

**The Parochial Church Council of Stainton with Hemlington  
in the Benefice of Stainton with Hemlington and Hilton  
in the Deanery of Stokesley and the Diocese of York**



**St Peter & St Paul**

**Annual Report and Accounts  
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

**Parish Church**

St Peter & St Paul, Stainton-in-Cleveland (to 28/2/2021)  
St Peter and St Paul, Stainton with Hemlington (from 1/3/2021)

**Priest-in-Charge**

Revd Claire Todd (from 20/10/2020 until 28/2/2021)

**Vicar**

Revd Claire Todd (from 1/3/2021)

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## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021

### INTRODUCTORY NOTE

This Report relates to the activities for the 2021 calendar year of the Parochial Church Council of Stainton-in-Cleveland until 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and the PCC of Stainton with Hemlington from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

On 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021 the Church Commissioners “made” a Pastoral Scheme to re-unite the Parish of St Timothy, Hemlington, with its Mother Parish of St Peter and St Paul, Stainton-in-Cleveland, to create the new Parish of Stainton with Hemlington in the Benefice of Stainton with Hemlington and Hilton (which is held in Plurality with the Benefice of Brookfield); this Pastoral Scheme came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

A Special Parochial Church Meeting (SPCM) of the newly-created Parish was held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021; this SPCM served as the 2021 Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) for the previous Parish of Stainton-in-Cleveland and the new Parish of Stainton with Hemlington.

In addition the Church Commissioners “made” a Pastoral Scheme to close St Timothy’s Church for public worship and to demolish the Church Building which had been declared unsafe for use on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019; this Scheme came into effect on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021. At the time of compiling this report (April 2022) the demolition of St Timothy’s Church had not yet begun.

### AIMS AND PURPOSES

St Peter and St Paul’s Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Claire Todd, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the Parish Room which is attached to the Church building.

### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The object of the PCC of Stainton with Hemlington is to further the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Stainton with Hemlington. The PCC of Stainton with Hemlington is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers measure; it is “excepted” by order from registering with the Charity Commission [this “exception” will end on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2031 (cf Statutory Instrument SI 2021:25)].

Clergy and Licenced lay workers living in the Parish are *ex-officio* members of the PCC, as are any members of General, Diocesan or Deanery Synods and the Churchwardens who are elected annually at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners. Six other members are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and all members of the Church electoral roll of Stainton with Hemlington are entitled to vote and, if they have been on the electoral roll for at least six months, stand for election. One third of the elected members are elected each year and members serve for a period of 3 years.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission’s guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church and to become part of our parish community in Hemlington, Maltby, Stainton and Thornton. This has been particularly important during the Covid-19 pandemic. Following the first lockdown in the Spring of 2020 when the Church was closed for public worship the PCC kept in touch with Church members and other interested persons by sending out on Friday a weekly e-Newsletter with a sheet for “worship at home” which included the Lectionary readings and Collect for the coming Sunday and also some intercessory prayers (printed copies of the e-News were delivered to those Church members and Friends who “don’t do Tech” so that they are not disenfranchised).

The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. The PA “sound system” in the Church includes and CD-player (we do not have a Church organist) with a set of CDs that accompanies the hymn book, and also a “loop system” for those with impaired hearing. During 2021 we have on occasions used a laptop

computer, data projector and moveable screen to project liturgy and worship and other videos for non-Eucharist services and events.

The PCC runs a pre-school/toddler drop-in – *Coffee and Kids* (C&Ks) – on Wednesday mornings in the Parish Room where the children can play and the (grand)parents and carers can enjoy fellowship with each other over a mug of coffee/tea. Prior to the Covid pandemic C&Ks had contained little spiritual content so when C&Ks was restarted in November 2021 the opportunity was taken to change the format slightly with: 30mins playing in the Parish Room; 30mins of refreshments in the Chancel with a bible story, short prayers and a worship song or two; and then 30mins of singing back in the Parish Room. We are pleased that the parents/carers who bring their children to C&Ks consider St Peter and St Paul's as their Church and are happy to join in with the short time of worship; in effect they are a "new worshipping community". We have between eight and twelve children who attend with their carer each week.

