwardens will take place in York Minster on 10th May. The Chairman offered a huge vote of thanks, on behalf of the congregation, to Mrs. M. Rider and Mr. P. Carter for their considerable efforts in many and varied tasks. Those present gave them a well deserved round of applause.

Electoral Roll

Mrs. M. Rider as Electoral Roll officer reported that every 6 years a completely new Roll must be compiled, to a strict time scale. The required notice was posted on Feb. 4th. Letters were sent out inviting people to have their names added.

Last year there were 62 on the Roll including names of couples who had to be on the Roll in order to be married at St. Oswald's. This is no longer the case. The new list had been displayed between March 23rd and April 7th. The number on the Roll is 40. The necessary 3 certificates will now be made out, one to be displayed in the church porch; a second to be sent to the Deanery Synod secretary; and a third to be sent to the secretary of York Diocesan Synod. The number on the Roll allows us one representative on the Deanery Synod.

The Chairman thanked Mrs. Rider for all the work involved in sorting out the Electoral Roll.

Financial Report

Mrs. Jancie Brown (Hon Treas.) reported that the accounts showed a healthy balance at the bank but this included a substantial donation to the new lighting system. The increase in number of weddings had helped the bank balance. She pointed out that there was a new arrangement for the giving of the Parish Share and new arrangements for organising Gift Aid. She warned that the Quinquennial inspection was due this year and this might highlight necessary expenses to be incurred.

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for all her work and meticulous attention to the finances. The meeting reciprocated these sentiments with a round of applause. It was with regret that the meeting learned that Jancie wished to give a year's notice of her retirement from the office of PCC Treasurer.

Mrs. M. Rider proposed the Accounts (published in the Annual Report) be accepted and Mr. J. Rider seconded this. All were in agreement. The Chairman hoped more Standing Orders would be taken out, pointing out that Church Services do not take place every week.

Appointment of Independent Auditors

It was agreed that S.V.Bye & Co. continue in this role.

The Vicar's Comments

The Vicar referred to the improvements made with the carpeting of the vestry and the spreading of more gravel on the path. The lighting improvements were to be carried out in June. Problem areas arose with the wall in the Memorial Garden being in need of urgent attention and the carpet in the Chancel being affected by damp from the wall. The infected chestnut tree had been cut down.

The Vicar expressed thanks to the Willis family of Snow Hall who had helped by cutting the grass and hedges in the Churchyard over many years. Work commitments had forced them to give this up. A new grass cutting arrangement will have to be found.

It was pleasing that attendances were gradually increasing. Weddings and Baptisms were bringing more people in. There had been an encouraging attendance of 50 at the All Age Christmas Service. The Concert and Picnic had both been popular. The Vicar expressed his appreciation and thanks to staff at Whinstone View and Cloud Nine Events for offering him free places at their Wedding Fayres. This had helped to get 8 Weddings for 2013 and 4 (to date) for 2014.

Thanks also went to Mr. John Stinson and his helper Mr. Alan Fearnley for getting the churchyard looking so attractive. Likewise the Vicar thanked all those who had helped with flowers in church and with cleaning .

Deanery Synod There is still a vacancy.

Election of Parish Church Council Members

The PCC will stay the same as all members have been elected for three years.

Sidesmen/Women

Mr. T. Willis and Mrs. Oe. Willis will continue to act in this capacity.

Any Questions

There being none the Chairman closed the meeting after thanking all those who had attended.

Mrs. Jancie Brown proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for all his work, interest and encouragement in helping to keep St. Oswald's Church viable. The meeting showed their appreciation in giving him a very well- deserved round of applause.

Hon. Secretary's Report:

In 2013 PCC meetings were held on March 4th; March 17th (a meeting especially convened to discuss the quotes received for the proposed new lighting); May 13th; May 19th (an emergency meeting to deal with issues regarding the removal of the Memorial Garden wall which was in a parlous state); September 2nd; and November 27th. The Annual Parish Church meeting was held in the church after the service on April 7th.



