

**The Parish Church of St. Anne  
St. Annes-on-Sea, St. Anne (Heyhouses)**



**Annual Report and Financial Statements  
of the  
Parochial Church Council**

for the year ended 31 December 2016

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**Mission Statement**

**“Growing strong in faith and worship, we work together to serve and care for all.”**

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## ANNUAL REPORT

### Background

St Annes Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Father David Lyon, in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, social and ecumenical, within the ecclesiastical parish. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Parish Rooms on Oxford Road, St Anne's and the property at 2 Vicarage Close, St. Anne's.

### 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 2016, the following elected and co-opted individuals served as members of the PCC for the full year:

Angela Astley	Secretary, elected to PCC until 2017
Richard Baker	Treasurer and Vice-Chairman, elected to PCC until 2018
Adrian Bromiley	from April 2016 elected for 3 years to 2019
Denise Duke	Safeguarding Officer, from April 2014 elected for 2 years to 2016, co-opted from April 2016 for one year
Ken Foster	from April 2015 elected for 3 years to 2018
Kath Hall	from April 2015 elected for 3 years to 2018
Margaret Hill	Verger, co-opted from May 2015
Elizabeth Hodgson	Headteacher, co-opted from September 2014
Susan McMahon	from April 2014 elected for 3 years to 2017
Michael O'Leary	from April 2014 elected for 3 years to 2017
Patricia Ward	from April 2014 elected for 3 years to 2017

During the year 2016, the following elected and co-opted individuals served as members of the PCC for part of the year:

Peter Duke	from April 2016 elected for 3 years to 2019
Roy Finden	completed period of service in April 2016
Craig Harris	completed period of service in April 2016
Sylvia Horner	completed period of service in April 2016
Pam Kinghorn	from April 2016 elected for 3 years to 2019
Patricia O'Bierne	Deanery Synod representative from June 2015; resigned April 2016
Mark Rae	from April 2015 elected for 3 years to 2018; resigned April 2016 when elected Churchwarden
David Roberts	completed period of service in April 2016
Brian Rose	from April 2016 elected for 3 years to 2019
Gerry Stokes, RIP	served until July 2016

During the year 2016, the following individuals served as members of the PCC in one, or more, ex-officio capacities for at least part of the year:

Fr. David Lyon	Vicar (Chairman) - all year
Colin Miller	Churchwarden from April 2015 - all year
Eric Roberts	Churchwarden to April 2016
Mark Rae	Churchwarden from April 2016
Peter Gittins	Reader, Deanery Synod representative from June 2015 to 2017 - all year
Joan Johnson	Reader - all year
Susan Rose	Deanery Synod representative from April 2016 to 2017
Gerald Wilson	Diocesan and Deanery Synod representative until April 2016

## **Committees**

The PCC operated through a number of committees, which met regularly throughout the year: including the Outreach Committee, Parish Rooms Committee, Social and Tree Festival Committee, Projects Committee, Mission & Evangelism Committee and the Land & Buildings Committee.

Eric Roberts, Chairman of the Land & Buildings Committee resigned in December 2016.

During the year the PCC was pleased to accept the reports and recommendations of the various Committees. All members appreciate the work done by everyone concerned, including those who are not full members of the PCC; everyone continues to work hard to support the work and worship at St Annes Parish Church.

## **Church Attendance**

There are 236 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll of whom 123 are resident in the parish and 113 are non-resident. 27 names were added during the year and 6 removed through death or relocation. The Regular Weekly Attendance in 2016 was 143, but the number increased significantly at festivals.

## **Review of the Year**

During 2016 the full PCC met 7 times and there was an average attendance of 61%.

In 2015 the planned giving through envelopes and banker's orders plus collections at services amounted to £74,619, an increase of over 8% on 2015. This giving equates to 46% of the total unrestricted fund income. Total unrestricted income increased by over 12%. Unrestricted expenditure increased by over 17%, including large items of expenditure necessary on the church building and the Parish Rooms.

£76,101 was spent on Christian ministry and grants to charitable causes, including large contributions to the diocese. As in the previous year, there was no outstanding Parish Share to be paid at the end of 2016.

In 2016 the Vicar and Churchwarden generously used one of their bequests to fund the purchase of the new notice boards in the churchyard.

The "Wednesday Men" do much useful work in the church, thereby cutting the maintenance costs considerably.

The house in Vicarage Close continues to be occupied by the organist and his family.

Further information about the running of the parish during 2016 may be found in the Supplementary Reports on page 30 *et seqq.*

Thank you to those members of the PCC who have completed their 3 year term of service: Angela Astley, Susan McMahon, Michael O'Leary and Patricia Ward; your contribution has been greatly appreciated.

On behalf of the PCC  
Father David Lyon (chairman)  
April 2017

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2016

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
					2016 £	2015 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>	2(a)	83,628	3,555	0	87,183	79,813
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>	2(b)	535	1,127	0	1,662	946
<i>Incoming resources from operating activities to further the Council's objects</i>	2(c)	8,671	0	0	8,671	11,872
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>	2(d)	65,901	4,086	0	69,987	67,242
<i>Income from investments</i>	2(e)	1,071	528	3,752	5,351	6,298
<i>Other incoming resources</i>	2(f)	2,575	0	0	2,575	2,475
<b>TOTAL ACTUAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<u>162,381</u>	<u>9,296</u>	<u>3,752</u>	<u>175,428</u>	<u>168,645</u>
<b>RESOURCES USED</b>						
<i>Cost of generating funds</i>	3(a)	11,412	437	0	11,849	9,960
<i>Grants - Donations to charities</i>	3(b)	5,044	2,008	0	7,052	6,392
<i>Activities directly relating to the work of the church</i>	3(c)	106,769	4,696	3,272	114,737	120,185
<i>Salaries &amp; support costs</i>	3(d)	24,760	322	0	25,082	21,593
<i>Church management and administration</i>	3(e)	6,566	0	0	6,566	5,048
<b>TOTAL ACTUAL RESOURCES USED</b>		<u>154,551</u>	<u>7,462</u>	<u>3,272</u>	<u>165,285</u>	<u>163,178</u>
<b>NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES</b>		<u>7,830</u>	<u>1,833</u>	<u>480</u>	<u>10,143</u>	<u>5,468</u>
<b>GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS</b>						
Stock		0	0	0	0	-3,786
Unrealised (Tangible fixed assets)	5(a)	-979	0	0	-979	-979
Unrealised (Investment assets)	5(b)	33	277	17,724	18,035	2,116
<b>UNCOLLECTABLE DEBTS WRITTEN OFF</b>	7(c)	-1,518	0	0	-1,518	0
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<u>5,366</u>	<u>2,110</u>	<u>18,204</u>	<u>25,680</u>	<u>2,818</u>
<i>BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2016 (2015)</i>		<u>910,665</u>	<u>53,975</u>	<u>193,071</u>	<u>1,157,711</u>	<u>1,154,892</u>
<b>BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2016 (2015)</b>		<u>916,030</u>	<u>56,085</u>	<u>211,275</u>	<u>1,183,391</u>	<u>1,157,711</u>

# BALANCE SHEET

At 31 December 2016

	Note	2016 £	2015 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	5(a)	865,545	866,524
Investment assets	5(b)	195,164	177,129
		<u>1,060,709</u>	<u>1,043,654</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7(a)	14,145	13,617
Cash at bank and in hand	9	110,484	100,718
		<u>124,630</u>	<u>114,335</u>
LIABILITIES:			
AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	8(a)	-1,948	-1,386
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>122,682</u>	<u>112,949</u>
LONG TERM DEBTORS	7(b)	0	1,108
LONG TERM LIABILITIES	8(b)	0	0
NET ASSETS		<u>1,183,391</u>	<u>1,157,711</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted		916,030	910,665
Restricted		56,085	53,975
Endowment		211,275	193,071
		<u>1,183,391</u>	<u>1,157,711</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 5 April 2017 and signed on its behalf by:



Revd. A. David Lyon (chairman)



Mr C. Miller (member)

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets, and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the financial statements of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

### Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and the restrictions are provided in Note 10. Endowment funds, where the capital must be retained, are explained in Note 10.

Where funds are not separately invested, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

### Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

#### *Voluntary income and capital sources*

Collections are recognized when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving under Gift Aid is recognized only when received. Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognized when the income is recognized. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

#### *Income from investments*

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable, and interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognized in the same accounting year.

#### *Gains and losses on investments*

Realized gains or losses are recognized when investments are sold. Unrealized gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

### Resources Used

All expenditure is accounted for gross.

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when payable. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these financial statements as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

### Fixed Assets

#### *Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings*

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

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 1997 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 1997 have been capitalized and depreciated in the financial statements over their currently anticipated useful economic life (initially over four years) on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 1997 is written off.

#### *Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment*

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

### Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

### Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

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



## 2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2016 £	2015 £
2(a) <i>Incoming resources from donors</i>					
Planned giving:					
Tax efficient planned giving	43,918			43,918	39,531
Income tax recoverable	11,038			11,038	9,917
Other planned giving	5,038			5,038	4,607
Collections (open plate) at services:					
Sunday services	5,515			5,515	5,128
Tax efficient giving (yellow envelopes)	6,269			6,269	7,007
Income tax recoverable (yellow envelopes)	1,567			1,567	1,752
Occasional services	828		}		447
Occasional services (Tax efficient donations)	30		}	865	0
Occasional services (Income tax recoverable)	8		}		0
Weekday services	408			408	632
Charity collections		43	}		345
Charity collections (Tax efficient donations)		0	}	43	0
Charity collections (Income tax recoverable)		0	}		0
Sundry donations:					
Other donations	2,006	660	}		1,691
Other donations (Tax efficient donations)	789	50	}	3,715	1,028
Other donations (Income tax recoverable)	197	13	}		257
Flowers		472	}		237
Flowers (Tax efficient donations)		802	}	1,474	750
Flowers (Income tax recoverable)		200	}		188
Donations towards church floodlighting		0	}		0
Donations towards church floodlighting (Tax efficient donations)		1,000	}	1,250	0
Donations towards church floodlighting (Income tax recoverable)		250	}		0
Pilgrims Coffee Stop	950			950	720
Votive candles	877			877	883
Sunday coffee	624			624	500
Freewill offerings	387			387	305
Lent lunches	310			310	264
Babies & Toddlers group	217	0		217	403
Tuesday a.m. tea & coffee	213			213	229
Loose coins carboy	184			184	164
Messy Church	130			130	115
Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme	1,250			1,250	1,729
Donations towards Children's Church		0		0	0
In Memoriam fund		65	}		65
In Memoriam fund (Tax efficient donations)		0	}	65	125
In Memoriam fund (Income tax recoverable)		0	}		31
Sundry income	53	0		53	7
Bank errors	597			597	0
Bank compensation	0			0	60

