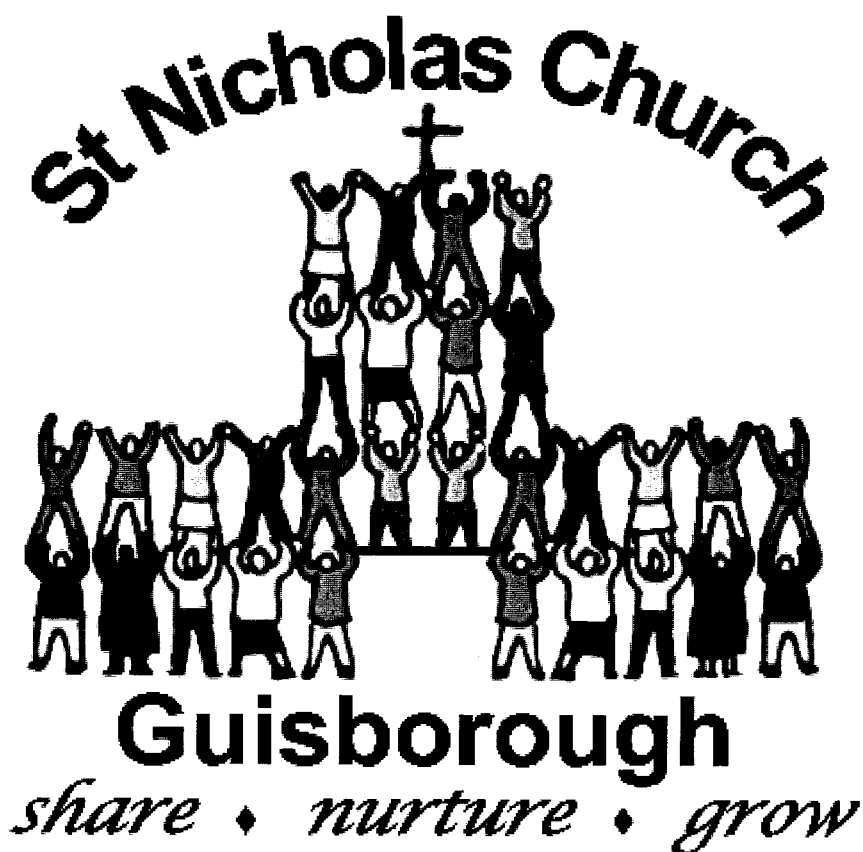


**THE PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS, GUISBOROUGH
IN THE DIOCESE OF YORK**



**Annual Report and Accounts of the
Parochial Church Council for the year
ended 31st December 2018**

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

GUISBOROUGH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

PCC Membership List 2018-19

Rector Churchwardens	Revd Alison Phillipson Alwyn Jones John Douglass	Chairperson
Readers	Susan Hill Geoffrey Hill	Vice Chairperson Treasurer
Deanery Synod Representatives	David Harpham Susan Hill Alan Gardner Karen Keen Geoffrey Hill	
Elected Members Three year tenure	Nancy Webb Julie Duffy Michael Shutt Maureen Whitton Lyn O'Callaghan	
Two year tenure	Christopher Ellis Nicky Clay Christopher Nicholson Roger Jackson Isabel Harriman	
One year tenure	Jeffrey Cotton Michael Cowan Louise Brownlie Louie Walker Susan Leather	Secretary Deputy Churchwarden Deputy Churchwarden Deputy Churchwarden
Co-options	Michael Lowdon	December 2018

Total membership: 24 (8 ex-officio, 15 elected & 1 co-opted)

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 Council. The Standing Committee met four times during 2018. The full membership at the end of 2018 was:

Chair	Rector
Lay Chair	Susan Hill
Churchwardens	Alwyn Jones, John Douglass
Secretary	Michael Cowan
Treasurer	Geoffrey Hill
Chair of Fabric Team	Christopher Ellis
Total membership	7 (5 ex-officio & 2 elected members)

Other Officers and Representatives

Electoral Roll Officer	Roger Jackson
Gift Aid Officer	John Carr
Churches Together	David Harpham
Bridge Project	Julie Duffy
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 and the Church Hall.

Church Attendance

There are 391 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 18 of who are not resident within the parish. The average weekly attendance across all services is 205 adults and 25 children. This number is increased at Festivals. This does not include Funerals, Baptisms, Marriages, Messy Church or Morning Prayer. There are also 85 home/house communions per month

PCC Secretary's Report

The PCC as at December 2018 consisted of 24 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 through co-option 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 2018, and the previous two years, the number had been five.

The PCC met 8 times during 2018 (6 scheduled meetings, not including the APCM, and 2 extraordinary meetings). 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 this report.

Mike Cowan

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 exists.

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

The PCC considers it sound financial management to maintain reserves of between 25% and 33% of annual turnover. This implies that general reserves of between £40,062 and £52,882 are required in respect of the proposed budgeted expenditure for 2019. General Reserves at 31 December 2018 are well within this range, standing at £50,774.

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 2018.

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 2018

2018 has seen some major changes and new initiatives, as we look to move forward as a church and extend our ministry in the community. The curacy was sold, and a commitment to a Church/School Partnership initiative was agreed.

The total funds for the Church increased by £40,837 in 2018, assisted by a realised profit of £28,668 on the sale of the curacy house. By contrast the general trading account decreased by £10,056 in 2018 with additional unrealised losses on the general trading account investments of £399. This compares with a general fund surplus of £9,954 in 2017 (including unrealised profits on the general trading account investments of £2,203).

In 2018 there were total unrealised losses on investments of £1,087 (this compares to a total unrealised profit on investments in 2017 of £6,000), due to the effects of the continued uncertainty of the financial and stock markets on investments.

As Christians we are called to be charitable and generous, and the 2018 General Fund deficit resulted from a PCC decision to make a £10,000 charitable donation (equivalent to the 2017 General Fund surplus) to the Liverton PCC church rebuild appeal.

The Parish's Freewill Offering (the amount that the Church pays to the Diocese) for 2018 increased by £3,600 over the 2017 Offering.

General Fund Planned Giving (and associated tax recovery) declined in 2018. It is essential, as we look to develop our church and extend the outreach of our church's ministry, that we seek to increase giving, by encouraging generosity of our existing and future church members.

In addition, we look to increase our tax recovery on planned giving and donations.

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 your giving and donations (currently 25p for every £1 given in this way), **and all at no extra cost to you?**

I would therefore encourage anybody who is a tax payer, and does not currently Gift Aid their giving, to consider signing a Gift-Aiding declaration. To learn more about this please have a word with myself or John Carr our Gift Aid Officer.

You can give directly from your bank account, using bankers standing orders, (which is the most convenient way of giving), or alternatively you can request your own set of weekly giving envelopes.

There are Gift-Aid envelopes in the pews (pink envelopes), and I would encourage any tax paying members of the congregation who have not yet

signed a Gift-Aid declaration, to use them whenever possible until you have signed a Gift Aid declaration.

Fundraising events have been many and varied in 2018, resulting in total fundraising activities generating over £24,800 net, of which £18,950 related to general fundraising. The Christmas Fayre (formally the Bazaar) continues to be our main source of general fundraising from a single event, raising £8,000 in 2018.

Other fundraising took place during the year including regular coffee mornings, monthly Craft Fairs, Beer Festival, Burns Night, Pancake Party, Klondike, Remembrance concert, Christmas Tree Festival (contributing £2,800 net), Stuart Townend concert, Snowman performance (contributing over £5,400 net), and numerous other events.

The PCC considers it sound financial management to maintain reserves of between 25% and 33% of annual turnover. This implies that general reserves of between £40,062 and £52,882 are required in respect of the proposed budgeted expenditure for 2019. General Reserves at 31 December 2018 are well within this range, standing at £50,774.

