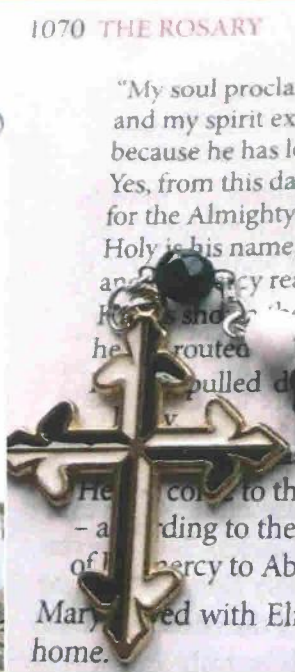




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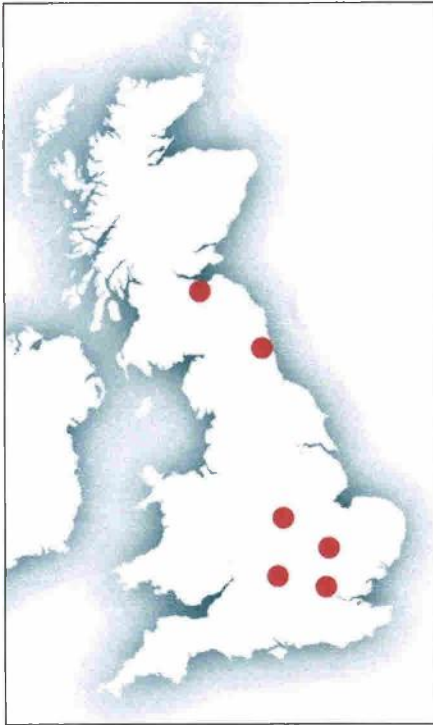
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The English Province of the Order of Preachers.

Registered charity 231192 (England and Wales) and SC039062 (Scotland)

The Dominican Friars in Britain



KEY FACTS

Houses: 5 in England,
1 in Scotland
(+ 2 canonically
associated in
W. Indies)

Total Friars: 79
(+ 9 in W. Indies)

Priests: 62
(+ 8 in W. Indies)

Novices /
Student brothers: 14

THE DOMINICAN FRIARS (est. 1216) are an international Catholic religious order with a specialisation in preaching, teaching and pastoral work. Officially titled the 'Order of Preachers', they are known as 'Dominicans' after their founder, St Dominic.

The 'Province of England'

The friars first established themselves in Britain in 1221, as the 'Province of England'. The Province (one of around 40) endures to this day. It is legally constituted as a single charity 'The English Province of the Order of Preachers', with responsibility for the friars' work in England, Wales and Scotland.

Priories

The Province is made up of a number of priories, which are local communities of friars with a large degree of self-government. Currently these are in Oxford, London, Cambridge, Leicester, Edinburgh and Newcastle. (The Dominican houses in Grenada and Barbados in the West Indies are also canonically dependent on this Province, and supported by grants, though not part of this charity.)

Object of the Charity

The Province Trust Deed lists ten charitable purposes, which for the purpose of registration as a Charity are summarised as 'the promotion of education and the Roman Catholic religion and the establishment and maintenance of schools, churches and priories for these purposes and the upkeep of members of the Order of Preachers.'

Our Mission: The Aims of the Charity

The ultimate aim and purpose of the Catholic Church and therefore of the Order of Preachers is 'the salvation of souls' (cf. *CIC* 1752; *LCO* 1 §2).

In furtherance of this goal, the Order of Preachers and the English Province aim to provide effective preaching, teaching and pastoral care flowing from fraternal religious communities of prayer and study. Through the work of the friars we seek to awaken and deepen faith, hope and charity, to the benefit of those to whom we minister, to their families and to the wider community.

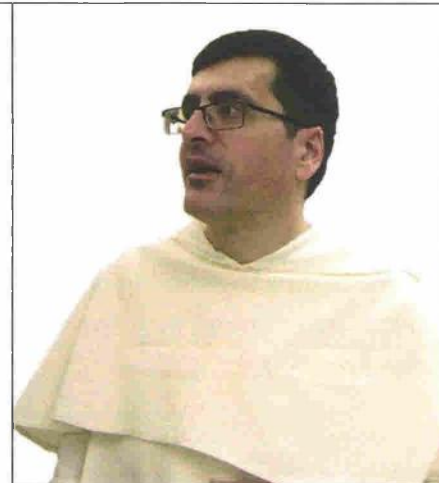
More detailed information can be found on pp. 30ff.

Message from the Prior Provincial

"I am very pleased to introduce this new-style expanded annual report which attractively sets out the rich variety of activities undertaken by the brethren of this Province.

