

THE PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH HEATON
ANNUAL REPORT 2015

The Parish of Christ Church Heaton

in the Deanery of Bolton
and the Diocese of Manchester



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**Members of the Parochial Church Council
2015-2016**

*****VICAR AND CHAIRMAN**

Rev Janet French

*****ASSOCIATE PRIEST**

Vacant

*****READERS**

YEAR ELECTED

*****WARDENS**

Mr Andrew Minors

2012

Mr Harold Williams

2014

TREASURER

Mr Anthony Slack

*****GENERAL SYNOD REPRESENTATIVE**

Mr Geoffrey Tattersall

*****DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES 2014 - 2017 (NO VACANCIES)**

Mr Peter Ault 2014

Mrs Laraine Mason 2014

Mr William Nightingale 2014

Mr Adam Syddall 2014

Mrs Hazel Tattersall 2014

Mr Arnold Tyson 2014

ELECTED MEMBERS (NO VACANCIES)

2013-2016

Mr Stuart Barnes 2013

Mr Michael Ramsden 2013

Mrs Caroline Rodden 2013

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2014-2017

Mr David Bainbridge	2014
Mrs Alison Dickinson	2014
Mr Peter Hodson	2014
Dr Gai Murphy	2014
Mrs Stephanie Oakley	2014
Mr Gary Porteous	2014
Mrs Katrina Speakman	2014
Mr John Topolinski	2014

2015-2018

Ruth Syddall	2015
Aubrey Chapman	2015
Anthony Goulding	2015
Sharalyn Brackall	2015



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APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES FOR 2014 -2015

PCC CHAIRMAN (Ex Officio)

VICE CHAIRMAN

ASSISTANT WARDENS

Rev Janet French

Mr Andrew Minors

Mr Peter Chapman

Dr Raj Ariyaratnam

Mr Howard Entwistle

Dr Gai Murphy

TREASURER

PATRONAGE SCHEME SECRETARY

Mr Anthony Slack

Mr Andrew Minors

BOOK-KEEPER

Mr Anthony Slack

PCC SECRETARY

Mr William Nightingale

ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER

FREE WILL OFFERING SECRETARY

GIFT AID ADMINISTRATOR

Miss Victoria Tattersall

Mrs Hazel Tattersall

CLERK OF WORKS

CENTRE MANAGER

CHRISTIAN AID REPRESENTATIVE

Mr Stuart Barnes

Mr John Craggs

Mrs Pam Hodson

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE

SERVERS ADMINISTRATOR

EDITOR OF PARISH MAGAZINE

HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER

CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER

Jane Chapman & Julie Steele

Mr William Nightingale

Mrs Joanne Ramsden/Rev Janet French

Mr David Bainbridge

Mrs Pamela Knight

STANDING COMMITTEE

Ex-Officio:

**The Vicar, Churchwardens, PCC secretary
and Treasurer**

Elected by the PCC:

Mr Anthony Goulding (2011) PCC

BUILDING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman & Warden:

Mr Andrew Minors

Warden:

Mr Harold Williams

Ex-Officio:

The Vicar

Warden Emeritus:

Mr Peter Hodson

Treasurer:

Mr Anthony Slack

Centre Manager:

Mr John Craggs

Clerk Of Works:

Mr Stuart Barnes

Health & Safety Officer:

Mr David Bainbridge

Elected by the PCC:

Mr Aubrey Chapman (2009)

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VICAR'S REPORT

Staffing

We continue to have a vacancy of an Associate Priest for the Benefice. There were 2 informal visits in March but no interviews. Our Advert in Church Times was withdrawn in Sept at the request of the Archdeacon. As the vacancy neared 18 months, we needed to re-apply for permission to advertise. We heard in Nov that we had approval from the Deanery Mission and Pastoral committee. By late Dec we heard we had Diocesan permission. I have met with Archdeacon and Area Dean and the Archdeacon has spoken to each PCC. The Archdeacon recommends a Re-envisioning of the ministry of the post. We also had a vacancy of a Parish Administrator following resignation of Sharalyn; from October, the new administrator is Jocelyn Walsh who is steadily and capably taking over administrative tasks.

The Rev Alan Pierce joined us from March 2015 and The Rev Lynne Taylor from June - both on a similar basis to that of The Rev David Evans. We are very grateful for all these supporting retired clergy do for us. We meet together occasionally to discuss rotas, pray and eat together. Hugh, Reader Emeritus, continues to lead most of our Morning Prayer meetings and take some funerals. John Crosby, our ALM (authorised lay minister), is now pursuing training to possibly become an OLM (Ordained Local Minister). I have attended a couple of meetings at church house and some supervisory meetings with John. John is away on a training placement from Nov 2015 through to after Easter 2016.

Bible Studies

The Theology Book Club continues to meet monthly at the Vicarage, discussing the book 'Jesus through Middle-Eastern Eyes' by Ken Bailey. A monthly Bible study on Mark's Gospel is being run by Rev Alan Pierce.

Lent Talks ran on Wednesdays after the Communion service; Theme - Sounds of the First Holy Week. Over £100 was raised for the Guide Dogs. In November, Lyric the guide dog visited us after our Wednesday communion service and Heather gave us an informative account of their work and training.

Social & Fundraising

We initiated a Social Afternoon in November - dominoes, cards, coffee & cakes - raised £40; approximately 25 folk attended. We are beginning to think about our 2016 celebrations for our 120th anniversary; possible flower festival. Pancake Party enjoyed by all. Larry and I staffed Splat the Rat at the day 'Party in the Park' in June.

Mission

Our website was updated - <http://www.christchurchheaton.org.uk/> Special services and events are promoted; efforts to keep things up to date. Most events also on our FB page <https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchHeatonBolton>. In some months over a thousand people have seen something of our church on Facebook. Events may be promoted in other ways e.g. delivered local directories; other websites etc.

Messy church

With several helpers and a lot of support, we began running Messy Church. We have had two sessions so far, each was well attended. We saw some new people at each event. Children attend with their accompanying adult(s). In the Centre, there are various crafts, games and activities based around a theme. The theme is continued as we move into church for some songs and a Talk. We go back into the Centre for simple meal together. In July we cooked jacket potatoes for 65 and October pizza & chips for 45. Our themes were Prodigal Son & Good

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Samaritan respectively. The event is free but donations are welcomed. We are looking forward to our next session in February.

Youth

I have had several meetings with Susie Mapledoram, Diocesan Youth Officer, together with Harold. Susie has been to discuss matters with PCC, led an open meeting in June and a youth consultation. We are continuing to look at supporting our young people here at Christ Church.

Stewardship

We are grateful for the work done in our Trio stewardship campaign and the positive responses pledging an increase in giving.

Morning service - The red-9.30am service book is being reviewed.

Groups and Organisations; Deanery & Diocese

I was invited to speak to the MU at their AGM. I continue to be chair of the Women's Guild and president of MCC. I attend meetings and committees when possible. Guild - attended some meetings including AGM, Guild Lunch and coffee morning. MU - attended some meetings including Christmas meal. I hosted Heaton and Halliwell Ministers Lunch in the Centre in April. I attended The Players AGM. I did not re-stand for Diocesan Synod because of vacancies in Benefice; my last meeting was in February. I am still serving on Deanery Synod Standing Committee.

Archdeanery Meeting - I was one of a selection of clergy invited from across the Archdeanery to participate in a facilitated discussion about barriers to mission in our own locality and across the diocese. We realised there were many considerations and that working together across the diocese could enable us to attempt bigger projects.

Summit - I attended a day conference at Liverpool cathedral called to discuss progress on the UN development goals and how the church has related to them notably in relation to the role of women. The speakers gave us many facts and figures on key issues such as poverty, trafficking and violence against women and information local aid was shared.