## 2 INCOMING RESOURCES (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2016 £	2015 £
2(a) <i>Incoming resources from donors (continued)</i>					
In memory of Gerry Stokes	201				0
In memory of Gerry Stokes (Tax efficient donations)	20			226	0
In memory of Gerry Stokes (Income tax recoverable)	5				0
In memory of Alan Topping	0			0	215
In memory of Philip Ross Simpson	0			0	174
In memory of Joyce Hodge	0			0	100
In memory of Muriel Wild	0				74
In memory of Muriel Wild (Tax efficient donations)	0			0	10
In memory of Muriel Wild (Income tax recoverable)	0				3
In memory of Margaret Dawson-Campbell		0		0	82
In memory of John Townson	0			0	40
	<u>83,628</u>	<u>3,555</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>87,183</u>	<u>79,813</u>

## 2 INCOMING RESOURCES (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2016 £	2015 £
2(b) <i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>					
Grants (Bishop legacy)	0	1,057		1,057	0
Legacies	535	0	0	535	500
Donation (Churchyard Maintenance)		70		70	70
Praise on the Prom (HALSA)	0			0	300
Brothers in Arms	0			0	76
Grants (Grundy bequest)	0	0		0	0
	<u>535</u>	<u>1,127</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,662</u>	<u>946</u>
2(c) <i>Incoming resources from operating activities to further the Council's objects</i>					
Parochial fees	6,763			6,763	9,415
Parish Rooms lettings (charitable purposes)	1,137			1,137	1,424
Magazine sales	349				363
Tax efficient donations in lieu of sales	257			670	245
Income tax recoverable on above	64				61
Bookstall & Heritage Mural	100			100	363
	<u>8,671</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,671</u>	<u>11,872</u>
2(d) <i>Activities for generating funds</i>					
Parish Rooms lettings (fund raising purposes)	28,271			28,271	28,405
Mobile telephone aerial (electricity)	8,587			8,587	0
2 Vicarage Close rental	6,000			6,000	6,000
Social and Tree Festival Committee	5,718	1,000		6,718	2,215
Mobile telephone aerial (rent)	6,334			6,334	6,334
50:50 Club	5,682			5,682	6,082
Charity Tree Festival	3,158	965			5,116
Charity Tree Festival (Tax efficient donations)	0	0		4,123	0
Charity Tree Festival (Income tax recoverable)	0	0			0
Project Committee		1,814			11,075
Project Committee (Tax efficient donations)		246		2,121	200
Project Committee (Income tax recoverable)		61			50
Magazine adverts	1,280			1,280	1,330
Grand Raffle	453	0		453	251
EasySearch and EasyFundraising	201			201	102
Photocopier	80			80	60
Heritage Weekend bell tower raffle	80			80	0
WWI & WWII trail guidebooks	57			57	16
Church guidebooks	0			0	6
	<u>65,901</u>	<u>4,086</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>69,987</u>	<u>67,242</u>

## 2 INCOMING RESOURCES (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2016 £	2015 £
2(e) <i>Income from investments</i>					
Dividends and interest:					
Churchyard Maint. a/c	0	49	2,809	2,859	3,358
Repairs & Renewals a/c	61	51	943	1,055	1,243
General & Stewardship a/c	1,008			1,008	1,188
Hinchliffe Bequest a/c		411		411	486
Higher interest bequests a/c	2	9		11	15
Hartley Bequest a/c		4		4	5
Woodhead Bequest a/c		3		3	4
	<u>1,071</u>	<u>528</u>	<u>3,752</u>	<u>5,351</u>	<u>6,298</u>
2(f) <i>Other incoming resources</i>					
Insurance claim (Lift repair)	2,204			2,204	0
HMRC rebate of Employer's NICs	261			261	0
BT rebate	101			101	0
Burglary compensation	9			9	30
VAT rebate (Church boiler)		0		0	2,200
Water contamination compensation (Church)	0			0	55
Water contamination compensation (Parish Rooms)	0			0	55
Water contamination compensation (Flat)	0			0	55
Water contamination compensation (Vicarage)	0			0	55
Sale of trailer	0			0	25
	<u>2,575</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,575</u>	<u>2,475</u>
 TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	 <u>162,381</u>	 <u>9,296</u>	 <u>3,752</u>	 <u>175,428</u>	 <u>168,645</u>

### 3 RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2016 £	2015 £
3(a) <i>Cost of generating funds</i>					
Social and Tree Festival Committee	3,753			3,753	2,513
50:50 Club	3,172			3,172	3,140
Landlord's expenses for 2 Vicarage Close	1,914			1,914	651
Charity Tree Festival	1,737			1,737	1,324
Advertising	736			736	642
Project Committee		437		437	1,351
Grand Raffle	100			100	339
	<u>11,412</u>	<u>437</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11,849</u>	<u>9,960</u>
3(b) <i>Grants - Donations to charities</i>					
Missionary and charitable giving:					
Overseas mission societies:					
Mission Aviation Fellowship	883	0		883	
Christian Aid (Lent lunches)	310			310	
Charity Tree Festival:					
None	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>327</u>
	1,193	0	0	1,193	
Christian relief and development agencies:					
Charity Tree Festival:					
None	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	0	0	0	0
Home mission and other Church societies:					
Additional Curates Society		43		43	
Charity Tree Festival:					
Church Road Methodist Church	13	37		50	
CofE Children's Society	13	37		50	
Mothers' Union	13	37		50	
The Prayer Book Society	<u>13</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>183</u>
	51	192	0	243	

### 3 RESOURCES USED (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2016 £	2015 £
<i>3(b) Grants - Donations to charities (continued)</i>					
Secular charities:					
Osiligi Charities (Kenya)		1,000		1,000	
Feet First Worldwide	883			883	
Friends of Fylde Community Link	883			883	
Home Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre	883			883	
Shine Cancer Support	883			883	
Charity Tree Festival:					
7th Lytham St. Annes Beaver Scout Group	13	37		50	
7th Lytham St. Annes Cub Scouts	13	37		50	
Aching Arms	6	19		25	
Care & Share	6	19		25	
Cat Rescue (Blackpool, Wyre & Fylde)	13	37		50	
Donna's Dream House	13	37		50	
Guide Dogs for the Blind Association	13	37		50	
Kilgrimol Guiding Centre Building Fund	26	74		100	
Lytham St. Annes (2486) ATC Squadron	13	37		50	
Ormerod Home Trust	13	37		50	
People's Dispensary for Sick Animals	13	37		50	
Riding for the Disabled Association	13	147		160	
Road Peace	13	37		50	
Ronald MacDonald House	13	37		50	
Rotary Club of St. Annes	13	37		50	
Royal National Lifeboat Institution	13	37		50	
Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity	13	37		50	
Trinity Hospice	13	37		50	
Wings Appeal	13	37		50	
	<u>3,775</u>	<u>1,816</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,591</u>	<u>5,882</u>

### 3 RESOURCES USED (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2016 £	2015 £
<i>3(b) Grants (continued)</i>					
Dean Christopher Armstrong's retirement	25			25	0
Charitable payment from Hartley Bequest		0		0	0
Charitable payment from Hinchliffe Bequest		0		0	0
Charitable payment from Woodhead Bequest		0		0	0
Donations	0	0		0	0
	<u>5,044</u>	<u>2,008</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,052</u>	<u>6,392</u>
<i>Other charitable donations not through PCC's books</i>					
Children's Society boxes				247	
Additional Curates Society (Lent charity)				80	80
Taxrecoverable Additional Curates Society (Lent charity)				31	20
Taxrecoverable Additional Curates Society boxes					18
Taxrecoverable Mission Aviation Fellowship boxes					5
Bishop's Harvest Appeal					10
Taxrecoverable on Bishop's Harvest Appeal					3
Church Road Methodist Church (Brothers in Arms)					76
British Legion Poppy Appeal (Brothers in Arms)					76
Scripture Gift Mission (Brothers in Arms)					76
ABF The Soldiers Charity (Brothers in Arms)					76
				<u>358</u>	<u>439</u>
<i>3(c) Activities directly relating to the work of the church</i>					
Parish share:					
Parish share contribution from parish	<u>57,594</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>57,594</u>	<u>54,366</u>
	57,594	0	0	57,594	54,366
<i>Fees assigned to diocese not passed through PCC's books</i>				6,636	8,617
<i>Total Parish Share</i>				64,230	62,983
Clergy expenses:					
Vicarage Council Tax	1,997			1,997	1,932
Vicar's expenses	1,636			1,636	1,947
Vicarage water rates	513			513	827
Assistant clergy	411			411	961
Vicarage security	372			372	378
Vicarage water compensation	0			0	55
	<u>4,928</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,928</u>	<u>6,099</u>

### 3 RESOURCES USED (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2016 £	2015 £
<i>3(c) Activities directly relating to the work of the church (continued)</i>					
Church running expenses:					
Electricity	6,016			6,016	5,794
Insurance	4,672			4,672	4,597
Gas	4,138			4,138	4,470
Hygienic waste removal	861			861	855
Costs from Funeral Director's bankruptcy	313			313	0
Books	306	0		306	344
Sundry expenditure	226			226	109
Water	182			182	167
Cleaning materials etc.	157			157	223
	<u>16,871</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,871</u>	<u>16,559</u>
Church maintenance:					
Repointing of voussoirs etc.	5	2,365		2,370	0
Repairs to church roof	1,330	0	0	1,330	0
Organ tuning	1,141			1,141	739
Notice boards		1,057		1,057	0
Heating repairs	244	35	651	930	0
Repair to organ	19	16	296	331	0
Flags	320			320	0
Clock servicing	102			102	0
Repair to clock	85			85	0
Electrical repairs	73	0	0	73	311
Update parish photographs board	39			39	0
Plumbing repairs	35			35	0
Wednesday Men projects	25			25	228
Security	10			10	0
Boiler replacement	0	0	0	0	13,200
Choir vestry and storeroom refurbishment		0		0	4,496
Quinquennial inspection and report	0			0	750
Lady Chapel floor, strip, repair & seal	0			0	500
Piano tuning & repair	0			0	90
Fire extinguishers	0	0	0	0	73
	<u>3,428</u>	<u>3,473</u>	<u>947</u>	<u>7,848</u>	<u>20,388</u>