We are still in the process of exploring opportunities and options for re-ordering of the church, acknowledging that any agreed re-ordering will come at a cost that general reserves will not cover. Therefore, we will be seeking other means of funding any works, including investigating various grant funding opportunities and specific fundraising events. We are, however, fortunate to be in a relatively sound financial position as we approach any re-ordering decisions.

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 numerous events, concerts, and fund-raising activities. Without your help the church would have undoubtedly struggled and not been as successful and vibrant as it has been.

I would also like to thank John Carr for all his work as Gift Aid Officer in recovering the tax on gift aided giving from HMRC.

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 can continue to maintain this beautiful and historic building, and look to expand the ministry of our Church.



Geoff Hill
Hon Treasurer
Guisborough PCC

28 March 2019

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of the Parish of St Nicholas Guisborough on the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018

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 2018, set out on 9 to 16.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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

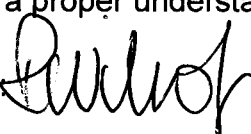
The Parish's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

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

1. the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
3. the accounts did 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:

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF St. NICHOLAS, GUISBOROUGH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31st December 2018

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2018 Total Funds £	2017 Total Funds £
Incoming Resources						
Incoming Resources from Donors	2(a)	100,983.72	30,182.50	0.00	131,166.22	144,678.34
Other Voluntary Incoming Resources	2(b)	29,841.13	9,112.57	0.00	38,953.70	35,707.41
Income from Charitable and Ancillary Trading	2(c)	33,853.11	58,289.02	0.00	92,142.13	61,317.41
Other Ordinary Incoming Resources	2(d)	1,275.00	9,743.97	0.00	11,018.97	5,641.95
Income from Investments	2(e)	1,398.12	1,605.98	0.00	3,004.10	2,458.73
Total Incoming Resources		167,351.08	108,934.04	0.00	276,285.12	249,803.84
Resources Used						
Grants	3(a)	16,000.00	12,433.44	0.00	28,433.44	18,373.68
Activities directly relating to the work of the Church	3(b)	137,912.63	50,056.31	0.00	187,968.94	155,496.97
Fund Raising and Publicity	3(c)	11,149.73	0.00	0.00	11,149.73	6,703.91
Church Management and Administration	3(d)	12,344.75	23,132.42	0.00	35,477.17	40,562.50
Total Resources Used		177,407.11	85,622.17	0.00	263,029.28	221,137.06
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		(10,056.03)	23,311.87	0.00	13,255.84	28,666.78
Gains/Losses on Sale of Asset (Curacy)		0.00	28,668.14	0.00	28,668.14	0.00
Gains/Losses on Investments						
- realised						
- unrealised		(399.16)	(130.02)	(557.86)	(1,087.04)	6,000.64
Net Movement in Funds		(10,455.19)	51,849.99	(557.86)	40,836.94	34,667.42
Balances brought forward at 1st January 2018		61,229.51	199,153.60	37,420.32	297,803.43	263,136.01
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2018		50,774.32	251,003.59	36,862.46	338,640.37	297,803.43

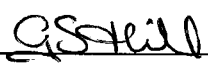
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BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2018

		Note	£	2018	£	2017	£
Fixed Assets							
	Tangible fixed assets	15	-			130,000.00	
	Investment assets	16	71,387.52			72,474.56	
					71,387.52		202,474.56
Current Assets							
Debtors		17	8,219.56			2,843.00	
Short term deposits	Friends of St. Nicholas at CBF		15,919.27			14,323.66	
	Mother & Toddler at CCLA		2,543.57			-	
	Youth Group at CCLA		300.00			-	
	General Fund at CBF		206,514.48			25,116.36	
	Current Bank Account		35,295.95			101,162.85	
	Total		268,792.83			143,445.87	
Payments Received in Advance			-			(1,155.00)	
Sundry Creditors	Restricted	18	(1,000.00)			(10.00)	
	Unrestricted	18	(539.98)			(6,000.00)	
Net Current Assets					267,252.85		136,280.87
Long Term Liabilities		15					(40,952.00)
Net Assets					338,640.37		297,803.43
Funds							
	Unrestricted			50,774.32			61,229.51
	Designated			6,586.94			6,586.94
	Restricted			-			1,000.00
	Designated			493.64			1,649.62
	Designated			5,390.62			6,107.09
	Restricted			-			285.02
	Designated			1,002.42			631.00
	Designated			718.10			418.10
	Designated			1,097.50			280.00
	Designated			13,033.89			6,783.89
	Designated			1,953.50			-
	Designated			110.76			-
	Restricted			1,531.79			1,531.79
	Designated			45,000.00			45,000.00
	Designated			15.40			-
	Restricted			11,250.00			5,625.00
	Restricted			168.41			1,000.00
	Designated			8,092.99			-
	Restricted			32,781.72			30,418.13
	Designated			117,716.14			89,048.00
	Designated			3,149.87			(230.00)
	Designated			100.08			2,194.20
	Designated			809.82			824.82
	Endowment			36,862.46			37,420.32
	Total			338,640.37			297,803.43

Prepared for the Parochial Church Council


Geoff Hill
Treasurer


Revd A Phillipson
Rector

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF St. NICHOLAS, GUISBOROUGH

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2018

Note		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2018 Total Funds £	2017 Total Funds £	2018 Budget £
2	Incoming Resources						
2(a)	Incoming Resources from Donors						
	Tax Efficient Giving (including Planned Giving)	62,764.92	13,566.30	-	76,331.22	71,005.82	68,000
	Tax Recovered	16,708.89	3,391.57	-	20,100.46	23,751.99	19,000
	Regular Collections	10,914.96	-	-	10,914.96	13,726.25	9,500
	Occasional Collections	7,579.95	225.00	-	7,804.95	9,074.24	7,000
	Non Gift Aided Envelopes	2,898.00	130.00	-	3,028.00	3,091.32	3,000
	Special Collections	-	12,433.44	-	12,433.44	12,368.68	
	Donations	117.00	436.19	-	553.19	11,660.04	1,300
		100,983.72	30,182.50	-	131,166.22	144,678.34	107,800
2(b)	Other Voluntary Incoming Resources						
	Donations in Memoriam - Memorial Book	160.00	-	-	160.00	160.00	
4	Fund Raising	29,681.13	4,112.57	-	33,793.70	31,038.77	14,000
	Development Fund	-	-	-	-	-	
	Bequests	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	4,508.64	
		29,841.13	9,112.57	-	38,953.70	35,707.41	14,000
2(c)	Income from Charitable and Ancillary Trading						
	Sunday Coffee	901.87	-	-	901.87	887.62	250
5	Magazine Income	3,350.10	-	-	3,350.10	3,095.90	3,000
6	Church Hall Income	13,442.19	-	-	13,442.19	14,255.94	14,000
7	Non PCC Fees	-	23,833.80	-	23,833.80	21,916.00	
	PCC Fees	14,375.20	-	-	14,375.20	12,356.00	10,000
	Flower Income	510.00	-	-	510.00	820.00	
	BRF Subs and other lay training income	273.75	-	-	273.75	280.95	
	Insurance Claims received	-	-	-	-	-	
8	Choir Activities	-	15,299.47	-	15,299.47		
9	Mother & Toddlers Activities	-	6,298.90	-	6,298.90		1,900
10	Youth Group Activities	-	300.00	-	300.00		
11	Pantomime Activities	-	9,676.85	-	9,676.85		
	Curacy Rental	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00	6,000.00	500
12	Bellringers Fees	-	2,880.00	-	2,880.00	1,705.00	
		33,853.11	58,289.02	-	92,142.13	61,317.41	29,650
	Other Ordinary Incoming Resources						
2(d)							
	Income received for "Friends of St Nicholas"	-	-	-	-	65.00	50
	Miscellaneous Income	25.00	-	-	25.00	60.95	
13	Projects/Special Income/Grants	1,250.00	9,743.97	-	10,993.97	5,516.00	
		1,275.00	9,743.97	-	11,018.97	5,641.95	50
2(e)	Income from Investments						
	Dividends	882.24	1,520.42	-	2,402.66	2,351.81	1,000
	Interest	515.88	85.56	-	601.44	106.92	
		1,398.12	1,605.98	-	3,004.10	2,458.73	1,000
	Total Incoming Resources	167,351.08	108,934.04	-	276,285.12	249,803.84	152,500

