

**THE PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS, GUISBOROUGH
IN THE DIOCESE OF YORK**

St Nicholas Church



Share, Nurture, Grow

**Annual Report and Accounts of the
Parochial Church Council for the year
ended 31st December 2017**

Administrative Information

St Nicholas Parish Church is situated in the large market town of Guisborough on the edge of the North Yorkshire Moors. The parish is part of the Diocese of York within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is: The Rectory, Church Street, Guisborough, TS14 6BS.

PCC Membership 2017/18

Rector:	Revd. Alison Phillipson	Chairperson
Churchwardens:	Alwyn Jones John Douglass	
Readers:	Susan Hill Geoff Hill	Vice Chairperson Treasurer
Deanery Synod Representatives:	David Harpham Susan Hill Alan Gardner Karen Keen Geoff Hill	
Elected members		
One year left to serve:	Nancy Webb Beryl Jackson Julie Duffy Gina Baines Isabel Harriman	
Two years left to serve:	Jeff Cotton Michael Cowan Louise Brownlee Louie Walker Sue Leather	Secretary Deputy Churchwarden Deputy Churchwarden Deputy Churchwarden
Three years left to serve:	Margaret Armstrong Chris Ellis Nicky Clay Chris Nicholson Roger Jackson	Deputy Churchwarden

Total membership: 23 (8 ex-officio, 15 elected)

Standing Committee

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

The Standing Committee met four times during 2016 with an average attendance of 86%.

The membership at the end of 2016 was:-

Chair:	The Rector
Lay Vice-Chair:	Susan Hill
Churchwardens:	Alwyn Jones, John Douglass
Secretary:	Michael Cowan
Treasurer:	Geoff Hill
Chair of Fabric of Buildings	Chris Ellis
Total membership:	7 (5 ex-officio; 2 elected members)

Other Officers and Representatives

Electoral Roll Officer	Roger Jackson
Child Protection Officer	Helen Dalton
Gift Aid Officer	John Carr
Churches Together in Guisborough	Roger Jackson/David Harpham
Bridge Project	Julie Duffy
Toddler Group	Beryl Jackson
Pantomime Committee	Alwyn Jones

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.

Objectives and Activities

Guisborough Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector, The Revd. Alison Phillipson in promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for St Nicholas Church, the Church Hall and the Curacy situated at 16 Lealholm Way, Guisborough.

Achievements and Performance

Church Attendance

There are 379 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 18 of who are not resident within the parish. The average weekly attendance across all services is 190 adults and 25 children. This number is increased at Festivals. This does not include Funerals, Baptisms, Marriages, Prayer Space, Messy Church or Morning Prayer. There are also 90 home/house communions per month

PCC Secretary's Report

The PCC as at December 2017 consisted of 23 members, by law including the Rector as Chair, two Churchwardens and five ex-officio members by virtue of their election to the Deanery Synod. The remainder were elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting normally for a period of three years or co-opted to the Committee. The number of members to be elected for three years is as determined by the previous year's APCM; for election in 2017, and the previous two years, the number had been five.

The PCC is required to report annually on the parish's finances, its fabric, the current Electoral Roll and the Deanery Synod and these reports will be found within.

The Council has continued to develop our mission for the future in the following areas: -

- Develop Discipleship
- Develop different styles of worship
- Develop Generosity
- Develop Communication

To be more effective in delivering these objectives the PCC agreed to re-structure its sub teams. The following teams were created - Children and Young People, Mission and Evangelism, Events, Resources Group, Communications Hub, Buildings Team and Church Hall Team. This structure allows the PCC to be more aligned to the messages that have come

from the Leading Your Church into Growth (LYCIG) work. Although early days for some of these sub teams, the early indications are positive and we hope that in 2018 we will see the benefits of this structure.

Develop Discipleship - During the year the PCC, along with members of the congregation, continued to progress the Leading Your Church into Growth (LYCIG) initiative. A series of successful meetings with the wider congregation were held where three initial priorities were clear - 1) Church Family, 2) Communication, 3) Christian Learning. The PCC are taking these areas forward through the sub teams and have regularly discussed progress. The PCC, and the sub teams, will continue to progress these ideas in 2018 and provide further information and engagement with the wider congregation. In addition to LYCIG a further Pilgrim course, was run in the autumn and was well attended. Our commitment to the younger members of our congregation has also continued with “Messy” church now a feature of the Churches calendar and the Youth Group providing a vehicle for the slightly more mature, younger members.

Develop different styles of worship - The PCC has been pleased to progress a long-standing objective of re-ordering the Church to facilitate different styles of worship in the future. An architect was engaged to provide ideas for how our Church could look in future years and an Open Day was held where members of the congregation were invited along to provide feedback and challenge to the options available to us. The process was very well received with a lot of comments and questions but overall the PCC has received overwhelmingly positive support for the ideas presented. The process continues and further information will be available in 2018.

Develop Generosity - The PCC agreed to increase our Freewill Offering for 2018. This has been possible in no small part to the efforts of the congregation in supporting Church Events. Whether that is helping with Fellowship, playing a part on stage or simply attending the event, the generosity of our congregation and wider community is outstanding especially given the challenging economic environment we find ourselves in. To support this generosity the PCC continues to be prudent when setting budgets and has had success in cutting costs. The PCC has also continued to take advantage of any grants that may be available to assist with the financing of the Church and Church Hall. The PCC has also continued to give to a range of Charities and good causes throughout the year.

Develop Communication - 2017 has seen the Choir thrive. Chris Nixon and the team have developed a number of initiatives including growing the numbers in the choir and the music events that the Choir participate in or bring to the Church. One major project the PCC have undertaken is the purchase and installation of a new sound system. This has greatly improved the auditory environment within our Church. The PCC has budgeted to install WiFi in the Church in 2018 providing another mechanism to aid communication. The PCC are currently reviewing the use of the website to see whether more can be made from this channel of communication. The Church Magazine continues to be a key pillar in the church’s communication plans and is continually reviewed for any improvements that can be made.

Reports on the PCC’s committees and other church activities appear within and our thanks are due to the leaders who have contributed them.

Mike Cowan

The Rector writes

Dear Friends

What a busy and successful year 2017 has been. Thank you to all who have played their part within that, encouraging lots of new people into the life of this church in various ways. We receive lots of positive comments from new people who find this to be a very friendly and welcoming church, but not only is it friendly, it has also proved to be a place where new people can come and actually make new friendships and that has been a joy to see. I am constantly impressed and often moved to see the care that people here offer to others, often those who are elderly and/or vulnerable, who wouldn't otherwise be able to come to church or join in our activities and who just generally show a very caring and compassionate side to this church. This of course is you living out your discipleship, as we are all commanded to do by Jesus.

So, a good year and a year of consolidation. Great team work, lots more people getting involved and feeling able to do that without any sense that they may be *'stepping on other people's toes'* - there is absolutely no place for that sort of response towards people who want to play their part in the life of the church. There is a wonderful hymn that we have recently begun to sing called 'Let Us Build a House Where Love Can Dwell' (no. 432) - the chorus says this: *'All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place'*. It is worth reading this hymn through next time you have a hymn book in your hands. Indeed, all are welcome here, regardless of anything that society or minority groups within the Christian Church would use to cause division; colour, perceived status, sexuality, gender, or anything else that can be used to make people think they are not worthy - we are *all* beloved children of God, and this *place* should constantly strive to reflect that.

Some highlights of the past year have been:

- Our LYCiG Local meetings held before and during Lent, where many attended and showed their support for our church, as well as sharing their hopes and dreams for what might be possible here. There were many people saying they want to be more involved and committed to their church. Something to keep building upon.
- Our parish trip to the Isle of Cumbrae immediately after Easter, where friendships were built upon and where new friendships were made amongst members of our choir and congregation. A great time of relaxation, fun and worship.
- In July we held our now long established and much loved Open Door, where again all the Year 5 children of Guisborough experienced a whole day of fun, activities, learning and music in church. We had many new helpers this year who had as good a time as the children it seemed. Thank you to Margaret & Judy for all your hard work and to all your many helpers, remember there is always room for more, so look out for this again in July.
- We held confirmation preparation for both children and adults. It is always a joy to welcome and celebrate with people who have decided to take this important step on their Christian journey.
- In September we welcomed Canon Angela Bailey who took us through the 'Being Christian' course, which followed a book by the same name written by Rowan Williams a former Archbishop of Canterbury. Many people attended and felt they had learned something new about their faith, which is great because there is always more for us all to learn - it's a lifelong process and we are never too old to grow and develop in faith. There are more courses planned for 2018.

We also held many social events throughout the year, a great opportunity to create and build friendships within the church. There was 'Joseph' alongside our choir concert, then we had what has now become our annual Schools Choir Festival, this year it was super to see Highcliffe and Galley Hill schools joining us, we hope more Guisborough schools will in 2018. And of course, we held so many other events, almost too many to mention here, but thank you all who organise and attend all these many events and fundraising efforts - all good fun and fellowship in the life of the church.

December was an incredibly busy month, during the course of which we welcomed nearly 3000 people into our church. There was the Mayor of Redcar & Cleveland's Charity Christmas Concert. Then we held the fabulous production of The Snowman, with our own choir and orchestra, as well as children from local schools. It was quite staggering how it all came together so brilliantly - again great team work from a huge number of helpers. We also introduced for the first time, Shadow Theatre into church in the form of a very good and moving showing of Shadow Nativity, again involving our choir and local schoolchildren (Highcliffe School). If you missed this, child or adult, then you did miss a treat. And of course, all our usual special Christmas worship, which attracted so many people into church, as we celebrated together the birth of Jesus. Thank you to all concerned, especially Chris, Sue & Geoff, who made this an exhausting, yet wonderful Christmas. We wouldn't have missed it for anything!

