

PCC MEMBERS

ELECTED

OFFICE ENDS

ARMSTRONG Linda	2023	2026
BATEY Annmarie	2023	2026
BATEY S Joanne	2024	2025
BOWERS Margaret	2024	2027
CANT Roz	2023	2026
DAWSON Helen	2022	2025
FRAZER Linda	2024	2025
GRAY Susan	2024	2027
HOPE Elizabeth	2024	2027
JONES Jennie	2023	2026
TAYLOR Amanda	2023	2024
WAUGH Celia	2022	2025

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

(Grey highlighted (Church Wardens), are to be re-elected or to step down every year)



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

APCM

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 23rd March 2025



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The Parish of Newburn, APCM of the PCC at St Michael's Church on 23rd March during the 10am joint morning service.

Welcome and Introduction including a review of the year.

Vestry Meeting - All Parishioners allowed to vote

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

APCM - Those on the Electoral Roll allowed to vote

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

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

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	General Fund	General Fund Parsonage	Newburn Bell	Community Choir	Good Box	Throckley Drive Legacy	Community Food	Dalton Churchyard	Magazine	Other Legacy	Total
Petty Cash - Newburn	25										25
Petty Cash - Throckley	8										8
Lloyds Bank Current Account	4,558	5,355	2,195	314	73	6,526	5,689	6,289	840	10,000	17,840
Lloyds Bank Deposit Account	4,073									53,305	29,084
CSF Deposit Accounts								26,175		53,305	53,305
CBF - Shares											26,175
	<u>8,964</u>	<u>6,365</u>	<u>2,195</u>	<u>314</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>6,526</u>	<u>5,689</u>	<u>32,464</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>63,305</u>	<u>126,450</u>

Petty Cash - Newburn
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 CSF Deposit Accounts
 CBF - Shares

A. S. Harding
 Rev Alison Harding

Vicar's Report to the APCM

What was the year 2024 like for you? Will you remember it as a year filled with love, laughter, joy and delight or will you remember it as a time of loss, grief, pain and anguish? Quite possibly it was a mixture of both. We live in a messy world and often that mess comes at us when we least expect it. So how does the mess of this world impact on your faith and your relationship with God? Last year I felt like I sat at the bedside of too many people at the end of their life. But despite that I also had times of delight and joy and laughter and love. When I was at my lowest people have shown me love and for that I am truly grateful. And although I could not always see it, I know that God was showing me love through the most difficult times.

In the parish in 2024 we continued to work with the Holy Spirit in telling and showing people that we believe in a God who loves us unconditionally and wants to be active in our lives and community. We've done this by putting on various events, by caring and looking out for each other, by listening to God and by joining in with his work. A couple of highlights this year have been our fun day and the knitted angels. Both involved knitting and many knitters working really hard to knit teddies and angels. The community came out in force for the fun day and we worked together so well to put the day on. THANK YOU so much to everyone. The joy that filled St Michael's inside and outside on the day was amazing. And, at Christmas, the feedback we got from the local community when they found an angel was so touching. Things that people said included "touching", "heartwarming", "beautiful", "thoughtful", "lovely", "I will treasure mine forever" "I desperately hope I find one" and "thank you".

Another new activity last year was our Burns Night Supper. This was put on partly as a tribute to Janet Bell, a wonderful servant of the church and a great friend, who died at the end of 2023. The event was a great success and I'm very pleased that it was put on again at the start of this year.

We have two volunteers, Tracy and Clare, working in the graveyard at St Michael's. Tracy is working almost every day for about 3 hours, cutting back the overgrown bramble and weeds to uncover

the graves; Clare is coming to the graveyard two or three times a week and is documenting where the graves are. People from the community have been contacting Tracy via Facebook to come and see where the grave of their relative or ancestor is, and she is getting some lovely feedback. I have been working with Steve Bishop from the community who, along with the local authority and the Diocese, is supporting me to apply for a Heritage Lottery grant. We have had visits from the wildlife trust to advise us on the diversity of the graveyard and are waiting for a feasibility study to be carried out. Applying for the grant will require us to work in partnership with a variety of organisations who have a stake in the local community.

