# The Parish of Pontypridd

## Annual Report

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

Registered charity 1165251

#### **Description of the Parish**

The Parish serves the town of Pontypridd in the South Wales valleys. The Parish is a part of the Diocese of Llandaff in the Province of the Church in Wales.

The Parish consists of 8 churches, 7 of which serve as parish churches plus St Gwynno's church.

St Catherine's was built in 1868 by John Norton, architect of London and was a development from Norton's own St David's church in Neath. The North aisle was added in similar style to the South aisle in 1885, a North vestry in 1915, and the West porch in 1933. In 1890 the church was restored and clock faces added to the tower. In 1919 Sir Giles Gilbert Scott modified the chancel by whitewashing the walls and adding new stalls and reredos. In 2013 the church building was joined up to the neighbouring church to form a hub for community projects.

St Mary's church was built in 1839 and is a large 'Commissioner' type church, ie double height nave/space without aisles, having a small apsed chancel area and large rear upper gallery. Designed by TH Wyatt. The church has a tower and (later added) vestry/sacristy. It is situated in Glyntaff adjacent to the A470.

St Luke's church Rhydyfelin is a modern polyognal Church built in 1962, replacing the previous church of 1907, designed by Caroe & Martin, with a many sided nave wrapped around the sanctuary which extends in height above the general level of the nave. Caroe and Partners created a naturally well lit, visually clean, modern and uncluttered nave and sanctuary with a formal, radiating, geometry, focussed towards the altar. It is situated on Cardiff Road at the Southern edge of Rhydyfelin.

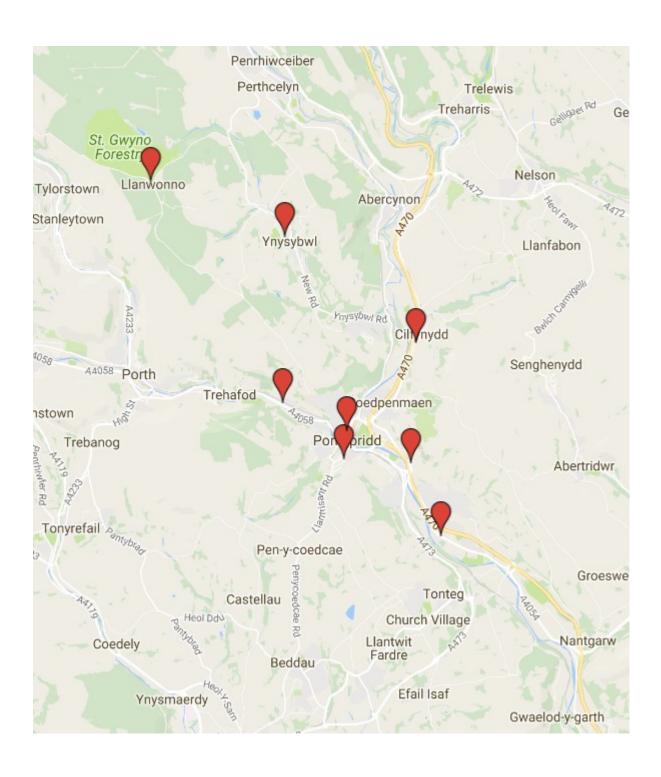
St John's church was built in the 1920s, replacing the previous church from the end of the 1800s, parallel to the steep hillside of the Graig which employs the hill slope to provide a large undercroft used as a hall, below the nave and chancel which lie at the upper ground level. In the 1970s a two story extension was added to the North side providing addition ancillary accommodation including a chapel on the upper level and kitchen and lavatories on the lower level. It is situated in Graig Street in the centre of the Graig.

St Luke's Cilfynydd was built in 1892 and consists of nave and chancel, with a western bellcote and a small south porch, slope, and containing a large hall, toilet block and kitchen. It straddles Bedw Road and Bodwenarth Road in Cilfynydd

Christ Church was built in 1887. In Early English Gothic style, with an apsidal chancel, vestry nave, south porch and bellcote. Built of rock faced Pennant with Bath stone dressings beneath concrete tiled roofs. It is located on the corner of Clive Terrace and Church Street in Ynysybwl.

St David's Church, Hopkinstown was opened in 1855. It is located along Gyfeillon Road towards one end of Hopkinstown.

St Gwynno's Church has parts of it which date back to the 6<sup>th</sup> century, whilst other parts were added during the 12<sup>th</sup> century and consists of nave and chancel with a bellcote and south facing porch. It is located in Llanwynno forest North of the town of Pontypridd.



#### **Team Vicars**

Fr Michael Gable Rev David Nyirongo **Rev Peter Lewis** 

28 Llantrisant Road St Catherine's Vicarage The Vicarage, Lanelay Crescent

Graig **Gelliwastad Grove** Maesycoed Pontypridd Pontypridd Pontypridd **CF37 1LW CF37 2BS** CF37 1JB

#### **Bankers**

Lloyds Bank Natwest Bank **Barclays Bank** Market Square 1 Taff Street Taff Street Pontypridd Pontypridd Pontypridd **CF37 4UU CF37 4SN CF37 2TF** 

Co-operative Bank Churches, Charities & Local Authorities Monmouthshire Building Society

16-17 High Street Investment Management Ltd 87 Caerphilly Road

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#### **Church Architects**

**Hook Mason** Alwyn Jones Penseiri Architects Caroe and Partners 41 Windemarsh Street The Bank 98 Cardiff Road Hereford Cardiff Road Llandaff

Cardiff HR4 9EA Taff's Well **CF15 7RA** CF5 2DT

#### Membership

The members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) are the trustees of the charity. It is the responsibility of the PCC to work together and cooperate in all matters of concern and importance to the Parish for the promotion of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the Parish.

The PCC operates through a number of committees that are responsible to the PCC and assist it in fulfilling its functions and responsibilities. Each church has a committee that looks after the day to day matters of that church.

The following were members of the PCC at the end of the year.

David Carver Dennis Compton Moira Cuff

Sara Fowler (secretary)
Michael Gable (chairman)

Jocelyn Hadley Kathryn Heal Keith Hodson Phil Hopkins Peter Lewis Glynis Lloyd Babs Minton

Ray Minton (treasurer)

David Morgan Chris Morton David Nyirongo Elaine Rees

David Tazzini-Lloyd

**Neal Wood** 

Safeguarding Officer: Mandy Hall

#### **Attendee Figures**

Average number of adults a attending once or more a week

		Previous
		year
St Luke Rhydyfelin	23	21
St Mary	15	14
St John	27	30
St Catherine	85	83
St David	32	34
Christchurch	22	24
St Luke Cilfynydd	17	18
Total	221	224

#### **Review of the Year**

This was the first full year for the Parish of Pontypridd following its inauguration in September 2015.

The year has seen the PCC begin to work out how best to serve the Parish, to balance being a single Parish whilst also seven separate churches. To allow each church to remain distinct and celebrate its diversity. There is no value in seven duplicates yet there is also the need and desire to work as a single Parish.

The inception of the Parish included the appointment of a part time children's worker. Trish Tazzini-Lloyd works with the primary schools throughout the Parish, leading assemblies and class lessons. She also co-ordinates training for all those who are involved with work connected with the young of the Parish.

Her role is proving invaluable in the mission and ministry to children.

The need to work to bring things together lead to the requirement for an administrator. The role aims to co-ordinate the activities of the Parish and the various churches. To be a point of contact through which information is able to flow.