### 3 RESOURCES USED (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2016 £	2015 £
<i>3(c) Activities directly relating to the work of the church (continued)</i>					
Upkeep of services:					
Wine, wafers & candles	1,265	0		1,265	1,145
Flowers	0	988		988	1,084
Votive candles	687			687	870
Copyright licence	416			416	414
Bell ringing costs	232			232	26
Thurible		210		210	0
Praise on the Prom	200			200	400
Palm crosses	162			162	155
Refreshments	147			147	0
Servers' albs	68			68	0
Poppy wreath	20			20	20
Lent lunches	0			0	110
Christingles	0			0	94
	<u>3,197</u>	<u>1,198</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,395</u>	<u>4,319</u>
Upkeep of churchyard:					
Drain repair	0	25	2,325	2,350	0
Garden of Remembrance	978	0	0	978	502
Garden and gardener	45	0	0	45	9
	<u>1,023</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>2,325</u>	<u>3,373</u>	<u>511</u>
Expenditure on parish magazine/ bookstall/ website:					
Expenditure on magazine (excl. printing)	312			312	332
Expenditure on bookstall	63			63	0
Expenditure on website	50			50	50
	<u>425</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>425</u>	<u>382</u>

### 3 RESOURCES USED (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2016 £	2015 £
<i>3(c) Activities directly relating to the work of the church (continued)</i>					
Parish Rooms running costs:					
Improvements	6,277			6,277	1,615
Gas (Parish Rooms)	3,347			3,347	3,591
Repairs to lift	2,628			2,628	0
Insurance	2,112			2,112	2,029
Electricity (Parish Rooms)	1,308			1,308	1,356
Water (Parish Rooms)	704			704	860
Council tax, ground rent	564			564	14
Cleaning materials etc.	419			419	600
Maintenance contracts	392			392	30
Heating repairs	302			302	137
Plumbing repairs	230			230	195
Window cleaning	210			210	210
Electricity (Flat)	207			207	1,495
Facilities for the disabled	140			140	0
Fire extinguishers	136			136	115
Fire alarm maintenance	135			135	135
Water (Flat)	92			92	91
Electrical repairs	74			74	383
General repairs	25	0	0	25	0
Hall floor, strip, repair & seal	0			0	2,222
Roof & brickwork repair	0			0	790
Room 2 refurbishment	0	0		0	667
Repairs to windows	0			0	320
Security	0			0	234
Rubbish removal	0			0	220
Repair to fire escape	0			0	210
Advertising	0			0	43
Sundries	0			0	0
	<u>19,303</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>19,303</u>	<u>17,561</u>
	<u>106,769</u>	<u>4,696</u>	<u>3,272</u>	<u>114,737</u>	<u>120,185</u>

### 3 RESOURCES USED (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2016 £	2015 £
3(d) <i>Salaries &amp; support costs</i>					
Salaries, wages and honoraria:					
Parish Rooms Cleaner wages, tax, NIC, pension	11,689			11,689	8,255
Organist's wages, tax, NIC	6,261			6,261	6,092
Parish Administrators' wages, tax, NIC	5,802			5,802	5,726
Assistant Organists	500			500	550
Parish Rooms Flat water compensation	0			0	15
	<u>24,253</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>24,253</u>	<u>20,638</u>
Support costs:					
Mission & Evangelism Committee	333			333	0
Children's Church	0	322		322	399
Messy Church	157	0		157	242
Babies & Toddlers Group	18			18	3
Pilgrims Coffee Stop	0			0	299
Nursery Praise	0	0		0	12
	<u>508</u>	<u>322</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>829</u>	<u>954</u>
	<u>24,760</u>	<u>322</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25,082</u>	<u>21,593</u>

### 3 RESOURCES USED (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2016 £	2015 £
3(e) <i>Church management and administration</i>					
Photocopier	2,635			2,635	1,885
Telephone	1,182			1,182	1,156
Office requisites	912			912	787
Bank errors	596			596	0
Bank charges	320			320	320
Computer expenses	279			279	96
Stewardship envelopes & campaign	185			185	205
Subscriptions	171			171	289
Independent Examiner	150			150	150
Office alarm maintenance	90			90	90
Books	39			39	0
CCPAS checks	6			6	69
	<u>6,566</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,566</u>	<u>5,048</u>
 TOTAL RESOURCES USED	 <u>154,551</u>	 <u>7,462</u>	 <u>3,272</u>	 <u>165,285</u>	 <u>163,178</u>

## 4 REMUNERATION

### 4(a) PCC Employees

During the year the PCC employed two Parish Administrators, an organist and a Parish Rooms cleaner, none of whom earned £60,000 p.a. or more.

### 4(b) PCC Members

The Vicar received £1,636 expenses during the year.

Four choir members, Miss Angela Astley, Mrs Joan Johnson, Miss Pat Ward and Mr Richard Baker, received fees for singing at weddings and funerals.

The Verger, Mrs Margaret Hill received fees for verger's duties at weddings and funerals.

Mrs Pam Kinghorn was employed as a Parish Administrator, see 4(a) above.

Apart from the above, no other member received any reimbursement of expenses or remuneration.

## 5 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

5 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC	Parish Rooms £	Photocopier £	Total £
<i>5(a) Tangible fixed assets</i>			
<b>Year of purchase</b>	<b>2013</b>		
GROSS BOOK VALUE			
At 1 January 2016	865,545	979	866,524
Additions			0
At 31 December 2016	<u>865,545</u>	<u>979</u>	<u>866,524</u>
APPRECIATION			
Appreciation/Depreciation	<u>0</u>	<u>-979</u>	<u>-979</u>
At 31 December 2016	<u>0</u>	<u>-979</u>	<u>-979</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2016	<u>865,545</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>865,545</u>
At 31 December 2015	<u>865,545</u>	<u>979</u>	<u>866,524</u>

At one time the gross and net values for the Parish Rooms were based on insurance valuations. In the light of the present national economic conditions it is considered that the increase in insurance valuation in 2016 would give an overly optimistic valuation for the Parish Rooms. Therefore, the net value for 2016 has been pegged to the 2015 value.

	Shares/ Units	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2015 £
<i>5(b) Investment assets</i>					
GENERAL PURPOSES					
CBF Deposit Fund		11,400			11,400
(Interest paid into General account)					
CBF Investment Fund	735	<u>11,400</u>		<u>11,047</u>	<u>9,943</u>
				11,047	21,343
CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE					
Birmingham Corporation 3% 1947	93			0	48
CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund	207			333	333
CBF Investment Fund	6,123		<u>2,586</u>	<u>89,481</u>	<u>82,781</u>
			2,586	89,814	83,162

5 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC (continued)

	Shares/ Units	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2015 £
5(b) <i>Investment assets (continued)</i>					
REPAIRS & RENEWALS					
CBF Investment Fund	4,151	<u>335</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>62,419</u>	<u>56,484</u>
		335	186	62,419	56,484
CURATE'S HOUSE					
CBF Deposit Fund		3,317			3,317
(Interest paid into Stewardship account)					
R.E. IN THE PARISH (Hinchliffe)					
CBF Investment Fund	935			14,060	12,655
					<b>2016</b>
VALUE OF INVESTMENTS					<b>Total</b>
At 31 December 2015		15,019	2,496	159,615	177,129
At 31 December 2016		<u>15,052</u>	<u>2,773</u>	<u>177,339</u>	<u>195,164</u>
Gains/Losses		<u>33</u>	<u>277</u>	<u>17,724</u>	<u>18,035</u>

6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	2016 Total £
Fixed assets	880,597	2,773	177,339	1,060,709
Current assets	36,416	54,277	33,936	124,630
Current liabilities	<u>-983</u>	<u>-965</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-1,948</u>
<b>Fund balance</b>	<u>916,030</u>	<u>56,085</u>	<u>211,275</u>	<u>1,183,391</u>

## 7 DEBTORS

7(a) DEBTS ACCRUED DURING THE YEAR	2016 £	2015 £
Income tax recoverable		
Planned giving	10,979	9,883
Open plate (Yellow envelopes)	1,567	1,752
Occasional services	8	0
Unrestricted donations	197	232
Magazine donations in lieu of sales	64	61
Restricted donations	13	25
Flower fund	200	188
Church floodlighting	250	
Project Committee	61	50
In Memoriam fund	0	31
In memory of Muriel Wild	0	3
In memory of Gerry Stokes	5	
Other debtors		
Charity Tree Festival exhibitors (for charities)	164	234
Charity Tree Festival exhibitors (for St. Annes Parish Church)		416
Charity Tree Festival sponsors	470	680
Charity Tree Festival (Donation to supported charity)	110	
Charity Tree Festival sale of wooden tree bases	20	55
Charity Tree Festival quiz		3
Charity Tree Festival donations	36	5
	<u>14,145</u>	<u>13,617</u>
7(b) DEBTS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR(S)	2016 £	2015 £
Mobile telephone aerial rent outstanding from 2014		1,108
	<u>0</u>	<u>1,108</u>
7(c) DEBTS WRITTEN OFF IN 2016	2016 £	2015 £
Mobile telephone aerial rent outstanding from 2014	1,108	
Charity Tree Festival exhibitors (for St. Annes Parish Church) from 2015	411	
	<u>1,518</u>	<u>0</u>

## 8 LIABILITIES

### 8(a) AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2016 £	2015 £
Creditors for goods and services:		
Parish share	0	0
Repairs to lift	114	
Boiler servicing and gas safety certificates	504	
Other creditors		
Charity Tree Festival charities	965	976
Charity Tree Festival exhibitors	70	
Charity Tree Festival top-ups	295	411
	<u>1,948</u>	<u>1,386</u>

### 8(b) AMOUNTS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR(S)

	2016 £	2015 £
Creditors for goods and services:		
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

## 9 ACCOUNT BALANCES

	2016 £	2015 £
General a/c	5,724	6,134
Stewardship a/c	20,270	13,184
Churchyard Maintenance a/c	15,925	15,422
Churchyard Maintenance (Interest bearing) a/c	14,014	13,938
Repairs and Renewals a/c	3,232	3,236
Hartley Bequest a/c	9,697	9,693
Hinchliffe Bequest a/c	2,910	2,822
Hinchliffe Bequest (Interest bearing) a/c	3,994	3,993
Woodhead Bequest a/c	6,983	6,979
Bequest (Higher interest bearing until Oct. 2014) a/c	27,644	25,221
Petty Cash	92	95
	<u>110,484</u>	<u>100,718</u>



## 10 FUND DETAILS

The restricted and endowment funds consist of the following:

### *Restricted Fund:*

Legacies for churchyard maintenance  
 Legacies for repairs and renewals  
 Hartley bequest (for charitable purposes)  
 Woodhead bequest (for communicants' expenses)  
 Specific charitable collections  
 In Memoriam Fund  
 Other specific donations

### *Endowment Fund:*

Legacies for churchyard maintenance  
 Legacies for repairs and renewals  
 Legacies for general purposes  
 Hinchliffe bequest (for R.E. in the parish)

## 11 SELECTED FUND BALANCES

The annual trading situation of various funds is shown below:

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
					2016 £	2015 £
Parish Rooms						
	Incoming resources	29,408	0	0	29,408	29,829
	Resources used	<u>30,992</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>30,992</u>	<u>25,831</u>
	Profit / Loss	-1,584	0	0	-1,584	3,997
50:50 Club						
	Incoming resources	5,682	0	0	5,682	6,082
	Resources used	<u>3,172</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,172</u>	<u>3,140</u>
	Profit / Loss	2,510	0	0	2,510	2,942
Charity Tree Festival plus Grand Raffle						
	Incoming resources	3,611	965	0	4,576	5,367
	Resources used	<u>2,119</u>	<u>928</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,047</u>	<u>2,660</u>
	Profit / Loss	1,492	37	0	1,529	2,707
Social and Tree Festival Committee						
	Incoming resources	5,718	1,000	0	6,718	2,215
	Resources used	<u>3,753</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,753</u>	<u>2,513</u>
	Profit / Loss	1,965	1,000	0	2,965	-298
Bookstall & Heritage Mural						
	Incoming resources	100	0	0	100	363
	Resources used	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Profit / Loss	100	0	0	100	363
Votive candles						
	Incoming resources	877	0	0	877	883
	Resources used	<u>1,265</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,265</u>	<u>1,145</u>
	Profit / Loss	-388	0	0	-388	-262

## EXAMINER'S REPORT

### Examiner's report to the PCC of St. Annes on Sea, St. Anne (Heyhouses)

This report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2016, which are set out on pages 6 – 25, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

#### Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the 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 s.43(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

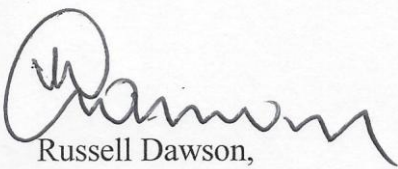
#### Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(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
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
  - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulationshave not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Russell Dawson,  
14 Vernon Road,  
Lytham St. Annes,  
Lancashire, FY8 2RQ

April 2017

## **ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS**

The accounts in this section are from organizations, a) whose accounts are not included in the Parochial Church Council's accounts and, b) do not report to a larger national organization.

### **I MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

No accounts available for 2016 (see also the MEN'S FELLOWSHIP report on p.42).

## II WALSINGHAM CELL

### CELL OF THE HOLY HOUSE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM & St ANNE, St Anne's Parish Church

Accrual Accounts for Year, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015-31<sup>st</sup> October 2016

#### INCOME & EXPENDITURE

Item	Notes	2016		2015	
		Credit £	Debit £	Credit £	Debit £
Mass Collections	1	177.00		173.00	
Donations	2	49.13		250.52	
Office Expenses (stamps & stationery)			18.13		20.52
Holy House Lamp	3		40.00		40.00
Lady Chapel Lamp			200.00		150.00
Youth Pilgrimage Sponsorship	4		60.00		60.00
Chantry Book Entries	5		60.00		30.00
New Thurable for Church	6		210.00		
Pilgrimage	7	<b>6820.00</b>	<b>6786.50</b>	6510.00	6454.20
Coach Trip to York: Income				514.00	
Coach Trip to York: Coach Cost					420.00
Coach Trip to York: Surplus to St Annes PCC					94.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>7046.13</b>	<b>7374.63</b>	<b>7447.52</b>	<b>7268.72</b>
Surplus/Deficit on year			328.50	178.80	

#### PILGRIMAGE ACCOUNT

Item	Notes	Credit £	Debit £
Gross Income (28 x £235 + 3 x £80)	9	6820.00	
Refund of Cancellations (£205 + 3 x £185)	10		760.00
Shrine Accommodation Charge (25 x £157.20 + 10.00 + 4x30.00)	11		4060.00
Coach			1450.00
Coach Parking			00.00
Lunches at Clumber Park			202.70
Lunches at Goldthorpe Church			200.00
Tea & tour at St Nicholas Chapel, Kings Lynn			60.00
Taxis between from/to Fleetwood			53.80
<b>TOTALS transferred to this years INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>6820.00</b>	<b>6786.50</b>
Overall Surplus of Income over Expenditure for pilgrimage		33.50	

#### RECONCILIATION

Item	Notes	£	£ Bank Balance	£ Cash in Hand	£ Uncleared Cheques
Opening Assets as at 1.11.15		1385.99	1433.99	7.00	55.00
Deficit of Income wrt Expenditure		328.50			
Closing Assets as at 31.10.16	12	1057.49	1296.29	0.00	238.80

#### SUMMARY

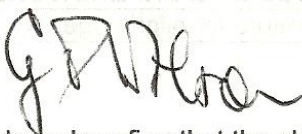
There was a small surplus on the pilgrimage, which aims to break even, of £33.50. There was a deficit on general income & expenditure of £152.00 and a planned "capital" expenditure of £210.00 of a new thurable for church. Overall the deficit was £328.50. With a balance of just over £1000 at the bank the finances are in a satisfactory state.

## Notes

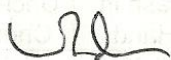
- 1 Donations made Nov 2015 to Oct 2016 at the monthly Walsingham mass on the final Saturday of each month.
2. Miscellaneous donations.
3. The lamp is half way along the right hand inside wall of the Holy House.
4. As last year and as agreed at the AGM two young people were sponsored to the Youth Pilgrimage in August 2016 at £30 per head. Youth Pilgrimage sponsorship was also made privately by at least four others (Cell members and members of the congregation).
5. Cell members, Muriel Wild & Gerry Stokes, died in the course of the year and as usual the Cell paid for their names to be inscribed in the Chantry Book in S Edward's Chapel at Walsingham.
6. Purchase of a new thurible for St Annes Parish Church as agreed at AGM in January 2016.
7. See separate Pilgrimage Account.
8. As usual a raffle on the outward journey to Walsingham was held for the Sisters of the Priory of St Margaret with prizes donated by Ken Foster (not paid through Cell books.) £100 was raised. There was no raffle for Cell funds.
9. The price this year was set at £235 for the full pilgrimage, of which £157.20 was payable to the Shrine, or £80 for coach travel and lunches only.
10. There were several cancellations this year for which partial refunds were made: £205 (ie £235 less £30 deposit lost to Shrine) to Gerry Stokes (RIP, 1/7/16) and 3 x £185 (ie £235 less £50) to three other late cancellations.
11. Includes accommodation for the coach driver plus four lost final deposits of £30 and one lost initial deposit, relative to the preliminary booking for 30.
12. There were two uncleared cheques at the end of the accounting year: £185 (refund to Susan Hindle and £53.80 to Fr Paul Benfield for taxi fares). These cheques were cleared in early November.

Prepared by

*Gerald Wilson*, Treasurer



I have reviewed the account records and confirm that the above statement is a correct representation of the affairs of the Cell.



Independent Examiner

*RW BAKER* 31/12/16

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| • Roy Finden (by SO)                       | • Maureen Rodgers (by SO)               |
| • Mike Fitzsimmonds (joined at Walsingham) | • Robin/ Margaret Singleton (by SO)     |
| • Derek/ Margaret Garner (cash via Cell)   | • Norma Spacey (cash via Cell)          |
| • Howard Gent (by SO)                      | • Jacqui Stapleton (by SO)              |
| • Kathleen Hall (by SO)                    | • Gerry Stokes (by SO)                  |
| • Mike & Joy Hedley (cash via Cell)        | • Alan Swindlehurst (by SO)             |
| • Joscelyn Hoyle ((by SO)                  | • Patricia Ward (by SO)                 |
| • Margaret Hill (cash via Cell)            | • John Whittaker (joined at Walsingham) |
| • Joan Johnson (by SO)                     | • Muriel Wild (by SO, RIP)              |
|  | • Gerald & Fiona Wilson (by SO)         |

Ken Foster is formally a member of the Cell of Our Lady, St Helena & St Thomas of Canterbury based at Holy Cross, Blackpool but is regarded as an affiliate member of the St Anne's Cell.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS**

### **I APCM ITEMS**

#### **a) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

##### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. Anne's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship in the parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. When planning our activities for the year we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus Christ.
- 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 our Church building and our Parish Rooms.

##### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **WORSHIP AND PRAYER**

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that will glorify God and which our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, evening prayers provide a quiet, intimate and reflective environment for worship whilst opportunities are provided for people to engage in more outgoing worship such as that provided by Messy Church.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. The average weekly attendance, counted during October, was 143 adults, but this number increased at festivals and especially at Christmas with the Carol Services and Crib Service being especially well attended.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. Numbers of parents wanting their children to be baptised and couples coming for the sacrament of Holy Matrimony have been stable this year, but the number of funerals is in decline. Many people whose relatives do not consider them to be 'religious' seem to be choosing not to have a Christian Funeral Service. Personally I am convinced that God wants to hold the souls of the departed in His care whether they were religious or not.

##### **WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY**

In the course of a year it is perfectly normal for a local church family to lose one or two members, either because they move out of the area or die. During the last year we lost, amongst others; Brenda Sparrow, Emma Redfearn, Gerry Stokes, and Ruth Baxendale (with apologies to the relatives of others who have died but not been mentioned). Fortunately we have had several new families and individuals join our congregation; many because they find our worship helps them to connect with God almighty, and also they say we are so friendly. Some have come from other churches, and some are brought – as it were – by their children. In addition we had six

adults receive the sacrament of Holy Confirmation this year, in part due to the excellent event in October for parents of children to meet Bishop Philip. Many thanks are expressed to Peter Gittins and the Mission and Evangelism committee for arranging this.

We are also pleased to welcome Readers who have transferred to our parish Noel Edwards, and Bill Hembrow and Bill's wife Anne. They are enriching our worship life with their preaching and prayers, though our best wishes and prayers go to Noel as he continues his recovery after a bad fall. We also welcome Tim Smith to our preaching team after his completion of the 'Occasional Preacher's Course'. Tim is authorised to preach up to five times over three years. Anyone who feels called to ministry as a Reader or Occasional Preacher should have a word with Fr. David.

Many people are aware of the need for a second priest to help carry forward the work here at S. Anne's Church and in December Bishops Julian and Philip agreed that AIDEN EDWARDS should become our Deacon and Assistant Curate in the summer of 2017. We look forward to making him very welcome.

For the Lent course this year we used the York Course, which explored the different ways in which we encounter the risen Lord Jesus Christ; in the sacraments in Holy Scripture, in prayer and other people. In addition the Nicodemus Group has been established to enable us to understand the Christian Scriptures and faith more fully, and meets in the choir vestry on the first Tuesday evening of each month. This group is open to all.