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2018

Note		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2018 Total Funds £	2017 Total Funds £	2018 Budget £
3	Resources Used						
3(a)	Grants						
	Missionary and charitable giving: (See Schedule 1)						
	Charitable giving agreed by PCC	16,000.00	-	-	16,000.00	6,000.00	6,000
	Retiring collections	-	2,764.19	-	2,764.19	3,299.78	-
	Other Charitable Societies	-	9,669.25	-	9,669.25	9,073.90	-
		16,000.00	12,433.44	-	28,433.44	18,373.68	6,000
3(b)	Activities directly relating to the work of the Church						
	Ministry: Diocesan Parish Share & Deanery Expenses	99,800.00	-	-	99,800.00	96,206.00	100,000
	Clergy Expenses	1,335.03	-	-	1,335.03	2,040.92	1,600
	Rectory Costs	834.76	-	-	834.76	808.31	1,000
	Curacy Costs	689.80	-	-	689.80	665.88	1,000
	Church - heating and lighting	3,569.32	-	-	3,569.32	3,717.21	4,000
	Church Insurance	5,111.10	-	-	5,111.10	4,707.29	5,000
	Church Services Costs	489.73	261.28	-	751.01	889.95	500
	Church Repairs and Maintenance	2,277.00	125.00	-	2,402.00	3,738.46	2,000
	5 Expenditure on Parish Magazine (printed in-house)	1,400.00	-	-	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,600
	6 Church Hall Running Costs	13,994.34	-	-	13,994.34	10,034.10	10,000
	14 Lay training & discipleship (inc Children & Young People)	525.98	242.23	-	768.21	398.42	5,000
	Church Music	6,483.63	-	-	6,483.63	6,114.34	5,900
	8 Choir Activities	-	21,080.74	-	21,080.74	-	-
	9 Mother & Toddler	-	2,929.40	-	2,929.40	1,863.60	1,900
	Youth Group Activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
	11 Pantomime Activities	-	1,583.86	-	1,583.86	-	-
	Sanctuary	917.74	-	-	917.74	618.15	500
	Flowers expenditure	484.20	-	-	484.20	378.34	-
	7 Fees paid out for Weddings & Funerals	-	23,833.80	-	23,833.80	21,916.00	-
		137,912.63	50,056.31	-	187,968.94	155,496.97	140,000
3(c)	Fund Raising and Publicity						
	4 Costs of Fund Raising Events	10,723.47	-	-	10,723.47	6,666.43	600
	Publicity/Posters	426.26	-	-	426.26	37.48	-
		11,149.73	-	-	11,149.73	6,703.91	600
3(d)	Church Management and Administration						
	Loan Interest on Curacy	612.88	-	-	612.88	1,751.60	1,900
	Stewardship Envelopes	143.98	-	-	143.98	128.58	150
	Stationery	503.69	-	-	503.69	807.79	600
	Postage	205.42	-	-	205.42	221.62	200
	Office Wages	5,486.28	-	-	5,486.28	5,290.68	5,550
	Office Telephone	633.76	-	-	633.76	837.18	500
	Maintenance of Office Machinery	2,492.84	-	-	2,492.84	2,670.77	3,000
	Memorial Book Printing	70.00	-	-	70.00	70.00	-
	Fellowship Expenses (Sunday Coffee)	867.65	-	-	867.65	668.63	-
	Miscellaneous Expenses	72.25	-	-	72.25	69.00	500
	12 Bellringers Payments	-	1,857.00	-	1,857.00	1,705.00	-
	13 Projects/Special Expenditure	1,256.00	21,275.42	-	22,531.42	26,341.65	-
		12,344.75	23,132.42	-	35,477.17	40,562.50	12,400
	Total Resources Used	177,407.11	85,622.17	-	263,029.28	221,137.06	159,000

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF St. NICHOLAS, GUISBOROUGH

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2018

4 Fund Raising

	Income	Expenditure
	£	£
Christmas Fayre	8,302.35	315.08
Coffee Mornings	1,621.48	227.00
Craft Fairs	1,370.15	-
Christmas Tree Festival	3,827.80	1,029.05
Stuart Townend Concert	3,342.40	2,967.75
Snowman (plus £1764 transferred to Choir Fundraising)	5,739.53	3,853.27
Snowman (Element relating to Church/School Partnership)	1,764.00	-
Miscellaneous Efforts (including Beer Festival, Book of Smiles, Burns Night, Pancake Party, Klondike, Remembrance Concert)	6,216.79	2,331.32
Miscellaneous (including sale of Mouseman Stands)	1,609.20	-
Total	33,793.70	10,723.47

5 Magazine

	Income	Expenditure
	£	£
Subscriptions	2,011.10	
Advertisements	1,339.00	
Printing Costs		1,400.00
Total	3,350.10	1,400.00

6 Church Hall Account

	Income	Expenditure
	£	£
Nursery School	1,245.00	
Church Bookings	1,710.00	
Regular Bookings	7,613.00	
Casual Bookings	2,873.00	
Donations/Junior Youth Interest	1.19	
Wages		5,038.60
Gas/Electricity/Water Services		1,713.09
Cleaning Materials		491.60
Repairs/Renewals		4,981.90
Performing Rights		0.00
Miscellaneous		16.00
Insurance (See Note 15)		1,753.15
Totals	13,442.19	13,994.34

7 Non PCC Fees paid for Weddings and Funerals

	£
Incumbents Fees	16,099.00
Organist/Choir Fees	4,880.00
Vergers Fees	2,220.00
Travel	634.80
Total	23,833.80

8 Choir

	Income	Expenditure
	£	£
Fundraising	5,474.49	
Trips	7,894.98	11,314.31
Donations	819.05	
Miscellaneous	1,110.95	
Robes		6,529.66
Music		1,983.70
RSCM Membership		103.00
Events		1,016.50
Miscellaneous		133.57
Total	15,299.47	21,080.74

9 Mother & Toddler

	Income £	Expenditure £
Funds Introduced by Mother & Toddler Group	4,014.42	
Weekly Collections	2,085.68	
Fundraising	198.80	
Wages		1,918.40
Hall Rent		996.00
Christmas Tree Festival		15.00
	6,298.90	2,929.40

10 Youth Group

	£
Funds Introduced by Youth Group	300.00

11 Pantomime

	£	
Funds Introduced by Pantomime	8,152.85	
Ticket Sales	1,524.00	
Props and scenery		643.46
Publicity		276.29
Funding handrails		140.00
Donations		315.00
Miscellaneous		209.11
	9,676.85	1,583.86

12 Bellringers Account

	£	£
Income from Weddings and Funerals	2,880.00	
Less transferred to "Friends of St Nicholas"	(1,023.00)	
Total Income	1,857.00	
Fees paid out to the Bellringers	(1,715.00)	
Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers	(142.00)	
Total Expenditure	(1,857.00)	
Balance	0.00	

13 Projects/Special Income & Expenditure

	Income £	Expenditure £
Klondike Grant	750.00	750.00
Guis Town Council Grant towards Remembrance event	500.00	506.00
Hall Improvement donations	15.40	
Choir Festival	293.70	
Junior/Community Key Funding Grants and income	5,707.49	4,508.36
Church/School Partnership contribution from Children & Young People restricted Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
Church/School Partnership events	2,727.38	243.12
Church/School Partnership consulting		5,200.00
Key Fund Subscriptions		598.00
Messy Church		466.24
Organ Hire		5,760.00
Staging		1,937.90
Lectern Microphone		335.42
Event Expenditure		95.00
Open Door		299.79
Library Books		831.59
Total	10,993.97	22,531.42

14 Lay Training

	£
Other Lay Training including Confirmation	252.23
Bible Reading Fellowship	273.75
Pilgrim	242.23
Total	768.21

15 Property

The PCC sold the Curacy and settled the equity share the Church Commissioners held in it (31.5%). 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.

