

DIOCESE OF NEWCASTLE

PATRONAGE (BENEFICES) MEASURE 1986

Statement prepared by the P.C.C. describing the Church’s ministry and mission within the parish

This form is designed to give an overview of a parish to be used in a vacancy for the appointment of a new parish priest. It will be accepted as the ‘statement describing the conditions, needs and traditions of the parish’ required by the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986. Additional information may be given by way of printed documents or written submissions.

I. Parish Information

1. Name of Parish:
Wallsend St John

3. Name of Parish church(es):
St John the Evangelist



4. Name of other C of E churches/centres for public worship in the parish:
0

5. Group of parishes in which you work (formally or informally):
Wallsend Churches Working Together

6. Deanery:
Tynemouth

7. Population:
12601

7.(a) Number on Electoral Roll:
27

(b) Date of APCM at which this number was declared:
27th April 2026

8. Attendance at worship at each church:

Average Sunday Communicants	26
Average Sunday attendance	17
Average weekday Communicants	5
Average weekday attendance	5

9. Occasional Offices:

Number of baptisms in the last 12 months:	6
Number of persons confirmed in the last 12 months:	1
Number of weddings in the last 12 months:	0
Number of funerals in church in the last 12 months:	1
Number of funerals taken by clergy Not in church in the last 12 months:	1



II. The Local Community

1.(a) Briefly describe the population in terms of any predominant age and/or social groups, the ethnic mix etc:

Ethnic mix 4%

Older population 20.2 %

Child poverty 14%

Pensioner poverty 15%

Working age poverty 11%.

30.1% people living on their own

Lone parenthood 7.6%

18.2% of people have No qualifications

16.9% people live in social housing.

(b) Are there any special social problems, e.g. high unemployment?

Unemployment in North Tyneside in 2024 was 3.6%

2. Please list:

Local schools:

Redesdale Primary

Wallsend Jubilee Primary

St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary

St. Columba's Catholic Primary

Beacon Hill School (school for severe learning difficulties)



Youth centres:

Air Cadets

Sea Cadets

Guiding and Scouting



Hospitals: 0

Nursing/residential homes, sheltered housing: 2

Places of worship of other faiths: 1

Local businesses:

There are various shops, pubs and restaurants both in Wallsend Forum, the High Street and smaller areas with shops within the housing estates.



Neighbourhood initiatives: 1

Local associations:

Veterans Association

Comrades Club



Any civic responsibilities of local clergy:

Our minister has had links in the past with the Sea Cadets and as a Governor at Redesdale Primary

III. The Church Community (please give details for each church)

1.(a) What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish?

6.75%

(b) Describe the congregation in terms of age, employment, culture, ethnicity and gender:

- White British,
- Age range 35 – 80
- Majority retired
- 6 males
- 21 females

2. Please describe the tradition of your church and give details of robes/vestments worn by officiants:

Traditional Worship using Common Worship resources.

The Clergy wear a Chasuble, Alb, we also have a Cope for special occasions and a Stole.

3. Give details of Sunday services with times and form of service used:

9.30 am Traditional Communion

4. Give details of weekday services:

Thursday 10.00 am Traditional Communion

5. List any authorised ministers (e.g. Reader, Church Army Officer, Ordained Local Minister, Non-stipendiary Minister, Curate in training, retired Clergy):

Revd Canon Janet Chapman (retired)

6.(a) What is the annual giving of those aged 16 years and older, and what proportion of the giving is gift aided:

£9853.00 (81% is gift aided) 2025

(b) When did the parish last have a stewardship campaign:

We promote the Just Giving annually and we conducted a parish review in 2024.

7. How does each church supplement direct giving in-order to meet financial needs (eg fundraising events, hall lettings, occasional offices, investments):

There are fund raising events but these are for special projects.

The general income covers the day to day running of the church, but as this is reducing, the parish share for 2025/26 has been kept at the same amount, since we went into vacancy.

8.(a) Give details of expenses paid to the incumbent, and state whether this covers them in full:

We are in vacancy.

(b) Is there an annual discussion about the level of expenses as part of the budgeting process:

Finance is discussed as a part of every PCC with guidance from the treasurer.

9. What amount of Share has been (a) requested and (b) paid:

Last year: £6600.00

Current year: £6600.00

Next year: £6600.00

10.(a) Is there any capital project in hand at the moment:

We have submitted a faculty for a Servedy at the rear of the Lady Chapel, new drains and the removal of 3 overgrown trees.

