

## **2016 Report and Accounts for the Trustees of The United Church of St Paul's Balsall Heath (Anglican & URC) Also known as Balsall Heath Church Centre**

### **Aim and Purposes**

The Trustees of The United Church of St Paul's Balsall Heath (Anglican & URC) also known as Balsall Heath Church Centre (The Church Council) have the responsibility of cooperating with the Vicar/Minister (Rev Canon Catherine Grylls until May 2016, vacancy thereafter), in promoting the ecclesiastical parish of St Paul's Balsall Heath, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The Church Council is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of Balsall Heath Church Centre, 100 Mary Street, Balsall Heath, B12 9JU.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The Church Council is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our community at Balsall Heath Church Centre. The Church council maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; and developing knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of Balsall Heath Church Centre and its grounds.

**Achievements and Performance** – see attached booklet

### **Financial Review**

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £43,810 of which £18,800 was unrestricted voluntary donations. Total receipts on restricted funds were £17,700 and are detailed in the Financial Statements.

Planned giving through envelopes and banker's orders was taken up well.

£15,200 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from Balsall Heath church Centre, including the URC M&M contribution and the contribution to the Anglican Common fund which provides the stipends and housing for the clergy.

The net result for the year was a deficit in receipts versus payments of £600 on unrestricted funds. The balance carried forward at 31 December was £194,500 of which £85,000 is carried forward as designated funds.

### **Reserves Policy**

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £11,000. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The method of appointment of the Church council is set out in the Constitution. The membership of the Church Council consists of the Vicar/Minister, nine elected Trustees and up to two co-opted Trustees. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll or URC Membership Rollo and stand for election to the Church Council.

The Church Council members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the Church and parish including deciding on how the funds of the charity are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the Church Council.

### **Administrative Information**

The United Church of St Paul's Balsall Heath (Anglican & URC) also known as Balsall Heath Church Centre is situated in Balsall Heath, Birmingham. It is part of the Diocese of Birmingham within the Church of England and of the West Midlands Synod within the United Reformed Church.

The correspondence address is The Parish Office, Balsall Heath Church Centre, 100 Mary Street, Balsall Heath, Birmingham B12 9JU. It is registered charity, number 1160049.

Church Council members who have served at any time from 1 January 2016 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officia members:

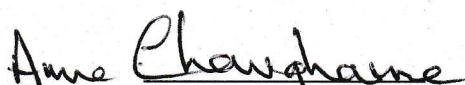
Minister: Revd Canon Catherine Grylls


Elected members:

Mr Alester Burke  
Rev Peter Bound  
Mrs Inez Clarke  
Ms Jo Ind  
Mrs Anne Laugharne  
Mrs Ann Samuel  
Mr Ivor Samuel  
Ms Beverley Thompson  
Ms Deborah Tracey

Approved by the Church Council and signed on their behalf by the Anne Laugharne and Rev Peter Bound.

Signed:

  
Anne Laugharne

  
Rev Peter Bound

Date:

27-08-17

27-8-17



**Independent Examiner's Report to the members of the Church Council of:  
The United Church of St Paul's Balsall Heath (Anglican & URC) also known as  
Balsall Heath Church Centre, Birmingham.**

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016, which are set out on pages 2 to 5.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As trustees of the charity, the members of the Church Council 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 Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

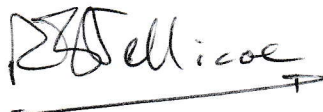
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or 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 give 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.

**Examiner:** R B Jellicoe (FCCA)  
**Address:** 104 Lyttelton Road  
Birmingham  
B33 8BJ



**Date:** 12 April 2017



**The United Church of St Paul's Balsall Heath  
(Anglican & URC) 1160049**

**Balance sheet as at 31st December 2016**

<b>Fixed assets</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Investment assets (CBF shares)	67,916	59697
<b>Current assets</b>		
Short term deposits	109,827	94372
Cash at bankers and in hand	16755	15521
Debtors	0	0
<i>less liabilities</i>		
creditors	0	0
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>126581</b>	<b>109893</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>194497</b>	<b>169590</b>
<b>Funds</b>		
General Reserve Fund	84934	76243
Endowment Fund	27820	25081
Memorial/Legacy Fund	51833	46354
<i>Restricted</i>		
Community Development Work etc	20179	6349
Silver Lining Project (from Apr 2015)	9731	15563