Mr. Eric Harrison has been responsible for the grass cutting. The general appearance and tidiness of the churchyard have been much improved by the considerable efforts of Mr John Stinson and his helpers. We all look forward to the completion of work to the Memorial garden.

Karolyn Willis

Churchwardens Report for 2013



All required inspections including the Quinquennial were carried out. Generally things are in order but the Quinquennial report itemised various matters to do with the fabric of the church which need attention. Some of these required immediate action (these are in hand), others needed to be dealt with within the 5 year period - such as reducing levels around the building to try to alleviate the problem of damp ingress and then a more major matter of the overhaul of the tower roof which should

be addressed in the future, possibly involving application for a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, so there are plenty of ongoing issues to be dealt with. The inventory is kept up to date and shows the goods and ornaments within the church are kept in order.

The question of Child Protection has been carefully addressed. It is felt that as no specific children's activities or events take place at St Oswald's and children attending church services are always with parents, there are no opportunities for problems to arise and therefore no requirement to appoint a child protection officer.

The state of the wall between the churchyard and the Garden of Remembrance had deteriorated considerably, and after inspection by the church architect who reported it was in a dangerous condition, there followed an application for an emergency licence to take down the south section of the wall immediately, and then a faculty was obtained to demolish the rest of the wall and landscape the area. The unsafe wall was demolished in 2 phases, but then work came to a halt over the winter and there still remains the removal of the old concrete buttresses and much final landscaping to be done. Particular thanks go to John Stinson for his major part both in this task and in the general maintenance of the churchyard.



As hoped, the new dimmable lighting system was installed and completed in June. As well as replacing the existing lights with new fittings, several additional lights were added especially to illuminate the altar, rood beam and font and the end result gives a pleasing soft light in sympathy with the building as well as improving lighting for reading. Many thanks to John Rider for his valued assistance in the whole project.



Before



After

As Churchwardens, our role is to keep St Oswald's in good order and we are very appreciative of the many ways in which we are supported and helped by members of the PCC and the congregation and would like to thank all those who have supported us during the year.

Maureen Rider & Paul Carter - Churchwardens

Stokesley Deanery Synod

As the Parish Share changed into Freewill Offering direct from Parishes in 2013, this has meant less time needed at meetings to talk of finance. Instead Synod has invited a variety of speakers to extend our knowledge of the Church and our involvement with society. Such topics have covered Prison Chaplaincy, Godly Play, Science and the Christian Faith, Middlesbrough Foodbank and Children and Youth Work. Some of the speakers have been inspirational.

Synod also arranged Lent Services with the Archdeacon of Cleveland as the guest preacher and we had a Deanery Service in Christ Church led by our Archbishop. Practical help was also given to Treasurers with the Real Time Information now needed for the Inland Revenue.

Following Nick Green's move from Brookfield, Synod agreed to link Brookfield, Stainton and Hilton together as a Parish. We still await it being filled.

The work of John Ford, our Rural Dean, was also recognised last February with a well deserved Canonry of York Minster. He is now Canon of Wetwang!

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

2013 was again a busy year for St Oswald's. The church lighting was renewed and it has significantly enhanced the church. There were many weddings, with the collections therefrom going to the couples' specified charities. The Harvest Festival collection raised £250 for Barnabas Fund for giving aid to those suffering from the troubles in Syria. The Carol Service raised £563 for "A Way Out", a local charity based in Stockton-on-Tees. Once again the PCC agreed to donate £125 each to The Children's Society, Church Army, Church Mission Society and US.



The Parish Share was paid in full, but from January 2014 this has been replaced by Freewill Offering arrangements, whereby the PCC decides how much can be sent to the York Diocese – on a free vote St Oswald's share has increased to £775 a month.

A local groundsman was employed to cut the grass and the churchyard has been kept adequately tidy during the year.

The Memorial Garden wall is our next project and steps have been taken to remove the dangerous sections and we are now in the process of exploring what can be done to shore up and enhance the site.