Throughout the year there has been a lot of work going on in the background working with our architect on our major re-ordering project. We must as a church have an eye to the future and how we can best make our building not only a warm and welcoming place, but also a place that is versatile and relevant for modern use, i.e. catering facilities, toilets, and space where people and groups can meet for learning and social activities. This was something that came out of our LYCiG Local meetings very strongly, people especially wanted us to cater better for our children to enable us to better encourage them into faith and learning. It was good to see so many of you at our Open Day in December, where we met with our architect and discussed our possible plans - all very supportive and encouraging. We are hopeful that real progress will be made during 2018. Another thing that came from the LYCiG meetings, was the desire for a lending library in church of good, modern Christian books. We were also very fortunate to receive two generous gifts of money for this purpose, so that will appear very soon where the pigeon holes are located in church.

It is also good to see how many couples want to make this church the place where they make their vows to each other in marriage, and the place where many parents still consider Baptism to be relevant. At the time of writing we have 25 weddings booked for 2018, with many coming in for 2019.

I would therefore like to encourage us all to continue working together on making this an open and warm church, a church that can become more relevant to the people of Guisborough, and a church where all feel welcome to come and be, and explore what it might mean for them to have God at the centre of their lives.

As a church I believe our task now is to concentrate on consolidating what we've recently achieved, to help to nurture and encourage new disciples, and to work on developing our own growth in faith. It is only in the power of the Holy Spirit and with Jesus by our side that we achieve anything. So again, I commend to your prayers, that the Holy Spirit would move in this place and move within our lives, constantly renewing us and encouraging us as we seek to do God's work and will, to allow God to grow his church here in Guisborough, and that we would be willing to allow God to grow and transform us in order for that to happen; allowing God to be God in this church.

As I close this report I would like to record some words of thanks:

Firstly, and especially I would like to thank Alwyn and John who are super Churchwardens to work with, incredibly hardworking, faithful and supportive. My thanks also to our wonderful team of Deputy Wardens, again such faithful and willing workers. My huge thanks also go to our Readers, Sue & Geoff and to the retired priests who live in Guisborough, who offer so much help and support in what is a very large and busy parish, quite what I would do without them, I don't know. I would also like to offer my thanks to Gail my secretary, whose hard work, support and commitment is so often above and beyond!

Finally, I would again like to take this opportunity to thank all those who give so very generously of their time, talents and money to the life and work of this church, it is very much appreciated, too many to mention, but I am confident you know who you are. So many wonderful things go on in this parish, the above mentioned are but a few, and they wouldn't happen without you! I also want to thank those who do so much unseen work in our church; again, I am sure you know who you are. Thank you.

Last but certainly not least, I want to offer my thanks to the PCC and to members of the Ministry Team whom I greatly value for their advice, support and willingness to do what they do. It's a great privilege for me to do the work I do, and I am so grateful for all the good and positive things we have done together this past year.

So, let us get on cheerfully together with the tasks that God has called us all to do, and let's always be ready to go out in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Revd. Alison Phillipson

Churchwardens Report

Much of this year has been spent organising and preparing for reordering the Church. As a result of several meetings and discussions work was carried out to produce initial briefing proposals that were submitted to the Church architect. These proposals were further amended over a period of time and Statements of Significance and Statements Need written and again submitted to the architect. Subsequently architects visited the Church to collate information in order to produce initial sketches. The sketches were further amended in light of more discussions and plans produced and presented to the parishioners, community and any other interested parties in early December 2017. Feedback has resulted in the architect improving the plans ready for presentation to the Diocesan Advisory Committee for its scrutiny and suggestions. We're well aware that the process is very slow and cumbersome. Once the final detailed plans are received faculties will be applied for, then work can begin. It has been indicated that it is hoped to see the first signs of reordering by the end of this year.



Over the past year the Leading Your Church into Growth Programme has gone from strength to strength. After successfully running the course in Church we are indebted to the many people who attended and shared their opinions and ideas. This enabled a thorough evaluation to be conducted and highlighted several key points deemed essential for the future development at St Nicholas. The PCC was restructured into new working teams to tackle these issues and charged with keeping the LYCIG philosophy central to their functioning. The plans made in LYCIG meetings are now bearing fruit. We feel that we are

now a more open and welcoming Church, our events calendar is excessive, our worship is varied and comprehensive, our lists of helpers and volunteers are impressive and the workings of the PCC have been reformed.

LYCIG is not to be forgotten, but is now perceived that its philosophy is firmly accepted and established into our modus operandi. As a result, awareness has been heightened and we are all charged with the mission of trying to improve and grow as individuals and as a Church within the Guisborough community.

The congregation is growing, and it is good to see so many new faces. The Choir too is expanding both in numbers and activities. A trip to Cumbrae and the hugely successful 'Snowman' were just two of the activities this year. It is particularly good that both the Choir and the congregation are coming together to enjoy worship and leisure activities to help grow our church family.

Thank you to all involved in planning and carrying out both new and exciting activities and also to those who carry on with the groundwork of keeping the church alive and flourishing.
- That means everyone, the new and those who have attended faithfully for years.

Alwyn Jones & John Douglass

Safeguarding

We take the safety and well-being of all people (especially children and young people, and vulnerable adults) who come into contact with the church very seriously, and have continued to develop our safeguarding policies and procedures, in order to comply with York Diocese policies, advice, and best practice.

During 2017, in accordance with Diocese policy, all members of the PCC were Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checked (a check as to the suitability of people to work with vulnerable groups, including children), as well as leaders and relevant volunteers of the various church groups. DBS checking is now done on-line, making the process much quicker and easier.

A lot of work has been done this year on raising awareness of the need for good safeguarding practices, in particular by ensuring that all groups are aware of their responsibilities, with C1 training provided for those involved with activities involving Children, Young People and/or Vulnerable Adults, C2 training for those with safeguarding 'leadership' responsibilities or responsibility for leading activities involving children, young people, and or adults that may be vulnerable, and C3 training for those who are licensed or have permission to officiate from a Bishop, lay or ordained.

In 2018, York Diocese will be providing on-line safeguarding training, a more flexible approach that will enable volunteers to undertake safeguarding training at a time suitable for them.

The Child Protection Policy will be reviewed in the coming year, to ensure it remains in line with guidance and best practice provided by York Diocese, pending the introduction of a national Church of England template. We will also introduce a Vulnerable Adults Policy in line with York Diocese information and advice.

Helen Dalton

Fabric Group

We have a maintenance plan for the Church, and are producing a similar plan for the Church Hall, which we try to follow each year.

The main aim of the fabric group is to keep the church watertight. To meet this any water that lands on the church needs to drain away. This means keeping the gulleys on the roof, the gulleys at ground level and U bends, kept clear of tree debris and rubbish. A constant battle.

The growth of ivy on the church walls has been controlled.

The mice have been controlled by setting traps monthly. Often no mice caught but can be one or two.

The lighting system in the church has needed constant re lamping.

The bollards on the land in front of the church are serviced by us twice a year or they stop working.



This year we have solved some problems which have been with us for some time.

- The locks on the church doors have been changed. The problem has been the ease of copying keys. This has meant it has been impossible to control who has keys. The poorly copied keys have also caused problems for the locks themselves. The keys for the new locks cannot be copied. The new locks are working extremely well.
- The church heating system has sprung leaks. The leaks have been repaired but after several leaks, all in the same area, we began to question why this was happening. After talks with the installer it was suggested that the problem was caused by the piping not having enough flexibility to cope with the expansion and contraction as the pipes cycle through changes in water temperature. The installer has now built some flexibility into the piping in the affected area. We expect this to cure the problem; time will tell.
- The church lighting has been using tungsten bulbs. Light emitting diode (LED) bulbs which fit the existing light fittings have been found. This year all the light fittings east of the chancel arch have been converted to LEDs. These seem to be working well. The advantage is not only the considerable savings in electricity but also a much reduced need to climb up a high ladder to change bulbs. It is hoped to do the same with the rest of the lights in the church in 2018.
- The grade 2 listed wall between the church hall grounds and Bow Street is being pushed, at one point, by tree roots. In this area the wall is leaning towards the pavement below and our architect has said "it needs repairing sooner rather than later." The year has been spent trying to sort out the way forward. It has been agreed that the listed wall must be repaired and that to do this the offending tree, which has a preservation order on it, must be removed. The permission for this has been obtained from the council and Lord Gisborough. The permission from the council requires us to plant a new tree. The work should happen in 2018.

The costs of hiring the fire extinguishers, required by our insurer, in both the Church and Church Hall, was looking expensive. The end of our agreed period of hire was coming to an end so our agreement has not been renewed. New extinguishers have been obtained from another supplier, who will carry out yearly checks. The 5-yearly check of the electrical system in the church, due in 2017, has been carried out.

We maintain a list of outstanding actions; 25 actions, of varying sizes, have been completed.

It is perhaps worth mentioning that this year has been a year of *putting things on wheels*. The paschal candle stand, the crossing altar, the large on trial organ and the clavinova.

Our thanks to all who have helped to achieve what we have achieved, particularly to those who have rolled up their sleeves and given their own skills and time to help the church through another year.

Chris Ellis

Communications Hub

Twenty-seventeen saw continuing change for the Communications 'Hub', thanks to the dynamic force of personalities and the energy and commitment within the Communications team.



