

Saint Oswald's Church

Newton under Roseberry

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

For the year ended 31st December 2014

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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
Mr David Gorton	Elected 5 April 2014

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 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 Parochial Church Meeting
held in church on 6th April 2014

Present; The Rev. Paul Peverell (Chairman) and 13 attendees whose names are entered on the Electoral Roll.

Apologies were received from Mr. and Mrs. David Gorton and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Brunton.

Minutes of Annual Parish Church Meeting held on 7th April 2013 (as printed in Annual Report)

The minutes were taken as read. Mr. John Stinson proposed they be accepted as a true record, this was seconded by Mrs. Jancie Brown 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 Chairman offered a huge vote of thanks, on behalf of the congregation, to Mrs. M. Rider and Mr. P. Carter for their enthusiasm and considerable efforts in many and varied tasks. They were given a well deserved round of applause by those present.

Electoral Roll

Mrs. M. Rider as Electoral Roll officer reported that there had been one new name to add to the Roll and one to take off. The Roll, therefore, remained at 40, as last year.

Presentation of Annual Report for 2013

Booklets containing the report had been circulated previously and the Chairman thanked all the Officers of the Parish Church Council who had contributed their individual items. There were no questions from those present about the contents of the report.

Financial Report and Presentation of Audited Accounts for the year end 31st December 2013

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.

Mrs. M. Rider proposed the Accounts (published in the Annual Report) be accepted and Mrs. Janice Barker seconded this. All were in favour.

The Treasurer expressed her thanks to all those who give so generously to Church funds and donate to specific improvement projects.

Appointment of Independent Auditors

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

The Vicar's Comments

The Vicar referred to “work in progress” after the removal of the Memorial Garden wall. Landscaping along that stretch has still to be done. He thanked Mr. John Stinson and Mr. David Gorton for all their hard work in the churchyard, which included clearing ivy and tidying overgrown areas. The grounds were looking particularly attractive with the show of Spring flowers lining the path.

He thanked the donor for the new Lighting System which was proving its worth. He referred to the proposal to install a Sound System to improve audibility in the church. Other concerns to be addressed included the Tower roof, damp areas in the North wall and general pointing work.

The Vicar expressed his pride and pleasure in the generosity of the Free Will offerings to the Parish Share paid by St. Oswald's and Christ Church. He felt that this generosity was reciprocated by the improving popularity of St. Oswald's. Visitors have mentioned the friendly welcome they receive and this has helped to get 11 weddings booked for 2014 and already 9 booked for 2015. The Vicar pointed out that bookings were helped by staff at Whinstone View recommending the use of St. Oswald's for church weddings. He appreciated their help when attending Wedding Fayres. He enjoyed his part in wedding services and, of course, these events helped to finance repairs and improvements to the church.

The Vicar thanked all the members of the PCC individually, by name, for their input in their respective roles. He also referred to Mrs. J Barker's validation for three years as Eucharist Assistant.

Deanery Synod

Mrs Janice Barker expressed her willingness to act as a representative for St. Oswald's. Mrs. M Rider proposed she be appointed and this was seconded by Mr. J Rider. All were in agreement. The Vicar was pleased as it is some time since we last had a representative.

Election of Parish Church Council Members

Mr. J Rider wished to resign from the committee. He was thanked by the Chairman and those present for his practical help and advice on a variety of matters. Mrs J Brown proposed that Mr David Gorton be nominated for election on to the PCC. This was seconded by Mrs M Rider and all were in agreement.

Sidesmen/Women

Mr T Willis and Mrs Oe Willis wished to step down from these duties. The chairman thanked them for their consistent help with many church matters over the years. No new persons were elected.

Any Questions on Church matters for consideration by the PCC

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 his extra-ordinary work, in helping to keep St Oswald's Church viable and all agreed the Church was lucky to have him at the "helm". The meeting showed their appreciation in giving him a very well- deserved round of applause.

Hon. Secretary's Report for 2014



Meetings of the PCC took place on March 3rd, June 9th, September 8th, and November 17th. A Special Meeting was convened, in St. Oswald's, on March 16th to discuss the installation of a Sound System in the church.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held in church after the service on April 6th. Mr J. Rider wished to retire from the PCC and he was thanked for his practical help on a variety of matters. At the meeting in June Mr David Gorton was welcomed as a new committee member.

Projects for improvements inside and outside the church building are enhancing the experience of the congregation and visitors. The hard work by Mr. John Stinson and his helpers continues to advance the general tidiness and cared for appearance of the churchyard.

Karolyn Willis, Hon Secretary

Churchwardens Report for 2014



All required inspections were carried out during the year and small corrections made to bring everything up to satisfactory standards. The inventory has been checked and all goods and ornaments are present and in a satisfactory condition.

Although there are no specific children's activities or events at St Oswald's, and children attending church services are always with parents, we were advised that we should appoint a Child Protection Officer. Mrs Gail Jukes, the Safeguarding Officer at Christ Church, Great Ayton has agreed to also be our Safeguarding Officer should the need arise.