I have highlighted here some of the major issues that we dealt with in the last year. In the Annual Report you can read more extensively about the work of the groups and committees that make our church such a thriving, lively place to be. May I take this opportunity to thank all those who have taken leadership roles over the last year, Peter Gittins our Reader, Colin and Mark as Churchwardens, those who have served on our committees both as members and chairpersons, all who assist our worship, Gerald and the Serving team, Alistair and the choir, the Churchwardens and sidesmen and women, Brenda and the flower arranging team. Those who enrich our lives by arranging social events, particularly through the Social Committee, Men's Fellowship, Mothers' Union, Projects Committee and Pilgrims Coffee Stop. Those who work with children, especially the team who run Children's Church; Carlla Harris and her team who run Messy Church; and the team who run Nursery Praise. The importance of our ministry to children cannot be overestimated. (Recent research has shown that 80% of Christians become firm in their faith by the age of 19 years). Again, apologies to those who work so hard for our church but have not been mentioned.

S. Anne's Church building is our spiritual home, a place where we feel comfortable with God, with each other and with ourselves. May God be gracious to us, grant us the gift of the Holy Spirit to make us strong that we can continue to grow in faith and in numbers.

#### PASTORAL CARE

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Many members of our Church family visit the sick and the housebound, and Holy Communion is taken to them by either Fr. David or Peter Gittins our Reader. Peter and Mary (Gittins) have worked really hard in our parish for the last twenty years, but feel the time has come for them to be part of church life nearer home (their journey to St. Anne's is a twenty minute car ride each way). We express our heartfelt thanks to them, and wish them well in their life as members of S. John's Church, Lund.

## **ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS**

The local Ministers' Fraternal continues to meet regularly, and initiate ecumenical events. Two are noteworthy. The Pentecost Walk and Witness to Fairhaven Lake, and the provision of a Nativity Crib scene in the Town square.

More detailed information about Parish activities are to be found elsewhere in this report.

*Fr. David Lyon* Vicar

### **b) CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT**

The annual report from your churchwardens is very much on a par with previous years when it seems that one's work is never done.

This year we saw the repair to the Church Road driveway and the pointing inside the church. Mark and I (CM) attend many various committee meetings and I myself have attended ninety five per cent of all meetings and on many occasions have played a full part by helping to organise some events such as the Christmas Tree Festival, Harvest supper and Coach Outings. Mark cannot do so much of this as he is still working in a time demanding business.

We were pleased to arrange the completion of new notice boards that at last display the name of Father David on all three. Due to the loss of Sidespersons I have taken on extra duties at the 8am and the 6-30pm services.

Mark and I are trying hard to get the work started on the Choir vestry project and are pleased to report that since Richard Baker has become the management link between the architect and the church things are now starting to move.

There has been a meeting with a lighting consultant to see how we can improve the church lighting and at the same time save money on running costs. Due to the recent vandalism to many churches we feel that early in 2017 we must update our CCTV system. I also concern myself with the possibility of a potential accident due to the danger when opening or closing the porch entrance gate.

As churchwardens we take looking after the church buildings and property as a very serious part of our duties. May God continue to give us the strength and guidance to look after everything and to also let us give Father David as much help as possible.

*Colin Miller and Mark Rae*

### **c) WELCOME MINISTRY (SIDESPERSONS)**

We have had a few hiccups this year as we lost two senior sidespersons, Brenda Sparrow and Gerry Stokes, and a number of resignations, however we have to thank everyone who went out of their way to help meaning we were able to do our duties in the usual professional manner. We are pleased to report that our church is well recognised for the friendly welcome received at the back of the church and in this we include the Baptism Welcomers. We will continue to strengthen our team where we can and we are pleased to say we have new volunteers to assist at the eight o'clock and six thirty services.

The following have served as sidesmen and women during 2016:-

Kate Armstrong, Sharon Arundel, Kathryn Baker, Christine Barrow, Chris Bell-Smith, Sasha Bell-Smith, Caroline Bird, Jed Bird, Christine Buckley, Marjorie Byrne, Mel Cook, Pauline Cook, Leslie Dawson, Denise Duke, Peter Duke. Gemma Eaves, Kath Hall, Barbara Halsted, Marian Hopper, Sylvia Horner, Margaret Imrie, James Lambert, Sarah Leighton, Susan



McMahon, Nicki Meakin, Victoria Nicholas, Eric Roberts, Mary Roberts, Alan Swindlehurst, Jasper Vijayakumar, Christina Deborah, Sheila Walton.

**STAND IN SIDESPERSONS:-**

Jean Eaves, Louis Shaw and Fiona Wilson.

**SENIOR SIDESPERSONS:-**

Adrian Bromiley, Alan Christy, Pam Kinghorn, Brenda Sparrow, Gerry Stokes and Josie Wilkinson.

*Colin Miller and Mark Rae*

**d) PLANNED GIVING AND GIFT AID**

The following table gives the data for Planned Giving and Gift Aid donations during 2016 (with comparable figures for 2015 in parentheses).

Source	Gift Aided			Non Gift Aided		
	Amount donated	No. of donors	Average donation per donor per week	Amount donated	No. of donors	Average donation per donor per week
Bank {Standing Orders}	£33,309.00 (£28,392.00)	52 (61)	£12.32 (£8.95) [equiv. to £38.78 (£53.38) pm]	£1,568.60 (£1,021.90)	10 (8)	£3.02 (£2.46) [equiv. to £13.07 (£10.66) pm]
Weekly stewardship envelopes	£10,603.91 (£11,138.91)	42 (56)	£4.86 (£3.83)	£3,121.66 (£3,335.80)	15 (19)	£4.00 (£3.38)
Gift Aid envelopes {regular donors}	£4,952.49 (£4,940.04)	25 (25)	£3.81 (£3.80)			
Gift Aid envelopes {one-off donations at services}	£1,316.79 (£2,697.34)	102				
Other	£3,193.25 (£1,753.06)	121				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£53,375.44</b> <b>(£48,921.35)</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>£6.02</b> <b>(£6.02)</b>	<b>£4,690.26</b> <b>(£4,357.70)</b>	<b>25</b> <b>(27)</b>	<b>£3.61</b> <b>(£3.10)</b>

Planned donations are those that are received by Standing Order from a bank or via the weekly stewardship envelopes. Regular donors are those who have used Gift Aid envelopes for at least 6 months and have made at least one donation per month during that period. There will be some donors who give regularly by putting money onto the plate every week, but we have no record of

who you are, nor how much you give individually. However, be assured that your donations are appreciated just as much as the others.

Thanks go to all those parishioners who decided to increase their giving in 2016. Thanks also go to all those who give regularly by envelopes and who increase their giving in certain weeks to cover for weeks when they have not been able to attend.

The average for all planned and regular donations (both Gift Aided and non-Gift Aided) in 2016 was £7.15 per donor per week compared with £5.56 in 2015.

The tax recoverable from the Gift Aided donations in 2015 is £13,343.86. In 2015 it was £12,224.09.

*Richard Baker* Planned Giving Officer

## **e) SAFEGUARDING OFFICER'S REPORT**

I am pleased to report that the PCC have adopted the Diocese policy and this is now on the church website.

St Annes Parish Church would like to ensure that we safeguard all the children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church family and community.

Father David and I have recently met to go through a Safeguarding Audit which highlighted-

**DBS** - everyone who has contact with children, young people and vulnerable adults as their role in church will need to have an up-to-date DBS. The diocese recommends that DBSs be renewed every three years. This will include altar servers, bell ringers, toddler group, Sunday school, coffee morning/afternoons.

**Training** - I am looking into arranging Child Protection level 1 training for all the group leaders and helpers.

**First Aiders** – Are there any qualified first aiders that would be willing to be named first aiders in church?

If you run a group or have a role, which involves contact with children within the church or Parish Rooms, could you please contact me via email with your contact details as I am trying to compile an up-to-date list of who is working with children, young people and vulnerable adults?

If anyone is interested in becoming part of the working party they would be more than welcomed. Could they please contact either the Parish Office or email me with your contact details and the times that you would be available to attend a meeting.

*Denise Duke* Safeguarding Officer

Email: duke\_denise@hotmail.com

## **II WORSHIP & MISSION**

### **a) READERS**

During the past 12 months there have been a few changes in the Realm of Readers.

Bill Hembrow and Noel Edwards have joined our church, both licensed readers in this Diocese.

Although you will have seen a lot of Bill, Noel unfortunately is recovering from illness but is now at home and we hope, may be able to join us again soon.

Peter Gittins our Reader Emeritus has been reducing his involvement in recent months due in part to Mary's illness but had already decided to wind down his involvement during the past year.

You may see Tim Smith occasionally preaching on Sundays. After successfully completing a training course he is authorised by the Bishop to preach in this church five times a year.

Although my health has stopped me being as active as I would like I hope and pray that things will improve soon!

Thank you to everyone for all your support and encouragement during the past year.

*Jean Johnson*

## **b) BELLRINGERS**

Bellringers, young and old, work together to call to people to worship and announce the presence and the life of the Church. Normally, we ring from 10.00-10.30am on Sundays and our practice night is on Fridays from 7.30-9.00pm.

The bells rang out for the majority of Sunday Services, special Services and weddings over the year. My thanks go to all our ringers for their support over the year, particularly to Jim Wharton, who makes sure that the clock is wound up each week, before we start ringing on Sundays.

Our practice nights are very popular and since an Open Day in September, we have seen an influx of new learners which is very encouraging. Particularly pleasing is the progress that two of our younger ringers, Finley Meakin and Harvey Bridson, have made, gaining badges as part of the training scheme.

Bellringing is a skill which takes time to learn, so we are looking at ways to increase tuition opportunities in the tower to keep the momentum going and reduce the overall time taken to learn to ring.

Twelve quarter peals were rung during the year. Ten of the quarters were in memory of forty-three St. Annes residents, to mark the respective centenaries of their deaths in the First World War. This remembrance activity led to the bellringers being nominated for a "Remember WW1" award and, with over one hundred and fifty nominations across the UK, the bellringers were delighted to be shortlisted in the "Acts of Remembrance" category. After Gerald Wilson and I made a presentation to the judging panel in London, at a subsequent recognition event, again in London, on behalf of the bellringers, Gerald and Fiona Wilson received a "Finalist certificate" from Dame Julia Cleverdon. This was a great honour and we will continue to ring for the WW1 fallen from St. Annes.

If anyone would like to go up the tower to see the clock and bells and/or have a go at ringing you would be most welcome.

*Stuart Newton* Tower Captain (Tel. 01253 725958)

## **c) CHOIR**

At S. Annes Parish Church we are indeed blessed by our Parish Choir and the commitment that every member gives to enhance our services of worship from week to week throughout the year. It has been a joy to welcome new members into our choir and our membership now stands at eighteen.

We have continued to expand our repertoire, adding new motets from The Renaissance Period to anthems by contemporary composers; in particular this year we have sung new motets by Saint-Saens and Edward Elgar along with settings of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis. Our Parish Church Choir sings Choral Evensong on the first and third Sundays of each month; and Benediction on each third Sunday.