Once again we enjoyed a splendid musical evening in the church during the summer.



I am very grateful to everyone who has supported St Oswald's during the year – giving of their time to help tidy the churchyard, helping with the Spring cleaning, acting as a verger for a wedding or funeral, commencing or continuing with a banker's order on a regular basis – all of these help to ensure that things in Newton run smoothly.

Jancie Brown

Review of Progress and Achievements



Christenings Saint Oswald's had four Christenings during the year. Ironically two of them were for local families who now live in Canada. James Wray came over with mum & dad, and amazingly it turned out that Grandfather, Harry Wray, had given the Vicar his first job at British Steel.

Weddings We had 6 weddings and a blessing in 2013, welcoming back Hazel Thompson for her wedding. Hazel had been one of our bell ringers when young. We have 11 weddings booked in for 2014. The weddings have helped increase the attendances at All Age Sunday into the 40s. The increase in weddings and fees helps enormously in maintaining our Church and paying the bills, although we are faced with more parking issues.



Any ideas welcome.



Anniversary In May the Church very kindly planned a surprise cake and drinks to celebrate the Vicar's 20 years in the Parish. It was a lovely surprise and it continues to be a big privilege to be Vicar here.

Concert As a means of keeping the Church profile high, bringing people together and raising funds, the Church once again had a most successful Midsummer Concert with Classical Guitarist, Jonathan Parkin and Pieces of Eight singing group

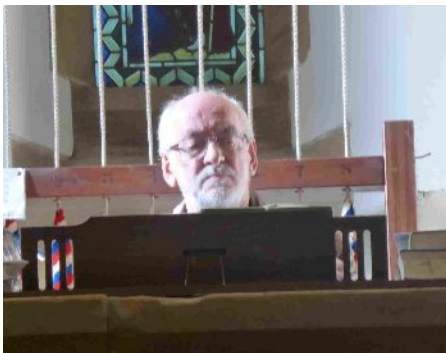




Saint Oswald's Day The annual celebration service followed by picnic in the Memorial Garden was blessed with a wonderful sunny day and a good attendance, bringing congregation and villagers together, with some wedding and baptism families.

Attendances We enjoyed good attendances at all our special services ie. Harvest and Christmas. The Easter attendances were slightly down at 34 (45) but Christmas was up 60 (51)

Average attendance is 20 adults & 5 children, with greater numbers for the All Age Service



Retirement Chris Thompson, our organist, retired in October from playing on Sundays, but is still happy to cover weddings. We are now using recorded music for Sunday services, which appears to be working well. Indeed, at several weddings we are also having requests for recorded modern music rather than organ voluntaries. A sign of the times.

May I record my sincere thanks as Vicar to all the team at St Oswald's who do so much to keep things going: to Maureen and Paul our Churchwardens; Jancie and Karolyn, our Treasurer and Secretary; Janice our Eucharistic Assistant newly licensed for a further three years; to the Johns and David for their work on the grounds, and to all who have kindly assisted them; and to Maureen's wonderful team that decorate our Church so well for Festivals.

Paul Peverell, Vicar

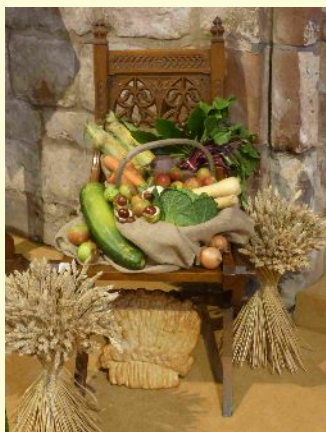
A Few More Photos of Weddings and Events



Veronica & Jon with a guard of honour



Martin & Gaynor amidst confetti



The Harvest Chair - one of many lovely arrangements



A record number of Bridesmaids & Pageboys for Donna & Neil

The cast of the Puppet Nativity at the Christmas All Age Service. Many thanks to all the volunteers who take part and read lessons & prayers at the services throughout the year.