Archdeacon's quinquennial visitation took place in March and a good report was received.

Magazine - In-between editors I took on the editorial tasks for four editions of the church magazine (Sept - ending with Dec 2015).

Confirmation - two groups were run in the autumn concluding with the Deanery Confirmation service in November at St Peter's Halliwell at which 8 candidates were confirmed - 4 adults and 4 young people.

2015 - Number of:

Weddings	9
Funerals church	19
Funerals Crematorium	18
Baptisms	25
Confirmations	8
Admission to Holy Communion	0 (<i>group running early 2016</i>)

May all who access our services find a welcome and all who associate with us through social media or our website find that we are a community serving our Lord.

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May Christ Church continue to be a blessing through its ministry to its members, the community and others.

Thank you to all who make Christ Church the place it is. Thanks be to God.
To God be the Glory.

Blessings

Janet, Vicar.

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL 2015

The Council met on six occasions in 2015. As usual the agendas for the meeting included a wide range of matters affecting the church locally, at Deanery and Diocesan level and also nationally.

Financial matters continue to occupy much of the agenda. The results of the TRIO Stewardship Campaign in 2014 have been monitored. The PCC is grateful of the increased giving by Parishioners in response to the campaign.

In consultation with the Diocesan Youth Officer, who visited the Parish on a number of occasions during the year, the PCC are looking to introduce a Youth Worker to the Parish in order to improve the activities we can offer our older children, in particular those of Secondary School age.

Other topics discussed included future Deanery and Diocesan plans for Parishes, staffing and buildings; the continuing maintenance of our church building, Parish Centre and gardens, and looking at the various charities we support as a church.

The PCC have been able to support our Authorised Lay Minister John Crosby as he trains for Ordained Ministry. It is however a disappointment that no appointment has been made to the post of Associate Minister in the Benefice. The PCC has met with the Ven David Bailey, Archdeacon of Bolton, to explore the way forward and the options we have available to us.

William Nightingale
Parochial Church Council Secretary

CHURCH WARDENS REPORT ON THE FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS OF THE CHURCH AND CHURCH PROPERTIES

Numbers in the congregation have stayed at a similar level to the previous year. The number of children attending one of our groups has increased. The number and type of services has been maintained throughout the year with Alan Pierce, Lynne Taylor and David Evans providing support to Janet

CHURCH BUILDINGS AND CONTENTS

The church building is overall in a good state of repair. The Archdeacon, following his visit in March, commented "the PCC are to be congratulated on their attention to the church building". The church is regularly inspected by us. Gutters and drain pipes have been cleaned out and some minor roof repair work carried out. In November a partial 'deep clean' of the interior of

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our church was carried out by volunteers from MCC. A full inventory of the contents of the church was completed and all items were present. There were persistent problems with the security alarm and so a new system will be installed early in 2016. Various small works identified in the last Quinquennial inspection have been carried out. Full insurance is held for all church properties and contents of the church and centre.

VICARAGE

No works were carried out to which the parish must contribute. A water meter has been installed which should reduce the of cost water supply by around £400 p.a.

CHURCH PROPERTIES

The properties on Markland Hill and Welbeck Road are now both let, the latter since March 2015 and the former let for the whole of 2015. We have good tenants from the wider church 'family' and both have 12 month leases expiring March 2016 and September 2016 respectively. Both properties are inspected regularly and are 'managed' by two members of PCC. Both properties are being kept in good order by the tenants. We have continued a programme of investment in the properties e.g. new lawn and paving at Welbeck, so that costs are spread and expenditure made when funds allow. The properties generate in excess of £12,000 per annum.

The land at Markland Hill continues to be let to the Scout Association. The terms of a new lease have been agreed and a draft agreement is being put together for approval. The Scout Association is a key part of the outreach and mission of the church. We are fully supportive of them and it is important that their presence is maintained.

CHURCH GROUNDS

Maintenance of our beautiful gardens remains a challenge. More garden tidying events were undertaken but unfortunately not that well attended. Nevertheless we are grateful to those who did lend a hand for their hard work. Some new plants were added. The gardens need to have ongoing maintenance and so options to achieve are being considered including use of the Community Payback scheme.

The annual leaf clearing by the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts was washed out on two occasions to the great disappointment of the Cubs etc. as they had been looking forward to pastie and peas! Thanks go to a member of the congregation who has moved a significant amount of leaves.

The land to the rear of our car park was purchased by a house builder and we await details of what is proposed and how it may impact on us.

Church Centre

The centre continues to be well used by church organisations and for one off events as well as outside organisations. Regrettably we have lost a couple of long term regular users and so income has dipped though we continue to get numerous enquiries. Refurbishment work and installation of a dishwasher in the kitchen was completed in February 2015.

New wall mounted notice boards were installed saving room in the hall and removing the need to move the wheeled notice boards. The Fire Exits in the hall have had breakable plastic seals put on them and access to the patio is now via the middle doors.

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Our grateful thanks go to the Centre Manager, the volunteers and cleaner who assist in the maintenance of the centre and keep it well presented.

SUMMARY

We are grateful for the support of the Assistant Wardens, Emeritus Wardens, Sidespersons, PCC members, leaders of organisations, Cleaners, Flower Arrangers and all who give so freely of their time to ensure the continued life of our church. We are also grateful for the support of retired clergy and the understanding, support and encouragement of the congregation.

Once again it has been an honour, a pleasure and a privilege to serve as Churchwardens of this beautiful church, Christ Church Heaton.

Andrew Minors
Churchwarden

Harold Williams
Churchwarden

March 2016

ELECTORAL ROLL

There are 380 names recorded on the Electoral Roll for 2015.

Victoria Tattersall
Electoral Roll Officer

GIFT AID

Although income, excluding legacies, saw an increase on 2014, disappointingly the Gift Aided income saw a slight fall. In the tax year to April 2015 there was a slight reduction in Gift Aid income from £78,901.60 to £76,749. This resulted in a decrease in the tax claim from £19,725 to £19,187. The tax claim of over £19,000 is a substantial amount and very important to our church's finances. I sincerely thank all those who have contributed and trust that they will continue with their financial support.

The Gift Aid envelopes in the pews are still proving to be successful. However, when completing the personal details on the blue envelopes please ensure that only the person who signs the declaration is named on the envelope. That said, it would be really helpful if people who make regular contributions via the blue envelopes considered using a standing order for their giving. Giving by standing order reduces the time and cost of dealing with cash and helps in the planning of the church's finances. It is likely that there are still some parishioners who are taxpayers and are not in the Gift Aid scheme and so I appeal to anyone in this situation to contact me (or the Vicar or Wardens) to maximise their giving. Conversely, if any Gift Aid donor has ceased to be a taxpayer then it is important I am informed. During the year there were no receipts from one-off appeals.

Peter Hodson
Acting Gift Aid Administrator

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FAIR TRADE

Our Fair Trade stalls on the first Wednesday and the second Sunday of the month have continued throughout 2015 and into 2016 as an established part of our Church calendar, with Fairground in Blackburn continuing to provide foodstuffs and cards each month and Justicia in Bolton providing a selection of unusual gifts for Christmas, Easter, etc.

Since May 2015 we have had Izzy Harper working with us as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award and we are delighted that she has agreed to continue to help us for the foreseeable future. We remain grateful to Lucie Wilson for her invaluable help with the Sunday stall.

Fairtrade Fortnight this year invited us to 'Sit down for breakfast, stand up for Farmers!' accompanied by the shocking fact that over 795 million people world-wide are under nourished - with the Farmers who provide the food for our tables falling into that category! As part of our campaign to raise awareness of this we held a Fairtrade breakfast between the 8.00am and 9.30am services on the Sunday at the end of Fairtrade Fortnight. This was voted a success by all who attended and raised over £82.00 in donations for Fairtrade. A huge thank you to those who set up, served and cleared away afterwards.

