

St. Oswald's, Walkergate

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

2023

Parish Profile



Presented by the Church Wardens,
on behalf of the PCC of
St Oswald's Church, Walkergate

21st July 2023



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Message from the Churchwardens

We would like to thank you for taking the time to read our Parish Profile, and thank you for considering joining us here at St Oswald's Church Walkergate. We would be delighted to meet you in person and answer any questions that you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you wish to discuss any matters concerning the Church. We will offer you the support, encouragement and love through the highs and lows of Parish life here in Walkergate. We look forward to meeting the person whom God is calling to join us and lead us on our Godly journey.



Introduction

St Oswald's Walkergate is an evangelical church congregation that aims to show Christ's love for all his people and offer a warm welcome to all, and by working in partnership with the local community for God's Glory. Our mission statement is 'To know Christ and to make him known by proclaiming and living out the biblical gospel'. As members of the Church of England here at St Oswald's, we aim to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God.



Our Vision

1. To have a full and active Church, worshipping Jesus and growing in faith.
2. To be sharing our faith with our neighbours.
3. To be reaching the young families, children and young people of the parish.
4. To encourage and welcome all ages and help them grow in discipleship and service.
5. To keep our Church building in good repair enabling a warm and welcoming atmosphere.
6. To work within community groups to serve and bless our parish.
7. To see the Kingdom of God spreading, and God's love transforming lives across the Parish of Walkergate.



Our Next Minister

The PCC are praying for a new incumbent with a strong sense of calling to the Parish of Walkergate, who can:

- Help us discern and put into effect a vision to our congregation in numbers and impact.
- Help us to grow in confidence and courage in sharing our faith with our community.
- Encourage and lead us deeper in discipleship through clear and truthful teaching.



- Strengthen our outreach to the young through contact with local schools and the old through relevant organisations and residents.
- Spot our gifts and abilities, and help us to grow in confidence serving and leading in the church.
- Happily work across two churches, St Oswald's and St Martin's, a neighbouring parish church of rather different tradition and style of worship.
- Get to know our parishioners and be known by them.
- Commit to the pastoral care of the sick, elderly and those going through hardship.
- Communicate with people of all ages cultures and backgrounds, mediating if necessary.
- Be open-minded, adaptable and energetic.

We can offer



A welcoming but ageing congregation.

A committed PCC who have a real love for the church and Parish.

We have a well-cared for Church, a Church Hall and Youth Hall in good repair.

A comfortable 4 bedroomed vicarage with study, garage, private garden and ample outdoor space.