"The year October 2016 – September 2017, at the end of the Jubilee Year for the 800th anniversary of the Order of Preachers, was very much a year of renewal for us. We have made significant progress in strengthening our community life and the work of the houses following the decisions taken in the 2016 Chapter; we have continued to see a increase in vocations; and the overwhelming generosity of benefactors gave us a much-needed boost to our finances. I would like therefore to thank all – brethren, supporters, members of the Dominican family, friends and partner organisations – for their contribution to the friars' mission."

Very Rev Dr Martin Ganeri OP, Prior Provincial



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Objectives & Strategies for the Year 2016–17

(A) RECRUITMENT & TRAINING

To train priests and religious for pastoral and educational ministry, and to maintain the success of the full-time Director and Promoter of Vocations in drawing larger numbers of young men to enter the Province.

- Through pastoral engagement and work with young people, promote the Dominican vocation as a worthy and fulfilling life in the service of God and his people;
- Through prudent investment and fundraising provide funds to help support student friars and the communities in which they live;
- Plan for the future needs of the Province's centre of studies ('Studium') by identifying and training future teachers.

(B) MINISTRY

To continue effective and responsive ministry in the priories and parishes of the Province.

- Continue the training and ordination of friars who will work in the Province's priories and parishes;
- Ensure the friars are present in the locations where they are best able to minister;
- Secure celebration of the liturgy and the sacraments in a way that responds to the pastoral needs of each place;
- Provide for the maintenance of the fabric of the Province's priories and churches.

(C) EDUCATIONAL APOSTOLATE

To maintain and support the educational and research activities of Blackfriars Hall, Oxford, ensuring proper levels of administrative support, and particularly to develop the research projects of the Las Casas and Aquinas Institutes.

- Expand the number of postgraduate students, especially in theology and philosophy;
- Continue to encourage visiting research scholars;
- Continue collaboration with the Anscombe Bioethics Centre (registered charity no. 274327);
- Enhance the research programme of the Las Casas Institute, providing appropriate administrative assistance to its Director and seeking new sources of funding;
- Continue the programme of seminars and colloquia of the Aquinas Institute and enhance its research programme, seeking new sources of funding and collaborating with similar institutions in other countries;

(D) BUILDINGS

To maintain the buildings of the Province so that they are fitting places for the religious life, including for older and sick members of the Order, and for the pastoral and educational apostolate.

- Ensure that regular surveys of the buildings are conducted;
 - Perform the maintenance works identified by surveys, as prioritised;
 - Identify, where possible, external sources of funding for maintaining buildings.
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(E) CONSOLIDATION OF MISSION

To manage the closure of the Province's houses in Durham and Glasgow in ways that are sensitive to the pastoral needs of those places; to work towards the closure of the house in Newcastle by April 2018 in the same way; to strengthen the conventual life and governance of the remaining houses and to continue to seek new apostolic opportunities consonant with the charism of the Order.

- Consult widely with stakeholders including friars, members of congregations, local diocesan authorities and the General Curia of the Order in Rome;
 - Provide as necessary generous financial support for those taking over the Order's responsibilities;
 - Review progress regularly in Provincial Council meetings.
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(F) ROSARY SHRINE

To build up the newly-established Rosary Shrine at our Priory in London with a major programme of events, supported by effective fund-raising.

- Support the local superior and other friars in London in developing a programme of events;
 - Seek funding from grant-making bodies and potential major donors to support events and to fund refurbishments to the church.
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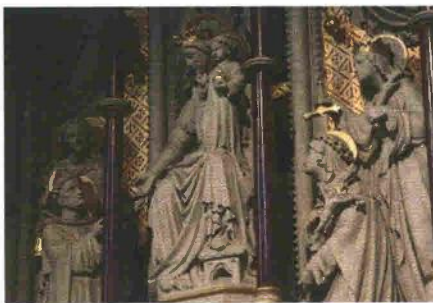
Of these objectives (a), (b), (d), and (e) applied to Scotland as well as to England and Wales; (c) and (f) were specific to England and Wales, although not to the exclusion of participation by friars assigned to Scottish priories.

The Year in Review: Key Facts

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INAUGURATION OF THE ROSARY SHRINE [p.14]



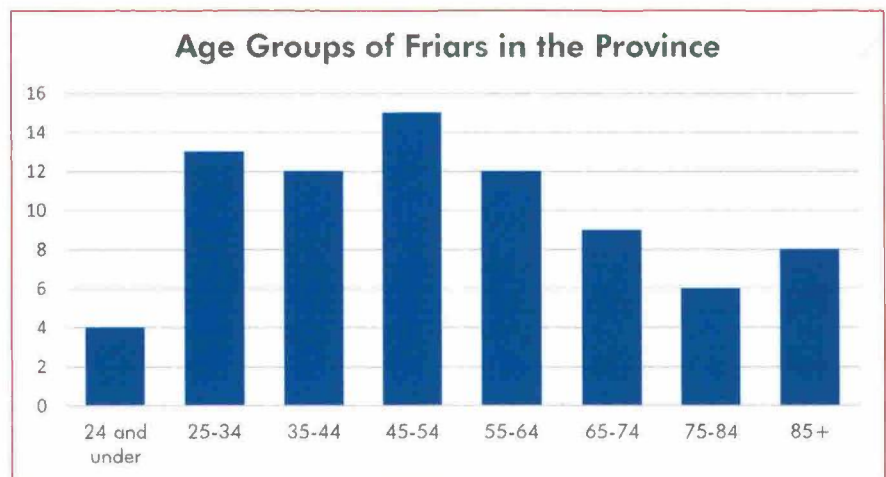
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DOMINICAN FORUM: NEW OUTREACH TO THE CITY [p.22]



