

**The Parochial Church Council of Stainton with Hemlington
in the Benefice of Stainton with Hemlington and Hilton
in the Deanery of Stokesley and the Diocese of York**



St Peter & St Paul

**Annual Report and Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

Parish Church

St Peter and St Paul, Stainton with Hemlington

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Revd Claire Todd (until 3/1/2023)

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

This Report relates to the activities for the 2022 calendar year of the Parochial Church Council of Stainton with Hemlington.

On 25th February 2021 the Church Commissioners “made” a Pastoral Scheme to re-unite the Parish of St Timothy, Hemlington, with its Mother Parish of St Peter and St Paul, Stainton-in-Cleveland, to create the new Parish of Stainton with Hemlington in the Benefice of Stainton with Hemlington and Hilton (which is held in Plurality with the Benefice of Brookfield); this Pastoral Scheme came into effect on 1st March 2021.

In addition the Church Commissioners “made” a Pastoral Scheme to close St Timothy’s Church for public worship and to demolish the Church Building which had been declared unsafe for use on 18th March 2019; this Scheme came into effect on 26th January 2021. At the time of compiling this report (March 2023) the demolition of St Timothy’s Church had not yet begun.

In November 2022 our Vicar, Revd Claire Todd, announced that she would be leaving early in the New Year to take up a post as Parish Priest in a Church in the town of Paarl in the Diocese of Saldanha Bay in South Africa (Saldanha Bay is one of the York Diocesan South African Link Dioceses). Claire’s last service with us was at the Plurality Joint Service at Stainton on New Year’s Day 2023. The PCC is pleased that the Diocese has already – in mid-February 2023 - advertised the vacancy in our Plurality; the closing date for applications is 17th April 2023 and the interview date is 24th April 2023. We look forward to welcoming and working with our new Vicar in due course.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

St Peter and St Paul’s Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the Church and the Parish Room which is attached to the Church building.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The object of the PCC of Stainton with Hemlington is to further the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Stainton with Hemlington. The PCC of Stainton with Hemlington is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure; it is “excepted” by order from registering with the Charity Commission [this “exception” will end on 31st March 2031 (cf Statutory Instrument SI 2021:25)].

Clergy and Licenced lay workers living in the Parish are *ex-officio* members of the PCC, as are any members of General, Diocesan or Deanery Synods and the Churchwardens who are elected annually at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners. Six other members are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and all members of the Church electoral roll of Stainton with Hemlington are entitled to vote and, if they have been on the electoral roll for at least six months, stand for election. One third of the elected members are elected each year and members serve for a period of three years.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission’s guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church and to become part of our parish community in Hemlington, Maltby, Stainton and Thornton. This has been particularly important during the Covid-19 pandemic. Following the first lockdown in the Spring of 2020 when the Church was closed for public worship the PCC kept in touch with Church members and other interested persons by sending out on Friday a weekly e-Newsletter with a sheet for “worship at home” which included the Lectionary readings and Collect for the coming Sunday and also some intercessory prayers (printed copies of the e-News were delivered to those Church members and Friends who “don’t do Tech” so that they are not disenfranchised). The publication of the weekly e-Newsletter has continued following the lifting by the

Government of the Covid restrictions. The provision of the “worship at home” sheet ceased on the retirement of the Lay Reader with PTO at the end of August 2022, after which the scripture references from the Lectionary for the coming Sunday were included in the e-Newsletter.

The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. The PA “sound system” in the Church includes a CD-player (we do not have a Church organist) with a set of CDs that accompanies the hymn book, and also a “loop system” for those with impaired hearing. During 2022 we have on occasions used a laptop computer, data projector and moveable screen to project liturgy and worship and other videos for non-Eucharist services and events.

The PCC runs a pre-school/toddler drop-in – *Coffee and Kids* (C&Ks) – on Wednesday mornings in the Parish Room where the children can play and the (grand)parents and carers can enjoy fellowship with each other over a mug of coffee/tea. Prior to the Covid pandemic C&Ks had contained little spiritual content so when C&Ks was restarted in November 2021 the opportunity was taken to change the format slightly to provide some spiritual content with:

- 30mins playing in the Parish Room;
- 30mins of refreshments in the Chancel with a bible story, short prayers and a worship song or two; and
- 30mins of nursery rhyme singing back in the Parish Room.

