The Parish Church of St. Anne St. Annes-on-Sea, St. Anne (Heyhouses)



Annual Report and Financial Statements of the

Parochial Church Council

for the year ended 31 December 2015

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Mission Statement

"Growing strong in faith and worship, we work together to serve and care for all."

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ANNUAL REPORT

Background

St Annes Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Father David Lyon, in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, social and ecumenical, within the ecclesiastical parish. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Parish Rooms on Oxford Road, St Anne's.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year 2015, the following elected and co-opted individuals served as members of the PCC for the full year:

Margaret Hill Churchwarden (until 20 May 2015), co-opted from May 2015

Angela Astley Secretary, elected to PCC until 2017

Richard Baker Treasurer and Vice-Chairman, elected to PCC until 2018

Denise Duke from April 2014 elected for 2 years to 2016
Roy Finden from April 2013 elected for 3 years to 2016
Craig Harris from April 2013 elected for 3 years to 2016
David Roberts from April 2013 elected for 3 years to 2016
Susan McMahon from April 2014 elected for 3 years to 2017
Michael O'Leary from April 2014 elected for 3 years to 2017
Patricia Ward from April 2014 elected for 3 years to 2017

Elizabeth Hodgson co-opted from September 2014

During the year 2015, the following elected and co-opted individuals served as members of the PCC for part of the year:

Colin Miller Churchwarden (from 21 May 2015)

from April 2015 elected for 3 years to 2018 Mark Rae Ken Foster from April 2015 elected for 3 years to 2018 from April 2015 elected for 3 years to 2018 Kath Hall from April 2015 elected for 3 years to 2018 Sylvia Horner Patricia O'Bierne Deanery Synod representative from June 2015 completed period of service in April 2015 Jed Bird completed period of service in April 2015 Marie Brydon Pam Kinghorn completed period of service in April 2015 Adrian Sensicall completed period of service in April 2015 completed period of service in April 2015 Gerry Stokes

During the year 2015, the following individuals served as members of the PCC for the full year in one, or more, ex officio capacities:

Fr. David Lyon Vicar (Chairman)
Eric Roberts Churchwarden

Peter Gittins Reader, Deanery Synod representative from June 2015 to 2017

Joan Johnson Reader

Gerald Wilson Deanery Synod representative until 2017

Committees

The PCC operated through a number of committees, which met regularly throughout the year: including the Land & Buildings Committee, Parish Rooms Committee, Social and Tree Festival Committee, Projects Committee, and Outreach Committee.

During the year the PCC was pleased to accept the reports and recommendations of the various Committees. All members appreciate the work done by everyone concerned, including those who are not full members of the PCC; everyone continues to work hard to support the work and worship at St Annes Parish Church.

Church Attendance

There are 214 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. 5 names were added during the year and 8 removed through death or relocation. The Regular Weekly Attendance in 2015 was 155, but the number increased significantly at festivals.

Review of the Year

During 2015 the full PCC met 7 times and there was an average attendance of 69%.

In 2015 the planned giving through envelopes and banker's orders plus collections at services amounted to £69,021, an increase of over 3% on 2014. This giving equates to 47% of the total unrestricted fund income. However, total unrestricted income fell by 2%. Unrestricted expenditure increased by over 9%, including large items of expenditure necessary on the Parish Rooms.

£75,474 was spent on Christian ministry and grants to charitable causes, including large contributions to the diocese. As in the previous year, there was no outstanding Parish Share to be paid at the end of 2015.

In 2015 no calls were made on any of the Vicar's and Churchwarden's bequests that have been used in previous years when the financial situation had required their support.

The "Wednesday Men" do much useful work in the church, thereby cutting the maintenance costs considerably.

The house in Vicarage Close continues to be occupied by the organist and his family.

Further information about the running of the parish during 2015 may be found in the Supplementary Reports on page 28 *et seqq*.

Thank you to those members of the PCC who have completed their terms of service: Roy Finden, Craig Harris and David Roberts (3 years), Denise Duke (2 years); your contribution has been greatly appreciated.

On behalf of the PCC Father David Lyon (chairman) April 2016

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2015

For the year ended 31 December 20	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2015	FUNDS 2014
INCOM ING RESOURCES						
Incoming resources from donors	2(a)	77,660	2,153	0	79,813	75,568
Other voluntary incoming resources	2(b)	876	70	0	946	26,864
Incoming resources from operating activities to further the Council's objects	2(c)	11,872	0	0	11,872	10,572
Activities for generating funds	2(d)	54,941	12,301	0	67,242	65,895
Income from investments	2(e)	1,257	595	4,447	6,298	6,310
Other incoming resources	2(f)	275	2,200	0	2,475	1,756
TOTAL ACTUAL INCOMING RESOURCES		146,881	17,318	4,447	168,645	186,964
RESOURCES USED						
Cost of generating funds	3(a)	8,609	1,351	0	9,960	8,298
Grants - Donations to charities	3(b)	4,989	1,403	0	6,392	6,305
Activities directly relating to the work of the church	3(c)	101,396	18,780	9	120,185	100,608
Salaries & support costs	3(d)	21,593	0	0	21,593	20,225
Church management and administration	3(e)	5,048	0	0	5,048	5,075
TOTAL ACTUAL RESOURCES USED		141,635	21,534	9	163,178	140,511
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCE	s	5,246	-4,216	4,438	5,468	46,453
GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS						
Stock Unrealised (Tangible fixed assets)	5(a)	-3,786 -979	0 0	0	-3,786 -979	-26 -979
Unrealised (Investment assets)	5(b)	4	27	2,085	2,116	8,167
PARISH SHARE OUTSTANDING (WRITTEN OFF BY DIOCESE)	8	0	0	0	0	43,942
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		485	-4,189	6,523	2,818	97,556
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2015 (2014)		910,180	58,164	186,548	1,154,892	1,057,336
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2015 (2014)		910,665	53,975	193,071	1,157,711	1,154,892

BALANCE SHEET

At 31 December 2015

	Note	2015 £	2014 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	5(a)	866,524	867,504
Investment assets	5(b)	177,129	175,013
		1,043,654	1,042,517
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock (Heritage Mural & church guidebooks)	7()	0	3,786
Debtors	7(a) 9	13,617 100,718	14,784 95,691
Cash at bank and in hand	9	114,335	114,260
LIABILITIES:			
AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	8(a)	-1,386	-1,885
NET CURRENT ASSETS		112,949	112,375
LONG TERM DEBTORS	7(b)	1,108	0
LONG TERM LIABILITIES	8(b)	0	0
NET ASSETS		1,157,711	1,154,892
FUNDS	6		
Unrestricted		910,665	910,180
Restricted		53,975	58,164
Endowment		193,071	186,548
		1,157,711	1,154,892

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 11 April 2016 and signed on its behalf by:

Revd. A. David Lyon (chairman)

Mr E. J. Roberts (member)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets, and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the financial statements of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and the restrictions are provided in Note 10. Endowment funds, where the capital must be retained, are explained in Note 10.

Where funds are not separately invested, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognized when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving under Gift Aid is recognized only when received. Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognized when the income is recognized. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable, and interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognized in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realized gains or losses are recognized when investments are sold. Unrealized gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Resources Used

All expenditure is accounted for gross.

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when payable. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these financial statements as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the financial statements by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 1997 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 1997 have been capitalized and depreciated in the financial statements over their currently anticipated useful economic life (initially over four years) on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 1997 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL	
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2015	2014
		£	£	£	£	£
2(a)	Incoming resources from donors					
	Planned giving:					
	Tax efficient planned giving	39,531			39,531	38,768
	Income tax recoverable	9,917			9,917	9,744
	Other planned giving	4,607			4,607	5,484
	Collections (open plate) at services:					
	Sunday services	5,128			5,128	4,392
	Tax efficient giving (yellow envelopes)	7,007			7,007	5,477
	Income tax recoverable (yellow envelopes)	1,752			1,752	1,369
	Weekday services	632			632	648
	Occasional services	447		ļ		718
	Occasional services (Tax efficient donations)	0		}	447	25
	Occasional services (Income tax recoverable)	0		J		6
	Charity collections		345	ļ		678
	Charity collections (Tax efficient donations)		0	}	345	34
	Charity collections (Income tax recoverable)		0	J		9
	Sundry donations:			,		
	Other donations	1,486	205	ļ		1,614
	Other donations (Tax efficient donations)	928	100	}	2,976	742
	Other donations (Income tax recoverable)	232	25	J		186
	Flowers		237	ļ		577
	Flowers (Tax efficient donations)		750	}	1,175	500
	Flowers (Income tax recoverable)		188	J		125
	Votive candles	883			883	654
	Pilgrims Coffee Stop	720			720	0
	Sunday coffee	500			500	451
	Babies & Toddlers group	403	0		403	244
	Freewill offerings	305			305	577
	Lent lunches	264			264	0
	Tuesday a.m. tea & coffee	229			229	190
	Loose coins carboy	164			164	154
	Messy Church	115			115	40
	Mary Gittins' lunches	0			0	223
	Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme	1,729	0		1,729	1,250
	Donations towards Children's Church		0)	0	89
	In Memoriam fund		65 125	I	221	11
	In Memoriam fund (Tax efficient donations)		125	ſ	221	0
	In Memoriam fund (Income tax recoverable)	60	31	J	60	0
	Bank compensation	60	0		60	258
	Sundry income In manage of Alan Tanning	7	0		/ 21 <i>5</i>	6
	In memory of Alan Topping In memory of Philip Poss Simpson	215			215	0
	In memory of Philip Ross Simpson	174 100			174 100	0
	In memory of Joyce Hodge	100			100	U

2 INCOMING RESOURCES (continued)

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL I	FUNDS
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2015	2014
	£	£	£	£	£
2(a) Incoming resources from donors (continued)					
In memory of Muriel Wild	74				0
In memory of Muriel Wild (Tax efficient donatio	ns) 10			} 87	0
In memory of Muriel Wild (Income tax recoveral	ble) 3		J		0
In memory of Margaret Dawson-Campbell		82		82	0
In memory of John Townson	40			40	0
In memory of Wendy Schwarzkächel	0				216
In memory of Wendy Schwarzkächel (Tax efficie	ent don 0			} 0	25
In memory of Wendy Schwarzkächel (Income ta	x recov 0		J		6
In memory of Marion Roberts	0				72
In memory of Marion Roberts (Tax efficient don	ations) 0			} 0	7
In memory of Marion Roberts (Income tax recov	verable) 0			l	2
	77,660	2,153	0	79,813	75,568
2(b) Other voluntary incoming resources					
Legacies	500	0	0	500	25,750
Praise on the Prom (HALSA)	300			300	0
Brothers in Arms	76			76	0
Donation (Churchyard Maintenance)		70		70	70
Grant (St. Annes Town Council - Choir vestry a	nd				
storeroom refurbishment)		0		0	1,000
Bishop John's retirement		0		0	44
Grants (Bishop legacy)	0	0		0	0
Grants (Grundy bequest)	0	0		0	0
	876_	70_	0	946	26,864
2(c) Incoming resources from operating activities to	o further the Counci	l's objects			
Parochial fees	9,415	-		9,415	6,883
Parish Rooms lettings (charitable purposes)	1,424			1,424	2,760
Magazine sales	363				338
Tax efficient donations in lieu of sales	245			} 670	320
Income tax recoverable on above	61		J		80
Bookstall & Heritage Mural	363			363	191
	11,872	0	0	11,872	10,572

