

# **Sonning Parochial Church Council**

*Registered Charity No 1130763*

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** of the **Parochial Church Council** for the year ended **31 December 2016**

### **INCUMBENT**

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**Parish of Sonning**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the period from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
		£	£	£	£	£
<b><i>Income and endowments from:</i></b>	<b>2</b>					
Voluntary Income		203,762	222,014	--	425,776	190,622
Activities for Generating Funds		27,714	3,408	--	31,122	32,147
Income from Investments		138,562	4,805	--	143,367	99,940
Church activities		23,843	--	--	23,843	21,640
<b>Total income</b>		<b>393,881</b>	<b>230,227</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>624,108</b>	<b>344,349</b>
<b><i>Expenditure on:</i></b>	<b>3</b>					
Church activities		208,332	66,283	--	274,615	241,883
Raising Funds		26,940	10,326	--	37,266	9,318
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>235,272</b>	<b>76,609</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>311,881</b>	<b>251,201</b>
<b>Net income before Investment Gains</b>		<b>158,609</b>	<b>153,618</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>312,227</b>	<b>93,148</b>
Net Gains on investments		2,165	864	16,480	19,509	2,513
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>160,774</b>	<b>154,482</b>	<b>16,480</b>	<b>331,736</b>	<b>95,661</b>
<b><i>Reconciliation of Funds</i></b>						
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>354,063</b>	<b>129,655</b>	<b>148,476</b>	<b>632,194</b>	<b>536,533</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>514,837</b>	<b>284,137</b>	<b>164,956</b>	<b>963,930</b>	<b>632,194</b>

**Parish of Sonning**  
**Balance sheet**  
**As at: 31 December 2016**

	Notes	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	This Year Total	Last Year Total
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>	6						
Tangible assets		444	--	660,604	--	661,048	13,826
Investments		--	22,412	6,467	164,956	193,835	174,326
		<b>444</b>	<b>22,412</b>	<b>667,071</b>	<b>164,956</b>	<b>854,883</b>	<b>188,152</b>
<b>Current assets</b>							
Stocks and work in progress	7	51	--	--	--	51	151
Debtors	8 12	3,424	92,010	--	--	95,434	18,114
Cash at bank and in hand	9 12	47,952	352,473	(188,535)	--	211,890	452,167
		<b>51,427</b>	<b>444,483</b>	<b>(188,535)</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>307,375</b>	<b>470,432</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	10						
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		3,929	--	54,662	--	58,591	26,390
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>		<b>47,498</b>	<b>444,483</b>	<b>(243,197)</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>248,784</b>	<b>444,042</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>47,942</b>	<b>466,895</b>	<b>423,874</b>	<b>164,956</b>	<b>1,103,667</b>	<b>632,194</b>
Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year	10	--	--	139,737	--	139,737	--
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>47,942</b>	<b>466,895</b>	<b>284,137</b>	<b>164,956</b>	<b>963,930</b>	<b>632,194</b>
<b>Represented by</b>	11						
Unrestricted - General fund		47,942	--	--	--	47,942	47,874
Designated - New Hall	12	--	253,623	--	--	253,623	127,952
Designated - Mission & Development		--	94,123	--	--	94,123	55,401
Designated - Parish Magazine		--	1,650	--	--	1,650	1,596
Designated - General Reserve		--	55,000	--	--	55,000	55,000
Designated - Charibond (Accum)		--	5,066	--	--	5,066	4,624
Designated - Charifund (Income) Young/Welsh		--	8,798	--	--	8,798	8,216
Designated - Helen Belson		--	5,400	--	--	5,400	4,679
Designated - Rushby Family		--	3,148	--	--	3,148	2,728
Designated - Phyllis Palmer		--	32,121	--	--	32,121	31,973
Designated - Sundry Funds		--	5,491	--	--	5,491	11,831
Designated - External Giving		--	2,475	--	--	2,475	2,189
Restricted - New Hall	12	--	--	279,769	--	279,769	121,729
Restricted - Alison Waters Stipend		--	--	--	--	--	--
Restricted - Youth		--	--	1,203	--	1,203	1,444
Restricted - William Payne		--	--	--	--	--	--
Restricted - Sundry Funds		--	--	(3,302)	--	(3,302)	879
Restricted - Agency collection		--	--	--	--	--	--
Restricted - Price Davies		--	--	--	--	--	--
Restricted - Churchyard Trust		--	--	--	--	--	--
Restricted - Dickson Memorial Trust		--	--	--	--	--	--
Restricted - Mitchell Trust		--	--	--	--	--	--
Restricted - Palmer Charity		--	--	--	--	--	--
Restricted - Witherington Trust		--	--	--	--	--	--
Restricted - Frances Cooper		--	--	2,086	--	2,086	1,807
Restricted - Jacqueline Hadida		--	--	4,381	--	4,381	3,796
Endowment - Price Davies		--	--	--	601	601	541
Endowment - Churchyard Trust		--	--	--	3,037	3,037	2,734
Endowment - Dickson Memorial Trust		--	--	--	76,899	76,899	69,216
Endowment - Mitchell Trust		--	--	--	3,007	3,007	2,707
Endowment - Palmer Charity		--	--	--	80,508	80,508	72,464
Endowment - Witherington Trust		--	--	--	797	797	717
Endowment - William Payne		--	--	--	107	107	97
<b>Funds of the church</b>		<b>47,942</b>	<b>466,895</b>	<b>284,137</b>	<b>164,956</b>	<b>963,930</b>	<b>632,194</b>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 27 March 2017 and signed on its behalf by