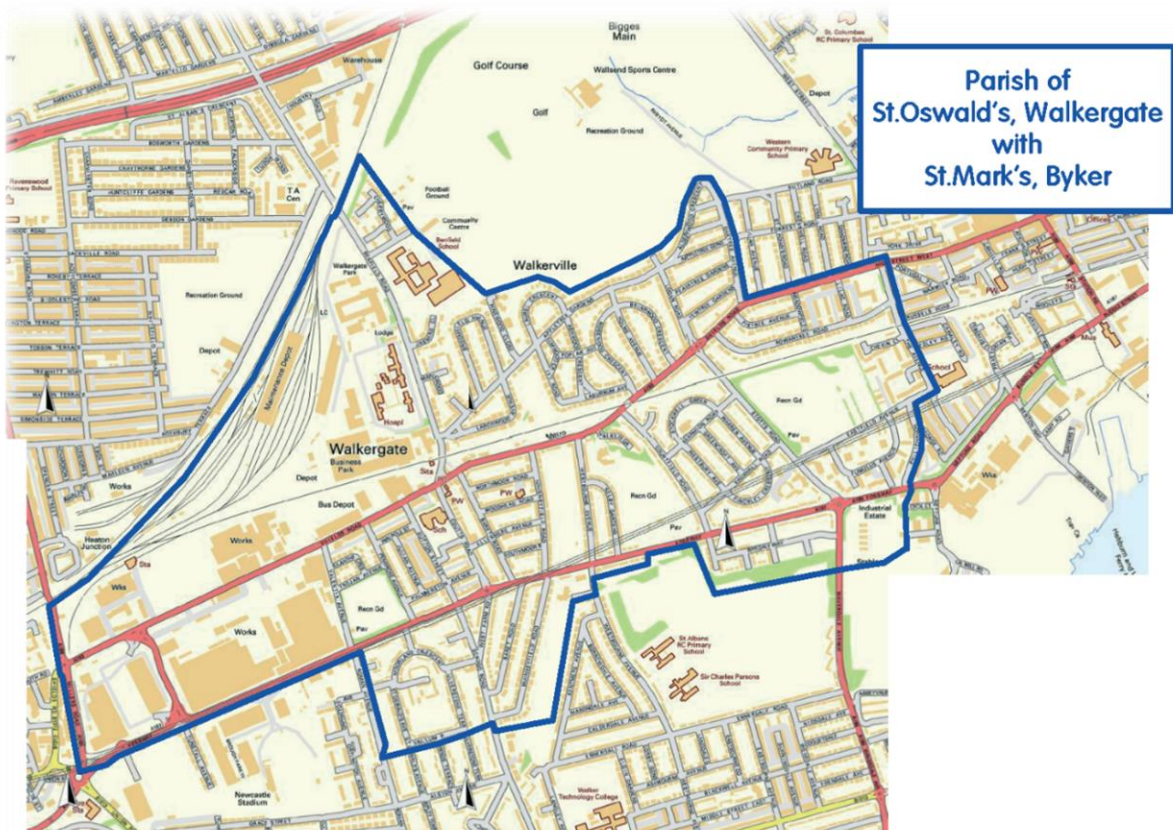


The Parish of Walkergate

Walkergate is an area in the city of Newcastle Upon Tyne. It is east of the city, north of Walker, east of the Heaton area and west of Wallsend. Areas within the Parish include Daisy Hill, Eastfield, Walkerdene and Walkergate.

Walkergate Metro Station which was opened in 1982 serves the area. This replaced the previous railway station on the same site.

Walkergate Hospital was built in 1888 as a hospital for infectious diseases, the hospital closed in 2011. In 2012 the Benfield Park Healthcare and Diagnostic Centre opened on part of the old hospital site, the centre offers GP services, hospital clinics and a pharmacy. New houses are being built on the rest of the old hospital by Barrett's. Schools within the Parish include Walkergate Community School (primary) and Benfield School (Yr 7 to sixth form).





Population in the Parish is around 9,875 making up 3.9% of the city's population.

Life at St Oswald's Church

Our congregation is an ageing one with currently 30 on the electoral role with a weekly attendance of between 20 to 28.

For the previous twenty-five years St Oswald's had been in impaired communion with the Bishops of Newcastle. In May 2022 the then PCC voted to leave the Church of England and start a church plant under the guidance of AMiE. Half of the church congregation decided they wished to remain within the Church of England.

It has been a difficult and challenging first year for those of us who decided to remain, but we have collectively worked to rebuild our church and are committed to rebuilding our relationships with the diocese, deanery and neighbouring parishes, and one year on feel we are now in a good place.

We are being helped with Sunday services by non-stipendiary retired ministers attached to Jesmond Parish Church and St Thomas's Church Newcastle, also by the Bishop of Berwick the Rt Revd. Mark Wroe, the Archdeacon of Northumberland the Ven. Rachel Wood and the Area Dean the Revd. Phil Medley.



Activities at St Oswald's Church

Weekly service Sunday 10.30

Bible studies twice a month

Coffee morning once a month

Baby and Toddler group every Tuesday (during school term-time)

Currently we have a Sunday service at 10.30 where communion is taken every fortnight. The music is from recordings as we do not have a pianist at the moment.

Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals

At the moment any requests come to us via our church email address and are being dealt with by the Area Dean Revd. Phil Medley.



Last year we had enquiries for four baptisms, two funerals and one wedding.

Local Schools



We have a good relationship with Walkergate Community School who attend services at St Oswald's every Easter and Christmas with around 600 children attending at each service.



Communication

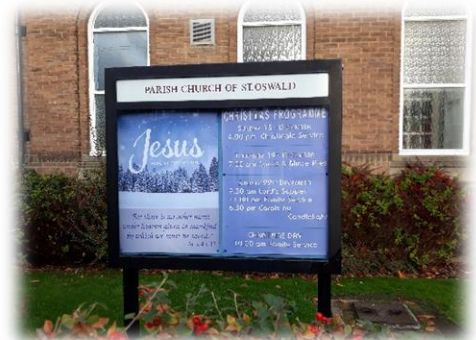
We have a website www.walkergatechurch.org that gives general information about the Church and upcoming services.

Previous sermons can be listened to.

General information is also available at <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/>

We have a prayer diary that will be in need of updating and we have just finished a leaflet drop to the Parish.

A notice board in the Church grounds gives information on services and any special and seasonal events.



Church Building





There is a large Sunday meeting room on the ground floor as well as a Vestry/Office.



There is also a sizeable kitchen and an accessible toilet.

Upstairs, there is a large hall with a stage, and toilets.



Upper Hall as partially set up for Parent and Toddler Group



Next to the Church there is a youth hall that also has a kitchen and toilets.