To have an efficiently run hub requires interchange of information between groups within the church and in the local community. We need to have information on what church groups are planning, so that we can publicise this via the appropriate channels. With this in mind, Nicky Clay has asked all church groups to provide information about their activities and who to contact. It was felt to be beneficial to work in two sub-groups to cover the various aspects of communication in the life of our church;

Electronics (Web-site, Priority, and Pew-sheet)
Posters, Publicity and Events team.

Website: Sue Hood is now Website-Coordinator. Following discussions between Sue, Nicky, Louise and James Patterson, our current website designer, changes to the design and presentation have recently been implemented. Work is still on-going to make the site more colourful and interesting.

Priority: Nicky Clay and Louise Brownlie are now 'Priority' coordinators.

There are approximately 326 subscribers, 267 hard copy and 26 e-mail.

The amount of time and commitment made by the editors was acknowledged by the members of the 'hub' and highlighted within 'Priority.' Subscriptions remain at £7.00 for hard copy and £5.00 for e-mail. A new system for collection of subscriptions was devised and implemented. It was estimated that the income from 'Priority' would be £3,000. At the last meeting it was agreed that the colour of the cover should be the same every month; for this year, a bold blue.

Pew-sheet: Judi Ellis is Pew-sheet editor, (and minute taker for the 'Hub'.)

There have been no major changes during the year.

Posters, Publicity and Events Team: Julie Duffy is responsible for posters and up-dating information on outside events to be held in the church and Church Hall. John Simmonds continues to inform the local press about events held by St Nicholas Church.

Thanks have been expressed to Brian Gleeson, local correspondent of Stockton and Darlington Times for his coverage and support through the year.

Thanks to all members of the Communications Hub for your input and support.
(and many thanks to Gail for her assistance and advice.)

Gina Baines

Church Hall Team

I am pleased to present our Annual Report for the year ended December 2017. This year, there have been a significant number of changes as a result of Leading Your Church into Growth (LYCiG).



What has changed is the management structure needed to adapt and remains to provide facilities for the community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing management team members: David Harpham, Rodger Jackson, Keith Briggs and Julie Duffy. The new Church Hall Team are: Revd Alison Phillipson, Alwyn Jones, Helen Simmonds, Sam Robinson, Chris Ellis, John Clarkson and myself. The Church Hall has made available provisions for: Toddlers Play Group, Baby Ballet Lessons, Zumba Dance Classes, Tea Dance Sessions, U3A Organisation, National Blood Transfusion Service, Mah-jong Club, Canasta Club, Scottish Country Dance Club, Guisborough Floral Arts Club, Craft Fairs St Nicholas Pantomime Group, Guisborough Theatre Club, Beer Festival, St Nicholas Church Bazaar, Tai Chi, Canasta Mah-jong and Charity Fund Raising Events. At this point I would like to thank Helen Simmonds (Secretary) and Mark Taylor dual position of (Caretaker/Cleaner).

I fully urge individuals and groups who have suggested and continue to give ideas on improving the facilities. Each suggestion will be discussed and considered at team meetings, the proposals that get accepted will be given priority within the budget aims.

To function smoothly the Church Hall relies on volunteers to help get things done with group leaders, organisers, raffles and charitable events together with others who are prepared to step in and help at short notice when need arises. You are too many to name individually, but without you the Church Hall would not be what it is.

To meet the alterations as a result of LYCiG the Church Hall Team and PCC are looking for new volunteers to help with various tasks within the Church Hall. Just come along all will be made welcome.

Jeff Cotton

Messy Church

Messy Church continues to meet on a bi-monthly basis. At each session we teach the Gospel in a short worship slot that is very relaxed and designed to be accessible to children and adults alike. We then take part in many craft activities and games to explore each theme in greater detail. At the end of each session we all come together to sing some songs, and then share in food and fellowship.



So far, this year we have covered the themes: -

- Promises (based on God's Promise to Noah),
- Mothers and others (looking at the theme of mothering and nurturing),
- Good Friday - (using the book the 'Super Cool Story of Jesus'),
- 7 days of Creation,
- The feeding of the 5,000
- the Parable of the Good Samaritan
- 'Forgiveness' (using the story of story of Joseph forgiving his brothers).

We introduced Good Friday Messy Church in April exploring Jesus' death and resurrection, using the book 'The Super Cool Story of Jesus' telling the amazing story of how Jesus lived and loved. The service was very well attended (attracting 48 children and 40 adults).

We have been really encouraged by the number of families who have been attending over recent months, and have been blessed and encouraged by families who continue to return for each session, and for whom Messy Church is either their main Church involvement, or supplements the other Church services and activities they attend.

We continue to receive lots of positive feedback from parents and children alike who comment on the way that Messy Church offers a friendly and welcoming atmosphere, and is enjoyed by all members of the family.

The Messy Church Planning team feel very blessed to be leading the Messy Church congregation and are looking forward to continued growth both in numbers and spiritually. We would, however, value any offers of help from those who feel able to. We have a lot of fun at Messy Church and it is an enjoyable way of sharing the Gospel.

We would ask that you continue to please pray for the Messy Church team, thanking God for continued growth, ideas and inspiration as we plan our future sessions. Also, please prayerfully consider whether you would be able to help with sessions bi-monthly or SOS (as we need it!) basis and contact me for more details.

Susan Hill

The Ministry Team

The Ministry Team works closely with the Servers and the Choir in a Community of Service to assist the Rector and the congregation in worship. We aim to ensure a dignified and proper observance of the liturgy and maintain a prayerful atmosphere in Eucharistic services. With other members of the congregation we read lessons and lead intercessions.

Our Eucharistic Ministers are licensed by the Bishop of Whitby both to assist at communion services in church and to take consecrated bread and wine to those in the community who cannot get to church. These include people in their own homes who are ill or very elderly and those in residential homes who are part of our St Nicholas family.

Those of us who have the privilege of going out into the community find that services vary from a gathering in a communal room in one of the residential homes, joining in communion, sometimes singing hymns, chatting to residents, having a cup of tea and a biscuit, to just quietly ministering to one person. Our duties occasionally take in opening the door for deliveries, taking letters to the post and helping with jigsaws!

We usually have a monthly service and are very grateful to the staff in the residential homes who gather together the residents, most of whom are elderly, disabled or infirm, and we try to be consistent so that we present a familiar face and form of service. We minister to approximately 90 people a month.

In one of the homes we currently offer pastoral support in the form of singing hymns and fellowship and hope to expand this ministry to listening and chatting to residents who lack companionship. Our ministry in the community is available to all who need it; we would rather see in church those who can get there and have a team of willing drivers who will collect those who have no transport - they do take them home as well! For those who are unable to come to us either for a short time for recovery from illness or surgery or who are incapacitated through illness or infirmity, we will do our best to minister to you. We are all called to God's service; please pray for us as we do for you.

Nancy Webb

The Servers' Team



We are a small but enthusiastic team of 10 serving at the various services. Regular training is offered by Chris or Fiona to ensure that we all carry out our duties to the best of our abilities and for the glory of God. We welcomed Ben back as a Server. He is very enthusiastic and is a valuable member of the team. If there are any young people, that would like to know more about the role of a Server, please have a chat with Chris, Fiona or myself.

Chris and myself completed the Great North Run and raised £315.00 for the Reordering Project. We will be doing it again in 2018 with hopefully one or two others joining us.

We held a few joint fellowship evenings with the Ministry Team at local restaurants such as Cookfellas and Sergios, which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Thank you to the team for their continued support and dedication.

Karen Keen

The Choir



Well 2017 has drawn to a close and what a fantastic year it was. From a Musical Directors point of view, it was a year of continued learning and I was privileged to have the support of so many to enable us to develop our music provision here at St Nicholas.

RSCM Award Scheme

The new year saw the undertaking of hard work with the RSCM 'Voice for life' scheme with many youngsters receiving medals. During the early part of the year some of our members gained their very first medal – their white medal, and worked so hard to get this demonstrating commitment, enthusiasm and talent! Members of the choir continue to work at attaining medals.

Trip to the Isle of Cumbrae

Our choir and members of our congregation travelled to Cumbrae to stay in the Cathedral of the Isles for a few days. Whilst there we explored the island, enjoyed activities together and led services in the cathedral. There was even a marriage of teddy bears with Claudia as an example of a wedding in a cathedral. It was a warm and lovely event.

Easter services

Our choir sang for a whole range of special services over Easter and had great pleasure in doing this. Their singing was beautiful, and our congregation had the opportunity to listen to a broad range of choral music. One of the congregation favourites was a piece by Roger Jones, 'God raised him up' and we hope to sing that for Easter 2018 with our congregation singing this great piece. Singing a fabulous version of Psalm 150 was a highlight with our Easter Evensong.

Our orchestra

After Easter we set up our orchestra, an idea to include the so many members of our church family and friends who enjoy playing, but also a way to give a broader range of music in our services. The orchestra is made up of instruments from all four families, strings, woodwind, brass and percussion. Music is arranged by music teacher Joanna Brown and we thank her for her commitment to supporting this venture. The arrangements are fab! Look out for the orchestra in 2018 as they develop what they do.

Confirmation

Our choir were pleased to have members of the choir confirmed with Bishop Paul this year. He led a beautiful service which was attended by many. It has been lovely watching them growing in faith with our congregation. We also had the pleasure of supporting Regan as she

was confirmed at Nunthorpe Church as she was on holiday during our confirmation. Thanks to our congregation and choir who supported her.

Parish dinner with bingo

Our choir and church ladies hosted an evening of music and food in June raising over £1000 for church funds. We had a lot of fun at this evening and I appreciate the support from those who put together the music, namely the students in our choir. The support that our students show to church life is fabulous. We appreciate all that you do. Thank you Chloe, Kian and Rachel.