May we take this opportunity to thank those who organise the goods for sale, those who help to staff the stalls and clear away afterwards, and especially all those who purchase Fairtrade goods both here in Christ Church and elsewhere. Our small but significant contribution directly benefits an estimated 7.5 million people (farmers, workers and their families) in over 66 developing countries. Thank you.

Pam Hodson
Brian and Elsie Peel

CHRISTIAN AID

The theme for Christian Aid week in May 2015 focused on supporting women in some of the poorest communities in the world who are discriminated against in their efforts to provide a living for their children. This year ten people collected in 16 streets around the Parish, the Uniformed Organisations and Junior Church collected at the end of our morning services, and envelopes were circulated with Church magazines and hymn books to encourage as many people as possible to gift aid their donations. 49% of the money raised was gift aided this year, giving us the staggering total of £1361.25 to send to Christian Aid.

A huge thank you to everyone who was involved in the many tasks required to make this initiative such a success.

Pam Hodson

MAGAZINE

The sales of magazines are again down on last year, by £88.00. The advertising revenue is also down by £418.00.

We welcome Rachel Winstanley as both Advertising Secretary and Editor. We currently have 4 pages of advertising space to fill for 2016.

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We would encourage all Parishioners to take one complimentary magazine to any new neighbour in their area as a way of introducing themselves. We are once again trying to encourage Parishioners who pick up a single magazine each month to pay £6 in advance for the year.

The profit for the year ending 31st December 2015 is £1418.00 the closing balance is £9577.28.

I thank our many dedicated Distributors, Margaret Goudge (Distribution), Joanne Ramsden and Janet (Vicar) our Editors, Margaret Smith and Ann Haslam, who step in when we have taken a holiday. Also deserving of our thanks are Sharalyn Brackall and Jocelyn Walsh (in the office), Aubrey Chapman who checked the books, and the Parishioners for buying the magazine.

Stephen Goudge
Treasurer.

DEANERY SYNOD

Deanery Synod has met four times during 2015. At the first meeting in January, John Hughes spoke about Green Energy Co-operatives. He talked about a day organized at the Cathedral on Green Issues and said that children understand and want to be partners. Nearly all schools in the diocese are eco-schools but less than 10 parishes are eco-parishes. He posed the question: "Are we called to be hospice workers to a dying planet or midwives to a new creation?" He suggested that every parish should have a Green Apostle and do an eco-audit. In March, in view of the impending General Election the meeting focused on political issues. Andy Salmon talked of his political career, starting prior to going to theological college and standing as a candidate in the county elections. This was followed by a question and answer session with local councilors. This was Rodger Petch's last Synod as Area Dean and he was thanked for all he has done in the deanery over the last five years. In June we welcomed our new Area Dean, Vinnie Whitworth and the speaker was Phil Edwards, the Diocesan Reader Training Officer, who said that his job was to support readers in training. Stephen Hamer told us why he became a Reader and described what he did in the Parish. Carol Pharaoh concluded by speaking about vocations. The final Synod was held at St James's school. Tania Lewycky, the head, gave a presentation stressing the school's Christian ethos listing both its achievements and the difficulties it had faced and could face in the future.

Hazel Tattersall

CHILD PROTECTION CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

I took on the role of Child Protection Officer in the summer, taking over from Lucy Clark. As there were no records or paperwork to be found I took advice from the Diocese. It was agreed we should start from scratch in order to meet with Diocesan policy. I thank all those involved for their patience in having to do this!

Christ Church is now registered with the CCPAS (Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service) who oversee safeguarding procedures, with myself as Child Protection Officer.

All current volunteers attached to various church groups have completed a new online DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) disclosure, previously known as a CRB check, and I am currently processing a couple of application forms for prospective volunteers. Each volunteer has been

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given an updated copy of the Parish Policy and an example of Good Practice Guidelines issued by the Disclosure Service. We are now working on completing a Volunteer Agreement form with everyone. All references for each volunteer have been updated, and all are satisfactory.

It is important that prospective volunteers' details continue to be forwarded to me at the earliest opportunity as they must be registered, checked, and appraised in accordance with diocesan policy, prior to their appointment. In some instances a volunteer working with children, who is always with a DBS checked volunteer, may not need to be checked. All volunteers are considered individually, but we need to err on the side of caution with this, as I may have to justify why we did not consider a check to be necessary. Again, I thank you for your understanding in this matter.

I am satisfied that the requirements of the regulations are being met here at Christ Church.

Pam Knight
Child Protection Officer

CHOIR REPORT

The Choir leads the singing of Evensong each week and enjoys the reverence and quiet dignity of this service. In addition they also sing at the monthly 11.15.a.m. Sung Eucharist. They join with the Parish Church Choir to sing the Advent Carol Service in the Parish Church and are always pleased that so many of the congregation support them and derive so much from this service in the candlelight. The Choir also presents a service of 'Nine Lessons and Carols' assisted by readers from the church organisations.

The Choir undertakes special music for Passiontide and Holy Week. They again took part in the RSCM Music Festival, which was held at Chester Cathedral in October. This year there were a great many choristers of all ages singing Evensong. We are hoping to introduce a service of Common Worship Evensong which would be used occasionally.

The Choir maintains a high standard of choral part singing and this year we have been very pleased to welcome Adam and Ruth Syddall to our ranks. Whilst we are grateful for the help given by people who augment the Choir for Advent and Christmas, we still need new voices, who would be prepared to be involved throughout the year. This does not mean that new members would be required to be there every week but that a degree of loyalty would be expected.

Anyone interested please contact me.

John F. Balshaw.
Organist and Choirmaster.

SERVERS

I am fortunate to have been able to continue the tradition of our older children being Altar Servers here at Christ Church, Heaton for 20 years now. I am aware following conversations with local clergy over the years that many churches are unable to recruit new Servers or rely on a dwindling number of older children and adults and find replacement difficult.

During 2015 I was able to welcome Elspeth Harper to our team of Servers whilst we bid farewell and 'Thank You' to Victoria Mason and Eleanor Goulding. The team of Servers during 2015 were Alice Fletcher, Eleanor Goulding, Isobel Harper, Elspeth Harper, Emily Hodson, Michael Newton,

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William Nightingale, Victoria Mason, Issabelle Oakley, Jack Ramsden and Ben Turner. Hugh Morley, John Lockett, John Crosby and I have acted as Server at the 8am Holy Communion service on Sundays.

I am grateful to all the above named for all they have done during the years that they have been part of our team.

In October I informed the Vicar and Wardens that following 33 years of acting as a Server and leading the team since 1995 I wished to step down from my duties on Easter Day 2016. I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been part of the team of Servers and helped me during this time, your support has been much appreciated.

William Nightingale

CRECHE

The crèche meets during the 9.30am Family Communion Service and is for children from birth to 3 years old.

We have 17 children on our register with a core group of 8 families who attend very regularly. The children are encouraged to participate in activities such as simple arts and crafts, listening to stories, role play, singing and dressing up. We took part in the Sermons performance last summer singing our own song based on the two builders story, and joined in the older children's Christmas production where we dressed as spiders!

We try to gently introduce the simplest Bible stories and Christian values, as well as encouraging the children to be aware of and appreciate the world around them. Our main themes over the last 12 months included:

New life: we have been thinking about the seasons and how things change as we move from one season to another, dressing up in weather appropriate clothes and making snowy pictures. We looked for signs of spring and linked this into Easter. We made collages to remind us of the fun we all had over the summer and collected leaves to make Autumn tree pictures. We also had fun making Spring shakers decorated with animal stickers.

