

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBROUGH
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

CHARITY NO:- 1133069

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBROUGH

INFORMATION

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STATEMENT OF THE TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Parochial Church Council requires the Trustees to ensure that financial statements are prepared for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church and of the surplus or deficit of the Church for that period. In the preparation of those financial statements, the Trustees are required to ensure that:-

- * suitable accounting policies are selected and applied consistently;
- * judgements and estimates are reasonable and prudent;
- * preparation of the financial statements is on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Church will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Church and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Parochial Church Council. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed: Patience }
Signed: Cl Hudson } (Trustees)

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPOTBROUGH

**ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPOTBROUGH**

As described on page 6, you have approved the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016 set out on pages 3 to 6. In accordance with your instructions we have compiled these unaudited accounts from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us.



Brearley & Co Accountants Limited

Chartered Certified Accountants

Date:- 7/4/17

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ST. MARY's CHURCH SPROTBROUGH

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

RESTRICTED	31.12.16		31.12.15	
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds				
Church Roof and tower appeal		1,020		-
Hall lease				-
Collections		85		
Other voluntary		142		
Fundraising		39		
Investment		16		18
Church Hall extension		-		-
Stable and roof refurbishment		7,203		1,255
Bluebell Wood		-		720
Church organ repair fund		85		-
Legacies		460		75,481
Flowers		-		120
Appeals		-		1,193
Gross Income		9,050		78,787
Resources expended				
Donations to charities	734		1,965	
Church maintenance	216		3,939	
Other maintenance	-		2,064	
Church running costs	100		120	
	-		-	
		1,050		8,088
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		8,000		70,699
Funds balance b/fwd		178,284		107,585
		186,284		178,284

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**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

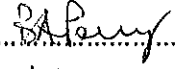
UNRESTRICTED	notes	31.12.16		31.12.15	
		£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
Collections		10,561		28,808	
Collections - Baptism		2,207		961	
Collections - Funerals		111		1,511	
Collections - Weddings		3,035		43	
Money given under gift aid		27,921		14,991	
Money given without gift aid		10,176		1,140	
Church activities		1,253		4,445	
Othr voluntary		159		5,482	
Church hall hire		21,750	-	14,920	
Literature		-		2,362	
Investments		38		89	
Legacies		7,752		1,100	
Fundraising		43		-	
Revalued investments		-		6	
Gross Income		85,006		75,858	
Resources expended					
Fund raising activities		-		100	
Diocesan Parish share		61,180		59,000	
Clergy and staff expenses		1,531		2,140	
Church running expenses		18,227		14,160	
Church utility bills		5,695		6,205	
Charity donations		555		5,141	
Church hall		13,653		16,168	
Church maintenance		-		5,000	
Cost of trading		-		-	
		100,841		107,914	
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		(15,835)		(32,056)	
Fund balance brought forward		21,510		53,566	
		5,675		21,510	

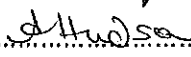
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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016**

Restricted	31.12.16		31.12.15	
	£	£	£	£
Investments				
SDB Finance		3,355		3,339
Investments		-		-
		<u>3,355</u>		<u>3,339</u>
Current assets				
Stocks	-	-	-	-
Debtors	-	-	20	-
Short term investments (CCLA)	7,000	-	7,000	-
Petty cash	-	-	-	-
Bank	175,929	-	167,925	-
	<u>182,929</u>		<u>174,945</u>	
Current liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
Net current assets		<u>182,929</u>		<u>174,945</u>
		<u>186,284</u>		<u>178,284</u>
Parish Funds				
Restricted		186,284		178,284
		<u>186,284</u>		<u>178,284</u>

Signed:  (Treasurer)

Signed:  } (Trustees)

Signed:  }

Approved on: 

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPOTBROUGH

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016**

Unrestricted

	2016		2015	
	£	£	£	£
Investments				
SDB Finance		8,088		8,050
Investments		<u>256</u>		<u>256</u>
		8,344		8,306
Current assets				
Stocks	-	-	-	-
Debtors	24,640		24,640	
Short term investments	-	-	-	-
Petty cash	250		250	
Bank	-	-	-	-
	<u>24,890</u>		<u>24,890</u>	
Current liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year				
Bank	26,443		10,790	
Creditors	1,116		896	
	<u>27,559</u>		<u>11,686</u>	
Net current assets		<u>2,669</u>		13,204
		<u>5,675</u>		<u>21,510</u>
Parish Funds				
Unrestricted		5,675		21,510
		<u>5,675</u>		<u>21,510</u>

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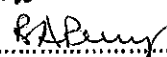
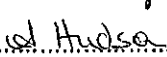
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