16 Investments

Valuation at 31st December 2018

	No	Bid Price p	Value £	Market Value Totals £	2018 Value	Unrealised Profit
Unrestricted						
Investment Fund						
CBF Investment Fund Income Shares	1623.24	1614.85	26,212.89	26,212.89	26,612.05	(399.16)
Total						
Restricted						
Fabric Fund						
CBF Investment Fund Income Shares	528.79	1614.85	8,539.17	8,539.17	8,669.19	(130.02)
Total						
Endowment						
Endowment Fund						
CBF Investment Fund Income Shares	2268.66	1614.85	36,635.46	36,635.46	37,193.32	(557.86)
For purchase of more shares						
Total						
Grand Total				71,387.52	72,474.56	(1,087.04)

17 Debtors

	£
Income tax recoverable from gift aid	5,348.56
Snowman tickets, etc	1,448.00
Church/School Partnership	735.00
Fundraising events	278.00
PCC Fees due re 2018 Services	410.00
Total	8,219.56

18 Creditors

	£
Restricted - Key Fund activity	1,000.00
Due re Christmas Tree Festival and Snowman	463.60
Hall - Cleaning materials	76.38
	1,539.98

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
MIND Redcar	200.00
The Junction	400.00
Together Middlesbrough & Cleveland	500.00
USPG	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.

9,669.25

A total of 7 retiring and special collections were held in church during the year, raising a total of

2,764.19

Annual PCC agreed charitable giving

6,000.00

Additional PCC charitable giving to church rebuild appeal - Liverton PCC

10,000.00

28,433.44

The Rector writes

Another busy and successful year (if that can be measured!), where we have welcomed many hundreds of people into church for our activities, and most importantly we have welcomed many new adults and children into the life of our church and into our congregation. It is always a great joy for a parish priest to see new people becoming involved and settling into church life and then taking the hugely important step of Confirmation, something we were all privileged to witness during the year. The most amazing part of that day was a group of people immediately saying that they would also like to think about confirmation for themselves. Praise God!

We have had many exciting events during the year, probably none quite surpassed that of the visit to St. Nicholas of the world famous, singer/Christian song writer, Stuart Townend. An amazing night of prayer and praise, when the feeling of the Holy Spirit's presence within our midst was palpable.

Open Door has now been running very successfully in our church for many years, a week when we invite and welcome all Year 5 school children in Guisborough, to come and spend a day in church. Each child is encouraged to participate in various activities and within that they are given some quality time with adults who speak to them and most importantly listen to the children as they begin to perhaps articulate how they feel in such a building as our church. Who knows what benefits the children receive as regards the nurturing of faith within them, we simply plant seeds and allow God to bring those seeds to growth. However, one thing the children do realise is that they are, and always will be very welcome in church, their church, where we hope and pray, they will continue to feel at home.

Leading on from this, after much discussion and planning with Chris Nixon, the PCC readily agreed to fund, initially for three years, what has been called the St. Nicholas Church/Schools Partnership Project. As from September Chris now spends a full day per week in our four Primary School engaging the children in the singing of Christian songs and the preparation of regular church services to which their parents and families and indeed any member of the community are invited to attend. He is also encouraging and supporting them in their school choirs, setting them up where necessary. The main thing with this is we are ensuring our good links with the schools, which have come in the main through Open Door, are continued and built upon and also it means that our young children are singing songs about God and Jesus and are attending and taking part in their own church services. I invited Lorna Buckle, Marianne East and David Welsh to form a Steering Group to monitor and oversee this project, which I am pleased to say they readily agreed and have given it their wholehearted supported, I am very grateful to them. On a more delicate matter this project is costing us serious money, Chris needs to be paid for this work as this forms part of his normal working week where many schools employ him to do this kind of work. We are actively looking for grants to help in this, but if anyone would like to make a donation to this important work it would be very gratefully received. It is hoped that a natural consequence of this work will be that children and families will be drawn into church and this has already started to happen. We can never know the extent of the success of a project like this can be. It may not be until later in life that a child may decide to become a disciple of Jesus because of this work and to be honest I don't believe we are ever intended to know what influence for good we have been on a persons' life. We do what we are called to do and leave the rest of the work to God. It is very exciting to see just where this work leads us to and what develops in the next year or so. Please if nothing else can I ask you to pray for this work, for the Steering Group, for Chris and for the children and staff.

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. Our fortnightly meetings are often full of laughter and very good humour. My thanks also to our wonderful team of Deputy Churchwardens, again such faithful and willing workers. My huge thanks also go to our Readers, Sue & Geoff for their unstinting hard work and support. As for my retired clerical colleagues, Marian, David & Stuart, often called '*the retirees*', well so much for retirement, they offer so much help and much appreciated 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 well above and beyond what she is contracted to!

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, 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

We are glad to report that this year has been another tremendous one for St Nicholas Church, one overrun with high points tempered only by a couple of notable exceptions;

- a) The failure to see the commencement of Phase 1 of our reordering programme.
We are very disappointed that Phase 1 work has so far failed to materialise, but we are working very hard to remedy the issues and praying that this part of the project will soon be completed.
- b) The damage caused by an attempted break in by the vestry door and the apparently senseless breakage of stained glass window panels on the South aisle.

The upside of the attempted break in has been a reassessment of the church's security, expertly aided by Cleveland Police Crime Prevention Officers. We are currently in the process of upgrading as suggested.

A major step forward has been the granting of a faculty to remove the pipe organ and to sanction the installation of Magnus. We are looking forward to utilising the space created in the vestry area to the best advantage and benefit of the church as a whole.

The work carried out by the local council and the Durham and Tees Valley Community Team in renovating the graveyard has been excellent and a marked improvement achieved with the upkeep of the area. It is hoped to maintain the contact with Durham Tees Valley throughout the coming year and to secure their services not only for the graveyard but also around the church hall site.

2018 was a spectacular year for a wide range of church events, ranging from a dawn Easter Vigil, many and varied musical concerts and well attended services, to increased outreach work with the town's primary schools, the Christmas tree festival, amongst others.

It is a requirement each year to complete a parish statistical return for the Church of England. The numbers recorded this year are ample evidence of the vibrancy and achievements at St Nicholas.

A huge thank you to everyone for their endless commitment of time, energy and resources.

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 national Church of England's policies, advice, and best practice.

During 2018, 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.

Adoption of National Policies

The Child Protection Policy will be reviewed in the coming year, to ensure it remains in line with the new national Church of England's advice. We will also be looking to introduce and implement a Vulnerable Adults Policy in line with national Church of England information and advice.

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

The on-line safeguarding training are:

C0 - Safeguarding Basic Awareness

C1 - Safeguarding Foundation

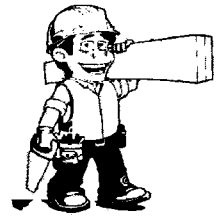
Most volunteers require training to C0 or C1 level.

We will ensure all our records are compliant with the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which came into force in May.

Helen Dalton

Fabric Group

We have a maintenance plan for the church and church hall, which we endeavour to follow. This includes items requiring regular servicing and checking by professionals: heating gas boilers, lightning conductor, electrical circuits etc.



The most important task of the fabric group is to keep the church water tight. To meet this any water that lands on the church needs to be drained away. This means keeping the gulleys on the roof, the gulleys at ground level and U bends, clear of tree debris and rubbish. This is a constant battle.

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

The mice have been controlled by setting traps as required. For some reason we don't seem to have caught as many as usual this year.

