

Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Standon

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31st December 2016

Standon PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England and operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. It has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the fabric of the church building, its contents and the churchyard.

Since November 2006, we have been a united benefice with the parishes of The Mundens with Sacombe.

During the year, we have provided regular public services of worship on every Sunday except two (in August), when there were united services in other churches in the benefice; the average attendance for a normal Sunday as defined for this purpose was 61, of which 59 were over and 2 under 16 years of age (77 for 2015), but this is rather misleading, as we have a significant number of united services, baptisms etc which are not taken into account in this number. The actual average attendance at services excluding the major festivals was 71 adults and 7 children. In addition, we have held services on major festivals throughout the year.

Our church is unlocked during daylight hours, and is used by many for prayer and reflection as well as being visited by individuals and groups interested in its beautiful architecture and long history and used for concerts and exhibitions. During 2016 we conducted 9 funerals or memorial services and 6 weddings in the church. We baptised 12 children. In addition to activities centred on the church building, we run "St Mary's at the School" on Sunday afternoons in the local school, at which we have a normal attendance of around 40. We run a Village Youth Club for children aged 10 and over, to which any children are welcome, and an annual Holiday Bible Club for children aged 4 to 11. We offer friendship, practical help and pastoral care to any in our community who need it. We run home groups and Bible study groups to help members deepen their knowledge and experience in the Christian faith.

Membership

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

During the year, the following served as members of the PCC:

Rector	Rev Alan Comfort	Elected Members	Mr Michael Baker	(see note below)
			Mrs Rita Bowell	
Wardens	Mr Keith Plummer		Mr Colin Coleman	
	Mr Michael Smith		Mrs Tricia Coleman	
			Mr Stephen Coley	(see note below)
Readers	Mrs Gwen Duckitt		Miss Lizzy Franks	
	Mrs Caroline Franks		Mrs Jacqui Plummer	
			Mrs Marion Smith	from 18.04.16
Officers	Miss Lizzy Franks	Hon. Secretary		
	Mrs Caroline Franks	Hon. Treasurer	Deanery Synod	Mr Jim King
			Representatives	Mrs Margaret Goodall
Banks	Barclays Bank PLC		The CBF Church of England Deposit Fund	
	27 High Street		80 Cheapside	
	Buntingford		London EC2V 6DZ	
	Hertfordshire SG9 9BP			
Investment Funds	The CBF C of E Investment Fund	Independent	Fiona Green ACA	
	80 Cheapside	Examiner	Stewardship	
	London EC2V 6DZ		1 Lamb's Passage	
			London	
Architect	Michael Dales RIBA		EC1Y 8AB	
	95 Sharpenhoe Lane			
	Streatly			
	Luton LU3 3PS			

Michael Baker and Stephen Coley's term ended at the APCM, but, because of their particular expertise, needed for the planned capital project, they were co-opted back onto the PCC at the meeting on 9th May.

Financial Responsibilities of the PCC

The PCC is required to prepare a statement of accounts for each accounting year which shows a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church.

We are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations and with applicable accounting standards
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis

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We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church and to ensure that such accounts comply with applicable accounting standards and with the Statements of Recommended Practice and the Regulations made under the Charities Act 2006. We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the church and to take reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

Policy on Reserves

The PCC recognises the need to hold reserves to allow the protection of its core activities in the event of income shortfalls and to promote balanced strategic planning. Reserves are defined as income that becomes available and which the PCC can spend at its discretion to further its objectives but which has not yet been spent, committed or designated.

At the end of 2016, the PCC held £80,259 in its General Fund. This sum is in line with its agreed policy to hold between 12 and 18 months' anticipated expenditure. Funds beyond our immediate needs are held on deposit with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund. This fund provides us with a competitive rate of interest, but with low risk and instant access.

In addition, we hold designated funds of £44 in the Tithe Fund, £5,343 in the Transport Fund, £136,273 in the Legacy Fund, £5,086 in the Accommodation Fund and £17,970 in the Local Mission and Outreach Fund.

