



Opening Prayer

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

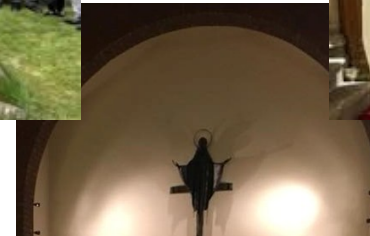
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Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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Closing Prayer

Parish
of
Wallsend St John the Evangelist



Annual Meeting of Parishioners
&
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 26 April 2026 10:30 am

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Apologies for Absence - Janet and Peter Chapman, and John Jackson.
The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.

Matters arising - None

Declaration of Any Other Business Items - None.

Reports All details in the booklet.

Churchwarden's Report - Nothing to add to the written report.

PCC Secretary's Report. No questions.

Safeguarding Report - Heather advised that a new team is to be appointed from Monday and an appointment of a Safeguarding trainer. To ask again for in house training - face to face.

Care for a Cuppa Report - nothing to add.

Electoral Roll Report - A completely new roll this year. The updated roll now shows a lower number, but these are regular attenders in church. Anyone not on the current roll as it stands cannot vote at this meeting but people can be added at any time for which forms are available. .

Financial Statements - Everything in the written report. Any questions that cannot be answered will be forwarded to John Jackson.

Thanks go to John who looks after all the finances and prepares the reports - all his work on behalf of St John's is greatly appreciated. We are very lucky to have John's services that keep everything in order all of the time. His support during the Building Works was invaluable - prompt payments to the builders etc.

Independent Examiner's Report - no questions. Everything in order.

PCC Treasurer's Report - no questions.

Election of PCC Members - Susan Atkinson, Linda Bennett, Brenda Dudding, Alyson Goudie, and Pauline Lamb.

Election of Deanery Synod Representatives - Pauline advised that she is happy to continue as our representative. Proposed - Susan Rowland. Seconded - Doreen Hailes.

Appointment of Independent Examiner - Proposed - Emma Black. Seconded - Susan Rowland.

AOB - Alyson proposed a vote of thanks to Heather for all the work she carries out as our only churchwarden. Pauline also proposed a vote of thanks to the Steering Group for the work carried out during the time spent in vacancy.

The meeting closed at 10.50 with the Grace.

Alyson Goudie opened the meeting with prayers.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Susan Atkinson was appointed as clerk to the meeting. Proposed Emma Black. Seconded Susan Rowland. All in favour.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Parishioners - These were accepted as a true record. All in favour.

Churchwarden - Heather has agreed to carry on as Churchwarden in the absence of any other nominations.

The resolution to enable Heather to remain as churchwarden was proposed by Pauline Lamb and seconded by Brenda Dudding. All in favour.

Heather was elected unopposed. All in favour.

The meeting was then closed. There were 13 members present.

Worship

Another year in vacancy! Although this has been the case, we have been lucky to have the constant support of our Area Dean Nigel Taylor, together with the varied ministry from the clergy who have taken our services each week. There have only been a few times when this duty has fallen to me, then we have a Service of The Word. Rev Canon Janet Chapman has been an excellent support too, by taking many of our baptisms, as well visiting the families as their preparation, also taking Sunday morning worship. Janet is also very active doing New Estates Ministry and Forest Church as a regular event at The Rising Sun Country Park.

We have held All Age services during the year although not every month. We occasionally have children attend church and there is always plenty of things to do in the children's area. Kath MacDonald, one of our congregation, requested to be confirmed. Rev Canon Janet helped her with the preparation and was confirmed in July at St Bartholomew's in Forest Hall. We were lucky to have an article about the work St Johns has been doing appear in the summer edition of the LINK magazine. Pauline Lamb has been attending the Synod meetings and reports back to PCC. In September we held a Vision Day, led by our Area Dean Nigel and Rev Claire Lewis. This helped us to look at what has been achieved from our last Vision. We then focused on what our priorities are for the future of St Johns. This statement is available at the back of church. Towards the end of the year Nigel and Claire both offered to have a stronger connection with us, they offered to take two services each per month and be Chair our PCC meetings. This gives us regular contact and advice too.