Thanking God for our families: this year we have encouraged the children to think about their families, especially around Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and Father's Day. We have decorated Valentine's pictures and made Mother's and Father's Day cards and did some role play where the children pretended to be Mums and Dads with the kitchen equipment and dolls/teddy bears. We also had a Teddy Bear's picnic to encourage the children to share with each other.

Katie Hodgkiss
Katie Dunne

YOUNG CHURCH 4 - 7 YEARS OLD

This year, as always, I included a major 'character' from the Old Testament for the children and this was 'Moses'. I do enjoy their reaction to these superb stories and this year, we particularly enjoyed the 'burning bush' and, of course, the plagues. These 'characters' from the Bible can easily hold their own among the modern heroes and heroines and in covering for me, Kate Hodgkiss asked the children for their Biblical 'super heroes' to match with Spiderman etc. I was delighted that Moses was included.

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I like to cover the miracles stories of Jesus and the vestry can become a tossing boat on Lake Galilee or a courtyard where a paralysed man can be lowered through the windows in the roof!

The Christmas presentation this year was the legend of Mary, Joseph and Jesus escaping Herod and travelling to Egypt and what happened on their journey. This was a story not well known and it was nice to be able to present it with the Holy family, soldiers, a robin and spiders plus the help of a lot of small spiders from the Creche. I never know just what will happen, as we do not have a rehearsal in the church and with the delight of the smallest of the Crèche joining us, again it was a special occasion. I am always very grateful to the parents who, at such a busy time, provide such fantastic costumes.

I would like to thank the older children who come out to the Vestry to help. I equally would like to thank Kate Hodgkiss and Sarah Butler, who cover for me. I would also thank the parents who come out with the children and help, and especially Catherine Walmsley who has been a major support to me for many years.

Janet Balshaw

YOUNG CHURCH - CENTRE GROUP

It is extremely encouraging that each week we welcome a huge number of children, usually between 40 and 45. Even on the one snowy Sunday 30 children were present. It is particularly gratifying that many teenagers still join us. They are a valuable example to younger children. We still remain committed to ensuring that our children are familiar with important Bible stories and the main Christmas festivals. We strive to use as many different ways as possible to ensure that the stories, their lessons, truths and message remain memorable and where possible we link them to their daily lives. One of our key messages, often emphasised and so often shown in the life of Jesus, is that we must always try to show kindness, compassion and to be helpful even to those who we don't always like. Jesus, we remind them, was always helping those in his society who faced challenging lives.

So how do we maintain their interest? They really enjoy activities such as drama, poems, stories, discussion, art work & puzzles etc. Much time and effort is required to ensure that we create valuable lessons.

In May we helped to raise money for Christian Aid by collecting change from the congregation as they left Church. Sermons Sunday was a huge success. The Vestry children joined the Juniors and all sang, with actions, two hymns based upon the theme of the House Built On The Rock and the House Built On The Sand. We maintained the tradition of dressing in white clothes for this event. Are we the only Church in the area to uphold this tradition? It seems so! The Christingle theme was approached with the same enthusiasm. Following the fund raising event in November we sang two hymns provided by The Children's Society. Some children read an account of a young teenager helped by the Society and other children read prayers suggested by the Society. A fitting conclusion to the wonderful total of £624 raised by leaders and Young Church families by holding a sale of second hand toys and holding a raffle. Thank you to all who supported this.

For two years now Pauline and I have been encouraging the children to bring a small item for the Grub Tub each week. It is a small gesture to help those less fortunate. Thank you to all who help and support us, especially to Pauline Cull my co-leader.

Julie Steele

Young Church - The group which meets in the Centre.

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CHRIST CHURCH ABC GROUP (ADULTS BABIES AND CHILDREN)

Christ Church ABC Group runs on Wednesday afternoons during school term time from 1.30pm until 3pm. Our ABC team now consists of Jane Chapman, Heather Lowe, Lesley Youngman & Janet Balshaw. Each week we encourage parents/carers to chat with each other and make new friends while the children play and participate in the craft activities and singing at the end of the session.

The ABC group has **36** families on the register this year, with an average of around **10** families attending the group each week. The weekly financial contributions from the families allow us to purchase refreshments and craft materials, replace & renew toys and equipment, and to make charity donations when possible. We have recruited one or two more helpers for our refreshments rota and remain extremely grateful to all our coffee bar helpers.

The summer and Christmas parties were, enjoyed by all Adults, Babies and Children. The cost of the Christmas party and gifts is covered by the weekly takings and a small contribution from the families. Several ABC group families attended the Crib service, after which ABC group provides the coffee and mince pies. Many ABC group families regularly attend services at Christ Church and are members of the Mothers Union; we feel privileged to provide a link between the local community and the church and very lucky to be able to maintain the tradition of having a group for Adults, Babies and Children at Christ Church.

Jane Chapman

MEN OF CHRIST CHURCH (MCC)

The MCC year followed the pattern of recent years in that no regular meetings were held but by taking part in or hosting various events we were able to maintain a presence in the life of the Parish.

As is customary the year began with the annual Renewal of Commitment at the 9.30 service at the end of January. On Shrove Tuesday the MCC helped provide the Pancakes at the annual Pancake Party and Quiz with an enthusiastic group manning the kitchen. It is hoped this event will continue to be part of Parish life. Shortly afterwards the MCC were again in the kitchen, this time running the Coffee Bar on Mothering Sunday.

Following on from previous years the MCC were pleased to be able to help put together working parties to carry out work in the church gardens. The weather was not always kind on the days that the parties worked. A small group also cleared the paths around the grounds on Sunday mornings following overnight snow

In October the Annual Dinner was held at Ridgmont House, Horwich and was a successful evening. We were pleased to welcome Rev Janet French along with a number of friends from St Margaret's. In November the Annual Joint Meeting of the MCC and Mother's Union took place, this year organised by ourselves. This meeting was as is usual well attended and we were given an excellent presentation by our Church Warden Harold Williams who talked about his life and work in Education.

William Nightingale
Chairman, Men of Christ Church

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MOTHERS UNION

During 2015, we were 'united in prayer' and we had another fun packed year full of great events, fund raising and prayer.

We have 70 members at CCH (including 2 indoor members) and we raised £850 for MU projects including local projects, we also donated the Baptism books to church which are presented to the families during the service. We hosted an enchanting afternoon tea in the spring which was enjoyed by many people. The daffodils were donated to us for the Mothering Sunday service by Shaws Funeral service and were presented at the various services on the day, plus we chose the hymns at the 9.30 service. We very much appreciate the people who join us in the vestry to bunch up 225 bunches of flowers and greenery, we have fun as we work! In July we had a very amusing talk from Father Michael Burgess at our Summer Supper and he shared many stories with us! At the beginning of December we hosted our Christmas evening with a delicious meal, we sang carols, and a number of people won prizes at our raffle.

During the year, we hosted a variety of branch meetings with many different and interesting speakers and in November we held a joint meeting with the MCC, we tend to have around 25 people who join us at our meetings, the more the merrier! Our knitting club has done brilliantly this year with some outstanding knitting, as well as blankets and clothes they have also knitted owls and an amazing nativity scene, the knitting is donated to Bolton Royal Hospital and FortAlice.

We have had a very successful 2015 and our events go from strength to strength. We thank Janet for her continued support as well as the support of our loyal members. It goes without saying that none of the above can be done without the hard work from the committee who ensure all our events are well organised and joyful for all those who attend. Prayer and Faith is at the heart of all we do - and we are truly blessed at CCHMU.

Caroline Rodden - Branch Leader

CHRIST CHURCH PLAYERS

Following the huge success of Off The Hook in 2014, the Christ Church Players' 2015 production of See How They Run, a farce rather aptly set in a vicarage, ran from 4th to the 7th February 2015 by kind permission of Samuel French Ltd and attracted four sell out audiences of 110 people each night of the run in addition to an overflow audience for one of the dress rehearsals.