	2016		2015	
	£	£	£	£
Investments				
SDB Finance		11,443		11,389
Investments		<u>256</u>		<u>256</u>
		11,699		11,645
Current assets				
Stocks		-		-
Debtors	24,640		24,660	
Short term investments	7,000		7,000	
Petty cash	250		250	
Bank	149,486		157,135	
	<u>181,376</u>		<u>189,045</u>	
Current liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors	1,116		896	
	<u>1,116</u>		<u>896</u>	
Net current assets		<u>180,260</u>		<u>188,149</u>
		<u>191,959</u>		<u>199,794</u>
Parish Funds				
Total funds		191,959		199,794
		<u>191,959</u>		<u>199,794</u>

Signed:  (Treasurer)

Signed:  }
Signed:  } (Trustees)

Approved on: 

**The Parish of
Sprotbrough**

**Annual Report
and
Financial Statement**

**of the Parish of Sprotbrough
for the year ended
31 December 2016**

Incumbent

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1. Membership

The method of appointment of members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All eligible church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC.

The following shows the membership of the PCC as 31st December 2016.

Ex officio members

Rector	Revd Amanda Barraclough
Churchwardens	Angela Hudson Barbara Perry
Deanery Synod Representatives	Philip Parkin and Therese Paskell
Reader Emerita	Betty Brockman

Elected members

Joanne Allen	2015 / 2018
Cynthia Campsall	2016 / 2019
Hilary Downs	2016 / 2019
Ray Ekins	2012 / 2015 and 2015 / 2018
Irene Heaton	2015 / 2018
Revd Robert Heaton	2011 / 2014 and 2014 / 2017
Roland Lumby	2015 / 2018
Carol Palmer	2016 / 2019
Philip Radcliffe	2013 / 2016 and 2016 / 2019
Anne Smith	2015 / 2018
Wendy Taylor	2011/ 2014 and 2014 / 2017

2. Aims and Organisation

The mission statement of St Mary's Church states that our purpose is to Worship God and Welcome All. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline measures 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

The PCC operates through the following committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC.

Cockpit Crew

This deals with matters relating to the ministry of the local church to the community and the world, including ecumenical links, evangelism and the support of mission and relief agencies.

Church Building and Grounds Committee

This assists the churchwardens in executing their responsibility for the maintenance of the fabric and plant of St Mary's Church, and also for the maintenance of both St Mary's and Cadeby churchyards.

Church Hall and Stable Committee

This has responsibility for the maintenance of the fabric and plant of the hall and the Stable.

3. The Rector

"What do you most love about the place you are ministering?" A question put to local clergy by someone who, unbeknown to us, was to be the new Bishop of Sheffield. My response? People who have a "Let's give it a go!" mentality. St. Mary's is populated by "Let's give it a go!" folk, who give me not just moral, but practical, support, in new initiatives. It's a true blessing!

All-Age Worship? "Let's give it a go!" Launched in January, the level of congregational support has been encouraging, and the number of new families who are making their first tentative moves into the life of St. Mary's. Furthermore, a newly formed Planning Team are growing in confidence and taking on responsibility for creative styles of prayer and teaching. Snapshot data responses suggest this is the easiest service to invite people to. Being invitational is vital to our future- early months of belonging to church can fizzle out without regular invitation from baptism sponsors and others. Across an increasingly wide range of worship patterns (Traditional Sunday worship, All-Age, Midweek, t-Time) we have identified by name 24 people who have begun attending in 2016. That should encourage us, but it should also remind us that there are 24 people to befriend, and nurture in faith, and keep inviting along, so that they begin to grow as disciples in company with the church family. Child attendances at St. Mary's have doubled in 2016.

Activity Mornings? Light Party? "Let's give it a go!" Four sessions through 2016 have engaged with up to 24 youngsters, sharing God's love amongst games and crafts. Tour de Yorkshire involvement? Queen's Birthday bash? Scarecrow Festival? "Let's give it a go!" These special events, alongside regular and seasonal commitments to our community, mean we have a positive presence in the community. (See reports in this document). It is sobering to consider that for some who attend the Forget-me-Not Café or the Jigsaw Library, for example, this may be the only time they are in the company of practicing Christians who know them by name. No one else will tell them about God's love if we do not. I am encouraged to see a growth in confidence in sharing faith. This is vital to the future missional well-being of St. Mary's.