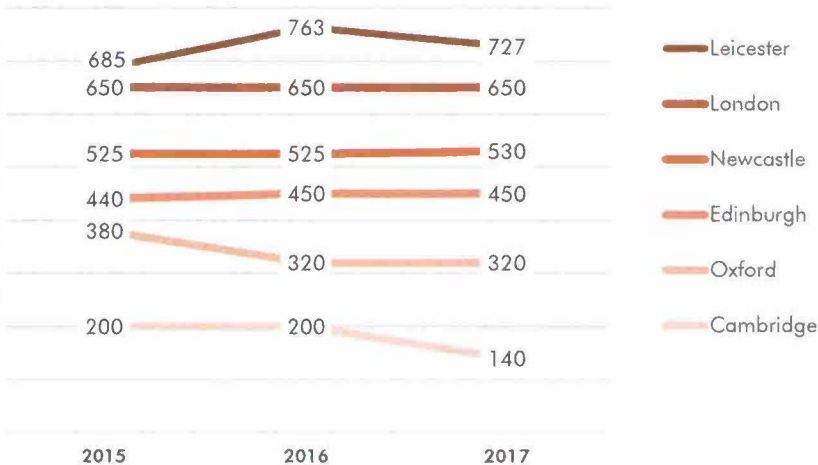
Figures from the 2017 *Catalogus* of the Province. Excludes those assigned in the West Indies (9) and those from other provinces resident in the UK (6).



Pastoral offices include parish priests, assistant priests, chaplains etc. (45 in previous year). Some are part-time: the count is 23 (26) if considered as 'full-time equivalents'. Paid work means the Charity receives income as a result of this work (unchanged from previous year).

The Year in Review: Pastoral Figures

EST. TYPICAL SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE AT DOMINICAN PRIORIES



Sunday Mass attendance figures are included merely to provide a rough idea of the scale of pastoral work in each priory. These exclude the many other forms of pastoral ministry undertaken (see below) and the many and varied other ministries that happen within this Province (see the reports in pp.9–26). They are of course susceptible to vagaries of local populations and of measurement.

SACRAMENTAL STATISTICS

Baptisms	Infants: 120 (2016: 151) Adults: 11 (29) TOTAL: 131 (180)
Receptions of Baptised Christians into the Catholic Church	13 (14)
Confirmations	36 (55)
First Communions	Children: 98 (124) Adults: 9 (16) TOTAL: 107 (140)
Public Masses each week	Sundays: 32 (38) Weekdays: 93 (104) TOTAL: 125 (142)
Average Mass attendance	Sundays: 3,022 (3,661) Weekdays: 335 (347)
Sacrament of Penance (Confession)	12 hours scheduled per week (15) Average of 93 other confessions per week (113)
Marriages	32 (48)
Funerals	123 (168)

The closure of our priories in Glasgow and Durham inevitably caused some of these numbers to reduce; and the age-profile of the Province is such that at present there are fewer friars available to engage in full-time pastoral work, but more engaged in study and other forms of preparation for such work. Moreover, it is impossible to reduce the effectiveness of pastoral ministry to statistics; but the Charity Trustees consider that these figures indicate that the Province is continuing to provide in its parishes, priories and other apostolates the sacramental and pastoral resources that are a necessary prerequisite for effective and responsive ministry. A very considerable number of people benefit from this activity of the Charity.

It is to be noted that 13 friars who are not resident in priories carry out pastoral work in various other parishes and chaplaincies in England and Scotland.

Plans for Future Periods

The Charity Trustees view the following as particular objectives for the year to September 2018:

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(E) CONSOLIDATION OF MISSION

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(F) BLACKFRIARS, OXFORD

To review the use of space in the various buildings occupied by the Priory and Hall in Oxford in order to improve facilities offered to students, researchers and staff of the Hall without damaging the common life of the friars.

