

Saint Oswald's Church

Newton under Roseberry



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

For the year ended 31st December 2015

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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 David Gorton	Elected 6 April 2014
Mrs Janice Barker	Re-elected 15 April 2012
Mr John Stinson	Elected 15 April 2012

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

	2015	2014	2013
Electoral Roll	40	39	40
Average Sunday attendance - Adult	33	22	20
- Children	3	5	5
Easter Attendance	56	50	34
Christmas Attendance	34	38	60
Christenings/ Baptisms	10	5	4
Weddings	17	11	6
Funerals	2	0	0

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

AIMS AND ORGANISATION

We continue 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 19 April 2015

Present; The Rev Paul Peverell (Chairman) and 21 attendees.

Apologies were received from Mrs. Oenone Willis

Minutes of Annual Parish Church Meeting held on 6th April 2014 (as printed in Annual Report)

The minutes were taken as read, accepted as a true record and approved.

Matters Arising: none

Election of Churchwardens

Mrs. Maureen Rider and Mr. Paul Carter had expressed their willingness to continue for a further year and were elected unopposed. The Chairman expressed his special thanks to both of them for all their efforts, not only at Church Services but behind the scenes on very many other occasions. Those present showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

Electoral Roll

Mrs. Rider as Electoral Roll officer reported there were 40 names on the roll. Two people had withdrawn their names but two new names had been added. The chairman explained that this meant we could have a representative on the Deanery Synod. Mrs Rider reported that Mr David Gorton had kindly agreed to be the Electoral Roll officer from this date. She was thanked by the Chairman for her work in compiling the list in previous years.

Presentation of Annual Report for 2014

The reports had been available on line, and in booklet form in church, in previous weeks and copies were handed round at the meeting. There were no questions regarding the contents from those present.

Financial Report

The Audited Accounts and Treasurer's Report for year end 31st December 2014 were included in the Annual Report booklet. Mrs Janice Barker proposed the accounts be accepted, this was seconded by Mr David Gorton, and all were in agreement. The chairman thanked Mrs Jancie Brown (Hon. Treasurer) for all her work and meticulous attention to the finances. He stressed that this was a 365 day a year commitment to the office. Mrs Brown was handling the finances on line now. She reminded those present that regular donations by Standing Order helped considerably with organization of funds. Those present gave the Treasurer an enthusiastic round of applause.

The Vicar's comments

The vicar expressed his pleasure that more people had stayed after the service to attend the meeting. This was a reflection of the increasing numbers attending St. Oswald's. He complimented the PCC members for pulling together as a team in helping with the efficient running of the church both inside and outside. There was a need for more, and hopefully, younger volunteers, and the vicar urged anyone who was interested to come forward to offer their services. A round of applause was given for the PCC members.

Election of Parochial Church Council members

Mr. David Fordy proposed all the PCC be re-elected and this was agreed by all.

Appointment of Independent Examiner

Mrs J. Brown proposed that Messrs. S V Bye continue to do this, all agreed.

Appointment of Sidesmen/ Women

None at present.

Any Questions on Church matters for consideration by the PCC

There were no questions and the Chairman closed the meeting after thanking those present for their attendance

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

Hon. Secretary's Report:



As in previous years the PCC met in various venues thanks to the proffered hospitality of members. Formal meetings were held on 3rd March 2015, 8th June, 28th September and 23rd November. The commitment of the members was apparent as there were no absentees at any of these meetings. Consequently, there have been full and detailed discussions of all items on the agenda resulting in many improvements being put in place both inside and outside the church. Members have been able to discuss, informally, any urgent matters arising between these dates, after church services.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place on 19th April 2015 in Saint Oswald's Church.

As documented elsewhere in the Annual Report the church has welcomed the increasing footfall at services and events. This was most apparent at the highly successful Carol Service when all available chairs were taken!

Karolyn Willis

Churchwardens Report for 2015



All required inspections were carried out during the year. The inventory has been checked and all goods and ornaments are present and in a satisfactory condition.

Mrs Gail Jukes, who is the Safeguarding Officer for Christ Church, Great Ayton, has agreed to continue to be our Safeguarding Officer. All children coming to St Oswald's are always accompanied by parents, but in the event of a safeguarding issue arising, Mrs Jukes should be contacted and a poster giving details will be displayed in the porch.

The Faculty covering the matter of reducing the level of the north side pathway to try to alleviate the ingress of damp was obtained and the work carried out in May. It remains to be seen whether beneficial effects are noticed. During the year, repairs to the boiler house railings were also carried out, the railings by the steps to the memorial garden were painted and the carpet professionally cleaned.

