



St. Peter's Church, Monkseaton

Faith, Hope, Community



Parish Profile



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Invitation



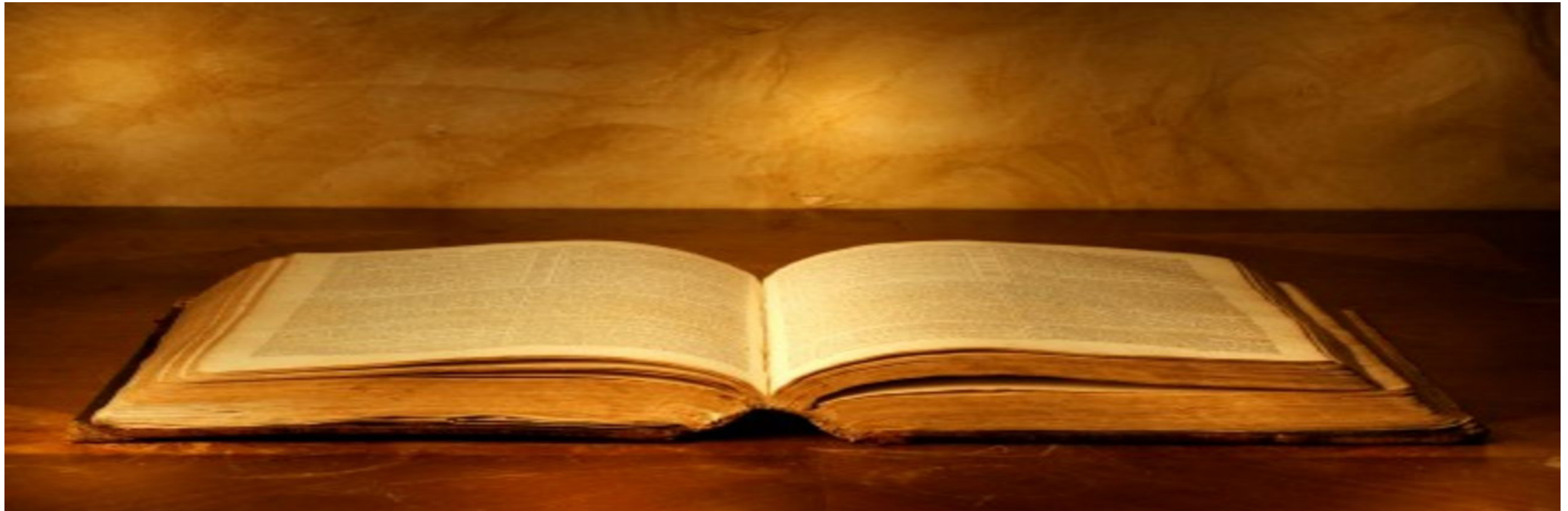
Here at St. Peter's we would like to extend the welcome we give to others to anyone considering becoming the future incumbent of our church.

We are looking for someone who will lead us, inspire us and encourage us in our Christian Faith.

We are looking and praying for someone who:

- is embedded in scripture and will lead us in worship with inspirational and heartfelt evangelism
- is compassionate with excellent listening skills
- will continue the work we have started in St. Peter's with young people and ensure that the children occupy a central role in church life
- has imaginative leadership and organisational skills
- is willing to delegate to encourage people to become actively involved in the life of the church and its activities in the parish, thereby utilising all the various gifts which our church members have to offer
- is dynamic, energetic and fun with a warm personality which will resonate with all ages
- a team builder who can build partnerships with other churches within the Diocese and continue to work with the schools in our parish
- is willing to embrace us and work with us to continue to take forward our mission in the community.

As you read through our Parish Profile, we hope that God will guide you to discern if you are the one called to lead us in the next Chapter of the life of St. Peter's.



Monkseaton and Beyond



St Mary's Lighthouse
and Nature Reserve

Monkseaton is a village on the edge of the coastal town of Whitley Bay ten miles east of Newcastle. Although part of the coastal conurbation it retains a distinctive village feel. There are many small local businesses, a library, cafes and shops within walking distance of the vicarage and several of the schools in the parish have been rated as outstanding by Ofsted. Whitley Bay operates a 3 -tier schooling system offering first (reception to year 4) , middle (year 5 to year 8) and high (years 9 to 11) with both high schools also being sixth form colleges.

With the North Sea and the beautiful beaches of Whitley Bay and Tynemouth very close, it is no wonder Monkseaton is a popular place to live. St Mary's Island, lying just outside the parish, is home to a wide range of wildlife including grey seals. Newcastle City Centre, with a large array of shops and attractions, is easily accessible by road or public transport. Alternatively, a short drive north will take you into the county of Northumberland which is filled with ancient castles, rugged moorland and beautiful beaches, home to Hadrian's Wall and Holy Island, Craster Kippers and Kielder Water & Forest Park.



The newly refurbished
Spanish City

Monkseaton and Beyond



There is such a diverse range of cultures close by:

Tynemouth Priory and Castle



From incredible relics of ancient times....

to modern architecture that livens up the skylines!



Newcastle Gateshead Millennium Bridge

King Edward's Bay



See the glory of the coastline...

or explore the rugged walks along Hadrian's Wall.



Sycamore Gap, Northumberland National Park

Discover new music at one of our concert venues...



Sage Gateshead

Seaton Delaval Hall



or explore local National Trust properties.

From following the local team...



St James' Park - home of Newcastle United F.C.

intu Eldon Square, Newcastle



to some retail therapy.



The church has served the community of Monkseaton for over 100 years. Originally the church met in an old building known locally as the "Tin Tabernacle". It moved to the present building in 1938. New housing estates to the north of Whitley Bay were built between the 1950s and 1970s and St Peter's draws several of its congregation from these areas. There is a diverse socio-economic mix within the parish which contains over 6500 households.

The church is surrounded by housing – mostly from the 1920s and 1930s but sits immediately behind a terrace of shops and houses from around the 1900s. It is on the north western fringe of old Monkseaton village although there is little building of significance left from before the early 20th century. The vicarage is located on Elmwood Road, very close to the church and within easy reach of the centre of the village which has a range of shops, pubs and a library.

Just along Woodleigh Road is St Andrew's United Reformed Church with whom we have good neighbourly relations. Both churches sit within the Monkseaton conservation area.



The Tin Tabernacle



Mission and Ministry



At St. Peter's we place great importance on the church's role as a channel of Christ's Mission. We seek to develop our own community life and to nurture the faith of church members, whilst at the same time reaching out to the wider community of Monkseaton and beyond. We are aware of the impact made by individual church members in their daily lives, maintaining a Christian presence in the wider world.