Occasional Offices

2025 – No weddings took place. 7 Baptisms and 1 Funeral. This was a long-standing member of St Johns. Sheila Tobin had been our Sunday School teacher and Sacristan. A legacy from the family enabled us to purchase some new Altar linen to be used in special services. This was blessed and displayed at our All Souls service that her family attended.

Sharing

We again visited Shepherds Dene together with some of St Lukes and St Peters. This was another success in better weather this year. Our involvement with Open the Book continues with Pauline and Linda together with the Willington Team part of an Ecumenical group, Wallsend Churches Working together. They visit local schools to take an assembly; the children engage with these stories from the Bible. This year we have had both a Lent group and Advent group led by Rev Canon David Peel. These groups have been well attended and very thought provoking. Thanks to all who have taken part. We continue with Care for a Cuppa every 3rd Monday in the month which is for anyone in our community, it's always good when we welcome new people to the group.

Our All Souls service continues to be popular with those remembering a loved one, the service is poignant and we light a candle for the deceased being remembered.

Peter Chapman looks after the online 'A Church Near You' site. We do get many contacts from this.

Fabric

This year we had our quinquennial report – a full inspection of our church building and grounds. We had only 2 urgent things to be done and this was achieved quickly. The overall report is we are in excellent state of repair.

Our area Dene Nigel Taylor carried out his visitation (inspection) in July. Checking all our records, registers, policies, maintenance, insurance, and church property. I'm please to say we received an excellent report.

Fundraising

We maintain our support for Walking With, with food donations weekly and money donations too. The food donations are taken to them by Lawrence and Doreen Jackson. Thanks to them both. Janet and Peter organised a Beetle Drive, this is great fun for young and the not so young. We incorporate a Chocolate raffle too we raised £178.00. recycling of printer cartridges £50.75. Christmas raffle £66.00. Easy Fundraising – when you order online use this app by doing so this year £66.15. Please support this it costs you nothing. The Christingle raised £30.81. Alyson also collects money for the Children's Society from the boxes we have at home for loose change. Janet and Peter hosted a coffee morning at their home for McMillian Cancer Research and raised £155.00. We also gratefully received donations in our Christmas present to church.

TREASURERS REPORT FOR THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

The PCC recorded a net surplus of income over expenditure of £2,114 on the general fund in 2025, compared to a surplus of £3,734 in 2024. The accumulated surplus of the fund stood at £9,065.

Total general fund income rose from £15,507 to £17,698. The main reason for this was increased planned giving via the PGS scheme.

Total general fund expenditure increased by £1,686 mainly due to the quinquennial inspection of £550 and an increase in repairs and renewals of £1,159. The parish contribution to the diocese remained the same as in 2024 at £6,600.

The restricted and designated funds, is where monies are given for a specific purpose. The main item in 2025 was refund from Ryton Construction relating to the building works in 2024.

Reserves policy the PCC's policy is to maintain a reserve on the general (unrestricted) fund, at a level sufficient to cover the normal running costs for at least three months, and that has been more than achieved.

Finally, a word of thanks to Heather and the other PCC members who do the weekly count, and prepare a schedule of monies to be banked.

John Jackson
27th March 2026

**Independent Examiner's report to the
P.C.C. of St. John the Evangelist, Wallsend.**

I report on the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on pages 9 to 11.

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(3)(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 management committee concerning any such matters. 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

1. 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
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Alex Robinson
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20th February 2026

Our Future

Our PCC and steering group continue to meet with Nigel Taylor to keep our church moving forward, he plays a major role in filling our rota and supporting us all. This will continue next year when our future is starting to look brighter, lets pray that 2026 brings the Hope we need.

Thank You

I'm grateful to all those that help out in any way at church, those that open the doors so we can function. Cleaning, gardening, altar preparation with the Sacristy linen the continued support from our steering group, Alyson and Susan to assist me with the many tasks for St Johns. Tea making, washing up, also, to our PCC who always are keen to support our church. To our secretary, Susan Atkinson, our Care for a Cuppa group leaders Susan and Brenda. Hadrian House service team Emma Black, Pauline Lamb, Brenda Dudding, Linda Bennett and myself. To Susan Rowland our DBS Officer and extremely efficient Administrator, Susan is also secretary to Wallsend Churches Working Together. To all clergy who have taken our weekly services. Baptisms, the majority taken by Rev Canon Janet and funeral requests. Our treasurer John Jackson who keeps us right in all things financial.