This was the first year that the Christ Church Players had been a member of BATS (Bolton Amateur Theatre Societies) and, following a review by one of their adjudicators, the play, directed by Julie Steele, resulted in a number of highly coveted and prestigious nominations at the annual BATS awards ceremony in August 2015, including Best Comedy and two individual nominations for Brenda Griffiths in the categories of Best Newcomer and Best Actress in A Comedy.

Rehearsals typically commence in October each year and for this production took place weekly on a Monday evening from 8.00pm-10.00pm. After Christmas, additional rehearsals were included on a Sunday afternoon each week from 2.00pm-5.00pm with a further Saturday afternoon rehearsal added. The feedback for See How They Run was extremely positive from those who came to watch, culminating in an excellent review in the Bolton News.

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The back-stage aspect of a play can often go unnoticed and unrewarded but our fantastic crew seems to grow and grow each year. The CCP committee are enormously grateful for their help, support and tireless dedication behind the scenes on every level, for without them this production could not have taken place. It is appropriate to particularly mention the set-builders Geoffrey Pearson and Martin Miller who give up extraordinary amounts of time and effort to move heavy pieces of scenery from storage and subsequently design and construct a safe and often technically challenging set every year within a narrow time window. The set for See How They Run was one of the most challenging yet with no less than 5 different exits including an under-stairs cupboard, a staircase and a set of patio doors! It was outstanding and received praise and admiration from even the most seasoned of theatre goers.

The Christ Players use Fair Trade products for their rehearsal and interval refreshments as far as is practical. Ticket prices were fixed in 2015 at £8.00 each or £7.00 for concessions on the Wednesday night only. Donations were kindly received by members of the audience who came to watch the dress rehearsal. Despite an increase in income of £140 on ticket and programme sales, the resulting profit of £2,175.03 was £400 less than for 2014. This was due in part to the increase in expenditure on the scenery, lighting and costumes. Large pieces of timber are typically purchased year on year for the set and often have to be disposed of due to insufficient room to store them. Due to the lack of available storage space available on Church premises, the Scouts kindly offered the use of space in their Scout Hut for the storage of some of the Christ Church Players scenery and it was agreed at the CCP AGM in 2015 that an annual donation of £200 will be made to the Scouts for this. A donation of £2,000 was made to the Church which the Rev. J French and the PCC kindly acknowledged. This resulted in £1,277.07 remaining in the Christ Church Players account for future use.

It is hoped that the donation made by the Christ Church Players can be increased in 2016. More importantly the play allows us a unique opportunity to reach out across the Parish and beyond to promote the Church and indeed fellowship and community.

At the end of the year rehearsals were well under way for the 2016 production of "Out of Sight....Out of Murder." We have been pleased to welcome new faces to the ranks and we look forward to continually welcoming new members to the CCP family to ensure the future of this society.

Ruth Syddall

COFFEE BAR

Over the past year the coffee bar has provided tea/coffee/juice and biscuits to the congregation following the 9.30 family communion services to allow an opportunity to chat to friends and welcome new members to the congregation. I would like to say a big thank you to all the very willing volunteers who work so efficiently to keep the coffee bar up and running each week to everyone for their contributions which help to fund the coffee bar and also aid different charities each year.

This year we have profits of £352.00 from the coffee bar and I would be very grateful if you would let me know the chosen charities for our contributions for this year. The coffee bar funded the wine and mince pies that were served at the Nine Lessons in Carols Service.

Many Thanks

Ruth Turner

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CHRIST CHURCH WOMEN'S GUILD

Once again I am happy to report on a busy and successful year for the Guild.

COFFEE MORNING MAY 8th A good variety of stalls and a well-run kitchen contributed to a very successful morning and the sum of £700.00 was raised. This was due, in no small part, to all who worked and gave their support. ANNUAL OUTING JULY 2nd Owing to a double booking by Levens Hall the venue was changed to Holker Hall. On a sunny but cool day members and friends gathered for our annual trip. The first stop was Cartmel Priory where we were welcomed with coffee and scones provided by the ladies of the Priory, thereafter our journey continued the short distance to Holker Hall. DEWLAY'S CHEESEMAKERS SEPTEMBER 10th A full coach left church en route for Garstang where we had a most interesting and informative tour of the Dewlay family cheesemaking business. We then made our way to Barton Grange for lunch and then returned to Bolton. HARVEST DISTRIBUTION OCTOBER 12th The Harvest goods were packed, distributed and delivered by a band of willing helpers. A big thank you to all those who volunteered.

"GROWING OLD DISGRACEFULLY" OCTOBER 22nd Linda Sawley gave us a very humorous insight into the joys of "growing old disgracefully" which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. "BEHIND THE MIKE" NOVEMBER 26th Unfortunately, Janet Bradshaw was unable to be with us, as previously arranged, therefore at short notice, John Clayton from BBC Radio Lancashire, stepped in and gave an hilarious insight into the various happenings "behind the mike". GUILD ANNUAL LUNCH JANUARY 21st 2016 Fifty two ladies attended the Guild lunch at Bolton Golf Club. It was a very happy occasion with good food and company in a relaxed atmosphere and an excellent way to round off another successful year.

MEMBERSHIP Our membership has significantly increased this year and our financial situation is healthy. Subscription will remain at £5.00 per annum, with a charge of £2.00 for non-members attending each social afternoon. Thank you to the members of the Guild who, every year, decorate the Christmas tree in the church centre.

COMMITTEE There have been five meetings during the past twelve months. There will, however, be changes to the committee for this coming year. After many years of service, Mary Sheppard, Eileen Bannister and Pat Killeen retired from the committee in July; this was duly marked by a presentation at a committee meeting. Also, Elsie Aldred and Joan Schofield feel it is the right time to relinquish their positions of Treasurer and Secretary respectively and would like to thank everybody for their support over the many years they have fulfilled these positions.

Joan Schofield
Secretary

CHRIST CHURCH LUNCHEON CLUB

Once again we have enjoyed a successful year with an average attendance of 49 members per month. It is very heartening to see so many people enjoying themselves on a regular basis at our luncheons. Although sadly we have lost a few of our long-standing members this year, we have gained many new ones.

During the year, we have had a variety of speakers. We began the year with Hugh Morley, who many of us know from Christ Church. He told us of his interesting and varied life and how he came into the church. Next we had a return visit from Norman Nuttall, reminiscing about his

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experiences growing up in the 1940's. Graham Stirrup was our next speaker, giving us an informative talk about Victorian times. In April, we had a PowerPoint presentation from Norman Harris about his 43 mile trek through the High Andes to visit the legendary 'Lost City of the Incas - Machu Pichu' - fascinating!

Then something a bit different in May where we had musical entertainment from Maureen Moore, alias Little Mo Peters, who is a professional singer/entertainer. Later in May, 44 of our members went on a coach trip to the Chocolate House in Blackburn, where we had a most interesting talk and chocolate making demonstration. Next we enjoyed a scenic coach trip through the Ribble Valley, culminating in a delicious meal at the Calf's Head Hotel in Worston. Our last speaker before our summer break was Marjorie Holt, relating more hilarious anecdotes from her life.

As usual there were no meetings held in July and August, giving our hard working volunteers a break from kitchen duties.

For our September meeting we had a most interesting talk from Carole Banks, who was a volunteer guide at Wigan Pier. She brought along Victorian artefacts and talked about them. Our next speaker was a former mayor of Bolton and a member of our congregation - Brian Allanson. His talk was entitled 'From Russia with Love' and he told us of his trip to Russia. In November, Barbara Davies provided us with a most informative talk 'Beehive Power - the medicine of the future and yesteryear.