We are pleased that the parents/carers who bring their children to C&Ks consider St Peter and St Paul’s as “their Church” and are happy to join in with the short time of worship; in effect they are a “new worshipping community”. We have between eight and twelve children who attend with their carer each week.

The PCC is responsible for:

- The financial management of the church of St Peter & St Paul’s Stainton; and
- The care and maintenance of the church fabric of St Peter & St Paul’s Stainton including about 10% of the Chancel structure (the Church Commissioners being responsible for the remaining about 90% of the Chancel structure) and its attached Parish Room.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and Prayer

Worship at St Peter and St Paul’s centres on **the weekly service of Holy Communion** (Common Worship) at 11.00am on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays in the month. On **the first Sunday of each month** the Parish joins with members of the sister-Parishes in our Plurality, St Peter’s, Hilton and St Margaret of Scotland’s, Brookfield for a **Joint Service at 10.30am which meets in each Church in turn**. In addition there are other services for the major festivals of the Church year (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week and Easter). Our recently-departed Vicar, Revd Claire Todd, has run short study courses in Advent and Lent for the three Church families in the Plurality.

At the Joint Plurality PCC meeting held at St Margaret’s Church, Brookfield on 5th October 2022 the Vicar asked that we “**pray intentionally for growth in our three churches**”. The Stainton with Hemlington PCC agreed to hold a **weekly Plurality Prayer Gathering** in Stainton Church, facilitated by Julia Ardley our Recognised Parish Assistant (RPA). The first Prayer Gathering was held on Tuesday 1st November 2022 and has continued to meet weekly since then with about six people from across the Plurality gathering in the Church to pray on each occasion. The Prayer Gathering is mentioned in the list of events in the weekly e-Newsletter and it is hoped that other Church members will be joining in the prayers at home.

Deanery Synod

One member of the Stainton with Hemlington PCC is elected to represent the Parish on the Stokesley Deanery Synod (he also undertakes the role of Deanery Treasurer). This provides the PCC with an important link between the Parish and the wider structures of the church. This year the PCC has also focused its attention on the questions posed to parishes in the deanery about the most effective deployment of stipendiary and non-stipendiary clergy.

The Deanery Synod met on four occasions during 2022; the main topics for discussion were:

15th February 2022

The Diocesan Strategy “Living Christ’s Story (LCS)”: The Bishop of Whitby and the Archdeacon of Cleveland addressed this meeting. The presentation began with a video message from the Archbishop followed by a slide presentation. This was followed by questions and discussion.

Treasurer’s Update: Accounts and Budget were accepted

Deanery Financial Advisor (DFA): Martin Bailey has stepped down from his role as DFA. All showed appreciation for his work, and a vote of thanks was unanimously agreed.

8th June 2022

LCS - Deanery Priorities and Principles: John Dickinson (Lay Dean) stated that, from the document our priorities are: Grow our church; put God first; Collaboration; and Nurturing both Congregation and Community. Revd Tessa Stevens (Area Dean) said that the Deanery Plan is to become more like Christ and to Re-imagine Mission and Ministry mainly looking at the shape of the Deanery and Ministry and by Encouraging vocations. Ken Taylor (Treasurer at Great Ayton) was invited to give the financial background of LCS. Discussions followed.

LCS - Implementation Timetable: A plan has to be agreed before a timetable so opportunities will be provided for us to come together with Lay Dean the main contact for feedback and suggestions.

12th July 2022

LCS: Suggestions from Deanery and the LCS plan adapted to reflect this. Lay Dean hopes Deanery will be in position to move forward with plan in October and, by March, seeing practical objectives on how to make it work. He hopes three working groups will be set up by the end of the year. Further discussion took place on the allocation of resources mainly focusing on Ingleby Barwick. **Financial Breakdown**: The Lay Dean stressed the desirability of working collaboratively as a Deanery. Parish Treasurers were to meet to support one another.

