

PCC MEMBERS **ELECTED** **OFFICE ENDS**

ARMSTRONG James	2020	2023
ARMSTRONG Linda	2020	2023
BELL Janet	2021	2023
BOWERS Margaret	2021	2024
CANT Roz	2020	2023
DAWSON Helen	2022	2025
FRAZER Linda	2021	2023
GRAY Susan	2021	2024
HOPE Elizabeth	2021	2023
HOPE Sandra	2020	2023
JONES Jennie	2020	2023
SKOYLES Hilary	2021	2024
STONE Daniel	2022	2025
TAYLOR Amanda	2021	2023
WAUGH Celia	2022	2025

(Blue highlighted are to be re-elected or to step down at this meeting)

(Grey highlighted (Church Wardens), are re-elected every year)



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

APCM

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL
CHURCH MEETING
30th APRIL 2023



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The Parish of Newburn, APCM of the PCC at St Michael's Church on 30th April following the 10am joint morning service.

Welcome and Introduction including a review of the year.

Vestry Meeting - All Parishioners allowed to vote

1. Opening Prayer & Bible Reading
2. Election of Churchwardens

APCM - Those on the Electoral Roll allowed to vote

1. Minutes of previous meeting
2. Parish Elections:
 - Parochial Church Council
 - Welcome teams
 - Independent Examiner for the parish
 - Parish Safeguarding Officer
3. The Parish Accounts and treasurers report as circulated
4. Reports as circulated in the Annual Report: - A time for any comments or questions.
6. Issues raised by the meeting – A chance to have your say!
7. Date of Next Meeting – To be arranged

We will have a brief PCC immediately after the APCM to elect officers.

Treasurer's report 2022

The account books for the Parish have been examined and approved by our Independent Examiner Mr John Jackson who also produced the 2022 Financial Statement.

Janet Bell and I continue to work together organising the weekly banking for both churches in the Parish and Janet does the gift aid claim for the Parish.

We have ended the year excess receipts over payments of £978 more income than outgoing. This is largely due to the fact that we received a legacy of £5000 to be used for the fabric of the church and some generous donations from members of the parish.

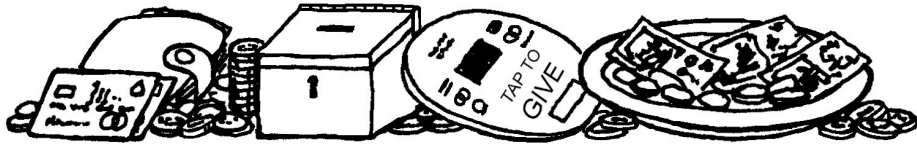
Voluntary giving from the Parish Giving Scheme has increased slightly and other envelope giving has increased by £1350.

Certain items have been restricted which includes the energy grant received from the diocese of £2096.

The parish giving scheme continues to work well, it helps knowing how much is being paid into our account each month.

We would appreciate it if anyone who gives regularly would consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme or setting up a direct debit/standing order.

Celia Waugh



Electoral Roll Report

The number for St Michael's is 53. Since the last roll, one member has died and two have been added.

The number for St Mary's is 42. Since the last roll, one member has died.

The total roll for the Parish is 95.

Amanda Taylor

The Vicars Reflections on 2022

The APCM is a time to look back and reflect on the year, giving thanks to God for all that has happened. It's also a time to look to the future and what we would like to see happening in the coming year. 2022 was the year when things returned to 'normal', except that things should never be 'normal' with God and so it has proved. Exciting new things have happened in both 2022 and early in 2023 which can be traced back to our PCC away day in the summer of 2022, when we reviewed our Mission Action Plan and made a commitment to become more outward focused.

This was the stimulus for the work to create the community choir, for the Easter holiday club and for the Eco-fair and the Lego events that Helen has organised (with others) so brilliantly.

In addition to these new initiatives, Messy Church – which had to be mothballed after just two meetings when covid arrived – was firmly re-established in 2022 and continues to attract families and children to have fun and hear the gospel message briefly in an informal manner. If you add to this the events that involve contact with the community which have been faithfully led by members of the congregation for many years – Noah's Ark, Open the Book, the youth group and Bethany – then it is clear that we have found many ways to reach people who are not regularly part of church. Of course, what we want most of all is for people to give their lives to Jesus, but this can never happen unless we first make contact with them.