Rev. Jamie Taylor (PCC Chairman)

John Scoble (Treasurer)

The Notes on pages 3 to 5 form part of these accounts

**Parish of Sonning**  
**Cash Flow Statement**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2016**

	2016	2015
	£	£
<b>Net Cash from operating activities</b>	126,345	(14,094)
<b>Cash Flows from investing activities</b>		
Dividends, Interest and Rent from investments	143,367	99,940
New Hall Building Costs	(647,666)	(12,938)
Net Cash provided by / (used in) investing activities	(504,299)	87,002
<b>Cash Flows from financing activities</b>		
Methodist Chapel Aid Loan	150,000	--
Methodist Chapel Aid Loan Repayments	(10,263)	--
Methodist Chapel Aid Interest Paid	(2,060)	--
Net Cash provided by / (used in) financing activities	137,677	--
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in reporting period</b>	(240,277)	72,908
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	452,167	379,259
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December</b>	<b>211,890</b>	<b>452,167</b>

**Reconciliation of net income/expenditure**

<b>Net Income before investment gains 31 Dec</b>	312,227	93,148
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation Charges	444	444
Methodist Chapel Aid Interest Paid	2,060	--
Dividends, Interest and Rent from investments	(143,367)	(99,940)
Decrease / (increase) in debtors	(77,320)	(10,866)
(Decrease) / increase in creditors	32,201	3,198
Decrease / (increase) in Stock	100	(78)

<b>Net Cash provided by / (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>126,345</b>	<b>(14,094)</b>
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**Analysis of cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and Bank	176,518	326,508
Short term deposits (less than 3 months)	35,372	125,659
	<b>211,890</b>	<b>452,167</b>

## Notes to the financial statements

### For the year ended 31 December 2016

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with the current Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by (SORP 2005).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for 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**

*Endowment funds* are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the PCC's discretion;; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

*Restricted funds* represent (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants received for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investments is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

*Designated Funds* are Unrestricted Funds, which have been set aside by the PCC for a specific purpose/for administration purposes only. They can however be freely changed to Unrestricted (undesignated) Funds by the PCC at any time.

*Unrestricted funds* are general funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

##### **Incoming resources**

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received, if necessary by estimated amounts. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are reliably quantifiable. Dividends and Rental Income are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued (where material). All other income is generally recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

##### **Resources expended**

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share expected to be paid over is accounted for when due.