The lighting system in the church has needed constant re lamping. This job will be reduced in the future. See below.

The bollards on the land in front of the church are serviced as required by us.

Main points.

- The side door to the church was repaired following an attempted break in. This work was covered by our insurance and was completed by a specialist company.
- In an attempt to cure leaks we have been experiencing in the water heating pipes in the body of the church, the company who installed them has replaced the joints considered to be possible sources of future leaks.
- Last year all the light fittings east of the church chancel arch were fitted with LEDs. This year we have fitted 11 fittings in the centre of the nave with LEDs. We have a further 14 to do. By the end of 2019 all the church light fittings in the nave and chancel will have LEDs.
- The fluorescent light tubes in the main hall of the church were all replaced.
- The grade 2 listed wall between the church hall grounds and Bow Street was being pushed at one point, by tree roots, towards the pavement. This year the offending tree was removed by professional tree surgeons. The damaged part of the wall was taken down and rebuilt by a team from the congregation. (see part of team on the right) By doing this work on the wall in-house we saved thousands of pounds of church money.
- The heating in the church hall has become a problem. Unfortunately, the necessary spare parts are not now available. At the moment we are struggling to get by on 2 heaters rather than 3.
- One of the three church heating system boilers has developed a fault. It will be repaired next year. (We only run 2 boilers at a time.)
- Next year there is a plan to start working towards upgrading the gas supply to the church boilers. On completion this will allow us to run 3 boilers together.
- Following a theft of copper from the bottom of the church lightning conductor we replaced it with aluminium, a material of little scrap value.



- Guisborough Council installed a new flag pole and trimmed the hedge local to it in preparation for Armistice Day. We are responsible for looking after the flagpole once it was installed.

We maintain a list of outstanding actions; 19 actions, of varying sizes, have been completed in 2018.

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

2018 has been a year of continued development within this group which aims to be an integral part of St Nicholas Church and the wider community.



The new system for payment of subscriptions for Priority which was introduced at the beginning of 2018 worked very well. Payments were received quickly and were easily entered into our records. Hopefully our distributors also found it helpful and easy to manage. We are very grateful to our distribution team who help so much by taking on the responsibility for spreading the news of our church throughout the community.

The advertising within Priority is essential for the magazine's future. It costs a lot to print each edition, not only financially but also in time expended. Godfrey Bains, has for many years, taken sole responsibility for the job of finding advertisers, informing them of the cost options for their desired advert and collecting their payments. He feels that the time has now come for him to 'hang up his hat'. We must thank him for his work and patience and dedication to Priority Magazine. Thank you, Godfrey, your work has been invaluable. The good news is that Mike Shutt has volunteered to carry on Godfrey's work. Godfrey has prepared the paperwork for what will, hopefully, be a smooth transition. Thank you Mike.

The pew sheets continue to be an important part of the Hub's work. They are vital for informing the congregation of events and news, often at short notice. Week in, week out they are there for our information. Please feel free to take them home with you to read at your leisure.

When given posters by event organisers or church group leaders we are happy to help spread the word. This we do by making use, as much as possible, of notice boards, in the church, the church hall and around the town.

Whenever possible and, again, when given the information we endeavour to share news and events with the local press and other media. Up until now, John Simmonds took on this role. he has, however, recently decided to retire from this responsibility. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank John for his work in this respect over the years. Fortunately, he is remaining with us, to continue his support and help with Priority Magazine. Thank you John.

In 2018, many months were spent re-designing the church's website. We felt that an easy to manage, an easy to navigate and above all WELCOMING website was needed. It is essential that, in the 21st century our church has a presence. A small team was formed to try and meet the brief. None of us, however actually had any idea how to go about this! Fortunately, Kian Jackson a member of the choir, was prepared to help us - although he had never built a website. We cannot say thank you enough to this young man for his hard work, imagination, humour and patience with middle aged ladies! The new website was launched

at the end of last year. A vital piece of the jigsaw of communication between the members of our church and the wider, dare I say, worldwide community! Have you seen it yet?

www.stnicholaschurch.com

The next problem was who was going to manage the site? Kian has been doing the job, however, he will be leaving to go to university soon. We are grateful to Alexandra Butler who has recently agreed to take on the role. She is a busy lady and so we appreciate her support. We plan to help and support her as much as we can.

On a final note, I would like to say that without church members and church groups giving us the information, posters, articles, photographs, information to share in good time, we, as a group, are powerless. Our aim is not only to pull all aspects of church life together and inform our members just what a lively, loving, active church St Nicholas is but to share the news with others who are not yet members of our church is. With your help, we can do this.

Louise Brownlie

Church Hall Team

It only seems a short while since I presented my last annual report, nonetheless that was twelve months ago. The parish hall continues to flourish with the guidance of the Church Hall Team whose members are: Revd. Alison Phillipson, Alwyn Jones, Mike Lowdon, Helen Simmonds, Sam Robinson, Chris Ellis, John Clarkson and myself. At this point I would like to welcome Mike Lowdon onto the team; he has agreed to take on the position of Project Manager for the refurbishment of the Hall.



I would like to convey my appreciation to Mrs Helen Simmonds who works countless hours generating regular bookings of hall users including :- Toddlers play group, Salsa Dance Classes, Zumba dance classes, Tea dance sessions, U3A Organisation, National Blood Transfusion Service, Mahjong 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 Christmas Fayre, and Charity Fund Raising Events.

Equally I would like to show appreciation to Chris Ellis and Sam Robinson for the work and many hours of dedication involving the maintenance and upkeep of the building taking up the task of working with Kevin Pattern Tree Surgeon who was commissioned to carryout work on the removal of a tree in the Church Hall grounds, Mr John Clarkson Youth team leader, Anna Coleman and her team. In addition I would like to compliment the numerous volunteers who give up their time as well as provide their own unique skills including:- Toddlers Group, Children's Fellowship, Brownies, Youth Group, St Nicholas Ladies, Mothers Union, Men's Group and the Fellowship Team for the benefit of the parish hall. As a final point in order for the Parish Hall to continue and prosper, the Team in association with St Nicholas Church PCC will set goals and objectives in order to bring into being and implement any necessary changes throughout the process for the different interests of hall users and the wider community, with an enthusiasm and willingness sharing knowledge, skills, remaining active considering fresh avenues and business to keep abreast of new developments.

Jeff Cotton

Messy Church

Messy Church continued to meet on a bi-monthly basis, on a Saturday morning 10am - 12 noon, and has grown steadily over the last two years. It is an opportunity to explore the stories of the Bible, learn about God's love for us, eat and pray together.



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. It begins with a biblical story, which then sets the theme. We then take part in several 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.

The themes we covered this year were: -

- 27th January 'Candlemas'
- 12th May 'Pentecost'
- 14th July 'The Kingdom of Heaven'
- 15th September 'Messy Church Does Science'
- 10th November 'Hope and Peace'

On Good Friday in March, Messy Church explored 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 54 children and 46 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.

We have a wonderful Messy Church Planning team who plan the sessions together and give their time to set up and help with the activities on the day. We feel very blessed to be leading the Messy Church congregation and are looking forward to continued growth both in numbers and spiritually. 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 on an 'SOS' (as we need it!) basis and contact me or any one of our Messy Church Planning team which consists of Margaret Armstrong, Louise Brownlie, Anna Coleman, Sue Leather, Judy Lucas and Patricia Smith.

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 or sheltered accommodation 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 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 85 people a month.

Our ministry in the community is available to all who need it; we would rather see in church those who can get there and are fortunate in having a team of willing drivers who will bring to church 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

2018 has been another good year for the Servers. We have a team of 12 led by Karen as Head Server and assisted by Joint Deputy Head Servers Fiona and Chris.



A rota is prepared every two months, and everyone is given an equal amount of services. We serve at 8am and 9.30 am every Sunday. In addition to these duties in 2018 we have served on Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday and at the Remembrance Day service. We have also served at Nine Lessons and Carols, Midnight Mass and Christmas Day.