The United Church of St Paul's Balsall Heath (Anglican & URC) 1160049						
2 Incoming Resources						
				TOTAL	2015	
2a	Incoming Resources from donors					
	Planned giving			13,250	13,250	8,927
	Open Collections			1,937	1,937	1,842
	Income tax recovered				-	-
2b	Other voluntary incoming resources					
	Donations			400	400	195
	Fundraising			3,237	3,237	2,555
2d	Other ordinary incoming resources					
	Room hire			16,118	16,118	10,887
	Contribution to o/heads from project			2,300	2,300	1,213
	Gen office income			923	923	460
	Fees from funerals and weddings			634	634	110
	Miscellaneous			2,820	2,820	1,119
2e	Income from investments			1,120	1,120	398
2f	Extraordinary incoming resources			1,072	1,072	272
	TOTAL			43,810	43,810	27,978
RESTRICTED FUNDS						
Silver Lining project						
	BCC via Digbeth Trust			12,575	12,575	20,250
	Ageing Better			2,000	2,000	
	Other grants			1,500	1,500	
	FIT income			2,602	2,602	2,500
	Events			1,307	1,307	1,519
	less contribution to overheads			2,300	2,300	1,213
	TOTAL			17,683	17,683	23,055
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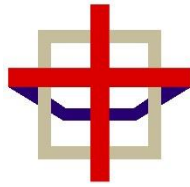


<b>3 Resources used</b>					
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>3a</b>	<b>Grants</b>	Donations	805	805	500
<b>3b</b>	<i>Activities relating to the ministry of the church</i>				
	Ministry	Common Fund and M&M	13,179	13,179	10,743
		Clergy expenses	862	862	826
	Church	Heating, lighting, water rates	5,757	5,757	3,915
	Centre	Insurance	2,308	2,308	1,789
		Repairs to church/grounds	4,823	4,823	1,164
		Caretaker & cleaner	1,555	1,555	923
		Sacristy requisites	1,104	1,104	663
		Organist and music	-	-	-
		Miscellaneous	306	306	925
	Fundraising		2,649	2,649	2,052
<b>3c</b>	<i>Church management and administration</i>				
		Bank charges	-	-	-
		Miscellaneous	6,631	6,631	3,605
<b>3d</b>	<i>Extraordinary resources used</i>				
		Major works	2,078	2,078	1,370
		Other	585	585	-
		BDBF fees	610	610	516
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>43,251</b>	<b>43,251</b>	<b>28,991</b>
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>					
<i>Silver Lining project</i>					
	Salaries		14,363	14,363	4,960
	Activities		8,360	8,360	2,532
	Other		747	747	-
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>23,470</b>	<b>23,470</b>	<b>7,492</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>66,721</b>	<b>66,721</b>	<b>36,484</b>



The United Church of St Paul's Balsall Heath (Anglican & URC) 1160049				
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2015				
Incoming Resources	Note	Total Funds 201		2015
Incoming resources from donors	2a	15187		10,769
Other voluntary incoming resources	2b	3637		2,750
Other ordinary incoming resources	2d	22794		13,789
Income from investments	2e	1120		398
Extraordinary incoming resources	2f	1072		272
Asset transfer from Endowment Fund				25,081
Asset transfer from PCC StPBH		8087		15,479
Asset transfer from BHURC				62,081
Asset transfer from BHURC - legacy				13,152
Asset transfer from PCC StPBH (Man Comm - legacy)				26,304
Asset transfer from PCC StPBH (Mem Fund)				6,898
<b>Restricted funds</b>		17683		23,055
Asset transfer from PCC StPBH (Man Comm - project)		13830		6,349
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>83409</b>		<b>206,377</b>
<b>Resources used</b>				
Grants	3a	805		500
Activities relating to the working of the chu	3b	32542		23,001
Church management and administration	3c	6631		3,605
Extraordinary resources used	3d	3273		1,886
<b>Restricted Funds</b>		23470		7,492
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES USED</b>		<b>66721</b>		<b>36484</b>
<b>NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES</b>		<b>16689</b>		<b>169,893</b>
<b>Gains (losses) on investments</b>				
Realised				
Unrealised		8219	-	303
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>24908</b>		<b>169,590</b>
<b>Balances brought forward at 01/01/16</b>		<b>169590</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>Balance carried forward at 31/12/16</b>		<b>194497</b>		<b>169,590</b>





BALSALL HEATH  
AND EDGBASTON  
*welcoming : inclusive : community*

# Annual Report

for

The United Benefice of

Balsall Heath & Edgbaston



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# 2016





# Introduction

Welcome to the 2016 Annual Report for the PCC of St Mary & St Ambrose Edgbaston, the Church Council of The United Church of St Paul's Balsall Heath (Anglican & URC), also known as Balsall Heath Church Centre, and for the PCC of St Paul's Balsall Heath.