Performing arts and choir concert

Every choir has to perform as do our performing arts groups, so we put on a fabulous evening performance which included musicals, great choir anthems and worship songs. Lots of favourites and even a few bits to sing along to. We raised around £1000 again for our music fund.

RSCM Choir Trip to Bridlington

Our choir went to Bridlington, travelling with the choir of St Hilda's Whitby to sing at the Regional RSCM festival. We spent the day enjoying Bridlington followed by a rehearsal in the Bridlington Priory. Later in the day we sang at a special service at which Fin was awarded his Archbishop's award. Well done Fin! Thank you to Steve Maltby for helping us with this and for his continued support and encouragement.

Cabaret Dinner

Kian and Chloe organised a fabulous dinner with our ladies. They performed a whole range of songs from the shows ably assisted by Sonia and a few others. The evening included a wartime singalong enthusiastically led by some of our more elderly members of the congregation. It was a super evening and raised around £1000 for our funds.

The Organ

During the year we had an organ advisor come and look at the organ with a view to ideas for the future. This will be no doubt covered in other parts of our Annual Report but we are very pleased to have a new digital organ called Magnus for our worship. It is a fabulous instrument and takes up significantly less space, sounds so much better, is great for accompanying and sets us up for the 21st Century! Thank you to all who have helped support Magnus. We had an open day to look at Magnus and organists Steve Maltby, Robert Webb and myself played for our congregation. This was attended by the Mayor of Guisborough.

Children's choir festival

This was held in October in Church and saw hundreds of children from across the area performing at our church for the second year running. They sang both secular and sacred music. A fabulous event that involved hundreds of people in our community enjoying the performances by our local children including those from some Guisborough Schools. Look out for the even bigger 2018 festival!

Social Events

We regularly take part in social events, particularly after choir rehearsals, and in October we had a delightful evening at The Priory enjoying a range of Tapas. It was a super evening, delicious food and great company. This is such an important part of what we do. We sing together, but we socialise together, developing that sense of family within our choir and the wider congregation.

Special services

Throughout the year the choir had the opportunity to sing at a whole range of special services which included Remembrance, In Memory, Christingle etc. Rehearsing the massive range of music needed for these services takes hard work, commitment and enthusiasm. Our choir and orchestra have all of these. In 2018 the choir will again look to broaden the types of music they offer.

Resources

Through the year we have developed our resources with some super new additions to our kit for the things we do. This includes the sound system, lighting, computers, ipads etc to

make what we do better. Through the next year we will continue to develop everything that we have and everything that we do. We thank you for your support in this in making what we do the best that we can do.

The Snowman

Occasionally I have a wacky idea and this year, with the help of our orchestra, we staged a performance of The Snowman by Howard Blake! This show was presented on two nights and was attended by 800 people. We all enjoyed the Snowman, the team that put it together was amazing, so a massive thank you to you all! We couldn't do such things without you!

BBC Christmas Broadcast

Our choir sang at the BBC Tees Carols for Christmas at Middlesbrough Cathedral for broadcast twice on Christmas Day. They sang beautifully and were supported by Sonia's choir from Normanby Primary School. A magical day, great music and a super broadcast! Thanks everyone for such an amazing event!

Shadow Nativity

Sue Hill organised a stunningly moving retelling of the Christmas story with shadows. Our choir had the pleasure of singing at this story and play. It worked well and was so moving in our church. A big well done to Kian and kids for supporting this event and helping to make it so special.

To conclude ...

It would be so hard to thank everyone individually for their help and support but you know who you are. The team we now have at St Nicholas is an inclusive, vibrant one, that enjoys being together. The transformation over the last twelve months has been massive and is one that will continue over the next twelve months. You are all amazing and I appreciate your support. You create a musical team that is second to none, you are unique, talented and dedicated, committed to the St Nicholas Church family and make a huge difference. Roll on 2018, here are some of our goals.

- ✓ Increase the size of the choir to 30 and orchestra to 15;
- ✓ Take our choir children and adults who would like to, to London to sing at the Royal Festival Hall;
- ✓ Develop our robes – replace old ones, get ruffs for all young people. Appoint someone to care for these;
- ✓ Look at the range of music that we have and start modernising our collection maintaining a broad balance of old and new;
- ✓ Continue to be a key part of church life;
- ✓ Increase the number of young people taking part in church life.

How can you help support the musical life of our Parish?

Christopher Nixon, Musical Director

St Nic's Tots

The group formerly known as SNIPS has enjoyed another successful and busy year! Numbers range from between 20-30 people most weeks, increasing dramatically during school holidays. We are one of the only groups to offer sessions during school holidays, and we're rewarded by the opportunity to welcome lots of our 'graduates' back to see us!



St Nic's Tots provides a perfect way for families (especially those with no previous Church connections) to get to know our Church. We use songs, crafts, activities, and age appropriate resources from Scripture Union, to give both the children and their adults a non-threatening and fun introduction to religious language and festivals. Having this introduction means

attending Church services is less of a leap, and Messy Church in particular has seen many of our families attend.

We couldn't offer this great welcome if it wasn't for the many people who volunteer every week, including Trish, Judy, Sue, Marion and 'the Margarets'! So, to everyone who helps in moving the chairs, setting out the toys, serving the refreshments, and chatting to the families, thank you so much!

Anna Coleman

St Nicholas Toddler Group

It's been another lovely year for St Nic's Toddler Group, with lots of happy children and parents attending. This time last year we were quite reduced in numbers, after a large proportion of our little ones left for school nursery. Thankfully, since September, we've had a big influx of new starters. Some parents have joined us again with their second or third child, but many families are completely new to the group and it's great to get to know them all! We currently have between 30 and 50 toddlers per session.



I'm very grateful for all the help I have in running the group. Gail Raynor is a dedicated and priceless second in command, running the kitchen and helping to pack up every Tuesday and Thursday - we definitely couldn't function without her! Sharron Ackerley is also amazing, attending both weekly sessions and greeting people at the door to give everyone a warm welcome. Philippa Cooper and Ann Brown join us on Tuesday and Thursdays respectively, which means that we have enough supervision to run a craft activity for the children. Roger Jackson and Sue Leather are a great help with setting the equipment out on a morning, and, last but not least, all the wonderful people on the rota who help Gail with the tea and coffee are completely invaluable and much appreciated!

One of our most popular events is the yearly sponsored toddle in the Priory. This summer we got some hideous weather on the big day, so we had a hastily set up pirate obstacle course in the church instead! It actually worked much better than anticipated, and both the children and the parents had a great time. Many of the parents commented on what a lovely building it is, and it was good to see so many people feeling comfortable there - we took the opportunity to recruit a few more families for Messy Church! We owe a massive thanks to the Fellowship Group for the morning's success, because no one was worried about the rain when there was such a hearty pirate feast available!

Although we are blessed with a lot of families at the moment, if you know of anyone else who would benefit from a friendly social atmosphere and a chance to meet new friends, please recommend us! I'm really proud of what our group offers, and genuinely think it's a wonderful place for adults and children to experience the fellowship of our Church. Thank you for your support over the last year.

Anna Coleman

Children's Fellowship

The Children's Fellowship runs alongside church services and not instead of them. It is held on Sunday mornings after the morning service. Many of the children attend the service first as part of the congregation or as choir members. New children at CF are invited to all the church activities.



The group meets in the Church Hall and we use the space for running about games and also for messy crafts.

There is teaching in Bible stories, children's prayers that the children read, children's worship songs and the Lord's Prayer. As we are a fellowship group we also have biscuits, juice, games and chat. There is a craft each week that is based on the day's story. The children are aged from 3 years old upwards and attend without their parents unless they express a need. We recently revised our activities to have more craft as the children enjoy it so much and it ensures they have the opportunity to finish projects.

Between January to December 2017 we had 12 children on the register with between 5 and 12 each week. We are very lucky to have 3 enthusiastic young helpers who attend each Sunday to support and encourage the children.

We had 3 events this year to which we invited parents, Mothering Sunday, a summer Fun Day when we all enjoyed a wonderful ventriloquist. It became apparent that due to the children's irregular attendance it was not possible to practice and put on a Nativity Play this year. This was disappointing and we hope we can have one next year. We decided to have a Nativity Puppet Show instead performed by the leaders with Carol singing. The parents and children watched together and afterwards we all shared a faith meal and games.

I constantly update the content of the Children's Fellowship and spend several hours each week preparing material and activities. I would be very grateful if members of the congregation could identify children in their lives who would enjoy the group and church attendance is not required at first but we will encourage them to attend as they settle in.

Sylvia Roberts

Open Door

On the Monday morning of Open Door before the children arrived, Bryan Sandford presented us with a beautiful picture which had been painted by Andrew Barlow in memory of Margaret. The picture is hanging in the Memorial Chapel where it can be seen by all visitors to the church and will remind us of the work that Margaret did in setting up and organising Open Door for nine years.



This year 203 children visited the church and took part in a variety of activities. The morning began with a welcome and introduction by the Rector before the children were divided into small groups to be shown around the church and told about the church and told about the Memorial Chapel, the Font, the Lectern, the Pulpit, the Vestry, the Sanctuary, the Lady Chapel and the de Bruce Memorial. Thanks are due to the tour leaders who inspired the children by their talks. After a quick drink the children moved on to their first activity of the day, choosing from bell ringing, banner making, embroidery, drawing, drama, challis making, colouring vestments, calligraphy, brass rubbing, tile design, stained glass and flower arranging. Our thanks go to all the people who gave up their time to lead and help with these activities. Several people said that the children's work this year was the best they had seen.