We all only have so much time and energy to give to these new activities, so it is right that we constantly keep the things we do under review and decide when they are no longer needed. The numbers at the evening services had been in decline for some time, with most of those who came along also having worshipped in the morning. We had already reduced the number of evening services to two per month – the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) service and the contemporary service – but numbers continued to decline at the BCP even when the time was changed to 4 p.m. during the winter. We therefore decided to end the BCP services and instead to hold a Family Communion on the second Sunday morning of each month so that Communion was still celebrated.

It is sad to see people no longer being able to come along to services and Christmas was another time when many people were poorly; we were reminded again of the sadness of failing health and the essential role of people in the congregation who visit those in ill health. But there has also been joy as we have seen a number of new people come into both St Michael's and St Mary's and become regular worshippers.

Before Christmas there was, of course, Advent and the great response to the Paddington course, with its focus on invitation. Although I would love to have more prayer and Bible study going on in the church, I am encouraged by the response to Advent and Lent courses and to the group who are faithfully meeting for prayer and study on a Thursday morning.

Of course, there are many roles that are not so visible in the church, but which are essential to its running: I am hugely grateful to the wardens for all that they do, Roz for her crucial work in the area of safeguarding, those who lead junior church, make tea and coffee, clean the church and do all sorts of other unseen tasks. I make no apology for having devoted most of this report to reaching out to the community, because this is essential if the church is to remain alive. However, people will only want to be part of the church if they see a loving group of people, who are willing to do some distinctly unglamorous jobs in order to keep everything running smoothly.

At no time was this more evident than after the death of the Queen, when people volunteered at very short notice to do all sorts of tasks. I hope Ann-Marie won't feel embarrassed when I mention that it was the welcome that she received when she came into church after the Queen's death that encouraged her to come back on a Sunday; she and Joanne have since become regular members of the congregation. These are the types of things that happen when we are the sort of people that Paul urges us to be in Romans 15:5-7:

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God

Independent Examiner's report to the P.C.C. of Newburn Parish

I report on the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out in the accompanying pages.

Respective responsibilities of the P.C.C. and Independent Examiner

The P.C.C. consider that an audit is not required for the 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 Commissioners section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and

State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the P.C.C. 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 explanation from the P.C.C. concerning any such matter. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention.

Which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2001 Act;
or
to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John Jackson

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15th March 2023

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	General Fund	General Fund Parsonage	Newburn Bell	Community Choir	Fabric Repairs	Throckley Drive/Legacy	Community Food	Dalton Churchyard	Magazine	Other Legacy	Total
Petty Cash - Newburn	25										25
Petty Cash - Throckley	8										8
Lloyds Bank Current Account	7,584	5,227	2,059	1,820	1,361	6,526	3,989	5,327	84		20,065
Lloyds Bank Deposit Account										71,532	71,532
CBF Deposit Accounts								23,389			23,389
CBF - Shares											
	7,617	5,227	2,059	1,820	1,361	6,526	3,989	28,716	84	71,532	128,931

and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God

Rev Allison

PCC Away Day report

The PCC had an Away Day held at Shepherd's Dene on 13th August 2022.

Roz led a review of our Safeguarding Policy, which meant that all PCC members were brought up to date on what training was needed and what she has to do behind the scenes to keep us running smoothly.

Allison then gave everyone a piece of 'seed paper'. Each sheet included 100's of wild flower seeds and can be planted once written on/finished with. The paper represents us sowing seeds within God's Kingdom. We all wrote a prayer/poem/thought, or drew a picture to represent ourselves on the paper, whilst enjoying the grounds of Shepherd's Dene.

Without naming names, some people drew a tree, a reflection of drought and the hot weather, and the worry of the big trees at St Mary's. Others used trees to represent growth of the church, of the youth group, of Noah's Ark. Someone wrote a prayer about seeds growing in the dark but blossoming in the light. Others drew the flowers which might grow from the seed paper to show that you never know exactly what growth will happen from us planting seeds. Another wrote a prayer of growth and said they would plant the seeds in a pot to distinguish them from any weeds that might grow.

We used the 2019 Mission Action Plan to review what has/has not been achieved. We discussed the need to share out the person with oversight so that it is not always Allison. We need to work together as a whole church not just a PCC, and focus on the church in our community. We wrote new action points for a new MAP, with a big focus on outreach and community.