Robert Heaton's ordination to the diaconate was celebrated in style. His transition from lay member to ordained leader has been eased by your support and care. With all the challenges of training in the limited time available, he is growing in confidence and stepping into new situations which will, we trust, see his priesting in the summer. His partnership means a more collaborative and relational style of service leading is emerging, which, alongside the All-Age Team is creating a more diverse up-front leadership. This will be further augmented once Derek is licenced as a Lay Reader in September. My deep thanks to Betty Brockman for her energy, support and wisdom – an untiring example of "Let's give it a go!" Home and health circumstances have necessitated Therese Paskell stepping back from most of her active ministry this

year. We trust and pray that from this difficult phase new things will grow in her future ministry.

We are moving through a transitional time between the lay leadership of the core team of the past, and those who will steer St. Mary's through the future. It is vital that the wisdom of the past is harnessed to the energy and vision of the future so that all feel valued. Our new logo showing a rainbow variety of people all under one roof seeks to express that. The new St. Mary's strapline, "Worshipping God – Welcoming All" seeks to convey God's welcome to all in our community.

As an integral part of this transition, it is necessary to operate on a more robust business model than has historically been the case. I want to thank the Wardens and the PCC who have worked exceptionally hard to adopt and implement policies and procedures which are now standard workplace practice. Safeguarding and Health & Safety is part of the world we inhabit. We have also had to address financial challenges to place St. Mary's on a more secure footing. The 'Giving in Grace' stewardship campaign has seen an 18% increase in giving. For this we thank God and all who have faced and embraced the challenges we faced. A huge thank you to Ray for his dogged and relentless determination to resolve issues. There are challenges as we face the future. But if our approach is "Let's give it a go!" with God on our side, we can't go far wrong.

A. Barraclough.

4. Electoral Roll Officer

The electoral roll, as of 22 February 2017, stood at 172.

Christopher Davis

5. Churchwardens

It has been a frustrating year for our plans to maintain and develop our church building; the faculty process is both lengthy and complicated !

At the time of writing (late February) the organ has been dismantled and parts taken away to be repaired or restored – unfortunately the church has had to be locked when not in use as some parts are stored in the building. We have a "replacement" organ in the chapel, provided by the organ builders, that is serving us well at the moment. The work on the re-pointing of the tower has been postponed until the warmer weather and the outer vestry roof until the builders are available. The audio-visual screen and apparatus should be installed soon, there were adjustments to the faculty that had to be addressed. The outside notice board design is still awaiting approval from the Diocese Advisory Committee.

An unexpected breakdown of the church heating system was a major problem this winter – the fault being in an inaccessible place which entails the lifting of stone slabs, which in turn incurs the cost of an overseeing archaeologist. The church has been cold for our worship but - thank you for your patience - we have permission to hold our services in the church hall if the weather turns really cold.

We continue to maintain Cadeby churchyard and regularly test the gravestones to identify any that could be unsafe.

This is my last report as Churchwarden as I am standing down after many years "on and off" in this role. It has been a privilege and a joy to serve St Mary's (as the first female churchwarden for 850 years !) and I hope my successor will find as much satisfaction in carrying out this important task as I have done, to the best of my

ability. Perhaps they will be more computer savvy and find technology more interesting than frightening! Thank you everybody for your support over the years, fellow Churchwardens, especially Angela Hudson, Deputy Churchwardens, the PCC and committees, Stewards, those who count money, clean the church, do flowers, ring bells, do readings and, prepare intercessions, do odd jobs around the church, look after and equip the Church Hall and Stable, make tea and coffee after the service or visit the sick – if you do something else, thank you everything you do is appreciated.

Our Rector ,Amanda, is building up an outgoing, friendly and active church in our village –we are right behind her and around her , trying to make St Mary’s a living witness to the glory of God.

Barbara Perry and Angela Hudson

6. Secretary.

It has been a challenging year since taking over from Philip in April 2016. My basic computer skills have improved but I still have a lot to learn!

The PCC has continued to meet regularly on the second Monday every month at 7.30pm in the Stable. The agenda, last month’s minutes and other documents for the meeting are sent electronically to thirteen members and four require hard copies.

The PCC meeting is preceded by a Standing Committee meeting to decide the agenda. We had one Extraordinary Parochial Church Meeting to approve the financial report which was not available at the APCM, and one Extraordinary PCC to approve the contractors for the church heating work in an attempt to speed up the faculty process.

The list of trustees for the Charity Commission was updated and a financial report was submitted with Ray’s help.

The PCC attendance was 78%, the absences were mainly due to illness. My thanks go to everyone who has supported me through this year.

Anne Smith

7. Cockpit Crew (Formerly Mission & Evangelism Committee)

In today’s culture, Mission and Evangelism are no longer ‘additional initiatives’. They must shape everything we do. A group needs to oversee the direction of travel, like those in the aeroplane cockpit. Hence the name change!