There is a strong sense of fellowship within the congregation which spans the generations leading to a friendly atmosphere and warm relationships. The level of concern people show to one another is reflected in the way they care for each other and go out of their way to offer their support and there is very much a feeling of family at St. Peter's.

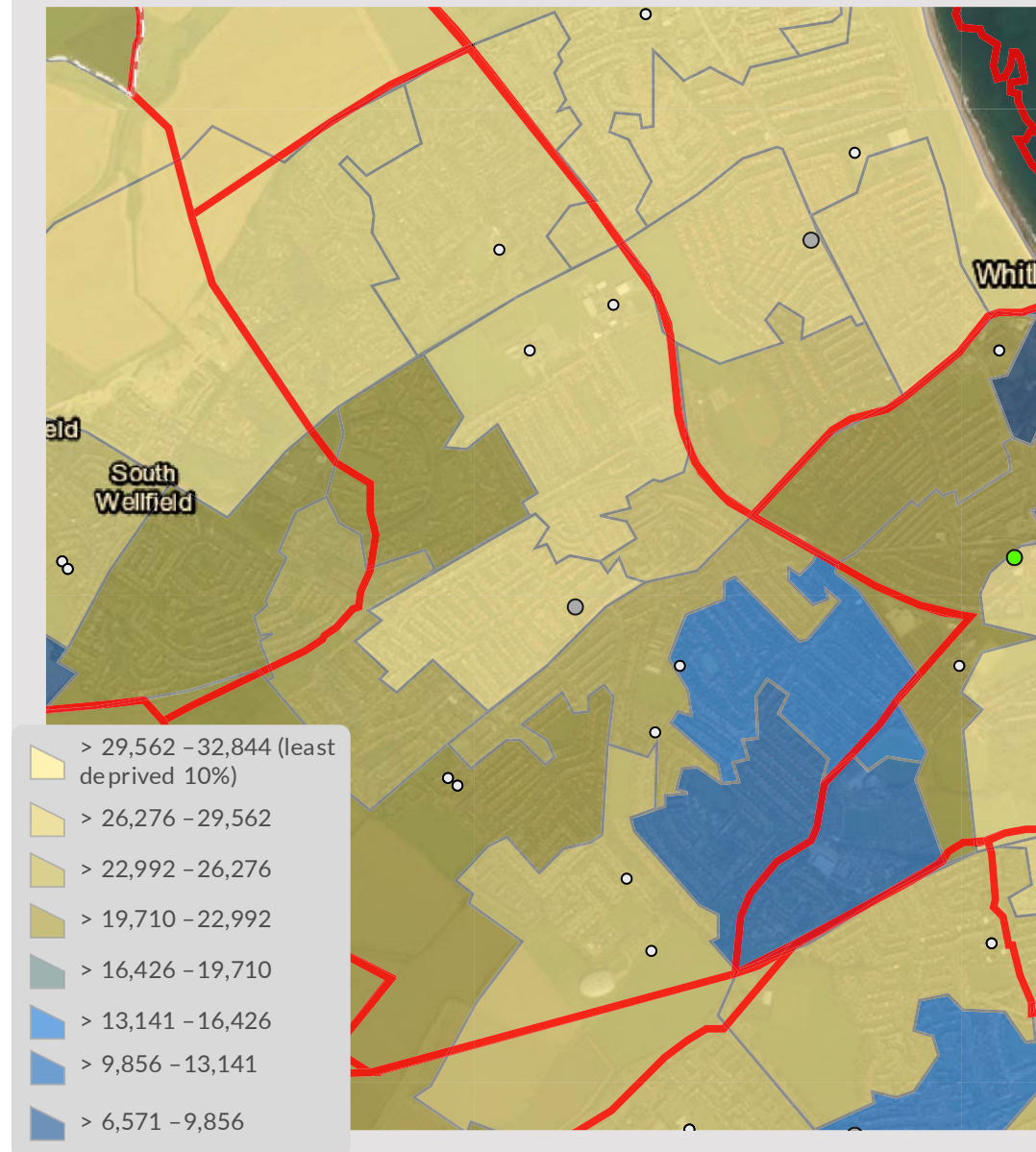
Mission statement and Tagline

St Peter's has its own tagline and mission statement, which clearly defines what our church stands for in the community and beyond. Our mission statement, 'Gathering in love, Growing in faith, Giving hope to all', was crafted following a workshop open to all clergy and members of the congregation who wished to attend, and encompasses the joy, belief and inclusivity at our heart. Our tagline, 'Faith, Hope, Community' distils this message down into a short and memorable form which can be used across any internal and external communications.

Faith, Hope, Community

Gathering in Love, Growing in Faith, Giving Hope to All

Map of Parish IMD Rankings





St. Peter's is a traditional church with the Eucharist as the main weekly act of worship, with two services on a Sunday morning, at 8.30am (said) and 10am (sung). Music plays a very important role in our worship and we are very lucky to have a strong choir at St. Peter's led by a talented organist/musical director whose contribution to our worship is very much appreciated by the congregation.

Within the St. Peter's community, commitment is high, and we try and involve as many people as possible in the worship and activities of the church. The congregation at St. Peter's have a wide range of skills and we have a very strong team of helpers involved in our numerous rotas. We believe that this is one of our strengths as it allows everyone to feel that they are contributing to the life of the church. We have one Reader who periodically preaches and leads the Sunday Evensong, which follows the Book of Common Prayer, with hymns. We are also lucky enough to have a number of retired clergy within the parish who also assist in preaching and presiding occasionally.

St Peter's has a long tradition of being a training church for curates and we would hope that any future incumbent would wish to continue this.

The clergy are assisted during the main Eucharist by a large team of servers and we are very pleased that several young people volunteer for this rota. A group of assistants are authorised to administer the Chalice.



We believe that the welcome newcomers receive on arrival at St. Peter's is crucial and we work very hard to make sure that this is achieved. We have a very strong team of sidespersons who are responsible for welcoming people into the church and ensuring that they feel comfortable and are greeted by a friendly face.

The Eucharist is also celebrated every Wednesday morning, followed by a time for fellowship and refreshments, and Evensong is held on Sundays at 3.30pm.

As well as the Sunday morning services, there are also periodic special services, such as the one held at All Souls, where we invite families for whom we have taken a funeral over the past year.

On the last Tuesday of every month we offer an afternoon service to those who struggle to get to the early morning services. Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after this service which is much appreciated by the attendees.

"Oasis" is a contemplative reflection service held alternate Wednesday evenings in the Lady Chapel. It provides the small group of attendees with a time for prayer, relaxing music, readings and quiet. The session is led by an established team consisting of both lay and clergy.