The churches each have a great wealth of knowledge and experience in them. Pooling that knowledge and experience makes everyone richer and helps to make the whole more effective.

Linking together information about events enables more people to have greater knowledge of what is happening so that more people may choose to support events and perhaps do similar events in another location.

The administrator can be the one person who knows about all the people throughout the Parish and direct those who need assistance towards the most useful person. Building up this resource will take some time but will in due course prove to be a beneficial resource to the Parish and each of the churches.

In May we were able to welcome Mandy Hall as the Parish Administrator. She is employed to spend part of her time working on administration for the Foodbank and most of her time on the administration of the Parish. Seven months into the three year post she has drawn lots of information together and is beginning to direct people from one church to someone in another who can be of assistance to them. Gathering the data about members has become more centralised so that communication becomes simpler and quicker to do.

There is still much to do for the administrator in setting up systems and processes and gathering more information into one place. Combining the magazines is on the agenda for 2017.

In September the Parish became the host to two students training for ministry from St Padarn's. Becky and Mark were to spend time in the Parish on Sundays and also some of the week balancing out practical parish experience, study and time for reflection.

The St Padarn's Institute is to be at the heart of all formation and training for the Church – for congregation members growing in their discipleship, for those being locally commissioned for service, for those preparing for new licensed ministries such as Pioneers, Pastors and Youth and Children's Workers, for those preparing for ordination, and for the continuing development of all its ministers.

Following on from this the Parish will be running the Growing Leaders course from CPAS in 2017. This course leads people to think about leadership and to reflect on what it means for them.

Reflecting on ministry is being facilitated within the Parish through funding from St Luke's Hospital for the clergy and the Diocese to pay for a reflective practice group. The group is made up of the team vicars, the children's worker and the administrator. Meeting once a month with a facilitator it is an opportunity to reflect and explore events and situations that arise within the Parish and further afield.

September 2017 will see the first Pontypridd Master Baker taking place. An event designed to grow links between the churches and the town communities. Show casing the talents of many people.

#### Saint Luke's Church, Cilfynydd

There are good reasons to consider 2016 and 2017 as transition years in the life and mission of St Luke's. Having received an in-depth feasibility report from our architect Alwyn Jones on the state of both the hall and church building the decision was taken in 2016 to apply for a faculty to carry out essential repairs to the church building, including slating the troubled West Wall. Despite the feelings that this might a tremendously bold step for some, we came to the agreed decision after much consultation and debate that we needed to re-order the back of the church by installing a toilet and a kitchenette. The hall downstairs will be repaired and made good, and we hope after investigation of the flooring that at least the existing use by the martial arts group can continue. However, we will be concentrating our future use of the building on the upstairs area. This plans affords us some wonderful opportunities in 2017 for improving our welcome to visitors and groups and allows us to undertake various projects for mission. We are grateful that the proceeds from the sale of St Mathew's church in Trallwn are able to be put to continued good use.

2016 was a great year for our contacts with local school through Trish the schools visitor and Vicar Peter developing our connection to Trallwn Infants, Coedpenmaen Baptist, Pontshonorton Welsh School, Cilfynydd Primary and Pontypridd High School. We planned some joint work through godly play, Messy Church, Harvest and Christingle with Cilfyndd Primary, which is one of the 3 schools in the parish that have been identified for closer partnership with churches. The children's outreach that we planned and the great response to the Christmas Tree Festival are evidence that when we have toilet and kitchen to hand, we will be able to welcome children events

to take place in the church. In 2017 we will plan to run regular film/activity mornings in the holidays or at weekends; and like other areas of the parish can plan for Messy church. Indeed, this will help transform other times when the church gathers for social activity.

Within the worship of the church we are now meeting on Tuesday mornings to allow the vicar to be present. The use of new songs books has helped introduce more variety into the church hymnody and we have had many visiting including Canon Michael from preachers, Since Easter 2016 we have been Uganda. conducting monthly visits to Aspen House Residential Care Home in Trallwn in cooperation with Coedpenmaen Baptist Church, and a few of our congregation have joined Pontshonnorton Methodist Church for Lent and Advent studies. Both our Mothers Union groups continue to meet and are an encouragement to the ladies who We financially supported the PONT attend. Cholera Appeal, Christian Aid, Action child, Save the Children and throughout the year donated to the Pontypridd Foodbank.

Accounts for St Lu	ke's Church Cilfynydd	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Previous
INCOMING RESOUI	DOES / DECEIDTS	Funds	Funds	All Funds	year
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Voluntary Income	Planned Giving	5,164	6,965	12,129	12,912
	Loose Collections	832		832	888
	Donations	330		330	750
	For Mission	235		235	292
	Tax Refunds		4,174	4,174	1,860
	Legacy Gifts Received				
	Grants	120		120	100
Generated Income	Money Raising	2,986		2,986	4,583
	Fees	690		690	235
Investment Income			25	25	23
Other Incoming Res	sources	190		190	1,289
<b>Total Incoming Res</b>	ources / Receipts	10,547	11,164	21,711	22,930
RESOURCES EXPEN	DED / PAYMENTS				
Support for	Parish Share				7,634
Ministry	Expenses of Clerics	50		50	570
	Other	100		100	200
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	679		679	621
	General Parish Expenses	988		988	343
Church Property	Maintenance of Churches	2,748		2,748	3,224
	Maintenance of Property				
	Exceptional Expenditure				632
Grants for	Parish	20		20	
Financial Support	Home / World	602		602	705
Other Resources	Capital Payments				
Expended	Cost of Money Raising	210		210	330
Net Transfers to Pa	rish Account	11,367		11,367	947
Total Resources Ex	pended / Payments	16,764		16,764	15,206
Net Movement in F	unds	-6,217	11,164	4,947	7,725
Transfers between Funds		6,200	-6,200		
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		1,378	47,793	49,171	41,447
Balance Carried For	rward (31 December)	1,361	52,757	54,117	49,171
Current Account		1,361	T	1,361	1,378
Covenant Account		1,501	45,242	45,242	39,782
Deposit Account			7,515	7,515	8,011

#### Saint David's Church, Hopkinstown

Happy New Year! St David's church embarked on and enjoyed many activities in 2016. Various ministries were started or re-started such as; the all age family service, the launch of messy church. Community family fun days were organised to reach our friends in the community of Trehafod and have fun with them. Harvest, Remembrance Christmas services and various seasonal celebrations were organised, celebrated and enjoyed this included community carols at Ty-Gwynno's nursing home. St David also started a monthly communion service with Pontypridd Nursing home.

Church giving has remained steady. Information on how much was given in 2016 can be obtained from our church finance administrator Ian Sandford. Other funds were raised as well i.e. the Fete raised a good amount of money for the church and our organist Julian organised a concert and raised a good sum of money for St David's church.

In 2017, our goal is to grow in worship and numerically, keep providing a warm and friendly atmosphere for all generations worship represented in our communities and church. We aim to encourage all age communion services during special seasonal celebrations such as mothering Sunday, Easter, Remembrance, Christmas celebrations etc. This will enable every family to take part in these events without feeling left out.