Away from our serving duties in church, the Servers organised the Pancake Party and Karen, Mike and Chris together with Geoff took part in the Great North Run raising more than £800. Thanks to Maureen's efforts we also took part in the Christmas Tree festival. Last January we had our Servers annual meal where we attended Cookfellas.

Apart from Serving many of the Servers do have other roles in the church which include (but this is not an exhausted list) Chalice Assistants, reading the lesson, Sacristan, Deputy Churchwarden and Verger, Sides person, Youth Group Leader, and PCC members.

If you have thought about becoming a Server then please speak to Karen, Fiona or Chris who shall be happy to assist.

Chris Nicholson

The Choir

The Choir of St Nicholas has had a tremendously busy year enjoying not only growth in size, but also the development of its capabilities. We have members from 7 years old up to 89 and when we are all here we have over 30 members.



Highlights for the year included the Parish Music day where we sang, played with our orchestra, enjoyed instrumental music and more for a whole 12 hours. This raised over £5000 paying for the whole new set of robes for our choir - a super effort and thanks to everyone in our parish for helping.

A large group of us travelled to London to sing at The Royal Festival Hall with many of the children I work with and we had a super time.

The choir sings for all the normal Sunday Services and special services and really enjoyed singing at such things like the Easter Dawn Service, Christingle, the Carol service and more.

The choir has really enjoyed working closely with the Fellowship team and our young people who have been doing funding bids. This has brought in a considerable amount of money to make a difference to our community. We have had some super events and it has been such a wonderful way for everyone to work together on events like the afternoon tea and Remembrance.

A big thank you to all who help and support the choir, its children and adults, and those members who just contribute so much in so many ways. You're all a tremendous team and I thank you personally for all your help and support.

Christopher Nixon, Musical Director

St Nic's Tots

We've had a wonderful, fun year at St. Nic's Tots, providing a family-friendly introduction to our church, introducing children to religious language and festivals through activities, crafts and songs, and helping more new families feel at home in God's house (or 'Anna's Castle' as one little girl refers to it, but please don't hold me responsible for upkeep!).



This group is entirely dependent on volunteers, so enormous thanks are due to Margaret Armstrong, Margaret Gregor, Sue Leather, Judy Lucas, Nancy Robinson and Tricia Smith. Thank you for all the practical things you do, and for the warm, loving welcome you give the children and their grown-ups.

At the moment we are quite low in numbers: several of our children have left for nursery places, and our time slot is in competition with a few children's activities. The seven or eight families regularly attending have told me how much they enjoy the smaller group, but we really would like to share it with more people, so if you do know anyone who would benefit from some friendly chat, pink wafer biscuits and space to play, please let them know about us! St Nic's Tots meets on Monday mornings from 9.30am to 11am.

Anna Coleman

St Nicholas Toddler Group

Our group has enjoyed another happy year of playing and making friends. We've been very well attended, with around 25 to 30 children every 'normal' session, and up to 40 for the special occasions like parties and picnics.

The introduction of free nursery places for two year olds has been sad for us, because some of our friends have gone on the nursery earlier than usual, but we seem to be attracting plenty of new families with babies.



I'm very grateful for all the help I have running the group, especially: Gail Raynor (Kitchen Boss) and Sharron Ackerley (Welcome Committee) who attend both Tuesday and Thursday sessions, Philippa Cooper and Juanita Osbourne (Craft/ Play Enthusiasts) who join us on Tuesday and Thursdays respectively, Roger Jackson and Sue Leather (Toy and Equipment Moving Specialists), and, last but not least, all the lovely people on the rota who help with the tea and coffee. You are all very, very much appreciated - thank you!

One of our most well attended events of the year was the annual sponsored toddle. We were blessed with beautiful warm weather for the toddle, so our little ones enjoyed crafts, a story, a treasure hunt and a Teddy Bear's Picnic in the beautiful Priory grounds. Huge thanks go to the Fellowship Group, who catered wonderfully for a lot of hungry bears!

Our other big highlight of the year was Christmas, where we fed, entertained and gave a special gift to around 60 children over two sessions. For this we should thank Margaret, Trish and Judy for their help, as well as Father Christmas, who very kindly made an appearance and only left a single child in tears - a real Christmas miracle!

As well as the sponsorship money raised by our members at the Toddle, and from our Easter Raffle, we recently applied for, and were successfully granted, the sum of £500 from a government scheme intended to prevent loneliness in the community. Thank you to everyone who helped us by voting at Sunnyfield House.

Although we do have a lot of lovely families attending 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! We're really proud of what our group offers: a wonderful, welcoming 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 of the church activities. The group meets in the Church Hall and we use the space for running about games and 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 can finish projects.

Between January to December 2018 we had 10 children on the register with between 5 and 10 each week. We are very lucky to have 3 enthusiastic young helpers who attend each Sunday to support and encourage the children. One is over 18 and together with myself holds a church DBS.

We had 3 events this year to which we invited parents, Mothering Sunday, a summer Fun Day when we all enjoyed games and a faith meal at the Railway carriage at the Pinchinthorpe Visitors centre. It was a scorching hot day and we finished with an ice cream for all! For our Christmas celebration we had a short Nativity story read by the leaders and a tableau with the children dressed in costume. We had carols and prayers 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

Youth Club

The Youth Club have had another good year with John Clarkson heading up the team of leaders; Sylvia Roberts, Mike Shutt and joined this year by Karl Snowball, a welcome addition to the team. Youth Club also have a few young leaders who are the older members that still come to enjoy the games & fellowship, mentoring the younger members, which is nice to see.

Numbers are a steady 12 - 18 per night. We play a range of team games including; hockey, netball, pictionary, cabbage, bombs away and mix the nights up with games nights; table tennis, table football, jenga, connect 4 and John's favourites donkey & bingo.

Last year we did several additional activities including, the annual summer beach BBQ at Redcar Stray, walk up High Cliff and fixed a cross on Highcliff on Good Friday. We are hoping to do all these activities again this year and invite the congregation to join us if they wish to come along.

We always welcome new 10 - 16-year-old children to join us; in the Hall every Sunday Night 7.30pm to 9pm donations welcome although not asked for. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the church for allowing the use of the hall every week.

Mike Shutt

St. Nicholas Church/Schools Partnership Steering Group

Our task is to monitor and support Chris Nixon in his work in this 3-year project; to identify possible sources of funding, and to report back to the PCC, congregation, and wider community as the project progresses. Chris is bringing music, percussion, singing and service preparation to the schools, with the Christian message.

We attended as many of the schools concerts and services during this autumn term as we could.

There were: Four Harvest services: Galley Hill, Belmont, Highcliffe, Chaloner - approx. attendance 1,490; Schools Remembrance service: over 1,000 attended; Three Carol Services: Highcliffe, Chaloner, Galley Hill - approx. attendance 1,030. School choirs also sang on three nights of the Snowman event.

We have all been DBS cleared, and are looking forward to observing Chris at work in the schools in the spring term. There has been a tremendously positive response from the schools; staff, parents and carers. Approximately £2,000 has been raised in collections from these events. Our church needs to raise £10,000 per year over the next 3 years, to fund this project.

We look forward to encouraging the wider congregation in supporting Chris in this work, and in supporting those who provide children and youth work in the church, as new families join us, and to uphold these activities in prayer. We need to be aware of the impact on our church family life, and in the wider community, and to pray for sensitivity, strength and resources.

Special thanks must go to the Fellowship Group, to Kian Jackson, and numerous other volunteers, who have provided unstinting support - meals, refreshments, furniture moving, equipment setting-up, and the inevitable Hoovering! - and a warm welcome to all those who have attended the new events and services at our church over this busy Autumn and Christmas season.

Lorna Buckle, David Welsh, Marianne East

Open Door

2018's Open Door ran from July 2nd to July 5th with an exhibition of the work done by the children on the week-end of July the 7th and 8th.

