

Parochial Church Council of Newport Pagnell

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

Receipts and Payments Accounts

| | | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | TOTAL funds 2017 | TOTAL funds 2016 |
|--|------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | Note | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| RECEIPTS | | | | | | |
| Voluntary Receipts | | | | | | |
| Planned giving | | 40,425.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 40,425.00 | 46,243.45 |
| Collections at services | | 11,544.02 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 11,544.02 | 10,077.55 |
| All other giving/voluntary receipts | 5a | 7,805.38 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 7,805.38 | 2,265.26 |
| Tax recoverable | | 13,787.73 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 13,787.73 | 41,040.30 |
| | | 73,562.13 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 73,562.13 | 99,626.56 |
| Activities for generating funds | 5b | 15,051.10 | 4,300.00 | 0.00 | 19,351.10 | 35,161.88 |
| Investment Income | 5c | 3,953.66 | 5,499.95 | 0.00 | 9,453.61 | 8,462.16 |
| Church activities | 5d | 10,090.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 10,090.00 | 12,046.49 |
| Total Receipts | | 102,656.89 | 9,799.95 | 0.00 | 112,456.84 | 155,297.09 |
| PAYMENTS | | | | | | |
| Church activities | | | | | | |
| Diocesan parish share | | 54,686.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 54,686.00 | 51,679.00 |
| Clergy and staffing costs | 5e | 12,974.08 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 12,974.08 | 11,634.07 |
| Church running costs | 5f | 36,285.13 | 16,494.70 | 0.00 | 52,779.83 | 75,094.92 |
| Parish house costs | | 2,693.37 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,693.37 | 6,109.77 |
| Mission giving and donations | 5g | 7,778.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 7,778.00 | 4,616.05 |
| | | 114,416.58 | 16,494.70 | 0.00 | 130,911.28 | 149,133.81 |
| Cost of generating funds | | 130.92 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 130.92 | 110.00 |
| Other Payments | 3 | 150,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 150,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Total payments | | 264,547.50 | 16,494.70 | 0.00 | 281,042.20 | 149,243.81 |
| Excess of receipts over payments | | (161,890.61) | (6,694.75) | 0.00 | (168,585.36) | 6,053.28 |
| Transfers between funds | 4 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | | (161,890.61) | (6,694.75) | 0.00 | (168,585.36) | 6,053.28 |
| Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January | | 284,468.22 | 85,092.34 | 0.00 | 369,560.56 | 363,507.28 |
| Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December | | 122,577.61 | 78,397.59 | 0.00 | 200,975.20 | 369,560.56 |

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

| | Note | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Endowment funds £ | TOTAL 2017 £ | TOTAL 2016 £ |
|---|------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Cash funds | | | | | | |
| Cash in hand | | 494.95 | | | 494.95 | 15.00 |
| Bank current account | | 3,040.44 | 1,867.71 | | 4,908.15 | 3,038.26 |
| Deposit funds | | 119,042.22 | 76,529.88 | | 195,572.10 | 366,507.30 |
| | | 122,577.61 | 78,397.59 | 0.00 | 200,975.20 | 369,560.56 |
| Other monetary assets | | | | | | |
| Gift Aid recoverable | | 11,874.01 | | | 11,874.01 | 13,091.83 |
| Other income due | | 1,025.25 | 500.00 | | 1,525.25 | 362.37 |
| | | 12,899.26 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 13,399.26 | 13,454.20 |
| Investment assets | | | | | | |
| Investment fund shares at market value | 3 | 154,747.89 | 89,906.44 | 105,851.60 | 350,505.93 | 183,318.23 |
| Assets retained for church use | | | | | | |
| | 2 | 68,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 68,000.00 | 68,000.00 |
| Liabilities | | | | | | |
| Mission giving | | 821.00 | | | 821.00 | 3,411.00 |
| Organist fees | | 1,545.90 | | | 1,545.90 | 1,263.50 |
| Clergy and staffing costs | | 596.62 | | | 596.62 | 1,557.22 |
| Employer contributions due to HMRC | | 520.00 | | | 520.00 | 520.00 |
| Church running costs | | 2,283.39 | 481.87 | | 2,765.26 | 2,081.87 |
| | | 5,766.91 | 481.87 | 0.00 | 6,248.78 | 8,833.59 |