Mission Action Plan 2017 – church/community
During special seasons, all age services will be held especially on i.e. Easter, Mothering Sunday etc. St David's church is also hosting a community Bake Off which is being organised and managed by Rev Marilyn Parry. Messy church wasn't so successful when held at St David's church unless at Trehaford. However, the church has decided to hold a few more this year and will review in December 2017. Family fun activity programs are being organised and Sally Jon is very involved in these activities. The LEGO club has started, the first one had a good attendance but the second one was poorly attended despite advertising. We will continue for a few more months and see

Ash Wednesday, Lent, Holy week and Easter celebrations, Harvest, Remembrance and community activities have been arranged i.e. outreach through Nursing homes, schools. Christmas seasonal celebrations; i.e. Christingle, crib services, carol, Midnight and Christmas day celebrations will be held as usual

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Accounts for St Da	vid's Church	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
INCOMING RESOUR	RCES / RECEIPTS	Turius	1 dilas	All I dilas	,
Voluntary Income	Planned Giving	12,488		12,488	14,254
,	Loose Collections	2,753		2,753	2,642
	Donations	828		828	5,346
	For Mission	159		159	140
	Tax Refunds	30		30	4,803
	Legacy Gifts Received				,
	Grants				
Generated Income	Money Raising	7,387		7,387	5,745
	Fees	1,305		1,305	455
Investment Income		43	85	129	67
Other Incoming Res	ources	4,216		4,216	2,907
Total Incoming Res		29,208	85	29,294	36,358
RESOURCES EXPENI	DED / PAYMENTS				
Support for	Parish Share				21,079
Ministry	Expenses of Clerics	180		180	2,013
	Other				
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	1,551		1,551	1,879
	General Parish Expenses	348		348	103
Church Property	Maintenance of Churches	3,474		3,474	2,522
	Maintenance of Property	4,343		4,343	3,372
	Exceptional Expenditure	1,803		1,803	1,449
Grants for	Parish	20		20	
Financial Support	Home / World	140		140	140
Other Resources	Capital Payments				
Expended	Cost of Money Raising	278		278	223
Net Transfers to Par	rish Account	21,664		21,664	1,811
Total Resources Exp	pended / Payments	33,800		33,800	34,591
Net Movement in Funds		-4,592	85	-4,507	1,766
Transfers between Funds		4,803	-4,803		
Balance Brought Fo	rward (1 January)	4,043	12,954	16,997	15,230
Balance Carried For	ward (31 December)	4,254	8,237	12,491	16,997
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Current Account		4,254		4,254	4,043
Deposit Account			278	278	5,080
Monmouth Building	Society		7,958	7,958	7,874

#### Saint Luke's Church, Rhydyfelin

Things have largely continued throughout the year in St Luke's.

Messy Church has continued to take place on Sunday afternoons once a month. A chance for people, adults and children to come along and explore something of the Christian faith through craft activities, celebration and sharing food and fellowship.

Poplar Road Methodists have joined towards the end of the year rather than having a service themselves. It's been good to welcome them and share in the mission and ministry of the Church in Hawthorn and Rhydyfelin.

The Mothers' Union has also meet most months for fellowship, prayer, to listen to different speakers and enjoy social events. New members are always welcome to help support the work of the Mothers' Union locally and throughout the world.

Supporting those in need, helping to educate are key to the practical work of the MU and this is all rooted in prayer. Please chat to Irene for further information.

St Luke's supports those in crisis through the Foodbank, offering hospitality to the warehouse and distribution centre. Many of the congregation support through their donating of food and many through the practical volunteering when the Foodbank is open.

In the autumn the church was once more the venue for rehearsals for those involved in the Clic Sargent concert in Cardiff in December. The numbers attending has fallen over recent years which offers the opportunity to any who think they might like to join the choir and support such a worthy cause.

The Gentlemen Songsters choir came and gave a concert to help raise some funds for the church and the foodbank. Sadly it was not well supported, the lesson being to ensure publicity is much better for future events.

Pontypridd Choral Society also made use of the church for a concert, this was better attended. Both concerts were wonderful displays of talent and all those involved are to be commended for sharing their abilities.

Hawthorn High School visited the church for their Carol Service in December. This was well attended by staff, parents and the community. They too, showed their vocal skills and musical abilities with a varied program telling the story of Christmas. The confidence they show is impressive.

The finances have ended the year with a deficit which is of some concern. Most of the deficit can be focused upon the maintenance of the church building. It is common over a number of years that the day to day expenses of the church are met by the income but any work on the building is paid for from reserves. Whilst reserves are reasonable they are not exhaustive.

St Luke's is always seeking further ways to engage with the community. We have tried numerous approaches, a BBQ in July, concerts, jumble sales, cheese and wine. If any have further suggestions as to how to encourage interaction with the community around then please talk to Fr Michael or any member of the church committee.

It is planned that in 2017 the kitchen facilities will be significantly upgraded. This will assist with Messy Church and social events. Also to create a ramped access to the rear of the church. This will make it much easier to reach the Foodbank warehouse and also provide disabled access at both the front and rear of the building.

The absence of a Christian symbol at the front of the building has also been noted and so a large wooden cross will be mounted to the wall to the left of the porch. This will be paid for from the legacy of Catherine Owen.

NOLOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS   Substituting   Planned Giving   Planned	Accounts for St Lu	ke's Church Rhydyfelin	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
Voluntary Income	INCOMING RESOUR	RCFS / RFCFIPTS	Fullus	Fullus	All Fullus	year
Loose Collections   700   700   827			9 105		9 105	9 066
Donations   785   785   5,970	voidinary income					·
For Mission   280   280   789   789   780   78						
Tax Refunds						
Legacy Gifts Received   5,000						
Grants   3,000			2,402		2,402	-
Money Raising						-
Fees   135   135   935     Investment Income   178   178   1,650     Other Incoming Resources   15     Total Incoming Resources / Receipts   14,882   178   15,060   32,905     RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS	Congrated Income		1 //75		1 //75	· ·
178	Generated income					
15	Investment Income		155	170		
Total Incoming Resources / Receipts   14,882   178   15,060   32,905				1/6	1/6	· ·
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Expenses of Clerics   Other						
Other	= =					
Parish Activities         Maintenance of Services         1,364         1,364         1,400           General Parish Expenses         855         855         225           Church Property         Maintenance of Churches         3,354         3,354         11,586           Maintenance of Property         546         546         797           Exceptional Expenditure         20         20         20           Financial Support         Home / World         680         680         1,383           Other Resources         Capital Payments         20	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,					
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Cost of Money Raising   12,382   12,382   11,152     Total Resources Expended / Payments   19,557   178   -4,497   6,140     Transfers between Funds   1,000   1,000   1,000     Transfers between Funds   1		·	680		680	1,383
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Balance Carried Forward (31 December) 3,835 92,359 96,194 100,690	Balance Carried For	rward (31 December)	3,835	92,359	96,194	100,690
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#### Christchurch, Ynysybwl

2016 was a year of excitement, joy and new adventures for Christ Church, Ynysybwl. In line with the Parish vision of Christ being the centre of all we do, we respond to his calling and listen to his grace, Rev David Nyirongo introduced values – Connect, Grow, Serve and lead, to support the mission statement as a way of helping us as a church in serving the Parish through serving one another and using our gifts.

Rev David encourage members of the church and the church committee to get involved in the following missional activities within and outside the church.

Finances: as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 Christ Church Current A/c £1,466 Reserve A/c £10,699, Church interest in Savings A/c £1,489.