Day	Time	Service	Average attendance <i>(Jun – Dec 2019)</i>
Sunday	8:30am	Said Eucharist	24
	10am	Sung Eucharist with Sunday School and choir	93
	3:30pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	13
Wednesday	9:30am	Said Eucharist	21
Tuesday	2pm	Monthly Eucharist	10

Gathering to pray together is very important at St Peter's and a small group of parishioners meet every morning in the Lady Chapel for Morning Prayer. In the past we have held prayer mornings and every year a number of people participate in an Advent Quiet day at Shepherds Dene, the Diocesan retreat house. We also hold a Healing prayer service once a month.



The colours of the East window, cast onto the wall of the Lady Chapel during Morning Prayer one day.

Behind the scenes our sacristan makes sure that all the vestments, liturgical vessels and linen are kept in excellent condition and ensures the stocks of wine, communion wafers and candles are maintained. Our office administrator ensures that all registers are maintained and completed on time. Other members of the church look after the flowers, money counting, the weekly office Open Hour, intercessions, church cleaning, baptism attendants, and the parish breakfast after the 10.00 a.m. service. Separate leads look after our three children and youth groups, Messy Church, Sunday school and the youth group.

On the pastoral side a team of visitors play an essential role in taking communion and making home visits to those unable to come to church. They also organise regular services at some of the local Nursing and Care Homes.

Study groups

We have an established regular pattern of monthly bible study groups which allow people to come together to strengthen and develop their faith, explore scripture and engage and learn with each other. Two sessions run during the first week of the month, on a Wednesday after the morning service and on a Thursday evening, to accommodate those who are unavailable during the day.

PCC

The Parochial Church Council supports the running of the church in the usual way, delegating certain activities and decisions to smaller committees. This has helped to speed up decision-making and simplify the main PCC agendas. The PCC currently meets 6 times per year.

LMDT

Our Local Ministry Development Team meets regularly to ensure that the church fulfils its role and mission in the local community. It has produced a Mission Action Plan and has looked in detail at life points in which the church and community closely interact such as baptism, marriage and bereavement. It continues to support and develop the embedding of the church in the local community.

Parish breakfast

After the 10.00 a.m. Sunday service, there is an opportunity for everyone to gather in the Crosskeys Hall for fellowship and Fairtrade tea and filter coffee and biscuits. Much church business seems to be done at this time (c. 11.10-12 noon). Forthcoming social events and activities are promoted, and it gives the parishioners some quality time to interact with each other and get to know each other better.



Open church

The church building is open, unattended, every day from 8.30 a.m. until dusk. We felt that this was very important to give people the opportunity for private prayer, contemplation, reflection and peace and quiet. The visitors' book has borne out that many old friends and returning residents have been able to look round. The insurance company promotes the opening of the church as they feel that an open church is safer than a locked one.

This approach has led to a small number of homeless people finding sanctuary in the church and, as a result, the PCC decided to provide tea, coffee, milk and basic food items for their use. Whilst most people think this is a good initiative it does provide a challenge for any future incumbent as a number of church members feel intimidated by the presence of the homeless. A meeting including the PCC members and the Area Dean has taken place to address these concerns and a Lone Working policy is being drafted, alongside a code of considerate practice to ensure the church is left clean and tidy and to address some issues that have arisen.

Mothers' Union

Our Mothers' Union has 30-40 active members. There is also an 'Evening MU' for those working during the day. Both sections support Mothers' Union initiatives and practical Diocesan projects, as well as fellowship, and informative and fun activities.

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship meets monthly, with frequent guest speakers. They hold raffles, table-top sales, trips out, coffee mornings and afternoon teas with entertainment, aiming to have fun and fellowship whilst raising money for the church and other local charities.

Lunch Club

A Lunch Club of up to twenty-six people meets every two weeks for fellowship and a home-cooked two course meal prepared by a team of volunteers. It is not restricted to Church members - it is part of our church's Outreach.



The table is set ready for Lunch Club

And there's more...

The church social committee organises a variety of fundraising events to supplement church funds whilst also providing a regular opportunity to gather in fellowship and friendship.

The Autumn Fayre in October is our major annual fundraiser. It is also a significant community event involving many of our church groups and drawing several hundred visitors into the hall.

In order to supplement the church income, we also hold a fundraising event in the summer. Past events include a Flower festival and garden party, and a weekend Beer Festival.





Sunday School (Stepping Stones)

Sunday School runs every week in term time during the 10.00 a.m. Communion service. It is enjoyed by a small number of children from the congregation.

The children re-join the congregation before Communion and take great pleasure in reporting back on the theme they have been thinking about and the crafts they have made.

SPYC (St Peter's Youth Club)

SPYC is our youth club for 11-18-year-olds and runs every other Wednesday evening during term time in the Crosskeys Hall. It currently has around 12 regular members and five leaders, with at least two leaders at every session. Sessions are structured, but fun, and have included international-themed nights, games and sports, photography, First Aid training, Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade visit, annual ten-pin-bowling trip, Fair Trade night, Shrove Tuesday pancake making and races, harvest supper cooking, an annual Summer BBQ, and Christmas and Easter parties. Activities are in keeping with Christian values and encourage teamwork and thinking of others. SPYC also makes church 'less of a stranger' to those who don't go—treasure hunts, Easter egg hunts and Murder Mystery Nights held in the church all give young people the chance to explore it and get under the skin of it in a fun and hands-on way.



SPYC making pancakes using tin cans

Messy Church

We have a small team of volunteers who, alongside the Messy Church Co-ordinator, ensure that Messy Church runs on the first Saturday of every month, except during the summer break, from 10am to 12.30pm. The sessions provide a variety of crafts based on a theme and culminate in a short service of reflection, thanksgiving, prayer and singing before everyone comes together to share a two-course lunch, offered free of charge. These sessions are not only great fun but serve to involve both youngsters and parents beyond the mainstream congregation.

Tots' Praise

During the development of the mission action plan it was recognised that we did not offer a service suitable for toddlers. We introduced Tots' Praise; a small service held on a Wednesday morning using the Diddy Disciples materials. The number of attendees is currently small, but the group has great potential for growth.

Uniformed Groups

We have uniformed groups attached to St Peter's. The 2nd Monkseaton Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers meet in the Crosskeys hall, and the 21st Whitley Bay (St Peter's) Scout group meets in its own purpose-designed building near the local Ice Rink. The groups are invited to attend Church Parades which occur at certain festivals.

In recent years the number of young people attending St Peter's has declined. It can be seen that the variety of groups we offer provide a firm foundation and a potential for growth and we would hope that any future incumbent would work to increase attendance across all services.

St. Peter's in the Community



There are nine schools within the parish, all shown on the map opposite, and we have established links with the majority of them. We hope that our future incumbent would continue to be involved within lessons and assemblies at some of the schools, including Woodlawn school, a school for children and young people with learning difficulties and a range of disabilities.