These are the things that were new last year but, of course, people have continued to give large amounts of time and energy for all the longer established activities that are essential to the health of the job. People have continued to work hard on all the tasks that are associated with Sunday services, pastoral care, our activities with children and families, safeguarding, and all the other things that we do within the community. Many of these activities have their own reports and there are too many people involved to list them individually, although I am hugely grateful for all the work that they do. But I do want to mention the wardens – Amanda, Linda and Joanne – who carry a major responsibility and have been a huge support to me.

Finally you will be aware that this will be my last report for the APCM as I am moving on to pastures new. (Pioneer Minister in Ashington and Newbiggin) It is with a heavy heart that I leave after many great times spent with you all over the past eight years. I will never forget every one of you and am grateful for all you have done for us and for God in this Parish. You are wonderful people.

So I look forward to finding out what God had in store for us in our new home as the next part of our walk with Him. But please be assured that I will pray for you everyday and will always look forward to hearing what God is doing through you here in this Parish. I pray that you don't wait too long for your next leader and that they will be the right person to journey with you to build God's kingdom in this place. In the meantime, I know that you are under good leadership in the wardens and am confident that you will do everything to support them.

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RESTRICTED/ DESIGNATED FUNDS

RESTRICTED/DESIGNATED FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Receipts				
Community Food	3,000		150	
CCLA - Dividends - Dalton Churchyard	940		823	
Good Box Donation	73		-	
Donation - Community Choir	-		80	
Donations - St Michael's Bell Fund	65		72	
Magazine	503		648	
Other Interest	3,483		2,292	
		8,064		4,065
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>8,064</u>		<u>4,065</u>
Payments				
Community Food	800		650	
Church Repairs	-		1,201	
Community Choir	186		1,400	
Dalton churchyard	400		400	
Magazine	-		396	
		1,386		4,047
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>1,386</u>		<u>4,047</u>
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		<u>6,678</u>		<u>18</u>
Represented by				
FUND AS AT 1ST JANUARY 2024		118,306		116,087
Increase in market value of shares		586		2,201
Transfer to General Fund		-14,160		-
Excess of receipts over payments		6,678		18
FUND AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024		<u>111,410</u>		<u>118,306</u>

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	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Payments				
Church Activities				
Missions/relief agencies		180		1,494
Parish share		47,880		45,000
Church running expenses				
<i>General (Insurance, Repairs etc)</i>	20,154		12,962	
<i>Heating and Lighting</i>	3,435		3,971	
		23,589		16,933
Vicarage expenses				
Telephone	232		436	
General and Water Rates	3,677		3,453	
		3,909		3,889
Parsonage Expenses		1,046		999
TOTAL PAYMENTS		76,604		68,315
EXCESS OF PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS		-9,860		-2,114
Represented by				
FUND AS AT 1ST JANUARY 2024		10,730		12,844
Excess of payments over receipts		-9,860		-2,114
Transfer from Restricted/Designated		14,160		-
FUND AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024		15,030		10,730

It can be really hard to read Bible verses like **Isaiah 43:18 "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past"** so I encourage you to let go of the past and embrace the new chapter ahead, with God's guidance and presence always with you.

Rev Allison

Church Wardens' Report

We are submitting a joint report as our responsibility lies as Parish Churchwardens.

Elizabeth Hope stepped down in March 2024 as churchwarden and we would like to thank her for her faithful service. With effect from April 2024 Joanne Batey took over the role and there is still a vacancy for a further churchwarden.

In June 2024 all wardens attended St Nicholas Church Gosforth for the Archdeacons Visitation (the swearing in of all churchwardens). Churchwarden training has been undertaken during the relevant year.

Regular annual maintenance has been carried out in both churches, heating servicing, fire extinguisher servicing, PAT testing, servicing of both organs.

Several items were highlighted in the 2024 Parish Quinquennial Report for essential or immediate rectifying work being needed, these have been prioritised due to financial constraints.

St Mary's has had work carried out to replace the broken hot water boiler in the kitchen area, work carried out to rectify a water leak, work carried out to guttering and some roof repairs, an ongoing issue with the projector and sound system has now been resolved.