As in past years, the highlight of 2015 was when a contingent of over 70 Year 2 pupils from Beech House entertained us with their version of the Nativity Story. As usual we had a collection for their charity, 'Manchester Children's Hospital' and we were able to present a cheque for £200 to Dr Stivoras, who is in charge of the Baby Unit. This money will go towards a Baby Pod, which is used for baby x-rays and scans. He spoke very movingly about the work done in his department and the benefits of the Baby Pod.

As ever, I have many 'thank yous' to make. This Luncheon Club could not exist without all the volunteers who so willingly give up their time to ensure that our members enjoy a lovely lunch and good camaraderie. Firstly, a huge thanks to all those people who make the soup and sweets each month. Also, many thanks to the volunteer kitchen staff, who work so well as a team, preparing the food, serving it all with a smile and finally doing the washing up. Thank you to all my Committee who help out each month, either in the kitchen or in the dining room. Pam Hodson is a real stalwart and keeps our finances in good order, as well as helping out with the food - thank you Pam. Thanks also to Kathleen Dobb, who each month organises the raffle which is a big help to our funds. She also sends birthday and Christmas cards to our members, which are always much appreciated. Lastly, a huge thanks to my husband Michael, who each month helps to set up the tables and chairs in the Church Centre and then does a lot of the clearing away at the end. All these volunteers help our Luncheon Club to flourish so successfully, so my grateful thanks to all involved.

Pauline Cull - Luncheon Club Leader

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP

New Daylight and Guidelines are two sets of booklets of Bible readings with comments which are published by the Bible Reading Fellowship. They are produced in three four-monthly booklets annually from May to April the following year. As there are now only five subscribers to the

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scheme as against 42 in 1984 when I took over, the order is now placed with the C.L.C. bookshop on Deansgate in Bolton and not from the B.R.F. in Oxford thus saving postage charges. Subscriptions are collected at the time of ordering and handed over to the Church Treasurer for payment on receipt of the invoice. The booklets can of course be purchased from the shop by individuals. Having spent over thirty years in the capacity as B.R.F. representative I feel the time has come to relinquish the post and should therefore be pleased if someone else would take over from me at the end of the coming year's series of booklets, that would be April 2017.

Sheila Kershaw.
Bible Reading Fellowship

54th BOLTON GUIDES

We started the year spending a few weeks learning some first aid - always useful for the Guides to know what to do just in case an accident happens (and they do enjoy practising their skills on some dramatic cuts and bruises they've simulated on each other). We also enjoyed celebrating Harry Potter day, and doing Go For Its in patrols. Each patrol chooses a Go For It from the selection on different themes, and selects and plans activities from the pack around the theme. The Lion patrol chose 'top job', Penguins 'Glamourama' - inviting one of their mums in who works as a beautician to do a makeup demonstration, Dolphins chose 'Parties', and Starfish 'Experiment'.

In the summer term, with the general election approaching, we completed the 'hear our voice' challenge badge, finding out more about the process of parliament and politics. This included a game about who used to be able to vote in the past, and who tends to do so now, what politics does for us, and finished off with the girls developing their own political parties and policies, debating the issues, and holding their own election. As the weather got (slightly) warmer and the evenings longer, we spent more time outside including games on Doffcocker Lodge, lighting fires and cooking on them, and a water fight with the scouts. Trips out included the Big Gig (a guide only pop concert) in Sheffield, and Wellies and Wristbands, a camp cum festival at Waddow Hall in Clitheroe.

September saw us waving goodbye to a number of our older girls but welcoming back two of our former guides, Poppy and Lizzy, who after a break were rejoining us as young leaders. For the new school year we decided to try a new idea of having a topic for the term - the guides chose 'apocalypse survival'. We went on a somewhat scary but very enjoyable trip to the Hive in Moss Bank Park to chat about what the apocalypse might be like and come up with ideas for the term. These included bin bag fashion to suit a variety of dire circumstances, a Halloween evening, and a zombie run and campfire with the scouts. Less hazardously we made Christmas crafts, went to sing carols and chat with residents in some local sheltered housing schemes, and watched the BFG at the Octagon Theatre.

We're looking forward to a successful 2016, which has made a good start already with lots of great ideas of activities from the girls. Thanks to all the leaders, young leaders, guides, parents and others who have made this year's activities possible. An especially big thank you is due to Jean, who's moving away. Jean led the unit for a number of years but since stepping back from this role has supported us behind the scenes, particularly with managing our accounts but in many other ways too. She'll be much missed but we wish her well for her move and in her new home.

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If you like the sound of joining us, we currently have spaces for girls aged 10-14, and (male or female) adult volunteers - we'd particularly welcome anyone with bookkeeping experience! To find out more about and contact us regarding either of these opportunities, go to www.girlguiding.org.uk and select 'get involved'.

52ND BOLTON (CHRISTCHURCH) RAINBOWS

The 52nd Bolton Christ Church Rainbows have enjoyed another wonderful year. In 2015 we had fun activities, earning new badges, making new friends and saying goodbye to our old friends, wishing them well on their new adventures.

Many of the older Rainbows left to continue their guiding journey to Brownies which meant we all enjoyed several Pot of Gold parties with cake, candles, games and lots of chats about the fun we'd had and the exciting times to come at Brownies.

The girls have worked towards several badges this year. Along the way we have made crafts to celebrate the changing year, and the celebrations that go along with it.

We said a very sad farewell to the young leaders Lucy, Jennifer and Megan, as they started their next step to University.

This year marked a very sad time in the history of 52nd Bolton Rainbows. The decision was made that we would start the search for new leaders as Rachel Winstanley, a wonderful member of our team decided to leave, and then Kerry Clarkson and myself, both of us long standing leaders with Rainbows, were no longer able to commit to the schedule due to family commitments. The posts have been advertised without success and the sad decision to suspend the unit was made.

The Rainbows and Leaders had a wonderful farewell celebration at Hollywood Bowl and enjoyed our final meeting together celebrating what a fabulous unit we were all a part of.

Hopefully 2016 will bring new and enthusiastic leaders who will gain so much from being part of the guiding association, as we all have over the years.

Many Thanks Katie Dunne

WEDNESDAY BROWNIES

We began the year doing the Brownie Traditions badge. This involved attempting tasks which many of you who have been Brownies would recognise - even folding and tying the old triangular tie. As part of the Craft badge all the girls did some simple crocheting. In the summer term we completed the Friend to Animals badge and as part of this held a sponsored skip in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind. Some of the Brownies took part in the 'Musical Extravaganza' organised by our count, Lancashire Border, which was held in the Victoria Hall in June. Our division sang songs from Grease. In the Autumn we completed the Cook badge and as part of this we visited Tesco to take part in their Farm to Fork project. As the Horwich store could not accommodate us we went by train to Chorley and I think this was the highlight of the evening for most of the Brownies. In December we invited some of the ladies of the parish to watch the performance of a nativity play and we attended the Division Christmas Party where we enjoyed traditional party games and a visit from Father Christmas. At Easter and Harvest, as usual, we made craft items to decorate the church windows.

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In September, after many years with us as a Young Leader, Victoria Mason left to go to university. We are grateful for her help and enthusiasm and wish her good luck for the future. In the summer term Georgie Crowther joined us for a short period as part of her D of E. We are very glad that she has decided to continue to help. As ever I am very grateful to Judith Newton for her help and support throughout the year.

Hazel Tattersall.

17th BOLTON TUESDAY SCOUTS

The Troop now has 18 Scouts with a mix of boys and girls within the age ranges of 10 - 14. They are all working towards their Chief Scout Gold Award. Most meetings have a full attendance level with a mixture of activities on offer.