The Church Garden has a large lawned area with a few trees and plenty of flowers.



Picture courtesy of Google Maps

The Church is in good repair with a 2022 quinquennial report available to read.

The Archdeacons visitation in April 2022 recorded that all administration and building matters were in good order.

Finances

There are no debts attached to the Parish Church. The Church is self-funded by Church-Giving donations.

Whilst our current income ensures there is no debt, once our vacancy is filled, it will remain a challenge to meet our parish share.

Accounts for 2022 are shown on the following page.



ST. OSWALD'S WALKERGATE, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE: PARISH PROFILE 2023

St Oswald's and St Mark's Church - Walkergate - Financial Statement General Fund - Receipts and Payments for the Year End 31 December 2022

RECEIPTS	2022	2021
Code	£	£
Voluntary Giving		
1 Tax Efficient planned giving	6,220	4,645
2 Other planned giving	1,976	635
3 Collections at services	2,094	3,796
5 Non Recurring Donations	452	-
6 Gift Aid Recovered (covers Jan 2021 to Dec 2021)	2,016	2,648
	<u>12,758</u>	<u>11,724</u>
Restricted Giving		
5 Ken's Retirement	-	1,505
5 Diocese - Repair fund	10,000	
5 Diocese - Toddlers fund	3,400	
5 Diocese - Fuel Fund	2,210	
	<u>15,610</u>	<u>1,505</u>
Income from investments		
10 Interest on deposit account		
Church Activities		
11 Weddings and Funerals	32	-
	<u>32</u>	<u>-</u>
Other Incoming resources		
13 Elect - Refund		26
Phone Refund	14	
Insurance Refund	110	
Trust Refund	2,100	
	<u>2,224</u>	<u>26</u>
Total Receipts	<u>30,624</u>	<u>13,255</u>

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PAYMENTS	2022	2021
Code	£	£
Mission Giving		
18 Crosslinks	-	1,250
18 OMF International	-	1,500
18 S Smallwood	-	
18 St George's Dagenham	-	500
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,250</u>
Church Activities		
19 Diocesan Parish Share - 2022	-	2,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>
21 Vicarage expenses		384
22 Mission and Evangelism Projects		1615
Guest Speakers	180	-
23 Church Running Expenses		
Copyright Licensing (CCLI)	170	456
Firepoint - Extinguishers	281	310
Insurance - Church and Hall	2,746	2,496
Insurance - Engineering	347	1,178
Printing & Stationery	639	463
Quinquennial Survey	450	-
Repairs - Minor - see note 5	2,701	1,389
Wardens expenses - see note 6	650	791.74
24 Utilities		
Church - Water, Light & Fuel	2,505	1,758
Youth Hall - Water, Light & Fuel	380	382
	<u>11,249</u>	<u>11,223</u>
Total Payments	<u>11,249</u>	<u>16,473</u>

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SUMMARY	2022	2021
Total Receipts	30,623.56	13,255.50
Total Payments	11,248.64	16,472.59
Excess of receipt over payments	19,374.92	3,217.09
Balance TSB Current at 1 Jan 22	1,857.71	5,224.80
Uncleared at end 2021	-	150.00
Total Cash	<u>21,232.63</u>	<u>1,857.71</u>
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2022		
Monetary Assets	2022	2021
TSB Current at 31 December 2022	21,232.63	1,857.71
Payments not yet cleared	-	-
Total Cash	<u>21,232.63</u>	<u>1,857.71</u>
There is an estimated £2,000 in tax to be claimed from HM Revenue and Customs This claim will be made in February 2023		
Liabilities		
Repairs	10,000.00	
Toddlers	3,400.00	
Total Liabilities	<u>13,400.00</u>	

Proposed future commitments

Provide Disabled Toilet	5,600
Provide Stairlift	8,500
Refelling of roof over East end passageway	8,000
	<u>22,100</u>

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16.2.23
Dated

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Notes

- The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis. It has been independently examined by Mr P Weldon a Chartered Accountant who has no connection with the church or the parish. His letter of engagement is held by the Treasurer and his report, which is unqualified, is included in this document.
- The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities: Moveable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal
- No payments have been made to any PCC member for their role on the PCC.
- Non recurring donations are from Newcastle Diocese
- Minor repairs include replacement laptop, extinguisher servicing, boiler servicing, window repairs and boiler valve replacement
- Wardens expenses cover all miscellaneous items including: Christmas tree, Copier paper, Phone and Website Services

Approved by the PCC on 15th February 2023 and signed on their behalf by
Mr Steve Hogarth (Acting PCC Chairman)

Mr Robert Winter (PCC Treasurer)

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