St Mary & St Ambrose Edgbaston and The United Church of St Paul's Balsall Heath (Anglican & URC) are two ethnically diverse churches that work together to serve the people of our local community, and to serve God. In 2007 the parishes of St Mary & St Ambrose Edgbaston and St Paul's Balsall Heath were formed into a United Benefice, following almost three years of growing together under their first shared priest. From 1980 Balsall Heath URC and the PCC of St Paul's Balsall Heath worked together as Balsall Heath Church Centre. During 2014 a new step was taken in that partnership and a new Single-Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) was born. Together the two Anglican parishes cover much of the Balsall Heath area, and a small portion of the Edgbaston ward.

## **Our vision statement:**

*In the light of God's love, we seek to be an inclusive, welcoming, supportive and loving church, serving God's world and the community to which we belong.*

This Vision Statement has been fleshed out in a Mission Action Plan (MAP), working towards June 2017, when the United Benefice will be 10 years old. The MAP draws on the Transforming Church process (Anglican) and the Vision 2020 process (URC). Our MAP development priorities are:

**LEADERSHIP** We have a confident and trained leadership team that includes people of all ages.

**DISCIPLESHP** Each of us is a confident, prayerful disciple in daily life, with an active and committed personal witness to faith to encourage more people into church

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** There are a variety of spaces, with fluid boundaries, where people can share needs / stories / faith and where story-telling, relationships and conversation are central and valued.

**FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP** The churches have a wide income base.

### **Who & Where we are**

St Mary & St Ambrose Church was designed by JA Chatwin in red brick and stands prominently on the Pershore Road near to Edgbaston Cricket Ground and Cannon Hill Park. Worship on a Sunday is at 10.00am. A range of forms of order of service and a variety of music are used. Plans to develop St Mary & St Ambrose Church as a resource for the whole community continue to be an aspiration. The 45 and 47 buses run past the door.

Balsall Heath Church Centre was designed and purpose-built in the late 1970s, for worship, community gatherings and as a meeting place for local elderly people. It is on the corner of Mary Street and Edward Road, not far from the no. 35 bus route. Worship on a Sunday is at 11.15am.

Both churches centre worship round the celebration of Holy Communion (the Eucharist) and there are activities for children during both Sunday services. The two church communities worship together on the 5th Sunday of the month, and on Ash Wednesday and Ascension Day. The churches share Bible studies and other activities throughout the year.



In 2016, average Sunday attendance for the Anglican congregations was 31 adults & 3 children at Balsall Heath Church Centre and 35 adults & 5 children at St Mary & St Ambrose Church. At the APCM in 2016, the Electoral Roll figures were 49 for the parish of St Paul's Balsall Heath and 55 for the parish of St Mary & St Ambrose Edgbaston.

St Mary & St Ambrose Edgbaston and the United Church of St Paul's Balsall Heath are covenanted members of Churches Together in Balsall Heath.

Both St Mary & St Ambrose Edgbaston and Balsall Heath Church Centre are Fairtrade Churches.

### **Ministry Team**

Revd Canon Catherine Grylls (until May)

Revd Debbie Collins (until July)

Revd Peter Bound

Mrs Pat Richards

Mrs Jasmine Browne



### **Lay Pastoral & Community Ministry Team**

Sylvette Browne, Inez Clarke, Maggie Norris, Wilma Richards, Ivor Samuel, Ann Samuel, and Lalith Vadlamudi

**Administrator & Vicar's PA** : Mrs Jacquie Dewsbury  
bhcc.admin@btconnect.com : 0121 440 1138

**Vicar / Minister to May 2016** : Rev Catherine Grylls  
gryllsc@btinternet.com : 0121 440 2196

**St Mary & St Ambrose Church**, Pershore Road  
& Raglan Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B5 7RA

**Balsall Heath Church Centre**, 100 Mary St,  
Balsall Heath Birmingham B12 9JU

**Internet:** [www.balsallheathandedgbaston.org.uk](http://www.balsallheathandedgbaston.org.uk)

**On Facebook and Twitter:** BHEChurches

## The Banners at St Paul's

A diverse and eager group gathered at Balsall Heath Church Centre on Saturday 16th April to work with the artist Jake Lever to create two banners to hang either side of the sanctuary.