All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

##### **Fixed assets**

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

The New Hall construction has proceeded during the year, and all the expenditure to date has been entered in the accounts as Work in Progress.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over an appropriate number of years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

2	INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
2 (a)	<b>Voluntary Income</b>					
	Planned Giving	55,228	1,050	--	56,278	54,086
	Tax Recoverable	14,519	2,612	--	17,131	26,743
	Collections (Open Plate)	10,734	2,219	--	12,953	9,422
	Legacies	96,000	1,000	--	97,000	2,000
	Other donations	27,001	101,954	--	128,955	81,453
	Grants	280	113,179	--	113,459	16,918
		<u>203,762</u>	<u>222,014</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>425,776</u>	<u>190,622</u>
2(b)	<b>Activities for Generating Funds</b>					
	Lettings - St Andrew's Church	--	--	--	--	--
	Magazine Advertising	22,990	--	--	22,990	22,697
	Sundry Activities	4,724	3,408	--	8,132	9,450
		<u>27,714</u>	<u>3,408</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>31,122</u>	<u>32,147</u>
2(c)	<b>Income from Investments</b>					
	Dividends & Interest	1,062	4,805	--	5,867	7,440
	Rent - The Bull	137,500	--	--	137,500	92,500
		<u>138,562</u>	<u>4,805</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>143,367</u>	<u>99,940</u>
2(d)	<b>Income from Church Activities</b>					
	Lettings - Jubilee Hall & St Sarik Room	10,509	--	--	10,509	10,917
	Fees	11,496	--	--	11,496	9,828
	Sundry Income	1,393	--	--	1,393	800
	Miscellaneous Receipts	445	--	--	445	95
		<u>23,843</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>23,843</u>	<u>21,640</u>
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>393,881</b>	<b>230,227</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>624,108</b>	<b>344,349</b>
3	<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
3(a)	<b>Charitable Activities</b>					
	Missionary & Charitable Giving					
	Church Overseas: Missionary Societies	3,000	--	--	3,000	3,300
	Church Overseas: Relief & Development Agencies	500	--	--	500	550
	Home Missions & Other Church Societies	5,500	--	--	5,500	3,850
	Secular Charities	1,500	--	--	1,500	1,825
	Diocesan Parish Share	80,000	--	--	80,000	80,000
	Ministry Team Expenses	23,670	938	--	24,608	50,085
	Upkeep of services	3,338	1,241	--	4,579	2,262
	Parish Training & Mission Expenses	4,446	616	--	5,062	6,160
	St Andrew's Running Costs & Maintenance	10,509	5,405	--	15,914	18,560
	Organ Expenses	14,177	--	--	14,177	11,503
	Upkeep Of Churchyard	6,170	2,457	--	8,627	7,926
	Jubilee Hall Running Costs & Maintenance	9,164	--	--	9,164	11,698
	St Sarik Room Running Costs & Maintenance	2,715	--	--	2,715	922
	Administration	10,584	--	--	10,584	10,364
	Magazine Printing & Expenses	25,886	--	--	25,886	23,683
	Miscellaneous	7,164	--	--	7,164	9,195
	Major Repairs/Decorating	9	53,566	--	53,575	--
	New Buildings	--	2,060	--	2,060	--
		<u>208,332</u>	<u>66,283</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>274,615</u>	<u>241,883</u>
3(b)	<b>Cost of Generating Funds</b>					
	Cost of Generating Voluntary Income	--	10,308	--	10,308	2,198
	Fundraising Trading Costs of Goods Sold & Other Costs	4,863	18	--	4,881	956
	Investment Management Costs	22,077	--	--	22,077	6,164
		<u>26,940</u>	<u>10,326</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>37,266</u>	<u>9,318</u>
	<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>235,272</b>	<b>76,609</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>311,881</b>	<b>251,201</b>
4	<b>STAFF COSTS</b>					
	The PCC employed one Pioneer Minister from 1 January until 8 May. Details of payments are as follows:					
	Salary	9,040				
	Social Security Costs (National Insurance)	767				
	Pension Contribution	3,242				
		<u>13,049</u>				

These amounts are included in Ministry Team Expenses in Note 3 above.