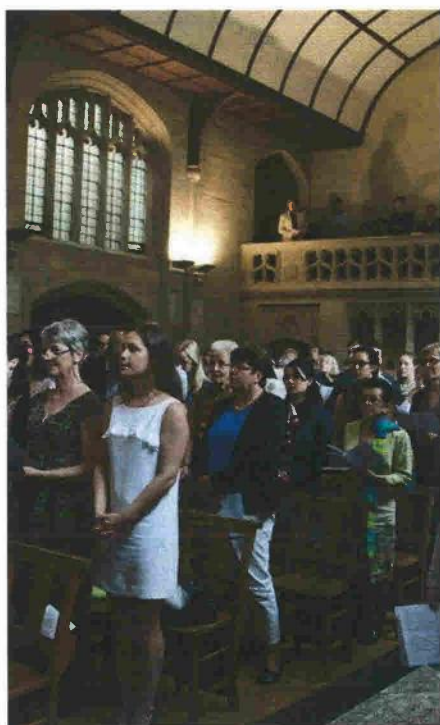
Review of Activities



INTRODUCTION

The friars have continued their pastoral work in the parishes and chaplaincies both attached to the priories of the Province and elsewhere; and their educational apostolate which is undertaken alongside the pastoral work, and in a special way within Blackfriars, Oxford. As far as can be determined, in the course of the present reporting period friars and communities of the Province were involved in the concrete activities listed on the following pages. These reports are grouped by geographical location and followed by a Province-wide round-up of the wide range of educational activities undertaken.

Blackfriars: Priory of the Holy Spirit, Oxford



CLERGY FORMATION IN DOMINICAN STUDIUM

As the only specialist centre for the formation of Catholic religious orders in Britain, the Dominican *Studium* (study centre) offers training towards Catholic ministerial qualifications, and courses in theology and philosophy. Students include Dominicans, Franciscans, Oratorians.

Dominican students: 12
Other students: 9



The Priory of the Holy Spirit, Oxford (known as 'Blackfriars') has as its principal work the formation of student friars. The friars also undertake pastoral work, through the liturgy and preaching in their own city-centre church, and with several flourishing youth groups, and in co-operation with local parishes and the Catholic Chaplaincy to the University of Oxford. Blackfriars offers the most central open Catholic church in Oxford, with sung Divine Office and daily Mass.

The priory continued a programme of fabric maintenance. It is the location

GODZDOGZ BLOG

The student brothers at Oxford continue work on their web site, 'Godzdogz', [english.op.org/godzdogz] which includes daily meditations in Advent and Lent and frequent news and meditations throughout the year.

Posts this year: 75
Est. unique visitors: 47,000



of Blackfriars Hall, the Studium, the Provincial Bursary and the Development Office.

- Three Dominicans and two Franciscans were ordained to the diaconate by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP.
- The annual Benefactors' Day was held with a Mass followed by refreshments accompanied by madrigals in the garden.

Prior: David Goodill OP

21 resident friars, including

- 7 full-time students
- 6 friars of other Provinces engaged in full-time academic work or study.

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AQUINAS GROUP

The 'Aquinas Group' for people aged 18-35 offers discussion of theological questions, prayer and social engagement. It continued to grow regularly attracting over thirty people on Monday evenings.



Blackfriars Hall, University of Oxford

One of three Catholic Halls in Oxford University, Blackfriars Hall welcomes mainly post-graduate students as well as visiting students and academic visitors.

Blackfriars specialises in Catholic theology and philosophy in the 'Thomistic' tradition. Academic research is centred on our twin research institutes, the **Aquinas Institute**, and the **Las Casas Institute for Social Justice** (see over).

PARTNERSHIPS

As well as the partnerships detailed overleaf, Blackfriars Hall continued to work with the **Anscombe Bioethics Centre**, including hosting the annual Anscombe Memorial Lecture ('Is medicine losing its way?', Cardinal Willem Eijk), a double book launch, a conference ('Abortion, Disability and the Law'), a half-day symposium ('Anscombe on Contraception').

Collaboration also continued with the **Dalai Lama Centre for Compassion** (conference

on the Value of the Humanities) and the **Humane Philosophy Project**. Both organisations involve Blackfriars alumni.

ALUMNI & FRIENDS

In October, Honorary Fellow Most Rev. Joseph Tobin CSsR, Archbishop of Indianapolis, was appointed one of seventeen new Cardinals. In 2010 he spent a sabbatical period at Blackfriars Hall, researching at the Las Casas Institute, and pursuing his study into the rise of secularisation and secular culture.