Helen Dawson

Church Wardens' Report

The last year felt more 'normal' with not only services but many other Parish activities returning such as Noah's Ark, Messy Church and Bethany. The Archdeacon's Visitation took place on Thursday 16 June 2022 at Holy Cross Church Fenham. It was good to be 'sworn in' at a church in the Newcastle West Deanery.

St Mary's average attendance is 35 adults and occasionally up to 4 children.

The new boiler was installed in January 2022; despite a few teething troubles early on all seems to be running smoothly. In June 2022, the boiler house flooded but even with the attendance of three church wardens, an emergency plumber was contacted who fixed the problem free of charge. A Good Samaritan!

The church grounds are maintained by Jim Armstrong and Ken Ladzrie. We are grateful for their help. Following the Quinquennial Inspection Report, the 'Good Shepherd' stained glass window was repaired along with some smaller panes.

At St Michael's, the average attendance is 19 on a Sunday morning. The usual annual inspections and services took place.

The reordering of the church was completed after the removal of pews and re-siting of two radiators. The North aisle now has a pleasant area for coffee after services. It provides a good place to sit and chat.

The children's area in the South Transept is also complete with a table, chairs, carpet and toys.

During the year we have had issues with masonry wasps; hopefully the coolness of the church will encourage them to vacate during the winter.

The front area of the church is greatly improved thanks to the grass being regularly cut during the year by Newcastle City Council workers.

We must also mention the hard work of Jim Armstrong, Ken Ladzrie and Kevin who are also maintaining the church grounds. A review of safes in both churches resulted in numerous registers being deposited at Woodhorn Records Office.

We are grateful for the support and encouragement we receive

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RESTRICTED/ DESIGNATED FUNDS

RESTRICTED/DESIGNATED FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	2022	2022	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Community Food	775		675	
CCLA - Dividends - Dalton Churchyard	696		674	
Boiler Fund	-		13,410	
Legacy - Fabric Repairs	5,000		-	
Donation -Community Choir	1,820		-	
VAT Claim - New Boiler	1,894		-	
Energy Grant - NDBF	2,096		-	
Donations - St Michael's Bell Fund	-		30	
Magazine	745		98	
Other Interest	938		37	
		13,964		14,924
TOTAL RECEIPTS		13,964		14,924
Payments				
Community Food	1,865		1,544	
Heating and Lighting	2,096		-	
Church Repairs	3,639		-	
New Boiler	11,365		-	
Dalton churchyard	644		500	
Magazine	726		1,162	
		20,335		3,206
TOTAL PAYMENTS		20,335		3,206
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		-6,371		11,718
Represented by				
FUND AS AT 1ST JANUARY 2022		129,520		114,488
(Decrease) Increase in market value of shares		-3,121		3,314
Transfer to General Fund		-3,941		-
Excess of receipts over payments		-6,371		11,718
FUND AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022		116,087		129,520

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	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Payments				
Church Activities				
Missions/relief agencies		1,203		1,699
Parish share		45,000		44,244
Church running expenses				
<i>General (Insurance, Repairs etc)</i>	10,529		9,993	
<i>Heating and Lighting</i>	<u>1,701</u>		<u>2,702</u>	
		12,230		12,695
Vicarage and Presbytery expenses				
<i>Telephone</i>	296		408	
<i>General and Water Rates Rates</i>	<u>4,711</u>		<u>4,243</u>	
		5,007		4,651
Parsonage Expenses		920		2,009
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u><u>64,360</u></u>		<u><u>65,298</u></u>
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER (PAYMENTS)		<u><u>978</u></u>		<u><u>-1,171</u></u>
Represented by				
FUND AS AT 1ST JANUARY 2022		7,925		9,096
Excess of receipts over (payments)		978		-1,171
Transfer from Restricted/Designated		<u>3,941</u>		<u>-</u>
FUND AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022		<u><u>12,844</u></u>		<u><u>7,925</u></u>

from the congregations. Thanks to Rev Allison for her continued work in the Parish.

Janet Bell, Linda Frazer, Elizabeth Hope and Amanda Taylor.

PCC Secretary's Report

I have now enjoyed several years of being PCC Secretary. I can't say it all goes smoothly, there's a lot of last minute typing of minutes! But I am still enjoying being on the PCC and would like to say thank you to all PCC members for replying promptly to emails, for not printing minutes/agendas unnecessarily and for generally making my role easier.