#### 5 PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS

The expenses paid to Clergy and the Lay Minister may include a small immaterial proportion, which relates to their function as PCC members. No other payments or expenses were paid to any other PCC members, persons closely connected to them or related parties.

6	FIXED ASSETS							
			Freehold Land and Buildings (Work in Progress)	Church Equipment	Total			
	(a) Tangible		£	£	£			
	ACTUAL/DEEMED COST	At 1st January 2016	12,938	888	13,826			
		Disposals	--	--	--			
		Additions at Cost	647,666	--	647,666			
		As At 31 December 2016	660,604	888	661,492			
	DEPRECIATION	At 1st January 2016	--	--	--			
		Withdrawn on Disposal	--	--	--			
		Charge for the Year	--	444	444			
		As At 31 December 2016	--	444	444			
	NET VALUES	At 1st January 2016	12,938	888	13,826			
		Additions & Disposals	647,666	--	647,666			
		Depreciation for Year	--	(444)	(444)			
		As At 31 December 2016	660,604	444	661,048			
	Church equipment comprises the Jubilee Hall Boiler purchased in 2013.							
			2016	2015				
	(b) Investments		£	£				
		Market Value at 1 January	174,326	171,813				
		Revaluation Gain	19,509	2,513				
		As At 31 December	193,835	174,326				
	The Market Value represents investments for							
		Unrestricted Funds	22,412	20,247				
		Restricted Funds	6,467	5,603				
		Endowment Funds	164,956	148,476				
			193,835	174,326				
7	STOCK							
		Catering	51	151				
			51	151				
8	DEBTORS							
		Tax Recoverable	--	11,599				
		Jubilee Hall Rent - Charvil Pre-School	3,000	3,856				
		Other	150	175				
		Legacy	90,000	--				
		Accounts Receivable	2,284	2,484				
			95,434	18,114				
9	CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND							
		CAF Bank Acc Balance	154,681	326,295				
		CAF Bank Mag Acc Balance	21,197	--				
		CCLA (CBF) Deposit Acc	35,372	125,659				
		Cash in Hand	640	213				
			211,890	452,167				
10	LIABILITIES							
		Provision for Jubilee Hall Repairs	3,500	3,500				
		Grove Construction - Retention	31,722	--				
		Magazine Adverts Next Year	22,140	22,790				
		Other	1,229	100				
		Amounts falling due within one year	58,591	26,390				
		Methodist Chapel Aid - Loan	139,737	--				
11	FUNDS							
		Notes	Balances Brought Forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Balances Carried Forward
	General Fund		47,874	266,177	192,115	(73,994)	--	47,942
	General Reserve	11(a)	55,000	--	--	--	--	55,000
	Parish Magazine		1,596	30,314	30,760	500	--	1,650
	Youth	11(b)	1,444	375	616	--	--	1,203
	New Hall		249,681	266,509	12,386	29,588	--	533,392
	Alison Waters Stipend		--	938	938	--	--	--
	Price Davies	11(c)	541	18	18	--	60	601
	Churchyard Trust	11(c)	2,734	88	88	--	303	3,037
	Dickson Memorial Trust	11(c)	69,216	2,240	2,240	--	7,683	76,899
	Mitchell Trust	11(c)	2,707	88	88	--	300	3,007
	Palmer Charity	11(d)	72,464	2,345	2,345	--	8,044	80,508
	Witherington Trust	11(c)	717	23	23	--	80	797
	Charibond (Accum)		4,624	--	--	--	442	5,066
	Charifund (Income) Young/Welsh		8,216	407	407	--	582	8,798
	Frances Cooper	11(d)	1,807	--	--	--	279	2,086
	Helen Belson		4,679	--	--	--	721	5,400
	Jacqueline Hadida	11(c)	3,796	--	--	--	585	4,381
	Rushby Family		2,728	--	--	--	420	3,148
	William Payne		97	4	4	--	10	107
	Phyllis Palmer		31,973	148	--	--	--	32,121
	Sundry Funds		12,710	54,418	58,273	(6,666)	--	2,189
	Mission & Development		55,401	16	1,080	39,786	--	94,123
	External Giving		2,189	--	10,500	10,786	--	2,475
			632,194	624,108	311,881	--	19,509	963,930
11(a)	Reserve of 3 months expenditure	11(c)	Income to be applied to upkeep of graveyard and certain graves					
11(b)	Funds for Youth Work	11(d)	Income to be applied to Repairs and Maintenance of St Andrew's					