Having demolished the dangerous part of the wall between the churchyard and the Garden of Remembrance in late October 2013 weather conditions meant that work had to stop until the spring. It was only in April and May 2014 that work began again, to landscape the "devastation" left by the removal of the wall. Chris Pearson, of Great Ayton re-built the steps and repaired the south wall end, Robert Ward of Carlton fitted new handrails and Jonathon Church worked at the landscaping and finally all was completed in time for the St Oswald's Day picnic. Particular thanks go again to John Stinson for his major part both in this task and in the general maintenance of the churchyard. In addition, our thanks go to the Neilson family for assisting with watering the turf.

Two other projects of significant benefit were achieved during the year. In June, a Faculty was obtained to install a sound re-enforcement and induction loop system which now allows the congregation to hear both the Vicar when speaking from the Chancel, and also readers from the pulpit, much more clearly.

Then in the autumn, a Faculty was applied for and received, to put a light under the Lychgate, and although a cable still has to be run down from the porch to the now permanent plug in the Lychgate, this is a great improvement over the previous arrangement, for services on a dark evening. We are most grateful for the gift received by St Oswald's to finance this.

The Quinquennial Inspection in 2013 highlighted the task of attempting to deal with the problem of damp ingress along the north wall of the church. This commenced

with discussions with the church architect, and Messers Crighton Conservation, and then in December a Faculty application to reduce the level of the north side pathway, remove some mortar haunching from the south side and repair the boiler house railings was submitted. Hopefully this work will be progressed in 2015.

As Churchwardens, our role is to keep St Oswald's in good order and once again we have been very appreciative of the many ways in which we are 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

This year (2014/15) Synod invited two very different inspirational speakers who spoke on two widely different subjects.

A very comprehensive address was given by Heather Black regarding the Church Urban Fund. There is now a joint venture with the Diocese of York and the Church Urban Fund together with Redcar & Cleveland and Middlesbrough.

This involves working with Churches of all traditions to tackle poverty in ways including food banks, support for families during school holidays, and welcoming asylum seekers, many of who are Christian, to name but a few.

The second speaker was the Venerable David Butterfield, Archdeacon of Generous Giving and stewardship, who spoke on Giving in Grace. This covered subjects such as Gift Aid and Standing Orders and how existing donors may be encouraged to increase their giving.

Leaflets were made available on the Farming Community Network. This is a network of volunteers who offer pastoral and practical support for farmers facing problems in today's economic climate.

Janice Barker, Deanery Synod Representative.

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

St Oswald's church has been keeping us all busy and the main item to be addressed was the completion of the work in the Memorial Garden after the retaining wall was removed. The banks were turfed and new steps and handrails were installed – we all think the open aspect enhances both the Garden and the Churchyard.



A sound system was installed in the church and it is now much easier to hear everything when the vicar moves around the building.

Work was carried out to light the lychgate properly and we were fortunate to receive a generous donation to cover the costs of this.

Another very successful concert was held which contributed a substantial sum, thanks to supportive and generous donors. In September a Luncheon was hosted by Mr & Mrs John Rider, which was a most enjoyable occasion and raised an amazing amount – again, thanks to generous donors. Both these functions raised over £2000. Many weddings contributed to our coffers, and our vergers were kept busy.

This year the ground outside the north wall, particularly of the chancel, needs attention, as there is damp ingress into the church. This work has to be done to preserve the fabric of the building.

The Freewill Offering scheme is working well, with St Oswald's sending £775 monthly to the Diocese in 2014. With a monthly payment of £85 for insurance, and electricity averaging £53 per month over the year, these are the minimum monthly expenses. With ongoing work in and around the church we need to be active in securing funds.

To this end, although we are very grateful to those who have made a standing order in favour of St Oswald's, I would urge others to consider doing the same. As there are only two services per month and sometimes people don't

attend for whatever reason the collections are down from time to time. The Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme run by HM Revenue means that we can now receive a refund on collections that are just put in the plate, which is a bonus, although the yellow envelopes should still be used by regular worshippers.

The Harvest collection raised £258 for the Church Urban Fund, and the Carol Service raised £638 for School Aid India. Once again, the PCC agreed to donate £125 each to The Children’s Society, Church Army, Church Mission Society and US.

There are unsung volunteers attached to the church, who quietly come and go – flowers for festivals, gardening and tidying the churchyard, church cleaning, etc. – and we are grateful for their presence.

Jancie Brown

Facts and Figures		
	2014	2013
Baptisms	5	4
Weddings	11	6
Easter Attendance	50	34
Christmas Attendance	38	60
Average adult Sunday attendance	22	20
Average Child attendance	5	5

Note: The Christmas Figures do not take into account a full Church for the Carol Service, nor 65 people present for the Christmas All Age Service.

A Year In Review



One of the great areas for thanks in the life of Saint Oswald's Church has been in the increased number of weddings coming our way.

Last year saw 11 weddings in Church, with all the couples "habitually attending" for six months beforehand to qualify, and what is even more gratifying is seeing how some continue to attend after their weddings, and

others have also come for Christenings.