2 INCOMING RESOURCES (continued)

	ī	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL 1	FUNDS
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2015	2014
		£	£	£	£	£
2(d)	Activities for generating funds					
	Parish Rooms lettings (fund raising purposes)	28,405			28,405	25,895
	Project Committee		11,075			6,501
	Project Committee (Tax efficient donations)		200		11,325	0
	Project Committee (Income tax recoverable)		50		J	0
	Mobile telephone aerial (rent)	6,334			6,334	5,700
	50:50 Club	6,082			6,082	6,066
	2 Vicarage Close rental	6,000			6,000	5,989
	Charity Tree Festival & Art Exhibition	4,141	976			4,012
	Charity Tree Festival & Art Exhibition (Tax efficient de	0 0			5,116	23
	Charity Tree Festival & Art Exhibition (Income tax rec	о 0			J	6
	Social and Tree Festival Committee	2,215			2,215	2,117
	Magazine adverts	1,330			1,330	1,450
	Grand Raffle	251	0		251	578
	EasySearch and EasyFundraising	102			102	118
	Photocopier	60			60	85
	WWI trail guidebooks	16			16	101
	Church guidebooks	6			6	3
	Mobile telephone aerial (electricity)	0			0	7,252
		54,941	12,301	0	67,242	65,895
2(e)	Income from investments					
	Dividends and interest:					
	Churchyard Maint. a/c	0	54	3,303	3,358	3,301
	Repairs & Renewals a/c	66	34	1,143	1,243	1,221
	General & Stewardship a/c	1,188			1,188	1,170
	Hinchliffe Bequest a/c		486		486	476
	Higher interest bequests a/c	3	12		15	134
	Hartley Bequest a/c		5		5	5
	Woodhead Bequest a/c		4		4	4
	- -	1,257	595	4,447	6,298	6,310
2(f)	Other incoming resources					
	VAT rebate (Church boiler)		2,200		2,200	0
	Water contamination compensation (Church)	55			55	0
	Water contamination compensation (Parish Rooms)	55			55	0
	Water contamination compensation (Flat)	55			55	0
	Water contamination compensation (Vicarage)	55			55	0
	Burglary compensation	30			30	11
	Sale of trailer	25			25	0
	Insurance claim (Consequential water damage)	0			0	1,120
	Insurance claim (Church roof repair)	0			0	425
	Insurance claim (Parish Rooms roof repair)	0			0	200
	* /	275	2,200	0	2,475	1,756
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	146,881	17,318	4,447	168,645	186,964

3 RESOURCES USED

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL I	FUNDS
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2015	2014
		£	£	£	£	£
3(a)	Cost of generating funds					
	50:50 Club	3,140			3,140	3,146
	Social and Tree Festival Committee	2,513			2,513	1,760
	Project Committee		1,351		1,351	924
	Charity Tree Festival & Art Exhibition	1,324	0		1,324	1,296
	Landlord's expenses for 2 Vicarage Close	651	0		651	313
	Advertising	642			642	520
	Grand Raffle	339	0		339	340
		8,609	1,351	0	9,960	8,298
3(b)	Grants - Donations to charities					
. ,	Missionary and charitable giving:					
	Overseas mission societies:					
	Christian Aid (Lent lunches)	154			154	
	Bishop's Harvest Appeal		153		153	
	Mission Aviation Fellowship	0	20		20	
	Charity Tree Festival & Art Exhibition:					
	None	0	0		0	
		154	173	0	327	1,342
	Christian relief and development agencies:					
	Charity Tree Festival & Art Exhibition:					
	None	0	0		0	
		0	0	0	0	0
	Home mission and other Church societies:					
	Additional Curates Society		101		101	
	Charity Tree Festival & Art Exhibition:		-31			
	Mothers' Union	0	46		46	
	CofE Children's Society	8	28		36	
	-	8 8	175	0	183	315

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL	FUNDS
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2015	2014
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants - Donations to charities (continued)					
Secular charities:					
Alzheimer's Research	1,106			1,106	
Girlguiding Kilgrimol Centre Building Fund	1,106			1,106	
Pear Tree Specialist School	1,106			1,106	
Swallows Head & Neck Cancer Support Group	1,106			1,106	
RSPB (mem. Margaret Dawson-Campbell)		82		82	
DEC Nepal Earthquake Appeal		71		71	
Charity Tree Festival & Art Exhibition:					
Alzheimer's Society	31	203		233	
Cancer Research	21	88		109	
Guide Dogs for the Blind	31	72		104	
Trinity Hospice	25	54		80	
Royal Air Force Association	10	49		59	
Friends of Trinity Hospice	10	39		49	
7th Lytham St. Annes Beaver Colony	10	37		47	
Kilgrimol Centre (Guides)	18	28		46	
People's Dispensary for Sick Animals	18	28		46	
Easterleigh Animal Sanctuary	21	25		46	
Anglican Soc. for the Welfare of Animals	15	31		46	
Air Training Corps	29	17		46	
Fairtrade Foundation	29	17		46	
2nd St. Annes Guides	30	16		46	
Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity	33	13		46	
Royal National Lifeboat Institution	0	43		43	
Cat Rescue	2	34		36	
Fylde Foodbank	4	32		36	
NSPCC	4	32		36	
Rotary Club of St. Annes	27	9		36	
Ormerod Group	31	5		36	
North West Air Ambulance	5	29		34	
	4,827	1,055	0	5,882	4,605
Bishop John's retirement		0		0	44
Charitable payment from Hartley Bequest		0		0	0
Charitable payment from Hinchliffe Bequest		0		0	0
Charitable payment from Woodhead Bequest		0		0	0
Donations	0	0		0	0
	4,989	1,403	0	6,392	6,305

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL 1	FUNDS
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2015	2014
		£	£	£	£	£
	Other charitable donations not through PCC's boo	oks				
	Children's Society boxes					338
	Christian Aid envelopes					1,048
	Tax recoverable on Christian Aid envelopes					473
	Additional Curates Society (Lent charity)				80	110
	Tax recoverable Additional Curates Society (Lent ch	narity)			20	75
	Tax recoverable Additional Curates Society boxes				18	
	Tax recoverable Mission Aviation Fellowship boxes	S			5	
	Bishop's Harvest Appeal				10	40
	Tax recoverable on Bishop's Harvest Appeal				3	19
	Church Road Methodist Church (Brothers in Arms)				76	
	British Legion Poppy Appeal (Brothers in Arms)				76	
	Scripture Gift Mission (Brothers in Arms)				76	
	ABF The Soldiers Charity (Brothers in Arms)				76	
					439	2,103
3(c)	Activities directly relating to the work of the churc	ch				
	Parish share:					
	Parish share contribution from parish	54,366			54,366	59,550
	•	54,366	0	0	54,366	59,550
	Fees assigned to diocese not passed through h	PCC's books			8,617	5,158
	Total Parish Share				62,983	64,708
	Clergy expenses:					
	Vicar's expenses	1,947			1,947	1,281
	Vicarage Council Tax	1,932			1,932	1,899
	Assistant clergy	961			961	410
	Vicarage water rates	827			827	823
	Vicarage security	378			378	372
	Vicarage water compensation	55			55	0
	. Datage water compensation	6,099	0		6,099	4,785
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		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL F	FUNDS
		Funds	Funds Funds	Funds	2015	2014
		£	£	£	£	£
3(c)	Activities directly relating to the work of the chu.	rch (continued)				
	Church running expenses:					
	Electricity	5,794			5,794	4,888
	Insurance	4,597			4,597	4,696
	Gas	4,470			4,470	4,293
	Hygienic waste removal	855			855	549
	Books	344	0		344	141
	Cleaning materials etc.	223			223	147
	Water	167			167	147
	Sundry expenditure	109			109	134
		16,559	0	0	16,559	14,994
	Church maintenance:					
	Boiler replacement	0	13,200	0	13,200	0
	Choir vestry and storeroom refurbishment		4,496		4,496	1,505
	Qinquennial inspection and report	750			750	0
	Organ tuning	739			739	715
	Lady Chapel floor, strip, repair & seal	500			500	0
	Electrical repairs	311	0	0	311	346
	Wednesday Men projects	228	0		228	158
	Piano tuning & repair	90			90	100
	Fire extinguishers	73	0	0	73	193
	Repairs to church roof	0	0	0	0	1,000
	Heating repairs	0	0	0	0	564
	Repair to organ	0	0	0	0	156
	Notice boards	0			0	26
		2,692	17,696	0	20,388	4,763

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL	FUNDS
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2015	2014
	£	£	£	£	£
3(c) Activities directly relating to the work of the chur	ch (continued)				
Upkeep of services:					
Wine, wafers & candles	1,145	0		1,145	1,286
Flowers	0	1,084		1,084	693
Votive candles	870			870	838
Copyright licence	414			414	406
Praise on the Prom	400			400	0
Palm crosses	155			155	135
Lent lunches	110			110	0
Christingles	94			94	85
Bell ringing costs	26	0		26	26
Poppy wreath	20			20	20
Lenten shrouds	0			0	41
Refreshments	0	0		0	8
	3,235	1,084	0	4,319	3,537
Upkeep of churchyard:					
Garden of Remembrance	502	0	0	502	0
Garden and gardener	0	0	9	9	0
<u> </u>	502	0	9	511	0
Expenditure on parish magazine/ bookstall/ website	::				
Expenditure on magazine (excl. printing)	332			332	312
Expenditure on website	50			50	50
•	382	0	0	382	362