Missional activities within the Church were encouraged and started i.e. all age services & praise and prayer were introduced monthly the second & fourth Sunday to encourage families and children. With encouragement and support from Rev Peter and Father Gable, Messy church was started as one way of reaching out to families and children. It has been well attended.

Our Pastoral team which is headed by Elaine, Heather and Norma has been doing a good job in 2016 caring for church members. Christ church also enjoyed a Table Talk at Norma's which was mainly focused on advent in a relaxed environment.

Christ church held various family fun day activities which were organised and held in the BOMB as a way of connecting with the community and developing friendships.

Elaine also organised a Coach trip as a way of raising money for the church.

School assemblies are held regularly (about 4 times a year) by Rev David Nyirongo at Trerobart school.

As Chaplain to the British Legion Rev David Nyirongo conducted remembrance services within the community of Ynysybwl. Community carol and Christingle services were organised and were very well attended too featuring Trerobart school.

Note	Accounts for Chris	t Church	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
Voluntary Income	INCOMING RESOUR	RCES / RECEIPTS	ranas	ranas	71111 41143	,
Loose Collections		1	10,789		10,789	11,498
Donations   552   220   For Mission   668   668   744   748   749   74	,	Loose Collections				
Tax Refunds		Donations	·			220
Legacy Gifts Received   Grants   Generated Income   Money Raising   2,427   2,427   3,415     Fees		For Mission	668		668	744
Legacy Gifts Received   Grants   Generated Income   Money Raising   2,427   2,427   3,415     Fees		Tax Refunds	3,172		3,172	1,766
Grants   Grants   Grants   Grants   Generated Income   Money Raising   2,427   2,427   3,415     Fees		Legacy Gifts Received	,		<u> </u>	· ·
Fees		- '				
Fees	Generated Income	Money Raising	2,427		2,427	3,415
Investment Income						
Total Incoming Resources / Receipts   19,388   5   19,393   20,162	Investment Income			5	5	
Total Incoming Resources / Receipts   19,388   5   19,393   20,162	Other Incoming Res	ources	196		196	1,275
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Support for   Ministry   Expenses of Clerics   S159   S1			•			
Expenses of Clerics	RESOURCES EXPEN	DED / PAYMENTS				
Parish Activities   Maintenance of Services   591   591   609	Support for	Parish Share				10,670
Parish Activities         Maintenance of Services         591         609           General Parish Expenses         1,294         1,294         3,702           Church Property         Maintenance of Churches         2,517         2,517         2,775           Maintenance of Property         220         220         220           Exceptional Expenditure         218         218         218           Financial Support         Home / World         908         908         1,139           Other Resources         Capital Payments         20         20         20           Expended         Cost of Money Raising         14,576         14,576         1,216           Total Resources Expended / Payments         20,324         20,324         20,471           Net Movement in Funds         -936         5         -931         -308           Transfers between Funds         5         -931         -308           Balance Brought Forward (1 January)         2,402         10,694         13,096         13,404           Current Account         1,466         10,699         12,165         13,096	Ministry	Expenses of Clerics				359
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Savings Account 1,489 1,489						,55

#### Saint Catherine's Church, Pontypridd

As we look back on 2016, we continued to move forward on our mission action plan of 'Proclaiming and Living God's Transforming Love', with a particular focus on making the most of the opportunities that the LORD gives us to build others up in faith. We recognise that we don't seem to be in season of discipling courses as such, but that it is our individual connections and the work of our community projects that are drawing people into faith and discipling them.

We strengthened our existing volunteer base working with our community café, Foodbank, Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Debt Centre, Job Club and Release group. The CAP Lifeskills leaders were trained ready for a start in January 2017 and our furniture shop, Rebuild Restore Renew, which began in September, has plans to relocate to bigger premises out of town that can allow for more training of people in restoration. We have connected to hundreds of people through these community projects and seen individuals and families come into the church family and be lifted out of poverty. relationships to local schools and service providers, the Job Centre and civic life deepened as we partnered with them and in 2017 we particularly hope that the Syrian refugee families who arrived in Pontypridd in 2016 will access some of these projects as their English improves.

We had a great visit from our link church through PONT, Namatala Parish when Canon Michael Musigno joined us for two weeks in September. He experienced our culture here and shared with us teaching and worship and friendship. We have over 30 people visiting Namatala in Easter 2017 from different churches and we are developing support for two projects they are planning: setting up sewing tailoring trade and taking the brick making course to a new level by purchasing a machine for that purpose. Earlier in the year, John Bell came from the Iona community and encouraged us in our use of short songs.

It has been lovely to see more people come and run the Junior Church for children, and to see more opportunity for nurturing faith for the youth and teenagers. A great trip for them to SPREE in July kicked off this new encouragement. Messy Church has continued to be a popular way of families engaging with faith together and

we've had several families now come regularly to church having been in Messy church or the toddlers' groups.

Buildings wise, 2016 was very active and we feel that the LORD has provided in many ways. We completed the repairs to the tower and nave flooring under budget, and we raised all the money required for the new heating and lighting to be installed in January 2017. Inside the church new displays went up about our history and to encourage prayer, whilst outside, the memorial garden was opened and individuals regularly use this as a place of remembrance. In 2017 we will be upgrading the sound system and speakers and want to plan for repairs to the window behind the organ and to improve the area in front of the café. It has been lovely to have more people who've volunteered to take charge of on-going building and safety related work.

The decision to run a Growing Leaders course in 2017 was welcomed by St Catherine's with many people ready to commit to this training as they feel the LORD lead them into deeper expressions of faith. We ended the year in a healthier financial position than before and reflect that we are stepping up in our determination to make ourselves available to serve. This has led to us planning for a monthly focus on prayer and on evangelism in two of our Sunday services.

The arrival of the Parish Administrator Post has been warmly celebrated by the staff and it has been lovely to see admin jobs delivered well, freeing up staff for other duties. In 2017 we hope to be able to employ a part-time volunteer coordinator for the café to provide more time for Tina to manage the café.

Accounts for St Catherine's Church		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
INCOMING RESOU	RCES / RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Income	Planned Giving	40,500	540	41,040	41,582
	Loose Collections	6,404		6,404	5,704
	Donations	27,399	6,582	33,981	33,592
	For Mission				2,444
	Tax Refunds	16,089		16,089	13,332
	Legacy Gifts Received				
	Grants		147,750	147,750	138,486
Generated Income	Money Raising	137	650	787	34,312
	Fees				
Investment Income	<u>1</u>	330	24	354	407
Other Incoming Res	sources				
Total Incoming Res	ources / Receipts	90,859	155,546	246,405	269,859
RESOURCES EXPEN	DED / PAYMENTS				
Support for	Parish Share				36,396
Ministry	Expenses of Clerics	1,395		1,395	5,285
	Other				
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	1,018		1,018	1,900
	General Parish Expenses	7,247	40,981	48,228	48,976
Church Property	Maintenance of Churches	11,459	141,556	153,015	32,072
	Maintenance of Property	5,871	2,810	8,681	9,168
	Exceptional Expenditure		37,719	37,719	67,591
Grants for	Parish	7,088		7,088	18,968
Financial Support	Home / World	2,801	1,219	4,020	4,370
Other Resources	Capital Payments	185	2,600	2,785	
Expended	Cost of Money Raising		3,313	3,313	11,792
Net Transfers to Pa	rish Account	32,287	-18,284	14,003	3,079
Total Resources Ex	pended / Payments	69,351	211,914	281,265	239,597
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Net Movement in F		21,508	-56,368	-34,860	30,262
Transfers between Funds  Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		-22,383	22,383	404 700	04.544
Balance Brought Fo	rward (1 January)	5,911	98,881	104,792	81,544
Balance Carried Fo	rward (31 December)	5,037	64,895	69,932	111,805
Church Accounts		5,037	64,895	69,932	104,792
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CAP Funds		These funds	are listed sepa	rately from	6,204
Connect Funds			2016		810

#### Saint John's Church, Graig

Thank you to all the congregation whose time, regular attendance, support and generosity has enabled so many good works to be achieved during 2016 to the Glory of God. We are pleased to report that our weekly attendance numbers remain good.