When we receive a legacy, we transfer 10% to the Tithe Fund, to be used for others as appropriate needs come to our attention. This year, the PCC has made grants from the tithe fund to the Bible Society, Dementia Friends, Lumina Ministries and Kisiizi Hospital.

We intend to use the balance on the Legacy Fund to help fund the re-ordering of the church, and this work is due to start in May 2017. The re-ordering will greatly enhance the flexibility of the church building for worship and other uses.

Once again this year, no transfer has been made from the General Fund to the Transport Fund, as the PCC is of the view that the balance on this fund is sufficient, even though a grant has been made from the fund of £1,000.

Risk Management

Any charity, in carrying out its objectives, must have an eye to the risks involved. We are responsible for an ancient building, designed with no thought for the needs of frail or disabled people; we deal frequently with people who are vulnerable; we work with children; our income is by donation and often some of the PCC have access to confidential information.

We try to guard against risk without letting risk-limiting measures get in the way of our ministry. Where we can, we insure against financial loss. Where this is not possible, we try to minimise risk in other ways. For example, we have treated the lead on our church roof with Smart Water, and are investigating an alarm system; we have also asked our neighbours in the High Street to report any suspicious activity around the church, and we leave the flood lights on until after the pub opposite has closed and the High Street is quiet. We hold a comprehensive set of risk assessments which are reviewed regularly. We have an appointed Health and Safety Officer and there is a Health and Safety Policy in place. We have a care to the qualifications and integrity of those to whom we entrust sensitive information or access to our funds and take sensible precautions to protect them and those with whom they interact. We make sure that those working regularly with children and vulnerable adults are subjected to DBS checks in line with CCPAS guidelines and are conversant with our Child Protection Policy. Our benefice Safeguarding Officer, who advises the PCC, has extensive experience of child protection issues in relation to her role as Designated Senior Person at school and her work as Safeguarding Officer at CPAS summer camps. She is in the process of applying to become a Diocesan trainer in Safeguarding. The financial functions of the PCC are shared between three people, working independently. All work undertaken by volunteers is subject to review.

Committee Structure and Review of the Year

The PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet between meetings of the full PCC. Other than the Standing Committee, the PCC committees do not have delegated decision making powers; they make recommendations to the PCC, which is responsible for all decision making.

Standing Committee

This, the only committee required by law, has power to transact PCC business between its meetings, subject to directions given by the council. It is comprised of the Rector, our Readers, Church Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer.

World Mission Group

This committee is benefice-wide and considers matters to do with world-wide mission, including the way we support our missionary partners overseas, both financially and through prayer and encouragement. It considers which charities and organisations should be supported through appeals, special collections or specific donations from the Tithe Fund and has organised fundraising events for specific missionary projects. We continue to work to develop a benefice approach to much of our support of world mission.

Special Appeals

Once again, special appeals were well supported during 2016.

Our weekly envelopes designated "for others", together with designated proportions of members' standing orders and other giving, raised £1,262 including tax for Stephen and Catherine McGoldrick's work in Africa. During the year, we sent the £2,172 collected in 2015, and the amount collected in 2016 has been sent in 2017.

The Christmas appeal in 2015 was for Emmaus. The appeal was still open at the end of 2015 and a further £50 was received in addition to the amounts accounted for in the previous report.

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The Lent appeal for Kisiizi Hospital in Uganda raised £742, including £420 in cheques and vouchers made out to the charity and tax, and our harvest appeal for Tear Fund raised £842, including £284 made out directly to the charity plus tax. In December 2016, our appeal was for Future Living in Hertford and The Living Room in Stevenage, both working with those suffering from addictions. £1,435 was donated, including £476 in cheques and vouchers made out directly and tax. This was sent to the charities in January 2017.

In addition, we had special collections during the year. £711 (including tax) was sent to the Royal British Legion following our Remembrance Sunday service. We held a Christingle service in December, and all the money collected, amounting to £748 including gift aid tax, was sent to the Children's Society in January.

All of the amounts collected in 2016 in response to appeals to help others totalled £5,079. Of this, £3,376 was processed through the PCC bank account. In addition, we sent £560 from collections at weddings and funerals to charities chosen by the people involved.