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL	FUNDS
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2015	2014
		£	£	£	£	£
3(c)	Activities directly relating to the work of the	church (continued)				
	Parish Rooms running costs:					
	Gas (Parish Rooms)	3,591			3,591	3,614
	Hall floor, strip, repair & seal	2,222			2,222	0
	Insurance	2,029			2,029	2,015
	Improvements	1,615			1,615	0
	Electricity (Flat)	1,495			1,495	1,473
	Electricity (Parish Rooms)	1,356			1,356	1,340
	Water (Parish Rooms)	860			860	850
	Roof & brickwork repair	790			790	300
	Room 2 refurbishment	667	0		667	0
	Cleaning materials etc.	600			600	290
	Electrical repairs	383			383	64
	Repairs to windows	320			320	0
	Security	234			234	0
	Rubbish removal	220			220	0
	Window cleaning	210			210	215
	Repair to fire escape	210			210	0
	Plumbing repairs	195			195	30
	Heating repairs	137			137	100
	Fire alarm maintenance	135			135	0
	Fire extinguishers	115			115	96
	Water (Flat)	91			91	77
	Advertising	43			43	0
	Maintenance contracts	30			30	28
	Council tax, ground rent	14			14	27
	Repairs to lift	0			0	958
	Repair to perimeter wall	0			0	650
	Installation of boiler	0			0	350
	Projector screen	0			0	119
	Sundries	0			0	21
		17,561	0	0	17,561	12,617
		101,396	18,780	9	120,185	100,608
3(d)	Salaries & support costs					
()	Salaries, wages and honoraria:					
	Parish Rooms Manager	8,255			8,255	7,800
	Organist's wages, tax, NIC	6,092			6,092	5,903
	Parish Administrators' wages, tax, NIC	5,726			5,726	5,524
	Assistant Organists	550			550	450
	Parish Rooms Flat water compensation	15			15	0
		20,638	0	0	20,638	19,677
		*			*	*

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL	FUNDS
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2015	2014
	£	£	£	£	£
3(d) Salaries & support costs (continued)					
Support costs:					
Children's Church	399	0		399	338
Pilgrims Coffee Stop	299	0		299	0
Messy Church	242	0		242	181
Nursery Praise	12	0		12	5
Babies & Toddlers Group	3	0		3	24
	954	0	0	954	547
	21,593	0	0	21,593	20,225
3(e) Church management and administration					
Photocopier	1,885			1,885	2,125
Telephone	1,156			1,156	1,008
Office requisites	787			787	833
Bank charges	320			320	320
Subscriptions	289			289	117
Stewardship envelopes & campaign	205			205	193
Independent Examiner	150			150	150
Computer expenses	96			96	204
Office alarm maintenance	90			90	84
DBS checks	69			69	0
Books	0			0	41
	5,048	0	0	5,048	5,075
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	141,635	21,534	9	163,178	140,511

4 REMUNERATION

4(a) PCC Employees

During the year the PCC employed two Parish Administrators, an organist and a Parish Rooms Manager, none of whom earned £60,000 p.a. or more.

4(b) PCC Members

The Vicar received £1,947 expenses during the year.

Four choir members, Miss Angela Astley, Mrs Joan Johnson, Miss Pat Ward and Mr Richard Baker, received fees for singing at weddings and funerals.

The Verger, Mrs Margaret Hill received fees for verger's duties at weddings and funerals.

Mrs Pam Kinghorn was employed as a Parish Administrator, see 4(a) above.

Apart from the above, no other member received any reimbursement of expenses or remuneration.

5 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

	Parish Rooms	Photocopier £	Total £
5(a) Tangible fixed assets			
Year of purchase GROSS BOOK VALUE		2013	
At 1 January 2015 Additions	865,545	1,959	867,504 0
At 31 December 2015 APPRECIATION	865,545	1,959	867,504
Appreciation/Depreciation At 31 December 2015 NET BOOK VALUE	0	-979 -979	<u>-979</u> <u>-979</u>
At 31 December 2015	865,545	979	866,524
At 31 December 2014	865,545	1,959	867,504

At one time the gross and net values for the Parish Rooms were based on insurance valuations. In the light of the present national economic conditions it is considered that the increase in insurance valuation in 2015 would give an overly optimistic valuation for the Parish Rooms. Therefore, the net value for 2015 has been pegged to the 2014 value.

	Shares/ Units	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2014
		£	£	£	£
5(b) Investment assets GENERAL PURPOSES					
CBF Deposit Fund		11,400			11,400
(Interest paid into General account)					
3.5% War Loan (Diocese)	0			0	323
CBF Investment Fund	735			9,943	9,499
		11,400		9,943	21,222
CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE					
Birmingham Corporation 3% 1947	93			48	53
3.5% War Loan (Diocese)	0			0	667
CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund	207			333	344
CBF Investment Fund	6,116		2,328	80,453	81,028
			2,328	80,834	82,092

5 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC (continued)

3	TIMED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE FEE (CORD	Shares/ Units	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2014
			£	£	£	£
5(b)	Investment assets (continued)					
3(0)	REPAIRS & RENEWALS					
	3.5% War Loan (Diocese)	0		0		172
	CBF Investment Fund	4,151	301	168	56,182	55,725
			301	168	56,182	55,897
	CURATE'S HOUSE					
	CBF Deposit Fund		3,317			3,317
	(Interest paid into Stewardship account)					
	R.E. IN THE PARISH (Hinchliffe)					
	CBF Investment Fund	935			12,655	12,485
						2015
	VALUE OF INVESTMENTS					Total
	At 31 December 2014		15,015	2,469	157,530	175,013
	At 31 December 2015		15,019	2,496	159,615	177,129
	Gains/Losses		4	27	2,085	2,116

6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	2015 Total £
Fixed assets	881,543	2,496	159,615	1,043,654
Current assets	28,424	52,455	33,456	114,335
Current liabilities	697_	-976	0	-279
Fund balance	910,665	53,975	193,071	1,157,711

7 DEBTORS

Income tax recoverable Planned giving Open plate (Yellow envelopes) Occasional services Unrestricted donations Magazine donations in lieu of sales Charity Tree Festival & Art Exhibition Restricted donations	2015	2014
	£	£
Income tax recoverable		
Planned giving	9,883	9,692
	1,752	1,369
	0	6
Unrestricted donations	232	173
Magazine donations in lieu of sales	61	80
Charity Tree Festival & Art Exhibition	0	6
Restricted donations	25	13
Flower fund	188	125
Project Committee	50	0
In Memoriam fund	31	0
Charitable collections	0	9
In memory of Marion Roberts	0	2
In memory of Wendy Schwarzkächel	0	6
In memory of Muriel Wild	3	0
Other debtors		
Mobile telephone aerial rent		2,691
Donations in memory of Wendy Schwarzkächel		140
Donations in memory of Wendy Schwarzkächel (tax efficient)		25
Charity Tree Festival & Art Exhibition exhibitors (for charities)	234	230
Charity Tree Festival & Art Exhibition exhibitors (for St. Annes Parish Church)	416	22
Charity Tree Festival & Art Exhibition sponsors	680	140
Charity Tree Festival & Art Exhibition top-ups	0	20
Charity Tree Festival & Art Exhibition sale of tree & logs	55	
Charity Tree Festival & Art Exhibition quiz	3	
Charity Tree Festival & Art Exhibition donations	5	35
	13,617	14,784
7(b) DEBTS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR(S)	2015	2014
(%) 22212 3312111211311311311313313313313313313313	£	£
Mobile telephone aerial rent outstanding from 2014	1,108	0

8 **LIABILITIES**

8(a) AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2015 £	2014 £
Creditors for goods and services:		
Parish share	0	0
Repairs to lift		664
Christingles		85
Advertising for Christmas services		45
Other creditors		
Charity Tree Festival & Art Exhibition charities	976	1,033
Charity Tree Festival & Art Exhibition top-ups	411	23
Charity Tree Festival & Art Exhibition exhibitors		35
	1,386	1,885
8(b) AMOUNTS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR(S)	2015 £	2014 £
Creditors for goods and services:	0	0
9 ACCOUNT BALANCES		
	2015	2014 ¢

	2015	2014
	£	£
General a/c	6,134	5,391
Stewardship a/c	13,184	5,464
Churchyard Maintenance a/c	15,422	12,080
Churchyard Maintenance (Interest bearing) a/c	13,938	13,861
Repairs and Renewals a/c	3,236	1,993
Hartley Bequest a/c	9,693	9,688
Hinchliffe Bequest a/c	2,822	2,339
Hinchliffe Bequest (Interest bearing) a/c	3,993	3,991
Woodhead Bequest a/c	6,979	6,976
Bequest (Higher interest bearing until Oct. 2014) a/c	25,221	33,821
Children's Church	0	0
Petty Cash	95	88
	100,718	95,691

10 FUND DETAILS

The restricted and endowment funds consist of the following:

Restricted Fund:

Legacies for churchyard maintenance Legacies for repairs and renewals Hartley bequest (for charitable purposes) Woodhead bequest (for communicants' expenses) Specific charitable collections In Memoriam Fund Other specific donations Endowment Fund:

Legacies for churchyard maintenance Legacies for repairs and renewals Legacies for general purposes Hinchliffe bequest (for R.E. in the parish)

11 SELECTED FUND BALANCES

The annual trading situation of various funds is shown below:

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 1 2015	2014
	£	£	£	£	£
Parish Rooms					
Incoming resources	29,829	0	0	29,829	28,655
Resources used	25,831	0	0	25,831	20,417
Profit / Loss	3,997	0	0	3,997	8,238
50:50 Club					
Incoming resources	6,082	0	0	6,082	6,066
Resources used	3,140	0	0	3,140	3,146
Profit / Loss	2,942	0	0	2,942	2,920
Charity Tree Festival & Art Exhibition plus Grand R	affle				
Incoming resources	4,392	976	0	5,367	4,618
Resources used	2,074	976	0	3,050	2,632
Profit / Loss	2,317	0	0	2,317	1,986
Social and Tree Festival Committee					
Incoming resources	2,215	0	0	2,215	2,117
Resources used	2,513	0	0	2,513	1,760
Profit / Loss	-298	0	0	-298	357
Bookstall & Heritage Mural					
Incoming resources	363	0	0	363	191
Resources used	0	0	0	0	0
Profit / Loss	363	0	0	363	191
Votive candles					
Incoming resources	883	0	0	883	654
Resources used	870	0	0	870	838
Profit / Loss	13	0	0	13	-185

EXAMINER'S REPORT

Examiner's report to the PCC of St. Annes on Sea, St. Anne (Heyhouses)

This report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2015, which are set out on pages 6-23, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.43(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations

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.

Russell Dawson,

14 Vernon Road,

Lytham St. Annes,

Lancashire, FY8 2RQ

April 2016

ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS

The accounts in this section are from organizations, a) whose accounts are not included in the Parochial Church Council's accounts and, b) do not report to a larger national organization.

I MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

ST ANNES PARISH CHURCH MENS FELLOWSHIP BALANCE SHEET – JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2015

INCOME			EXPENDITU	RE
Subscriptions	£705.00		Food & Drink	£360.02
Dinner	640.00		Golf Deposit	75.00
TOTAL	1345.00		Choir Vestry don	50.00
			Entertainment	125.00
			Hall Hire	50.00
LOSS	115.02		Dinner	800.00
TOTAL	1460.02		TOTAL	1460.02
BALANCE B/fwo	572.16			
LOSS	115.02			
	457.14			
CASH in HAND	50.00			
BANK	407.14			
TOTAL	457.14		Audited by P.R.V	Vebb
			And found to be	correct
			P.R. W	8
			07.12.2015	

II WALSINGHAM CELL

CELL OF THE HOLY HOUSE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM & St ANNE, St Anne's Parish Church Accrual Accounts for Year, 1st November 2014-31st October 2015

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

		20	15	20)14	
Item	Notes	Credit £	Debit £	Credit £	Debit £	
Mass Collections	1	173.00		174.00		
Donations	2	250.52		118.18		
Office Expenses (stamps & stationery)			20.52		39.68	
Holy House Lamp	3		40.00		40.00	
Lady Chapel Lamp			150.00			
Youth Pilgrimage Sponsorship	4		60.00		60.00	
Chantry Book Entries	5		30.00			
Pilgrimage	6	6510.00	6454.20	6750.00	6574.50	
Pilgrimage Raffle	7			90.00		
Contribution to St George's Day lunch					20.00	
Coach Trip to York: Income	8	514.00				
Coach Trip to York: Coach Cost	8		420.00			
Coach Trip to York: Surplus to St Annes PCC	8		94.00			
TOTALS		7447.52	7268.72	7132.18	6734.18	
Surplus/Deficit on year		178.80		398.00		

PILGRIMAGE ACCOUNT

Item	Notes	Credit £	Debit £
Gross Income	9	6510.00	
Refund of Overpayments	9		590.00
Shrine Accommodation Charge (26 x £152.25)-£30 pd direct by KF	10		3928.50
Lost Deposits (2 x £30)			60.00
Coach			1450.00
Coach Parking			10.00
Lunches at Clumber Park			213.70
Lunches at Worksop Priory including donation			150.00
Taxis between Fleetwood & Wesham			52.00
TOTALS transferred to this years INCOME & EXPENDITURE		6510.00	6454.20
Overall Surplus of Income over Expenditure for pilgrimage		55.80	-

RECONCILIATION

NEOGNOLE/NION								
Item	Notes	£	£	£	£			
			Bank	Cash in	Uncleared			
			Balance	Hand	Cheques			
Opening Assets as at 1.11.14		1207.19	1207.19	0	0			
Surplus of Income over Expenditure		178.80						
Closing Assets as at 31.10.15	11	1385.99	1433.99	7.00	55.00			

Notes

- 1 Donations made Nov 2014 to Oct 2015 at the monthly Walsingham mass on the final Saturday of each month.
- 2. Miscellaneous donations including a donation of £200 from Gerry Stokes being the return of the refund made for his cancelled pilgrimage.
- 3. The lamp is half way along the right hand inside wall of the Holy House.
- 4. As last year and as agreed at the AGM two young people were sponsored to the Youth Pilgrimage in August 2015 at £30 per head. Youth Pilgrimage sponsorship was also made privately by at least four others (Cell members and members of the congregation).
- 5. Long standing pilgrim Dorothy Garside died in the course of the year and as usual the Cell paid for her name to be inscribed in the Chantry Book in S Edward's Chapel. This was agreed by the Committee as a special case as Dorothy had not maintained her SOLW subscription in recent years.
- 6. See separate Pilgrimage Account.
- 7. As usual a raffle on the outward journey was held for the Sisters of the Priory of St Margaret with prizes donated by Ken Foster (not paid through Cell books.) There was no raffle for Cell funds.
- 8. The Coach Trip to York for the consecration of Fr Philip North as Bishop of Burnley was undertaken on behalf of the Parish with the surplus going to the PCC. The coach fare was set at £18 with 28 round trip passengers and one single charged at £10.
- 9. Due to the number of pilgrims this year it was possible to reduce the originally estimated price from £240 to £230 part way through the booking and payment process, and refunds were made accordingly. Total nett income (after refunds) was equivalent to 24 pilgrims @ £230, 1 pilgrim @£200 (JKF, late booker pd £30 deposit direct to Shrine) plus two coach passengers @ £70 and two cancellations, who were refunded their full fee less the £30 deposit lost to the Shrine.

 10. Includes accommodation for the coach driver.

11. Uncleared cheques are 2x£10 refunds to M Siddall & J Whittaker and £35 to Shrine for SOLW

subscriptions.

Prepared by

Gerald Wilson, Treasurer

I have reviewed the account records and confirm that the above statement is a correct representation of the affairs of the Cell.

Independent Examiner

- Derek/ Margaret Garner (cash via
 Call)
- Howard Gent (by SO)
- Kathleen Hall (by SO)
- Mike & Joy Hedley (cash via Cell)
- Joscelyn Hoyle ((by SO))
- Margaret Hill (cash via Cell)
- Joan Johnson (by SO)
- Jenny Nuttall (cash via Cell: SONY)
- Michael O'Leary (outstanding)

- Robin/ Margaret Singleton (cash via Cell: SONY)
- Norma Spacey (cash via Cell)
- Jacqui Stapleton (by SO)
- Gerry Stokes (by SO)

RW BAKER 23/1/16

- Alan Swindlehurst (by SO)
- Patricia Ward (cheque via Cell)
- Muriel Wild (by SO, RIP)
- Gerald & Fiona Wilson (by SO)

Ken Foster is formally a member of the Cell of Our Lady, St Helena & St Thomas of Canterbury based at Holy Cross, Blackpool but is regarded as an affiliate member of the St Anne's Cell.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS

I APCM ITEMS

a) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish family at St. Anne's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity 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:

- Daily worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus through sermons, Lent Course and nurture groups.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish, this includes the work of the Bereavement Visiting team.
- Missionary and outreach work; in addition to the Outreach Committee a 'Mission and Evangelism' committee has been established in the last twelve months to help us engage more effectively with this area of church life.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Anne's Church building – which is maintained under the guidance of the Land and Buildings Committee, which also looks after 2 Vicarage Close, and the Parish Rooms, which is run under the management of the Parish Rooms Committee.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

This report includes more detailed information from each of our groups and organisations about their activities during the last year.

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

We are keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, evening prayers provide a quiet, intimate and reflective environment for worship whilst opportunities are provided for people to engage in child friendly worship in our Messy Church and Nursery Praise groups within our parish.

This year we have been successful in welcoming more families into our church who have found that our rich catholic style of worship has helped them engage more directly with God and the things of God.

We continue to have many baptisms, and those who receive this sacrament outside the 10.30 am. Sung Eucharist are welcomed at that service the following week.

During the year the PCC debated the issue of the ordination of women. Following the debate a vote was taken and a resolution passed in accordance with the House of Bishops' Declaration.

RESOLUTION

"For the sake of the unity of our Parish, this PCC requests, on the grounds of theological conviction, for arrangements to be made in accordance with the House of Bishops' Declaration on the Ministry of Bishops and Priests, and asks that sacramental and pastoral ministry in this Parish is exercised:

- By male bishops at whose consecration a male bishop presided:
- By male priests ordained by such bishops."

(For = 13; Against = 1; Abstentions = 4)

Bishop Julian has been informed of our decision and made appropriate provision. (In effect this means that the Bishop of Burnley – the Rt. Revd. Philip North – will be our bishop).

ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

There has been increased activity amongst the local clergy, who now meet several times a year. These include Fr. David from our church, the Vicar of S. Thomas' Church, Canon Peter Hart from Star of the Sea, the local Baptist and Methodist ministers, and Steve Moss, the minister from the Fylde Christian Service Church. These ministers helped lead short services during Lent last year.

Fr. David Lyon Vicar

b) CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

THE PEOPLE

The deaths of members of our church family during the past year; Dorothy Garside, Graham Smith, Ross Simpson, Margaret Dawson-Campbell, Geoffrey Ecclestone, Alan Topping, Brenda Pilkington, Muriel Wild, Rosemary Smith and Jean Edge were sad occasions and our heartfelt sympathy goes to all their families and friends.

Margaret Hill stepped down as Churchwarden last May and thanks go to her for the three years of service in this role. Colin Miller was appointed to fill this position.

During September Fr. Stuart Dobson joined our church as an assistant priest to Fr. David, but due to health problems in December he was no longer able to fulfil his duties.

Eric Roberts and Colin Miller

c) WELCOME MINISTRY (SIDESPERSONS)

The Churchwardens Eric and Colin are most appreciative of your duties as welcomers. We hear many good reports, from newcomers and visitors, about the warm welcome they receive here at St. Annes Parish Church.

The following have served as sidesmen and women for the year 2015:-

Kathryn Baker, Christine Barrow, Jed Bird, Adrian Bromiley, Christine Buckley, David Byrne, Marjorie Byrne, Mel Cook, Pauline Cook, Elizabeth Currie, Leslie Dawson, Denise Duke, Peter Duke. Gemma Eaves, Roy Finden, Kath Hall, Barbara Halstead, Marian Hopper, Sylvia Horner, Susan McMahon, Mary Roberts, Margaret Singleton, Alan Swindlehurst, Jasper Vijayakumar, Christina Deborah, Sheila Walton, Barbara Woollett and Ray Woollett.

STAND IN SIDESPERSONS:-

Jean Eaves, Louis Shaw and Fiona Wilson.

SENIOR SIDESPERSONS:-

Alan Christy, Margaret Hill, Pam Kinghorn, Gerry Stokes and Josie Wilkinson.

Eric Roberts and Colin Miller

d) PLANNED GIVING AND GIFT AID

The following table gives the data for Planned Giving and Gift Aid donations during 2015 (with comparable figures for 2014 in parentheses).

	Gift Aided			Non Gift Aided		
Source	Amount donated	No. of donors	Average donation per donor per week	Amount donated	No. of donors	Average donation per donor per week
Bank {Standing Orders}	£28,392.00 (£26,631.00)	61 (55)	£8.95 (£9.31) [equiv. to £38.78 (£40.35) pm]	£1,021.90 (£852.50)	8 (6)	£2.46 (£2.73) [equiv. to £10.66 (£11.84) pm]
Weekly stewardship envelopes	£11,138.91 (£12,137.34)	56 (58)	£3.83 (£4.02)	£3,335.80 (£4,095.77)	19 (21)	£3.38 (£3.75)
Gift Aid envelopes {regular donors}	£4,940.04 (£2,788.65)	25 (24)	£3.80 (£2.23)			
Gift Aid envelopes {one-off donations}	£2,697.34 (£3,259.72)	509 (388)				
Other	£1,753.06 (£1,104.97)	27 (16)				
TOTALS	£48,921.35 (£45,921.68)	678 (541)	£6.02 (£5.83)	£4,357.70 (£4,948.27)	27 (27)	£3.10 (£3.52)

Planned donations are those that are received by Standing Order from a bank or via the weekly stewardship envelopes. Regular donors are those who have used Gift Aid envelopes for at least 6 months and have made at least one donation per month during that period. There will be some donors who give regularly by putting money onto the plate every week, but we have no record of who you are, nor how much you give individually. However, be assured that your donations are appreciated just as much as the others.