It takes a committed and enthusiastic voluntary team to keep St Johns going, we all pull together to make this work.

Heather Smith

PCC Secretary Report

Since the last AGM, until March 2026, there have been 6 PCC meetings and 5 meetings of the standing committee.

We also had one extraordinary meeting to discuss plans for the new Servery at the back of the church.

We have also attended 2 joint meetings with the Willington team regarding the appointment of a Team Rector of the Willington Team and Priest in Charge of St John's. A good step forward.

Our present committee whilst we are still in vacancy consists of :-
Alyson Goudie, Heather Smith (churchwarden), Susan Atkinson (secretary), Pauline Lamb, Brenda Dudding, and Linda Bennett. We also have John Jackson co-opted as our Treasurer.

Since January 2026 we have had the support of Nigel Taylor the Area Dean and vicar of St Mary's Monkseaton with Revd Claire Lewis taking two Thursday services and two Sunday services. They are also for the present time chairing our PCC meetings. Thanks to Alyson who has been the lay chair whilst we have been in Vacancy.

The PCC also wishes to thank Heather again for all her hard work as church warden with all the difficulties that arise by being in Vacancy. We especially thank her for all her hard work completing all the Faculty applications, and for up-dating the Parish Profile and producing our brochure which is required before the position of Team Rector and Priest in Charge can be advertised. Grateful thanks also go to Susan Rowland for all the administrative work she carries out on behalf of St John's.

Our Vision Day in September was led by Nigel and was a worthwhile experience. We have certainly achieved a lot since our last Vision Day. Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way in helping to keep St John's moving forward. For fund raising we had another fun afternoon with a Beetle Drive. Thank you to Janet and Peter Chapman for organising this fund raising event and we all look forward to the next one.

A chocolate raffle was held in December after the Carol Service. Thanks to everyone who donated chocolate and bought tickets.

The PCC thanks Heather again for all of her work as our only Churchwarden.

Grateful thanks go to everyone who helps in any way to make sure St John's continues to run smoothly and offer a warm welcome to all who attend.

Susan Atkinson

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST WALLSEND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	1,038	-30,386
FUND AS AT 1ST JANUARY 2025	1,616	32,002
TRANSFERS	-7	-
FUND AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025	2,647	1,616

	General	Restricted
Monetary assets		
Petty Cash	36	-
Lloyds bank current account	9,029	2,311
CBF- Deposit fund	-	336
	9,065	2,647

Alyson Goudie
PCC Lay Chair

Heather Smith
Church Warden

RESTRICTED/ DESIGNATED FUNDS

RESTRICTED/DESIGNATED FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	2025	2025	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Mission Fund				
Interest	-		503	
Sunday Coffee/Care 4 A Cuppa	-		613	1,116
Other				
Interest - Building Fund	14		-	
Flower Fund	50		-	
Shepherds Dene - Away Day	384		390	
Victor Mann Trust	200		300	
Building Fund			10,000	
Grants	-			
Donations	40		-	
Coffee	856		-	
Care 4 a Cuppa	146		-	
Fund Raising	367		-	
Refund Contractors	2,521		-	
Legacy - S Tobin	240		-	
Leaving Gift - Rev Timothy Duff	-		146	
Visiting Clergy Fees	1,624		2,306	
		6,442		13,142
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>6,442</u>	<u>2,306</u>	<u>14,258</u>
Payments				
Mission Fund		28		60
Other				
Care for a cuppa	200		274	
Flowers	126		27	
Visiting Clergy Fees	1,528		2,405	
Altar Linen	249		-	
Leaving Gift - Rev Timothy Duff			106	
Shepherds Dene - Away Day	384		390	
Building Works	2,889		41,382	
		5,376		44,584
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>5,404</u>	<u>41,382</u>	<u>44,644</u>