Following an inspection of the bells, in October 2014, by the Diocesan bell inspector John Arthur, it was decided to carry out most of the maintenance recommendations in his report, though he did state these would not improve the tone! The relevant permission is being sought.

Within the bell report it was also recommended that an emergency light be installed on the stairs to the tower, and a light installed in the bell chamber itself. Permission is being sought for this and the work should be carried out fairly soon.

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

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

2015 was a successful year for St Oswald's as you will see from the Statement of Financial Activities.



Work was carried out to the north wall, where damp was coming into the chancel in particular. The handrails of the steps into the Memorial Garden were painted after they had weathered for several months.

The June concert was a very enjoyable evening, raising £853, thanks once again to generous donations.

Many weddings took place, keeping our vergers busy, and 2016 is going to be even busier! It is good to see couples who were recently married still coming to St Oswald's on a regular basis, and we are getting to know them well. We were fortunate to have a portaloos for the whole summer, and we are very grateful to the generous donor of this facility.

Over the year, as a result of the weddings, baptisms and also special appeals, collections were sent to Christian Aid, Help4Heroes, Great North Air Ambulance, BoroWalkers, Yorkshire Cancer Research, Macmillan Cancer Support, MS Teesside, Macmillan Cancer Support/ Kilimanjaro, Farming Community Network, British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research UK, Marie Curie, CLIC Sargent. The Christmas Carol Service and a subsequent appeal at a later service ended up with an astonishing £1,115.37p being raised for School Aid India (this included gift aid).

The PCC agreed to increase our Mission Giving to £150 each to the Church Army, Church Mission Society, the Children's Society and US. We have increased our Freewill Offering to the Diocese for 2016.

Many helpers assist with flowers, church cleaning, churchyard tidying and general upkeep of our premises – replacing the hymnbooks in the pews after services, for example – it all takes time and shouldn't be borne by one or two people.

I think you will agree that St Oswald's affairs are in good order – I would urge any of you who don't already do so to set up a Standing Order, so even if you are unable to attend any of our twice monthly services you are still contributing on a regular basis. As well as improving the building for the present time, we are helping to upkeep the fabric of the church for future years so that later generations can enjoy the peace of the church and the parish of Newton under Roseberry.

My thanks go to all the PCC members, and especially to Revd. Peverell for his attention to St Oswald's – also to you, the congregation.

Jancie Brown

Stokesley Deanery Synod

In 2015 the Parish continued to be represented by Janice Barker in addition to the Vicar.

There were three meetings in 2015 in various venues. Each meeting began with an informative talk and any member of the congregation can attend the talk and stay as an observer for the business meeting. In February, Ven David Butterfield, Archdeacon for Generous Giving and Stewardship came to inspire us but we had recently completed our campaign and were able to help others. In June, the topic was about helping those with Autism in our churches. In October, Very Revd Vivienne Faull, Dean of York Minster spoke on the purpose of the Minster, recent changes and the Strategic Plan which will run from 2015 to 2020.

Each year the Deanery organises four Lent services. In 2015 these were held in Stokesley Parish Church and had four excellent speakers :- the Bishop of Whitby, Revd Sue Sheriff, Revd Canon Angela Bailey and Revd Dr Gavin Wakefield. Each session ended with a short act of worship.

Vicar's Report

It is 23 years since I came to be vicar of Great Ayton and Newton under Roseberry, and how things have changed at Saint Oswald's over that time.

Over the years we have been blessed with new people coming forward to take on the roles needed in our Church of Churchwardens, Treasurer and Secretary as well as supporting on the PCC and doing many practical tasks.



The Vicar with the late Margaret Sanderson launching the All Age Service

Saint Oswald's has a good team and a congregation who have been willing to give new things a try. Ten years ago we started our All Age Service, which has attracted more young families over the years.



In 2009 we saw Odin's Glow come to Newton under Roseberry, and in four nights of telling the story of Saint Oswald with puppets, we saw around 3,500 people come to our Church, most of whom didn't know we were there before.

These changes and added attention saw a small increase

in weddings, but going to wedding fairs around five years ago, and the support of Whinstone View and Kiss the Bride Magazine, have seen weddings take an enormous leap. We are now a very popular Church for weddings, and guests are most impressed by our beautiful Church that has been here 1,000 years. Our thanks to Neal Waters for very kindly providing the use of a Portaloo over the wedding season, which has been very much appreciated by regulars as well as wedding guests.



More weddings have led to more Sunday attendance and more Christenings, (see page 2 for statistics) and last year we were delighted to have three Candidates from our Congregation confirmed in faith at a service at Christ Church. We are delighted that many couples have continued their links with us after their weddings, and still see many familiar faces coming back.