Lunch was once again in the Priory as luckily it was dry at lunchtime even though some of the children did get wet on their way to and from the church. On returning from lunch everyone enjoyed the music provided by Helen and her helpers Marjorie, Kathryn and Stuart.

At the end of the day everyone came together so that we could celebrate the children's work with singing, prayer and demonstrations of drama and bell ringing. We would like to thank our Rector, Alison, for leading the worship and for all her support during the week.

To the 90+ members of the congregation, who once again gave their time and skills to the Open Door, we give our hearty thanks. For as well as those who work with the activities there is also the first aider, the furniture removers, the tea makers and the security team, without you all Open Door could not take place.

During the week we had a number of visitors to the church who all remarked on the friendly welcome they had received from everyone they met.

The exhibition at the weekend was viewed by about 200 people, visitors to the town, as well as friends and families of the children, many staying to enjoy fellowship with coffee and cake. Thank you to the Fellowship Group who provided and served the refreshments. It was once again a week of fun and fellowship. Thank you very much to all who participated.

Open Door 2018 will begin on Monday 2nd July.

Margaret Armstrong & Judy Lucas

Events Team

As a direct result of the LYCIG meetings in early 2017 the events team was formed. The team consists of members of PCC and co-opted members. The brief for the group being to:

- enhance the social life and fellowship of the congregation,
- initiate ideas for fund raising,
- encourage others in the running of events,
- draw people into the life of the church through social events,
- liaise with the fellowship group.

It has been a very busy and varied year since then. There have been events big and small involving many members of the congregation, the local and wider area. Activities have ranged from a beach BBQ, summer celebration meal, toddlers sponsored walk and pirate day, lunches at the Fox, bag packs, cabaret evening, Burns night supper, pancake party and the bazaar to name but a few.

Our church has been open on a number of occasions to host and welcome events such as heritage day, a performance of Joseph with the performing arts children and our choir, the Klondike bike race, various concerts, TLC (tea and lovely cake) occasions when we met Magnus the new organ and viewed the plans for re-ordering. October saw three days of school choirs singing, with visitors from all over Cleveland. The big event of the year was our Musical Director, Chris Nixon's, 'The Snowman', schools from Guisborough and the wider area were involved, along with the performing arts group and a live orchestra playing the sound track. There were three screens in place to show the film, with refreshments served to the children taking part before the performance and also during the interval. A multitude of volunteers helped the evening to run smoothly, over the two nights some 800 people were entertained. The following week a simple and very moving shadow show led us through Creation and the Nativity.

Also running throughout the year are the regular coffee mornings in Sunnyfield House, the Methodist church and the craft fairs in the hall.

The team would like to express thanks to all those involved in the above events, with a special thank you to the fellowship group who have supplied endless amounts of food. We already have several events planned for the coming year with plenty of scope for people to be involved in many different ways. We really appreciate any help you can offer.

Margaret Armstrong & Sue Leather

Mother's Union

The branch had 33 members in 2017. We enrolled six of those members at the Mothering Sunday service in church - a lovely occasion. During the service the Mothering Sunday cards and posies were collected for - and in memory of - mothers. We have several more members to enrol in 2018.



We had a pleasing attendance at meetings in 2017 and welcomed several visitors. Many of our meetings were organised and run by our own members and we had few guest speakers. Gerald Wilde entertained us with memories of his childhood in Guisborough while Jo Tulip told us of the plight of Asylum seekers and refugees and of the work to help them in Middlesbrough through the Methodist Asylum Project. Following the June meeting several visits have been made to the Avenue Methodist Church with household items and clothing for those people helped by the project. Both our members and members of the wider church family contributed to the collection. Other activities included member reminiscences about their favourite things while Christine Harpham organised a hand-massage pampering session and we enjoyed two quizzes, a Beetle Drive and making easy Christmas biscuit novelties. The outing to Wynard Hall Rose Garden was very enjoyable despite the heavy shower while our Christmas lunch at the Royal Oak was a very pleasant end to a most entertaining year of Mothers' Union activities!

We held our usual services during the year. The Lent meeting, led by Revd. Marion Gardner, was thought-provoking and encouraged us to do something positive for others during Lent, while the Advent service with Geoff Hill helped to lead us into the Christmas season. At the Advent service we joined in the 'Global Moment' along with our guests to draw attention to the problem of gender-based violence through the '16 Days of Activism' supported by Mothers' Union members worldwide. As usual, we remembered our link dioceses in the 'Wave of Prayer' service in May. Members attended Deanery Festival and 'Songs of Praise' services while I attended the Diocesan Council meeting in November and Deanery Council meetings. Members also took part in the Women's World Day of Prayer service at Guisborough Methodist Church. Christine Harpham and I attended the Spring Retreat at Wydale - a time to re-charge the batteries and share prayer and fellowship as well as having some 'me' time. Hopefully, more members of the branch will attend these retreats at Wydale in the future.

At the November Diocesan Council meeting at Malton, several initiatives were reported on for Mothers' Union worldwide. A new constitution is almost ready for adoption. Another process being undertaken is known as MULO, which stands for "Mothers' Union Listening, Observing, Acting" and aims to explore the essence of what it is to be Mothers' Union, and how we can uniquely contribute to making a real difference to people's lives. Running from now until Spring 2019, this process will consult members about creating a vision for the future that every member can identify with. The questions which need answers are: Who

are we as Mothers' Union? Whose lives are we and could/should we be touching?; What difference are we and could/should we be making in people's lives?; How do we most effectively make that difference? Answers to these and other questions will make it easier to say 'Why Mothers' Union?' in the wider community. There will be many meetings for members to attend to make their views known. We hope to help Mothers' Union to continue to be a positive force in the world.

The committee members are an unfailing help and support to me as Branch Leader. One change to the committee has taken place in that Avril Wilde has stepped down as Secretary to be replaced by Isabel Harriman. Thank you to Avril for her work as Branch Secretary and to Isabel for taking on that role. Thank you also to Jennifer Welch for keeping us on the straight and narrow financially; to Christine Harpham for organising our social events and to non-committee members - Helen Simmonds for playing the piano at our meetings and services and Sheila Henbest for her support through the Deanery Prayer Chain and for ensuring the birthdays of members are not forgotten during the year. I am also very grateful to Alison for her continued support. With her permission, I continue as Branch Leader for at least another year.

We begin 2018 with 31 members. Sadly, our only Indoor member, Clara Gibb, died in October. We'll miss her smile! There are two new members so far and we hope to welcome more. Three former members decided not to renew their membership this year for various reasons but we thank them for their time as members and continue to hold them in our thoughts and prayers.

Every member, past or present, fulfils the aims and objectives of the Mothers' Union in their daily lives in the community. Each year, Mothers' Union chooses a theme for the year. In 2018, we are encouraged to follow 'In Mary Sumner's Footsteps'. We intend to put our faith into action by helping with the work of Mothers' Union throughout the parish, deanery, archdeaconry, York diocese and worldwide. We need to use the example of Mary Sumner in all areas of our lives.

Christine Parker

Bell Ringers

The year saw the unexpected death of George Willerton, a valued and respected member of the team. George was a qualified member of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers and a long-standing ringer at Guisborough. In later years he suffered increasingly from loss of vision but he continued to make a valued contribution by ringing the tenor as the cover bell for change ringing. He also used to ring the bell for funerals and organise teams to ring at weddings. He will be remembered with affection.



Many will know that as well as our six tower bells we have thirteen hand bells that can be used for ringing tunes. These are used in Open Door. They have made occasional appearances at Messy Church but this was not entirely successful. It needs a team of people to spend time with the hand bells to bring them regularly into church worship or activities. If anyone is interested in this, please contact me - 01287 634569.

Richard Henbest

Fellowship Group

The Fellowship Group has been very busy this year providing tea, coffee and refreshments for numerous concerts and occasions. Our 'Bigger Events' included: refreshments at the Klondyke Bicycle Race, a Faith Lunch to welcome the newly Confirmed, a cold buffet for the 'Summer Celebration', a 'Cabaret Evening' in October and in January, a 'Traditional Burn's Night'. Viewings of 'Snowman', two beautiful silhouette interpretations of the Nativity and then the joyful 'Nine Lessons and Carols' ended a tiring, but enjoyable 'run up' to Christmas.



Sandra Cowan

St Nicholas Ladies Guild

The Guild continues to meet in members' homes on the third Thursday of the month - September to June. We enjoy talks, discussions and presentations from various speakers. We have fun at Christmas and "treat" ourselves on 'Social Evenings' in January and June! The Guild continues to be well attended every month with an average of twelve members attending - that is not to say that new members are not welcome - they most certainly are! The Guild, under several different names, has been 'going' since the early sixties. It would be nice if it continued (probably under a different format) for the next sixty years.

Sandra Cowan

Craft & Collectables Fair Report

Nine Craft & Collectables Fairs were held in 2017, which contributed to the church funds and also provided the opportunity for Diane, Christine, Beryl and Julie to raise funds through their sales. Thank you to them for their commitment in supporting the event and providing attractive and interesting stalls for visitors.



A huge thank you to our great team of volunteers who give their time unstintingly, for their commitment and support, through all weathers and the many other demands on their time. They include Sandra, Margaret C, Margaret A, Honor, Trisha, Dawn, Ann, Alan, David and others who step in on an ad hoc basis. Most of the money we make is from refreshments and the many contributions and our volunteers are really invaluable.