The following Motion was proposed and seconded:

“This Synod supports the Deanery Plan which has been proposed by the Deanery Leadership Team and agrees that it may be submitted to the Bishop/Archdeacon for consideration as part of the wider Diocesan LCS planning process”.

19th October 2022

Deanery Financial Advisor (DFA): Ken Taylor has been appointed by the Archdeacon as our new DFA.

LCS: The Lay Dean reported that the plan has been submitted in July and only limited feedback had been received from the Diocese. Working together in the three streams identified that we can offer: prayer and worship, outreach to new Disciples and doing our best with the resources available. Working groups are being put together on these three streams

Children of Light: Revd Laura Wild proposed that a candle from the **Children of Light Festival** be passed between Parishes in a worship setting to encourage us to share worship and get to know one another better by passing the light.

Carousel Conversations: As an opportunity to find out about some new initiatives in the Deanery, four separate round table discussions were held, with participants able to attend three of the four discussions: **Café Church** with Dr Nick Land; Discussion of the book **“How village Churches Thrive”** with John Dickinson; **Lego® Church** with Revd Tessa Stephens; and **Open Air Worship** with Revd Geoff Jaques

Bob Ardley, Deanery Synod Rep (Report kindly provided by Sally Hamlin, Deanery Synod Rep for our sister Parish of St Peter, Hilton)

Parish Room

The Parish Room is attached to the Church and was built as a Millennium Project. The planning consents preclude the hire of the Room but a number of groups do use it and make a small donation to Church funds.

The Room is used for tea and coffee after services; for the "Coffee and Kids" pre-school (grand)parent/carer and child drop-in; and for PCC meetings. It is also used by the Stainton Women's Institute (WI) for their monthly committee meetings and by the Hemlington Branch of the Girl Guides.

Pastoral Care

About 65 members of St Peter and St Paul's and Friends of the Church have been kept up-to-date with activities in the Parish by receiving a copy of the weekly e-Newsletter and (until Joan Mason, our Lay Reader with PTO, retired at the end of August 2022) its accompanying "worship-at-home" sheet which included the Lectionary reading and some intercessory prayers. A small proportion of these people, who "don't do Tech", receive printed hard-copies of the e-News (and initially also the worship-at-home sheet).

Some members of our Parish are unable to attend church due to sickness, poor mobility or age. When notified of serious illness and requested our Vicar Revd Claire Todd has visited church members at home or in hospital when permitted by the Covid Regulations. Now that the Government has relaxed all the Covid restrictions the PCC hopes with the new Vicar to review the home visits to those in need, including restarting the provision of Home Communion.

Mothers' Union (MU)

During 2022 our Branch was active with meetings as follows:

January's meeting was postponed.

The AGM was held during **February** where Rev. Claire Todd chaired the meeting. At the meeting it was decided to meet on an afternoon and also move to a Tuesday.

During **March** we held a lent reflection led by Joan Mason.

The life of Gertrude Bell was the topic for **April**.

At the **May** meeting the Pennyman family was the topic with the emphasis on Ruth Pennyman.

Joan Mason talked about the setting up of the first Hospital in Middlesbrough at our **June** meeting.

We held a Strawberry Tea in **July**, which also happened to be the hottest day of the year.

No meeting in **August**.

The **September** meeting was rather poignant as our Patron HM The Queen had just died and we held a short service with prayers from Mary Sumner House. We then had a talk and walk round the church stained glass windows and an explanation of the liturgical colours led by Joan Mason.

The Rev Claire Todd gave a talk and presentation about her experiences in South Africa at our **October** meeting.

At our meeting in **November** we spoke about two ladies, an American and the other French, who became known as the "Poppy Ladies"; it was they who conceived the idea of using the Poppy flower as a symbol of Remembrance for those who served in World War One.

In **December** we held an Afternoon Tea with Advent Prayers, Carols and a Christmas Quiz; this was to raise funds for our Branch.

During the Year Joan Mason and I attended a number of Deanery meetings held in the Stokesley Deanery and two Diocesan Council meetings at Norton near Malton.

Members also attended the annual Deanery Festival, which was held at Stokesley Parish Church.