On May 20th, we are to host a 'Come and Sing Matins' event with and for the RSCM. This involves rehearsing the music for a BCP Choral Matins service. We hope you might like to attend this service. More information regarding this will soon be available.

I would like to thank each member of our choir for their personal contribution and devotion to this very important part of our Church Family. Our rehearsals are a weekly pleasure; not only are we able to prepare wonderful music on a weekly basis but to have such joy in doing so!

If you would like to know more about our choir, please do ask our Organist who will be pleased to respond to any queries. Also, if you feel that you might like to consider singing with us, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

*Alistair MacKenzie* Director of Music

#### **d) ALTAR SERVERS**

For the past 20 years that I have been Head Server St. Annes has been proud to boast a large team of servers of all ages (6 to 60 and more). At present I have 12 children down from 16 last year and 20 the previous year. For the second year in a row there have been no recruits from the latest Confirmation group (apart from the one who was already a server). Interest from Children's Church remains good, thanks to Jenny Cryer's enthusiastic support, but often these children fall away even while they are still at primary school. This lack of new blood in the 10 and above age group is therefore a significant concern not only for the Serving Team but also for our Church congregation as a whole.

Having said that, we do have a fantastic group of young servers. Their enthusiasm is marvellous and it is privilege and a pleasure to train them and help them develop as people and as Christians.

I also have to say a thank you to all our adult servers especially those who serve weekday Eucharists and to our Eucharistic Ministers who have stepped into the serving breach at short notice on a number of occasions. In particular I would like to acknowledge support from Tim Smith and John Pitches in covering for me on weekends when I am away. Many thanks are also due to Vivian Park and Margaret Hill and also my wife, Fiona, for their important work of washing altar linen and albs.

Tim and I also deal with the ordering and management of sacristy supplies, which cost approximately £2100 in 2015. I am pleased to report that by some careful shopping around we have been able to increase the savings from ~£180 in 2015 to ~£350 in 2016 compared to previous years.

Serving gives a special insight into the way our worship is conducted, which hopefully strengthens the foundations on which our faith is built. It is therefore especially appropriate as an aid to nurturing the faith of all both young and old. New servers of any age are always welcome and anyone with an interest should speak to me at church or phone me at home.

*Gerald Wilson* Head Server

#### **e) FLOWER GUILD**

The ladies of the Flower Guild continued to give sterling service in arranging flowers during the year.

There were 42 Sundays available for flowers in church, 29 were sponsored. This just over half the Sundays covered and an improvement on last year.

This year, Jos has finally retired from the team and we thank her for all the years of hard work she has put in to make the church beautiful.

The remaining ladies, Hazel Preston, Jennifer Oldfield, Val Struele and myself share out the work on a rota basis. We would be delighted to welcome anybody who would like to join us on a permanent or ad hoc basis. Experience is welcome, enthusiasm essential, also strong arms, the stands are heavy.

If anyone would like to join our merry crew, please have a word with me, you will be most welcome.

*Brenda Lyon*

#### **f) BAPTISM WELCOMERS**

Over the past year our loyal team of Baptism Welcomers have welcomed 48 Baptism candidates and their families to our Church. I am very grateful to all the ladies who give up their time for this valuable part of our ministry. If anyone else is interested in joining our team, especially for 12.15 pm baptisms, we would be very glad of the extra support. Please speak to Kathryn Baker or Fr. David.

*Kathryn Baker*

#### **g) BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES**

I have enjoyed another busy year of delivering Baptism Anniversary Cards to children who have been Baptised in St Annes Parish Church over the last four years. Like the candle which is given on the day of the Baptism, the cards are a reminder to the family of the child's Baptism and also help the Church to keep in touch with them.

Baptism Anniversary Cards are sent out to children under 5 years of age (except when two siblings are Baptised together - one under 5 and one over 5 - when cards are delivered to both), to celebrate the first three anniversaries of their Baptism.

Over the past year, 30 (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Cards) 48 (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Cards) and 41 (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Cards) have been delivered.

With the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Card, a leaflet with details about Nursery Praise, Children's Church, the Sunday Eucharist and our Babies and Toddlers Group plus telephone numbers for Father David, our Church School and Nursery and the Parish Office is enclosed, to encourage the family link to continue after their child has been Baptised.

This year I have been fortunate to meet a few Mums when delivering the cards and I know at least one is now bringing her child to Children's Church.

I am happy to continue to deliver these cards which help to maintain a link between the Church and the children who have been Baptised and their families.

*Rosemary Pickles*

#### **h) BEREAVEMENT VISITORS**

During 2016 Father David conducted 31 Funeral Services, some taking place at the Lytham Crematorium Chapel before Cremation or Burial and others held in Church before continuing at the Crematorium or graveside.

The names of loved ones can be written in the Book of Remembrance, which is in the Memorial Chapel, or added to the names on the Memorial Stones on the Church wall in the special area where ashes are interred.

During 2016 we sadly lost a number of well remembered members of our church family: Joan Simpson, Beryl Bonney, Jean Edge, Jean Marshall, Blanche Gooderham, Gerry Stokes and Brenda Sparrow.

Throughout the year Bereavement Visitors contact the families of the deceased and take them the Parish Magazine which lists the name of their loved one or post it to families if they live far away. We hope families gain comfort from the knowledge that we are all remembering their relatives in our thoughts and prayers.

The recently bereaved are remembered at Harvest time when they receive a gift and prayer card, through the generosity of the pupils from Heyhouses School.

They are also invited to the All Souls Service of Remembrance when they are invited to place a lighted candle in memory of their loved one.

However long since our own bereavements we are all encouraged to place stars on the Memorial trees during the Tree Festival.

Both Howard Gent and Tim Smith have been visiting during the last year but are now unable to do so but we must thank them for all their care and concern. Fortunately towards the end of the year Brian Rose kindly accepted Fr. David's invitation to become a visitor.

*Christine Buckley*

#### **i) CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Children's Church was led by Jeni Cryer and meets weekly, except for Parade Sundays when we are in church. Children's Church does not meet during the school holidays, but there have been requests from parents for something to be put in place. Children's Church is now led by a committee of parents.

There are 72 children on the register, with 60 having attended more than once.

Attendance has been relatively stable, with an average of 22 children attending each week. 19 children have an attendance rate of 50% or above.

6 of the children also serve regularly.

The children take part in a wide variety of activities from colouring to games and treasure hunts. We following the structure from 'Living Stones'.

Prize giving took place in July 2016, with the children being rewarded for good attendance with certificates and book vouchers.

The children went to the Pantomime in December 2016 to see Aladdin. 42 people attended.

A number of the parents help with snacks etc, but there is no formal system in place.

We need more leaders to be involved in the running of Children's Church.

*Jeni Cryer*

#### **j) NURSERY PRAISE**

I must sincerely thank Mary Gittins for all her love and dedication to Nursery Praise for a number of years. As many of you know Mary has been unwell and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Mary has held several Nursery Praise sessions in Church during 2016 and is most grateful for the help given by a number of people including Vivian, Abbey, Ann and Jan.

The children enjoy craft, worship with stories and music and eating pieces of fruit.

Mothers' Union give a donation of £50 to help with the cost of materials etc.

It is wonderful that local Nursery Schools are encouraged to come and feel part of our Church family. I wish Nursery Praise every success in 2017.

*Christine Buckley*

## **k) MESSY CHURCH**

Another enjoyable and successful year for Messy Church in 2016.

The number stayed at over 20 each session. Some of the themes covered were, for example, "I am the Good Shepherd", "Advent", "Ourselves", "Moses" and many more.

Out food, which was prepared by my husband Craig, was always delicious and loved by the children. Thank you for your time and support.

Last year, sadly one of our members, Liz Currie, left our team. We thank her for all the hard work and new ideas. We are excited to welcome our new members Monica, Abi and Sharon. An ongoing thanks to the ladies that have worked very hard the past year creating new and enjoyable activities. Thank you to Kathryn Baker, Amanda Wiseman and Chris Bell-Smith.

Our younger helpers Zara, Amy, Sasha, Freya and Roman, help us whenever they can. We thank them for this.

Lastly, thank you Fr. David for all your support. Also a big thanks for reading the stories and prayers to the children.

We all enjoy volunteering to help the church and we hope Messy Church will continue for many more years.

*Carlla Harris* Co-ordinator

## **1) CELL OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**

Our 2016 pilgrimage to Walsingham in September was well supported with some 25 pilgrims altogether, about half from our own parish augmented by others from St. Nicholas, Fleetwood, St. John the Evangelist, Lund, and elsewhere plus additional coach passengers. Once again we tried a new en-route lunch stop, this time at the beautiful Goldthorpe Parish Church, near Rotherham where we had mass followed by a lovely lunch, courtesy of Fr. Carl Schaeffer (formerly of Blackburn Diocese and known to many of us) and members of his congregation. On the Tuesday morning after Stations of the Cross we went to St. Mary's Parish Church in the village for mass before visiting the Slipper Chapel in the afternoon. On Wednesday afternoon after the usual morning Sung Pilgrim Mass in the Shrine Church we took the coach to Kings Lynn to have a guided tour of St. Nicholas Chapel (claimed to be the largest chapel of ease in England) recently restored by the Churches Conservation Trust. The excursion was rounded off with a visit to the first post-Reformation Shrine & Holy House of Our Lady of Walsingham set up on the authority of Pope Leo XIII in 1897. Once again the pilgrimage was a time of great fellowship and spiritual and physical refreshment and was enjoyed by all.

Sadly our faithful friend and fellow pilgrim, Gerry Stokes, died on 1<sup>st</sup> July and was unable to join with us in body on pilgrimage, but we know that he was with us in spirit. His Funeral Requiem in church on 8<sup>th</sup> July was celebrated exactly as Gerry had asked for it to be only a few weeks previously and was a sad but uplifting occasion with many of his fellow pilgrims in attendance. Gerry's name joins those of other departed members of the Cell in the Chantry Book in St. Edward's Chapel at Walsingham.

Once again the Cell supported the Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage by sponsoring two young people as our “godchildren”. It is very pleasing that members of our congregation (not all of whom are Cell members) also personally sponsor this very worthwhile cause, such that we sponsor some six or more teenagers in total. In return sponsors received very touching postcards in acknowledgement from those sponsored (“godchildren”).

We also support the Parish by sponsoring the Lady Chapel light and prior to Easter 2016 we purchased and donated a new stainless steel thurible to replace the rather battered brass one.