Also, a new Honours Board

10.(b) If so, please give brief details with costs and state how they are to be met:

Funding for the project is starting with applications being identified with potential users and uses of the last phase of the vision for the rear of church.

Ryton Construction	£25,754	this was an approximate quote and will need to be updated
The Tree Beard	£2730.00	this will also need to be updated
Mr P Frolich	£500.00	Honours board

Architect fees: our architect has recently retired and a new one will be appointed

11. Please attach a copy of the latest statement of accounts.

**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>		<u>1,631</u>	
		1,499		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>15,507</u></u>
Payments				
Church Activities				
Parish share		6,600		6,600
Church running expenses				
<i>Insurance</i>	2,196		2,133	
<i>Heating and Lighting</i>	2,354		2,526	
<i>Quinquennial Inspection</i>	550			
<i>Water</i>	144		133	
<i>Repairs and renewals</i>	2,493		1,334	
<i>Altar requisites</i>	<u>442</u>		<u>367</u>	
		8,179		6,493
Vicarage expenses				
<i>General/Water rates</i>	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
				1,084
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>

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	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>9,065</u>	<u>6,944</u>

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST WALLSEND
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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>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>44,644</u>

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	<u>2,647</u>	<u>1,616</u>

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

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(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

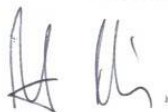
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

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 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.



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20th February 2026

IV. Church Buildings (please give details for each church)

1.(a) What is the general state of repair of the churches:

Good

(b) Please give details of any major maintenance needed following the last Quinquennial Inspection:

There is No work outstanding that is classed as urgent.

2. Please give details of church halls and any other ancillary buildings (and an indication of the level of their use). None

3. Is there a churchyard to maintain and who is responsible for its maintenance? None

V. Outreach and Mission

1.(a) What are the regular mission and outreach activities of the parish:

Care for a Cuppa.

Open the Book in local schools.

New Estates Ministry: retired clergy Rev Canon Janet Chapmen who also is involved with Forest Church at the Rising Sun Country Park.

We support Living in Love and Faith.



(b) What are you doing to help people find out about Jesus:

We have an active Facebook page, website and A Church Near You.

We advertise upcoming events with posters on our fence on the street.

We have All Age Services to encourage families with children.

We encourage baptism families to attend 4 festival/family services per year.

(c) What are you doing to help grow people in discipleship:

Lent and Advent courses with neighbouring churches and the deanery.

Away Day – annual event open to all.

(d) What are you doing to grow people in leadership:

We look for potential leadership qualities within the congregation.



2.(a) Please give details of support for the church overseas: None

(b) How much is given annually: None



3.(a) Give details of support for home missions and charities:

We support Walking With in North Tyneside (food donations).

The Children's Society.

Cancer charities.

Alzheimer's.

The British Heart Foundation.

(These Vary).

(b) How much is given annually:

Last year we only supported The Children's Society £30.81

4.(a) Does the parish have an overseas link: No

(b) If so, please state where/who

5.(a) **Is there an organised system of outreach and welcome to new families:** No

(b) **If so, please describe:**

6. **What part does the church play in community care:**

We have 2 care homes in our parish.

We hold services in one of the care homes in our area - Hadrian House. It provides general nursing, Dementia Nursing and Dementia Residential Care for older people.

When we have a priest we would also like to visit the other care home – Eothen Care Home. A dementia care home with care based on Christian principles.

We also have Care for a Cuppa in church monthly.

We are looking to extend the use of our social space when we have a servery.



7.(a) **Are there Lay Eucharistic Assistants who take communion to the sick:**

Brenda Dudding did this in the past.

(b) **If so, who are they:**

Brenda Dudding

8. **What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church based organisations (eg open youth work):**

We visit local schools as part of the Open the Book team to do assemblies.

VI. Ecumenical Relationships

1(a) **Involvement in local Council of Churches** Yes

(b) **Is there a formal covenant with any other denomination?** No

2. **What informal ecumenical contacts are there?**

Wallsend Churches Working Together

VII. Church Education and Social Provision

1.(a) **Name of Church School(s), if applicable:** None

(b) **Aided?**
Controlled?
Foundation?