Taking a lead from the Mission Action Plan formulated 2 years ago, we have re-trained baptism visitors; sought to encourage Home Group attendance using short courses (eg Faith Pictures), undertaken a Skills audit to enable people to step into new roles; analysed Snapshot questionnaire data to understand how spiritual growth is being supported and could be improved. We are seeking to update and re-launch a Pastoral Care network, and reflecting on what has been achieved through the MAP to formulate priorities for the forthcoming MAP2.

We have overseen invitational initiatives (Baptism Party at t-Time; Celebration of Marriage service; All-Age Summer Special), designed and developed Welcome cards for pews and Welcome leaflets, and our own ‘Faith Pictures’ booklet. In partnership with Churches Together we have overseen outreach at The Tour de Yorkshire, Queen’s 90th Birthday, the Scarecrow Festival and four seasonal Activity

sessions for children. Teams have attended Diocesan training on 'Growing Disciples', 'Baptism Matters' and the Development Day.

A. Barraclough

8. Pastoral Workers

Throughout the year we have been busy carrying out our 'Ministry Agreement' whenever possible, which involves the following:-

- Prayer Ministry – offering prayer support to those who request it at our Sunday services.
- Visiting congregation members – when ill, or in need of support.
- Activity mornings for children – being actively involved within a team, in the planning and delivery of these events, e g 'The Light Party', held in October.
- Sunday t-Time – working within a team, in the planning, resourcing and delivery of each of these services
- In addition to the above Irene is involved in the 'Cockpit Crew' and Derek in the Church Buildings and Grounds committee, the Church Hall and Stable Committee and also the Clergy and Partners Together Committee.

Irene has now received her training in Baptism visiting and works within a team that support Amanda in this ministry throughout the parish.

Currently, we are working to formulate a strategy, whereby each member of the church family is supported by a network.

Derek and Irene

9. Church Buildings and Grounds Committee

See Churchwardens' Report

10. Church Hall and Stable

2016 has seen many changes in the organisation of the Church hall and Stable, the main one being the retirement of Sue and Bill Erskine as the unpaid Custodians of the premises. We did present them with a plant and a cheque as a thank you and to show our appreciation for all that they have done over many years, they were a hard act to follow. We advertised for a replacement but the job was really too big for what we were offering in payment. The first person appointed didn't have the computer expertise to do the job properly. On the second round of advertising we appointed Kate Jones to do the bookings and payments and Derek Barraclough volunteered to do the locking and unlocking of the premises for events on a trial basis – this is where we are at the moment. Members of the committee are taking responsibility for other aspects of the general care and maintenance.

The premises have been well used over the year which has raised issues of wear and tear which need to be addressed. It also means that it is self-financing.

Unfortunately we lost the big regular booking of Slimming World so there are still some vacant slots. The roof of the Stable has been identified as needing immediate repair and we are looking for funding for this.

I would like to thank the members of the management committee for all their help and support. May we continue to rejoice in this valuable asset we have to the life of the church.

Betty Brockman

11. Other Committees Groups and Representatives

11.1 Adwick- le-Street Deanery Synod

Myself and Therese Paskell are your Deanery Representatives. Three meetings in different churches were held during 2016 chaired by Amanda in her capacity as Area Dean. Deanery reps (or clergy) normally give a very brief comment about some aspect of ongoing work in their parish eg in February we spoke specifically about mission activities. In addition to receiving standard reports from Diocesan Synod, a visiting speaker is often invited eg in June; Mike North gave a presentation on "Child Friendly Churches". Or sometimes a member of Deanery Synod will give a talk eg the Revd Eleanor Robertshaw spoke about her experiences at General Synod. Other issues discussed included Deanery Training – which led to the organising of short courses on such matters as Food Hygiene, and First Aid. Presentations were also given on the Diocesan Development Day in particular a review of the "Fresh Expressions" project. Arrangements for the appointment of a new Bishop of Sheffield were also discussed.

Philip Parkin

11.2 Bell Ringers

The Bell Ringing Team have continued to ring for morning service every Sunday during 2016, with practice on Tuesday evenings, and was able to meet all requests to ring at weddings during the year. The band were once again successful in retaining the Walker Cup for 2016 (awarded for the highest attendance (number of bells rung for Sunday service) at any of the churches in Doncaster), though we only just managed to better the attendance at Bawtry. The band are always keen to welcome and encourage new learners, or indeed people who have learnt to ring previously but then have not rung church bells for a number of years.

As reported in previous years' reports, some remedial work was carried out to bells in 2014 and 2015. The final task to carry out, later in 2017, will be to re-paint, with specialist paint, the frame that holds the bells. This will be quite a lengthy job in total, likely to take a couple of weeks.