During the week 150 year five children and their teachers from the local Primary Schools visited the church taking part in a variety of activities from calligraphy and chalice making to embroidery and drama.



For this to happen we needed the help and support of a great many people. We are indebted to the 90 plus adults and young people from the parish who gave their time to help to make this another very successful week. We welcomed several new helpers this year, we hope they enjoyed themselves and will return in 2019. After 15 years Tony and Rita Morris and Alec Harrington have decided it is time to retire, we would like to thank them for all their help and hope they will pop in and visit us next year. We would also like to thank the pantomime group for their continued monetary support which is greatly appreciated.

Despite the hot weather and the attractions of the World Cup the exhibition at the weekend was viewed by almost 200 people, many of them sewing poppies on to the netting and ringing the bells before joining us for coffee and cake. As well as the parents and children who had attended during the week our visitors came from many parts of the world including Australia, South Africa and Canada and closer to home from France, Spain and Scotland.

Without the help and support we receive from the congregation this event would not be possible. A very sincere thank you to everyone from...

Margaret Armstrong & Judy Lucas

Events Team

It has been a very busy, varied and interesting year. Events have been held throughout the year, varying from the small to the very large! In line with our LYCIG remit they have involved many members of the congregation, both in helping and enjoying the fellowship these events bring. Larger events have drawn people to the church from the town and wider local area.

April '18 saw us once again offer hospitality and fun for the East Cleveland Klondike bike race. Karl and Alyson Tompkins and their team endlessly cooked bacon buns, with further snacks provided by the fellowship group. Our Musical Director, Chris Nixon, organised entertainment outside, with a stage and music, encouraging young people to participate in drumming exercises - and who can forget Archbishop Sentamu, on his mission tour to our area, joining in with the drumming! It was amazing. Well over 1,000 people visited the church that day, enjoying the hospitality on offer and joining in with the fun. The Archbishop sent a letter of thanks to Alison, praising her vision at involving the church in the community.

Later in the same month, a sponsored music day, organised by Chris Nixon, was held from 9am - 9pm. It involved several different groups, from toddlers singing pirate songs, young people singing, playing the piano, organ, and various other instruments, guest organists, also performed, concluding with a concert in the evening. A sum of approximately £5k was raised.

April also saw us having a visible presence at the beer festival, where members from church served sustaining food, pies, peas, sandwiches, pork scratchings etc. Approximately £550 was made at this event.

During the early part of the summer the young people's Key Fund Group, under the direction of Sarah George, organised several fund-raising events, e.g. Silent Disco, Harry Potter Party and a summer afternoon tea in the hall. They were also involved with an Afternoon Tea in November following the Armistice concert on the 17th. Our thanks to them for all their hard work and ideas.

August saw us host scarecrows, various church groups agreed to make one to represent their group. We had baby and toddler scarecrows, a flower lady, a bell ringer, a choir member, a server, a Mother's Union representative along with 'Scary Mary' from the fellowship group, plus several homeless ones from the community! Refreshments were served each day, in all we had 900 visitors to church.

Autumn saw the commencement of a new initiative involving local schools, Chris and the choir. This resulted in various concerts, e.g. at Harvest, Armistice and Christmas. The schools came to church to perform, with parents and members of the congregation being part of the audience, teas and coffees were available for all. A schools' choir festival was held over 3

days in October. Schools from the Teesside area participated, plus our own Guisborough schools. Lunch and refreshments were provided for the staff.

September 22nd was a big one, we hosted Stuart Townend, writer of a number of modern hymns that are used at our services. Four hundred people came to listen and join in, with our choir and the Dalesmen singers supporting. It was a fabulous and inspirational evening.

Following on from this we had the 100year commemoration of the Armistice, with an afternoon of music, supplied by the choir and Dalesmen singers. Each member of the audience was supplied with a box containing afternoon tea, complete with a poppy biscuit, sandwiches and cake, served by our young people.

November 23rd was the annual bazaar, now renamed The Christmas Fayre, which was a huge success, raising some £8k.

Ten days of the Christmas Tree Festival followed, a launch evening was held on the first night, wine and mince pies were served. Numerous people attended during the week, viewing the 50 plus trees and listening to various concerts by the schools.

In December we had three nights of showing 'The Snowman' film. Our church Orchestra played along with the soundtrack. There were three screens in place to show the film with refreshments being served to the children taking part in the singing. A multitude of volunteers helped the evenings to run smoothly. Over the three nights some 900 people were entertained and enjoyed refreshments.

The final event of 2018 was a Christmas meal cooked by members of the choir, organised and served by the young people involved in the Key Group funding. It was a very enjoyable and relaxing time for those eating lunch, slightly more stressful for the cooks!

The New Year commenced with a successful Burns Night supper, the haggis correctly piped in and addressed. £700 was raised at this event.

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

Various concerts by Opera Nova and the Barbershop group have been held, while heritage weekend showcased local famous women and was well received.

The team would like to express thanks to all involved in the above events, with a special thanks to the fellowship group who have served gallons of tea etc and masses of food.

We already have several events planned for the coming months, with scope for people to be involved in different ways. We really appreciate any help and support you can offer.

Margaret Armstrong & Sue Leather

Mother's Union

The branch had 31 members in 2018. Others became regular visitors to our meetings during the year and we hope they will become members in 2019. The theme for 2018 was 'In Mary Sumner's Footsteps' and we strived to do this during the year.



The New Year began with a pooled lunch and quiz in January before the branch Annual General Meeting. Avril Wilde stood down as Branch Secretary and Isabel Harriman took on the role. Thank you both for your help. Many branches have difficulty in finding people to take on administrative roles. So far we have been fortunate to have willing members!

We had a pleasing attendance at meetings and welcomed several visitors. Guest speakers included Barbara Greig, writer of the historical novel 'Secret Lives'; Audrey and Graham Johnson talking about their trip to China; Dave and Jack from the 'Victim Care and Advice Service' talking about keeping ourselves safe from fraud and, finally, an inspirational talk from the retiring Worldwide President of the Mothers' Union, Lynne Tembey. We also heard about the life of Mary Sumner who founded the Mothers' Union in 1876 and had a quiz afternoon in October. The outing to the Mouseman Visitor Centre and Kilburn village was also very enjoyable. Christmas lunch at the new Cliff Rigg restaurant at Pinchinthorpe Hall was a very pleasant end to our activities in 2018!

We held our usual services during the year. At the Lent meeting, led by Susan Hill, members were encouraged to think about their lives and how they could be transformed to serve God's purpose while the Advent service with the Rector helped to lead us into the Christmas season. We remembered our link dioceses in the 'Wave of Prayer' service in April. The Guisborough with Whitby Deanery Mothers' Union branches celebrated the 'Songs of Praise' service in St Nicholas Church. An ideal way to meet our friends from the other branches. Members also took part in the Women's World Day of Prayer service at the United Reformed Church in March. Several members attended a service in York Minster in November to celebrate the end of the current Triennial for Mothers' Union where the Archbishop was the speaker. I attended the York Diocesan Council meetings in June and November and Deanery Council meetings.

Fund-raising activities included two branch Coffee Mornings, courtesy of Christine Harpham and Dorothy Devenport. Members provided refreshments at a Deanery Mothers' Union spring Fair held in St Nicholas Parish raising £190 for Deanery funds and also manned the kitchen for St Nicholas Christmas Fair in November. Following help given providing refreshments at pantomime performances in January, the Branch received a very welcome donation to branch funds from the Pantomime group. Thank you. Over the year we were able to send over £600 from our funds to various Mothers' Union projects.

Members provided posies and cards on Mothering Sunday and had a Christmas tree at the Festival, shared with St Nicholas Ladies. We also had fun making mother and baby scarecrows for the Scarecrow festival in August. Members also help with lots of other activities in Church including with 'Open Door'. We continued to collect clothes and household items for the Asylum Project in Middlesbrough (10 car loads over the year).