Thank you to Mark and Samuel for all the work involved in setting up and restoring the hall afterwards. And thank you to our Crafters for their commitment and support.

The plant sale in May was fun and the children had some fun planting seeds with Christine and Dave Harpham, and all took a pot of seeds home. I hope some of the grew! The range crafts was extended, and there was always colouring available for both children and adults.

The tombola is as always, a huge success and the donations we receive are greatly appreciated.

After 2½ years of coordinating the event, I was very pleased to hand over to Sue Hood from September and wish her every success. I'll still be around to contribute, helping with crafts and refreshments from time to time.

Pam Rayment

I would just like to say to Pam a big thank you for all her efforts over the past years and hope I can carry the banner as well as she has.

Taking over the fairs in September has been fun if not a challenge. Lots of behind the scenes work involved and participation from many other volunteers as Pam has mentioned. Apart from a few teething problems I think we are back on track and hope for 2018 to be a good year for the fairs (if the weather co-operates with us).

Children's activities will continue but with a few new ideas to keep them interesting.

I hope you all will still support my efforts in this new year of fair's so we can continue to add to the funds for the church.

We open our fairs once again on March 17th and every month till December. Look out for fair information on the web page, in the magazine and the pew sheet for more on the themes and activities for the day.

The list of new and talented traders has increased which adds to the keeping of interest alive in the fairs and we have also had interest from several new authors who would like to come to sell their own published signed books. This we will keep to a minimum of one a fair to add another interesting stall section to the event.

We may include a few craft workshops to the fair days if we can find crafters willing to share their crafts with us.

So thankyou again for all your support, keep your diaries filled with the dates of our monthly fairs and I and the traders hope to see you 'at the Fair'

Sue Hood

Men's Group

We had another successful year, meeting monthly. The activities ranged from bowls evening, through talks from invited guests, to carrying out work in the Church and Church Hall. We helped provide food at the 2017 Beer Festival in the Church Hall. Our attendance varied, but was usually in the teens. We welcome any men who would like to come to our meetings.

Chris Ellis

Churches Together in Guisborough

The Churches Together Group includes seven churches in Guisborough and is the umbrella organisation of The Bridge Project and the Guisborough Christian Aid Group. The committee meets four times a year to organise various ecumenical events.



In January for The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, a series of short lunchtime services, was led by a different church each day. The main Sunday service was held at St Nicholas Church where Canon Michael Bayldon was the speaker. The Lent Courses this year were on a theme of "Walking Towards Glory" based on the lectionary for Lent. These were held at the Methodist Hall and were well attended. The Good Friday service at the Market Cross was well attended with positive feedback from many people. A better amplification system ensured people could hear the service which was led by ministers from the various churches with the Salvation Army band playing the music for the hymns. A Songs of Praise, as part of Guisborough Choral Society's 50th Anniversary, was held in the Priory grounds on 18th June when approximately 180-200 people attended.

Churches Together was represented at The Forest Festival in September and was welcomed by many people who spoke to staff and enjoyed cakes and buns. The Harvest Festival service was held at the Methodist Church on 8th October led by Revd. John Henry. The

theme was "All We Can" from a Methodist Charity in the Caribbean. The collection went to that charity.

Christmas Cards, using a photograph of the Nativity Scene, were distributed throughout the town to give details of services at all the churches in the group.

Roger Jackson

Guisborough Bridge Association

This year we have seen a few changes with staffing with Jenny Tyrie leaving the organisation in the Spring and Vivienne Trenchard leaving in November. We had a gap year worker for part of the year from Barbados, Nian, but due to a few difficulties Nian had to return early. We are grateful to all for their work for the Bridge. The new team is Shona Joselin, Joanna O'Neill and Juanita Osborne with Shona overseeing as Senior worker, Joanna focussing on the broader community projects and Juanita on the youth & children.

The Activities involving the young people have been well attended: The Escape group at North Guisborough; the 2 youth projects (Friday for the older youth 15-18 and 10-14 on Sunday evening) who had 2 very positive weekends away at the Emmaus Centre; Holiday Clubs in May (with a Spy theme) and August (All Aboard the Ark); Get Set Go monthly sessions; and Fun & Food4All sessions during the school holidays to try to tackle holiday hunger.

Also, there has been a steady increase in the numbers of older people involved in Monday Friends and Kemplah lunches but the latter has now had to move location and will be renamed due to kitchen problems at Kemplah House. Soup and Roll continues to be our main source of income and numbers on a Thursday remain pretty constant and Tuesday Coffee, though smaller, is still a welcoming space for coffee and chat. Separate fund-raising events include coffee mornings, refreshments at Choral Society concerts during the year and the annual Barn Dance at the Church Hall in January.

Foodstop, which is active on a Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes, plus emergency packages during the rest of the week, continues to be well used by those individuals and families who are facing hardship caused mainly by problems with their benefit payments. The regular donations from Marks and Spencer has added to our provision and we are pleased to be helping reduce waste. Our NightLight team continue to patrol the streets on Friday or Saturday nights offering warmth and solace to those in need, whether it be a pair of flip flops, a comforting word, a warm drink or organising a taxi home. The Christmas Day meal was yet again well attended with about 80 people sitting down to traditional Christmas fare, friendship and fellowship. Over this last year we have started some new work with parents, Bridge2Parents, and are planning a course in May using the Care for the Family material.

A word of thanks to all those in our churches who by their continuing generosity in financial or material giving have kept the Bridge active and growing.

The progress of all our activities is dependent on volunteers and we are incredibly grateful for all those who give time to help the different activities - we are currently going through the process of becoming an 'Investing in Volunteers' organisation to ensure volunteering with us is a positive experience. Sadly, over the year we have lost a few volunteers and this has meant we still have demand for new volunteers at coffee mornings, Soup and Roll, Kemplah, Youth work, Holiday Clubs and Monday friends. If you feel that you would like to

help please see the present volunteers - names are in the March Priority magazine. Thank you for all the support.

We continue to serve God through prayer and action to the people of the town.

Julie Duffy

Pantomime Group

Guisborough Parish Pantomime Group was set up by the parishioners of St Nicholas back in 1974 and the first performance was 'Babes in the Wood' in January 1975. Over the last 44 annual productions on the same stage in the Church Hall on Bow Street, the group has grown in numbers as well as reputation.

Now known as one of the best amateur dramatic groups in the area, it is always looking for new blood. The group is 'active' between 'audition day' (usually the first Sunday after the schools return for the new school year in September) through to performance week (always the week after the second Sunday in January). Rehearsals are twice a week for the principals - usually Tuesday evenings and Sunday afternoons and commitment to attending them is essential. Chorus members need to be eight years old or over and their rehearsals are determined by the choreographer.

If being on the stage might not be for you, the group is always looking out for backstage or front of house volunteers, so if you feel that's more in your skill set then attend on the audition day or send a message to the 'Guisborough Panto' Facebook page. Profit from the pantomime is not only reinvested into next year's show but also divided out to other church and community charities.

Phil Sandford

St Nicholas Afternoon Tea Dance

The group has had a very good year since the Hall Rental was reduced from £33 to £20 which enabled the group to reduce the charge from £5 per person to £4 per person. This has led to an increase in people attending the sessions. There are some new members who attend the sessions on a regular basis.



We are a friendly, sociable group of people who always welcome new people to join us. We have a tea break at 2pm which is often supplemented with a cake or two if it is someone's birthday or anniversary. The break also enables us to have a chat with friends and new members.

Rita and I are very grateful to the other parishioners who help and support us in this special outreach in the community.

We do sequence dancing every Thursday afternoon from 1pm to 3.30pm and would encourage anyone reading this Report to come along and give it a try – you never know – you might even enjoy yourselves!

Rita & Tony Morris

**St Nicholas Church
Guisborough**

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Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets, and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object, and c) funds set aside and designated by the PCC for a purpose, but which the PCC can reallocate if that purpose no longer exists.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

The PCC has previously considered it sound financial management to maintain reserves of between 25% and 33% of annual turnover. This implies that general reserves of at least between £39,750 and £52,470 are required in respect of the proposed budgeted expenditure for 2018. General Reserves at 31 December 2017 exceeded this, standing at £61,229.

Incoming Resources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on covenant or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued.

All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

All incoming resources (e.g. funds raised by the bazaar, craft fair and similar events, sales of books and magazines) are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains and losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

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 Freewill Offering is accounted for when payable. Any Freewill Offering unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by section 96(2) (a) of the Charities Act 1993.

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December 2017.

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 uncollectible.

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

Treasurer's Report 2017

I would like to begin my report by taking this opportunity to thank the Gift Aid Officer, John Carr, in particular, all members of the PCC, and the congregation for all their help and advice they have offered during the last year.

In addition, I would like to thank all those who assist with the weekly Gift Aid Envelopes and weekly cash counts, and those who have helped with the management and accounting of income and expenditure during the year, both in the Church and at the events, concerts, and fund-raising activities.

Total funds in 2017 have increased by £34,667, with the general trading account increasing by £14,334 (before a transfer of 2016 designated funds to Restricted Funds, as these are restricted by designation), with additional unrealised profits on the general trading account investments of £2,203. This compares with a general fund surplus of £10,192 in 2016 (including unrealised profits on the general trading account investments of £2,438). There were total unrealised profits on investments of £6,001 in 2017 (this compared to a total unrealised profit on investments in 2016 of £6,522).

The Parish's Freewill Offering (the amount that the Church pays to the Diocese) for 2017 increased by £2,000 from the 2016 amount.