Thanks go to all those parishioners who decided to increase their giving as a result of the stewardship campaign in 2015.

The average for all planned and regular donations (both Gift Aided and non-Gift Aided) in 2015 was £5.56 per donor per week compared with £5.45 in 2014.

The tax recoverable from the Gift Aided donations in 2015 is £12,224.09. In 2014 it was £11,480.42.

Richard Baker Planned Giving Officer

e) U18s Co-ORDINATOR

Since taking up the post I was tasked with looking at the Church's Child Protection Policy. The policy needs to be revised to take into account new legislation. I proposed to the PCC that the church adopts the diocese policy to ensure that we comply with guidelines and policies of the diocese, until we could form a working party to look at all aspects of the policy and the associated documents, this was accepted.

If anyone is interested in becoming part of the working party they would be more than welcomed. Could they please contact the Parish Officer with their contact details and the times that they would be available to attend a meeting?

Denise Duke

II WORSHIP & MISSION

a) READERS

We are still here!

Sermons preached on five Sundays at 0800 and 1030.

Home visits with Holy Communion – estimated at 30 to 40 in the year.

Both Readers are serving on the new PCC sub-committee for Mission and Evangelism.

Time is moving on and we seem to get older every year! So does this type of service to God's people appeal to you?

Teter Gittins

b) BELLRINGERS

Young and old, can work together to externally announce the presence and the life of the Church. Normally, we ring from 10.00-10.30am on Sundays and our practice night is on Fridays from 7.30-9.00pm.

The bells rang out for the majority of Sunday Services, special Services and weddings over the year. My thanks go to all our ringers for their support over the year, particularly to Jim Wharton, who makes sure that the clock is wound up each week, before we start ringing on Sundays.

Twelve quarter peals were rung during the year and this total was the most quarter peals rung by any tower in Lancashire. Nine of the quarters were in memory of thirteen St. Annes residents, to mark the respective centenaries of their deaths in the First World War. We will continue to ring for the WW1 fallen during 2016.

I am delighted to report that several volunteers have come forward to have a go at ringing and good progress is being made, such that we will start seeing the benefit of this for Service ringing during 2016.

Stuart Newton Tower Captain (Tel 01253 725958)

c) CHOIR

During the past year our Parish Church Choir has led the music for our services worship. We continue to develop our repertoire of carefully selected music throughout the liturgical year, adding motets from The Renaissance Period through the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries through to anthems by contemporary composers. We sing Choral Evensong on the first and third Sundays of each month, with sung psalm, canticles and anthems and on the third Sunday: Benediction for which we sing beautiful motets.

We prepare music for festival and week-day and special services and frequently at weddings. For the third time, we joined with Heyhouses School and Heyhouses Community Choir for our very own 'Three Choirs Festival' in October 2015 at which we performed a range of some of our favourite choral works.

Thank you to every member of our choir for their personal contribution and devotion to this very important aspect of our worship. Rehearsals are such a joy; not only are we able to prepare wonderful music but have such joy in so doing!

We are particularly delighted to have welcomed three new members to our ranks in recent months. If you might like to know more about our choir, please come and ask. A warm welcome always awaits anyone who might wish to consider joining us!

Alistair MacKenzie Director of Music

d) ALTAR SERVERS

The number of altar servers is slightly down from 27 to 25 this year, with 9 adults and 16 children currently on the list. Sadly there have been no recruits from the latest Confirmation group (apart from the two who are already servers), but there remains a good stream of enthusiastic volunteers from the Children's Church, for some reason at the moment mostly boys (for a change).

I would like to say special thank you's to Tim Smith, Michael O'Leary, Vivian Park, Hal Meakin Michael Stevenson and John Edwards. Tim has shared duty with me for the Sunday 8am service and also shares sacristan duties. Michael, Vivian, Hal, Michael and John generally cover Evensong including Benediction as well as providing valuable support at other services. I would also like to thank Vivian and Kath Hall for serving at weekday Eucharists.

I would like to thank our other Eucharistic Ministers who have stepped into the serving breach at short notice on a number of occasions, though I am pleased to say that such last minute requests have been less frequent than previously.

Many thanks are also due to Vivian Park and Margaret Hill for their important work of washing altar linen.

Tim and I also deal with the ordering and management of sacristy supplies, which cost approximately £2,200 in 2015. I am pleased to report that by some careful shopping around we have been able to save some £180 in 2015 compared to previous years.

Finally I would like to thank my wife for her continued support and for the important work of washing and ironing albs (not to mention altar cloths).

Serving gives a special insight into the way our worship is conducted, which hopefully strengthens the foundations on which our faith is built. It is therefore especially appropriate as an aid to nurturing the faith of all both young and old. New servers of any age are always welcome and anyone with an interest should speak to me at church or phone me at home.

Gerald Wilson Head Server

e) FLOWER GUILD

The flower ladies have had a fairly busy year. Out of 42 Sundays, 27 were covered by donations for flowers.

Ill health was a feature last year, Hazel having surgery on her foot, Jos suffering with shoulder, knee and hip problems and Jennifer having a viral infection that laid her low over Christmas. Thankfully, everyone has recovered and we are all fit and raring to go for Easter this year.

Val Streule has joined our group and will begin working with us at Easter. We are grateful for the extra help and are looking forward to expanding our team. There is always room for more people, whatever your level of expertise. Have a word with me or Jos and you will be very welcome to join our little crew.

Brenda Lyon

f) BAPTISM WELCOMERS

Over the past year we have welcomed 33 baptism candidates and their families to our church.

Baptisms take place on the 2^{nd} Sunday of the month at 12.15pm and the 4^{th} Sunday at 10.30am and 12.15pm.

My grateful thanks to all the ladies who give up their valuable time to help with this worthwhile part of our ministry. If it is to continue we urgently need more people to join our team, especially at 12.15pm. For more information please have a chat with me.

Kathryn Baker

g) BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

It has been another busy year of delivering Baptism Anniversary Cards to children who have been Baptised in St Annes Parish Church over the last four years. Like the candle given on the day of the Baptism, it is a reminder of the child's Baptism and a good way of keeping in touch with the families.

Baptism Anniversary Cards are sent out to children under 5 years of age (except when two siblings are Baptised together - one under 5 and one over 5 - when cards are delivered to both), to celebrate the first three anniversaries of their Baptism.

The Mothers' Union have been sending out the cards since May 1995. The cards are bought by the Mothers' Union at a cost of 20p each and are mainly delivered by hand to save on postage.

Over the past year, 48 (1st Anniversary Cards) 41 (2nd Anniversary Cards) and 39 (3rd Anniversary Cards) have been delivered.

With the 2nd Anniversary Card, an Information Booklet with details about Nursery Praise, Children's Church, the Sunday Eucharist and our Babies and Toddlers Group plus telephone numbers for Father David, our Church School and Nursery and the Parish Office is enclosed, to encourage the family link to continue after their child has been Baptised.

I have enjoyed delivering the cards over the last year and I am pleased to be able to continue the good work done by others before me, to maintain a link between the Church and the children who have been Baptised and their families.

Rosemary Pickles

h) BEREAVEMENT VISITORS

During 2015 Father David conducted 35 funeral services, some taking place in Church before continuing at the Lytham Crematorium Chapel or at the graveside. Fr. Stuart Dobson also conducted a couple of funerals and we are so sorry that his health prevented him from continuing with us.

A number of well remembered members of our church family sadly had their funerals in 2015. Early in the year we had the funerals of Joyce Jones, Brenda Pilkington and the irrepressible Dorothy Garside. Towards the summer we lost Margaret Dawson-Campbell and Ross Simpson and then Geoffrey Ecclestone, all very memorable people.

Later in the year we lost Alan Topping, a much revered long standing member and stalwart of our church and then towards the end of the year two lovely ladies sadly died, Muriel Wild and Rosemary Smith.

Throughout the year Howard Gent and I have visited the bereaved families who live locally and taken them the Parish Magazine which lists the name of their loved one. If the next of kin live away we usually post a magazine to them and reassure them that they are in our thoughts and prayers at such a sad time.

When bereaved families attend Church we really feel that it is good to be able to support them in our prayers and with our fellowship.

The recently bereaved are remembered at Harvest time when they receive a gift and prayer card, through the generosity of the pupils from Heyhouses School.

Families are invited to the All Souls Service of Remembrance when they are invited to place a lighted candle in memory of their loved one.

They are also invited to put the names of their loved one on a star which is hung on one of the Memorial Trees at Christmas.

We tell people about our Book or Remembrance in Church and also about the opportunity to have ashes buried in the special Garden of Remembrance in the Churchyard and the deceased's name engraved on the plaque.

Howard Gent and Christine Buckley

i) CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church is led by Jeni Cryer and meets weekly, except for Parade Sundays when we are in church. Children's Church does not meet during the main summer holidays, but there have been requests from parents for something to be put in place.

There are 60 children on the register, with 51 having attended more than once.

Attendance has been relatively stable, with an average of 18 children attending each week. 15 children have an attendance rate of 50% or above.

10 of the children also serve regularly.

The children take part in a wide variety of activities from colouring to games and treasure hunts. We are following the structure from 'Living Stones'.

Prize giving took place in July 2015, with the children being rewarded for good attendance with certificates and book vouchers.

The children went to the Pantomime in December 2015 to see Snow White. 59 people attended.

A number of the parents help with snacks etc, but there is no formal system in place.

We need more leaders to be involved in the running of Children's Church.

Jeni Cryer

j) NURSERY PRAISE

MEETINGS

There have been 10 meetings of Nursery Praise during the year for pre-school children, with an average attendance of 23 (10 to 35 at each meeting). Heyhouses Nursery and Shepherd Lodge Nursery have been regular attenders. Meetings are normally held on the third Tuesday of each month but omitting August and December.

PROGRAMME

The Nursery Praise afternoons have continued with the same pattern as in previous years.

The children ring the church bell, we light a candle, sing a song and then listen to two stories. The first story is about `Teddy Bear` but it is related to the bible story which follows. After another song and a prayer the children enjoy craft and eating pieces of fruit.

STAFFING

Mary Gittins oversees Nursery Praise and prepares much of the craft work. Mary is very grateful to all her helpers including Joyce Partington who left in July. Lorna Bamber has come to help, particularly with craft work and Angela Astley provides and prepares the fruit pieces for the children. Anne Cooley attends when possible and the children very much enjoy her storytelling and the visual aids that she brings with her. We are also very grateful to Christine and Norman Buckley who help to set out the chairs and tables before the meeting, and to the `Wednesday Men` who put them away.