At Christmas we host the joint carol service of Monkseaton Middle and High Schools, where a small team help with refreshments and we also host the Whitley Bay High School carol service.

Twice weekly, during term time, the "Pebbles" toddler group takes place in the Crosskeys Community hall. This group is extremely well attended by parents, grandparents and childminders. Whilst the sessions are run independently the church has oversight of the group and we hold special services for Pebbles at Easter and Christmas.

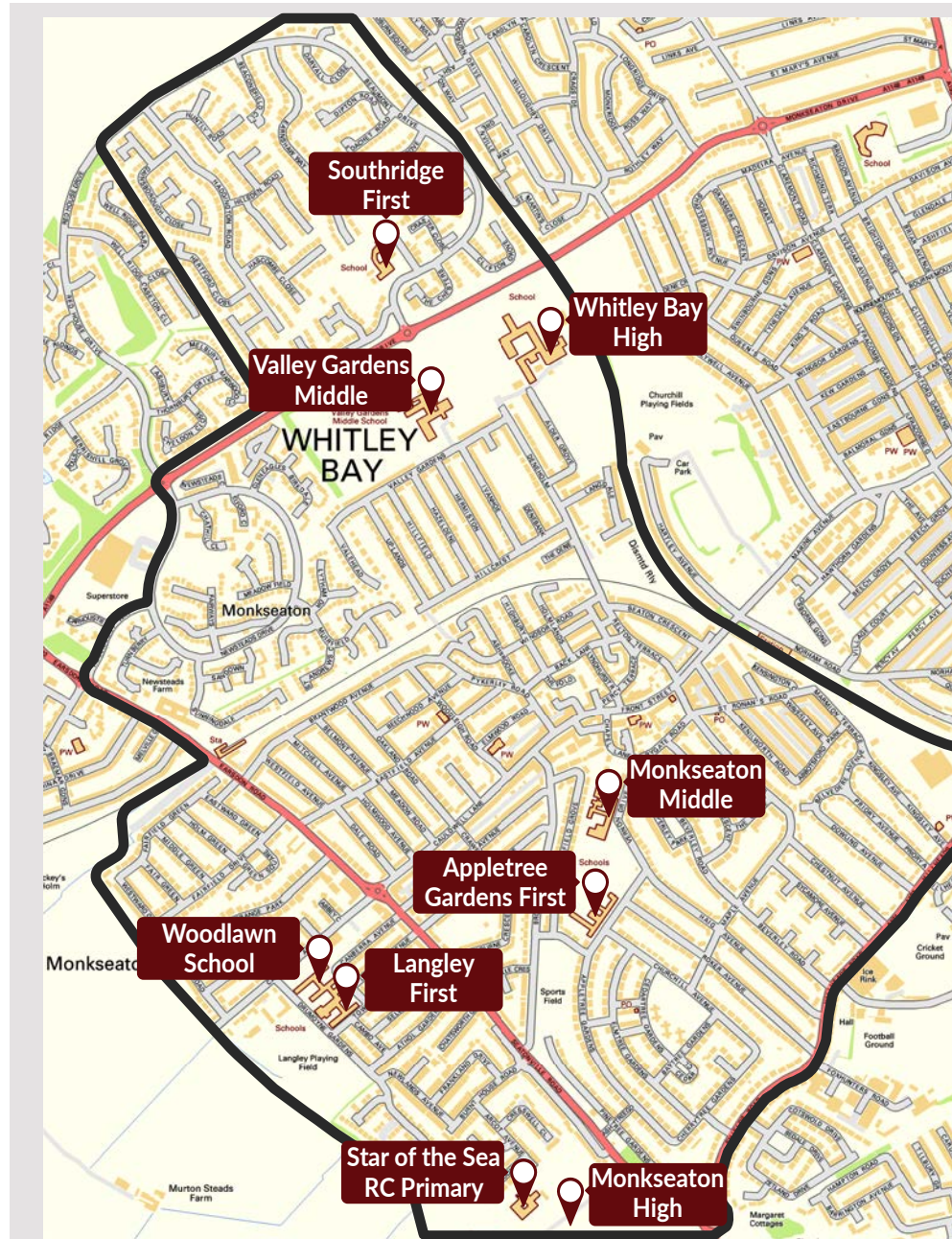
Following a successful trial during the Diocesan Pathways mission weekend we now have an established pattern, at Easter and in Advent, of handing out packs to commuters containing seasonal literature, a church card detailing the services and a food gift. Also, at Easter and Christmas, congregation members provide baked goods which are packaged up and distributed to the local businesses within Monkseaton, along with a greetings card.



The team at West Monkseaton Metro



The Whitley Bay High Carol Service



St. Peter's in the Community



For the past four years St Peter's have worked alongside other local churches, St Andrews URC, Immaculate Heart of Mary RC and St Mary's Monkseaton to offer activity lunches during the summer holidays. The four sessions offered each week from 12 noon to 1.30pm, at the individual churches, offer parents and grandparents the opportunity to meet for conversation, whilst the children are entertained by crafts and activities, with each session concluding with a cooked two-course meal. The free of charge sessions are largely funded by local charities and supported by local supermarkets. A large group of church members volunteer at the sessions.



The Parish Magazine is published 10 times per year. Over 30 local businesses advertise in the magazine which covers the cost of production allowing us to distribute it free of charge. It runs to 24-30 pages, and contains information about church and community, general interest articles and has in the past contained an article written by the clergy.

Rooms in the Crosskeys Hall are let out for community use which provides a regular source of income. A hall booking secretary coordinates bookings and we employ a regular cleaner. The main hall and small hall are used almost every day with regular sessions for Tumble Tots, the Bygate Womens' Institute, Tiny Talk, the Bridge Club, the table tennis group and birthday parties.

The St Peter's Players, the church's amateur dramatics group, rehearses in the hall weekly and performs a number of productions throughout the year. A children's drama group/Pantomime society also meet weekly and the annual pantomime in January is very popular (oh yes, it is!).



We hold annual fundraising appeals for USPG (during Lent) and Christian Aid. For the last three years, to fundraise for the latter we have joined up with members of St Andrews URC to host events during Christian Aid week. We hold a community Big Breakfast coffee morning and St Andrew's host a Scones of Praise service.

The church is actively involved with several local charities and community projects. Members of the congregation volunteer with the Bay Foodbank (for which we host a collection point) and the Whitley Bay Street Pastors prayer team. With other local churches, we make up Christmas boxes for young people who are supported by the De Paul Trust. The Mothers' Union group prepare shoeboxes for the homeless at Christmas time. The Women's Fellowship hold a variety of fundraising events throughout the year to raise money for local designated charities.