As usual members of the Walsingham Cell have continued to support the spiritual life of the Parish, not only by attendance at the monthly Walsingham Cell mass but by their attendance at the daily Eucharists on other days of the week and support to Evensong, especially on the third Sunday of the month, when the service is concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

All cell activities are open to all who own the faith of Jesus. Everyone is welcome to cell activities, particularly mass in the Lady Chapel on the last Saturday of the month and pilgrimage to Walsingham this year between 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Further information on Cell activities is available from Fr David, Kath Hall, Gerald Wilson, or Howard Gent.

Cell accounts for November 2015 to October 2016 were independently examined by the PCC Treasurer, accepted by the Cell AGM on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and are enclosed in the APCM pack.

*Gerald Wilson* Pilgrimage Organiser & Treasurer

#### **m) BABIES AND TODDLERS**

This group meets on a Wednesday afternoon during term time. It enables parents, carers or grandparents to bring pre-school children to play and mix together in an informal environment whilst they chat and have a drink and biscuit. We regularly have between 10 and 16 children. As well as a variety of toys we have a table with play doh or colouring and collage, also a table with books and jigsaws. The summer and Christmas terms closed with a party. Father Christmas visited the Christmas party and gave each child a small present. Many thanks go to John Longstaff who very kindly acted as Father Christmas this year.

We are very grateful to Rosemary Pickles and Brenda Holt who very kindly help us each Wednesday.

*Mary Roberts and Kathryn Baker*

#### **n) PILGRIMS COFFEE STOP**

Pilgrims continues to grow from strength to strength. We meet every Monday morning, Bank Holidays excepted. We have a select, loyal and generous clientele and have attracted new customers during the year. Kathryn Baker, Rosemary Pickles and myself would love to welcome new helpers who would be willing to give up two hours on a Monday morning.

*Brenda Lyon*

#### **o) MOTHERS' UNION**

The year 2016 has been rather special for members of the Mothers' Union. Our Patron, her Majesty the Queen, celebrated her ninetieth birthday and many members sent their good wishes and congratulations.

We have also particularly given thanks to our founder Mary Sumner who saw the need for the organisation to help and support families 140 years ago and is still doing so today and so the Mothers' Union Theme "A Celebration of Faith" was very apt.



We began the year with our Fund Raising Auction. Every year we send a contribution to the MU Overseas Fund which supports families and projects worldwide.

At our AGM in February we particularly gave thanks for marriage and many of us brought photographs to share our happy days and see how much we had changed.

In March we welcomed Monica Wright to our Branch but she and her husband decided to move abroad to find more sunshine and left us just before Christmas.

At our April meeting Veronica McDonnell talked to us about the Art Collection of Lytham St. Annes and all about the history of the works and their benefactors. This is a fascinating subject and an ongoing project for all the people involved.

Summer Gardening was the title of the talk given by Tim Smith when he gave us a wonderful demonstration of planting tubs, which he kindly donated to be raffled. He also gave us lots of information about what we should be doing in our gardens. The facts were still in our minds when we enjoyed a Coach Outing to Hayes Garden Centre, in June. The trip also included a visit to Lakeland Plastics.

In June we also enjoyed the Deanery Festival held this year at St. Margaret's Church, St. Annes and the Indoor Members' Tea held at St. Paul's, Fairhaven.

In July we enjoyed our Summer Lunch at Tiggis and in August Fr. David, Ann Fletcher and I attended the 140th Anniversary MU Celebration in Blackburn Cathedral, quite an occasion.

At the end of August my family were rather shattered by the sudden death of my son-in-law and we would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers. As we all know life is very precious and in September Werner Conn told us about his dramatic childhood and escape from Berlin during the war and his life since he came to England.

In October Karen Kay gave us a really enjoyable and enthralling talk about attending a Hindu Wedding and came wearing a most impressive and colourful sari.

Later in the month a number of us joined St. Margaret's MU for the Wave of Prayer Service, held later than usual in 2016.

Kath Hall guided us in making greetings cards at our November meeting and we were all really impressed with the results. Many thanks to Kath for bringing all the materials which we needed and her wonderful artistic flair.

In December we again enjoyed our Christmas Lunch at the Clifton Park Hotel and we were again visited by Father Christmas bearing gifts and kisses.

The Deanery Carol Service was held again at St. Michael's, Kirkham in the evening which probably did not appeal to some members as there were fewer there than usual. However, many thanks to St. Michael's, those of us who attended enjoyed the service and meeting other friends from other branches.

I would really like to thank everyone who supports the Mothers' Union in any way and I hope that we can increase our membership in 2017.

I am most grateful for the work going on throughout the year.

Rosemary Pickles our Baptism Visitor, Kath Hall our Goodwill Visitor and member of the Prayer Circle, Mary Gittins who has so wonderfully organised Nursery Praise and Mary Roberts our Literary Secretary.

I would also like to thank the committee for their friendship and support. Jean Lister our treasurer has been wonderful throughout the year whilst caring for her husband. Jennifer Oldfield

has been an excellent catering manager and Sylvia Homer a really good secretary and occasional photographer.

Barbara Woollett and Christine Barrow are also most supportive.

Mothers' Union members are involved in Church Life throughout the year. We walked in the Carnival Procession, exhibited a tree at the Tree Festival, thanks to Jennifer and Kath, created Mothering Sunday posies and prepared Christingle Oranges, thanks to Val and Barbara.

We again organised the collection and delivery of the gifts to the Oak Tree Centre in St. Annes. A huge thank you to all who contributed they were very well received by the Centre and will all be much appreciated.

During 2016 a number of older and very dear members sadly died, Beryl Bonney, Blanche Gooderham, Emma Redfearn and Brenda Sparrow.

When members go into residential homes and are unable pay subscriptions to the Diocese we cannot include their names as official members but we always remember them fondly and consider them part of the Mothers' Union. They are certainly remembered in our thoughts and prayers.

*Christine Buckley* Branch Leader

#### **p) MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

The Men's Fellowship had another successful year with an average of twenty-six men at each meeting. This is an excellent opportunity for the men in our church and their friends to socialise during a meal. Father David is always in attendance and each evening he starts the meal by saying grace.

Although it was another successful year it was also a very sad one due to loss of Gerry Stokes. Gerry was Mister Dependable who we could always trust to be there when one needed help. Losing Gerry meant us losing our treasurer and this has created some difficulties when trying to do our financial report.

One special evening was when we had Bishop Philip as our guest speaker. Bishop North is a very able and professional speaker and is truly appreciated by everyone. Another highlight of our year was again the Christmas Dinner at the Glendower Hotel where the food and service was once more excellent.

I am looking forward to 2017 when I will no longer have to do the cooking as we will have a proper chef doing it. We will be starting the year with a Burns Supper and to that I say "Bring it On".

*Colin Miller*

#### **q) "INFLUENCE" MAGAZINE**

The new format is now fully embedded and the systems is working well. There are the regular parish news items plus information of events, but we do need more people to contribute to the magazine and are very interested in looking for new articles which involve the wider community. Articles can be sent to [stannesparishmag@gmail.com](mailto:stannesparishmag@gmail.com). A copy of the magazine is also posted on the website, thank you to Monica Hollows for her time in uploading the magazine each month.

We are grateful to all the advertisers and ask our parishioners to support them.

It is encouraging that so many people Gift Aid a donation to church instead of buying the magazine, this brings additional funds to the church.

Thank you to everyone who delivers the magazine and to the Outreach Working Party who deliver to additional areas on special occasions Easter, Harvest & Christmas. Our special thanks to Kathryn Baker and Pam Kinghorn who, with a small team, copy and collate the magazine each month, to Richard & Kathryn Baker who proof-read the final copy and Harry & Margaret Wincott who sort the magazines ready for delivery.

*Denise Brown* Editor

## r) WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Website : [www.stannesparishchurch.org](http://www.stannesparishchurch.org)



Visit us on  
Facebook

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The parish website has undergone regular updates in 2016, with the Influence magazine published online every month and 13 news items highlighted on our news blog. Our website had 8,947 visits by 6,836 unique visitors during 2016, down slightly from 2015. As in previous years we had a noticeable increase in website traffic on the run up to Easter and Christmas. This year we also had a spike in activity just before Remembrance Sunday in November.

The table below shows the year-on-year traffic to our website:

Year	Visits	Unique Visitors
2016	8,947	6,836
2015	9,548	7,323
2014	7,687	5,675
2013	7,056	5,388
2012	6,542	4,739
2011	4,864	3,572
2010	3,083	2,138

Our Facebook page continues to grow and now has 229 “Likes” (people who follow the page), up from 165 last year. If you have a Facebook account please check out our page and “Like” us and please like and share our posts too! The way Facebook works means we have reached almost 2,000 people with some of our posts as when people like/share their friends see these posts too. The more people like/share/comment on posts the more we spread the word amongst people in the Facebook world. (If you are not on Facebook you can still view our page, you don’t need to set up an account to do this.)

In 2016 we published 71 posts and 16 events to our Facebook page. (Many thanks to Fr David, Gerald Wilson and Jeni Cryer who also help with this activity.)

Suggestions for additions/changes to our website and our Facebook page are always welcome, just send an email with the details to [monica.r.hollows@btinternet.com](mailto:monica.r.hollows@btinternet.com).

*Monica Hollows*

## s) TREE FESTIVAL

I consider the 2016 Tree Festival the best yet. I judge this by the response of the visitors. There were new features this year, all very successful and each being worth a mention.

We sold the window ledge space for £10 and allowed those who took on the challenge to decorate the ledge in the own way. This is definitely worth doing again.

I designed and had made metal supports for round the pillars, each unit carrying two trees. These were good as they didn't blank off the whole church. They are now stored for next year.

The Choir's display and find the church mice competition - oh how the children loved this and oh how the adults loved the painting by Maggie Chowns. Thank you choir for your wonderful ideas.

Stuart Newton must have had really tired legs due to the Bell Ringers' competition as he had to take visitors up to the Belfry at least thirty to forty times over the week of the festival. Our thanks go to the Bellringers.

Another addition this year was the bottle stall, which was a great success thanks to the idea and work by Susan and Paul McMahon.

St Anne's Parish Church can be proud of not just the money they raise for charity but also for this great annual community event the bring to the town every year. Well Done to all involved.

*Colin Miller*

### **III COMMITTEES & SYNODS**

#### **a) LAND AND BUILDINGS COMMITTEE**

In January a structural survey was undertaken on the Church building which involved measurements being taken of levels to determine if any movement or settlement had taken place since the last survey in January 1993. A comparison revealed that some movement had taken place which had resulted in some cracks in the mortar in certain sections of the walls and supports. These are minor instances and are due to the ground conditions in this area. This resulted in pointing work being carried out within the church and also some pointing and replacement of brick on the south elevation, which had been listed in the Quinquennial Inspection Report.

During March roof repairs to the church building were carried out as also listed in the Quinquennial Report.