We asked all last years couples how their experience went and could be do anything to improve. The answer came back loud and clear that all had found their wedding a wonderful experience, and had also been made to feel very welcome on Sundays. My thanks to all the faithful regulars who have joined me in giving our wedding couples such a warm welcome.



Thanks to, to Whinstone View and Kiss the Bride Magazine for all their support.

The additional weddings have also increased both Sunday attendances and the Church accounts. The additional funds have been most helpful in helping us attend to various maintenance jobs around the Church. Last year we also installed a sound system.

We took the wall to the Memorial Garden down before it fell down and landscaped the area. This gave us a lovely setting for our annual St Oswald's Day Service and Picnic. It is good to see village, church, baptism and wedding folk mixing all together.



Our annual concert is always a big hit, and this year as an added attraction we featured the premiere of the British Onions new number! Thanks to all who work hard to make this such a success.



We have also supported a number of charities over the year from our Harvest and Christmas Appeals, as well as the collections from all our weddings and Church Giving. Our Church also contributed £9,300 in addition to wedding fees to the Diocese.



You can tell when something is good when other people want to share in it, and we were pleased to welcome Jane Robson, a trainee Reader, for the first three months of the year.

St Oswald's is loved and cared for by a very willing and supportive team, so my especial thanks to all our Church Officers and PCC who do so much to keep things going inside the Church and to make the outside look so attractive.



I consider it a great privilege and blessing being the Vicar of Great Ayton and Newton under Roseberry and always look forward to both worship and PCC Meetings, and thoroughly enjoy all I do. Thanks you all. **Paul**

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 2014 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 9th March 2015

Parochial Church Council of Newton under Roseberry
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
Receipts & Payments For the year ending 31st December 2014

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2014	Total 2013
Voluntary Income				
Planned giving - gift aided	4644	0	4644	4280
Income tax recovered	3457	0	3457	5692
Gift Aid envelopes	3056	0	3056	3572
Cash collections	1168	0	1168	1885
Charity collections	0	1797	1797	1637
Memorial garden project	0	0	0	400
General donations	625	0	625	4
Total	12950	1797	14747	17470
Other voluntary receipts				
Activities for generating funds	2164	0	2164	866
Fees	6557	0	6557	3814
Investment income	1279	0	1279	1223
Total	10000	0	10000	5903
TOTAL RECEIPTS	22950	1797	24747	33281
Payments				
Church Activities				
Freewill Offering to Diocese	9300	0	9300	8367
Fees Paid to Diocese	1620	0	1620	1166
Total	10920	0	10920	9533
Charitable Donations				
Home	500	0	500	500
Secular charities	0	2041	2041	1267
Appeal	0	115	115	0
Total	500	2156	2656	1767

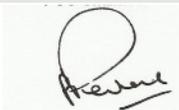
Activities related to Church	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2014	Total 2013
Incumbents expenses	0	0	0	0
Heat/Lighting	642	0	642	624
Insurance	1021	0	1021	1029
Church Maintenance	1841	0	1841	2171
Church administration	991	0	991	769
Deanery	75	0	75	25
Service sheets	150	0	150	0
Verger	330	0	330	210
Bells	180	0	180	120
Organist fees	720	0	720	898
Soloist	50	0	50	0
Major expenditure	7099	0	7099	4887
Concert	0	0	0	200
Total	13099	0	13099	10933
TOTAL PAYMENTS	24519	2156	26675	22234
Excess of receipts over Payments	-1569	-359	-1928	1139
Bank current account 2 January 2014			20234	
Bank current account 2 January 2015			18305	
			-1928	

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES as at 31st December 2014

Cash Funds - Nat West Current A/c	17946	359	18305	20235
Total Bank Accounts	17946	359	18305	20235
Other Monetary Assets				
M & G Charibonds 1923.536 units	27664	0	27664	27683
TOTAL ASSETS	45610	359	45969	47918
Liabilities				
Creditors	126	0	126	120

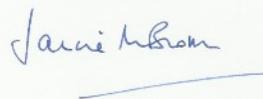
The attached notes form part of these financial statements

Approved on 2nd March 2015



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 Accounting Regulations 2006 using the receipts and payments basis.

BANK RECONCILIATION

Cash Balances - Nat West Current A/c 31 Dec 2014	18305.17
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Available cash reserves	£ 18305.17
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Balance brought forward 31 Dec 2013	20233.66
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Add receipts	24746.58
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Deduct payments	26675.07
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Reserves at 2 January 2015	£ <u>18305.17</u>
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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

19th April 2015 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 5th April 2014
3. Matters arising
4. Electoral Roll Report
5. Presentation of Annual Report for 2014
6. Financial Report and Presentation of Audited Accounts for year end 31st December 2014.
7. The Vicar's Comments
- 8 Election of Parochial Church Council members
- 9 Appointment of Sidesmen and women
- 10 Appointment of Independent Examiners
- 11 Any Questions on Church matters for consideration by the PCC