FINANCE

Nursery Praise receives £50 from the Mothers Union and Mary has also been able to request additional funds from the Treasurer as required. The money covers materials for craft and for coloured pens, scissors glue etc.

Mary Gittins

k) MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church has just had another very successful year with an average of over 20 children every month and sometimes up to as many as 43 children attending.

We have covered many themes for example Light of the World, Harvest, Epiphany, Advent and Moses to name a few. The children have enjoyed the various crafts followed by a story and prayer with Fr. David and ending with a light meal.

I would like to thank my hardworking team, Kathryn Baker, Liz Currie, Amanda Wiseman and Chris Bell-Smith for their dedication and wonderful ideas. Also Craig Harris for all the food each month and our younger helpers Zara Harris, Amy Wiseman and Sasha Bell-Smith.

It is always a pleasure to see so many children in church enjoying themselves and learning all about Bible stories. Long may we continue.

Carlla Harris Messy Church Co-ordinator

1) CELL OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Our pilgrimage this year to Walsingham from 7th to 10th September was well supported albeit there were two late cancellations including Gerry Stokes, whose recovery to health was very

much in our prayers and for which we now offer grateful thanks. There were 25 pilgrims altogether; about half from our own parish augmented by others from St. Nicholas, Fleetwood, St John the Evangelist, Lund, and elsewhere plus two additional coach passengers. Once again we tried a new en route lunch stop, this time the NT property at Clumber Park, where we were also able to celebrate mass together in the iconic GF Bodley chapel. As Tuesday was the Birthday of Our Lady there was a Sung Pilgrim Mass in the Shrine Church that day, allowing us to plan a full day excursion on the Wednesday to Norwich, where we were able to tour the cathedral, have lunch, explore the ancient city and finally visit the Church of St Julian of Norwich, where the vicar, Fr Christopher Wood, gave us an excellent talk about St Julian, before celebrating mass for us in the lovely church. Once again the pilgrimage was a time of great fellowship and spiritual and physical refreshment and was enjoyed by all.

Earlier in the year on the Feast of Candlemas the Cell had organised the coach trip to York for the consecration of Fr Philip North, a former Administrator of the Shrine, as Bishop of Burnley. Despite a few delays en route we arrived just in time to enjoy a wonderful service followed by the opportunity for lunch, shopping and sightseeing in the beautiful City of York. A surplus of £94 was passed over to the Parish.

Once again the Cell supported the Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage this time by sponsoring two young people as our "god-children". It is very pleasing that members of our congregation (not all of whom are Cell members) also personally sponsor this very worth-while cause, such that we sponsor some six or more teenagers in total. In return sponsors received very touching postcards in acknowledgement from those sponsored "godchildren".

We also support the Parish by sponsoring the Lady Chapel light and have recently purchased and donated a new stainless steel thurible to replace the rather battered brass one.

As usual members of the Walsingham Cell have continued to support the spiritual life of the Parish, not only by attendance at the monthly Walsingham Cell mass but by their attendance at the daily Eucharists on other days of the week and support to Evensong, especially on the third Sunday of the month, when the service is concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

All cell activities are open to all who own the faith of Jesus. Everyone is welcome to cell activities, particularly mass in the Lady Chapel on the last Saturday of the month and pilgrimage to Walsingham this year between 12th and 15th September 2016 (costing £230- £240 dependent on numbers). Also we observe the usual feast days of Our Lord and his Blessed Mother and like to enjoy a time of refreshment and fellowship afterwards.

Further information on Cell activities is available from Fr David, Kath Hall, Gerald Wilson, or Howard Gent.

Cell accounts for November 2014 to October 2015 were independently examined by the PCC Treasurer, accepted by the Cell AGM on 29th January 2016 and are enclosed in the APCM pack.

Gerald Wilson Pilgrimage Organiser & Treasurer

m) BABIES AND TODDLERS

This group meets on a Wednesday afternoon during term time. It enables parents, carers or grandparents to bring pre-school children to play and mix together in an informal environment whilst they chat and have a drink and biscuit. We regularly have between 10 and 18 children. As well as a variety of toys we have a craft table with PlayDoh or colouring and collage, also a table with books and jigsaws. The summer and Christmas terms closed with a party. Father Christmas visited the Christmas party and gave each child a small present. Many thanks go to Roy Finden who very kindly acted as Father Christmas this year.

We are very grateful to Rosemary Pickles and Brenda Holt who very kindly help us each Wednesday. If anyone else is willing to help on an occasionally basis we would be very grateful.

Mary Roberts and Kathryn Baker

n) PILGRIMS COFFEE STOP

In February 2016 we celebrated our first birthday. Pilgrims meets every Monday morning from 10 - 12 noon. We have a very select, generous and loyal clientele and have been able to hand over money in excess of £700 toward refurbishing the Parish Rooms. The atmosphere is friendly and quite lively on occasion. The coffee is good and a lot cheaper than the major chains on the high street. Everyone is made very welcome, and hopefully we will be able to expand our seating capacity this year. We look forward to seeing you.

Brenda Lyon

o) MOTHERS' UNION

The theme for the Mothers' Union during 2015 was "United in Prayer". As a Christian organization we believe strongly in the power of prayer, privately, at our meetings and through our Mothers' Union Prayer Circle and the Wave of Prayer.

The year began with our Fund Raising Auction. We always try to send a contribution to the overseas projects of which there are many. We often join with other branches in our Deanery at Fund Raising events such as the Rainbow Sale held in March at Wesham Church. Each branch sold items on their stall of a particular colour, ours was yellow and we had fun and made over a £100. Overall the event raised nearly £1400 which was sent to the Diocese.

The Deanery Festival was very successfully held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham last June. Later in July a Diocesan Day was held at St. Paul's, Fairhaven. There were guest speakers giving us lots of information about the ongoing projects around the Diocese as well as projects helping overseas refugees and the relief funding in many areas of Africa and Asia.

Sadly Parnal Rothwell died last September and though she had been unwell for some time she had continued as Diocesan Secretary, a post she had held since 1991. As well as positions within the Diocese, Parnal had been elected to the Central Unit for Finance and Services at Mary Sumner House. She will be greatly missed.

Thankfully Elizabeth Carey has very successfully continued as our Deanery President since she and her husband Fr.Donald Carey moved from Ansdell to Kirkham on his retirement, long may she continue.

We also enjoyed the Quiet Evening at St. John's, Lund, in March, the Indoor Members' Tea at Warton in June and the Deanery Carol Service in December at St. Michael's, Kirkham. At these events it is always good to meet members from the other branches.

With Fr. David we held our AGM as usual in February but not the Wave of Prayer as this was held later on the 21st October. We therefore held a Wave of Prayer service in the Lady Chapel and happily Fr. Stuart Dobson was able to join us.

At our meetings we had a Plant Sale as well as hearing some excellent presentations on various topics. In April Ann McCarthy took us to the Holy Land. In September Fiona Wilson told us about the" Lytham Archives" a fascinating topic, and then in October Karen Kay transported us wonderfully to India.

In November Stephen Watson demonstrated Origami which was most enjoyable.

We always try to have an Outing and last May we took a Barge Trip on the Lancaster Canal and enjoyed an excellent afternoon tea.

In July we met at the Lindum Hotel for our Summer Dinner and in December we celebrated Christmas at the Clifton Park Hotel, with Father Christmas, both most enjoyable occasions.

I am very grateful to the work of the M.U. members throughout the year. Mary Gittins with her helpers runs the Nursery Praise every month doing wonderful work. Rosemary Pickles has been our Baptism Visitor delivering special Anniversary cards to families for three years following their Baptism. We think that this is most important for families to feel the love and concern of Church and we hope they feel a continuing connection with us. Christine Barrow has also been our Goodwill Visitor, delivering cards to MU members on special occasions, Birthdays, Anniversaries and sadly Bereavements. Sue Foster has kindly organised the distribution of our M.U. News, a quarterly magazine, a task she has done excellently for many years and also acted as Assistant Treasurer. Many thanks to Mary Roberts our Literary Secretary and holder of our M.U. stock of merchandise.

I would really like to thank our Committee Members whose friendship and support makes our M.U. such a happy branch. Rosemary Pickles has been my excellent Deputy throughout 2015. Jean Lister has done fantastic work as our Treasurer. Kath Hall is our wonderful member of the Deanery Prayer Circle, Sylvia Horner has been our excellent Secretary and Jennifer Oldfield has been a really good Catering Manager.

Mothers' Union like to get involved in Church Life throughout the year, walking in the Carnival Procession, exhibiting a Tree at the Tree Festival, preparing Mothering Sunday Posies and Christingle Oranges and organising Christmas Gifts for the Oak Tree Centre.

At the end of 2015 our membership has dropped as a couple have moved away and sadly a number passed away, Dorothy Garside, Rosemary Smith, Muriel Wild and Janet Andrews.

Our thoughts and prayers are always with our sick and Indoor Members and those unofficial exmembers who are remembered fondly and not forgotten.

Christine Buckley Enrolling Member

p) MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Many activities took place in the den of the Parish Rooms over this last season, all under the leadership of our popular Scot, Colin Miller, who just happens to be a super chef who prepares a delicious meal assisted by Peter Duke for each event.

Our Christmas dinner was held at a new venue this time, at the Glendower Hotel. They provided a good meal - a welcome change from our episodes of the various golf clubs. As usual all the drinks were donated by our President, Tom Westall BEM, now in his 93rd year.

One of the highlights was the "Burns Night" piped in the haggis. A good night, great meal, all topped off with a wee drop of the Scotch whisky.

All the events that took place were reported and appeared in the monthly magazine "Influence" assisted by the cooperation of efficient office staff in Pam Kinghorn and Kathryn Baker.

Was good to see our Vice Chairman, Les Hall, who has recovered from his serious operation.

Our finances are in a healthy situation thanks to Gerry Stokes.

All the events are well supported and have the approval of all the committee of Stewart Brown, our Chairman, and the rest of the team, Jed Bird, Les Hall, Gerry Stokes, our super organiser and chef Colin Miller, and President Tom Westall BEM.

Gevry Stokes Treasurer

q) "INFLUENCE" MAGAZINE

The new format has now been in print for three years and the response has been good. There are the regular parish news items plus information of events, but we are always looking for new articles including those which involve the wider community. Articles can be sent to stannesparishmag@gmail.com. A copy of the magazine is also posted on the website, thank you to Monica Hollows for her time in uploading the magazine each month.

We are grateful to all the advertisers and ask our parishioners to support them.

It is encouraging that so many people Gift Aid a donation to church instead of buying the magazine, this brings additional funds to the church.