Members took part in Operation Christmas Child, filling shoe boxes to be sent to parts of the world where children affected by war or disaster have no hope otherwise of receiving a gift at Christmas. We are waiting to hear where our 240 boxes filled in 2016 were sent.

During the year we have continued to support the work of the local food bank, and the gifts brought to our harvest services were donated to this cause. During Advent, we invited people to take part in the Reverse Advent Calendar, setting aside one item per day throughout Advent. More than quarter of a ton of food was delivered to the Food Bank in early January!

All Age Worship, St Mary's at the School and Village Youth Club

In September, our Messy Church for families, meeting in the local Church primary school on Sunday afternoons weekly during term time, was converted into St Mary's at the School, a time of contemporary worship, teaching and discussion, with Messy Church activities for the children. This continues to be very successful, with a current average attendance of around 40. Once a month, St Mary's at the School joins the congregation at St Mary's for our family service in church, with Messy Church activities in the Village Hall. A Walking the Nativity, to which the whole benefice was invited, was held in the school grounds at Christmas, and several families have brought children to St Mary's for baptism.

Our Village Youth Club, run by a professional youth worker, open at no cost to any children from year 6 upwards, continues to thrive. We offer games and activities, and an optional Bible based teaching session, and seek to demonstrate to the youngsters who attend God's love in action. It runs in the Community Centre, with access to the playground and skateboard ramp, at the same time as St Mary's at the School. Some of the youngsters have enjoyed outings and trips with the VYC, including a weekend away at the Christian "Solid" Festival, an evangelistic event where several thousands of young people gather. We enjoy an average attendance on Sundays of around 30 to 35, though we have many more names on our list.

At Easter, we ran our regular Holiday Bible Club, headed, as usual, by Elaine and Ian Coules. Over 100 children attended over the four days, and many parents came to the open evening. The theme this time was Circus Fantastica, and Bible stories, activities, games and songs were enjoyed in the church, transformed for that week into a big top.

Lizzy Franks continues to be involved with CPAS Pathfinder Holidays, and in August several youngsters from our benefice attended either her camp or one run by Christians in Sport. Funds were made available to help with the costs of these camps.

Finance Committee

This committee of representatives of PCC and church members considers all aspects of PCC finances. It is responsible for the preparation and monitoring of budgets, for review of the current financial position and for advising the PCC on financial matters.

Our financial results for this year show a deficit on unrestricted funds of £4,210.

£67,966 was spent during the year on providing Christian ministry from St Mary's. This includes parish share payments to the Diocese of £49,150 to support diocesan costs such as clergy stipends and housing, training for clergy and readers and the many support services we have available to us in our parish ministry, and costs of £6,232 to support St Mary's at the School and the VYC.

In addition, we spent £7,158 on the running and maintenance of the church and churchyard, and £12,573 on administrative and other costs.

Electoral Roll

At the end of 2016, there were 115 members on the electoral roll. 24 of these live outside the parish.

Other High Points of the Year

Our aim is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the practices of the Church of England. All our activities are organised against this background.

2016 has seen more exciting developments in our ministry. The move from Messy Church to St Mary's at the School has been well received, and we have a small but growing (in both numerical and spiritual senses) nucleus of regulars. Our pastoral visiting team has been active, with personnel trained in bereavement visiting as well as members ready and willing to offer friendship to those who are isolated or lonely.

We continue to reference our ministry with regard to the mission plan developed in 2009, revised in 2014 and again in 2016, which sets out what we mean by, where we are with and where we would like to go in the areas of ministry, mission,

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evangelism, prayer and spirituality, worship, pastoral care, children and young people, education, administration and leadership, communication, stewardship and buildings and fabric.

We continue to encourage vocation among our members. Several of our members have continued to lead worship or address the congregation, or lead services at a local residential home, and have received support and training to do so. Others have led home groups or discussion groups.