The activities that we have done in the last year involve traditional Scouting activities as well as other activities. An example of things that we have done, from the traditional Scouting side, includes fire lighting, lamps, stoves, cooking on stoves or cooking on fires, axes, saws, rope work, night hikes and sleepovers. The other activities we have done include bulb planting in pots for Mother's Day, painting pint glasses for Father's Day, a visit to Mountain Rescue, Easter egg hunt, a visit to the police station and pancake evening.

In Autumn Term, we culminated by putting on our own Gang Show; this is a traditional Scouting event where you put on a show of stunts, sketches and songs. It was opened to parents, siblings, other family members and members of other sections of 17th Bolton to come and watch and was a great success. All the funds raised are to put towards Summer Camp 2017 and the total raised was just under £100. The Scouts had a good evening and the people that came to watch had a good time.

Last year we had two camps; one was organised by Rob (the former Monday night Scout Leader) at Bibbys Farm for a weekend camp in May and I, Christopher, organised Summer Camp at Hawkhirst, in Northumberland. The weekend camp was a great success with 12 Scouts attending, where they put up and stayed in tents, cooked their own meals and organised the site. The activities included a day trip to Manchester Museum of Science and Industry and then the next day was air rifle shooting at Bibbys Farm. Thanks to Rob for organising. The summer camp was held at Hawkhirst Scout Activity Centre on the shores of Kielder Water and on that note I must say, I have never in my life never seen so many midges! And nothing seemed to put them off; insect repellent, head nets or smoke! Under these conditions the Scouts did extremely well and survived the weeklong camp where they lived under canvas in Patrols. Whilst at camp, the Scouts did most of the cooking and that included a 2 course Indian meal with starters of pompadoms, salad, sauce and onion chutney. They then cooked 3 different curries, roti bread and saag aloo. The cooking over the week is a mixture of stoves or fires. The activities that we did included kayaking (on a cold and windy day which did not put the Scouts off!), an afternoon walk alongside Kielder Water, a Scout self led day hike along Hadrian's Wall and an afternoon and evening including campfire at Humshaugh which is the site of the first Scout campsite.

Christopher.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS/TRUSTEES OF CHRIST CHURCH, HEATON
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2015, which are set out on pages 2 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts;
The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission, and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking 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 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 130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and the Regulationshave 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.



Steven Bunker
Independent Examiner

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

Basis of preparation

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 accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Funds

General Funds

These 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.

Designated Funds

These are Funds designated for particular purposes by the PCC and are also unrestricted as the PCC can reassign those monies if it so desires.

Restricted Funds

These can only be used for their stated purpose(s).

The Church has the following specific funds -

Fabric Fund (formerly the Millennium Fund)

To provide funds for the maintenance of the Church and its environs without recourse to realising fixed assets and to enable such maintenance to be undertaken at short notice.

Organ and Choir Funds

To provide funds for the maintenance of the Organ and support of the Choir.
A transfer from the General Fund is made in lieu of the organists Honorarium.

Columbarium Fund

To provide funds by way of fees for the maintenance of the Columbarium Wall and memorial plaques.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on gift aided donations is recognised when the donation is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Resources used

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation of the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The parish share or diocesan quota is accounted for when paid. Any share unpaid is not accrued at the year end (unless a balance payment has been committed by the PCC) as no legal liability exists.

Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings

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

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure on purchase.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £4,000 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.

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

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SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

ALL FUNDS

	2015 £	2014 £
Total Income: As detailed on page 8	178,009	144,116
Total expenses: As detailed on page 9/10	130,453	192,837
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	47,557	(48,721)
Unrealised gain on investments	0	0
Total Surplus on Year	<u>47,557</u>	<u>(48,721)</u>

CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL FUNDS AFTER TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

			£	£
General Fund:	Unrestricted	increase	43,098	5,427
Columbarium Fund:	Designated	decrease	(355)	(90)
Organ & Choir Fund:	Designated	increase	3,314	(78)
	Restricted	increase	1,500	0
Fabric Fund:	Designated	unchanged	0	(40,297)
	Restricted	unchanged	0	(13,682)
Total change		increase	<u>47,557</u>	<u>(48,721)</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	General Fund	Columbarium Fund	Organ & Choir Fund		Fabric Fund		TOTAL	
	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Designated £	Restricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	2015 £	2014 £
Incoming Resources								
<u>Voluntary Income</u>								
<u>Planned Giving</u>								
Gift Aid donations (regular)	60,328						60,328	67,323
Non Gift Aid (regular)	12,002						12,002	9,831
Income tax recoverable	24,107						24,107	12,849
<u>Other Giving</u>								
Gift Aid (non regular)	7,051						7,051	3,908
Loose collections	6,649						6,649	5,893
Donations for outside organisations	109						109	-
Designated receipts for Church activities	40			1,500			1,540	3,754
Legacies	25,877						25,877	
Sundry donations and misc. income	3,826						3,826	225
Grants							-	15,252
<u>Activities for generating funds</u>								
Fundraising events & activities							-	-
<u>Income from Investments</u>								
Investment income and rents	12,934						12,934	3,899
<u>Church activities</u>								
PCC Fees & Income from trading	20,339						20,339	21,054
<u>Other incoming resources</u>								
Miscellaneous income	3,248						3,248	130
Total Incoming Resources	176,509	-	-	1,500	-	-	178,009	144,116
Resources Expended								
<u>Cost of generating income</u>	298						298	345
<u>Church Activities</u>								
Donations to outside organisations	109						109	30
Diocesan Parish Share	77,000						77,000	71,770
Salaries, wages & honoraria	4,274						4,274	6,100
Clergy working expenses	1,269						1,269	1,174
Parsonage and other ministry expenses	2,978						2,978	3,265
Miscellaneous	150						150	253
<u>Church Expenses</u>								
Church running expenses	12,868						12,868	11,537
Church utility costs	4,763						4,763	1,889
Upkeep of services	1,132						1,132	1,403
Upkeep of churchyard	2,488						2,488	2,282
Costs relating to parish centre	12,291						12,291	11,185
PCC Property costs	4,480						4,480	1,850
Magazine costs	3,199						3,199	3,736
Cost of church administration	2,412						2,412	5,468
Approved fund expenditure (non capital)		355	286				641	318
<u>Major capital expenditure</u>								
Church building and fixtures/fittings							-	46,372
Church Centre / PCC Property							-	23,860
<u>Governance Costs</u>								
Independent Examiner	100						100	-
Total Resources Expended	129,811	355	286	-	-	-	130,453	192,837
Net(Outgoing)/Incoming Resources for Year	46,698	(355)	(286)	1,500	0	0	47,557	(48,721)
Transfer from General Fund	(3,600)		3,600		0		0	0
Net Change (Outgoing)/Incoming for Year	43,098	(355)	3,314	1,500	0	0	47,557	(48,721)
Balances b/fwd at 01.01.15	330,991	2,508	18,702	3,776	76,697	-	432,674	481,395
Balances c/fwd at 31.12.2015	374,089	2,153	22,016	5,276	76,697	-	480,230	432,674
Movement	43,098	(355)	3,314	1,500	0	0	47,557	(48,721)

CHRIST CHURCH, HEATON
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

	£	2015 £	£	2014 £
FIXED ASSETS				
Investment Properties		304,900		304,900
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors & Prepayments	5,527		4,854	
Income Tax Recoverable	17,560		9,700	
Central Board of Finance Securities Funds	114,627		80,185	
Bank Balances and Cash	40,328		63,471	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>178,042</u>		<u>158,209</u>
LESS:				
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accruals	2,457		30,180	
Non-PCC income unallocated (Creditor)	255		255	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>2,712</u>		<u>30,435</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		175,330		127,774
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>480,230</u>		<u>432,674</u>
REPRESENTED BY				
General Fund : Unrestricted Funds		374,089		330,991
Columbarium Fund : Designated Fund		2,153		2,508
Organ & Choir Fund : Designated Funds		22,016		18,702
: Restricted Funds		5,276		3,776
Fabric Fund : Designated Funds		76,697		76,697
: Restricted Funds		-		-
		<u>480,230</u>		<u>432,674</u>

Chairman

Honorary Treasurer

CHRIST CHURCH, HEATON

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2015

Fixed Assets

Investment Property

	39 Welbeck Rd Heaton	112 Markland Hill Heaton	Total
	£	£	£
Value B/Fwd	169,950	134,950	304,900
Revaluation increase	-	-	-
Value C/Fwd	<u>169,950</u>	<u>134,950</u>	<u>304,900</u>

Basis of Valuation

The property values are in accordance with Bairstow Eves marketing reports dated 28 February 2007.