Prior to the Covid pandemic the PCC had run a WARM WELCOME Drop-In in the Parish Room on a Tuesday afternoon, part of the WARM WELCOME network co-ordinated by Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland, which is a joint project of the Diocese of York and the Church Urban Fund, and is a partner organisation in Ageing Better Middlesbrough. Once Covid restrictions began to be lifted by the Government in the latter part of 2021 the PCC considered if the Drop-in should be restarted but decided against this, for the time being, as there seemed to be no appetite for it amongst those who had previously attended.

The PCC is responsible for:

- The financial management of the church of St Peter & St Paul's Stainton; and
- The care and maintenance of the church fabric of St Peter & St Paul's Stainton including about 10% of the Chancel structure (the Church Commissioners being responsible for the remaining about 90% of the Chancel structure) and its attached Parish Room.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Worship and Prayer**

Worship at St Peter and St Paul's centres on the weekly service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) at 11.00am on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in the month. On the first Sunday of each month the Parish joins with members of St Peter's, Hilton and of St Margaret of Scotland's, Brookfield for a Joint Service at 10.30am which meets in each Church in turn. In addition there are other services for the major festivals of the Church year (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week and Easter). The Vicar, Revd Claire Todd, has run short study courses in Advent and Lent for the three Church families in the Plurality.

### **Deanery Synod**

One member of the Stainton with Hemlington PCC is elected to represent the Parish on the Stokesley Deanery Synod (he also undertakes the role of Deanery Treasurer). This provides the PCC with an important link between the Parish and the wider structures of the church. This year the PCC has also focused its attention on the questions posed to parishes in the deanery about the most effective deployment of stipendiary and non-stipendiary clergy.

The Deanery Synod met on three occasions during 2021; the main topics for discussion were:

16<sup>th</sup> March 2021 - online via "Zoom"

Departure of the Area Dean, Revd Clay Roundtree for a post in Grantham, Lincolnshire; Changes in Parishes (structures and clergy); consultation with the Deanery about the Diocese's renewed strategy and vision known as "Living Christ's Story (LCS); the regular update on Funding the Mission in the Diocese.

17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - online via "Zoom"

Welcome to the new Area Dean, Revd Tessa Stephens, Vicar of St Mary the Virgin, Nunthorpe and the new Deanery Leadership Team (DLT) – Lay Dean John Dickinson; Secretary Liz Taylorson, Clergy Rep Revd Paul Peverell, Lay Rep Roy Parsonage, Deanery Treasurer Bob Ardley (co-opted), and Deanery Financial Adviser (DFA) (*ex officio*) vacancy to be filled by the Archdeacon.

14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – in person at St Mary the Virgin, Nunthorpe

Recent appointments to Parishes in the Deanery; the future direction of the Deanery, in particular LCS; Environmental issues (Eco Church) led by Revd Geoff Jacques our "Green Dean"; and a refresh of the Deanery website and the launch of the Deanery Bulletin.

*Bob Ardley, Deanery Synod Rep*

## **Parish Room**

The Parish Room is attached to the Church and was built as a Millennium Project. The planning consents preclude the hire of the Room but a number of groups do use it and make a small donation to Church funds.

The Room is used for tea and coffee after services; for the Coffee and Kids and WARM WELCOME Drop-ins and for PCC meetings. It is also used by the Stainton Women's Institute (WI) for their committee meetings and very recently also by the Hemlington Branch of the Girl Guides.

## **Pastoral Care**

Almost 50 members of St Peter and St Paul's and Friends of the Church have been kept up-to-date with activities in the Parish by receiving a copy of the weekly e-Newsletter and its accompanying "worship-at-home" sheet which includes the Lectionary reading and some intercessory prayers; a small proportion of these people, who "don't do Tech", receive printed hard-copies of the e-News and the worship-at-home sheet.

Some members of our Parish are unable to attend church due to sickness, poor mobility or age. When notified of serious illness and requested our Vicar Revd Claire Todd has visited church members at home or in hospital when permitted by the Covid Regulations. Now that the Government has relaxed all the Covid restrictions the Vicar and PCC will review the home visits to those in need, including restarting the provision of Home Communion.

## **Mothers' Union (MU)**

The MU Stainton Branch Annual General Meeting was not held during the 2021 due to various Covid restrictions.

All Mothers' Union members received information that came to the Branch Leader and was distributed by e-mail and hard copy where applicable. Also, all our members received the monthly prayers from Mary Sumner House, and the Branch gives Baptism Anniversary Cards to families for the first three years after Baptism.

We managed during August to celebrate the Mary Sumner Day "Summer of Hope Appeal" with a Coffee Afternoon which was well attended.