We seek to encourage and develop a desire among our members continually to be learning and growing as Christians. In addition to regular prayer times, we hold fortnightly Bible study groups, and a monthly discussion group where we tackle the Christian response to meaty issues facing our modern world. We run two Alpha courses each year and these have been attended both by non-Christians interested in finding out about faith and by established Christians who want to ground their beliefs. A fortnightly women's group meets for discussion and prayer, and a similar men's group is currently growing out of a recent men's Alpha course. A men's dinner is held regularly in a local pub.

We continue to endeavour to live out our faith in our community. As in previous years, we organised visits to housebound members of our community, with a gift, at harvest, and this was much appreciated. Members of our churches are involved in all the organisations in our parishes.

We have worked closely with our two benefice church schools, strengthening the ties between church and school and drawing some of the children and, with them, their parents into church family life. Both of our church schools hold services in our churches at least once each term, and, of course, St Mary's at the School meets in the school building, strengthening ties even more. We have also taken any opportunities offered to develop links with the other schools in our benefice.

We try to organise worship that will draw in members of our community. We extend occasional invitations to people with a different perspective from ours to visit us and share in our ministry and look forward to a visit from "Tough Talk" later in the Spring.

Our churchyard working party once a month continues to draw in people not otherwise associated with the church as well as keeping our churchyard looking attractive and tidy.

We continue to look at how to make our outreach even more effective and look actively for opportunities to engage more members of our communities.

Members meet for prayer each weekday morning in the church. Church members meet at other times for prayer, as need and opportunity allow.

Our benefice Director of Music has continued to work with the choir of members from our three churches. The combined benefice choir sings together at every united service as well as at occasional services such as choral evensong and at weddings and, on occasion, funerals. It has visited St Albans and Southwark cathedrals this year, to sing evensong, and has been part of East Herts Church Choirs Association events. We have a significant number of youngsters (9 at present) singing with our choir, and we have a programme in place to train them for their RSCM choristers' ribbons.

We have a strong tradition of Bible study and learning, and we are always seeking to increase the number of home groups and studies we offer. We have found that discrete, short courses of 5 or 6 sessions running fortnightly work best for our members, and we seek to offer a diverse range of these over time.

Our beautiful, ancient, grade 1 listed building presents us with real challenges as we strive to be the living church in these villages. The Friends of St Mary's continue to raise funds to finance restoration projects, and this year they received a substantial legacy. This, together with the amounts we have accumulated in our own legacy fund, make possible significant re-ordering work, planned for later in 2017. Permissions have been granted, and we are in the process of receiving tenders. Plans are on display in the church, and excitement is beginning to build as the project approaches. As well as restoring the Lady Chapel and reconfiguring the front of the nave, we will install a disabled toilet and small kitchen in the north west corner, and clear the pews from the north aisle, creating more flexibility in that space.

Much has been achieved during 2016, but, as ever, there is much still to do and many plans are being discussed. We are well placed to carry our work forward, and, with God's help, plan to be instrumental in spreading his gospel ever wider in this community and abroad.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have complied with the duty to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in December 2008.

This report was approved by the PCC on 6th March 2017 and signed on their behalf by Lizzy Franks (Secretary).

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Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 31st December 2016

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2016	Total 2015 Restated	Total 2015 As previously stated
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts							
Voluntary income	2a	80,154	7,189		87,343	97,556	100,499
Income from investments	2b	1,107	609	312	2,028	2,494	2,494
Church activities		6,907			6,907	7,503	6,654
Other incoming resources		240			240	96	117
Total Receipts		<u>88,408</u>	<u>7,798</u>	<u>312</u>	<u>96,518</u>	<u>107,649</u>	<u>109,764</u>
Payments							
Church activities	3	91,856	7,323		99,179	113,268	113,245
Governance costs	4	762			762	762	777
Total Payments		<u>92,618</u>	<u>7,323</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>99,941</u>	<u>114,030</u>	<u>114,022</u>
Excess of Payments over Receipts		(4,210)	475	312	(3,423)	(6,381)	(4,258)
Transfers between funds			312	(312)			
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments							318
Net movement in funds		<u>(4,210)</u>	<u>787</u>	<u>(0)</u>	<u>(3,423)</u>	<u>(6,381)</u>	<u>(3,940)</u>
Balance as at 1st January 2016		249,185	33,952		283,137	289,518	314,577
Balance as at 31st December 2016		<u>244,975</u>	<u>34,739</u>	<u>(0)</u>	<u>279,714</u>	<u>283,137</u>	<u>310,637</u>

The notes on pages 3 to 8 form part of these accounts

From 1st January 2016, the charity has moved from Income and Expenditure to Receipts and Payments accounting.