We are ever grateful to Fr. Michael for his leadership and support of our spiritual life. We have continued to develop our Seven Sacred Spaces Mission Action Plan in Church and in the Parish. The congregation have been encouraged to develop their prayer life and ministry. Inspirational prayers are written by the prayer leaders each week. Suitable Lent and Advent reading materials are available. The promotion and use of Fairtrade products within the church is ongoing, including communion wine. We are fortunate to have a choir, led by our organist Ann, that continues the tradition of ensuring that a sung Sunday Mass is held at St John's throughout the year. The Mothers Union monthly corporate communion is well attended, with branch members present at various Deanery events. Special Mothers' Union cards continue to be sent from the branch to children on the anniversaries of their baptism. It is always pleasing to welcome members of the other Parish churches at our weekly communion and other significant services. Fr Michael organised and led the Llangasty Parish Retreat which was greatly appreciated by those who attended.

On a sad note we said farewell to Dilys, a faithful worshipper who died in March. New flower arrangement stands, in loving memory of Dilys, have been bought from the funeral monies given in lieu of flowers, and will be in use in the near future.

Our Outreach in the Graig community strengthens. Our jumble sales, summer fête, fashion show, wedding fayre and Christmas Bazaar were well supported. Crafty Crew have increased in numbers and continue to generously give financial support to St. Johns. They are well established at the Positively Ponty craft fairs. Our link with Maesycoed Primary School strengthens with the invaluable work achieved by our Parish Children's Worker Trish with her weekly after school club and occasional morning assemblies. The school choir sang at our fête, and the lower school twice performed their amazing Nativity Play to packed audiences in church. In the wider community our outreach continued as we held one of the PCT Lent Lunches, and hosted (with free use of the hall) the RCT Fairtrade AGM, a Trussell Trust Eat Well Spend Less training day, and three CAP evening courses run by David Tazzini-Lloyd from St Catherine's. Furniture was donated to St Catherine's new shop Rebuild Restore Renew. Members of St John's assist with Messy Church at St Luke's Rhydyfelin, and with the Children's Contact Centre. As well as the financial support given to Foodbank, members of St John's help with the Tesco Collection days, and one member has volunteered for the Standing Committee and another is their Treasurer. The magazine continues to thrive and we sincerely thank our editor, proof reader, publisher and everyone who provides items for inclusion.

The completion of the hall and kitchen renovations has enabled more outreach projects and hall usage for the community.

Various fund-raising events/appeals took place throughout the year to support the following charities: Barnardos Wales, Breast Cancer Care, Christian Aid, GTFM radio, USPG (Tanzania), Walsingham Godparent Week and Water Aid. Additionally, at our annual distribution of Charitable Giving committee meeting it was agreed that we support Adref Homeless Pontypridd, Pontypridd Street Pastors, Christians Against Poverty, Pontypridd Children's Contact Centre, Llandaff Widows Orphans & Dependants Society, RNLI, Combat Stress, Helen & Douglas House Children's Hospice, Shelter Cymru, Ty Hafan Children's Hospice, Mission to Seafarers, Gaza Dental Clinic, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Children In Distress, Let the Children Live, Pont Mbale and Save The Children. We also supported Pontypridd Foodbank and Maesycoed School. A total of £5460 was distributed which forms an integral part of our Mission and Stewardship.

It was a year of celebrations and parties. Two of our faithful celebrated their 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. We held a lunch in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, prior to which we did a makeover in the garden as part of the Cherishing Churchyards Week. Two children from our Sunday School were baptised and, on the same day their dad (one of our Sunday School teachers) was confirmed by Archbishop Barry at St Catherine's. It was a delight to see him again before his retirement.

Our Sunday School continues with regular weekly attendance, and the children and teachers performed a wonderful Nativity play during Advent 4 Sunday, which was followed by a lunch time party. Thank you to those who help with the Sunday breakfast club. To end the year Kirsten and Fr Michael hosted the St John's Day lunch when at last the new cooker was put to full use.

Towards the end of the year we were delighted to welcome the University of Wales Trinity Saint David, who are hiring the hall on a weekly basis to run a Skills For The Workplace course.

Future plans for the fabric of the Church include repairing and repainting the bell tower and outside walls, updating external and internal church lighting, renovating the hall toilets and necessary repairs and maintenance.

Finally, a sincere thank you to everyone who gives so much of their time to St John's. The commitment of volunteers (Eucharistic Ministers Dennis and Gary, sacristan, servers, chalice administrators, vergers, sidespersons, intercession prayer writers and readers, Sunday school teachers and assistants, organist and choir, secretary, treasurer/gift aid secretary, flower arrangers, laundry and church cleaners, gardeners) ensure that St John's is continually looked after with such dedication and reverence.

Accounts for St Jo	hn's Church	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Previous
INCOMMNG DECOM	OCEC / DECEMBER	Funds	Funds	All Funds	year
INCOMING RESOU		12.004		12.004	44.000
Voluntary Income	Planned Giving	13,894		13,894	14,000
	Loose Collections	744		744	439
	Donations	813		813	1,130
	For Mission	3,111		3,111	2,195
	Tax Refunds	3,479		3,479	3,728
	Legacy Gifts Received				
	Grants				500
Generated Income	Money Raising	3,824		3,824	4,730
	Fees	10		10	1,194
Investment Income			746	746	2,429
Other Incoming Res	sources	65		65	69
Total Incoming Res	ources / Receipts	25,940	746	26,686	30,415
RESOURCES EXPEN	DED / DAVMENTS				
Support for	Parish Share				
Ministry					
	Expenses of Clerics	350		250	250
De dele Aleit ditae	Other	250		250	250
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	1,108		1,108	3,399
	General Parish Expenses	1,157		1,157	4,017
Church Property	Maintenance of Churches	3,062		3,062	4,307
	Maintenance of Property	1,504		1,504	6,490
	Exceptional Expenditure	50,106		50,106	36,000
Grants for	Parish	892		892	559
Financial Support	Home / World	4,568		4,568	4,817
Other Resources	Capital Payments				
Expended	Cost of Money Raising				
Net Transfers to Pa	rish Account	15,349		15,349	14,968
Total Resources Ex	pended / Payments	77,996		77,996	74,807
Net Movement in F	lunds	-52,056	746	-51,310	-44,391
Transfers between		52,553	-52,553	-31,310	-44,331
		,		120 750	17/ 150
Balance Brought Fo	i wai u (± Jallual y)	2,542	127,216	129,758	174,150
Balance Carried Fo	rward (31 December)	3,039	75,409	78,448	129,758
Current Account		3,039		3,039	2,542
Deposit Account		3,039	36,508	36,508	30,013
Virgin Money			2,276	2,276	22,203
United Trust			36,625	36,625	75,000
			30,023	30,023	. 5,555

#### St Gwynno's Church, Llanwynno

The major project for 2016 was to focus on the replacement of the roof and rain water goods. A grant to do this work was awarded in 2015.