Helen Dawson

Noah's Ark Report

Noah's Ark continues to offer a warm, safe environment for baby, toddlers, parents and carers. Besides offering a wide variety of imaginative and stimulating toys we provide craft activities, including paints and play dough. A healthy snack of fruit for the toddlers as well as tea and coffee is offered. The session always finishes with songs and movement. At present we have thirty- one families on our register and the average attendance is eight each week. Many thanks to the team of leaders- Margaret Bowers, Ken Ladzrie, Joan McStay. Liz Walker and Linda Frazer.

Linda Frazer

Bethany Report

We started Bethany again this year. Though numbers are down, we are still enjoying doing it. We are getting 17-19 regulars. Sometimes rising to 20-23. The format remains the same, feeding body, mind and spirit, which is Christian fellowship, snacks, drinks and conversations, then a quiz or game of some sort. The food aspect has been reduced due to cost, and people are understanding of this.

Linda Armstrong

Deanery Synod Report

The meetings of Newcastle West Deanery are now chaired by Rev James McGowan, our new Area Dean working in partnership with Allison.

As things increasingly open up following Covid, the subject of finance has continued to come up as some parishes were unable to continue with their usual payment of parish share as when the churches were closed income had dropped considerably. This was something that was not such an issue in Newburn Parish as we are much involved in the Parish Giving Scheme. Now Churches are being asked to consider how they might move forward and regroup. It seems that vacancies in parishes will increase in length. The Deanery Development Group will hopefully have more influence in how clergy are deployed across the parishes. At one meeting a presentation was given by Diocesan Generous Giving Team. They reiterated that parish giving had fallen across the diocese and shared various ways to encourage generous giving. Digital Giving Rollout - a national initiative - was shared. Fenham and Ponteland both find it successful, particularly at weddings, but Denton had not gained any benefit. 30 free devices are available for interested parishes. Various factors will be taken into consideration when allocating the devices. Those in church each week will see that Newburn has a device, which is productive at weddings and funerals when people arrive without cash in their pocket!

The deanery has also looked at welcome and hospitality at an open Deanery Synod. Whilst officially we can't say joint Area Deans (!) meetings are much more alive under the leadership of Revd James McGowan and Revd Allison. Deanery Synod will only meet 3 times a year from now on, in line with school terms. A new Deanery Secretary was appointed during the year.

I will shortly stand down from the role of Newcastle West Deanery Synod rep for Newburn - if you'd like to give it a go, do dip your toe in the water - you might just be surprised!

Jennie Jones

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GENERAL FUND

UNRESTRICTED FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Receipts				
Regular voluntary receipts				
Tax efficient planned giving	975		1,329	
Other envelope giving	9,825		8,475	
Other collections	4,292		2,255	
Parish giving scheme	28,421		28,195	
Income Tax	8,758		11,629	
		52,271		51,883
Other voluntary receipts				
Donations/Grants	2,210		-	
Charities	1,203		1,699	
		3,413		1,699
Receipts from activities for generating funds				
Sale of pews (Net)	-		1,675	
Social/general fund raising	1,484		-	
		1,484		1,675
Receipts from church activities				
Fees (Net)	1,849		2,924	
		1,849		2,924
Other receipts				
Parsonage	6,321		5,946	
		6,321		5,946
TOTAL RECEIPTS		65,338		64,127

on wheels - courtesy of Linda Frazer!) which have very much showed their great competitive spirit. The same was true at the Pancake and Pepsi Party last year when having made their own pancakes, subject to Health & Safety and Risk Assessment, the young people raced round the room tossing the pancakes as they went!



We all know young people love their food, and at one meeting Carlys brought along her ice-cream maker and showed the group how to make ice cream and everyone had a go - it was really good! The trip to Holy Island was enjoyed again and Carla and Dan kept a weather eye on those who walked to the island and maybe did not have a parent or family member

with them – some very interesting conversations as they plodged across!

They again helped out again at the Christmas Fair, and are pleased to be part of the team.

At each meeting we focus on an activity early on and then sit together for the last half hour, play games and share thoughts and ideas on all sorts of things about their lives at school and in the world. They are a great group .

Margaret, Carla, Dan and Jennie

Messy Church

Messy Church has continued throughout 2022 with a high number of returning families and some new ones still appearing. The word is spreading through Facebook and word of mouth and more families are being attracted to Messy Church. Donations are low but the volunteers are all very generous with their time and resources. We hope we will continue to attract these children for crafts, games, food and as always, a link to a Biblical story or theme.