The donations of food offered at the Harvest Festival service are divided between the People's Kitchen and Walking With, a local initiative providing support to refugees and asylum seekers in Wallsend.



The statutory accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019, which are required to be submitted to The Charity Commission, are attached as Appendix 3. Simplified monthly accounts are produced for PCC meetings.

Income

St. Peter's primary source of income is Planned Giving. Total giving in 2019 amounted to £62,932 of which 88.5% is gift aided, bringing in a further £13,937 from HMRC. Further claims have been made to the Inland Revenue under the small donations scheme and £2,017 was receivable over the course of 2019.

The hall is used by church organisations, which make donations for its use, and by the wider community who are charged, bringing in £7650 in 2019. The Pebbles Toddler group contributed a further £2551. In general, the income covers the expenditure incurred on its running costs. The Autumn Fayre each October generates in the region of £3,500.

Expenditure

Parish Share amounted to £88,200 in 2019 and has now risen to £90,000 for 2020. This is paid by monthly standing order to the Diocese.

We are very pleased that our parish share has always been paid in full.

The total income amounted to £126,305 with expenditure totalling £129,800. The previous incumbent and the PCC have worked hard to maximise income whilst reducing expenditure to maintain reserves. We hope that the future incumbent will continue to maintain the financial awareness required in these difficult times.

Buildings



The church was consecrated in 1938, having been built by a local company whose owners had strong links with the church. It is constructed of red rustic brick on the outside with different coloured bricks providing contrast and detail on the inside. It is roofed in slate and has a parquet floor.

The plan is fairly conventional, having a wide nave but no transepts and narrow aisles to either side of the nave. It was built with a deep chancel housing the choir stalls and organ console with a chapel on the north side and vestries on the south side. Following reordering the sanctuary has been moved to the front of the chancel with a screen behind, creating a lady chapel at the east end of the church. Glass panels were installed on either side of the sanctuary and a choir vestry and vicar's vestry were created where the lady chapel was originally sited. The electronic organ is now installed at the west end of the church along with the choir stalls.

The building is heated by modern gas boilers using the original radiators and lit by low energy bulbs in conventional pendant fittings. There are stained glass windows in the east end of the church, with those in the former Lady Chapel, now the vicar's vestry, having been installed post war as a memorial to the fallen.

It is an imposing building compared with the surrounding housing, set in its own garden which is mainly laid to grass with some flower and shrubbery borders. A memorial area, furnished with benches, is located in the church gardens and offers the bereaved an opportunity to purchase an engraved brick to be laid in the garden in memory of loved ones.

The Crosskeys Community hall, which was a later addition, was built in the same style and brick as the church and is attached at the south east corner, although there is no internal access between the two.



The hall complex comprises a large main hall, a small hall, a fully fitted kitchen and a meeting room. Modern toilets were added to the small hall in 2014 to create two independent areas for use which can be hired out separately.



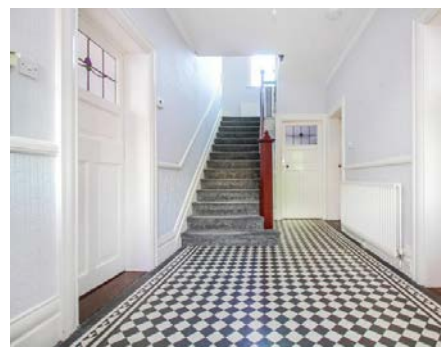
As with so many other aspects of our church life teams of volunteers maintain the buildings, gardens and lawns. The gardening group have been regular finalists in the North Tyneside In Bloom competition.

The Vicarage



The vicarage is a large pre-war four-bedroom semi-detached house in Elmwood Road, within 50 yards of the church. It has a garage, a small garden to the front and a large, well-established garden, with pond, to the rear.

The neighbours are friendly, and we make efforts to ensure they are not inconvenienced by parking or disturbed by events in the Hall.



Appendix 1: Parish IMD Statistics

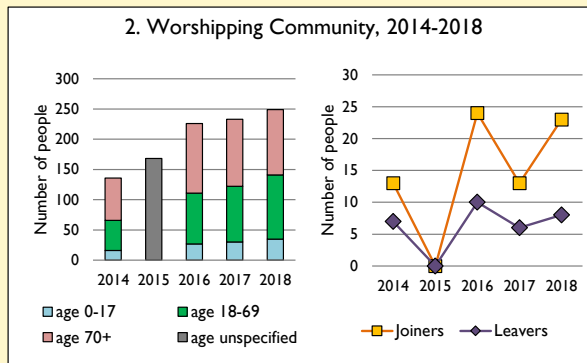
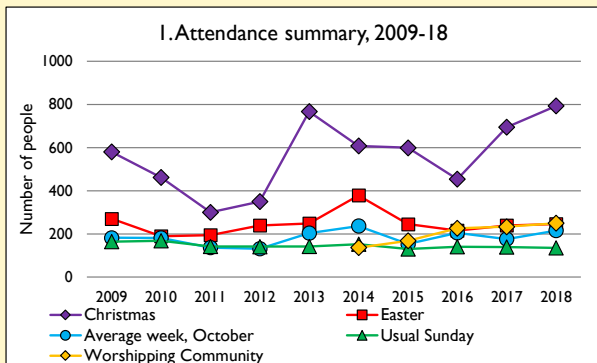


	Lowest in Country	Lowest in Diocese	This parish	Highest in Diocese	Highest in Country
% of children in poverty	1	1	8.3	55.8	64.1
% of pensioners on low incomes	2.3	3.6	13.3	59.7	70.8
% of working age poverty	0.7	2.3	8.8	36.9	49.9
Life expectancy (male)	67.5	71	80.3	84	93
Life expectancy (female)	75	77	84	89	95
% of working age adults without any qualifications	0.3	2	16.1	43.6	53.1
% of households living in social rented housing	0	1	9.7	76	86.3
Lone parent families as % of all families with children	0	6.4	21	52.6	58.7
% of population who are not white British	0.5	1.2	4.2	59	97
% of population who are aged 65 and over	1	1	19.7	34.5	59