The figures presented in the 2015 SOFA are shown, and then restated as they would have been had the 2015 accounts been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. This enables an easier comparison between the two years.

This transition has been made because of a change in the accounting regulations for charity accounts.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31st December 2016

	Note	2016 £	2016 £	2015 £
Bank Balances and Cash				
Short term deposits			266,184	269,934
Cash at bank and in hand			13,530	13,203
			<u>279,714</u>	<u>283,137</u>
Other Assets and Liabilities				
Assets:				
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received			4,260	2,787
VAT recoverable (Listed Places of Worship Scheme)				2,554
Other monetary assets			1,220	2,730
			<u>5,480</u>	<u>8,071</u>
Liabilities:				
Unbilled fee for independent examination			765	765
Money donated for missionary partners and appeals not yet sent			1,895	3,069
Other amounts due			797	1,708
			<u>3,457</u>	<u>5,542</u>
Investments				
Market value 01.01.16			23,677	23,359
Unrealised gain/(loss) in the year			2,628	318
Market value 31.12.16			<u>26,305</u>	<u>23,677</u>
The investment comprises shares in the Central Board of Finance, as follows:				
		No. of shares	No. of shares	
Chancel Fund		286	286	
Chapman Bequest		292	292	
Sadleir Bequest (Grave Trust)		134	134	
Standon Church Charities		1,047	1,047	
		<u>1,759</u>	<u>1,759</u>	

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These accounts were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 07.03.17 and signed on its behalf.

Mr Michael Smith (Church Warden)

Mrs Rita Bowell (PCC member)

1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities.

Funds

Endowment funds are funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

The value of the PCC's endowment funds at 31st December is £10,647 (2015 £9,854).

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given.

Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average basis.

The value of the PCC's restricted funds at 31st December is £34,739 (2015 £48,044), of which £13,029 is invested in CBF Investment Fund Income Shares.

Designated funds represent income set aside by the PCC for payment of specific expenses.

The value of the PCC's designated funds at 31st December is £164,716 (2015 £174,903).

Unrestricted funds are general funds which may be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

The value of the PCC's general fund at 31st December is £80,259 (2015 £74,282).

1a Change of Accounting Basis

As stated in note 1 above, the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016 have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis (i.e. the amounts received and paid from bank accounts). The opening and closing figures in the Receipts and Payments Account therefore reflect the bank and cash balances held by the charity at the beginning and end of the year.

The closing figures in the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2015, shown in the Statement of Financial Activities, included all the assets and liabilities of the relevant fund. Set out below is a reconciliation of the closing balances shown in the 2015 accounts to the opening balances shown in the Receipts and Payments Account for this year.