Notes

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis
2. Fixed assets retained for church use is the freehold house at 3 Castle Meadow Close, purchased in 1995 on behalf of the PCC for £80,000 less a 15% equity retention held by the Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Ltd. On 4 December 2017 the 15% Equity Retention was gifted to the PCC by the Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Ltd in recognition of the PCC having maintained the house in good order ever since. The market value of the house is in the region of £375,000 to £400,000
3. There are 3 endowment funds held on behalf of the PCC by the Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Ltd . The Ecclesiastical Trust was established in 1990 from 69.25% of the sale of Church House. The trust is held in CCLA Church of England Investment funds for the purpose of furthering the religious and other charitable work of the parish and the income is unrestricted. The Elizabeth Darcy Charity was set up from 4 small charities to benefit the poor of the Parish The fund is held in the M&G NAACIF fund and the income is restricted. The Chancel Repair fund was established in 1972 and is held in a CCLA Church of England Investment fund for the purpose of repair and upkeep of the Chancel and the income is restricted.

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There is 1 restricted investment fund, the Hayllar Fund, which was established in 1980 and is held in 2 investment accounts with Black Rock (Charinco) and M&G (Charifund). The purpose of the fund is for the upkeep of the churches and both the capital and income is restricted for that purpose.

Finally, there is 1 unrestricted investment, set up from the funds left in the will of Louise Moodie. A significant portion of the bequest was invested in the CCLA Church of England Investment fund during the year to provide a reasonable return on the fund although the capital can be spent as and when necessary.

Fund Values

| | | TOTAL 2017 £ | TOTAL 2016 £ |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Ecclesiastical Trust | CBF Investment Fund | 54,298.25 | 49,802.54 |
| | CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund | 10,374.63 | 10,462.42 |
| Elizabeth Darcy Fund | M&G NAACIF Fund | 2,192.84 | 2,061.23 |
| Chancel Repair Fund | CBF Investment Fund | 38,985.88 | 35,757.99 |
| Hayllar Fund | M&G Charifund | 78,848.64 | 73,700.16 |
| | Black Rock Charinco | 11,057.80 | 11,533.89 |
| Louise Moodie Fund | CBF Investment Fund | 154,747.89 | 0.00 |

4. The movement in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

| | Bal b/fwd | Receipts | Payments | Transfers | Bal c/fwd |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Designated | | | | | |
| Ecclesiastical Income Account | 59,546.19 | 2,340.18 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 61,886.37 |
| Louise Moodie Income Account | 192,343.00 | 1,610.85 | 150,798.00 | 0.00 | 43,155.85 |
| Sunday School | 859.64 | 72.48 | 296.87 | 0.00 | 635.25 |
| Memory Club | 449.92 | 6,060.91 | 1,718.57 | 0.00 | 4,792.26 |
| Restricted | | | | | |
| Fabric Current Account | 2,785.60 | 9,576.81 | 16,494.70 | 6,000.00 | 1,867.71 |
| Fabric Deposit Account | 27,292.58 | 68.36 | 0.00 | (6,000.00) | 21,360.94 |
| Hayllar Income Account | 2,750.61 | 7.75 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,758.36 |
| Darcy Fund Income Account | 191.54 | 0.54 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 192.08 |
| Organ Fund | 52,072.01 | 146.49 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 52,218.50 |

The flower arrangers have a separate bank account and produce separate accounts. Payments are made into their account from the general funds to cover the cost of flowers for the year. The residual balance held in their bank account is negligible.

All transactions related to weddings, funerals, etc. are processed through a separate Benefice account and the fees due to the PCC are transferred monthly into the general fund.

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5. Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

| | | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | TOTAL funds 2017 | TOTAL funds 2016 |
|---|------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | Note | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Receipts | | | | | | |
| a) All other giving/voluntary receipts | | | | | | |
| Donations | | 807.52 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 807.52 | 245.00 |
| Legacies | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Grants | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 |
| Copier | | 32.95 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 32.95 | 36.47 |
| Sunday School | | 72.48 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 72.48 | 160.04 |
| Memory Club | | 6,060.91 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6,060.91 | 611.38 |
| Misc | | 831.52 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 831.52 | 912.37 |
| | | 7,805.38 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 7,805.38 | 2,265.26 |
| b) Activities for generating funds | | | | | | |
| Fabric Donations & grants | | 0.00 | 4,300.00 | 0.00 | 4,300.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Rent | | 11,256.95 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 11,256.95 | 25,279.87 |
| Events (including Fetes) | | 2,628.87 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,628.87 | 3,999.74 |
| Special Collections | | 1,165.28 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,165.28 | 2,882.27 |
| | | 15,051.10 | 4,300.00 | 0.00 | 19,351.10 | 35,161.88 |
| c) Investment Income | | | | | | |
| Dividends on Investment Fund | | 3,349.86 | 5,276.81 | 0.00 | 8,626.67 | 6,881.76 |
| Bank and Deposit Fund Interest | | 603.80 | 223.14 | 0.00 | 826.94 | 1,580.40 |
| | | 3,953.66 | 5,499.95 | 0.00 | 9,453.61 | 8,462.16 |
| d) Church activities | | | | | | |
| Fees for Batism Certificates | 4 | 56.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 56.00 | 81.00 |
| Fees for Weddings | 4 | 5,350.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,350.00 | 5,810.49 |
| Fees for Funerals | 4 | 2,044.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,044.00 | 2,958.00 |
| Contributions for Heating | 4 | 1,200.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,603.00 |
| Organ Fees | 4 | 1,440.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,440.00 | 1,594.00 |
| | | 10,090.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 10,090.00 | 12,046.49 |