The Freehold Land and Buildings (Work in Progress) comprises work so far on the New Hall being built by Grove Construction (London) Ltd under a contract signed on 20 November 2015 in the sum of £630,000, and subject to agreed variations. This will be paid for by the PCC through donations and other fund-raising plans.

The MCA Loan is secured against 6 Park View Drive South, which is owned by the Ranmore Trustees, who have agreed to deposit it as security. The loan is repayable over a 10 year period, in half-yearly instalments. Interest is currently payable at 2.90% per annum

- 12 Donations in respect of the New Hall have been treated either as Designated Funds or Restricted Funds depending on their origin. All expenditure on the New Hall has been treated as coming from Restricted Funds. This has given rise to a cash deficit on the Restricted Funds which the PCC expects to be cleared either by future donations or by a transfer from Designated Funds.

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of Sonning Parochial Church Council**

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2016, which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner**

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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 Commission section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

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

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no 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 s. 130 of the 2011 Act; or
  - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Allan G Williams CA  
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Sonning

17 March 2017





**THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW**  
**SERVING CHARVIL, SONNING AND SONNING EYE**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016**

**Incumbent:** The Revd. Jamie Taylor,  
The Vicarage,  
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**Independent Examiner:** Mr Allan Williams



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

# **The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Sonning**

## **Aim and Purpose**

To provide:

- Regular public worship that is open to all
- Sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation
- Pastoral work which includes visiting the sick and the bereaved
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- The leadership of religious assemblies in schools
- The promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and meetings, and in the distribution of literature
- Promotion of the whole mission of the Church through provision of activities for parents and toddlers
- Support of other charities in the UK and overseas

## **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in our parish and to become part of our parish community within Sonning, Sonning Eye and Charvil. The PCC vision is to:

- Serve better those who choose to worship with us and share a journey in faith
- Reach out and draw others to the knowledge and love of God
- Attend to the pastoral needs of those around us (As individuals and as an organisation)
- Preserve our Anglican heritage
- Engage with our local community and find new ways to serve it

When planning our activities for the year, the Incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific 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:

- Worship - Learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus
- Mission and pastoral care - Giving to others and the provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Buildings and Maintenance - To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of our church
- Social - Arranging social events throughout the year

## **Administrative Information**

The Parish of Sonning encompasses the thriving communities of Sonning, Sonning Eye and Charvil, located between Reading and Henley-on-Thames in a beautiful section of the Thames valley. We have a growing congregation and are welcoming and uplifting, embracing the broad Anglican tradition.

The correspondence address is:

St Andrew's Church Office  
Thames Street  
Sonning  
READING  
Berkshire  
RG4 6UR

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

During the year, the following served the Parish:

Incumbent (and Chairman) Pioneer Minister  Licensed Lay Minister	Revd Jamie Taylor Revd Alison Waters (until April 2016) Bob Peters
Churchwardens (Normally 5y term)	Terry Hunt Perry Mills
Deputy Churchwardens	Mark Jordan (from APCM 2016) Sue Peters (from APCM 2016) Molly Woodley
Treasurer	John Scoble
Secretary	Hilary Rennie (from APCM 2016)
Representatives on the Sonning Deanery Synod (Normally 5y term)  (Total elected: 5)	Bob Hine (from APCM 2016) Mark Jordan (from APCM 2016) Richard Moore Rory Symes Molly Woodley
Other PCC Members	Rachel Argent Stuart Bowman Simon Darvell (from APCM 2016) Sandra Grist (from APCM 2016) Emma Leggett Mark Sullivan Louise West

The PCC met on 6 occasions during the year and the meetings were always well attended with an average attendance of 77%

## **Committees**

The PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet between the full meetings of the PCC. These are:

### **Standing and Finance**

This is the only committee required by law and has power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. Members are the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

### **Buildings and Maintenance**

This committee attends to matters relating to stewardship of the church buildings and fabric. Chairman: Mr Terry Hunt.