The new life coming to our Church has increased both attendance and income, enabling us to be more generous in what we give to the Diocese and in support for Charities. All collections from Christenings and weddings go to Charity, and our Christmas Carol Service collection for Roseberry School in Darjeeling, broke all records with an incredible £1,115.

In 2016 we are making a contribution of £10,000 to York Diocese to help support the Ministry in its Parishes, as well as what is raised through wedding fees.

As well as for worship, we also seek to bring people together for social occasions. Our annual Concert is a most anticipated event.



We celebrate our Patron Saint, Oswald King of Northumbria, on the first Sunday of August each year with a service and picnic, both well attended. Here are the bar staff!

Through this Annual Report, may I pass on my gratitude for all those who work so hard, so willingly and so cheerfully to make Saint Oswald's such a warm and welcoming Church. To our Churchwardens, Church Officers and PCC Members for all the work they do, especially for their active support of all the weddings. We all really do enjoy doing these, and I hope it shows.

May I also thank our neighbours in Newton for their forbearance, putting up with all the added traffic to our Church and for their friendship and support. I think they share our joy that so many other people have discovered this beautiful gem of a Church in our midst

Finally may I thank all those members of the congregation who have made Saint Oswald's their spiritual home for whatever reason. It continues to be a great joy and privilege to be vicar here, and for us to show something of the love of God to those who visit.

Every blessing to you all.

Paul Peverell, Vicar

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 2015 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

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has since been withdrawn.

We understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

In connection with my examination, no other matter except that referred to in the previous paragraph 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
Date 3rd March 2016



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Parochial Church Council of Newton under Roseberry
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
Receipts & Payments For the year ending 31st December 2015

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2015	Total 2014
Voluntary Income				
Planned giving - gift aided	4687	0	4687	4644
Income tax recovered	2857	546	3403	3457
Gift Aid envelopes	3554	0	3554	3056
Cash collections	1630	0	1630	1168
Charity collections	0	2133	2133	1797
Appeals	0	1550	1550	0
Gift-aided donations	920	0	920	625
Total	13648	4229	17877	14747
Income				
Admin	125	0	125	0
Activities for generating funds	853	0	853	2164
Fees	11298	0	11298	6557
Investment income	1327	0	1327	1279
YDBF QI	549	0	549	0
Total	14152	0	14152	10000
TOTAL RECEIPTS	27800	4229	32029	24747
Payments				
Church Activities				
Freewill Offering to Diocese	9480	0	9480	9300
Fees Paid to Diocese	3620	0	3620	1620
Total	13100	0	13100	10920
Charitable Donations				
Home	600	0	600	500
Secular charities	0	2603	2603	2041
Appeal	0	1285	1285	115
Total	600	3888	4488	2656

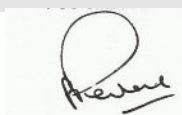
Activities related to Church	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2015	Total 2014
Incumbents expenses	0	0	0	0
Heat/Lighting	676	0	676	642
Insurance	948	0	948	1021
Church Maintenance	6189	0	6189	1841
Church administration	1052	0	1052	991
Deanery	25	0	25	75
Service sheets	330	0	330	150
Vergers	510	0	510	330
Bells	360	0	360	180
Organist fees	871	0	871	720
Choir	90	0	90	50
Major expenditure	0	0	0	7099
Total	11050	0	11050	13099
Total Payments	24750	3888	28638	26675
Excess of receipts over Payments	3050	341	3391	-1928
Bank current account 2 January 2015			18305	
Bank current account 2 January 2016			21696	
			3391	

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES as at 31st December 2015

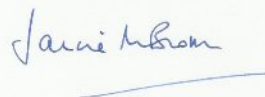
Cash Funds - Nat West Current A/c	21355	341	21696	18305
Other Monetary Assets				
M & G Charibonds 1923.536 units	27581	0	27581	27664
TOTAL ASSETS	48936	341	49277	45969
Liabilities				
Creditors	126	0	126	126

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

Approved on 29 February 2016



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 Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis

BANK RECONCILIATION

Cash Balances - Nat West Current A/c 31 Dec 2015	21696.43
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Available cash reserves	21696.43
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Balance brought forward 2 January 2015	18305.17
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Add receipts	32029.32
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Deduct payments	-28638.06
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Reserves at 2 January 2016	<u>£21696.43</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

17th April 2016 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 19th April 2015
3. Matters arising
4. Electoral Roll Report
5. Presentation of Annual Report for 2015
6. Financial Report and Presentation of Audited Accounts for year end 31st December 2015.
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