Permissions to commence the work was granted though it had to wait until the autumn due to the presence of bats in the area. The final wedding took place at the start of September and the contractors moved onto site two days later.

Soon scaffolding was surrounding the church and the roof was stripped back. Timber repairs were carried out where necessary. Although it was hoped that the work would be finished by the end of the year it wasn't all complete and will continue into the New Year.

It was agreed to use some of the money from the sale of St Matthew's Church towards additional works. This has enabled some high level repointing to take place whilst the scaffolding is in place.

This work will help to secure the future of St Gwynno's for many generations to come, making sure the building is weather tight.

The usual activities of the year took place with the Edward Thomas awards being distributed at the annual service. Recipients celebrating their award with friends and family and the wider community.

Services took place from Easter until September on Sunday afternoons. Though not attended by vast numbers it has the importance of continuing worship in the building.

There were 3 couples who married in the church in 2016.

St Gwynno's Current A/c £2,114 Savings £46,208 most of which is grant money for the roof works and also includes money left to St Gwynno's by the late Rowland Bates to buy whatever is needed in his memory £5,377.

Accounts for St G	wynno's Church	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
INCOMING RESOU	RCES / RECEIPTS	Fullus	Funus	All Fullus	year
Voluntary Income	Planned Giving				
voluntary income	Loose Collections	325		325	
	Donations	42	100	142	681
	For Mission	72	100	172	001
	Tax Refunds	42	1,114	1,156	34
	Legacy Gifts Received	72	5,377	5,377	34
	Grants		35,950	35,950	
Generated Income		530	33,330	530	975
Generated income	Fees	1,000		1,000	2,003
Investment Income		1,000	33	33	2,003
			33		
Other Incoming Res		4 020	42.574	44 542	3,668
Total Incoming Res	sources / Receipts	1,939	42,574	44,513	7,377
RESOURCES EXPEN	IDED / PAYMENTS				
Support for	Parish Share				
Ministry	Expenses of Clerics				
,	Other				
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	238		238	140
Parisii Activities	General Parish Expenses	840		840	140
Church Property	Maintenance of Churches	1,102			4 262
Church Property		1,102		1,102	4,363
	Maintenance of Property				
Caratafan	Exceptional Expenditure				
Grants for Financial Support	Parish				
	Home / World				
Other Resources Expended	Capital Payments				
<u> </u>	Cost of Money Raising				
Net Transfers to Pa					
Total Resources Ex	pended / Payments	2,180		2,180	4,503
Net Movement in	Friends	-241	42.574	42,333	2.074
			42,574	42,333	2,874
Transfers between		-2,000	2,000	F 000	2 115
Balance Brought Fo	orward (1 January)	3,405	2,584	5,989	3,115
Balance Carried Fo	rward (31 December)	1,164	47,158	48,322	5,989
Current Account		1,164	950	2,114	3,405
Deposit Account		1,104	46,208	46,208	2,584
Deposit Account		<u> </u>	40,200	40,200	2,304
Crayovard Ford			1 100	1 100	1,196
Graveyard Fund			1,196	1,196	1,130

#### Saint Mary's Church, Glyntaff

The Church is a place of devotion and peace to those who attend with services held on Sundays and Thursdays. Since September the Sunday services have all been taken by visiting clergy allowing Father Michael to concentrate on building up St Luke's Rhydyfelin. All have assisted in ensuring that worship has been maintained and have delivered some wonderful and encouraging sermons.

Father Turner has not been able to support this work recently due to health matters but it is hoped that he will be able to return in early 2017. Those taking the services have been ably assisted by Lois and Vincent as servers and as chalice administrators. It was good to see Hywel Jones serving from time to time.

Coffee following the Thursday service once a month was introduced offering a greater opportunity for members of the congregation to meet and speak with Father Michael given his absence on Sundays.

The church has started to establish contact with Parc Lewis Primary School, members of the congregation visited to speak about golf, playing the violin, rope work, knitting and library services. This was very well received, a start to build upon in 2017 growing a link between church and school and the wider community. It is hoped that they can be involved with the festivals harvest and Christmas.

Social events throughout the year have included an afternoon tea in the summer at Brenda Cawthrone's home to raise money for new tables in the church hall. The afternoon was well supported by people from all over the Parish, a lovely occasion and a great success. This year a Christmas dinner was arranged by Jean Blowers at Creigau Golf club and enjoyed by all and will hopefully become an annual event. Other regular events have still taken place, Cheese and wine; Barbecue; Harvest lunch; Annual Prize draw and Sunday Lunch. Thanks must be given to Sheila and Brenda for their work in organising them and to Lillian for the delicious puddings.

The monthly hundred club draw and coffee morning after Sunday morning service are enjoyed by all and give us a regular opportunity to meet as a group of friends and fellow Christians.

The shared services for Lent and Easter allowed people from across the Parish to attend other churches and to be welcomed and well received. The Christmas Carol service was a great success with refreshments served after the service at the back of church.

There were some significant birthdays celebrated with coffee and birthday cake for Brenda Smith (80), Lois Johnson (80) and Karen Hodson (60). Hopefully they will

enjoy many more birthdays. It was lovely to have the wedding of David Rhys Jones and Kay Stevens in church, Vince and Lillian Jones' eldest son who was a server in his youth in St Marys.

The funeral of Gwyneth Birkenshaw was well attended, she had been a long-time member of the Church and she will be missed. Rest in Peace.

The church fabric has required some work this year and further work will be required with special attention to the roof and a quote has been obtained to replace it. Sheila is in the process of investigating grants to assist with the work but all appreciate the work that Vincent Jones, assisted by Jim, have completed.

The church hall is still regularly booked out for music exams and RCT elections to bring in additional funds. The Gift Day was well supported this year and shows the love the church is held in within the parish.

The Church continues supporting charities: Barnardos; Water aid; The Royal British Legion and a box for food at back of church for foodbank. All good causes which benefit by the generosity of attendees. It is planned to have a concert in the church in 2017 to raise money for the nominated charity in 2017, Mission to Seafarers. We are very lucky that the small congregation is still funding St Mary's during these difficult times

With a Parish identity being worked on and services across the parish being advertised this will help us to come together. The parish commitment to the Seven Sacred Spaces has continued with Father Michael regularly encouraging on the areas that need attention.

There are many people to thank for maintaining St Mary's, Brenda Cawthorne for becoming the church Organist, it is lovely to hear the organ played in church again and is much appreciated. Penny for putting out the service board each week. The flowers in Church have looked wonderful this year Jocelyn and Jean are to be thanked for their skill and talent. Karen, Dawn and Malcolm for decorating trees this Christmas. Everyone else who has not been mentioned for the time and effort they have put in to maintaining and running of the church all time devoted to St Mary's is appreciated.

Although few in number the team effort to ensure that both the spiritual and social needs of the church are met, to give a focus to allow for future generations to continue the Christian mission in the Parish give all of us hope for the future of the Church in Wales. Focus on 2017 must be to involve the local community more in the church by advertising events locally.