### **Mission and Pastoral**

This committee attends to matters concerning external giving from the Parish. Chairman: Rev Jamie Taylor.

### **Social**

This committee is responsible for arranging social events.  
Chairman: Mrs Sue Peters.

### **The Parish Magazine**

Delivered free to every house in the parish.

Editor: Bob Peters

Advertising and Distribution: Gordon Nutbrown

## **ELECTORAL ROLL**

At the APCM in April 2016 there were 285 people on the Electoral Roll.

The total number on the new April 2017 Electoral Roll is 294.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016**

**Incumbent:** The Revd. Jamie Taylor,  
The Vicarage,  
Thames Street, Sonning, RG4 6UR

**Independent Examiner:** Mr Allan Williams

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Financial Review**

During the last year, the main focus financially has been on the building of the New Hall - St Andrew's Ark. An amount of £648,000 has been spent and capitalised as Work in Progress. Restricted Donations and Grants for the New Hall amounted to £165,000; in addition, legacies of £97,000 have been received, either for the New Hall, or allocated to that by the PCC. A further £29,000 was transferred from PCC funds to the New Hall. A loan was also agreed with the Methodist Chapel Aid for £200,000, to be repaid over 10 years from the increased rent to be received from The Bull (see below). So far, £150,000 has been drawn down.

Further major expenditure has been made on the new Gas Boiler for the Church Heating, at a cost of around £54,000. This has been very generously funded by the Friends of St Andrew's Church (FoStAC), to whom we are very grateful.

A new lease on The Bull was completed during the year, setting a new rent of £115,000 with effect from 2015, an increase of £22,500 p.a. The back rent for 2015 was received in 2016, and the costs associated with negotiating and fixing the new rent came to a similar amount.

The Total receipts on Unrestricted and Designated funds were £394,000 of which £137,500 was received as rent from The Bull (including the back rent), and £1,000 as dividends and interest. The main categories of Restricted Donations and Grants (excluding Legacies) were £166,000 (including tax rebate) for the New Hall, and £54,000 from FoStAC in respect of payment for the Gas Boiler. Restricted Investment Income of £4,800 was also received, mostly for the Churchyard and St Andrew's building maintenance. Excluding amounts received for the New Hall, total Donations, Collections and Tax Receipts from Gift Aid are down by around £9,000.

Excluding amounts spent on the New Hall, expenditure was up by around £50,000 compared with 2015, mostly accounted for by the new boiler for the church and the costs of the new lease for The Bull, offset by Rev Alison Waters leaving in the spring. Small increases and decreases happened in many categories, as is normal. The Parish Share contribution was maintained at £80,000, as against the requested amount of £102,000.

The cost of producing the Parish Magazine continues to be covered by the revenue from advertising. Additionally, the digital archiving of the old editions of the magazine has been completed, being funded by Gordon Nutbrown's books and by a Grant. The cost of distribution continues to be funded from General Funds.

The situation regarding Jubilee Hall has concerned the PCC for some time. We are aware that considerable expenditure on the structure is anticipated during the next few years, and whilst the rental income for 2016 appears similar to 2015, some regular hirers have told us that they intend to move elsewhere, because of the state of repair. Additionally, the rental income shown for 2016 includes an unpaid amount (estimated to be at least £3,000) owed by the Pre-School for the period July - Dec 2016. With no realistic prospect of a considerable increase in rental income, to cover the required maintenance items, the PCC took the decision that it was not practical to keep the Jubilee Hall open. Notice was given to all regular hirers (and additionally, discussions took place with the Pre-School) giving them notice that they needed to cease use of the Jubilee Hall by the end of 2017. No decision has yet been made, and no discussions have yet taken place, as to the future of the building.