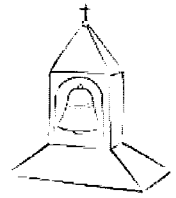
The committee members are an unfailing help and support to me as Branch Leader. Thank you to Jennifer Welch for keeping us on the straight and narrow as Branch Treasurer. Jennifer will step down in 2019 once the new year financial matters are finalised. Thank you very much to Jennifer for her efforts over the years. Thank you too to Elaine McGovern who is taking on the role. Thanks also 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 continue in the new year with 31 members. Sadly, Pat Zoryk is no longer able to join us though we remember her in our prayers but we welcome one new member. The theme for 2019 is 'Listen, Observe, Act - in step with God'. We hope to do just that. Why not join us. New members are always made most welcome.

Christine Parker

Bell Ringers

2018 was a difficult year for the bell ringing team in that not all of our team of ten qualified ringers were available regularly, requiring us to call upon ringers from other towers for some weddings and occasionally for Sunday ringing. Three team members were unavailable because of illness or injury (not bell related) for periods during the year and towards the end of the year another three ringers were prevented from ringing due to medical conditions.

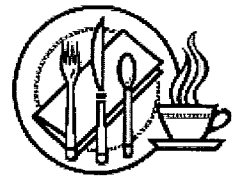


However progress has been made in training new ringers. At the end of the year two were completing basic training and showing much promise. We have plans to increase our training resources as the 2018 experience shows that new recruits are essential.

Richard Henbest

Fellowship Group

The Fellowship Group have had a busy year. They have aided, abetted and organised many events. These included: the Klondike Day, Heritage Day a Wedding Day and fantastic WW1 Concert and Afternoon Tea. This was quickly followed by the Christmas Tree Festival launch, where mulled wine and mince pies were appreciated. The Nine Lessons and Carols with wine, mince pies and shortbread ended 2018.



2019 began with the group welcoming over seventy guests to the Burn's Supper. The programme for 2019 looks rather busy but all will be revealed in due time.

Sandra Cowan

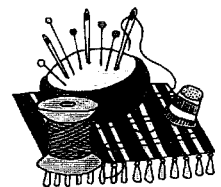
St Nicholas Ladies Guild

The Guild continues to meet on the third Thursday of each month from September to June. We are a small group. The average number attending the meetings is twelve. We enjoy talks and presentations from various speakers. The meetings are held in members homes and are very relaxed. We welcome new members.

Sandra Cowan

Craft & Collectables Fair Report

Eight Craft & Collectables Fairs were held in 2018, which contributed to the church funds and 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. We had a break through August to October due to my incapacity. October though sadly was cancelled due to snow fall.



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, Jackie, Linda, David and others who step in on an ad hoc basis. The money we make from refreshments

and the many contributions from our volunteers are really invaluable.

Sadly, we have lost Sandra from the catering team as it was time for her to have a rest. We greatly appreciate all she did. Pam Rayment has stepped in to replace Sandra on the catering side and I know she will welcome any new volunteers of help for this team.

Thank you to Mark and Samuel for all the work involved in setting up and restoring the hall afterwards. And thank you to our many Crafters for their commitment and support. Our crafters seem to grow from month to month due to advertising on the internet in the Craft Fairs for the North East. This allows us to keep the Craft Fair interesting with new crafts being shown most months.

The plant sale in May was fun and I hope to announce our next one soon, so get your and seedlings and plants ready as spring will be upon us very soon. There were always colouring books and craft activities available for our younger supporters and we hope this will grow again in this next year.

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

I hope you all will still support our efforts in this new year of fairs so we can continue to add to church funds.

For the future we may include a few craft workshops to the fair days if we can find crafters willing to share their crafts with us. Suggestions for the Craft Fair are welcomed and if we can improve on anything for our supporters please let me know.

So thank you again for all your support, keep your diaries filled with the dates of our monthly fairs and myself 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 2018 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

St Nicholas Afternoon Tea Dance

We have 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! We have 40 members with an average attendance of 25-30 including some new members who are coming along 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's someone's

birthday or anniversary. This break enables us to chat with friends and get to know new members.

2018 has been a difficult year in some respects due to the death of our main dance teacher Kevin Paul who died suddenly following a heart operation and, unexpectedly, our friend Keith Brown. Keith and Iris having been with us right from the start of our group in 2005 and always a great help our thoughts and prayers are for Iris and family at this time of writing. Our main thankyou is to the whole group for the way they rallied round to support Kevin's partner Val Newton (a dance teacher in her own right) who has carried on each week providing the music, and giving instruction as required, under what has been a very difficult and emotional period in her life.

Rita and I are very grateful to John and Audrey Carr, and Mary Hudson who have helped and supported us in this special outreach in the community.

Tony & Rita Morris

Churches Together in Guisborough

The Churches Together Group includes the six 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. These Included:



In January we coordinate The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, a series of short lunchtime services, was led by a different church each day. 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. We continue to look for a better amplification system that will ensure people can hear the service which was led by ministers from the various churches with the Salvation Army band playing the music for the hymns.

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 in October.

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.

The work of Churches Together in Guisborough is seen as an important part of our mission in our community. During our last year we have had a vacancy for a member from St Nicholas. We look forward to filling that vacancy this year. Please consider whether you are prepared to help in this role.

Dave Harpham

Guisborough Bridge Association

The Bridge continues to offer support to people in our community with the help of volunteers from all the churches in Guisborough. The following are brief notes about the current projects.

Soup and Roll every Thursday lunchtime at Guisborough Methodist Church provides much needed funds for the Bridge but equally important is its friendly atmosphere with a good value lunch and delicious soup on offer. **Tuesday Coffee Morning** is a smaller project but is another welcoming space open to all offering tea or coffee and cake.

Foodstop. Generous donations to the food bank from local churches and schools at their Harvest celebrations were much appreciated. The introduction of Universal Credit locally in November has only increased the number of requests for this much needed support.

Projects working with children and families include **Escape**, a weekly after school club in north Guisborough; **Get Set Go** which has monthly sessions for children and their parents with activities and crafts around a range of topics; **Food&Fun4All** which meets twice weekly over lunchtime in the school holidays; and **Bridge2Youth** where Friday evening youth sessions give a safe place to meet as well as providing a hot meal. A newer project, **Bridge2Parents**, has now been running for over a year and has been very well received. It provides a weekly drop in for parents of children with special needs as well as an on- line support group. Shona regularly visits primary schools in the town to lead assemblies and has weekly sessions in Galley Hill with their KS2 pupils. In addition, there were again two very successful **Holiday Clubs** in May and August. The August Holiday Club this year will be held in St Nicholas Church Hall.

There are currently two projects working with older people. **Monday Friends** has weekly meetings with occasional outings. **Guisborough Community Luncheon Club** every Wednesday is very popular and approaching maximum numbers but two new projects for the elderly are now in development and should provide more opportunities very soon.

NightLight, now in its sixth year, is a project which sees a team of volunteers offering help to anyone in need on Saturday night on the streets of Guisborough.

The **Christmas Day Meal** was again a great success providing Christmas dinner, a gift and entertainment to people who would otherwise have been on their own on Christmas Day. More than 80 people, including guests and helpers, were served thanks to a magnificent team of volunteers.

The monthly **Prayer Breakfast** is hosted by a different church each time. It is a time of fellowship and support as well as prayer which grounds all the work of the Bridge. It is followed by a Communication Team meeting where the church reps are brought up to date about recent events and future activities.

Finally, the Bridge was proud last month to receive the **Investing in Volunteers** award for good practice in volunteer management. The work of all volunteers is greatly valued by Bridge staff. New volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Training is provided and every effort is made to find the best way of using each person's skills and experience and to make the volunteering experience an enjoyable one.

Elizabeth Evans