Appendix 2: Parish Dashboard



Dashboard for the parish of Monkseaton: St Peter in the Deanery of TYNEMOUTH



Parish census and deprivation summary

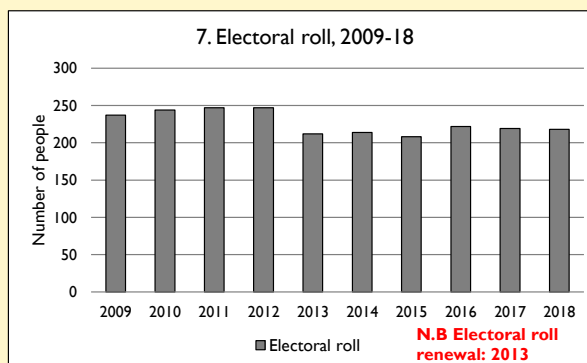
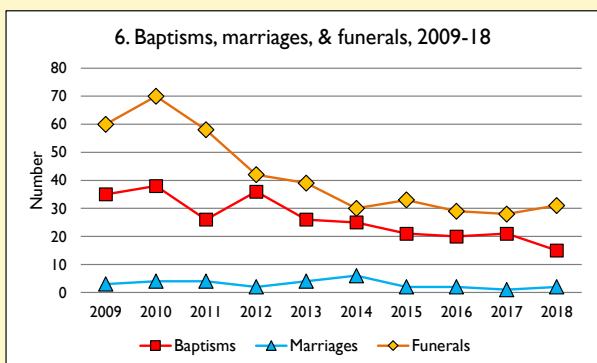
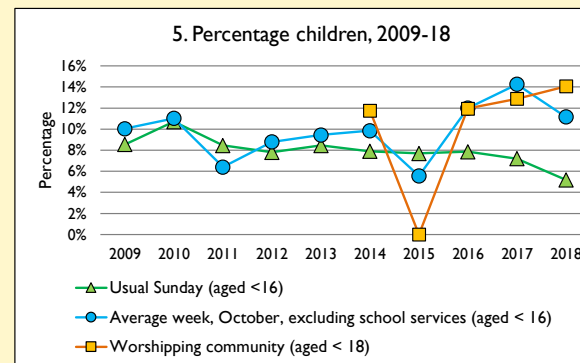
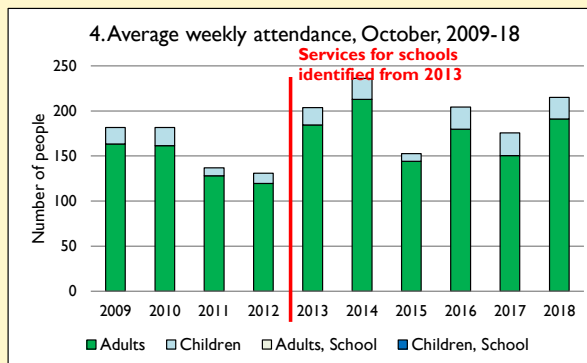
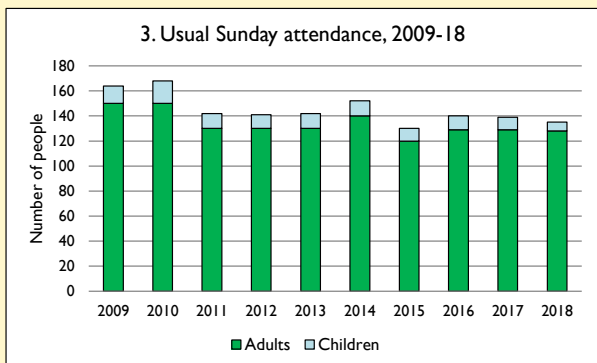
Parish population (2011): 14811

	Parish	Diocese	National
% aged 0-17	21%	20%	21%
% aged 18-44	30%	36%	37%
% aged 45-64	29%	27%	25%
% aged 65 & over	20%	17%	16%
% Christian	66%	63%	59%
% non-Christian religion	2%	4%	9%

Parish deprivation rank (IMD, 2015): 9747
(1=most deprived parish in the Church of England, 12,425=least deprived)

For more detailed census & deprivation info: see <http://arcg.is/1RaS4CS>
<https://www.churchofengland.org/researchandstats>
and <http://www2.cuf.org.uk/poverty-england/poverty-map>

Number of churches in parish (2018): 1 Parish code: 250155



This dashboard contains figures as submitted by churches currently in the parish

Attendance statistics: taken from annual Statistics for Mission returns.

Average weekly attendance: attendance at Sunday and midweek church services & fresh expressions in October; Figs 1 & 5 do not include attendance at services for schools.

Easter: Easter Eve & Easter Day; Christmas: Christmas Eve & Christmas Day.

Baptisms: all baptisms & thanksgivings.

Marriages: marriages and services of prayer & dedication after civil marriages.

Funerals: those held in church & at crematoria/cemeteries.

Worshipping Community information has been collected from 2012 onwards.

Census data: taken from the 2011 national Census.

Deprivation statistics: IMD taken from the English Indices of Deprivation, published by the Department for Communities & Local Government, Sept 2015.

The above statistics have been mapped onto parish boundaries so are approximations. For more information, see: <https://www.churchofengland.org/researchandstats>

Variations in attendance from year to year may be the result of changes in the number of churches that submitted returns, or changes in parish/benefice structure.

Number of churches included in returns: 2009 1; 2010 1; 2011 1; 2012 1; 2013 1; 2014 1; 2015 1; 2016 1; 2017 1; 2018 1.

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Every effort has been made to ensure that data are reliable. We would be grateful to be notified of any significant errors or omissions by email to statistics.unit@churchofengland.org

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Appendix 3: Financial Accounts and Annual Report 2019

St Peter's Church, Monkseaton

Annual Report

for the year ended 31 December 2019

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Administrative information

St Peter's Church is situated on the corner of Woodleigh Road and Elmwood Road, Monkseaton, Whitley Bay. The correspondence address is St Peter's Vicarage, 6 Elmwood Road, Monkseaton, Whitley Bay, NE25 8EX.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC.

<i>Incumbent:</i>	The Rev'd P D Dobson	Left 14 November 2019
<i>Wardens:</i>	Mrs H M Clark	
	N J Coulson	Retired 28 April 2019
	Mrs H McDermott	Appointed 28 April 2019
<i>Readers:</i>	Mrs J V Porter	Member of Deanery Synod (co-opted)
	Mrs B Davies	Left 1 October 2019
<i>Representatives on the Deanery Synod:</i>	Mrs J Coulson	
	Mrs E Doran	
	Mrs R A Stradling	
<i>Elected members:</i>	Mrs A Baglee	
	Mrs K M Blake	Resigned 30 November 2019
	Mrs B Burnett	Resigned 22 January 2019
	M J Dobson	Appointed 28 April 2019 : Left 14 November 2019
	D Doran	Retired 28 April 2019
	Mrs P A Hood	
	Mrs S Horn	
	Mrs A McKeith	
	Mrs E Mitchell	
	I D Perkins	Resigned 30 November 2019
	Miss A Smith	Secretary
	A Sneddon	Treasurer
	S P Storey	Appointed 28 April 2019
	Mrs S L Storey	Appointed 28 April 2019
	A Stradling	Retired 28 April 2019
	Mrs M Wilcox	
	I Woollard	Retired 28 April 2019

Committees and Groups

In 2019 the only committees and task groups to meet have been :

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Local Ministry Development Team

This team spend time reflecting on its particular role in enabling the mission of the parish and, more specifically, on our ministry of outreach and welcome.