Jake wrote: *'The banners hopefully speak of the local community and the wider world, and God's love for us. The left hand contains an image of the city at night, the right hand the wonderful "rainbow" community of Balsall Heath.'*



The hands are pointing down, symbolising God holding us, and both have a small gold 'wound' on them, for these are Christ's wounded hands.

Do take a good look at them when you have a chance - there are many wonderful details to discover!





# Worship and Prayer

## **Sundays**

- 10.00am Holy Communion & Junior Church  
at St Mary & St Ambrose Church  
(1st Sunday 'Good News @ 10' Morning Worship  
3rd Sunday more traditional service)
- 11.15am Holy Communion & Junior Church  
at Balsall Heath Church Centre  
(1st Sun Holy Communion - all ages together)

## **Tuesdays**

- 9.00am Morning Prayer  
at Balsall Heath Church Centre - to end May
- 12noon Holy Communion (1st Tuesday only)  
at St Mary & St Ambrose Church

## **Wednesdays**

- 9.00am Morning Prayer  
at St Mary & St Ambrose Church
- 11.30am Holy Communion  
at Balsall Heath Church Centre

## **Thursdays**

- 9.00am Morning Prayer at Balsall Heath Church Centre  
(at St Anne's Moseley alternate weeks) until end May
- 2.00pm Service  
at Amberley Court Nursing Home (monthly)
- 8.00pm Holy Communion with prayers for healing and  
laying on of hands at Balsall Heath Church  
Centre (3rd Thursday of month)

## **Fridays**

- 9.00am Morning Prayer  
at St Mary & St Ambrose Church - until end May
- 10.30am Service at Clifton House (monthly) - until July)

## **Prayer Chain Co-ordinator: Wilma Richards**

The Intercessory Prayer Group offers thanks to God for the prayers that have been answered. There has to be faithful prayer which is the foundation of the church. Thanks to the group, the link continues to run as smoothly as it can. Thank you to each and everyone for your service to this ministry.

# Social & Pastoral Relationships

## **St Mary & St Ambrose Singing Group**

### **Co-ordinator: Sylvette Brown**

The group has grown from strength to strength in numbers, and in confidence. Practice takes place on the first Saturday of each month. We continue to encourage new singers to join, and to learn new songs. It has been a delight to see children join us from time to time. Formal thanks are extended to Cath and Hannah who play the music and guide the singing group.

## **Lay Pastoral & Community Ministry Team**

### **Co-ordinator: Sylvette Brown**

The past 12 months has seen no change in membership numbers. Regular meetings continue where experiences and discussions are shared. The team continues to visit and keep in touch with a substantial number of people. It is pleasing to know that these visits are appreciated. The team commented that much satisfaction is gained from the visits. A monthly general meeting, followed by an evening service with prayers for healing, continue to take place. Every six months, a larger meeting takes place with a visitor from Church House.

## **Congregational Life**

The joint Social & Fundraising Sub-committee has established a trio of enjoyable events through the year: a Supper Dance in June, outings to Rhyl in August and to Blackpool in October.

## **Safeguarding - Lead: Rev Catherine Grylls to May**

We have developed a small team to oversee and lead this area of our life together. Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators are Pat Richards for St Mary & St Ambrose and Jon Gurling for Balsall Heath Church Centre.

The PCC of St Mary & St Ambrose Edgbaston, the PCC of St Paul's Balsall Heath, and The United Church of St Paul's Balsall Heath (Anglican and URC) also known as Balsall Heath Church Centre have complied with their duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.



# Discipleship

The Discipleship Leadership Team continue to meet termly to review the opportunities available through the churches for all ages to grow in discipleship. Over the year the use of social media has been initiated and refined. A new 10-12 Group has also been started. Baptisms, Confirmation and Admission to Communion were celebrated during the year.