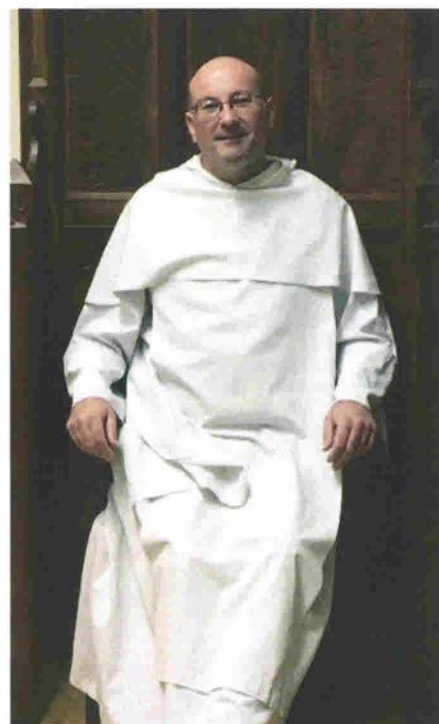
Our second annual alumni dinner was held in September, welcoming guest speaker, Canon Prof Robin Ward, Principal of St Stephen's House. A brief appeal elicited the first alumni contributions to the Student Support Fund.

Regent: Simon Gaine OP (pictured)

Vice-Regent: David Goodill OP

Students: 49 (incl. visiting students) from 19 countries

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BLACKFRIARS: 3 KEY CHALLENGES

Despite being the smallest and least wealthy institution within Oxford University, Blackfriars is ambitious and determined to keep up with its better-funded neighbours. As our 800th anniversary approaches in 2021, Blackfriars must address 3 key needs, in order to step up into its next century of mission:

1. **Create more space**
2. **Respond to the needs of our students**
3. **Cover living costs of friars who teach here**



Blackfriars: Las Casas Institute for Social Justice

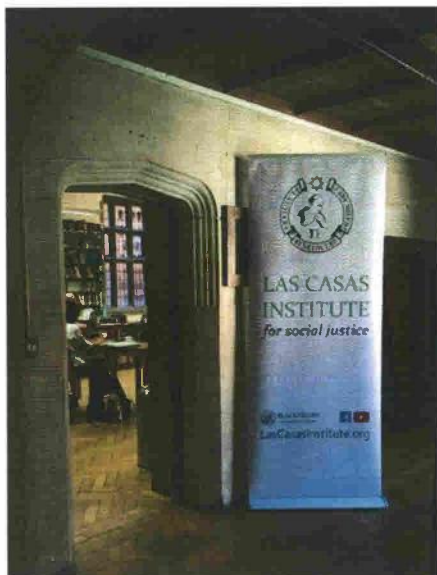


Director:

Richard Finn OP

www.LasCasasInstitute.org

YouTube: 'Las Casas Institute'



The year saw an increasing number of events to promote better understanding of difficult questions of social justice. In particular, work developed on these long-term research projects:

1. ECONOMICS AS A MORAL SCIENCE

This project, led by Prof. Peter Róna, opened with a launch for the first in a series of publications by Springer linked to this research. It was followed in the summer by a conference on the ontology of economic objects, with scholars from Britain, mainland Europe, and the Americas.

2. HUMAN DIGNITY

A series of weekly seminars over three terms examined the philosophical, theological and cultural history of ideas about human dignity, led by such scholars as Prof. John Loughlin (director), Prof. John Day, Prof. John Rist, Rev. Dr Richard Conrad OP, Dr Miguel Acosta, Dr Sara Silvestri, Dr Michael Burdett, the Rev. Prof. Paul Murray OP, Prof. Roger Trigg, Mons. Timothy Verdun, and the Rev Dr Jonathan Arnold.

3. MIGRATION

This third strand, led by Dr Pia Joliffe, has involved several seminars – 'Syrian Identities at Home and Abroad' and 'Child Migrants, the Vulnerable & the

Voiceless' – as well as a special lecture: 'Preventing Terrorism by Fostering Inclusion'.

OTHER WORK

A series of events marked the Dominicans' 800th anniversary in 2016, including a lecture, 'Human Rights in the History of the Dominican Order' by Philippe Denis OP, and a conference, 'Truth Telling and Politics', with papers from Lord Patten, Lord Shinkwin, Anneliese Dodds MEP, Rt Hon John Battle, Jenny Sinclair, and Samuel Burke OP.



A further theme explored was religious freedom, with the Annual Las Casas Lecture by Archbishop Rowan Williams

on 'Political Liberty and Religious Liberty, a new look'. Edward David explored this topic also in a series of postgraduate seminars, 'Burwell v. Hobby Lobby: An economic analysis of corporate religious liberty'.

Postgraduates of the university have also led a seminar 'Sons of Adam, Daughters of Eve: Sins and the Evolution of Sexual Difference' (Megan Loumagne); and a seminar series: 'Justice at Work: An Introduction to Business Ethics' (James Bergida).

Blackfriars: The Aquinas Institute

ANNUAL PROGRAMME

- Advanced Aquinas reading class for students of theology, philosophy, medieval studies.
- Aquinas Lecture by Prof Candace Vogler (Chicago): 'The Intellectual Animal'.
- Aquinas Seminar Series, 'Agency in Human Beings and Other Animals'.
- Aquinas Colloquium: 'Aquinas and Newman on Conscience'.
- Study Week for students and young adults at Buckfast Abbey, offering an overview of Theology using the *Summa*. (see p. 26)

RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Aquinas Seminar Series launched the Institute's new research project, 'Aquinas on Nature and Human Nature'. Inspired by Aquinas' exploration of the unity-in-complexity of the human psyche, and his recognition of how we are rational in an animal way, and animal in a rational way, we will explore humanity's 'embodied transcendence' in respectful conversation with the growing scientific knowledge about animals and humanity.