Social Task Group

Arranges many varied Parish and community events.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

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Objectives and activities

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and the Crosskeys Community Hall.

Safeguarding

As a church we are committed to caring for one another safely, being aware of the different levels of vulnerability that put each of us at risk at different times in our lives. Our Safeguarding Policy commits us all, as members of the church community: to prevent all forms of abuse; to promote the safe practice of those in positions of trust; to recruit safely; to seek the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be at risk; and to support, resource and provide training for all those working with children, young people and adults who are at risk. Our Safeguarding Policy is reviewed annually by the PCC and is re-affirmed at our Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The Church appoints a Parish Safeguarding Officer (who in this case acts as our DBS Administrator) and a Children and Vulnerable Adults Advocate annually (Elisabeth Mitchell and Barbara Packer, respectively)

Church attendance

There were 194 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll in 2019 (218 in 2018), 64 (86 in 2018) of whom are not resident within the parish. The reduction is primarily due to some parishioners not renewing on the new Electoral Roll. The average Sunday attendance, calculated over the year, was 118 (135 in 2018). It should be noted that there are a greater number of adults worshipping as part of our community, but less frequently than weekly.

Numbers attending at festivals were reduced compared with previous years at both Easter and Christmas.

There have been 23 baptisms (15 in 2018) and 1 marriage (2 in 2018) held in Church. 26 funerals took place (28 in 2018), of which 11 were held in Church (5 in 2018).

Review of the year

Seeking to be a community '*Gathering in Love, Growing in Faith*' and '*Giving Hope to All*', celebrating and being guided by our core values of '*Faith*', '*Hope*' and '*Community*' 2019 has encompassed so much! Progress continues towards meeting our Mission Action Plan priorities. Some highlights include: developing a pattern of Quiet Days; giving prayer a stronger focus, exploring different methods and opportunities; a third group of parishioners from St. Peter's exploring the Diocesan Month of Guided Prayer (St. Peter's being used as a base); reviewing and renewing the monthly pattern of study groups; growing the Summer Holiday Activity Lunches to four days each week of the summer holidays with St. Andrew's URC, St. Mary's and the Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea; increasing the number of people visiting, and number of businesses visited, with gifts and greetings at Easter and Christmas; and to hand out publicity and gifts to the commuters of our community at our Metro stations early in the mornings.

Congratulations go to Revd Peter Dobson on his appointment as residentiary Canon for outreach at Newcastle cathedral. He will be very much missed but we wish him well in his new role. Further congratulations go to Revd Bev Davies on her ordination and subsequent appointment as curate at All Saints, Gosforth.

So much that has been good in the life of St. Peter's has continued to thrive and grow over 2019, not least OASIS, SPYC and the Lunch Club. The Healing Prayer Group continues to provide fellowship and faithful prayer support for many. We continue to be thankful for those other groups that enrich the life of the church, for the Women's Fellowship and Mothers' Union, including the Evening Mothers' Union.

Messy Church has a now well established format, pattern, time and team, and its average attendance was maintained over the course of 2019's twelve sessions. 2018 saw the launch of 'Tots Praise', our term-time weekly service for babies and pre-school children and their families with a new start time in 2019. All of these things contribute to our work to tackle the changing pattern of children's and family life alongside falling numbers of children attending Sunday worship, seeking to create varied opportunities for this part of our wider community to encounter and celebrate the faith.

The major events during the year were the Beer Festival and the Autumn Fayre which after expenses raised £1,239 and £3,258 respectively. A further £4,553 was raised from events organised by the entertainments committee. Well done!

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We were able to support a number of causes during 2019, ranging from financial aid to the Red Cross, Christian Aid, Crisis and USPG, with more practical help for the People's Kitchen, The Bay Foodbank and The De Paul charity. In addition we have been able to support a number of homeless persons by providing sanctuary, food and drink during daylight hours when the Church is open.

The responsibility for our financial wellbeing as a church falls upon the PCC and later in these reports you will find details of our financial statements for the last financial year. That said, this last year has seen continued and sustained attention being paid to how we could build on work begun in 2016 of keeping expenditure to a minimum, looking to increase income through hall lettings, fundraising and reflecting as a church on our stewardship. We have been fortunate to be able to work together as a Church in this regard, being increasingly grateful for the continued willingness and positivity with which members of the congregation have responded. The response to our (now annual) Epiphany Giving campaign, to sustained preaching on stewardship and to the request in May for each member of the congregation to re-consider our giving, continue to be encouraging.

Planned Giving continues to be the main source of income for the day to day needs of the parish. This, even with sustained and careful attention being given by the PCC, and the generosity of many, presents challenges. Another reduction in the membership of the Planned Giving Scheme to 127 in 2019 (128 in 2018) has seen pledged giving fall to £62,932, (2018 - £64,981). 99 members (99 in 2018) had been able to Gift-Aid £55,747 of donations (£57,734 in 2018) which has enabled the Church to claim from the Inland Revenue £13,937 (£14,434 in 2018).

Further claims have been made to the Inland Revenue under the Small Donations Scheme. £2,017 was receivable over the course of 2019 (£1,792 in 2018).

The total income amounted to £126,305 (2018 - £127,339) with expenditure totalling £129,800 (2018 - £128,040).

On behalf of the PCC

Mrs Helen Clark

21st January 2020

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Peter's, Monkseaton

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2019, which are set out on pages 4 to 10, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (the Regulations) and the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to :

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to 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 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 the 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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have 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.

(signed)

Mr David Morrison A C A
11 Beverley Road
Whitley Bay

Date 2nd April 2020

Parochial Church Council of St Peter's, Monkseaton

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ending 31 December 2019

		Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS		
		Funds	Funds	2019	2018	
Note		£	£	£	£	
INCOMING RESOURCES						
	<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>	2(a)	89,477	3,406	92,883	93,957
	<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>	2(b)	4,185	0	4,185	5,502
	<i>Incoming resources from operating activities</i>					
	- to further the Council's objects	2(c)	11,876	0	11,876	13,838
	- to generate funds	2(d)	15,157	0	15,157	11,815
	<i>Income from investment</i>	2(e)	0	0	0	0
	<i>Other incoming resources</i>	2(f)	811	1,393	2,204	2,227
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		121,506	4,799	126,305	127,339
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
	<i>Grants</i>	3(a)	633	3,406	4,039	3,714
	<i>Activities directly relating to the work of the church</i>	3(b)	119,400	1,241	120,641	121,679
	<i>Church management and administration</i>	3(c)	1,026	0	1,026	1,374
	<i>Cost of generating funds</i>	3(d)	4,094	0	4,094	1,273
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		125,153	4,647	129,800	128,040
	NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(3,647)	152	(3,495)	(701)
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD						
	AT 1 JANUARY 2019		126,863	4,257	131,120	131,120
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD						
	AT 31 DECEMBER 2019		123,216	4,409	127,625	130,419