Accounts for St Mary's Church		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Previous
		Funds	Funds	All Funds	year
INCOMING RESOU	1				
Voluntary Income	Planned Giving	5,663		5,663	5,142
	Loose Collections	3,671		3,671	4,072
	Donations	1,620		1,620	1,675
	For Mission	659		659	593
	Tax Refunds				
	Legacy Gifts Received				
	Grants				
Generated Income	Money Raising	2,815		2,815	2,804
	Fees	42		42	480
Investment Income					
Other Incoming Res	sources				1,118
Total Incoming Res	ources / Receipts	14,470		14,470	15,884
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RESOURCES EXPEN	1				
Support for	Parish Share				
Ministry	Expenses of Clerics				
	Other				
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	741		741	670
	General Parish Expenses	332		332	238
Church Property	Maintenance of Churches	3,047		3,047	3,760
	Maintenance of Property	1,365		1,365	1,145
	Exceptional Expenditure				
Grants for	Parish	119		119	
Financial Support	Home / World	580		580	599
Other Resources	Capital Payments				
Expended	Cost of Money Raising	275		275	300
Net Transfers to Pa	rish Account	10,504		10,504	10,077
Total Resources Ex	pended / Payments	16,962		16,962	16,789
Net Movement in I		-2,492		-2,492	-905
Transfers between					• • •
Balance Brought Fo	orward (1 January)	5,149		5,149	6,055
Balance Carried Fo	rward (31 December)	2,657		2,657	5,149
Current Account		2,657		2,657	5,149



It was another busy year for the Foodbank providing food parcels to those in crisis in and around the Pontypridd area.

So many people have supported the Foodbank through their donations of food that we have been able to help so many adults and children. A total of 951 food parcels were distributed in 2016 aiding 1,302 adults and 558 children. To put it in another form that amounts to nearly 17,000 meals.

The online presence of the Foodbank was improved in 2016. The Trussell Trust rolled out a program of a new website for each of the foodbanks in the network. The new website is more active than the previous version so that we can add further things on the site to highlight current events and activities making things more prominent.

It contains some basic information about the functioning of the foodbanks with the specific information for Pontypridd being added where appropriate such as the opening times of the distribution centres.

The Foodbank can add news items and the Trussell Trust can also add news items relating to the whole network. Under those wishing to donate food there is a page giving a list of items which the Foodbank is short of and also a list of items the Foodbank has plenty of in an attempt to direct the donations to be most useful.

The Facebook presence was adjusted in the year. There had been two different personal profiles and a community page. These were rationalised to retain just the community page which is a more suitable way to be online with Facebook.

The page is updated by Sarah who makes sure it remains active and relevant. Posting requests for volunteers and news of events, together with pleas for particular types of food when the stocks are very low. Being more active has helped to grow the volunteer base.

There have been some changes in the relationship with Trussell Trust and Tesco during the year. The top up which is received by the Foodbank is unfortunately going to be less from 2017 onwards but will still be valuable income helping sustain the work.

There will be only one national collection weekend in 2017 but each Foodbank will be able to book one or two other collections during the year. The advantage is not being fixed to two specific weekends and no longer needing to share the collection with Rhondda Foodbank. The disadvantage is less predictability of when the collection will take place.

It was good to appoint an administrator, Mandy Hall, to begin in May. Her role is to develop the processes of the Foodbank and seek to ensure that the volunteers have the necessary training and support. Also to liase with the agencies so that they have the information they require to assist their clients.

At the end of the year thoughts were put to setting up the Eat Well Spend Less course from the Trussell Trust. The course is about teaching basic cookery skills, an introduction to nutrician and to think about budgeting. It is hoped to start running this in the early part of 2017 with volunteers leading the six week course and to run a few times each year in different locations and at different times of the week providing maximum availability to Foodbank clients and others who might benefit.

The finances continue to be robust, thanks going to all who contribute occasionally and those who contribute regularly.

#### **Finances**

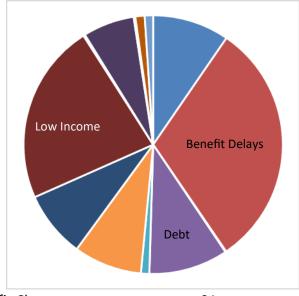
	This year	Previous year
RECEIPTS		
Donations	3,320	5,171
Money Raising	226	63
Total	3,546	5,235

PAYMENTS		
General Expenses	2,010	1,128
Property Maintenance	0	85
Purchase of Food	662	145
Capital Payments	0	1,742
Cost of Money Raising	367	431
Donation to St Luke's Church	400	400
Total	3,439	3,931

RECEIPTS less PAYMENTS	108	1,304
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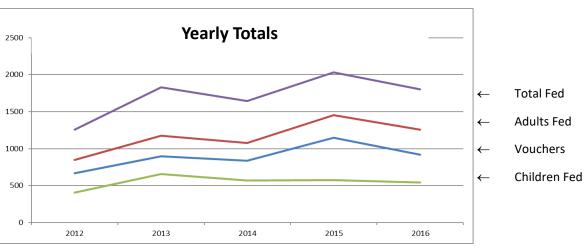
Bank Balance		
1st January	7,441	6,137
31st December	7,549	7,441

### **Vouchers by Crisis Type**



Benefit Changes	91
Benefit Delays	294
Child Holiday Meals	1
Debt	94
Delayed Wages	10
Domestic Violence	81
Homeless	79
Low Income	215
No recourse to public funds	2
Other	61
Refused STBA	2
Sickness	11
Unemployed	10
Total	951

(Kg)	2016	All Time
Food Donated	13,641	68,754
Food Distributed	16,472	64,688





Our links with the communities of Pontypridd Parish have greatly strengthened through Christians Against Poverty (CAP) and Connect (the café,

activities and room hire).

We had 7 people come to faith through CAP projects and several who'd been CAP clients were baptised and confirmed in 2016. Awe had 4 people trained as CAP coaches, 3 for the new life skills and one for the job club. CAP managers and several coaches attended the 10 year anniversary of the start of CAP in September. At Christmas, we used funds from the CAP Office in Bradford to give 65 Christmas hampers to clients.

Debt Centre continued to see people become debt free through the work of Lorraine Booth as the centre manager and 12 befrienders who visit clients with her and continue that relationship.

The CAP Job Club continued to build good connections with the local Job Centre Plus and employment organisations like Careers Wales, PACE, Remploy, Working Links and communities First Programmes. 20% of those on the clubs this year found work, and we had great reviews from all on the course about them feeling better in themselves after the work. 40 people were on the 3 courses of Steps to Employment and another 25 came to our drop-ins. As part of the job club, we started the Rebuild, Restore, Renew furniture social enterprise for work experience.

The CAP Life skills began with a pilot in November, and will start up in January 2017 with a manager, two coaches and 2 befrienders.

The CAP Money course was run 3 times in 2016 in various locations around the parish.

CAP Release Team supported 8 people through the year with significant steps forward for most of the members.

Café Connect ended the year in a solid financial position, having funded the part time café manager and utilities for St Catherine's. Volunteer numbers were sometimes low through the year as folk moved into employment and other training opportunities and it was lovely to see these staff get full time employment as they used their experience with Connect Café as a springboard into work. As we move in 2017 there is a waiting list for new volunteers and we hope that our application for funding for a part time volunteer coordinator will be successful. The café had several catering jobs for those using the premises and other venues. We hope to be able to expand our advertising in 2017 if the café manager is freed up from managing the volunteers.