Helen Dawson

Parish Safeguarding

Safeguarding continues to be a central to all we do in Newburn Parish. This year Safeguarding has been on the agenda and discussed at every PCC meeting.

All members of the PCC completed the Domestic abuse training, this training was also open for any member of the congregation to attend. The aim of the training was to develop a greater understanding of what Domestic Abuse is, who it affects, as well as its impact on individuals, children, the wider family, and the community. Those who completed the course demonstrated that they were able to: Identify the different types of domestic abuse, and how wide-spread it is; Recognise the signs of domestic abuse; Explore some of the myths, barriers, stereotypes, and impacts of domestic abuse (in particular how these relate to Christian faith and Church communities); Evaluate the needs of domestic abuse survivors in order to support them effectively, while at the same time understanding the boundaries and limitations of your own role. It also covered a review of the previous safeguarding training (delivered last year). This training was well received, and the participants had a good understanding of the material covered. We have continued to update and review the Parish Dashboard which is an online tool to make it easier for churches to manage their safeguarding requirements. The action plan has been shared and discussed at PCC meetings enabling our safeguarding discussions to have a clear focus.

All safeguarding documents and risks assessments for activities within the parish continue to be updated and reviewed to reflect any changes as needed. The Parish website complies with all safeguarding requirements. Safeguarding information on the notice boards in both churches and the Parish Hall is currently up to date and continues to be updated as needed.

Any safeguarding incidents have been dealt with appropriately, relevant support and guidance has been given where needed and information has been shared with the DSA.

Roz Cant

Pastoral Care Report

At the present time Covid restrictions are lifted and we are now visiting people at home who are unable to attend church services, and those in hospital. We also continue to contact people by telephone when possible. We have visited Rosewood Villa care home, after testing on site for Covid and wearing PPE.

The visiting team consists of Rev Allison, Mary Weatherall, Joan McStay, Roz Jones and Sandra Hope. Please pray for the team and the ministry they have been called to. Please let us know of anyone who would like a visit.

The Pastoral Care Team.

Parish Events Group (PEGs)

There have been a number of events during the year which PEGs may lead on, but which depend on the help of many across the congregations. A very successful games evening was held in March focussing on bowls and curling. In May we celebrated along with the rest of our nation for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a lunch in the Parish Hall after a celebration service in St Michael's. Molly McGovern was our 'Queen' for the day, and a very beautiful one! In August we had our first Eco-Fair in the grounds of St Mary's, with several visiting eco organisations. A good crowd came along to support. In November we had good turnout once again for the TearFund Quiz Evening, now definitely an annual event. And in December the Christmas Fair was restored, well attended and a great success. Many have volunteered to help at the events, for which we are very grateful, but if you would like to be more involved in PEGs please have a word with the team.

Janet Bell, Helen Dawson, Margaret Bowers, Jennie Jones (St Mary's), Amanda Taylor and Linda Armstrong (St Michael's)

Open the Book

Another short report from Open the Book as there were still difficulties throughout 2022 getting into schools as assemblies were happening in class



groups rather than across whole school. The team have laundered the costumes ready to go!

We had just one session in school for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee when we shared the story of King Hezekiah, specially prepared by the Bible Society for Open the Book teams to use for the Platinum Jubilee.



We were back in the schools in the new school year, but still on a limited basis and we were able to share the story of the Creation, a very popular one with the children as so many get the chance to be part of the story as the plants, flowers and animals!

If anyone would like to come on to the team please do let us know—you are welcome any time!

Open the Book Team

JUNIOR CHURCH REPORT

In 2022 we were struggling for numbers and occasionally there were no children at all to go to Junior Church. Attendance improved towards the end of the year, and we have a lovely, if small, group of very young children. They enjoyed the extra space that the Community Hall provides with more opportunities for running around and making a noise without disturbing anybody. We enjoy sharing Bible Stories together, praying and then colouring or creative activities before re-joining the older church family. *(In the New Year 2023 Junior Church moved into St Mary's vestry, convenient and economical until numbers increase)*

Jane Allan

YOUTH GROUP

Now in our permanent home at the Parish Hall, we meet, as far as possible, on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 6pm to 7.30pm. We have enjoyed hectic curling competitions (ie no ice, but 'stones')