Steve Taylor

11.3 Children's Society Support Group

Once again we have enjoyed a productive year raising money for the Children's Society, enabling them to help vulnerable children.

Our summer celebration lunch was a wonderful occasion enjoyed by many.

The whole village came together during our Scarecrow Trail. Individuals, businesses, schools and local organisations all helped to make it a huge success enjoyed by everyone.

The wine and wisdom evening was as competitive as ever, a really good evening.

Finally our Christingle services held at Orchard and Copley schools were enjoyed by all the children in the lead up to Christmas.

On behalf of the committee thank you to everyone who has helped make a difference to the many children helped and cared for by the Children's Society.

Helen Harwood

11.4 Church and Community in Sprotbrough

There have been one or two changes in the organisation and management committee this year. Firstly Jan and Ian Wilde have stood down as the organisers of the distribution of the magazine after about twenty years; Jan has also been on the planning committee. I would like to say a very big thank you to them for all that they have done so willingly and with joyful enthusiasm, they will be a hard act to follow. Having said this we are very pleased to welcome James and Sheila Inglis to replace them and wish them well. Thank you too to all the other members of the management committee and all those people who help in the distribution of the magazine, unsung heroes! The decision has also been made to reduce the number of editions to ten and increase the price to a straight £5.00 to make it easier to collect the money.

We are also looking for more and varied inputs and would welcome any contributions that you would like to make – it is a community magazine, not just the churches. The numbers receiving the magazine have dropped in recent years so anything you can do to increase circulation would be appreciated.

Betty Brockman – Editor

11.5 Churches' Together in Sprotbrough.

The usual pattern of ecumenical services, especially during major festivals, has continued, together with ongoing shared initiatives (e.g. Open the Book, Community Lunches, Chat Room, Forget-me-Not Café, and Carols on the Green). These have been supplemented this year by the initiatives in preparation for the Tour de Yorkshire, Queen's Birthday and Scarecrow Festival, and the Lighting of the Christmas Trees. The four seasonal Activity Sessions for children have all been planned and led ecumenically. The Lent Course, 'Seasons of Renewal' was well attended and feedback was positive. The Ten Days of Prayer was delivered by a variety of Members between Ascension and Pentecost. We enjoyed a talk at our AGM in June from George Trow, Principal of Doncaster College, which offered us an insight into how his faith informs his role there. Food Hygiene Training has been facilitated for those who require it.

We have reviewed our annual programme to ensure that we are not simply 'filling the diaries of the faithful' in a way which prevents us being missional; and to prioritise those events which are 'outward facing'. Community Christmas and Easter cards are also subject to review with only key missional events advertised on the 'public card' to be delivered.

A. Barraclough

11.6 Funds in Fellowship.

All our fundraising events take place alongside many other events planned by many other organisations – Sprotbrough is a very “actively social” place – thank you to all those who contribute to its fellowship.

At St Mary’s, to raise funds for the Stable roof we have held three coffee mornings – in January, August and September. These are always popular and well attended. In May we held the ever popular Village Quiz – the cup claimed back by the Methodicals. Early in December, instead of Advent Sunday we planned an evening around people’s Christmas crib models, with readings and music, entitled “The Road to Bethlehem” which started off the Christmas celebrations. This year was a good year for the Christmas Fayre; the hard work and planning for this event always pays off and the Village supports and enjoys it.

Barbara Perry

11.7 Jigsaw Library and Coffee Morning

2016 has been another successful year with new people coming in, both for the jigsaws and to enjoy the homemade cake, coffee and a chat. People are always surprised at the wide variety of jigsaws we have in stock. This is due to the generous donations of jigsaws people have given; we would like to say a big thank you to them all. The jigsaws which have not been taken out for a while are donated to the charity shops of Arthritis Research, Dr. Barnardo’s, British Heart Foundation and PDSA. During 2016 we have made numerous donations to St Mary’s and to local charities, Newspapers for the Blind, Don Gorge, Firefly, Forget-Me-Not Cafe, Scawthorpe JSC defibrillator, Neorofan Appeal, Stable Roof, St Mary’s General Fund, Riding for the Disabled, Doris Banham Dog Save, Doncaster Street Pastors and Guide Dogs for the Blind, a total of £850. In October we held a special coffee morning selling beautiful handbags, scarves and capes in addition to the cakes and knitted goods. All proceeds went to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. We look forward to reaching out to the community and hope more people can come and enjoy a pleasant morning of fellowship.

June Spencer

11.8 Knit and Natter Group

The group is now in its 2nd year, meeting every 2 weeks on a Wednesday afternoon when 7 or 8 ladies can be seen clicking away and chatting, enjoying each other’s company and producing beautiful knitted items to sell. This has enabled them to donate £1500 to Yorkshire Air Ambulance this year, a wonderful achievement! Thanks to Joan Harrison who has taken over from me in organising the group. It has been decided to support the Forget-Me-Not Cafe by holding various fund raising events during 2017 and the Group would love to welcome new members.