We were given furniture from the old Careers Wales building which have improved the look of the café and in 2017 we will be buying new sofas and changing the look of the tables. The café continues to be a busy hub for people to interact, and the increase of the use of our Food bank and other providers means that there is a lot of interaction and sign-posting. In particular we were able in 2016 to give good support to several homeless people in the area.

The appointment of the parish administrator has transformed the hiring management and kept track of monies. The timetable for the hall and rooms is very full and it is difficult not to turn most enquires away or promote other venue in the parish.

Christians Against	Poverty Accounts	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
INCOMING RESOU	RCES / RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Income	Planned Giving		200	200	
	Loose Collections				
	Donations		14,368	14,368	
	For Mission				
	Tax Refunds				
	Legacy Gifts Received				
	Grants		6,470	6,470	
Generated Income	Money Raising				
	Fees				
Investment Income	) }				
Other Incoming Res	sources		61	61	
Total Incoming Res	sources / Receipts		21,099	21,099	
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RESOURCES EXPEN	IDED / PAYMENTS				
Support for	Parish Share				
Ministry	Expenses of Clerics		343	343	
	Other				
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services				
	General Parish Expenses	-70	3,503	3433	
Church Property	Maintenance of Churches		56	56	
, ,	Maintenance of Property		75	75	
	Exceptional Expenditure				
Grants for	Parish		1,338	1,338	
Financial Support	Home / World		6,010	6,510	
Other Resources	Capital Payments		,	·	
Expended	Cost of Money Raising				
Net Transfers to Pa	, ,		4,538	4,038	
Total Resources Ex	pended / Payments	-70	15,863	15,793	
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Net Movement in I	Funds	70	5,235	5,305	
Transfers between Funds		-70	70	·	
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		0	6,204	6,204	
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Balance Carried Forward (31 December)		0	11,508	11,508	
Rebuild Restore Re	new Current Account		<u> </u>		4,723
CAP Current Accou			11,508	11,508	1,424
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Community
Centre

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<b>Connect Accounts</b>		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Previous
		Funds	Funds	All Funds	year
INCOMING RESOU	RCES / RECEIPTS				
Generated Income	Money Raising	26,802		26,802	
Investment Income					
Other Incoming Res	sources	19		19	
Total Incoming Res	ources / Receipts	26,822		26,822	
RESOURCES EXPEN	DED / PAYMENTS				
Parish Activities	General Parish Expenses	-892		-892	
Church Property	Maintenance of Churches	100		100	
	Maintenance of Property	3,686		3,686	
	Exceptional Expenditure				
Grants for	Parish				
Financial Support	Home / World	500		500	
Other Resources	Capital Payments	65		65	
Expended	Cost of Money Raising	3,614		3,614	
Net Transfers to Pa	rish Account	18,195		18,195	
Total Resources Ex	pended / Payments	25,268		25,268	
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Net Movement in I		1,554		1,554	
Transfers between Funds					
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		810		810	
Balance Carried Forward (31 December)		2,364		2,364	
Connect Current Account		2,313		2,313	759
Cash in Hand		51		51	51

Parish Accounts		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
INCOMING RESOUR	RCES / RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Income	Planned Giving				
	Loose Collections	159		159	
	Donations	165		165	140
	For Mission				
	Tax Refunds				
	Legacy Gifts Received				
	Grants	6,667		6,667	
Generated Income	Money Raising	,		·	
	Fees	1,015		1,015	
Investment Income		,		,	
Other Incoming Res	ources	5,544		5,544	2,501
Net Transfers from	church Accounts	123,285		123,285	43,614
Total Incoming Rese	ources / Receipts	136,835		136,835	46,255
RESOURCES EXPENI	DED / PAYMENTS				
Support for	Parish Share	111,072		111,072	33,480
Ministry	Expenses of Clerics	8,856		8,856	3,497
	Other	1,744		1,744	2,107
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services				25
	General Parish Expenses	5,462		5,462	1,679
Church Property	Maintenance of Churches				
	Maintenance of Property				
	Exceptional Expenditure				
Grants for	Parish	673		673	1,598
Financial Support	Home / World	159		159	50
Other Resources	Capital Payments				501
Expended	Cost of Money Raising				20
Total Resources Exp		127,967		127,967	42,957
Net Movement in Funds		8,868		8,868	3,294
Transfers between I	-unds				
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		10,279		10,279	6,984
Balance Carried Forward (31 December)		19,147		19,147	10,278
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Current Accounts		19,147		19,147	10,278

Combined Accounts for the Parish of Pontypridd		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Income	Planned Giving	97,603	7,705	105,308	108,391
	Loose Collections	16,686		16,686	15,213
	Donations	32,535	24,370	56,905	54,675
	For Mission	5,112		5,112	7,197
	Tax Refunds	25,213	5,287	30,501	29,840
	Legacy Gifts Received		5,377	5,377	5,000
	Grants	6,787	190,170	196,957	142,086
Generated Income	Money Raising	48,383	876	49,260	57,965
	Fees	4,682		4,682	5,956
Investment Income		373	1,098	1,471	4,603
Other Incoming Res	ources	10,230	61	10,291	13,066
Total Incoming Res	ources / Receipts	247,605	234,944	482,549	443,992
RESOURCES EXPENI	1				
Support for	Parish Share	111,072		111,072	110,873
Ministry	Expenses of Clerics	10,481	343	10,824	11,725
	Other	2,094		2,094	2,558
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	7,289		7,289	10,643
	General Parish Expenses	17,562	46,494	64,056	60,337
Church Property	Maintenance of Churches	30,861	141,613	172,474	64,809
	Maintenance of Property	17,536	2,885	20,421	21,701
	Exceptional Expenditure	51,909	37,719	89,628	105,672
Grants for	Parish	9,408	1,338	10,747	21,347
Financial Support	Home / World	10,939	7,890	18,829	13,224
Other Resources	Capital Payments	250	2,600	2,850	2,244
Expended	Cost of Money Raising	4,377	3,680	8,058	13,095
Total Resources Expended / Payments		273,778	244,562	518,340	438,228
Not Movement in F	unde	-26,173	0.640	-35,791	E 764
Net Movement in Funds  Transfers between Funds		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-9,618 -20,104	-35,/91	5,764
Transfers between Funds		39,104	-39,104	200	
Net Parish Transfers		-13,038	13,346	308	444 602
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		44,429	405,947	450,377	444,602
Balance Carried For	ward (31 December)	44,323	370,571	414,894	450,377

Current Accounts	122,346	144,368
Deposit Accounts	244,037	306,009
Term Deposits	50,000	

This report was agreed by the PCC and signed on its behalf

Fr Michael Gable Chairman 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017

#### ARISH OF PONTYPRIDD

#### IDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH OUNCIL

report on the Financial Statements of the Parish of Pontypridd for the year ending 31st December 2016, hich are set out on the following pages.

#### espective responsibilities of Parochial Church Council and Examiner.

s the Parochial Church Council, you are responsible for preparing the Financial Statements: ou consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not oply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given y the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to y attention.

#### asis of Independent Examiner's report.

fy examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity ommissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Parochial hurch Council and a comparison of the Financial Statements presented with those records. It also icludes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Financial Statements, and seeking xplanations from you as Parochial Church Council members concerning any such matters. The rocedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and onsequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the Financial Statements.

#### ndependent Examiner's statement.

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
  - (b) to prepare Financial Statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met: or

2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the inancial Statements to be reached.

ndependent Examiner

Signature: A & Hoose

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