Thank you to everyone who delivers the magazine and to the Outreach Working Party who deliver to additional areas on special occasions Easter, Harvest & Christmas. Our special thanks to Kathryn Baker and Pam Kinghorn who, with a small team, copy and collate the magazine each month, to Richard & Kathryn Baker who proof-read the final copy and Harry & Margaret Wincott who sort the magazines ready for delivery.

Denise Brown Editor

r) WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Website: www.stannesparishchurch.org



www.facebook.com/StAnnesOnSeaParishChurch

The parish website has undergone regular updates in 2015, with the Influence magazine published online every month and 23 news items highlighted on our news blog. Our website had 9,548 visits by 7,323 unique visitors during 2015. As in 2014, we had a noticeable increase in website traffic on the run up to Easter and Christmas.

The table below shows the year-on-year increase in traffic to our website:

Year	Visits	Unique Visitors
2015	9,548	7,323
2014	7,687	5,675
2013	7,056	5,388
2012	6,542	4,739
2011	4,864	3,572
2010	3,083	2,138

Our top 10 most visited website pages in 2015 were:

- 1. Blog News page
- 2. Contact Us page
- 3. Parish Rooms page
- 4. Who's Who page
- 5. How to Find Us page

- 6. Regular Services and Church Opening Times page
- 7. Our Parish and Church (history) page
- 8. Picture Gallery page
- 9. Charity Christmas Tree and Art Festival page
- 10. Weddings page

Our Facebook page continues to grow and now has 165 "Likes" or followers. The most popular posts have been in relation to our work on WWI and WWII remembrance. The way Facebook works means we have reached almost 2,000 people with some of these posts. If you have a Facebook account don't forget to check out our page and "Like" us and please like and share our posts too! The more people like/share/comment on posts the more we spread the word amongst people in the Facebook world. (If you are not on Facebook you can still view our page, you don't need to set up an account to do this.)

Suggestions for additions/changes to our website and our Facebook page are always welcome, just send an email with the details to monica.r.hollows@btinternet.com.

Monica Hollows

III COMMITTEES & SYNODS

a) LAND, BUILDINGS AND PARISH ROOMS COMMITTEE CHURCH BUILDING

During January the roof tiles that had blown off during the recent gales were replaced.

Mr. Gordon Strain our church architect announced he was retiring and he could not do any more work for us due to legal reasons. Mr. Peter Boyd of Mellor Architects was appointed to take his place. His first job was to oversee the infilling of the exterior door and plastering in the store room. Then he was instructed to conduct the quinquennial survey of the church building. This report has now been received and we anticipate some of the work will be undertaken in the new year.

Additional equipment for the telecommunications has been added in the bell ringing room.

Pipe work from the boiler in the store room has been extended to enable heating in the choir vestry. The store room has been painted and fitted out with new cupboards, work tops, sink and shelving.

A new church heating boiler was fitted by Dugdales of Cleveleys and we anticipate this will be more efficient.

CHURCH YARD

The Wednesday Men continue to keep the church yard clean and tidy, including making safe any grave stones which have become a health and safety issue.

An accident which resulted in severe damage to a boundary wall panel at the Headroomgate Rd. entrance was repaired by Fylde Borough Council who are responsible for the upkeep of the boundary wall. The Council also continue to keep the grass cut in the grave yard.

Estimates have been received for the repair to the silt trap and sinking church path. This is to be addressed in 2016.

2 VICARAGE CLOSE

This is leased to Alistair McKenzie and family.

Eric Roberts Chairman

b) PARISH ROOMS COMMITTEE

Work carried out in the Parish Rooms last year:

- The chimney was removed.
- The fire escape from the hall was repaired.
- Roller blinds were fitted in the hall.
- The wooden floors in the Hall and Room 2 were sanded and re-polished.
- General electrical maintenance carried out.
- Glass was replaced in the windows in Room 2 and on the stairs.

The present Parish Rooms Committee have not been operative for a full twelve months. The committee was re-formed/reorganised when Father David suggested that one churchwarden should look after the Church and the other the Parish Rooms.

At the first meeting, held on 19th October 2015, we discussed the purpose of such a committee and concluded that the Parish Rooms was a part of our church that offered the wider community a place to meet and fulfil their dreams of dancing, being part of the Girl Guide movement, a meeting room for the Ormerod Home Trust, self defence groups, the Operatic Society or the meeting place for many others. On taking a census we discovered that approximately fifteen hundred people use our Parish Rooms weekly.

Roy Finden was appointed the Fire Officer and I am pleased to report that since doing so Roy has worked with Kathryn in the office to have Fire Escape notices printed and I can report that these are now all in place. Roy also instructed the caretaker to test the Fire Alarm weekly, this is now done every Monday morning before nine o'clock.

Brook Wimbury, the Parish Rooms Manager for the past five years, tendered his resignation with effect from 17th November 2015. A new non live-in caretaker, David Magee, was appointed at the end of November to work 25 hours a week as required.

At the next meeting we met in the Parish Rooms to inspect the premises and prioritise what we considered needed doing and when.

There is a lot of work that needs to be done in the Parish Rooms, but once we get them up to standard I believe we will attract more hirers thus allowing us to support the church rather than the other way around.

We have an exciting year ahead.

Colin Miller Chairman

c) SOCIAL AND TREE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

During 2015 the Social Committee made a deliberate effort to not clash with the Project Committee's events so as to allow them to maximise fundraising for the Choir Vestry.

Social events during 2015 started in January with the annual Parish Dinner. It was a chance to dress up and dig out the Dinner Jacket and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

In August there was an excellent trip to Liverpool with most people managing to visit both cathedrals.

September started with a Heritage weekend with the opportunity to visit the war graves in our graveyard. There was a steady flow of people but we suffered from a publishing error that gave the wrong times.

There was a sponsored dog walk to support the Christmas Tree Festival. This raised a very respectable £170 despite the fact that only two dogs entered the event.

Lastly in September there was a well-attended and appreciated Harvest Social that raised £400 for the Church.

Harvest Festival itself was at the beginning of October with over 70 parcels being distributed among the local community.

Finally in 2015 there was the Christmas Tree Festival and Art Exhibition. The Festival was as spectacular as ever and despite a rocky start by being hampered by the terrible weather it raised £1,386 for the community charities and £1,867 for the church.

My apologies for any errors and omissions, particularly for the cheese and wine evening at the vicarage which I don't have the date for.

Teter Duke Chairman

d) OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Outreach Committee's purpose is to promote the Church and communicate, to the congregation and wider community, events at St Annes Parish Church. In this way the profile of the church is raised.

In 2015 this was achieved through Church Services, 'Praise on the Prom', the Charity Christmas Tree Festival, Pilgrim's Coffee Stop, posters, notice-board, numerous publications where we are mentioned and advertise services and events, our bookstall, website, Facebook, 'Influence' magazine, Heritage Open Days, 'Brothers in Arms', St Annes Carnival, Concerts, Bell-Ringing, and the many Church organisations and groups which nurture and promote the Christian faith. This has also been a particularly good year for coverage of our activities in the Lytham St Annes Express.

It was with great pleasure that, as I was celebrating Christmas in Yorkshire with my family, I read on our Church website the following entry from Father David:

"Amazing Crib Mass; we filled the Nave, then we filled the choir stalls, then we filled the Lady Chapel, then we brought in all our extra chairs and still many had to stand. Estimated 350-400 in Church."

Clearly we must be promoting St Annes Parish Church in a positive manner. It would be good to see those numbers on a weekly basis!

Finally I would like to thank most sincerely the members of this committee and the many members of our Parish Church who work so hard and give freely of their time to help us achieve our aim. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Susan McMahon Chairman

e) PROJECT COMMITTEE

2015 was an excellent year for the Project Committee; it was to be our final push to raise the amount we needed to have the choir vestry refurbished.

There were plenty of events organised, including the Lidun Singers and an afternoon of Recitals performed by Alistair MacKenzie. We had the Pampered Chef evening in the back of Church and our third annual Thee Choirs festival, once again enjoyed by all. Cork Jacket and Drill performed a most entertaining performance, relaying the story of the lifeboat disaster. My favourite had to be the summer trip on a vintage bus to the Midland Hotel in Morecambe, where we all enjoyed a guided tour around the Hotel and a scrumptious Afternoon Tea. A huge thank you to John Edwards who gave his time and his coach to make this happen. Last but not least, a big thank you to Brenda Lyon for running the monthly market stall, this has been a lovely

addition to the Sunday Service each month and brings people together and also to Pam Kinghorn for arranging to Christmas Puddings, people have commented on how good they are.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the Committee for their commitment, enthusiasm and their time.

Caroline Bird Chairman

f) KIRKHAM DEANERY SYNOD

Based on our Electoral Roll numbers we have three representatives on Deanery Synod, namely Peter Gittins, Patricia O'Beirne, and myself.

Overall it has been a difficult period for the Deanery with stress problems affecting several clergy as well as the well publicised problems at Freckleton. However, on the positive side at the present time all clergy vacancies have been filled with the appointment of Ann Wood as HfD Priest at St John the Divine, the appointment of Fr J-P Sanderson as Assistant Curate at Warton/Freckleton, the arrival of Rev Nicholas Wells at St Cuthbert's, and the imminent arrival of Rev Paul Bye at St Paul's, Fairhaven.

Early in 2015 Bishop Julian appointed a permanent Area Dean in the person of Rick Bundy, vicar of St Michael's, Kirkham, and he was collated in a Deanery Evensong on February 8th 2015. Two days later on 10th Feb he chaired his first Deanery Synod. Having introduced himself, he said that a priority must be to halt the decline in church attendance. Members of Synod then exchanged views on strengths and weaknesses in their parishes.

Following that there have been the following subsequent meetings of the Deanery Synod: 22^{nd} July 2015 at Christchurch, Treales, and 6^{th} October 2015 at St Cuthbert's' Lytham. In addition there was an open Deanery meeting at Christchurch, Wesham, on 24^{th} Feb 2016 on Vision 2026 and the Crossroads Diocesan Mission scheduled for 8^{th} - 11^{th} September 2016.

At the Treales meeting there was lively discussion on how we could attract more people to faith. Joanne Gould, Wesham Christ Church, informed Synod that she was starting a Christian Fellowship Group at Carr Hill School in Kirkham. Elections were also made to the new Diocesan Synod: Fr David Lyon was elected as a member of the House of Clergy, while Gerald Wilson stood down after nine years. A working group was also set up to develop the actions from the Deanery Plan.

At the Lytham meeting there was discussion of the Diocesan Vission, "Vision 2026", coupled with reconsideration of the Deanery Plan, now two years old. The Synod supported the call of Vision 2026 to prioritise work amongst children in order to raise up a new generation for Christ. It was felt that much good work was already being done in the parishes in this area. The purpose of the Deanery Plan was to break down barriers between Parishes so that they can work together for Christ in mission and pastoral care. However it was acknowledged that people will always tend to relate to their local church rather than the wider Deanery.