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Cash Balance at 31.12.14	253,374	36,142	289,516
Net movement in funds per 2015 accounts	(7,307)	3,367	(3,940)
Adjusting for non-bank assets:			
Gift Aid due	(243)		(243)
Other debtors	1,857	(2,996)	(1,138)
Liabilities	1,503	(2,562)	(1,058)
Opening balance per 2016 accounts:	<u>249,185</u>	<u>33,952</u>	<u>283,137</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2016	Total 2015 Restated	Total 2015 As previously stated
	£	£	£	£	£	
2 Receipts						
2a Voluntary income						
Planned giving	45,651	1,244		46,895	41,750	44,450
Income tax	11,583	218		11,801	11,244	11,487
Collections and donations	11,938	1,041		12,979	13,588	13,588
Legacies				0	500	500
Grants and appeals	3,440	4,686		8,126	20,837	20,837
Contributions	7,542			7,542	9,637	9,637
	<u>80,154</u>	<u>7,189</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>87,343</u>	<u>97,556</u>	<u>100,499</u>
2b Income from investments						
Dividends		459	312	771	910	910
Interest	1,107	150		1,257	1,584	1,584
	<u>1,107</u>	<u>609</u>	<u>312</u>	<u>2,028</u>	<u>2,494</u>	<u>2,494</u>
3 Payments						
Church activities						
Missionary and charitable giving:						
Overseas Missionary Societies	874	2,744		3,618	2,597	3,365
Overseas relief and development agencies		558		558	1,184	1,184
Home missions and other						
Church societies	140	1,763		1,903	1,019	1,570
Secular	100	1,058		1,158	2,058	1,779
	<u>1,114</u>	<u>6,123</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,237</u>	<u>6,858</u>	<u>7,898</u>
Parish share	49,150			49,150	49,414	49,414
Other ministry expenses	18,816			18,816	16,493	17,055
Church running expenses & maintenance	6,854	304		7,158	8,928	8,961
Other expenses	2,406			2,406	2,741	2,741
Other administrative expenses	9,610			9,610	9,832	9,832
Capital projects	3,906	896		4,802	19,002	17,344
	<u>91,856</u>	<u>7,323</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>99,179</u>	<u>113,268</u>	<u>113,245</u>

Capital Projects

During the year, the retention has been paid on the work done during 2015.
No further work has been undertaken, though the PCC has submitted plans for major reordering work, planned for 2017. Permissions have been granted and work will start in May 2017.

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	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2015 Restated	Total 2015 As previously stated
	£	£	£
4 Governance costs			
Independent examination fee	<u>762</u>	<u>762</u>	<u>777</u>

5 Staff and Trustees

The PCC has no employed members of staff. Other than the Rector, who is not employed by us, its activities are generally carried out by volunteers.

Michael Smith, a Trustee, received £5,682 during the year in his capacity as organist of the church.

Marion Smith, a Trustee, received £6,916 during the year in her capacity as a self-employed administrator of the church. No remuneration was paid to any trustee during the year nor to any person connected to them.

The fees of the organist are included in ministry expenses. The remuneration of the administrative assistant is included in administration costs.

PCC members and officers were reimbursed for any PCC expenses they incurred.
The total reimbursed for 2016 was £4,090.

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6 Movement in Funds

	Balance 01.01.16	Income	Expenses	Balance 31.12.16
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	74,282	85,812	(79,835)	80,259
Legacy Fund	137,938	2,241	(3,906)	136,273
Tithe Fund	443	1	(400)	44
Transport Fund	6,343		(1,000)	5,343
Accommodation Fund	5,086			5,086
Local Mission & Outreach	25,093	353	(7,476)	17,970
	<u>249,185</u>	<u>88,407</u>	<u>(92,617)</u>	<u>244,975</u>
Restricted Funds				
Restoration Fund	4,803	2,708	(896)	6,615
Appeals	897	2,133	(2,539)	491
Bells Appeal	5,874	27		5,901
Friends of Standon Churchyard	9,374	371	(304)	9,441
Organ Fund	5,590	25		5,615
Standon Church Charities	5,242	1,384	(1,212)	5,414
Overseas Mission Partners	2,172	1,462	(2,372)	1,262
	<u>33,952</u>	<u>8,110</u>	<u>(7,323)</u>	<u>34,739</u>
Total Funds	283,137	96,517	(99,940)	279,714

7 Connected Charities

The Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon

Charity Commission No. 1088516

Main objects: The preservation, beautification and improvement of the fabric of the church.

These are pursued by raising funds and making donations to Standon PCC towards the cost of the work it supports.

The charity is run by a committee made up of 6 people appointed by Standon PCC and 6 people elected by the annual general meeting.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Standon

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2016, which are set out on pages 1 to 6, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective Responsibilities of PCC and Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 144 of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC, and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's Statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - (b) to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or.
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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For and on behalf of:
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15th May 2017