(c) **Number of pupils on roll (approx.):**

(d) **If aided, does the PCC support the school:**

VIII. Lay Education and Participation

1. What education and training work takes place in the church for the following (give approx. numbers):

None

Children:

Young People:

Adults:

2.(a) Give details of house/prayer groups:

None

(b) Are the leaders clergy or lay:

3.(a) How do you rate the strength of lay leadership:

(b) To what do you credit this strength or the lack of it:

IX. Mission

1. List areas of church life which you consider in need of development:

We want to encourage the Parish to use St Johns in a continuous way other than for Weddings, Baptisms or funerals.

The PCC have agreed with the statement for Living in Love and Faith, we wish to promote this in the correct way.

2. What are the main areas of mission that you think the new priest should prioritise in their ministry:

Growing our church community and reintroduce Junior church where we continue working towards implementing the admission of children to Holy Communion.

3. In summary, what are the top three challenges with which you and the new priest need to engage:

- Make our church more visible to the parish
- Encourage a more diverse congregation but being mindful of our long serving members
- Continue with our 3 Step mission for our building

X. Additional Information

Please add here, or on another sheet, anything else which you would like the Patron and the Bishop to know about the conditions, needs and traditions of the parish.

XI. The new parish priest

List the qualities and skills you would like to see the new priest:

We are looking for a priest who will:

- Support and uphold the traditions of our church while helping us to move forward with confidence
- Demonstrate genuine empathy, pastoral sensitivity and approachability
- Bring energy, enthusiasm, and strong organisation and time-management skills
- Show passion for mission, including engagement with new housing estates and developing communities
- Work confidently within safeguarding policies and promote a culture of care and accountability
- Take time to get to know the parish and actively rebuild and strengthen relationships within the community



Palm Sunday Procession



Harvest Thanksgiving



Remembrance Sunday



Advent Sunday



Care for a Cuppa Christmas Lunch

Mothering Sunday



Wallsend St John the Evangelist 2025 Mission action Plan

Introduction

St John's was built and consecrated in 1956 replacing the hall where worship had previously taken place. It was built on the back of community funding with local people and congregation members 'buying a brick'. Even though the community do Not flood through the doors every Sunday, it is committed to the local community.

Context

The new housing estates have changed the dynamic of the community. From Church Urban Fund deprivation data, it appears that there is No significant social problems in the area. There is however, a view from the church that social isolation is a real problem and an area the church need to focus on.

Tradition and Identity

St John the Evangelist has a tradition of high Anglo Catholic liturgy but voted Not to pass a resolution under the House of Bishops' Declaration. It would like to preserve the tradition of the use of bells and priest wearing vestments.

Ethos of the Church

The Mission Action Planning Group articulated the ethos of the church based on the crucifix above the chancel altar, a depiction of Christ with open arms, with the statement "Welcome into God's open arms". It is the welcome of St John's that is central to their mission and they Now need to take this outside of the church to show the people in the community that God's arms are open to them too. This is in keeping with Diocesan mission of 'Seeking Sharing Sending', with St John Now embarking on seeking where God is already at work in the community and building upon this.

Long Term Vision (2016 onwards)

Aim	How to achieve this	Status
Raise the visibility of the church from the street and road.	New signage and planting in front of the church.	Achieved
Social Space at the rear of church.	Removal of some of the rear pews, removal of some carpeting and the renovation of the flooring in that area.	Achieved
Improvements for the less abled and families.	Ramp access for wheel chairs and push chairs. Toilet with changing table for babies and wheel chair access.	Achieved
Make the Social Space more user friendly and welcoming.	The creation of a Servery at the back of church which would give improved kitchen facilities.	Ongoing

Mission Action Plan

 Seeking  Sharing  Sending

In church activities:

- To focus on the current congregation and nurture their faith
- Sermon themes - Safeguarding Sunday; Generous Giving
- Faith exploration courses - Lent; Advent
- Bible literacy courses
- Family and All Age services
- Hospitality - Care for a Cuppa; develop the servery and become a Warm Space Hub
- Baptism - to create a policy and capitalise on these events with anniversary invitations

Continue work in the community by:

- involvement in mission events on the new estates
- leading services in the nursing homes
- resuming Church on the Wildside
- reviving connections with the Sea Cadets
- services with The Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association
- supporting Walking With in North Tyneside