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Payments

| | Note | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | TOTAL 2017 £ | TOTAL 2016 £ |
|--|------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| e) Clergy and staffing costs | | | | | | |
| Clergy expenses | | 2,574.04 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,574.04 | 1,426.75 |
| Parish administrator | | 10,400.04 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 10,400.04 | 10,207.32 |
| | | <u>12,974.08</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>12,974.08</u> | <u>11,634.07</u> |
| f) Church running costs | | | | | | |
| SSPP building running expenses | | 4,434.23 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,434.23 | 6,593.04 |
| SL building running expenses | | 2,428.15 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,428.15 | 1,871.08 |
| Insurance | | 7,615.26 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 7,615.26 | 6,434.02 |
| Vestry Costs | | 3,401.45 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,401.45 | 4,053.20 |
| Parish Office | | 6,395.55 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6,395.55 | 3,699.28 |
| Training | | 20.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 20.00 | 212.43 |
| Social Events | | 181.31 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 181.31 | 690.35 |
| Choir Pay and Organists | | 6,019.75 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6,019.75 | 9,393.00 |
| Church flowers | 4 | 2,145.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,145.00 | (825.00) |
| Misc. | | 477.11 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 477.11 | 847.45 |
| Sunday School | 4 | 296.87 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 296.87 | 1,285.83 |
| Memory Club | 4 | 1,692.65 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,692.65 | 161.46 |
| Organ Maintenance | | 1,177.80 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,177.80 | 670.40 |
| SSPP Maintenance (Fabric) | | 0.00 | 11,451.90 | 0.00 | 11,451.90 | 29,725.92 |
| SL Maintenance (Fabric) | | 0.00 | 5,042.80 | 0.00 | 5,042.80 | 10,282.46 |
| | | <u>36,285.13</u> | <u>16,494.70</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>52,779.83</u> | <u>75,094.92</u> |
| g) Mission giving and donations | | | | | | |
| Olney Newton Link | | 800.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 800.00 | 0.00 |
| NP Christmas Lights | | 150.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 | 300.00 |
| The Childrens Society | | 702.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 702.00 | 0.00 |
| MK Night Shelter | | 1,075.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,075.00 | 0.00 |
| Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia | | 1,800.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,800.00 | 0.00 |
| Bridgebuilder Trust | | 1,800.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,800.00 | 0.00 |
| Melanesian Mission UK | | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Mead Centre | | 250.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 250.00 | 0.00 |
| Christian Aid | | 201.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 201.00 | 451.80 |
| Other | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,864.25 |
| | | <u>7,778.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>7,778.00</u> | <u>4,616.05</u> |

The Parish of Newport Pagnell



ANNUAL REPORTS

for presentation to the

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

on Monday 16th April 2018



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Signed on behalf PCC:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Farn", is written over a light grey rectangular background.

My key role is to prioritise the pastoral needs of the benefice amidst various other competing requests associated with being an incumbent. There isn't space here to thank everyone who deserves to be thanked so my aim here is to say where I think we have been heading spiritually over the last year.

One of my key priorities has been to promote a greater understanding of the Gospel among ourselves so that we are clearer about what it is we are communicating in our mission to non-church goers within the parish. It has been exciting for me to witness, and be involved in, life changing pastoral encounters within the parish – seeing God work mightily in people's lives. One can't list all the details in a report but I hope it is a source of encouragement and testimony to know that these things of God frequently happen.

It has been exciting to see large numbers of Newport worshippers develop a greater enthusiasm for the Gospel. This thirst for the things of God has led to a greater sense of fellowship amongst ourselves which is, for example, reflected in the growth of the Wednesday morning communion service which is followed by tea and healing prayer. It is healthy too that St Luke's and SSPP worshippers participate and work together at this and other times.