Our first face to face meeting was held in September 2021, when we had a thanksgiving service. This was followed in October with a general discussion, followed by each member bringing something that was precious to them and explaining the reasons why. In November, we had our Advent Devotion and Afternoon Tea, towards the end of the month and we were joined by members from the Brookfield Branch  
*Judith Clare, Branch Leader*

## **Mission and Evangelism**

Our Church is a constant presence in the community and we offer a warm welcome to anyone wishing to join us to worship our Lord. Opportunities to share the Gospel arise from contact with Baptism and Wedding couples and their families; some of these contacts have resulted in regular attendance at Sunday services or at the *Coffee and Kids* drop-in.

The open-plate collection at the annual Christmas Crib service (the service with perhaps the highest attendance each year!) is given to support the work of The (Church of England) Children's Society.

Our weekly e-Newsletter is e-mailed (or printed and delivered) to most Church members and some Friends of the Church, keeping our parishioners and others informed of the important matters affecting our Church and articles that help develop our knowledge and trust in Jesus (printed copies are delivered to seven people and e-copies are sent to 46 e-mail addresses).

## **Ecumenical Relationships**

One aspect of our Mission Action Plan developed in 2016-17 and revised in 2018-19 was to (continue to) "develop our relationship with the Stainton Methodist Church". In previous years we have joined with the Methodists in: an outdoor "Big Sing" event in Meldyke Square in the centre of Stainton village, an event supported by a local silver band; and a Village Carol service held in the Stainton Memorial Hall. Unfortunately in 2021, because of the Covid19 pandemic neither of these events could take place. It is our hope that both events can be held in 2022.

## PARISH FINANCES

### Financial Review 2021

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £22,518 including £3,247 from Gift Aid and the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS). The Gift Aid and GASDS Tax refund from HMRC for 2021 was £3,247 compared with £3,282 in 2020

In 2021 there were 20 planned givers of whom 14 Gift Aided compared with 25 donors and 17 gift-aiders in 2020

£23,109 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from St Peter and St Paul's Church plus the church running expenses and the cost of maintaining the churchyard. £14,400 of this amount was the freewill offer (FWO) to the Diocesan Common Fund which largely pays the stipends and housing costs of the clergy.

The net result for the year was an excess of payments over receipts of £591 on unrestricted funds. Subtracting this from the unrestricted Bank deposits brought forward at the beginning of the year the balances carried forward at the end of the year totalled £43,612.

*Colin Mason, Treasurer and Gift Aid Secretary*

### Reserves Policy

As mentioned about in the Financial Review for 2021 the net result for the year was an excess of payments over receipts of £591 on unrestricted funds. Subtracting this from the unrestricted Bank deposits brought forward at the beginning of the year the balances carried forward at the end of the year totalled £43,612.

There is however a balance of £7,426 from 2 legacies received in 2012 which is restricted but has been "loaned " to the Current Account to ease cash flow and must be deducted from any current unrestricted balances . There is also £5,011 left over from the insurance monies received for the lead thefts which should go into the restricted accounts.

Total unrestricted reserves at present	£43,612
less restricted items mentioned above	<u>£12,437</u>
Total unrestricted reserves available	<b>£31,175</b>

However, we are aware of the following potential items of expenditure:

- 1) There is an urgent need to repair the Parish Room window (tentative quote two years ago £1,385 plus VAT) and a downpipe on the Hemlington Aisle (estimate £100 plus VAT).
- 2) The need to repair and re-point parts of the Churchyard boundary wall and a desire to re-point the rest of the Hemlington Aisle.
- 3) The boiler cannot last too long as it is 49 years old and various engineers have hinted that a new gas supply will be needed as well as changes to the flue and air inlets which would involve a stonemason and archaeologist and would probably cost far in excess of the cost of a new boiler itself.