Judith Clare, Branch Leader

Mission and Evangelism

Our Church is a constant presence in the community and we offer a warm welcome to anyone wishing to join us to worship our Lord. Opportunities to share the Gospel arise from contact with Baptism and Wedding couples and their families; some of these contacts have resulted in regular attendance at Sunday services or at the *Coffee and Kids* drop-in.

The open-plate collection at the annual Christmas Crib service (the service with perhaps the highest attendance each year!) is given to support the work of The (Church of England) Children's Society.

Our weekly e-Newsletter is e-mailed (or printed and delivered) to most Church members and some Friends of the Church, keeping our parishioners and others informed of the important matters affecting our Church and articles that help develop our knowledge and trust in Jesus (printed copies are delivered to eight people and e-copies are sent to 48 e-mail addresses).

Ecumenical Relationships

One aspect of our Mission Action Plan developed in 2016-17 and revised in 2018-19 was to (continue to) "develop our relationship with the Stainton Methodist Church". In previous years we have joined with the Methodists in: an outdoor "Big Sing" event in Meldyke Square in the centre of Stainton village, an event supported by a local silver band; and a Village Carol service held in the Stainton Memorial Hall. Both events were held in 2022 (neither event was held in 2021 because of the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions).

PARISH FINANCES

Financial Review 2022

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £24,637 including Gift Aid and the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS). The Gift Aid and GASDS Tax refund from HMRC for 2022 was £3,581 compared with £3,247 in 2021

In 2022 there were 22 planned givers of whom 15 Gift Aided compared with 20 donors and 14 gift-aiders in 2021

£28,579 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from St Peter and St Paul's Church plus the church running expenses and part of the cost of maintaining the churchyard. £14,400 of this amount was the freewill offer (FWO) to the Diocesan Common Fund which largely pays the stipends and housing costs of the clergy.

The net result for the year was an excess of payments over receipts of £3,942 on unrestricted funds. Subtracting this from the unrestricted Bank deposits brought forward at the beginning of the year the balance carried forward at the end of the year was £39,670

On a "day to day" basis outgoings exceeded incomings by £3,894. The difference between the proper accounts and the "day to day" figures is explained as follows :-

"Day to day" loss		- 3,894
Add Restricted giving grants		- 701
Major repairs		- 1,884
Depreciation		- 46
Decrease in value of endowment shares		- 9,608
Roundings		- 6
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		-16,139
Subtract Restricted giving appeals	647	
Mayman endowment income	1,242	
Exceptional donations	738	
Fuel grant	1,250	3,877
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		- 12,262
	Net movement in funds	

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Colin Mason, Treasurer and Gift Aid Secretary

Reserves Policy

As mentioned above in the Financial Review for 2022 the unrestricted Bank deposits carried forward at the end of the year were £39,670.

There is however a balance of £7,426 from 2 legacies received in 2012 which is restricted but has been "loaned " to the Current Account to ease cash flow and must be deducted from any current unrestricted balance. There is also £5,011 left over from the insurance monies received for the lead thefts which should go into the restricted accounts.

Total unrestricted reserves at present	£39,670
less restricted items mentioned above	<u>£12,437</u>
Total unrestricted reserves available	£27,233,

However, we are aware of the following impending items of expenditure:

- 1) There is an urgent need to repair the Parish Room window (tentative quote two years ago £1,385 plus VAT) and a downpipe on the Hemlington Aisle (estimate £1,000 plus VAT).
- 2) The need to repair and re-point the top of the tower and parts of the Churchyard boundary wall and a desire to re-point the rest of the Hemlington Aisle.
- 3) The boiler cannot last too long as it is 50 years old and various engineers have hinted that a new gas supply will be needed as well as changes to the flue and air inlets which would involve a stonemason and archaeologist and would probably cost far in excess of the cost of a new boiler itself.