St Michael's has had work carried out to attempt repair a roof leak and investigations are ongoing.

Church attendances have been steady throughout the relevant year.

Successful events took place and included an Open Day and Bell Tower Tours at St Michaels which were attended by Bishop Helen-Ann.

The Churchwardens would like to thank everyone for their ongoing encouragement and support over the year.

Amanda Taylor, Linda Frazer, Joanne Batey

PCC Secretary's Report

Since the last APCM the PCC have enjoyed an Away Day, to Alnmouth Friary, where we enjoyed lovely sunny weather in a beautiful setting, as well as 4 regular PCC meetings, in July, September, November and January. We currently have a positive team of people on the PCC and have enjoyed some interesting and thorough discussions on how to steer our parish going forward. We welcome healthy differences of opinion, so if you'd like to join the PCC please do get in touch with Helen before the APCM date– there is a form to complete and you will need two nominees to support your nomination.



Helen Dawson

Noah's Ark Report

Noah's Ark continues to offer a warm, safe environment for baby, toddlers, parents and carers. Besides offering a wide variety of imaginative and stimulating toys we provide craft activities, including paints and play dough. A healthy snack of fruit for the toddlers as well as tea and coffee for parents and carers is offered. The session always finishes with songs and movement. At present we have twenty- six families on our register and the average attendance is eight each week.

In the summer we finished a successful year with a Teddy Bear's picnic party.

At our Christmas party we had a visit from Father Christmas who presented each child with a small gift.

N.A.P.P.I. have provided, on loan, a doll's pushchair, some small baby toys, a parachute, some musical instruments and a safety fence for the baby area.

Linda Frazer has successfully completed a Paediatric First Aid course.

Many thanks to the team of leaders, Margaret Bowers, Ken Ladzrie, Joan McStay. Liz Walker, Celia Waugh and Linda Frazer.

Linda Frazer

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GENERAL FUND

UNRESTRICTED FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Receipts				
Regular voluntary receipts				
Tax efficient planned giving	695		1,045	
Other envelope giving	9,709		9,967	
Other collections	3,306		3,957	
Parish giving scheme	31,331		31,852	
Income Tax	8,853		8,843	
		53,894		55,654
Other voluntary receipts				
Donations/Grants	1,500		525	
Charities	180		1,304	
		1,680		1,919
Receipts from activities for generating funds				
Social/general fund raising	1,423		277	
		1,423		277
Receipts from church activities				
Fees (Net)	2,584		1,519	
		2,584		1,519
Other receipts				
Parsonage	7,163		6,822	
		7,163		6,822
TOTAL RECEIPTS		66,744		66,201

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

Newburn Parish

I report on the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out in the accompanying pages.

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

The P.C.C. consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the P.C.C. and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from the P.C.C. concerning any such matter. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

John Jackson

John Jackson

Bethany Report

We have been averaging attendance of about 16 people. Over the year some of the talks have covered Epiphany moments; Good deeds; Brokenness; Friends, Family; God's Christmas gift – all talks are linked to a Bible character, passage or story. We have an activity, either some kind of puzzle or craft. There is also time for conversation and sharing over a cuppa. The Christmas lunch was attended by 14 people – unfortunately 2 were unable to attend because of illness but they received their meal as a takeaway! Thanks are due to Ken & Jimmy who set up the tables for us and Linda & Susan who prepare and serve the refreshments.



Margaret Ledger

Deanery Synod Report

Main points

1. St Marys Church hosted Deanery Synod on the 14th November 2024.
2. Deanery Synod have reflected immensely on looking out for the safety and well-being of other people, and how we can continue doing that well.
3. Sharing of good news stories and achievements at each synod.
4. Allison has received confirmation that retired clergy can now be paid for funerals.

The Diocese have launched; Seeking, Sharing and Sending. This vision allows us to consider how our faith enables us to turn outward in mission:

- Seeking – through being open to God's transforming love
- Sharing – through being Generous with God's transforming gifts
- Sending – through being engaged in God's transforming work in the world.