*Colin Mason, Treasurer*

## OPTIONAL INFORMATION

### Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In particular we want to mention:

- Our churchwardens Mr Colin Mason and Mr Vernon Clare who have worked so tirelessly on our behalf;
- Our PCC Treasurer Mr Colin Mason who has helped us all to understand the church's accounts and its finances;
- Our Lay Reader Mrs Joan Mason for all her hard work in preparing the weekly "worship at home sheets"; and
- Our Verger and Church Cleaner Mrs Glynis Millward for assisting with weddings and funerals and ensuring that the Church is kept clean and tidy.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **The Parochial Church Council (PCC)**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules (CRR2020). At St Peter and St Paul's the membership of the PCC consists of: the incumbent (our vicar), the two churchwardens, the lay reader and the elected lay member of the Deanery Synod; and lay members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. New Electoral Rolls for the period 2019-2025 for Stainton Parish and Hemlington Parish were established in March 2019 and merged on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 on the creation of the new Parish of Stainton with Hemlington. The Electoral Roll is revised each year in advance of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) as required by the CRR2020. **The ER revision period in 2022 ran from 2<sup>nd</sup> April to 16<sup>th</sup> April;** since the last formal revision on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2021 four names were added to the ER; and six names were removed from the ER, the member having died, moved away or stopped attending. **At the end of the formal 2022 revision there are now 47 members on the Electoral Roll.**

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The full PCC met eight times during 2021; five meetings were held online via "Zoom" (because of the Covid19 pandemic) and three meetings were held face-to-face in the Church Parish Room. One elected member was unable to attend any of the meetings as she could not cope with "Zoom" or was unwell; another elected member attended sporadically as she too could not cope with "Zoom" or was unwell; and one elected member attended for the first half of the year and was then sadly diagnosed with quite rapidly-progressing terminal illness.

The PCC also has a Standing Committee comprised: the Vicar, the two Churchwardens, the Secretary and one elected lay member.

### **Financial Interests**

Members of the PCC are, from time to time, reimbursed minor expenses for Church activities by the Treasurer; none of these reimbursements were significant during 2021. No members of the PCC have declared any conflicts of interest.

### **Trustee Declarations**

PCC members have supplied Trustee Eligibility Declarations and HMRC Fit and Proper Person Declarations

### **Parish Child Protection / Safeguarding Representative's Report**

Stainton-in-Cleveland PCC until 29<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and Stainton with Hemlington PCC from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 has complied with the duty under section 5 of the *Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016* (duty to have regard to House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults)

There has been much in the news recently about child abuse, including within the Church of England; I hardly need to remind you that Child Protection and Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults is everybody's business, and that we need to ensure that our Church is a safe place for vulnerable people to be. The APCM will wish to know that the PCC has procedures in place for this.

The PCC's Safeguarding Policy was last reviewed and approved at its meeting on 10/11/2021 and signed off by the Vicar and the two Churchwardens; copies of this Safeguarding Policy Statement have been sent to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and also displayed in the Church "Parish Room". The Parish Safeguarding file, which can be found in the Parish Room, contains copies of the Parish Policy and copies of documentation from the Diocese and the Church of England including copies of the House of Bishops' Policy Statements.

The Parish has signed up to the on-line DBS checking service operated by the Thirtyone:eight (formerly the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS)); DBS checks have been requested and received for relevant people working for the PCC in Positions of Trust. Confidential information relating to safeguarding is kept securely in the Church safe. My own DBS Check (Enhanced with checks of both Child and Adult Barring Lists) was renewed in Nov 2020.

The Church of England has “gone live” with its refreshed on-line Safeguarding Training programme comprising:

- the **Basic Awareness Pathway Training** which all members of the Church, including PCC members, are encouraged to undertake; and
- the **Foundation Pathway Training**, to be undertaken by Churchwardens and those working with children and/or vulnerable adults.

This on-line training can be reached via the CofE Safeguarding Training portal at this URL:

<https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/login/index.php> where you will be able to register for a free user account.

In addition to the on-line training the Diocese provides face-to-face training for the **Leadership Pathway Training** which is aimed at leaders of children’s and vulnerable adults’ groups/activities. The PSR and the Vicar completed this Pathway in January 2022; the *Coffee and Kids* leaders will undertake this Pathway in the first half of 2022.

*Bob Ardley, Parish Safeguarding Representative*

### **Churchwardens’ Report, including a report on the “Fabric, Goods and Ornaments”**

The church, fabric and ornaments are generally in good order, but the retaining wall around the churchyard is showing some signs of concern; the Quinquennial Inspection with the Architect during 2022 will no doubt result in some repairs.

Cleaning of the Chasubles used by our Vicar continues on a regular basis as some are starting to show signs of age.

The conversion to LED lighting has finally been completed and on doing so we found that one of the light fittings needed repairing, (there now is a repair method for this). The emergency lighting in the “kitchen”, lobby, toilets and the Parish Room continue to be checked on a regular basis as is the fire alarm that covers these areas.