Colin Mason, Treasurer

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In particular we want to mention:

- Our churchwardens Mr Colin Mason and Mr Vernon Clare who have worked so tirelessly on our behalf;
- Our PCC Treasurer Mr Colin Mason who has helped us all to understand the church's accounts and its finances;
- Our Lay Reader with PTO Mrs Joan Mason for all her hard work in the Parish over many years - now that she has retired from Readership we are grateful to her for the practical ways she supports the work in the Parish as a member of the congregation; and
- Our Verger and Church Cleaner Mrs Glynis Millward for assisting with weddings and funerals and ensuring that the Church is kept clean and tidy.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules 2022 (CRR2022). At St Peter and St Paul's the membership of the PCC consists of: the incumbent (our vicar), the two churchwardens, and the elected lay member of the Deanery Synod; and lay members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. New Electoral Rolls for the period 2019-2025 for Stainton Parish and Hemlington Parish were established in March 2019 and merged on 1st March 2021 on the creation of the new Parish of Stainton with Hemlington.

The Electoral Roll is revised each year in advance of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) as required by the CRR2022. **The ER revision period in 2023 ran from 18th March to 1st April**; since the last formal revision on 16th April 2022 **one** name was added to the ER; and **seven** names were removed from the ER, the member having died (2), or moved away or stopped attending (5). **At the end of the formal 2023 revision there are now 41 members on the Electoral Roll.**

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the Parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The full PCC met ten times during 2022; in addition there was one Joint Plurality PCC meeting with the Hilton PCC and Brookfield PCC.

The PCC also has a Standing Committee comprised: the Vicar, the two Churchwardens, the Secretary and one elected lay member.

Financial Interests

Members of the PCC are, from time to time, reimbursed minor expenses for Church activities by the Treasurer; none of these reimbursements were significant during 2022. No members of the PCC have declared any conflicts of interest.

Trustee Declarations

PCC members have supplied Trustee Eligibility Declarations and HMRC Fit and Proper Person Declarations.

Parish Child Protection / Safeguarding Representative's Report

Stainton with Hemlington PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the *Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016* (duty to have regard to House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

There has been much in the news recently about child abuse, including within the Church of England; I hardly need to remind you that **Child Protection and Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults** is everybody's business, and that we need to ensure that our Church is a safe place for vulnerable people to be. The APCM will wish to know that the PCC has procedures in place for this.

The PCC's **Safeguarding Policy Statement** was last reviewed and approved at its meeting on 8th March 2023 and signed off by the two Churchwardens (the Parish is currently "in Vacancy" without a Vicar); copies of this Safeguarding Policy Statement have been sent to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and also displayed in the Church "Parish Room". The **Parish Safeguarding file**, which can be found in the Parish Room, contains copies of the Parish Policy and Safeguarding Training Certificates, and copies of documentation from the Diocese and the Church of England including copies of the House of Bishops' Policy Statements.

Along with other Parishes in the Diocese Stainton with Hemlington Parish has signed up to **the Parish (Safeguarding) Dashboard process** which operates a "traffic-light" display to show how well the PCC is complying with various aspects of Safeguarding and also helps with the production of a Safeguarding Action Plan. The Action Plan dated 30/6/2022 was reviewed and adopted by the PCC at its meeting on 14/7/2022. The main actions identified at that time were:

- The preparation of a Parish "Procedure for dealing with Safeguarding allegations an/or concerns", for Action by the PSR (completed in March 2023); and
- Churchwardens and PCC Members to undertake the on-line CofE Safeguarding Basic Awareness, Foundation and Domestic Abuse Training Pathways (ongoing).
- A Risk Assessment is required for "Coffee and Kids" pre-school parent and child Toddler Group (for action by the C&Ks Leaders).

The PCC confirmed at the meeting on 14/7/2022 that "Coffee and Kids" is the only Church Activity that needs to be listed on the Safeguarding Dashboard.

The Parish Safeguarding Dashboard Action Plan was updated on 8/3/2023 for adoption at a forthcoming PCC meeting.

The Parish has signed up to **the on-line DBS checking service** operated by Thirtyone:eight (formerly the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS)); DBS checks have been requested and received for relevant people working for the PCC in Positions of Trust. Confidential information relating to safeguarding is kept securely in the Church safe. My own DBS Check (Enhanced with checks of both Child and Adult Barring Lists) was renewed in Nov 2020.