Movable Church Furnishings

These are vested in the Church wardens on behalf of the PCC. They cannot be disposed of without a faculty and therefore no value is assigned to them. Expenditure on additions to such inalienable assets is written off on purchase.

Land at Scout Hut, Markland Hill, Bolton

The land on which the Scout Hut was built was leased to the 17th Bolton (Christ Church Heaton) Scout group on 31 December 1963 for 25 years at a rent of One Shilling per Annum. This was renewed with effect from 25th December 1988 for a further 25 years from then by counterpart lease dated 21st December 1994. As disposal of this asset is not possible for the foreseeable future, and income is effectively NIL, no value has been assigned to this property in the accounts. The Scout Hut itself is not owned by the church.

Expenditure on Church Property

At 31 December 2015 the PCC had no approved expenditure not yet incurred

Trustees and Connected Persons

No Trustee received remuneration from the charity or received the reimbursement of expenses.

The following Trustees received indirect benefits from the charity in the year as follows:

Mr P Hodson £300 (Mrs P Hodson as Apparitor)

CHRIST CHURCH, HEATON
MEMORANDUM ONLY
DETAILED INCOME

	£	2015 £	£	2014 £
VOLUNTARY INCOME				
Tax efficient planned giving (Gift Aid)	60,328		67,323	
Other planned giving (Non Gift Aid)	12,002		9,831	
Collections at services	6,649		5,893	
Other giving (Gift Aid)	7,051		3,908	
Received towards Church Activities	3,866		2,604	
Gift Aid recovered	24,107		12,849	
Legacies	<u>25,877</u>		<u>225</u>	
		139,880		102,632
RESTRICTED INCOME (Including tax reclaimed)				
Received for outside organisations	109		-	
Received for Fabric Fund			1,000	
Received for Organ/Choir Fund	1,500		15,402	
Received for Columbarium Fund	<u></u>		<u>-</u>	
		1,609		16,402
FUNDRAISING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES				
INVESTMENT INCOME				
Central Board of Finance Investment Accounts	526		588	
Bank Interest	7		6	
Rents Received	<u>12,400</u>		<u>3,305</u>	
		12,934		3,899
CHURCH ACTIVITIES				
Church Magazine	4,794		4,944	
Income from use of Church Centre	7,778		10,003	
PCC fees and other charges due to parish	<u>7,768</u>		<u>6,107</u>	
		20,339		21,054
OTHER INCOME				
Miscellaneous income	443		130	
VAT refund (Organ repairs)	2,805			
		3,248		130
TOTAL INCOME:		<u>178,009</u>		<u>144,116</u>

CHRIST CHURCH, HEATON
MEMORANDUM ONLY
DETAILED EXPENDITURE

	£	2015 £	£	2014 £
COST OF GENERATING INCOME				
Giving envelopes etc	<u>298</u>	298	<u>345</u>	345
CHURCH ACTIVITIES				
Donations to Outside organisations	109		30	
Parish Share	77,000		71,770	
Salaries/wages etc (Parish Adminsitrator)	4,274		6,100	
Miscellaneous costs (Messy Church)	<u>150</u>	81,533	<u>77,900</u>	77,900
CLERGY AND OTHER MINISTRY EXPENSES				
Curate and Clergy Working Expenses	<u>1,269</u>	1,269	<u>1,174</u>	1,174
PARSONAGE AND OTHER MINISTRY EXPENSES				
Vicar - Housing - Water & Council Tax	2,913		3,200	
Vicar - Housing - Repairs, renewals, security	<u>65</u>	2,978	<u>65</u>	3,265
CHURCH EXPENSES				
General running expenses:				
Insurance Premiums	9,274		8,697	
Repairs to Church and Vestry	2,673		1,992	
Cleaning Material & Refuse	-		-	
Organ Tuning and Repairs	798		682	
Sundries	<u>123</u>	12,868	<u>166</u>	11,537
Church utility costs:				
Church Rates & Water	58		141	
Church Electricity	1,342		1,089	
Church - Heating and Gas	<u>3,363</u>	4,763	<u>659</u>	1,889
Upkeep of services:				
Music/copying licences, RSCM membership	866		782	
Wine & Service Requisites	<u>265</u>	1,132	<u>621</u>	1,403
Upkeep of churchyard:				
Church garden expenses	<u>2,488</u>	2,488	<u>2,282</u>	2,282
TOTAL EXPENDITURE CARRIED DOWN		<u>107,330</u>		<u>99,795</u>

	£	£	£	£
TOTAL EXPENDITURE BROUGHT FORWARD		107,330		99,795
COSTS OF TRADING				
Parish Centre running costs:				
Electricity	895		759	
Heating	2,719		3,799	
Water Rates	252		395	
Repairs and Misc.	2,539		427	
Telephone	505		530	
Cleaning	5,381		5,276	
		12,291		11,185
PCC Property costs:				
Council Tax (Unoccupied property)	418		1,850	
Utility costs (unoccupied)	168			
Insurance	365			
Routine Repairs and Renewals	2,405		-	
Deposit [protection]	1,125		-	
		4,480		1,850
Magazine etc costs:				
Church Magazine	3,199		3,184	
CRUX	-		552	
		3,199		3,736
Church Administration and other costs:				
Other Printing, Stationery & Advertising	1,918		5,009	
Sundries & Incidentals	213		215	
Payroll Services	204		186	
Bank Interest & Charges	77		59	
		2,412		5,468
Approved Fund expenditure:				
Columbarium fund	355		90	
Fabric fund (ex Capital expenditure)				
Organ & Choir fund	286		228	
		641		318
Other sundry costs				253
GOVERNANCE COSTS				
Independent Examiners Fees		100	-	
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE				
Church fabric and fixtures etc:				
Approved expenditure from Fabric Fund			31,120	
Organ refurbishment			15,252	
PCC Property:				
Refurbishment of Markland Hill/Welbeck Rd			23,860	
				70,231
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		130,453		192,837

CHRIST CHURCH, HEATON

MEMORANDUM ONLY

FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

Parochial Church Centre	£	2015 £	£	2014 £
INCOME				
Rentals from non Church Organisations	-			
Rentals from Church Organisations	-	7,778		10,003
LESS :				
EXPENSES				
Electricity	895		759	
Heating (gas only)	2,719		3,799	
Water	252		395	
Repairs & maintenance	2,539		427	
Telephone	505		530	
Cleaning	5,381	12,291	5,276	11,185
Net income	-	<u>4,513</u>	-	<u>1,183</u>

Charitable Donations	£	2015 £	£	2014 £
Restricted donations for outside organisations				
Guide Dogs/Lent lunches)		109		-
Other donations made from general funds				
Royal British Legion				30
		<u>109</u>		<u>30</u>

Collections on behalf of charitable organisations (non-PCC income - excluded from PCC Accounts)

Children's Society (Christingle/boxes - paid direct)	910
Christian Aid (paid direct)	
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