Did you know that if you are a tax payer and sign a Gift-Aid declaration, the PCC as a registered charity can recover the amount of tax you have paid on that (currently 25p for every £1 given in this way) **at no extra cost to you?**

While you can request your own set of weekly giving envelopes, you can give directly from your bank account, using bankers standing orders. There has continued to be a move towards the regular use of bankers standing orders, as a more convenient way of giving.

The use of Gift-Aid envelopes in the pews has remained steady, and I would encourage any tax paying members of the congregation who have not signed a Gift-Aid declaration, to use them whenever possible.

While general fundraising in 2017 raised a net £12,846, the Bazaar continues to be our main source of general fundraising from a single event, raising over £6,600 in 2017. However, other fundraising took place during the year including regular coffee mornings at Sunnyfield House, monthly Craft Fairs, Beer Festival, Shadow Nativity Concert, and numerous other events.

In addition, other fundraising activities took place, with a summer celebration, cabaret, and Joseph concert raising funds for the Choir Fund, and the Snowman Concert, which contributed over £3,600 towards the church and organ sound systems.

The PCC has previously considered it sound financial management to maintain reserves of between 25% and 33% of annual turnover. This implies that general reserves of between around £39,750 and £52,470 are required in

respect of the proposed budgeted expenditure for 2018. General Reserves at 31 December 2017 exceeded this, standing at £61,229.

However, as we have continued to explore ways of expanding our mission in the town, we have invested in improving our sound system, and we are in the process of exploring opportunities and options for re-ordering of the church.

Any re-ordering agreed will come at a substantial cost. Our general reserves will not cover these costs, and we will have to seek other means of funding any works, such as grant applications and specific fundraising events. However, we are lucky to be in a relatively sound financial position as we approach any re-ordering decisions.

Once again, I would like to thank everybody who has assisted me, with advice, guidance, and the counting and banking of monies coming in and going out. Without your help I would undoubtedly have struggled.

Finally, many thanks to all those who support this Church, both financially (planned givers, tax efficient givers, those using Gift-Aid envelopes, and all those who put into the plate or give using bankers standing orders), and with their time, skills, and talents. A sincere thank you all for giving so generously, in order that we are able to continue to maintain this beautiful and historic building, and look to expand the ministry of our Church.



Geoff Hill

Hon Treasurer
Guisborough PCC

8 March 2018

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of the Parish of St Nicholas, Guisborough

I report to the Parish Trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Nicholas, Guisborough Parish (the Parish) for the year ended 31 December 2017.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Parish Trustees of the Parish you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Parish's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Parish as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: Rachel Wilmot (CIMA)

Address: 1 Abercorn Close, Redcar, TS10 2TX

Date: 17th March 2018.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF St. NICHOLAS, GUISBOROUGH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31st December 2017

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2017 Total Funds £	2016 Total Funds £
Incoming Resources						
Incoming Resources from Donors	2(a)	111,286.83	33,391.51	0.00	144,678.34	127,171.51
Other Voluntary Incoming Resources	2(b)	19,573.03	16,134.38	0.00	35,707.41	29,979.00
Income from Charitable and Ancillary Trading	2(c)	37,696.41	23,621.00	0.00	61,317.41	60,101.19
Other Ordinary Incoming Resources	2(d)	0.00	5,641.95	0.00	5,641.95	49,057.00
Income from Investments	2(e)	932.67	1,526.06	0.00	2,458.73	2,103.32
Total Incoming Resources		169,488.94	80,314.90	0.00	249,803.84	268,412.02
Resources Used						
Grants	3(a)	6,000.00	12,373.68	0.00	18,373.68	20,614.56
Activities directly relating to the work of the Church	3(b)	130,034.97	25,462.00	0.00	155,496.97	156,941.54
Fund Raising and Publicity	3(c)	6,603.91	100.00	0.00	6,703.91	2,170.64
Church Management and Administration	3(d)	12,515.85	28,046.65	0.00	40,562.50	43,847.50
Total Resources Used		155,154.73	65,982.33	0.00	221,137.06	223,574.24
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		14,334.21	14,332.57	0.00	28,666.78	44,837.78
Transfer of 2016 Designated Fund to Restriced (restricted by designation)		(6,583.19)	6,583.19			
Gains/Losses on Investments						
- realised						
- unrealised		2,203.39	717.77	3,079.48	6,000.64	6,521.65
Net Movement in Funds		9,954.41	21,633.53	3,079.48	34,667.42	51,359.43
Balances brought forward at 1st January 2017		51,275.10	177,520.07	34,340.84	263,136.01	211,776.58
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2017		61,229.51	199,153.60	37,420.32	297,803.43	263,136.01


PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF St. NICHOLAS, GUISBOROUGH


BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2017

		Note	£	2017	£	2016	£
Fixed Assets							
	Tangible fixed assets	11	130,000.00		130,000.00		
	Investment assets	12	72,474.56		66,473.92		
				202,474.56		196,473.92	
Current Assets							
Debtors		13	2,843.00		5,181.00		
Short term deposits	Friends of St. Nicholas at CBF		14,323.66		12,797.60		
	General Fund at CBF		25,116.36		24,183.69		
	Current Bank Account		101,162.85		66,815.02		
	Total		143,445.87		108,977.31		
Payments Received in Advance		14	(1,155.00)		0.00		
Sundry Creditors	Restricted	14	(10.00)		(531.00)		
	Unrestricted	14	(6,000.00)		(832.22)		
Net Current Assets				136,280.87		107,614.09	
Long Term Liabilities		12	(40,952.00)		(40,952.00)		
Net Assets				297,803.43		263,136.01	
Funds							
	Unrestricted			61,229.51		44,691.91	
	Designated			14,281.83		6,583.19	
	Restricted			1,000.00 }		3,009.91	
	Designated			1,649.62 }			
	Restricted			6,625.00 }		51,795.79	
	Designated			51,107.09 }			
	Restricted			1,531.79		1,506.79	
	Restricted			285.02		850.02	
	Designated			418.10		484.50	
	Restricted			30,418.13		28,496.04	
	Designated			89,048.00		89,048.00	
	Designated			(230.00)		(202.40)	
	Designated			2,194.20		1,706.60	
	Designated			824.82		824.82	
	Endowment			37,420.32		34,340.84	
	Total			297,803.43		263,136.01	

Prepared for the Parochial Church Council


 Geoff Hill
 Treasurer


 Rev A Phillipson
 Rector

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF St. NICHOLAS, GUISBOROUGH

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2017

Note		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2017 Total Funds £	2016 Total Funds £	2017 Budget £
2	Incoming Resources						
2(a)	Incoming Resources from Donors						
	Tax Efficient Giving (including Planned Giving)	66,482.31	4,523.51	-	71,005.82	64,843.32	68,000
	Tax Recovered	19,654.36	4,097.63	-	23,751.99	16,635.57	19,000
	Regular Collections	11,890.25	1,836.00	-	13,726.25	11,252.69	7,500
	Occasional Collections	8,791.24	283.00	-	9,074.24	8,007.14	7,500
	Non Gift Aided Envelopes	3,091.32	-	-	3,091.32	7,693.80	3,000
	Special Collections	-	12,368.68	-	12,368.68	15,292.56	
	Donations	1,377.35	10,282.69	-	11,660.04	3,446.43	2,200
		111,286.83	33,391.51	-	144,678.34	127,171.51	107,200
2(b)	Other Voluntary Incoming Resources						
	Donations in Memoriam - Memorial Book	160.00	-	-	160.00	122.00	
4	Fund Raising	19,413.03	11,625.74	-	31,038.77	21,412.39	14,000
	Development Fund	-	-	-	-	-	
	Bequests	-	4,508.64	-	4,508.64	8,444.61	
		19,573.03	16,134.38	-	35,707.41	29,979.00	14,000
2(c)	Income from Charitable and Ancillary Trading						
	Sunday Coffee	887.62	-	-	887.62	803.91	250
5	Magazine Income	3,095.90	-	-	3,095.90	4,069.30	3,400
6	Church Hall Income	14,255.94	-	-	14,255.94	13,605.23	13,500
7	Non PCC Fees	-	21,916.00	-	21,916.00	21,254.40	
	PCC Fees	10,961.00	-	-	10,961.00	12,228.60	8,000
	Flower Income	820.00	-	-	820.00	320.00	
	BRF Subs and other lay training income	280.95	-	-	280.95	264.75	
	Insurance Claims received	-	-	-	-	-	
	Contributions towards clergy expenses received	1,395.00	-	-	1,395.00	615.00	
	Curacy Rental	6,000.00	-	-	6,000.00	5,000.00	1,500
8	Bellringers Fees	-	1,705.00	-	1,705.00	1,940.00	
		37,696.41	23,621.00	-	61,317.41	60,101.19	26,650
2(d)	Other Ordinary Incoming Resources						
	Income received for "Friends of St Nicholas"	-	65.00	-	65.00	10.00	0
	Miscellaneous Income	-	60.95	-	60.95	1,047.00	
9	Projects/Special Income/Grants	-	5,516.00	-	5,516.00	48,000.00	
		-	5,641.95	-	5,641.95	49,057.00	0
2(e)	Income from Investments						
	Dividends	863.57	1,488.24	-	2,351.81	1,936.27	1,000
	Interest	69.10	37.82	-	106.92	167.05	
		932.67	1,526.06	-	2,458.73	2,103.32	1,000
	Total Incoming Resources	169,488.94	80,314.90	-	249,803.84	268,412.02	148,850

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF St. NICHOLAS, GUISBOROUGH

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For the year ended 31st December 2017