The Parish Room still has a problem with water ingress from the roof, as was mentioned in last years report; we have now appointed a new Inspecting Architect for the Church who has had a good look around the church, including inside and outside the bell tower. Some time was spent on the parish room roof where we all had a detailed discussion about the drain gully, which is very shallow; the Architect is looking to increase the discharge outlet, and is in discussion with the people at Historic Churches for a suitable solution, as well as speaking to the roofer about completing the repairs, using the correct materials.

The church heating system has been serviced and is still running efficiently for its age and is still in good order.

Also the organ has had the usual visits from the Organ tuner and that also is in good order.

As ever it has been a challenging year and will continue to be so in the light of the challenging utilities markets.

*Colin Mason and Vernon Clare: Churchwardens*

### **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

St Peter and St Paul’s Church, Stainton is situated at the western end of Hemlington Road, Stainton, Middlesbrough TS8 9AJ, and is the Parish Church for the Parish of Stainton with Hemlington; in the Benefice of Stainton with Hemlington and Hilton; in the Stokesley Deanery; in the Diocese of York; within the Church of England.

The correspondence addresses are:

- PCC Secretary: 26 Meldyke Lane, Stainton, Middlesbrough TS8 9AU;
- Vicar: The Vicarage, 89 Low Lane, Brookfield, Middlesbrough TS5 9EF; and
- Treasurer: 3 Fawcett Avenue, Stainton, Middlesbrough TS8 9AN.

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The following served on the PCC as Trustees during the year 2021:

Revd C. Todd ( <i>ex officio</i> )	Priest-in-Charge (from 20/10/2020); Vicar from 1/3/2021
Mr C. Mason ( <i>ex officio</i> )	Churchwarden (2020-2021, and 2021-2022) and PCC Treasurer
Mr V. Clare ( <i>ex officio</i> )	Churchwarden (2020-2021, and 2021-2022) and PCC Vice-Chairman
Mr R. Ardley ( <i>ex officio</i> )	Deanery Synod Representative (2020-2023), Electoral Roll Officer, PCC Secretary and Parish Safeguarding Rep
Mrs J Mason ( <i>ex officio</i> )	Lay Leader with PTO (2020-2021 and 2021-2022)
Mrs J. Clare	Parochial Representative (2018-2021 and 2021-2024)
Mr D. Gatenby	Parochial Representative (2018-2021 and 2021-2024)
Mrs E. Revett	Parochial Representative (2019-2021 and 2021-2023)
Mrs J Sturdy	Parochial Representative (2020-2021 (co-opted) and 2021-2023)
Mrs P. Ferguson (*)	Parochial Representative (2020-2021 and 2021-2022)
Vacancy	Parochial Representative (2020-2021 and 2021-2022)

(\*) It is with great sadness that we record the sad death of Penny Ferguson in January 2022 after being diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumour in July 2021.

## VICAR'S REPORT

Once again, can I say a huge "thank you" to everyone for all your incredibly hard work over the last year which has continued to present challenges in various ways. We managed to battle our way through another couple of lockdowns, and meet via zoom, and it was wonderful to be able to do that. We continued to try to keep everyone as safe as possible whilst in church, through careful cleaning, wearing of masks, hand sanitising, and socially distancing. We have relaxed the rules a lot now, however I am trying to keep the Eucharist as safe as possible, and therefore continuing to instinct the host for people and wear a mask whilst distributing communion.

Our numbers have been a little up and down. This is in part due to sickness and ill-health, inability to get to church due to mobility problems, people continuing to fear returning, among other reasons. We continue to see new faces joining us on occasions, with wedding couples and baptism families, a couple of which have continued to attend fairly regularly. We were able to have our Christmas services and we looked forward to the Holy Week services and Easter this year too.

We are beginning to consider ourselves against the LYCiG (Leading Your Church into Growth) material and framework, and also how we go about Living Christ's Story. There are also changes afoot within the deanery, and we are embarking on a change of our structures. How this will look within the deanery and the diocese is not entirely clear yet, and the vision is still being discerned.

St Timothy's, Hemlington, is still awaiting demolition and this is imminent following the survey to check for asbestos. Once the Health and Safety Executive have signed it off demolition will take place very soon after. The land is up for sale and several options are being considered for what might be appropriate. We are still awaiting the new post of Pioneer Minister to be advertised, and we are hoping that we will have someone in place by the summer.