The Colloquium launched a joint research project undertaken

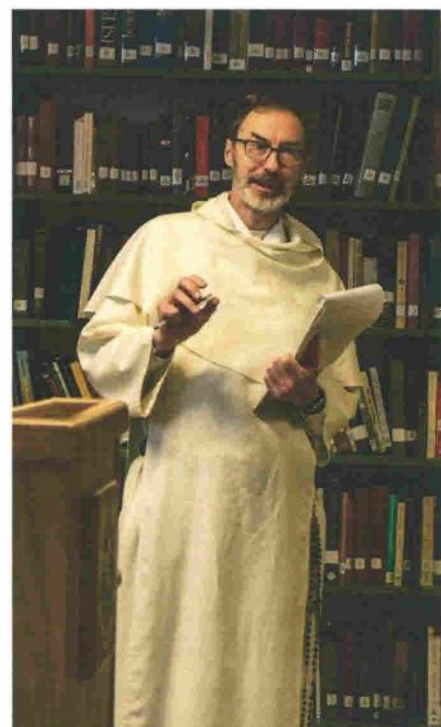
with the Las Casas Institute on 'Human Nature and Dignity: Resources for the 21st Century'. Given that Freedom of Conscience is a right widely promoted, and widely withheld, we want to explore different accounts of what conscience is, and what it contains, to achieve some clarity regarding its fallibility and responsibilities, to achieve more precision concerning its rights and what grounds them.

PARTNERSHIPS: UK & CHINA

Dr William Carroll helped organise a Workshop on Thomas Aquinas and Medieval Philosophy at **Wuhan University**, at which he and two other members of the Institute spoke (Prof Michael Sherwin OP and Prof Thomas Joseph White OP), along with Prof Wu Tianyue of Peking University.

The Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues (Uni. of Birmingham) co-hosted a one-day conference, 'Healing Friendship: Human and Divine'.

The Director spoke at a conference held at Pusey House, 'A Transforming Vision: Knowing and Loving the Triune God'. The collected papers were published by SCM Press in January 2018 under the title *A Transforming Vision*.



Director:

Richard Conrad OP

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YouTube: 'Aquinas Institute'

BENEFACTORS

We gratefully acknowledge the support provided this year by a generous donation from Prof Barbara Walters-Doehrman and Steven Doehrman in the previous financial year, in memory of, and with gratitude to, the late Eugene Walters and the late Virginia and Ralph Doehrman.

St Dominic's Priory & The Rosary Shrine, London



St Dominic's Priory serves a large and vibrant north London parish, with the largest Catholic parish church in London. Members of the priory are active in a wide-ranging parochial apostolate and in many chaplaincy roles (see below left).

The priory supports the provincial Vocations Director in his role; it also provides significant teaching support to the Studium in Blackfriars, Oxford. One friar is a full-time school teacher in a private primary school. The Prior Provincial resides and has his office at St Dominic's.

CHAPLAINCIES PROVIDED

- 2 local primary schools (parish priest serves both as foundation governor)
- Hospitals: lead chaplain to UCL NHS trust
- Students: Imperial College
- 2 local nursing homes

A NEW MISSION

In October 2016, the Priory Church of Our Lady of the Rosary and St Dominic was erected as a Diocesan Shrine to Our Lady of the Rosary by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster. The Rosary is a devotion associated

with and promoted by the Dominicans for many centuries. The Cardinal urged the faithful to make pilgrimages here.

A DEVELOPING PROGRAMME

Since then, the Dominican community and parish at St Dominic's have worked hard to fulfil this new calling, using the church as a focus for prayer, as a centre of vibrant Catholic life and activities, and as a place of encounter and dialogue with all who love art, culture, and sacred spaces of beauty.

Highlights of the year included:

LITURGY & DEVOTIONS

- The Shrine Inauguration Mass celebrated by Cardinal Nichols, followed by a youth-orientated Prayer Vigil;
- Participation in the Global Rosary Relay;
- Monthly sung Masses in the ancient Dominican rite;
- A Day with Our Lady of Fatima in the Fatima Centenary Year.

Each of these occasions brought new visitors to the Shrine, and were musically rich occasions that showcased the Church's 'treasury of sacred music'.

Running alongside these larger events are regular groups:



St Dominic's Priory & The Rosary Shrine, London

- Daily Rosary prayer groups in our Rosary chapels
- Mothers' Prayer Group
- Youth2000 Prayer Group with contemporary worship music.