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the PCC of St Oswald's, Newton under Roseberry

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2013 which are set out on the following 3 pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that 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 laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave 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.

S V Bye
Chartered Accountants
New Garth House
Upper Garth Gardens
Guisborough

Date 6th March 2014

Parochial Church Council of Newton under Roseberry
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
Receipts & Payments For the year ending 31st December 2013

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2013	Total 2012
Voluntary Income				
Planned giving - gift aided	4280	0	4280	4460
Income tax recovered	5692	0	5692	2486
Gift Aid envelopes	3572	0	3572	3344
Cash collections	1885	0	1885	1593
Charity collections	0	1637	1637	1967
Memorial garden project	0	400	400	0
Lighting fund	0	0	0	8290
General donations	4	0	4	2010
Total	15433	2037	17470	24150
Other voluntary receipts				
Activities for generating funds	866	0	866	1018
Receipts from Church activities	0	0	0	0
Fees	3814	0	3814	6656
Investment income	1223	0	1223	1187
VAT refund	0	0	0	270
Total	5903	0	5903	9131
TOTAL RECEIPTS	21336	2037	23373	33281
Payments				
Church Activities				
Parish Share	8367	0	8367	7783
Fees Paid	1166	0	1166	1742
Total	9533	0	9533	9525
Charitable Donations				
Home	500	0	500	500
Secular charities	0	1267	1267	1852
Total	500	1267	1767	2352

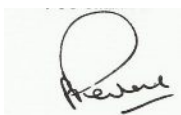
Activities related to Church	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2013	Total 2012
Incumbents expenses	0	0	0	0
Heat/Lighting	624	0	624	487
Insurance	1029	0	1029	1122
Church Maintenance	2171	0	2171	251
Church administration	769	0	769	750
Deanery	25	0	25	56
Verger	210	0	210	360
Bells	120	0	120	230
Organist fees	898	0	898	1584
Choir	0	0	0	70
Soloist	0	0	0	100
Major expenditure	0	4887	4887	1633
Concert	200	0	200	0
Total	6046	4887	10933	6643
Total Payments	16079	6154	22234	18520
Excess of receipts over Payments	5256	-4117	1139	14761
Bank current account 2 January 2013			19095	
Bank current account 2 January 2014			20234	

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES as at 31st December 2013

Cash Funds - Nat West Current A/c	15746	4489	20235	19095
Total Bank Accounts	15746	4489	20235	19095
Other Monetary Assets				
M & G Charibonds 1923.536 units	27683	0	27683	23079
TOTAL ASSETS	43429	4489	47918	42174
Liabilities				
Creditors	120	0	120	235

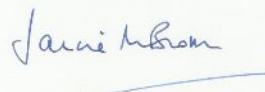
The attached notes form part of these financial statements

Approved on 3rd March 2014



Revd Paul Peverell

PCC Chairman



Jancie Brown

PCC Hon Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church accounts using the Receipts and Payments basis

BANK RECONCILIATION

Cash Balances - Nat West Current A/c 31 Dec 2013	20233.66
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Available cash reserves	£ 20233.66
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Balance brought forward 31 Dec 2012	19094.85
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Add receipts	23372.50
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Deduct payments	22233.69
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Reserves at 31 Dec 2013	20233.66
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No payments were made to clergy or PCC members other than for direct reimbursement of expenses incurred

The Parish of Newton under Roseberry

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

5th April 2014 following the 11am All Age Service

AGENDA

Meeting of Parishioners

1. Election of Churchwardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last meeting 7th April 2013
3. Matters arising
4. Electoral Roll Report
5. Presentation of Annual Report for 2013
6. Financial Report and Presentation of Audited Accounts for year end 31st December 2013.
7. The Vicar's Comments
- 8 Election of Deanery Synod Representative (*/l vacancy*)
9. Election of Parochial Church Council members
- 10 Appointment of Sidesmen and women
- 11 Appointment of Independent Examiners
- 12 Any Questions on Church matters for consideration by the PCC