The last Quinquennial inspection was undertaken in August 2015. Certain items will require attention in due course, but no items were identified requiring major expenditure.

### **Reserves policy**

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on Unrestricted and Undesignated Funds (if possible), which equates to at least three months normal Unrestricted payments to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time, and £55,000 is held in a Designated General Reserve Fund for this. No change in the amount held in the General Reserve Fund was made in 2016.

A separate Magazine Account was opened with CAF Bank during 2016, to enable the Magazine Treasurer to be more aware of the available funds for the Magazine, and for Magazine-linked projects. With the

exception of that account (which does not hold large funds), all balances held with CAF Bank earn interest on a daily basis at the prevailing market rates. It is our policy to invest other monies with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

**John Scoble - Honorary Treasurer**

## **BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **Meetings**

The Committee has not held a formal meeting this year, although many informal discussions have steered our path forward.

### **Routine maintenance**

The usual range of minor repairs and maintenance has been undertaken. Again, there has been no infestation of ants, wasps, bees, beetles, worms, pigeons, or squirrels. The electrical appliances have been tested and the fire extinguishers checked and replaced as necessary. The alarm and CCTV has been maintained and kept in good order by the installation Company. A close watch continues to be kept on the floor-mounted brasses.

### **New Boiler**

My thanks to the Friends of St Andrew's for funding the major works needed to replace our old oil fired boiler. The project was ably lead by Keith Nichols, as Pro Warden for the heating system and we now have an excellent system well able to keep the church warm in the depths of Winter. The project took a very great deal of Keith's time due to the demands of the Diocese and the indecisiveness of the gas supplier. We are all much in Keith's debt.

### **New Building**

The new building is now virtually finished under the leadership of Perry Mills. We are all much in Perry's debt. It is an amazing outcome to a long and weary road. Fund raising is continuing in a final push to completion.

**Terry Hunt - Chairman**



## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

This year the social committee have enjoyed hosting several events. Lent Suppers and the Seder Meal were held in Jubilee Hall and were well attended. We cooked and served hot meals at each session which were very well received and appreciated by all.

The Harvest Supper held at Pearson Hall was a great success. The meal was followed by an auction of the produce donated to decorate the church.

At the Dickensian Fayre we sold mulled wine, fruit punch and mince pies and were delighted to raise over £270 for the New Hall fund. As usual wine was served after the All Souls service and after Nine Lessons and Carols, along with sausage rolls and mince pies.

We would like to thank the many willing helpers who are not on the social committee but help to cook and serve food and drinks, as well as lifting, carrying boxes and shifting furniture for us. We look forward to seeing you at future events.

**Sue Peters - Chairman**

## **DEANERY SYNOD**

There were five meetings of the Deanery Synod in 2016, starting in January at St George's Owlsmoor, proceeding in March to St James' Barkham, to Finchampstead Church Centre in June, to St John the Baptist Crowthorne in September, and finally to St Mary's Twyford in November.

The 2015 Deanery Parish Share was 95.6% paid by December 2015, which was a small improvement compared to the previous year. There was increased focus by the Deanery on Parish Share, with wider acceptance of Sonning's long held view that the Parish Share requested by the Diocese is too high and that there should be more attention paid to affordability. The Deanery view is now that 170% of ministry costs should be the maximum any deanery should be asked to pay. As a result the Diocese review of the Parish Share is being brought forward by two years.

The Deanery Mission Action Plan continued to be acted upon and developed during the year with particular attention to resource allocation and parish enablement. The Plan now reflects more the view that money is best spent at a local parish level rather than at the centre.

Synod also heard a number of presentations during the year including one on how to resource ministry and one about the distinctive offering of the Church School in Brexit England.

**Richard Moore - Deanery Synod Representative**