From October 2024 we entered the year of 'Seeking'. We prioritise prayer and discernment as individuals, small groups and parishes. We must seek to pay attention to where God is at work in our communities and contexts.

Diocesan Budget

Parish Share requested will be uplifted by 8%.

Finances are tight like anywhere else. Whilst the deaneries had asked for 80 posts in parishes, the Diocese allowed for just 71, but only have the money for 60.

Anmarie Batey and Jennie Jones

Parish Safeguarding Report

Safeguarding remains a central priority in our parish, ensuring that our church is a safe place for all. Over the past year, we have continued to implement best practices in safeguarding, in line with national and diocesan guidelines. Safeguarding has been on the agenda at all PCC meetings ensuring all of our safeguarding policies and procedures are up to date and in line with the Church of England's guidance.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer or the Incumbent remain the main points of contact for any concerns, and all safeguarding concerns have been appropriately recorded and responded to.

A huge amount of time, this year has been devoted to introducing use of the safeguarding hub which is instrumental in ensuring that all volunteers stay up to date with training and DBS requirements. It clearly sets out the DBS and safeguarding training needs for each role in the parish.

The Parish Dashboard has also been regularly reviewed and updated to ensuring that safeguarding continues to be central to all that we do.

The use of Parish Dashboard & Safeguarding Hub has allowed us to:

- Monitor training completion and identify any gaps.
- Ensure safer recruitment practices are consistently followed for all roles involving children or vulnerable adults.
- Track DBS renewals and ensure all records are current.
- Maintain compliance with diocesan safeguarding expectations

A huge thank you to all our volunteers, supporters, and families who make Messy Church possible. Your dedication and enthusiasm are what make this ministry a blessing to so many.

Roz Cant

Electoral Roll Report

The number for St Michael's is 50
Since the last roll 4 members have died.

The number for St Mary's is 44
Since the last roll 1 member has died.

The total roll for the Parish is 94.

Amanda Taylor

Treasurers Report

The account books for the Parish have been examined and approved by our independent examiner Mr John Jackson who also produced the 2024 Financial Statement.

The General Fund income was £66744 expenditure was £76604 resulting in an excess of payments over receipts of £9860. This is mainly attributable to quinquennial repairs. Putting that aside we think there still would have been a loss of a couple of thousand pounds.

The Parish Giving Scheme continues to work well, it helps knowing how much is being paid into our account each month. We would appreciate it if anyone who gives regularly would consider joining the parish giving scheme or setting up a direct debit.

Celia Waugh

maintain regular contact with Annmarie directly.

Facebook

The Facebook page currently has 503 followers over a third of which are between 35-44 years old.

13,276 content views of something on the Facebook page within the last 28 days.

There have been over 30+ messages directly to the Facebook page with queries.

Other than manual distribution of posters, Facebook is the only way of reaching the wider community by promoting events on local community spaces. This has proven successful at our events such as Hymns and Pimm's, Celebration Day at St Michael's, and the blessing of the Angels activity.

Social media policy

As activity is increasing in the social media space, we have established a Parish Social media policy which can be found on the website.

Annmarie Batey

Messy Church report

Messy Church continues to be a vital and growing part of our Parish's outreach, providing a welcoming and creative space for families to explore faith together. Over the past year, we have seen encouraging engagement from both regular attendees and some new families, fostering a sense of community and deepening connections with God.

Throughout 2024, we held Messy Church sessions, typically on the last Saturday of each month. Attendance has remained steady, with an approximate average of 15 children per session.

Each session was designed around a biblical theme, using storytelling, crafts and prayer to engage all ages.

A key part of Messy Church is the opportunity for families to share a meal together, strengthening relationships and providing a relaxed environment for conversations and the building of relationships.

Looking ahead, we hope to build stronger links between Messy Church and our wider church community, encouraging families to explore different forms of worship.

- Regularly review risk assessments, policies and procedures and identify any gaps.

In the next year, we aim to:

Continue using the Parish Dashboard and Hub to maintain high safeguarding standards. Encourage all volunteers to engage safeguarding training, where needed. Ensure that safeguarding remains a visible and embedded part of our church culture.