As I have now done eleven years on Deanery Synod I feel that it is time to step down thus creating a vacancy for election at the APCM.

Gerald Wilson

g) BLACKBURN DIOCESAN SYNOD

As I am also a member of Diocesan Synod, to which I was re-elected by the members of Deanery Synod in July 2012, I am able to report the following on Diocesan Synod up to the July 2015 meeting at which point I stood down. However, at the Deanery Synod meeting of 22nd July 2015 Fr David was elected to Diocesan Synod, so subsequent meetings will be reported by him.

There have been five meetings since the start of 2015: 7th February 2015, 21st March 2015, 18th July 2015, October 2015 and 14th March 2016.

Diocesan Synod met on 7th February 2015 in a special meeting to discuss the Bishop's Vision for the Diocese. The meeting consisted of a presentation by Bishop Julian of the substance of the document, individual round table discussion groups, and finally plenary discussion. The Bishop said that the situation was critical and something had to be done to reverse the decline in church attendance and membership. He said that we needed to reinvent ourselves to make new disciples, witness to Jesus Christ and grow new leaders. Bishop Julian said that we needed to know the scriptures better with preaching, teaching and prayers being central to what we do and the making of new disciples. Generous giving would follow as a response to the generous grace of God towards us. Each church ought to have a regular enquirers' course and as witnesses to Christ each parish should consider a project that identifies and then seeks to meet a local need, which is not being met by others. A fruit of this action ought to be the establishment of new congregations possibly in a fresh expression of church. In terms of leadership the Bishop said that there needs to be more strongly evangelistic edge to leadership with serious work being done to encourage vocations with lay leadership encouraged. A key area of growth had to be with young people and each parish needs to identify how it can engage more effectively in the life of schools in the parish.

The new Bishop of Burnley emphasised to criticality of children and youth work by saying that 90% of Christians come to faith before the age of 21 and that we cannot afford to miss that opportunity. In another discussion it was emphasised that worship was our shop window and that high quality worship combining the best of both tradition and modernity was essential. One of the problems of Sunday morning was seen to be the multitude of alternative activities at that time. Services at other times should be considered, for example a vigil service on Saturday evening as the RCs do, or in other locations (eg an Asda mass was mentioned). Locked doors and lack of up to date advertising and notices were seen as turn-offs. In the group discussion someone said that in the emphasis on youth work the older people must not be forgotten, especially as they often have a vital role to play in bringing grand-children to faith. The special opportunity presented by Baptism Services in presenting the Christian faith to those who don't normally come to church was also mentioned.

At the March 21st meeting a presentation was given of the Baptisms and Funerals Project, a national initiative to attract more people to choose the Church of England at key moments on life's journey. In 2013 160,000 funerals were conducted in the Church of England, of which 4,300 were in the Diocese of Blackburn. These services bring many into contact with the Church and it is vital that we do all we can to build strong relationships with those for whom we care.

This Synod formally endorsed the Diocesan Vision previously discussed and work is now being done on implementing the Vision, taking into account the financial and staffing issues involved.

Finally there was a debate brought forward by the Lancaster and Morecambe Deanery asking Diocesan Synod to underwrite a motion to be debated at General Synod calling on the House of Bishops to consider producing some nationally commended liturgical materials (suitable for parish use) which would provide a pastoral response to the needs of transgender people for the affirmation of their new gender. Some felt that whilst not wishing to undervalue the importance of pastoral care for all, this was not timely. Others felt that this was an important matter and in the end there were 51 in favour, 16 against and 3 abstentions.

At the 18th July 2015 meeting Diocesan Accounts for 2014 were presented and accepted. They were complicated this time by the transfer in of parishes from the Bradford Diocese, which increased the value of diocesan landing and building assets by £2.2m, in the right direction but of theoretical benefit only. Parish Share collection stood at 89.2% compared to 90.6% last year and

a budget assumption of 91.5% and stipends had been raised 1.5% over the year. Board of Education accounts were also presented and accepted. The bottom line was that they need to make a £100k pa saving. At risk was the funding of youth chaplains in secondary schools and colleges. Many people spoke of the benefit of the work of these people, so alternative sources of funding need to be looked at.

An updated model Parish Safeguarding Policy was presented. Following comments from myself and others I'm pleased to say that the CCPAS model had been abandoned and a model very similar to what our Parish already has was being proposed.

Bishop Philip spoke about the way forward on the Diocesan Vision. In October 2015 there were to be six meetings around the Diocese to launch a year of preparation and prayer, to which each Parish was expected to send representatives. **Each Parish was also being expected to nominate a "Vision Champion".** In May 2016 there will be a Diocesan Visitation event at Preston Guildhall, which will include licensing of church wardens, and between 8th and 11th September 2016 there is to be the Crossroads Mission supported by the visit of 5 northern province bishops and a series of mission events, based in parishes and deaneries. More information about the Crossroads Mission and Vision 2026 may be found on the Diocesan website.

Gerald Wilson

Fr. David adds: at the meeting on 14th March 2016 the Diocesan Synod considered 'Vision 2026' the plan for growth across the parishes. Topics discussed included:

- How is Vision 2026 being received?
- Managing change in a secular and faith context.
- What support do parishes need to make change happen?

Fr. David Lyon

IV HEYHOUSES CE SCHOOL

a) NURSERY SCHOOL

For us 2015 was a really exciting year. This was the year we really settled into our new building. We increased our nursery team taking on additional staff to meet the needs of the nursery.

We are very grateful to the volunteers - 'Friends of Heyhouses Nursery', who work alongside staff to raise additional funding for nursery resources. We have also been supported this year with fundraising efforts by the TSB. They have helped us to purchase an outdoor classroom which is being used to develop literacy outside.

It continues to be a great delight and very encouraging to see many of our nursery children attending Sunday School as well as being involved in Messy Church. We also enjoy our visits to Nursery Praise each month and appreciate the work of Mrs Gittins and her team. We were also pleased to be part of the Christmas Tree Festival.

We are grateful for your help collecting the vouchers issued by local supermarkets. This support has enabled us to purchase more items than would be possible from our families alone.

Mr Westall continues to support us with his words of encouragement and regular visits and phone calls to nursery.

We thank you all for your support and prayers over the year.

Denise Brown

b) PRIMARY SCHOOL

No report submitted for 2015.

V ASSOCIATED ORGANISATIONS

a) WEDNESDAY MEN

This loyal team of volunteers has again done an excellent job during the last 12 months: this includes general maintenance and repairs in and around the church. The church paths and graveyard have been kept tidy. The bins are checked and sorted each week. The metal lattice gate at the front entrance has been painted.

We still urgently need more volunteers to help with this friendly team.

Eric Roberts

b) HANDBELL RINGERS

The Handbell Ringers started eighteen years ago by the Malkinsons and of the original group only Gerry, Patricia and Christine remain.

We would really welcome some new ringers from our church. We practice in the morning and realise that people still working are unable to join us. However, there may be some newly retired people who fancy having a go on the bells and we encourage them to try.

We have had a lovely group over the last year. Some ringers travel quite a distance to play with us and we were all very pleased to play during the Tree Festival last December.

We meet in the Choir Vestry on Wednesday mornings between 10-30am.and noon and only cancel if too many ringers are unable to attend. The dates of our meetings are displayed on the notice board in the vestry.

We always welcome new members.

Enquiries to Christine Buckley 728666 or Gerry Stokes 726524

c) 50-50 FUNDRAISING

Subscriptions for the year 2015 amounted to £6,081; prizes paid out £3,140, thus £2,941 paid to general Church funds. Many thanks to all for your support. We currently have 113 members; if you are interested in joining please contact Suzanne Newton (725958), Josie Wilkinson (727704) or Margaret Wincott (726397).

Margaret Wincott

d) ST. ANNES PARISH OPERATIC SOCIETY (SAPOS)

No report submitted for 2015.

e) 2ND ST. ANNES RAINBOWS

As previously, we have enjoyed a busy year and had a full unit throughout the time.

It has not been an easy year because 2 of the adult leaders had to leave us. As the only Guider I have been very fortunate to have an excellent unit helper, Katie, 2 young leaders, Elizabeth and Laura and a guide, Kathryn; without their loyalty and support I would have been forced to close the unit.

We are again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. We are hoping to collect enough vouchers to enable us to finance the materials we need to complete our badge work.

We will be having another year of learning and fun; my aim is to bring out the best in every Rainbow and at the same time show that we love them as does Father God.

Jean Lees – aka Moonbeam

Rainbow Guider - 01253 723630

Please 'phone if your daughter would like to be a Rainbow Guide

f) 2ND ST. ANNES BROWNIE PACK

We started the year by completing our World Guiding badge as it is Thinking Day in February, we learnt about various things including foods from other countries and the World Guiding Centres. The following term we completed our Home Skills Badge and we had quite an interesting evening where the girls cleaned various items including their shoes, we learnt about recycling and clothes care and the girls had to keep a diary for a week show how they helped at home. In April we ran a Bring and Buy Sale and Coffee and Cake Evening to raise funds for the new Kilgrimol Centre and the girls all gained their Hostess Badge for this. We started out Autumn Term by learning all about science and gaining the Science Investigators Badge. We had an evening of experiments and an evening of scientific games which the girls found great fun. In October we went to Oliver's Restaurant to learn about and make pizzas and our new brownies were enrolled after this. At the beginning of November we went to the Kilgrimol Centre for the weekend for out Great Brownie Bake Off themed Pack Holiday, certainly not a weekend for dieting. As we were close to home the girls who didn't want to stay over were able to join us on the Saturday for all the activities. We finished the year by learning how to keep our heart healthy and gaining the Healthy Heart Badge and also making crafts for Christmas including decorations for the tree in Church.

Sue Lees Brown Owl

g) 2ND ST. ANNES GUIDE COMPANY

No report submitted for 2014.

h) 7TH LYTHAM ST. ANNES (PARISH CHURCH) SCOUT GROUP

2015 was another constructive year for the 7th LSA Scout Group. More work was completed on the hut, which included new fire doors and windows. We are still raising money for a new floor, which is a major expense, but hope to have it laid by the end of the year.

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are all fully subscribed, but we are still looking for people to help out with all the groups and building maintenance.

We are always looking for fund raising ideas and have just re-launched the 100 Club, if you are interested in joining please contact James Parkinson on 07711478410 or email: jamesgparkinson@hotmail.co.uk.

We thank everyone for their support and we are looking forward to another exciting year for the 7th LSA Scouts.

All other contact information can be found on our new website www.ukscout.co.uk.

Thank you again for your support.

Faul Webster Chairman