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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2019

	Note	2019	2018
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	4	93,608	96,231
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock	5	105	105
Debtors	6	8,014	6,976
Short term deposits		0	0
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>52,275</u>	<u>54,167</u>
		<u>60,394</u>	<u>61,248</u>
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
	7	(1,479)	(1,461)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		58,915	59,787
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR			
		0	0
		<u>152,523</u>	<u>156,018</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted	8	148,141	151,787
Restricted	8	4,382	4,231
		<u>152,523</u>	<u>156,018</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 9th February 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs H M Clark

Ms H McDermott

The notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these accounts

Parochial Church Council of St Peter's, Monkseaton

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2019

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention applying the accruals basis of accounting.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted. Restricted funds are those funds which can only be expended on the purpose designated by the grantor or donor.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups which are regarded as informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital resources

Collections are recognized when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable, Gift Aided or otherwise, is recognized only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognized when the income is recognized.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Funds raised by the Autumn fayre and similar events are accounted for gross.

Other income

Income arising from the use of the Crosskeys Community Hall is recognized when the income is due.

Income from investments

Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Resources used

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for as it accrues.

Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993, although the expenditure thereon is included in resources expended.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust of the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church ledger, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

Freehold property

The cost of the extension to the Crosskeys Community hall is depreciated on a straight line basis over 50 years.

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Fixed assets

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 5 years.

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £300 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove irrecoverable.

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	£	£	2019 £	2018 £
2 (a) <i>Incoming resources from donors</i>				
Planned giving:				
Gift Aid donations	55,747		55,747	57,734
Income tax recoverable	13,937		13,937	14,434
Other planned giving	7,185		7,185	7,247
Collections	5,802		5,802	6,118
Donations & Collection boxes	4,789	3,406	8,195	6,632
Small donations tax reclaimed	2,017		2,017	1,792
	89,477	3,406	92,883	93,957
2 (b) <i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>				
Grants	150	0	150	0
Donations, appeals, etc	4,035		4,035	5,502
Legacies	0		0	0
	4,185	0	4,185	5,502
2 (c) <i>Incoming from operating activities to further the Council's objects</i>				
Bookstall	0		0	458
Toddler Group	2,551		2,551	2,589
Crosskeys Community hall lettings etc	7,650		7,650	8,462
Fees for weddings etc	1,675		1,675	2,329
	11,876	0	11,876	13,838
2 (d) <i>Incoming from operating activities to generate funds</i>				
Magazine advertising	1,319		1,319	1,629
Autumn fayre	3,597		3,597	4,042
Other fund raising events	10,241	0	10,241	6,144
	15,157	0	15,157	11,815
2 (e) <i>Income from investment</i>				
Interest received	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0

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2 INCOMING RESOURCES (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2019 £	2018 £
2 (f) <i>Other ordinary incoming resources</i>				
Miscellaneous	811	1,393	2,204	2,227
	<u>811</u>	<u>1,393</u>	<u>2,204</u>	<u>2,227</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>121,506</u>	<u>4,799</u>	<u>126,305</u>	<u>127,339</u>

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

3 (a) *Grants*

Charitable donations	633	3,406	4,039	3,714
	<u>633</u>	<u>3,406</u>	<u>4,039</u>	<u>3,714</u>

3 (b) *Activities directly relating to the work of the Church*

Ministry:				
diocesan parish share	88,200		88,200	86,028
clergy expenses	2,053		2,053	3,542
vicarage expenses	2,041		2,041	2,204
curate's house expenses	0		0	945
Church:				
running expenses	6,298		6,298	5,768
maintenance	2,390		2,390	1,664
Memorial pavement	252		252	49
Parish magazine	1,754		1,754	1,648
Bookstall	0		0	613
Crosskeys Community hall running costs	9,706		9,706	10,751
Toddler Group	1,226		1,226	1,398
Organists' honoraria	2,786		2,786	2,840
Flowers		1,241	1,241	1,067
Education and training	30		30	43
Miscellaneous expenditure	2,664		2,664	3,119
	<u>119,400</u>	<u>1,241</u>	<u>120,641</u>	<u>121,679</u>

3 (c) *Church management and administration*

Printing and stationery	542		542	584
Photocopying	484		484	790
	<u>1,026</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,026</u>	<u>1,374</u>

3 (d) *Costs of generating funds*

Autumn fayre	339		339	507
Other fund raising costs	3,755	0	3,755	766
	<u>4,094</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,094</u>	<u>1,273</u>

TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>125,153</u>	<u>4,647</u>	<u>129,800</u>	<u>128,040</u>
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4 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

	Freehold land and buildings £	Plant & equipment £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets			
COST			
At 1 January 2019	125,601	41,788	167,389
Additions			0
At 31 December 2019	<u>125,601</u>	<u>41,788</u>	<u>167,389</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2019	30,385	40,773	71,158
Charge for the year	2,518	105	2,623
At 31 December 2019	<u>32,903</u>	<u>40,878</u>	<u>73,781</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2019	<u>92,698</u>	<u>910</u>	<u>93,608</u>
At 1 January 2019	<u>95,216</u>	<u>1,015</u>	<u>96,231</u>

5 STOCK

Bookstall stock at cost		<u>105</u>	<u>105</u>
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6 DEBTORS

Income tax recoverable		3,066	3,211
Prepayments		4,298	3,233
Other debtors		650	532
		<u>8,014</u>	<u>6,976</u>

7 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Creditors and accruals		<u>1,479</u>	<u>1,461</u>
		<u>1,479</u>	<u>1,461</u>

8 SUMMARY OF FUNDS HELD

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds	
			2019 £	2018 £
General fund	28,644		28,644	33,388
Flower fund		593	593	442
Legacies and gifts fund	13,674		13,674	13,674
Crosskeys Community Hall fund	104,228		104,228	103,824
200 club	1,595		1,595	901
Crosskeys Project fund		3,789	3,789	3,789
	<u>148,141</u>	<u>4,382</u>	<u>152,523</u>	<u>156,018</u>

9 No legacies were received during the year.(2018 - £nil)

10 It is the PCC's current policy to retain all reserves with a view to meeting the continued costs of the further proposed restructuring within the Church and the Crosskeys Community Hall.



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**Whatever your reasons are for reading this publication,
thank you for your interest in our parish.**

**Please pray with us for the person whom God is already
calling to serve as our next incumbent.**

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