Carole Hall

11.9 Mothers’ Union

Membership: 23

In 2016, we took part in special events to celebrate 140 years of Mothers’ Union worldwide. This included a family fun day at Clifton Park, Rotherham which was well

attended and raised the profile of our organisation. 140 years were also marked by each branch in the diocese being given £14 and, as in the parable of the talents, we were asked to make it grow. Our branch had a homemade stall during July and raised £177.50.

We have supported a variety of charities and projects which linked to the core principles of Mothers' Union. These included CART (Christian African Relief Trust), Street Pastors and the Archer Project.

We have met with other members in Adwick Deanery. We hosted a quiet afternoon and used this opportunity to collect donations for The Big Summer Appeal to support various projects worldwide.

Some of our members continue to support families at Moorlands prison by volunteering to run the play area for visiting children. This is always open to new recruits.

We have continued to make and deliver "joy bags" to the sick or bereaved. They have been well received and feature on Sheffield MU website.

Andrea Offord – branch co-ordinator

11.10 Parish Luncheon Club

The Parish Luncheon Club, which meets at the Newton Arms on the last Thursday of the month, is now in its 5th year. Numbers attending are around a steady 50 and should a face be missing we try to make contact to see if they are okay. New friendships have been made and people enjoy meeting and sharing a meal together. A free raffle is drawn and, thanks to Reg Crockford, brains are put to use in trying to answer the quiz sheet he produces each month.

The Easter and Christmas raffles are the only time money is exchanged, which is used towards the small gifts we give at the Christmas Lunch and this year enabled us to make a donation of £114 to Sheffield Children's Hospital, Treetops and Magnolia House.

Many thanks to those who support us by bringing donations of jigsaws, wool and raffle prizes for our other activities.

Carole Hall

11.11 Sunday t-Time

Sunday t-Time has continued to meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month throughout 2016, with the exception of the May Bank holiday and the month of August due to the summer break. t-Time numbers have been averaging around 16-17 per session (a slight increase from last year). Some of the t-Time families have now started to attend the 'All-Age' worship services held on a Sunday morning – thus contributing to the growth of the worshipping community at St Marys.

Throughout the year we have continued to enjoy fellowship and fun together, as we explore Bible passages and Bible stories in a very informal way through role-play, sketches, interactive powerpoints, games, songs and creative activities, etc. In February, we held a Baptism party for all the young children (and their families) who had been baptised at St Marys in the last 3 years. We had a wonderful time, as we celebrated the fact that we are all part of God's huge family.

Alongside our learning, the t-Timers have used their creative skills to produce banners and 'Works of Art' which have been displayed in the church and have contribute to the praise and worship of our Great God!

The t-Time team have been delighted to welcome Sue Drake, who has become actively involved in the preparation and delivery of the services. In addition to this, a big thank you goes out to Ann Marie Brown for all her hard work and faithful service on the t-Time team. Due to a career change and sadly the demands of that role, Ann Marie has had to leave the team, but thankfully she and her family are still able to come along to t-Time.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us in prayer throughout the year.

Irene Heaton

11.12 Websites

Significant changes have been made to both websites.

In 2016 a decision was taken to totally re-vamp both the Church and Church Hall websites to make them more flexible and bring them up-to date. As a result the completely new look Church Hall website was re-launched in October/November 2016 and the new St Mary's website was launched in January 2017, with no change to either web address. Amongst other features both sites now have the facility to play videos and display photo galleries and can handle animation.

Both sites now display a more professional look and feel. Following feedback, the Church site in particular, is more centred on faith. A decision was also taken to trim down the content. Having said that, the Church website is not completely finished, there is a planned update later in 2017 that will see the inclusion of details regarding the history of the Church.

As expected, during the transition period visits to the main site did fall, however since the new site launch visits have increased and in some weeks have been as high as 200 per week compared with a previous average of around 75.

www.stmarys-sprotbrough.co.uk

www.stmarys-sprotbrough.co.uk/churchhall

'easyfundraising'

Did you know we currently have 25 easyfundraising supporters and have so far raised £287, might not sound a lot, but it is money we wouldn't have had. And all raised by simply shopping on-line.

We need your help. If you are already a supporter, Thank you! Your support is much appreciated. What we need you to do is encourage others to join, family, friends, neighbours etc. The more supporters we have, the more we can raise. If you are not currently a supporter here's how you can join.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmaryssprot/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and St Mary's Church Sprotbrough will be really grateful for your donations. Easyfundraising has over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra! whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for St Mary's Church Sprotbrough?