Our mission aims must begin with learning to know and love each other better before we can effectively evangelise the town. It has been good to see new people coming forward to share in our outreach initiatives and to hear people requesting more prayer and teaching initiatives.

We have also co-ordinated better our home communion outreach following input from The Rev Chris Huxtable. His ministry over the year was exemplary and his support and wisdom will be missed by many now that he has moved into full time stipendiary ministry.

A number of parishioners are more confident now at being directly involved with the healing ministry. God has been moving this year as people have been healed as a result of our spiritual growth together. We aim to take seriously Jesus' commission for us to "preach the Gospel and heal the sick". What is so encouraging about this ministry here is how so many different types of people are involved with it – different sexes, ages, church traditions and social backgrounds. We have encouraged one another to share our testimonies with other people in a natural way which evokes the listener's sense of curiosity and hope. We are getting better at doing this. Our healing and testimony events are attended by all sorts of people from across the town including people from other Christian denominations. The significance of this movement of the Holy Spirit should be noted, given thanks for, and celebrated.

We have also had to develop a parish profile and advertise for an associate priest so that we can maintain some pastoral continuity with all the churches in the benefice. We are grateful for the help of Rev Bob Penman and Fr Jonathan on Sundays, without whom some services wouldn't happen due to the current clergy shortage! The support of Rev James Whysall has also been greatly appreciated.

The joint community services are well attended and attract new and younger families who will form the basis of our congregation in the future. It was good to see a full house for the carol service this year – which is a sign that the townsfolk are taking us seriously! Our public connection is helped by our now updated website.

A big thank you to our LLMs for their support in these ventures and to the Wardens who beaver away in the background to keep things functioning. Also, thanks to our administrator for continuing to be at the public coalface on a daily basis and for keeping our admin up to date. It is also a relief to know that our finances are always efficiently dealt with by our treasurer. These are all huge jobs and confidence in these things being done well frees us all to minister more effectively.

A big thank you to all those who thirst for the things of God and continue to keep the rumours of God alive! Thank you to those who have personally been a great support to me when times have been tough. You all know who you are! In the coming year I look forward to us continuing to co-labour together with God to host Jesus' presence in our community.

Churchwardens' Report - St Luke's

Bill Watson

2017 was another good year for St.Luke's. Congregation numbers have been fairly steady although one couple came to us newly and this year (2018) were amongst the Confirmation Candidates who went to Weston Underwood in March.

The people from St.Luke's were, Bridget & Bob Frost and Tim Purcell also accompanied by Tom King from Sts Peter & Paul. During 2017 we went through an exercise to choose new chairs. The company Alpha Furniture Ltd. kindly let us have several samples of the chairs in their range and we held a Saturday morning session for people to come along have a cup of tea or coffee and try out the chairs. Seventy plus people came that morning and a clear winner came out of the morning. We did have to go through a Faculty Application, which Malcolm our Parish Administrator sorted for us. They are now in place and are well liked. Thank you Malc.

Malcolm also arranged for a telephone line to be installed at St.Luke's. Mostly for Northern Pastures Preschool but also for Nick's healing meetings and any church group to be able to use the WiFi broadband. The Preschool and other groups that meet in church are all doing well. Last year also saw the Preschool Committee ask me to join them so that I have a more direct link to them.

2017 also saw the start of a monthly Evensong service in St.Luke's which is now quite well established.

At the time of writing this I await the APCM to see if I am a Nominee for another year as Church Warden. If indeed I am and receive a further year I look forward to giving of my best.

Our Mission Goals describe our intentions for working towards over a period of time. I am pleased to report some progress on each of these over the 12 months up to April 18 as follows:-

GOAL 1

"To find ways of making the Church a more loving Church and getting to know each other better".

The first of our "Celebrate and Chat" was held in February 2017 and as planned this was followed by a further 8 in 2017. We recognised and thanked each of the groups within our church for their valuable contribution and took the opportunity to get to know each other better. So how many new contacts did you make or get to know better over a cuppa and Danish?

Some individuals also took up the "Try-it" challenge by volunteering to try their hand at one or more of the activities of our Church volunteer groups. So please continue to make enquiries if you fancy Try-It / joining one of the many church groups as you can do this at any point in time.

GOAL 2

"To develop our Church space in a way that provides a more physically hospitable environment to those who come for a variety of reasons during the week and on Sundays"

Nothing to show at this stage but a lot of research and work has gone on behind the scenes over the last 12 months. This has focused on the current Organ and researching our needs to improve facilities at SSPP.