Safeguarding is a shared responsibility, and we are grateful for the commitment of everyone to creating a safe and welcoming environment for all.

Roz Cant

Pastoral Care Report

Pastoral care is an important part of our Church life. It is essential to our fellowship and caring ministry and mission. The Pastoral Care team count it as a privilege to be welcomed into people's homes to share in their lives, conversations and especially to share Holy Communion with our housebound members, who now find it difficult to attend worship. In so doing they show we value them as part of the body of believers in Newburn Parish, showing appreciation of their faithful stewardship over the years.

We maintain our contact with our care homes too, in the giving and receiving of communion in Rosewood Villas and Lindisfarne, also leading a monthly worship service in both. Our pastoral team consists of Rev Allison Harding, Sandra Hope, Joan McStay, Roz Jones and Mary Weatherall.

In a way we are all called to be pastoral visitors because we live in a community and as Christians we are called to love and serve our neighbours.

Mary Weatherall

Parish Events Group (PEGs)

We have had another busy year. Regular half-term holiday Lego mornings bring in a good number each time and a real mix of generations with lots of conversations!

Reaching out over a wider area we have again had a couple of events small local businesses to share their wares. There is a good response to these, but occasionally there is a lower turnout

from the community to come and buy which can be disappointing for the businesses.

The Quiz for Tearfund in the autumn was a fun night again, as were the Christmas Fair Burns Night with excellent support from the church family and community, which both have made their contribution to parish funds. The Eco-fair was a big challenge, both physically and with communication, when we had a rather sudden change in the weather! But with Helen's excellent communication and the team pulling together we had a successful afternoon in the parish Hall..

Overall it has been another good year, and a lot of work for the team and those who support. A big thank you to Margaret Bowers for all her hard work as she is now standing back, and hello to Annmarie Batey, Susan Grey and Julie Mayfield who have joined us. We can always use more hands, so we can share the work over a wider group – even if you can only commit to occasional events, please don't be afraid to put your hand up.

Thank you all for your support and here's to the next year.

Jennie Jones, Linda Armstrong, Annemarie Batey, Helen Dawson, Linda Frazer, Susan Grey, Julie Mayfield, Amanda Taylor

Jennie Jones

Open the Book Report

The team continue to work regularly in Newburn Manor and Throckley Primary Schools, albeit now in alternate months, and we are all welcomed so heartily. The children love being involved and their response is always encouraging to us all as we look to share the love of Jesus through bringing Bible stories to life in simple drama. If you would like to join the team, do please ask – you might play Jesus one month and then be half a rainbow or making waves the next !

Jennie Jones

Junior Church Report

During 2024 Junior Church carried on as before in St Mary's Vestry on 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month. Attendance varies, occasionally there are no children but we have had up to 6 – average 3 to 4.

When a family is attending church prior to a baptism older siblings will come with us to Junior Church and then rejoin their family for the rest of the service. We need a way to find a way to keep them coming back once the baptism is over.

It has been wonderful to see our "regulars" participating in the All-age Communion Services on 2nd Sundays of the month. They bring great joy to the congregation by their willingness to take part be it during the Talk or in action songs, they are so comfortable which is marvellous to see.

Jane Morris, Sylva Allen, and Jennie Jones

Social Media report:

The social media activity in the Parish within the last year has been incredibly prominent throughout the community. It is helping us to grow our community and spread the love of Jesus more effectively. This social media community is where we are engaging with a wider audience and fostering relationships with those who wouldn't usually choose to walk through the doors of the church. Our activities which have been promoted on Facebook have sought the attention of the Diocese and the Link magazine has featured some of our activities in support of our visions. Our platforms consist of:

Church Near You

Church near you page views within last 365 days:

St Michael's and All Angels – 9474

St Mary the Virgin – 7176

Direct message communication on Church near you is minimal but it does happen.

Website

The most visited pages are:

What's on

Church services

Church magazine

From beginning of the year 245 visitors with 618 page views suggesting users are returning and using regularly. I am unable to source the whole previous years data.

51 emails have been received through the website and some now