During 2016, two Saturday workshops for Children and Families were held, based on the pattern of 'Messy Church'. They were much enjoyed by children and adults alike.

Young people and children share in leading worship from time to time, particularly when we worship all-ages together, as servers, readers and leading prayers. Our Junior age children in particular continue to grow in confidence. Once again, there was an All-Age Carol Service at Balsall Heath Church Centre on the Sunday before Christmas, which was much appreciated.

Junior Church in both churches has continued. At St Mary & St Ambrose we continue to nurture our toddlers and children during the service within the Children's Corner. Thank you to Margaret Smith for keeping it clean and tidy. Thank you too to the Junior Church leaders at Balsall Heath Church Centre.

The now established Discipleship Groups continued during the year. In Lent and Advent we continued our pattern of quiet prayers midweek, and, during Lent, in sharing with our partners in CTBH in weekly discussion groups at Wesleyan Holiness Church.



# Community Engagement

## **Weekly Activities:**

### **Tuesdays**

10.30am-12noon 'Haven' Community Café  
at St Mary & St Ambrose Church

### **Wednesdays**

10.30am—1.30pm "Wednesday Welcome"  
at Balsall Heath Church Centre

### **Thursdays**

11.00am—1.00pm Help-Point Café and Foodbank  
at Balsall Heath Church Centre

### **Fridays**

10.30am-12noon 'Haven' Community Café  
at St Mary & St Ambrose Church

## **Haven Community Café - Sylvette and Dorothy**

The saying is "time flies when you are having fun". Six years later, Haven is still going strong. On average during the winter months, Haven sees an average of 6-10 visitors from within the church and local community. We are proud of the brand name which Haven has. In order to meet the needs of the diverse customer base, board games, such as dominoes and cards will be introduced. Rachel has kindly agreed to oversee craftwork sessions; it is hoped these sessions will encourage even more participation.

**Wednesday Welcome** began in October 2014 and has become well established and is flourishing. WW provides an opportunity to meet together before the Wednesday Communion at Balsall Heath Church Centre and to share a light lunch afterwards. A number of activities continue to be developed.

## **Community Networks**

Balsall Heath Church Centre is part of the Balsall Heath Older People's Services Network (BHOPS).

Once again the Great Birmingham Run passed through our parishes, and we engaged fully with it.



## **Silver Lining Project**

### **Steering Group Chair: Lester Burke**

2016 was a year when new activities were introduced by Diane Fearn. A Monday activity, *Making & Doing*, has become well established. On Wednesdays, *Tai Chi* was added to the programme and is extremely popular. For part of the year, monthly *Tea Parties* were held, supported by BHCC volunteers as part of community outreach.

The post of Outreach Worker was filled by Maureen Foster who took up the position in September. With the departure of Catherine, we were fortunate to re-appoint Sue Pearson on a part-time basis to oversee and manage this Project.

Contracting arrangements for the funding from Birmingham City Council changed this year with the management of the Body Mind and Spirit Partnership moving from Digbeth Trust to Thrive Together Birmingham. Funding continued to be received for our Silver Lining activity from Thrive.

## **Help Point Café and Foodbank**

The Foodbank (a satellite of Narthex, Sparkhill) and Help Point Café together have continued to offer support to local people and others from further afield.

In summer 2016, there was a serious shortage of drivers to take food donations to Narthex and bring food packages back to the Church Centre. A plea to the churches saw a response from three volunteers: Jo Hindley, Pat Lashley & Jonathan Gurling, who underwent training and now regularly volunteer on a rota basis. This is another aspect of volunteer support without which the Foodbank would be unable to function.

The volunteers comment: *“Our main strength is the informal atmosphere of the Help Point Café and the friendly and helpful volunteer staff. It is a pleasure to serve others who appreciate what is done for them.”*

In a six month period, 87 food parcels were given out and 132 people fed. A huge “thank you” goes to the volunteer team, and to all those who regularly donate food, which resulted in 731 kgs enough for 1,589 meals. At Harvest time, donations were received from Percy Shurma School.

## **Partnerships with the Wider Church Moseley Deanery Synod**

Representatives: Catherine Grylls (until May), Jasmine Browne, Ann Samuel, Pat Richards, Joyce Brown  
Deanery Synod met three times in 2016. Revd Canon Catherine Grylls continued in post as Area Dean throughout the year and has given us considerable support during the vacancy.