During April a faculty was applied for to replace two new church notice boards and these were erected in May.

In July a faculty for the refurbishment of the choir vestry was started, this has now been granted and estimates for the work are being sought.

The church path adjacent to the silt trap has been repaired.

A new memorial stone ordered for the east end of the church and is now in place.

#### **VICARAGE CLOSE**

A new heating boiler has been installed and the drains cleaned and checked.

*Eric Roberts* Chair

#### **b) PARISH ROOMS COMMITTEE**

We have had a very successful year. With the treasurer's help we have been able to do a number of refurbishments in the Parish Rooms.

In January the Parish Office entrance was decorated and new carpet fitted to make it look more welcoming when visitors come in.

In June Room 1 was decorated and new lighting, blinds and carpet fitted. New chairs were purchased to replace the old ones.

We have also had new lighting fitted on the stairs and in the entrance hall and new taps fitted in the toilets to prevent flooding.

Another big, unforeseen expenditure was for extensive repairs to the lift in July.

Next year, in April, we plan to have the Large Hall upstairs decorated and new lighting fitted.

We will be able to judge the success of making the halls more attractive by the increase in lettings. The committee will be assessing the hire charges early in 2017.

*Colin Miller* Chair

### **c) SOCIAL AND TREE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE**

Social events during 2016 started in January with the annual Parish Dinner. It was a chance to dress up, was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and raised £183 due thanks mainly to the Chorley raffle.

In March there was a newcomers' high tea, which had a good attendance with everyone enjoying a pleasant afternoon.

We held a BBQ and garden party at the vicarage in June. Another well attended social occasion that also raised over £300 for church funds.

There was an organ recital concert in July with guest organist Ian Tracey. The church was full and raised £672 for the church.

In September the Maasai Warriors put on a very good show, which was very well received.

Also in September, Godfrey Hirst celebrated 50 years of ordained ministry and a very nice meal was held in the Parish Rooms.

October saw the Harvest Festival, an enjoyable evening for the whole family.

Also in October Bishop Philip was 'on a mission' in the Parish Rooms with a good response from people wishing to be confirmed.

Bents Garden Centre was the destination for a coach trip in November, a very successful day out.

November was also the month for a 'Music for Advent' concert in the church. It was very popular and raised £218 for the church.

In December we held the 2016 Christmas Tree Festival. This was always a community event and as such raised £1200 for external charities and over £1400 for the church.

Now the bad news; sadly in 2016 two of our most stalwart members, Gerry Stokes and Brenda Sparrow, passed away. They are greatly missed and our thoughts are with their friends and families.

Finally I wish to thank all the members of the committee for their continued efforts throughout the year.

*Peter Duke* Chair

### **d) OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

The Outreach Committee's purpose is to promote the Church and communicate, to the congregation and wider community, events at St. Annes Parish Church. In this way the profile of the church is raised.

What a year! We have seen Maasai warriors singing and dancing in Church, Professor Ian Tracey giving a virtuoso performance on our splendid organ, and excitable children looking for Church mice at the Christmas Tree Festival. It is always a delight to see new faces at Church services and Church events, and as well as new members joining our congregation, we welcomed many visitors to the events above as well as to the Crossroads Mission, concerts and special services.

In the wider community the Church took part in the St. Annes Carnival and our annual Praise on the Prom. To quote Patricia Ward in her article in 'Influence', "Perhaps, because of our outdoor service, someone would feel the touch of Jesus, maybe a lapsed churchgoer to find a spiritual home or a desire for God in their lives."

You will have noticed our new photograph board. Our sincere thanks go to Kathryn Baker for all her hard work with this and to Father David, our 'David Bailey', for taking the photographs.

I would like to thank the many people who work so hard to produce our magazine. We are extremely grateful to Denise Brown who edits the magazine, Kathryn Baker and Pam Kinghorn in the office for compiling it, Harry and Margaret Wincott for overseeing the delivery of the copies, and all the many individuals who distribute the magazines, write articles and regularly purchase 'Influence'. I am sure you will have noticed the new children's corner, produced by Monica Hollows, who also does sterling work on our website and Facebook page. At the instigation of our Church Wardens it was decided to amend the pricing structure of the adverts and for the majority of our advertisers this has meant a lower price.

Father David told me that some people came to our church after reading our magazine in a hotel - 'Influence' is clearly working! Please continue to pass your magazine on to someone else to read rather than disposing of it in your brown bin.

No-one could have failed to have seen our new notice boards. Our sincere thanks must go to Colin Miller, who was the driving force behind this venture (and the scarecrows that appeared at Harvest time), and to Bert Waddington who is responsible for the notices that appear regularly.

2016 was another good year for publicity, particularly in the Lytham St. Annes Express and the Local List, and in the former Father David continues to preach in the Wayside Pulpit. A new leaflet about our Church has been produced to inform visitors and newcomers to the area while our Facebook page and website continue to be valuable sources of information.

I would like to thank Kath Hall for all the work she does producing cards for our bookstall. Please support her whenever you can by purchasing cards for those special occasions.

I cannot finish this report without paying tribute to two well loved members of our congregation who sadly passed away during the year. Brenda Sparrow was chairman of this committee many years ago and Gerry Stokes was a member of this committee for as long as I can remember. None of us could possibly count the many hours they spent serving St. Annes Parish Church. Sincere thanks, Brenda and Gerry.

*Susan McMahon* Chair

## **e) PROJECT COMMITTEE**

Activities by the project fundraising committee were limited during 2016.

We are still unsure at this time how much more money is required for refurbishment of the choir vestry.

However, the Lidun Singers donated the monies raised from their summer concert to our next project, pew cushions.

There was also a very enjoyable trip, facilitated by John Edwards, on his vintage bus for a fish and chip supper, followed by a trip through the illuminations.

As in previous years we sold Christmas and luxury sponge puddings.

*Pam Kinghorn* Secretary

#### **f) KIRKHAM DEANERY SYNOD**

Members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. This year the synod has focused its attention on two issues: the coordination of the 'Crossroads Mission Weekend' in the Kirkham Deanery; and the episcopal provision in the Blackburn Diocese following the forthcoming retirement of Bishop Geoff, and resignation of Bishop Philip to become Bishop of Sheffield. (N.B. Bishop Philip is now to stay in our diocese as Bishop of Burnley).

*Fr. David Lyon*

#### **g) BLACKBURN DIOCESAN SYNOD**

The Synod met as usual during the year and gave consideration to the Diocesan Vision 2026, and the Crossroad's Mission Weekend. Bishops and their missionary teams from across the Province of York descended on the Blackburn Diocese during September for involvement in mission and evangelistic activities.

*Fr. David Lyon*

### **IV HEYHOUSES CE SCHOOL**

#### **a) NURSERY SCHOOL**

We have now been in our new building for 2 years and we had our Ofsted inspection on 14 January 2016 and we were delighted to be awarded Outstanding. This is due to the dedication and hard work of the staff team led by Mrs Joanne Kaced.

It continues to be a great delight and very encouraging to see many of our nursery children attending Sunday School as well as being involved in Messy Church. We also enjoy our visits to Nursery Praise each month and appreciate the work of Mrs Gittins and her team. We were also pleased to be part of the Christmas Tree Festival.

Mr Westall continues to support us with his words of encouragement and regular visits and phone calls to nursery.

We thank you all for your support and prayers over the year.

*Denise Brown*

#### **b) PRIMARY SCHOOL**

No report submitted for 2016.

### **V ASSOCIATED ORGANISATIONS**

#### **a) WEDNESDAY MEN**

This small group of loyal men continue to sort and present the waste bins ready for collection. On the recommendation of Mr. Peter Boyd (the Church Architect), we are creating new flower beds and then moving the shrubs and plants that are close to the church wall on the south side, as they are a source of damp against the wall of the church.

The drains are regularly kept clear of fallen leaves and debris. The church yard is kept clear of rubbish, litter and dead flowers that have been left on graves and after Epiphany we remove Christmas wreaths and decorations.

*Eric Roberts*

#### **b) HANDBELL RINGERS**

The Handbell Ringers started nineteen years ago by the Malkinsons and of the original group only Patricia Ward and I remain, though Patricia has not played a great deal of late due to ill health.

Very sadly Gerry Stokes died last July and is greatly missed by us all. Right from the start he liked to set up our tables, pads, music stands and music and then arrange the bells in their correct places. This made it much simpler for the ringers to arrive and start playing. Though Gerry liked being involved with the bells he had played very little for some time because he could no longer really read the music but still regarded himself as our road manager.

Due to the complications of taking out our gear we only perform in Church, and we were very happy to play during the Tree Festival.

We would really welcome some new ringers as our group could do with a few more people. It can be quite good keep fit and excellent for the little grey cells.

We meet in term time in the Choir Vestry on Wednesday mornings between 10-30a.m. and noon and only cancel if too many ringers are unable to attend. The dates of our meetings are displayed on the notice board in the vestry. We always welcome new members and you don't need to be able to read proper notation because we use a number system.

Enquiries to *Christine Buckley* (728666)

#### **c) 50-50 FUNDRAISING**

Allowing for prizes and expenses, the sum of £2,510 was donated to general funds during 2016. We currently have 114 members and more are always welcome to join; it's an easy (and sometimes profitable!) way to raise money for the church. We thank all who supported us last year.

*Suzanne Newton* (725958), *Josie Wilkinson* (727704) *Margaret Wincott* (726397)

#### **d) ST. ANNES PARISH OPERATIC SOCIETY (SAPOS)**

Our last year has been a very successful one for the Society. In July, as a departure from our usual summer musical, we performed the play *Stepping Out* at Lowther Pavilion. This was very well received by the audience and we enjoyed performing to practically full houses every night. The play was directed by one of our long-standing members, Mandy Hall, with choreography by Paula Curtis and Alison Thornton. The whole cast and back-stage crew worked very hard to bring a first-class performance to the Lowther.

Our Christmas panto "*Babes in The Wood*" was written and directed by Paula Curtis and also proved to be a resounding success. We performed 2 shows at the Parish Rooms and then 2 shows at St. Thomas Church and another at Marton United Reformed. Our annual panto is always great fun for both our cast and audience and provides really enjoyable and affordable entertainment for all the family.



We received 3 NODA nominations this year – Alison Thornton for best supporting actress in Stepping Out and Una Bird and Malcolm Curtis for their performances in our 2015 panto Aladdin.

This year we will be performing one of the most famous and well-loved musicals of all - “Fiddler On The Roof” at Lowther Pavilion from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July. This will be quite a challenge but we have a great cast and they are all very excited to be part of this wonderful show with fabulous music provided by our talented orchestra.

Many thanks to all our front of house helpers, programme advertisers and all our helpers and supporters.

*Alison Thornton* Chair