If 25 people can raise £287, how much could 50 people raise?

Spread the word!

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/stmaryssprot

Roland Lumby. Webmaster

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPOTBROUGH
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016
CHARITY NO:- 1133069

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBROUGH

STATEMENT OF THE TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Parochial Church Council requires the Trustees to ensure that financial statements are prepared for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church and of the surplus or deficit of the Church for that period. In the preparation of those financial statements, the Trustees are required to ensure that:-

- * suitable accounting policies are selected and applied consistently;
- * judgements and estimates are reasonable and prudent;
- * preparation of the financial statements is on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Church will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Church and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Parochial Church Council. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed: R. Perry
Signed: A. Hudson } (Trustees)

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTROUGH

**ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTROUGH**

As described on page 6, you have approved the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016 set out on pages 3 to 6. In accordance with your instructions we have compiled these unaudited accounts from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us.



Brearley & Co Accountants Limited

Chartered Certified Accountants

Date:- 7/4/17

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTROUGH

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

RESTRICTED	31.12.16		31.12.15	
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds				
Church Roof and tower appeal		1,020		-
Hall lease				-
Collections		85		
Other voluntary		142		
Fundraising		39		
Investment		16		18
Church Hall extension		-		-
Stable and roof refurbishment		7,203		1,255
Bluebell Wood		-		720
Church organ repair fund		85		-
Legacies		460		75,481
Flowers		-		120
Appeals		-		1,193
Gross Income		9,050		78,787
Resources expended				
Donations to charities	734		1,965	
Church maintenance	216		3,939	
Other maintenance	-		2,064	
Church running costs	100		120	
	-		-	
		1,050		8,088
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		8,000		70,699
Funds balance b/fwd		178,284		107,585
		186,284		178,284

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBROUGH


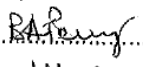
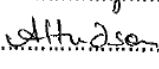
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

UNRESTRICTED	notes	31.12.16	31.12.15
		£	£
Unrestricted Funds			
Collections		10,561	28,808
Collections - Baptism		2,207	961
Collections - Funerals		111	1,511
Collections - Weddings		3,035	43
Money given under gift aid		27,921	14,991
Money given without gift aid		10,176	1,140
Church activities		1,253	4,445
Othr voluntary		159	5,482
Church hall hire		21,750	14,920
Literature		-	2,362
Investments		38	89
Legacies		7,752	1,100
Fundraising		43	-
Revalued investments		-	6
Gross Income		85,006	75,858
Resources expended			
Fund raising activities		-	100
Diocesan Parish share		61,180	59,000
Clergy and staff expenses		1,531	2,140
Church running expenses		18,227	14,160
Church utility bills		5,695	6,205
Charity donations		555	5,141
Church hall		13,653	16,168
Church maintenance		-	5,000
Cost of trading		-	-
		100,841	107,914
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		(15,835)	(32,056)
Fund balance brought forward		21,510	53,566
		5,675	21,510

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTROUGH

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016**

Unrestricted	2016		2015	
	£	£	£	£
Investments				
SDB Finance		8,088		8,050
Investments		<u>256</u>		<u>256</u>
		8,344		8,306
Current assets				
Stocks	-		-	
Debtors	24,640		24,640	
Short term investments	-		-	
Petty cash	250		250	
Bank	-		-	
	<u>24,890</u>		<u>24,890</u>	
Current liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year				
Bank	26,443		10,790	
Creditors	1,116		896	
	<u>27,559</u>		<u>11,686</u>	
Net current assets		<u>2,669</u>		13,204
		<u>5,675</u>		<u>21,510</u>
Parish Funds				
Unrestricted		5,675		21,510
		<u>5,675</u>		<u>21,510</u>

Signed:  (Treasurer)
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 Signed:  } (Trustees)


Approved on:  7/4/17

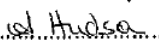
ST. MARY'S CHURCH SPROTBOUGH


BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

	2016		2015	
	£	£	£	£
Investments				
SDB Finance		11,443		11,389
Investments		<u>256</u>		<u>256</u>
		11,699		11,645
Current assets				
Stocks		-		-
Debtors	24,640		24,660	
Short term investments	7,000		7,000	
Petty cash	250		250	
Bank	149,486		157,135	
	<u>181,376</u>		<u>189,045</u>	
Current liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors	1,116		896	
	<u>1,116</u>		<u>896</u>	
Net current assets		<u>180,260</u>		<u>188,149</u>
		<u>191,959</u>		<u>199,794</u>
Parish Funds				
Total funds		191,959		199,794
		<u>191,959</u>		<u>199,794</u>

Signed:  (Treasurer)

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Approved on: 

Financial Review 2016

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005 by our Treasurer Mr. R J Ekins.