Safeguarding Report

2025 was good year for training. The Diocesan Team is new and the Director is Sharon Devlin, Jill Thirlaway, Caseworker, John Hulse, Training and Learning Advisor and Matthew Kelley, Safeguarding Administrator. The team have been integral in helping us to be all fully trained in Safeguarding and Domestic Abuse. To be able to have face to face training cannot be undervalued. At St Johns we hosted such a session for our PCC and any church members together with St Lukes and St Peters team. Many issues were able to be discussed and important questions answered. Our Parish Dashboard is up to date and remains to be an excellent resource for us. Please check out our WEB page and information board at the back of church. There are also posters in the toilets with helpful information and telephone numbers. Safeguarding is always included in our PCC meetings with reports given. We have a Safeguarding Policy which is reviewed annually.

Heather Smith
Safeguarding Officer.

Care for a Cuppa Report

Care for a Cuppa continues to meet regularly on the **third** Monday in the month at 2.00 to 3.30 pm.

It is all very informal. A chance to get together for tea/coffee cake and chat. This is greatly appreciated by all those who come along. Everyone is welcome to join us for a good natter and refreshments.

Although we meet in church this is not a religious meeting and is open to all.

Our recent building project to have a ramp at the main entrance and the provision of accessible toilets greatly improves accessibility into our church building. An article in the Summer 2025 edition of Link magazine featured our new facilities which help serve the community.

In December we enjoyed a Christmas lunch at the Powder Monkey, Wiltshire Drive. A lovely meal in good company. We were again especially grateful to the Victor Mann trust for funding received which goes towards the cost of the Christmas lunches.

Thank you also to our bakers and for all donations of the refreshments. Grateful thanks to all who help in any way to make this an enjoyable afternoon.

Susan Atkinson

Electoral Roll Report

2025 Roll	Total number on roll	= 27
	Removals: Deceased	= 0
	Non-resident who no longer attends	= 0
	Requested removal	= 0

The Church of England's Church Representation Rules require each parish to prepare a new electoral roll every six years and 2025 was such a year and the next time will be 2031. In between this period the roll is revised annually. All people wishing to vote at the 2026 Annual Parochial Church Meeting must have been added to the roll by Sunday 29 March 2026.

2026 Roll	Carried forward from 2025	= 27
	New applications	= 2
	Total number on roll	= 29
	Qualifying Criteria: A = 19	
	B = 10	
	C = 0	

- A = CofE (or Church in communion with CofE) and resident in parish
- B = CofE (or Church in communion with CofE) non-resident attendee
- C = Member of a Church (not in communion with CofE) attendee

If you wish to be added to the roll please ask for a form.

Susan Rowland
Electoral Roll Officer

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST WALLSEND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

GENERAL FUND

UNRESTRICTED FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Receipts				
Regular voluntary receipts				
Planned giving	9,853		8,876	
Collections/other giving	3,033		2,562	
Income Tax	<u>3,045</u>		<u>2,843</u>	
		15,931		14,281
Other voluntary receipts				
Donations	<u>1,499</u>	1,499	<u>1,631</u>	1,631
Receipts from activities for generating funds				
Coffee	-		284	
Social/general fund raising	<u>-</u>		<u>749</u>	
		-	1,033	
Receipts from church activities				
Fees		268		461
		<u>268</u>		<u>461</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u><u>17,698</u></u>		<u><u>17,406</u></u>

Payments

Church Activities				
Parish share		6,600		6,600
Church running expenses				
Insurance	2,196		2,133	
Heating and Lighting	2,354		2,526	
Quinquennial Inspection	550		-	
Water	144		133	
Repairs and renewals	2,493		1,334	
Altar requisites	<u>442</u>		<u>367</u>	
		8,179		6,493
Vicarage expenses				
General/Water rates	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
		-		-
Clergy expenses				
Sundries		805		579
		<u>805</u>		<u>579</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u><u>15,584</u></u>		<u><u>13,672</u></u>

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST WALLSEND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	2,114	3,734
FUND AS AT 1ST JANUARY 2025	6,944	3,210
TRANSFERS	7	-
FUND AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025	<u><u>9,065</u></u>	<u><u>6,944</u></u>