## **Churches Together in Balsall Heath**

Representatives: Catherine Grylls, Ann Samuel, Pat Richards, Natasha Harris  
Activities organised by CTBH this year included a preacher exchange, Lent course and the Good Friday Walk of Witness.

## **URC West Midlands Synod**

Representatives: Rev Peter Bound  
Rev Catherine Grylls (until May)  
In March, the Synod agreed the General Assembly Resolution giving local churches the authority to decide whether to consent to its building being used for same sex marriages. In October, there was a presentation on Environmental issues. Provision and management of elders ministry at local level was also debated.



# Finance and Stewardship

## **Churchwardens' Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of St Mary & St Ambrose Church Churchwardens: Ann Russell and Wilma Richards**

Through the year, working parties have been held to help maintain the church building, undertaking gardening and key maintenance tasks, previously identified by the Property & Buildings Sub-Committee.

We extend formal thanks to the Probation Service for sending 'Unpaid Work' to attend to our grounds.

Poppits Pre-school continues to use the Hall to provide free child-care places three days a week.

Thanks to Margaret Smith and Adeline Patterson for checking the weekly offering. Thanks to Rosa Zeledon and Margaret for all the hard work keeping the church clean and polished.



**Churchwardens' Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of St Paul's Balsall Heath**  
**Church wardens: Debbie Tracey and Beverley Thompson**

We are grateful to the Administrator Jacquie Dewsbury and to Peter Bound, Chair of the Property & Buildings Sub-Committee - BHCC, and to the Committee, who have continued to work steadily through the Q1 schedule of minor works during the year.

With the building now beginning to show its age, minor repairs and replacements require regular attention. The corridor roof problem is nearing resolution. A specification for this and the West roof was prepared by John Christophers. Quotations will be obtained and the work put in hand.

Thanks are due to Ann Samuel as Verger for her hard work in ensuring that all runs smoothly in the absence of a caretaker, and to Rosa Zeledon for her hard work cleaning the building.

We are grateful to Beryl, Rosa and Ivor who have tended the garden and frontage faithfully. The garden continues to be a great asset, and an oasis for peace and reflection as well as a venue for activity.





**Report on the  
proceedings  
of the BHCC  
Church  
Council**

The Church Council met seven times in 2016. The minutes of the meetings are on record. The Church Council members for the year were Lester Burke, Debbie Tracey, Beverley Thompson, Peter Bound, Anne Laugharne, Jo Ind, Inez Clarke and Ann Samuel. Revd Canon Catherine Grylls (until May). Rev Debbie Collins (until July) were also in attendance. In the early part of the year, attention was given to the departure of Revd Canon Catherine Grylls after eleven years of fruitful ministry, and also preparation for the appointment of a successor.

**Report on the  
proceedings  
of the PCC of  
St Mary & St  
Ambrose  
PCC**

The PCC met ten times in 2016. The minutes of the meetings are on record. The members of the PCC for the year 2016/17 were Pat Richards, Wilma Richards, Kareen Lilly-Banton, Ann Russell, Joyce Brown, Natasha Harris, Gregory Edwards, Cath Bennett, Hannah Findley. Rev Debbie Collins (until July 2016) and Revd Catherine Grylls (until end May 2016).

**Secretary:  
Pat Richards**

**Report on the  
Proceedings  
of the PCC of  
St Paul's  
Balsall Heath  
PCC**

The PCC met six times during 2016 and the minutes are on record. The members for the year 2016/7 were Revd Canon Catherine Grylls (until May), Jasmine Browne, Lester Burke, John Christophers, Inez Clarke, Jo Ind, Simran Kaur, Beverley Parris, Ann Samuel, Beverley Thompson, Deborah Tracey, and Rev Debbie Collins (until July). These meetings were mainly concerned with producing a Parish Profile and selecting representatives to interview candidates for a new minister. The PCC is required to have at least four meetings per year.