Organ - Pleased to report that we are now very close to finalising the small detail with our options. Our final recommendation will then be submitted to the PCC for approval.

Re-ordering - This will be a massive project and progress to date has been slow due to a number of factors but it is hoped that we may be able to make some serious headway during 2018. This will include refinement of our requirements, briefing architects and commencement of a substantial fund raising programme.

Given the size of this project then active support will be required from many individuals at various points in time. More details of these needs will be announced as the Project Plan evolves. So if you would like to play a part in the biggest investment programme our Parish Church has ever seen then please speak to one of the Church Wardens soon.

GOAL 3

"To create church services that are more spiritually and practically accessible to those who are "young in faith" or "seeking for something" as well as those who are physically younger".

In 2017 / 18 to date we have started to widen the scope and appeal of our Community Services and everyone is invited to submit ideas for additional community services.

There is still much to be done either in terms of submitting ideas for new community services or offering to take an active part in the organisation of one of more of the church's planned events.

Getting involved in any Church related activities can be interesting, sociable and rewarding at all levels so please do not hold back. Introducing something new into your regular schedule of activities can genuinely boost your wellbeing and happiness through new friends and personal development to name but a few benefits.

So please show willing and put your name forward now for a new experience in your life and the opportunity to contribute to your Church's Life and all it represents and is trying to achieve.

Contribute and Enjoy the Lasting Benefits

PCC Report

The PCC met 7 times and the Standing Committee 7 times in 2017-18.

PCC membership

During the year the following have served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Incumbent: Rev Nick Evans, Rector

Associate Priests: Rev Chris Huxtable (until September 2017)

Licensed Lay Ministers: Mervyn Evans and Karen Goff.

Churchwardens: Bill Watson and Stephen Isherwood

PCC Secretary: Julie Eldridge.

Deanery Synod representatives: Kimonie Nicholls, Dick Smith (Treasurer), John Fowler and Beth Mackay

Elected & co-opted members: Pat Hudson, Marigold Krause, Jennifer Mazzone, Pat Parker, Hazel Reynolds, Jeremy Stacy and Chris Boddington

PCC Sub-Committees

The Parochial Church Council operates through a number of sub-committees which meet between full meetings of the PCC. They are:

Standing Committee: This committee comprises the Rector, Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and Treasurer. It has delegated powers to transact some of the business of the PCC between its meetings, and deals mainly with housekeeping matters.

Fabric Committee: This committee attends to the maintenance of the Parish Church, St Luke's Church and 3 Castle Meadow Close, and considers future projects.

Statistics

| | Baptisms | Thanksgiving | Weddings | Blessings | Church Funerals | Crem Funerals |
|------|----------|--------------|----------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|
| 2014 | 28 | 4 | 23 | 0 | 14 | 21 |
| 2015 | 35 | 2 | 19 | 1 | 20 | 12 |
| 2016 | 34 | 0 | 14 | 1 | 25 | 5 |
| 2017 | 25 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 26 | 6 |

Mothers Union

Jennifer Mazzone

The Newport Pagnell Branch of the Mothers' Union has had another very successful year.

This is mostly due to the enthusiasm, commitment and support of all our members who firmly believe in what we stand for as an organisation. There is no other Christian organisation with over 4 million members in 81 countries.

One new member, Jenny Frost, was enrolled last year at St Luke's Church. It was great to see the support she had from her family and Mothers' Union members. Angel and Dennis Tau are to be enrolled very soon. We would still like to see more new members, including young people and men, married or single. We must encourage people to think about joining the Mothers' Union and talk about our work whenever we can. We want to instil in them it is not just about attending monthly meetings, important as they are, but they are committing to and believing in the aims and objects of our organisation. All that is required to become a member is to be baptised.

Our 2017 programme was very varied and enjoyable. Who could forget Carol McCutcheon (Scottie) telling us about the tip children in Cambodia or Gill Farrow talking about her ministry in Zimbabwe? I think we were all moved by their experiences. Chris Huxtable's work as a chaplain, as he told it, was most entertaining and Steve Barnes from Willen gave a thought-provoking talk. Joan Harrington bought

along slides of Well Dressing which were fascinating and we thank Andy Graves for stepping in at the last minute to speak about his life as a paramedic. Nick's Advent-theme talk looked at this season from a different angle which we all appreciated. It is not easy compiling a programme but we try to keep it as interesting as possible. The Branch Festival, held again in October, was quite well attended when our speaker was Nicola Martyn Beck from the Methodist Church.