We continue to be tested financially, although we have managed to maintain our free will offer this year. Rising energy prices are a massive cause for concern, and we need to continue to exercise wise stewardship. This, together with God's continuing abundant and outrageous generosity can encourage us to continue to look to the future with trust that He will provide.

Our Coffee & Kids was able to resume in the latter part of last year, and we have said farewell to some children starting school, and welcomed other newcomers. This is tremendous outreach by the team, who invest so much time and energy into making it a success.

We also welcomed the Hemlington Guides, who have transferred over to us, and we are in discussion around how they can become involved in some aspects of church life and services.

I have been going into Hemlington Hall Academy every week recently to listen to children read, and have also taken some assemblies. In fact, the Christmas Nativity Play was recorded with me opening and closing it with prayer, and this was uploaded to the school's website for parents. I have become a Faith Guide for Scripture Union, who have been hugely supportive, and I will be running an after-school club at Hemlington Hall Academy in the summer term, using resources funded by Scripture Union. I need someone to come and assist with this, and would welcome a volunteer.

Over the last year, I have conducted some private family funerals, and also two for Stainton Parish, not including our dear friend and PCC member Penny Ferguson, whose funeral I took in Redcar. I have also interred four sets of ashes. Last year we had five weddings, and this year we have eight weddings. We also had nine baptisms, including one adult baptism. This year we have seven so far, including one adult, and more enquiries are being received weekly.

I was able to bring my leadership safeguarding up to date, and also renewed my DBS recently. I also attended a Training Incumbent's course at Wydale, and two courses for new incumbents. We were able to hold a Plurality Away Day in Swainby in August, and produced some great feedback towards the Diocesan and Deanery plans.

I continue to serve on Diocesan Synod on behalf of the clergy in our Deanery, and I also serve on the Archbishop's Mission and Pastoral Sub-Committee, and the Property Committee. In addition, I continue to enjoy being a Vocations Advisor for the diocese, being alongside people as they discern God's call on their lives. Recently I also had the privilege of sitting on an interview panel for a new diocesan post of Start of Ordained Ministry Adviser. I attend the Eco Group in the Deanery when I am able, and I also am now a trustee for the Stainton Memorial Hall.

I look forward to all that this coming year will hold, and to continuing to be involved in this beautiful church and village's future.

Every blessing,  
*Revd Claire Todd*

St Peter and St Paul's Church Stainton				Simplified Day to Day Accounts : Projected result 2021 and Budget 2022			
<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual 2020</u>	<u>Actual 2021</u>	<u>Budget 2022</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Actual 2020</u>	<u>Actual 2021</u>	<u>Budget 2022</u>
	<u>£</u>				<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	
Planned Giving	12112	12288	12300	Unrestricted Charitable Giving	0	0	0
Tax recoverable & top up	3282	3373	3400	Parish Share	15400	14400	14400
Open Plate collections	995	1624	1500	Ministry Expenses incl. Vicarage	126	337	536
Gift Day	0	535	540	Utilities	2017	2696	3300
Sundry Donations	627	732	300	Cleaning	108	46	30
Fees (PCC only)	324	3832	3800	Insurance	1942	1969	2034
Fund Raising	118	215	0	Minor repairs and maintenance			
Interest (excl. Mayman)	995	810	750	including Organ tuning	313	543	1350
Donations-Flowers,Candles	5	0	5	Flowers & candles	70	214	140
				Altar Costs	241	267	410
				Books & Publications	0	14	15
				Licences	159	163	165
<b>From fund raising or</b>				Upkeep of Chuttyard	950	1170	1330
<b>reserves</b>	<b>4982</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>5,027</b>	Organist	0	0	0
				Training	50	0	0
LEFT OFF				Office Supplies	5		10
Giving Appeals				Printing & Stationery	107	576	1026
Wedding etc fees (except PCC's)				Diapety	40	40	40
Mayman Trust Income				Postage and Delivery	4	9	18
Major Building repairs				Telephone & broadband	106	159	240
Legacies & exceptional donations				Bk chgs & accountancy	420	420	420
				Children's work	0	34	35
				Administrator's wages	1382	491	2123
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>23440</b>	<b>23548</b>	<b>27622</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>23440</b>	<b>23548</b>	<b>27622</b>
				<b>Balance</b>	<b>0</b>		