**Secretary:  
Beverley  
Thompson**

**Report on the  
Annual  
Accounts of  
the United  
Church of St  
Paul's Balsall  
Heath also  
known as  
Balsall Heath  
Church  
Centre**

Treasurer:  
A. Laugharne

**Report on  
the Annual  
Accounts of  
the PCC of  
St Mary &  
St Ambrose  
Edgbaston**

Treasurer:  
K. Lilly-Banton

**Report on  
the Annual  
Accounts of  
the PCC of  
St Paul's  
Balsall Heath**

Treasurer:  
B. Thompson

The accounts show a balance of income and expenditure in unrestricted funds (a Gift Aid reclaim has not been completed during the year). Common Fund and M&M (£13,000) were paid in full. The Silver Lining Project once again had significant funds in hand at the end of the financial year (almost £30,000). At the very beginning of January the charity received the final funds transferred from the two partnering churches (held up over the New Year). The balance at the end of the year in the General Reserve fund remains at £85,000.

The accounts show that regular income and regular expenditure in 2016 balanced although there was £5,000 of expenditure on maintenance, which was paid for through monies built up for the purpose over the preceding 3 years. Regular giving reduced by almost a quarter. Hard work meant that the cricket car parking was once again very successful. The Common Fund contribution of £19,000 was paid in full, which is a significant achievement, but a huge strain. Hall costs were maintained within budget. At the end of 2016, the PCC held shares valued at £17,500 and £29,000 in cash deposits.

The PCC account is 'dormant' At the end of 2016, the PCC retained only its Investment Fund Shares valued at £22,269, compared with £20,000 at the end of 2015.







Charity Name		No (if any)		CC16a
The United Church of St Paul's Balsall Heath (Anglican and URC) also known as Balsall Heath Church Centre		1160049		
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date	
	01-Jan-16		31-Dec-16	

## Section A Receipts and payments

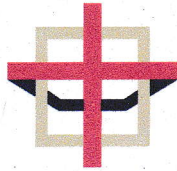
	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Incoming resources from donors	15,187	-	-	15,187	-
Other voluntary incoming resources	3,637	-	-	3,637	-
Other ordinary incoming resources	22,795	-	-	22,795	-
Income from investments	1,120	-	-	1,120	-
Extraordinary incoming resources	1,072	-	-	1,072	-
Silver Lining Project		17,683	-	17,683	-
Asset transfers	8,087	-	-	8,087	-
Asset transfers - restricted		20,179	-	20,179	-
AR)	51,898	37,862	-	89,760	-
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Unrealised loss	- 8,219	-	-	8,219	-
		-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	51,898	37,862	-	89,760	-
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Grants	805	-	-	805	-
Activities relating to ministry of church	32,542	-	-	32,542	-
Church management & administration	6,631	-	-	6,631	-
Extraordinary resources used	3,273	-	-	3,273	-
Silver Lining Project		23,470	-	23,470	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	43,251	23,470	-	66,721	-
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases (see table)</b>					
CCLA investment Fund	67,916	-	-	67,916	-
<b>Sub total</b>	67,916	-	-	67,916	-
<b>Total payments</b>	111,167	23,470	-	134,637	-
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 59,269	14,392	-	44,877	-
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	- 59,269	14,392	-	44,877	-

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank & cash	16,755	-	
	Short term deposits	21,846	29,910	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	38,601	29,910	-



	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>			
	Short term deposits			-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Funds received from founding charities	CCLA Investment Fund	-	
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	<i>P. R. Bound</i>	P. R. BOUND	27-8-17	
	<i>Anne Laugraue</i>	Anne Laugraue	27-8-17	



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**The United Church of St Paul's Balsall Heath (Anglican & URC)**

also known as Balsall Heath Church Centre

Extra Ordinary Meeting of **The Church Council**

Notes of 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on Sunday, 27 August 2017

at 12.30pm at Balsall Heath Church Centre

**Present:** Signatures as below *IVEZ CLARKE*  
*P.R. BOUND* *Ann Samuel*  
*ANNE LAUGHARNE* *Lesley BURKE*

The meeting was called to approve the submission to the Church Commissioners of the 2016 Report and Accounts for the Trustees of the United Church of St Paul's Balsall Heath (Anglican and URC) also known as Balsall Heath Church Centre.

Signed: *P.R. Bound*

Date: *27-8-17*

Signed: *Ann Laugharne*

Date: *27.8.17*

Signed: *Clarke*

Date: *27.8.17*

Signed: *A. Samuel*

Date: *27/8/17*

Signed: *[Signature]*

Date: *27.8.17.*

Signed: *B. Thompson*

Date: *27.8/17*