The Quiet Afternoon, led by Nick, was again thought-provoking and gave those attending time for quiet prayer and reflection in our hectic lives.

We continue to work on the Comfort Book which is now almost ready for the printing stage. Look out for it in the next few months.

An Archdeaconry event was arranged in September in Moulsoe Village Hall. About 11 of our members attended and it was good to meet other members from around the Deanery.

Our social events have been popular starting with lunch at Harben House. The Big Brew (thanks to Linda and Alex for hosting this) is always enjoyable as are the Cream Teas. Despite torrential rain, the teas made a considerable sum of money and the atmosphere was warm and friendly.

Holding such events means that we can donate substantial sums to AFIA and the Relief Fund.

The afternoon tea to raise money for the Cambodia tip children was very successful and it amazed Scottie that we managed to raise so much money. Every single penny goes to these children.

So, what else do we do throughout the year?

- Send cards to couples who are to be married in the Parish.
- Send cards to those who are ill, have been bereaved or those who are celebrating special events.
- Providing daffodils for Mothering Sunday.
- Assisting with Baptism Preparation.
- Working in the outside community and talking about our faith and the Mothers' Union.

We continue to assist at the Bazaar and provide refreshments at Parish events.

Our tree at the Christmas Tree Festival looked most attractive and we were pleased to participate in this very successful event.

2017 saw two special celebrations. George and Barbara Simpson celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary and Iris Robinson, her 100th birthday. What milestones they have reached! Barbara and Iris are committed MU members and it was a pleasure to celebrate these wonderful occasions with them.

We look forward to 2018 with faith and hope. The Mothers' Union in the Oxford Diocese celebrates 130 years this year so look out for our celebrations.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Mothers' Union and the work it does,

Please contact Jennifer Mazzone (01908613088 or jennifermazzone@hotmail.com)

There have been a number of changes this year. Firstly we renamed Sunday School ***Sunday Club***, as we hope to make it more appealing to children. Secondly as the number of children attending was low, we decided to relocate to the Church Vestry from Brooklands for our sessions. We have a new table and chairs for the children there and so far the new venue is working well.

In September, for a number of reasons, we found ourselves in the position of having insufficient leaders to run Sunday Club every week and at one time thought we would only be able to run once a month. However, several members of the congregation fortunately volunteered to join the rota, which meant that we have been able to run sessions twice a month – on the second and fourth Sundays. Thank you to Elly Cooper, Lynda & Mervyn Evans and Rebecca Holland who joined the rota and to Tammy who lends an additional pair of hands when she can. We also have some newly-turned 3 year olds who have boosted the number of children attending. So we are feeling much more positive about Sunday Club. Thank you to Jenny McCabe and Courtney Douse, who stepped down from the rota during the year, we have very much appreciated all their support.

What have Sunday Club been doing? From September through to Advent the children enjoyed hearing stories about Heroes and Heroines of the Bible. There were some really enjoyable events during Advent and Christmas, including the Christmas Tree Festival, Children's Craft Stall at the Christmas Lights Bazaar and the Christingle Service. The Travelling Crib journeyed around the parish during Advent and the Gift Service saw generous donations of Christmas gifts for distribution by the Daisychain Children's Centre in Bletchley. A group of Sunday Club children and their families thoroughly enjoyed the MKAOS Pantomime Wizard of Oz, this year at a new venue - The Venue, Walton High School. From January through to Palm Sunday the children have been hearing stories about people Jesus met - Zacchaeus, Bartimaeus, Martha and Mary to name but a few. Looking forward to Easter, in true SS Peter & Paul tradition, there will be an Easter egg hunt around the church at the end of the 9.30am Easter Sunday service.

The CANDLE Group, having reached a natural conclusion, held their final session this year. Thank you to Rachel Buckley, Emily Rainbow and Sophie Cull who were involved with this very successful group for older children for more than 10 years.

Sunday Club weekly offertory regularly supports two charities:

- Toybox crosses which are presented to newly baptised children, are bought through Toybox a charity caring for street children in South America.
- Hand in Hand in Ethiopia a small charity working in Addis Ababa providing education and promoting good health. We made a donation last year towards the building of a shower and toilet block at the centre and this project has now been completed – providing families access to their own facilities for the first time. We

receive regular newsletters from the charity and updates on Yonathan Darge, the young boy Sunday Club sponsors and Yonathan recently wrote a letter to us. Many thanks to all our leaders who are always so generous with their time and talents, ensuring Sunday Club continues to be available for the young people of the congregation.