The Church of England has “gone live” with its refreshed on-line Safeguarding Training programme comprising:

- the **Basic Awareness Pathway Training** which all members of the Church, including PCC members, are encouraged to undertake; and
- the **Foundation Pathway Training**, to be undertaken by Churchwardens and those working with children and/or vulnerable adults;
- The **Domestic Abuse Pathway Training**, to be undertaken by Churchwardens and PCC members.

This on-line training can be reached via the CofE Safeguarding Training portal at this URL:

<https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/login/index.php> where you will be able to register for a free user account.

In addition to the on-line training the Diocese provides face-to-face training for the **Leadership Pathway Training** which is aimed at leaders of children’s and vulnerable adults’ groups/activities. The PSR and the Recognised Parish Assistant (soon-to-be “Authorised Lay Minister”) completed this Pathway in January 2022 and March 2023 respectively; the *Coffee and Kids* leaders will undertake this Pathway in the first half of 2023. *Bob Ardley, Parish Safeguarding Representative*

Churchwardens’ Report, including a report on the “Fabric, Goods and Ornaments”

The church, fabric and ornaments are generally in good order.

This year has seen the Architect carry out the Quinquennial Inspection of the church churchyard and various items in the church and parish room buildings; we now have a very detailed report to work on over the next five years. A number of items at the urgent end of the report include:

- the soft area of flooring in the kitchen area which will require part of the floor being lifted to see what the problem is;
- stonework around the parapets of the tower including some vertical cracks down the tower;
- two conifer trees need removing sooner rather than later (one near the corner of the graveyard next to Hemlington Road, and a second next to the main West door of the Church) - quotes will be sought from specialist tree surgeons for the cost of this work;
- the Parish Room still has some problems with water ingress from the roof, there was a long discussion with the Architect on the roof, about what to do; in the end it has been left to your two Churchwardens to try and resolve.

During 2023 the lighting in the parish room will be changed with the installation LED bulbs, and an option appraisal undertaken to fit LED bulbs to the outside lights.

The church heating system has been serviced and is still running efficiently for its age and is still in good order.

Also the organ has had the usual visits from the Organ tuner and that also is in good order.

The emergency lighting in the Kitchen, lobby, toilets and the parish room continue to be checked on a regular basis as is the fire alarm that covers these areas.

As ever it has been a challenging year and will continue to be so in the light of the challenging utilities markets.

Colin Mason and Vernon Clare: Churchwardens

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

St Peter and St Paul’s Church, Stainton is situated at the western end of Hemlington Road, Stainton, Middlesbrough TS8 9AJ, and is the Parish Church for the Parish of Stainton with Hemlington; in the Benefice of Stainton with Hemlington and Hilton (held in Plurality with the Benefice of Brookfield); in the Stokesley Deanery; in the Diocese of York; within the Church of England.

The correspondence addresses are:

- PCC Secretary: 26 Meldyke Lane, Stainton, Middlesbrough TS8 9AU;
- Vicar: The Vicarage, 89 Low Lane, Brookfield, Middlesbrough TS5 9EF; and
- Treasurer: 3 Fawcett Avenue, Stainton, Middlesbrough TS8 9AN.

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2022. The PCC is a Charity which is “excepted” by order from registering with the Charity Commission [this “exception” will end on 31st March 2031 (cf Statutory Instrument SI 2021:25)].

The following served on the PCC as Trustees during the year 2022:

Revd C. Todd (<i>ex officio</i>)	Priest-in-Charge (from 20/10/2020); Vicar from 1/3/2021 to 3/1/2023
Mr C. Mason (<i>ex officio</i>)	Churchwarden (2021-2022, and 2022-2023) and PCC Treasurer
Mr V. Clare (<i>ex officio</i>)	Churchwarden (2021-2022, and 2022-2023) and PCC Vice-Chairman
Mr R. Ardley (<i>ex officio</i>)	Deanery Synod Representative (2020-2023), Electoral Roll Officer, PCC Secretary and Parish Safeguarding Rep
Mrs J Mason (<i>ex officio</i>)	Lay Leader with PTO (2020-2021, 2021-2022m08) and co-opted 2022m09-2022m12)
Mrs J. Clare	Parochial Representative (2021-2024)
Mr D. Gatenby	Parochial Representative (2021-2024)
Mrs E. Revett (*)	Parochial Representative (2021-2023)
Mrs J Sturdy	Parochial Representative (2021-2023)
Mrs P. Ferguson (*)	Parochial Representative (2021-2022)
Vacancy	Parochial Representative (2021-2022)

(*) It is with great sadness that we record the sad deaths of: Penny Ferguson in January 2022 after being diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumour in July 2021; and of Elizabeth Revett in January 2023.