Fund balances carried forward into 2017, at £191959 (includes legacies from previous years) is a decrease of £7835 during the year (unrestricted funds decrease by £15845 and restricted funds increase £8000), are sufficient for the PCC to pursue its objectives in the coming year – Restricted income only.

Restricted Income for the year has decreased by £69737 to £9050; this is mainly attributable to no large bequests received towards the church buildings repairs etc..

Regular giving and fundraising (whether Restricted or Unrestricted income) by the dedicated support of our Parishioners, continues to be a crucial source of funds to the PCC. The majority of the fundraising income coming from the Christmas fayre, coffee mornings, and other events. We also receive donations towards the £2500 grass cutting bill we receive annually. The hire of the church hall and stable provides valuable income and has increased in 2016, though much spare capacity is available and needs to be promoted. Its income from hiring's provides a "free" facility for church use.

Combined Restricted & Unrestricted expenditure has decreased by £15111 to £101891 due to considerably reduced church building works. The parish share and ministry contribution at £61800 (*£59000 in 2015*), once again, has paid in full.

The PCC has spent 120% (142% in 2015) of its unrestricted expenditure on Church activities, which at £100841 (£107914 in 2015) against income of £85006, equates to a deficit of £15835 over the year or nearly £43 (*£296 in 2015*) per day running the Church, church hall & stable.

The PCC made donations to charities totalling £734 (*1965 in 2015*) in addition to the nominated charity collections which are outside of the accounts.

Reserves policy

The PCC consider it prudent that unrestricted funds should be sufficient to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time, equivalent to one month's unrestricted recurrent payments. At the 31st December the PCC held general unrestricted funds of £5675 (£21510 in 2015) which does **not** meets this target.

Ray Ekins, Treasurer, St Mary's PCC

April 2017

St Mary's Sprotbrough, 2016 accounts overview.

Restricted Funds	2016 (£k's)	2015 (£k's)	Comments
Income	9	79	We received a very legacy in in 2015. Giving to the Stable fund increased in 2016.
Expenditure	1	8	In 2016 no major schemes paid for.
Year end balance	8	71	
Fund balance	186	178	As with any building, some years costs can be minimal cost, whilst other years they are very expensive and thus it's prudent to be a maintaining a balance for this purpose.

Unrestricted Funds	2016 (£k's)	2015 (£k's)	Comments
Income	85	76	Hall & Stable use and Donations are up on 2015
Expenditure	101	108	No chargeable church maintenance has occurred, increased giving to the Diocese by £2k has occurred
Year end balance	-16	-32	A bad year end balance in 2015, but substantially reduced in 2016
Fund balance	6	22	Too close for comfort!

Combined Funds	2016 (£k's)	2015 (£k's)	
Unrestricted balance	6	21	
Restricted	186	178	
Totals	192	199	

Balance looks very healthy, but only £6000 is available for regular spending as 31/12/16.

The Congregation and other benefactors have in 2016;	
# supported the Giving in Grace programme very generously	
# continued fund raising with increased support to the Stable Roof, however the Tower, Organ & Cadeby Church Grounds funds are not doing so well.	

Future - 2017 and onwards
Contributions to the Diocese has been reduced from 1/1/17 by £21000 per year (is subject to an increase when possible) coupled with other reduced out-going's and increased giving in planned to stop the church's capacity to over spend v its income, thus balancing the books.
St Edmunds utilities costs should finally be closed by 30/4/17.
Reduced energy supply costs are in place from February 2017
Termination of a 5 year maintenance contract for a photocopier - AKA the Beast, by August 2017
St Mary's should see receipt of back dated claimed Gift Aid and GASDS monies from the HMRC, May 2017.
"Restricted income" expenditure from the generous bequests we have received will rise to cover the Tower and Organ repair costs. These bequests and other one off donations have been very useful & pleasing to receive, for they have and continue to be a driving force for the long-term sustainability of the church and will be carefully spent in line with the bequestors requests.
Formation of a Financial Sub-Committee in early summer; to prepare budgets, investment strategy, long-term expenditure strategy including to review contributions to the Diocese & building repair costs, review present banking arrangements due to their costs, look at raising further income from hall and stable hiring's through increased use (& not price increases), grants etc. Its principal aim is to advise the PCC on Financial matters to; ensure all income to St Mary's is maintained and increased in line with inflation plus opportunities to raise funds to be considered, also to ensure all expenditure is wisely undertaken, to ensure the sustainability of St Mary's church for the future. Members required please.