Note		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2017	2016	
3	Resources Used	Funds	Funds	Funds	Total	Total	2017
		£	£	£	Funds	Funds	Budget
					£	£	£
3(a)	Grants						
	Missionary and charitable giving: (See Schedule 1)						
	Charitable giving agreed by PCC	6,000.00	-	-	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000
	Retiring collections	-	3,299.78	-	3,299.78	2,954.48	-
	Other Charitable Societies	-	9,073.90	-	9,073.90	11,660.08	-
		6,000.00	12,373.68	-	18,373.68	20,614.56	6,000
3(b)	Activities directly relating to the work of the Church						
	Ministry: Diocesan Parish Share & Deanery Expenses	96,206.00	-	-	96,206.00	94,202.96	96,250
	Clergy Expenses	2,040.92	-	-	2,040.92	2,325.39	1,600
	Rectory Costs	808.31	-	-	808.31	784.34	1,000
	Curacy Costs	665.88	-	-	665.88	620.54	1,500
	Honoraria	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Church - heating and lighting	3,717.21	-	-	3,717.21	4,035.23	4,000
	Church Insurance	4,707.29	-	-	4,707.29	4,697.68	5,200
	Church Services Costs	489.59	400.36	-	889.95	738.55	500
	Church Repairs and Maintenance	2,596.72	1,141.74	-	3,738.46	1,874.25	2,450
5	Expenditure on Parish Magazine (printed in-house)	1,400.00	-	-	1,400.00	800.00	1,550
6	Church Hall Running Costs	10,034.10	-	-	10,034.10	15,806.17	10,000
	Mother & Toddler	-	1,863.60	-	1,863.60	1,845.00	-
	Church Commissioners - Rental Income for Curacy	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Lay training & discipleship (inc Children & Young People)	398.42	-	-	398.42	379.50	5,000
	Church Music	5,974.04	140.30	-	6,114.34	6,554.83	6,900
	Sanctuary	618.15	-	-	618.15	782.20	500
	Flowers expenditure	378.34	-	-	378.34	240.50	-
7	Fees paid out for Weddings & Funerals	-	21,916.00	-	21,916.00	21,254.40	-
		130,034.97	25,462.00	-	155,496.97	156,941.54	136,450
3(c)	Fund Raising and Publicity						
	Costs of Fund Raising Events	6,566.43	100.00	-	6,666.43	2,130.64	600
	Publicity/Posters	37.48	-	-	37.48	40.00	-
		6,603.91	100.00	-	6,703.91	2,170.64	600
3(d)	Church Management and Administration						
	Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Loan Interest on Curacy	1,751.60	-	-	1,751.60	1,708.88	1,800
	Stewardship Envelopes	128.58	-	-	128.58	140.98	150
	Stationery	807.79	-	-	807.79	660.25	600
	Postage	221.62	-	-	221.62	120.90	200
	Office Wages	5,290.68	-	-	5,290.68	5,301.00	5,350
	Office Telephone	837.18	-	-	837.18	424.03	500
	Maintenance of Office Machinery	2,670.77	-	-	2,670.77	4,264.27	3,000
	Memorial Book Printing	70.00	-	-	70.00	30.00	-
	Fellowship Expenses (Sunday Coffee)	668.63	-	-	668.63	689.43	-
	Miscellaneous Expenses	69.00	-	-	69.00	1,403.18	200
8	Bellringers Payments	-	1,705.00	-	1,705.00	1,370.00	-
9	Projects/Special Expenditure	-	26,341.65	-	26,341.65	27,734.58	-
		12,515.85	28,046.65	-	40,562.50	43,847.50	11,800
	Total Resources Used	155,154.73	65,982.33	-	221,137.06	223,574.24	154,850

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2017

4 Fund Raising

	£
Bazaar	6,896.33
Coffee Mornings	1,344.62
Craft Fairs	2,738.30
Miscellaneous Efforts (including Beer Festival, Book of Smiles, Shadow Nativity, Choir Celebration and Cabaret)	
	12,589.00
Snowman	7,470.52
Total	31,038.77

5 Magazine

	Income £	Expenditure £
Subscriptions	1,793.90	
Advertisements	1,302.00	
Printing Costs		1,400.00
Total	3,095.90	1,400.00

6 Church Hall Account

	Income £	Expenditure £
Nursery School	1,245.00	
Church Bookings	1,834.00	
Regular Bookings	8,853.00	
Casual Bookings	2,323.00	
Donations/Junior Youth Interest	0.94	
Wages		4,543.92
Gas/Electricity/Water Services		2,389.89
Cleaning Materials		338.64
Repairs/Renewals		931.55
Performing Rights		120.00
Miscellaneous		20.00
Insurance (See Note 15)		1,690.10
Totals	14,255.94	10,034.10

7 Non PCC Fees paid for Weddings and Funerals

	£
Incumbents Fees	15,721.00
Organist/Choir Fees	4,185.00
Vergers Fees	2,010.00
Total	21,916.00

8 Bellringers Account

	£	£
Income from Weddings and Funerals	2,460.00	
Less transferred to "Friends of St Nicholas"	(755.00)	
Total Income	1,705.00	
Fees paid out to the Bellringers	(1,580.00)	
Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers	(125.00)	
Total Expenditure	(1,705.00)	
Balance	0.00	

9 Projects/Special Income & Expenditure

	Income £	Expenditure
Sound System	5,000.00	
Guis Town Council Grant towards event (Snowman)	516.00	
Christmas Meal		838.00
Messy Church		363.80
Notice Board		954.00
Snowman		4,311.77
Sound System		10,768.71
Projector Screens		268.75
Miscellaneous		201.80
Organ Hire		4,410.00
Open Door		565.00
Youth Group		66.40
Choir - Music books, folders, stands, etc		1,760.40
Choir - Banners/leaflets		325.70
Choir - Bridlington Festival		709.48
Choir - Concerts/Christmas		684.48
Choir - contributions to children's Christmas meal		113.36
Total	5,516.00	26,341.65

10 Lay Training

	£
Other Lay Training including Confirmation	117.47
Bible Reading Fellowship	280.95
Total	398.42

11 Property

The PCC is the beneficial trustee of the following property which is vested in the Property and Trust Committee of the York Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd. The PCC has an Equity Share of 68.5% of the value of the Curacy. The Church Commissioners have the remaining 31.5% (£40,950). The PCC is also the owner and beneficial trustee of the Parish Hall in Bow Street, Guisborough, whose estimated value is £350,000. The PCC does not own the land on which it stands.

	Curacy 16, Lealholm Way £ 130,000
Gross Book Value: At 31st December 2017	

12 Investments

Valuation at 31st December 2017	No	Bid Price p	Value £	Market Value Totals £	2016 Value	Unrealised Profit
Unrestricted						
Investment Fund						
CBF Investment Fund Income Shares	1623.24	1639.44	26,612.05			
Total				26,612.05	24,408.66	2,203.39
Restricted						
Fabric Fund						
CBF Investment Fund Income Shares	528.79	1639.44	8,669.19			
Total				8,669.19	7,951.42	717.77
Endowment						
Endowment Fund						
CBF Investment Fund Income Shares For purchase of more shares	2268.66	1639.44	37,193.32			
Total				37,193.32	34,113.84	3,079.48
Grand Total				72,474.56	66,473.92	6,000.64

13 Debtors

	£
Income tax recoverable from gift aid	2,500.00
PCC Fees due re 2017 Services	114.00
Non PCC Fees due re 2017 Services	229.00
Total	2,843.00

14 Creditors

	£
Restricted - Non PCC Fees re 2017 Services	10.00
Charitable Giving re 2017 paid in 2018	6,000.00
Wedding fees paid in advance	1,155.00
	7,165.00

15 Designated Fund

	£
Development Fund (Designated)	6,586.94
Open Door Fund (Designated)	631.00
Re-ordering Fund (Designated)	280.00
Organ Fund (Designated)	6,783.89
	14,281.83

16 Children & Young People

	Designated £	Restricted £	
Upleathan Trust Grant (Restricted)		1,000.00	
Children & Young People Fund (Designated)	1,649.62		
	1,649.62	1,000.00	2,649.62

17 Wish List

	Designated £	Restricted £	
Chancel Repair Liability (Designated)	45,000.00		
PCC Wish List Fund (Designated)	6,107.09		
Servery (Restricted)		5,625.00	
Library (Restricted)		1,000.00	
	51,107.09	6,625.00	57,732.09

Snowman Concert (contributed to this Fund)

	Income	Expenditure	
Ticked sales and refreshments	7,470.52		
Guis Town Council Grant	516.00		
Hire fees, publishing rights and orchestra		1,815.79	
Refreshment costs		899.98	
Lighting and snow machine		906.00	
Toilet hire		690.00	
	7,986.52	4,311.77	Surplus 3,674.75

Schedule 1

Charitable Giving from Unrestricted Funds

	PCC £
Christian Aid	1,000.00
Church Army	300.00
Church Urban Fund	400.00
Embrace the Middle East (formerly Bible Lands Society)	500.00
Guisborough Bridge Association	1,000.00
Order of the Holy Paraclete	200.00
Teesside Hospice	200.00
The Junction	200.00
Together Middlesbrough & Cleveland	500.00
United Partners in the Gospel	500.00
Water Aid	500.00
Wydale Hall	500.00
Children in Distress (Guisborough)	200.00
Totals	6,000.00

Retiring / Special Collections and Funerals

£

The total received by the PCC from designated funeral collections in church during the year, and paid out directly to the charitable organisations requested by the families concerned.

9,073.90

A total of 10 retiring and special collections were held in church during the year, raising a total of

3,299.78

Additional PCC agreed charitable giving

6,000.00

18,373.68