Fabric Committee

Mervyn Evans

It has been a busy year, and some major decisions are going to be required soon about a number of items.

The Committee has been considering ways to improve the interior of the Parish Church. Much work has already been done to try and crystallise a vision of how the space could best be used to benefit not only our own needs but also those of the wider community. Improved lighting and audio-visual facilities are also being considered as part of the scheme.

The organ at St Peter & St Paul's has been showing signs of its age for some time. The Committee have devoted much time and effort to investigating electronic organs and indeed the possibility of restoring the existing pipe organ. Expert advice has been obtained from the Diocesan Organ Adviser and quotes obtained from three companies for various options. These are now being evaluated.

Following the theft of lead from the south porch roof some years ago, it has now been permanently repaired with a stainless steel covering, which is less attractive to thieves. In order to deter further thefts a comprehensive roof alarm system has been installed giving full coverage of all the roof areas. If the alarm is triggered, the local populace will certainly know about it!

Last year saw the successful completion of the restoration of the west window. This was funded mainly by a generous legacy, plus a grant from the Harry Middleton Trust.

Away from the churches, much of our activity has involved 3 Castle Meadow Close, which has been empty since Rev Chris Huxtable left last year. It is now undergoing a complete refurbishment so that it will be attractive to either a house-for-duty priest (if one can be found) or alternatively to private tenants. Professional tradesmen have been employed where necessary, but members of the congregation have given their time to undertake the more mundane tasks. Many thanks are due to Stephen Isherwood for master-minding the whole project.

Quinquennial Inspections become due later this year at both churches. Excellent progress has been made on addressing the maintenance items identified in 2013, so no major surprises are expected this time.

Fabric Committee: Mervyn Evans (Chairman), Stephen Isherwood, Malcolm Godwin, Ralph Mazzone, Dick Parker, Andy Graves, Doug Hird.

Bellringers

Doug Hird

The focus for learning in 2017 has been Stedman, a method considered challenging by many ringers. Having started the year with only a small number of our band having any experience in this, we ended it with most of the band being able to ring Doubles, on five bells, and several even ringing Triples, on seven, for the first time. This has given our ringers the confidence and experience needed to go on to learn other methods and also to assist other bands in the area. We also have a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild's Youth band in our midst. Monthly practices in other parts of the diocese have been interesting and educational. Our membership remains about the same as in previous years. We have to accept that a small number will become less active over time but we see a promising level of interest from new people willing to learn. When the weather improves, and we can take people up on the roof for the full guided tour, we hope to do a bit of recruiting.

The reliability of the clock and chimes continue to be a concern and these have not been heard though the year. The bells have not needed any maintenance, which is just as well considering that several of our ringers have been occupied with work at Olney and Loughton recently. The proposed restoration and augmentation at Lathbury is making progress. This will provide a valuable resource for ringing in the benefice.

Stewardship

Dick Smith

During the year we have lost a number of members of our scheme, which has seen a dramatic loss of income in 2017 (approximately £6,000) . We have gained a couple of new members but overall membership has dropped.

This has also resulted in a drop in recovery of Gift Aid from HMRC which won't show in the accounts until 2018 as we have to claim this in arrears.

We would welcome new members to the Stewardship scheme. If you are regular attendees at any of our services please consider joining the scheme. Contact me for further information (nppc.treasurer@gmail.com or 01908 616508)

CTNP Communications Group Report

Neville Watson

Churches Together in Newport Pagnell (CTNP) is an umbrella organisation between the churches. The purpose is to improve communications between the different clergy, and to join together to arrange a few events each year to witness and celebrate our shared faith, an outward, public expression of shared faith.

The purpose of the CTNP Communications Group is to communicate the purpose of CTNP and associated events and activities.

The main channels of communication in the last year have been

- the monthly *Connections* magazine
- the website at **www.ctnp.org.uk**
- a Phonebox advert in December for Christmas
- A5 Christmas and Easter leaflets, for distribution and for use as images to be emailed or posted on social media
- occasional posters

These channels continue to flourish, and the website recorded new highs for unique visitor numbers over 1200/month three times in the last year (to be compared with around 400 a few years ago).

If you have ideas on what could be done, or would like to join in discussions, please get in touch by sending your contact details to: nevillefromnp@gmail.com

Home Communion & Pastoral Visiting Teams

Marlene Smith

During the year the framework of home visiting and Pastoral visiting was discussed and agreed upon, and all the team signed up to observe it. We have held 5 meetings this year with very helpful and productive outcomes.