VICAR’S REPORT

During this period of Vacancy there is no “Vicar’s Report” this year.

LAY READER’S REPORT

September 1st 2022 was the date I officially stepped back from Reader Ministry. My Permission to Officiate (PTO) had run its course and I decided not to apply for an extension. After the age of 70 Readers require a PTO from their Bishop in order to continue teaching, preaching and conducting Services etc and I had reached the age of 81. My eyesight was becoming a problem in poor light and after a medical scare earlier in the year it seemed the right time to relinquish my Licence and become a regular volunteer. I am sad that it has meant that some Services in our three parishes have been difficult to cover. I do miss leading worship, but I am allowed to do jobs that help with the smooth running of worship and the church in general, so I have been kept quite busy. Had I known that our Vicar was also on the move it might have influenced my decision but it is as it is. After 4 years training and 39 years as a Licenced Reader I felt it was time for change.

Thank you all for your support over the years.

Joan Mason, Reader Emeritus

RECOGNISED PARISH ASSISTANT’S (RPA’S) REPORT

Throughout 2022 and to date I have continued to study Theology, Mission and Ministry with York School of Ministry. It has been good to have opportunities to put what I have learned into practice in our Parishes, and I hope to carry on this ‘apprenticeship’ by continuing to participate in leading worship, preaching, and other ministries in future months.

It has been agreed with Revd. Tessa Stephens, our Area Dean, that I will lead a monthly service of Morning Praise at St Peter’s, Hilton, from 16th April. I feel a great sense of privilege at being asked to take this on ‘for the duration’ – that is, until the arrival of a new incumbent for our Plurality, when interim arrangements will cease and life in our parishes will start afresh.

At some point in the coming months my role title will cease to be ‘RPA’ (there will be no more ‘RPA’s in our Diocese), and I will become an Authorised Lay Minister instead. In terms of training, this means that I have completed additional courses in Safeguarding. In terms of Authorisation, this means that my ministry will be authorised centrally, by York Diocese, rather than at a purely local level, as is the case at present.

I look forward to continuing to serve our Parishes in this new capacity.

Julia Ardley

St Peter and St Paul's Church Stainton						
Income	Actual 2021	Actual 2022	Expenditure	Actual 2021	Actual 2022	
	€			€		
Planned Giving	12268	12037	Unrestricted Charitable Giving	0	0	
Tax recoverable & top up	3247	3581	Parish Share	14400	14400	
Open Plate collections	1443	1683	Ministry Expenses incl. Vicarage	400	1049	
Gift Day	535	0	Utilities	2696	5423	
Sundry Donations	732	880	Cleaning	46	0	
Fees (PCC only)	3832	3258	Insurance	1969	2034	
Fund Raising	215	188	Minor repairs and maintenance			
Interest (excl. Mayman)	810	1845	including Organ tuning	543	555	
Donations-Flowers,Candles	0	20	Flowers & candles	214	237	
		23492	Altar Costs	272	375	
			Books & Publications	14	0	
			Licences	163	170	
From fund raising or			Upkeep of Churchyard	1170	1370	
reserves	557	3,894	Organist	0	0	
			Training	0	0	
LEFT OFF			Office Supplies	0	60	
Giving Appeals			Printing & Stationery	576	467	
Wedding etc fees (except PCC's)			Deanery	40	40	
Mayman Trust Income			Postage and Delivery	9	0	
Major Building repairs			Telephone & broadband	182	207	
Legacies & exceptional donations			Bk chges & accountancy	420	450	
Fuel Grant from Diocese			Children's work	34	13	
			Administrator's wages	491	536	
Total Income	23639	27386	Total Expenditure	23639	27386	
			Balance			