CATECHESIS & INTELLECTUAL DISCOURSE

To nourish the mind, we hosted a number of talks including:

- International speakers such as Tricia Bolle, a Catholic lay missionary from Berkeley, California, who has worked in China for a decade;
- A Lent day of recollection led by a Dominican friar;
- A talk by Dr Caroline Farey;
- Book launch by Dr Stephen Bullivant;
- Day Conferences during Lent on the Rosary and Aquinas;
- An annual Rosary Shrine Lecture is planned.

ART & CULTURE

The Shrine hosted a beautiful and moving performance of the Monteverdi Vespers by the Camerata of Curiosities and His Majesty's Sagbutts and Cornetts.

For many, even locals who have lived here for decades, concerts are an occasion for a delightful new discovery, and many become enthused to invite friends. A rich

programme of music and art is planned for the coming year.

DEVELOPING THE SHRINE

With an increasing number of pilgrim groups coming to the Shrine, we need to

- Renovate the church hall to provide a welcome centre with catering facilities;
- Improve the church's WCs;
- Improve the church's ambience to make it more welcoming for everybody;
- Install a more economical and efficient heating system.

We are currently part-way through a campaign to fundraise for these and other projects.

We acknowledge with gratitude many generous individual gifts and legacies, and the enthusiasm of parishioners who have undertaken sponsored walks and even a skydive. We are also thankful for Regular Giving by Friends of the Shrine and via the Diocese's Growing in Faith scheme; and for grants received from The Hobson Charity Ltd and Miss Jeanne Bisgood's Charitable Trust.

Prior: Thomas Skeats OP

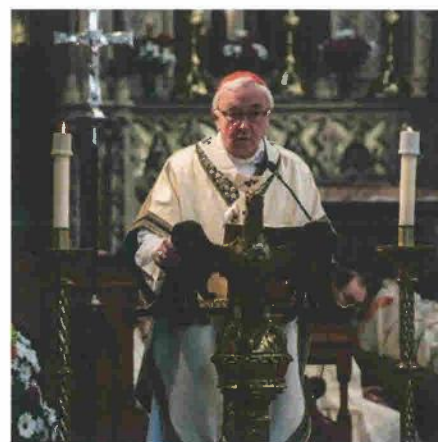
11 resident friars, including
2 part-time students

www.rosaryshrine.co.uk

CARDINAL NICHOLS INAUGURATES THE ROSARY SHRINE

"I hope and pray that this church, established as our Shrine of Our Blessed Lady of the Rosary, will help us all to come closer to the Lord and let the saving mysteries of his life, death and resurrection, find a throne in our hearts. I pray that the rhythm of the Rosary will become the rhythm of our lives, a powerful beat indeed. [...]"

"As we crisscross this great city, moving through every place, especially the valleys of darkness, may we also carry within ourselves that Light of Christ, bringing him to others, allowing his warmth to radiate from us and his mercy reach out."



St Albert's Parish & Catholic Chaplaincy, Edinburgh



The House of St Albert the Great serves the thriving Catholic Chaplaincy to the University of Edinburgh and Edinburgh College of Art; and in recent years has extended to Edinburgh Napier and Queen Margaret Universities.

CHAPLAINCY LIFE

Central to the life of St Albert's Chaplaincy is the Catholic Students' Union, an official society of Edinburgh University with around 150 members. Among the events this year were two student retreats, and a range of catechetical and social events: a weekly theology group, a weekly midweek meal; the St Andrew's Night Ball, Burns Night Supper, and May Ball. The students also put on events, such as a Christmas Carol Service to raise funds

for the homeless project at nearby St Catharine's Convent.

The Chaplaincy took part in the Praying for Aleppo initiative of the Inter-Faith University Chaplaincy; and Fr Dermot Morrin, Lilian Lee (Lay Chaplain), students and parishioners joined in a weekend sanctuary walk to raise money for Syrian refugees to study at the University.

A highlight of the year was when the Principal of Edinburgh University, Sir Tim O'Shea, unveiled a plaque to mark the site of the pre-Reformation Dominican priory. This was an official university event at which the past and current contribution of the friars to the University was celebrated, including talks on archaeological finds.

THE PARISH

The parish also has been active in raising funds for the homeless. The newly established Justice and Peace Group held a series of talks and a screening of *I, Daniel Blake*. There was a weekend retreat led by Fr John Farrell, and we launched a series of talks on Theology and the Arts. **The Albertus Institute**, not part of the parish but closely linked, organised a day conference on 'The Changing Face of Conflict: Modern Security & Human Values', followed by a series of talks on Theology, Science, and the Environment.