Communion is held at Castlemead and Westbury Grange monthly. We also visit about 6 individuals in their homes to administer Communion. This can either be on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis. I maintain a confidential log of who was visited, by whom and when for safeguarding purposes.

If there is someone you know who you think would like to receive home communion please speak to them, and if they consent to their details being passed on, please contact me so that I can arrange with them for an appropriate person to take them communion.

Parish and St Luke's Church Choir

Richard Heyes

I'm afraid I haven't much to report on this year. The choir has struggled to maintain a presence at our regular services and I have to thank the handful of committed choristers mostly from the soprano section for their loyal perseverance. It is a great pleasure to have our tenor Ralph back singing with us again after several months' illness and we have welcomed a new bass, James, at evening services. We are fortunate to have had the support of the St Luke's choir on several occasions including Community Services and I would like to record our grateful thanks to them too.

Treasurer's Report

Dick Smith

In 2015 we had to change our accounting system from a Receipts and Payments basis to an accruals basis because of the receipt of a large legacy which took our income over £250,000. In 2016 we continued to use the accruals basis even though our income was below the £250k limit, but changes in the accounting rules for charities introduced in 2017 we have been advised to return to using a Receipts and Payments system unless we are obliged to use the accruals system due to the level of income. This year's accounts have therefore been produced on a Receipts and Payments basis and the 2016 figures reworked on a small basis to provide a comparison.

We saw a significant drop in our income in 2017. Some of this was expected, such as the loss of income from 3 Castle Meadow Close as we have returned the use to housing necessary clergy support in the parish. However a drop of £6,000 in planned giving was higher than expected and unfortunately our Christmas Fair income whilst very good was significantly below the high figures achieved over recent years. General collections increased in 2017 and the Memory Club received 2 large donations, although their use is restricted to the Memory Club, which bolstered the income on paper.

Expenditure was reduced in 2017, although the change of accounting system has caused an anomaly as much of 2016 Outside Giving was not paid until early 2017 whereas most of 2017 Outside Giving was paid before the end of December. Fabric costs were significantly lower although we spent £7k on the roof alarm for St Peter and St Pauls (but recovered £4,800 of the cost in grants) and £3,700 on new chairs for St Luke's. The £150k "Other Payments" was not actually a spend but the transfer of money from the Louise Moodie Fund from a deposit account into an investment account which will provide greater income for the Parish.

Overall including growth of investments our assets have remained stable in the region of £625k, but we expect 2018 to be another difficult year and there is a need for us to review our giving (Stewardship) to recover from the losses in 2017 and we also need to look for additional fundraising opportunities.

Reg Wright has continued to undertake the independent examination of the accounts this year, and I would like to thank him for his work, especially with the additional tasks he had to undertake with the change of accounting systems back to Receipts and Payments.

This year the accounts were completed by the middle of February and Reg was able to complete his independent examination before the final PCC meeting on 19 March. The PCC approved the accounts at that meeting.

I would also like to thank Bill Watson and John Fowler who diligently bank the money collected each week from the various services.

Appendix 1

Accounts

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS AND TRUETEEES OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL'S CHURCH NEWPORT PAGNELL

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2017.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PCC AND THE EXAMINER

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 act and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF THIS REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on these accounts.

INDEPENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirement
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records have not been met;or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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NEWPORT PAGNELL PCC ANNUAL INSPECTION 2017

INTRODUCTION

As a result of the Diocesan Trustees relinquishing their 15% equity retention in 3 Castle Meadow Close, the Treasurer sought help from the "Association of Church Accountants and Treasurers" (ACAT), to determine the best way to handle this. On their advice the Treasurer has now reverted to Receipts & Payments accounting. They further advised that the whole of the Louise Moodie fund, both income and investment, plus the income from the Ecclesiastical Trust be shown as unrestricted. I am satisfied all these changes have been correctly implemented in this years accounts.

PROBITY MATTERS

1. Investments and bank balance statements and investment income were checked and found to be correctly recorded.
2. All invoices were examined for correct approval, relevance and reasonableness.
3. A check on collections proved satisfactory all being properly recorded and timely banked.
4. A comparison with last year's accounts did not indicate any area requiring further scrutiny.

POINTS ARISING

1. BLACK ROCK. At the time of my examination this investment's value was for 05/10/2016. The Treasurer is awaiting a current valuation.

OTHER MATTERS

I wish my thanks to be recorded to your treasurer Dick Smith for his full cooperation and helpful assistance in this examination.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. G. Wright', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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