THE COMMUNITY

In November 2016 the community was joined by Fr Aelred Connelly, chaplain at HMYOI Polmont. Fr John O'Connor graduated at Edinburgh with a PhD in Philosophy. He lectured and tutored for the Dept. of Philosophy; and in September was appointed a Teaching Fellow. In August, Fr John was appointed Parish Priest and Superior, taking over from Fr Dermot Morrin who is now Bursar and works with Fr John in the parish and chaplaincy. Fr Fergus Kerr, assisted by Fr John, continues to edit *New Blackfriars* journal.

4 resident friars

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Holy Cross Priory & Parish, Leicester

Holy Cross Priory serves a large church and culturally diverse parish in the centre of Leicester.

APOSTOLATES

The priory provided

- Chaplains to Leicester and De Montfort universities.
- Chaplain to HMP Leicester. Chaplaincy has been developed so that more prisoners have access to weekly Mass, and increased volunteer support enabled group work to take place each week.
- Chaplain to Leicester Royal Infirmary. Home visits to the sick and emergency cover at several local hospitals
- Weekly hospitality and advice sessions were offered to refugees and asylum seekers in partnership with **Leicester City of Sanctuary**.
- Help to local homeless people
- Support to vulnerable families through our parish and schools.

Friars were also active in teach-

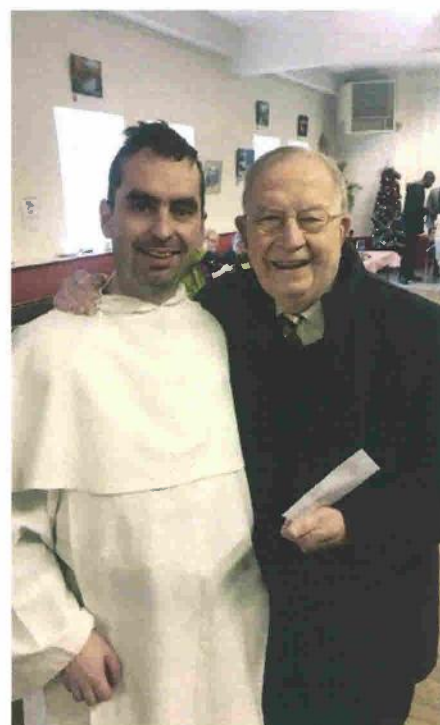
ing and preaching elsewhere, including the Dominican Studium.

POSITIVE CHANGE

Following the Priory's involvement in the events around the reburial of Richard III, which raised our profile within the local community, numbers attending Mass rose significantly and pastoral work and opportunities expanded accordingly. A part-time lay chaplaincy assistant was appointed, and the parish is engaged in a programme of renewal of its pastoral work and structures. The key event was the parish's Pastoral Assembly in October. Fr Chris Thomas, Secretary General of the Bishops' Conference, led a day of shared reflection on advancing our mission in Leicester.

EVENTS

We were honoured to be part of the Maundy Service celebrations at Leicester Cathedral with H.M. Queen Elizabeth, and also to host the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima as part of her jubilee pilgrimage.



Our bishop visited for the first time on the feast of St Thomas Aquinas, celebrating Mass to mark the end of the 800th Jubilee Year of the Order.

DEVELOPMENT

We laid plans for renewed lighting in the church, and for extensive refurbishment within the priory and parish centre. We gratefully acknowledge the generous response from parishioners to our regular giving appeal, which hugely improved the health of the parish finances, and we look forward to another year of exciting developments.

Prior: David Rocks OP

7 friars incl. 1 part-time student

www.holycrossleicester.org



Blackfriars: Priory of St Michael, Cambridge



The Priory of St Michael Archangel is the location of the Province's novitiate, where new friars spend their first year in the Order. In the current reporting period this included two novices for the **Province of the Netherlands**, with which this Province regularly co-operates.

Members of the priory are also involved in writing, preaching and teaching. They provide pastoral care for a congregation of c.140 people, as well as assisting with the sacramental needs of the adjacent parishes.

The friars are available to the public for consultation on moral and spiritual issues, including regular provision of spiritual guidance to students training for ordination in the Church of England.

NOVITIATE

Simple Professions were made by Brs Cuthbert, Isaac Maria, Thomas Thérèse, and Vincent Antony, following their completion of the novitiate year. Six novices were clothed in the Dominican habit in September 2017, including two for the Netherlands.

The novices follow a curriculum introducing them to Dominican religious life. Practical training included First Aid, learning to cook, and household, garden and chapel duties.

Public witness: the Novices joined parishioners from Our Lady and English Martyrs to witness to their faith at the city's winter fair through conversations and the distribution of reading materials and rosaries.

EDUCATIONAL APOSTOLATE

The Priory offers a programme of theological education in the form of regular talks, advertised in the city of Cambridge and environs, as well as at the University Catholic Chaplaincy. This year's Aquinas Lecture (Feb) was given by Rev. Dr. Aidan Bellenger OSB and explored the life of Dom David Knowles OSB.

The priory promotes projects supporting educational provision in Ethiopia in co-operation with the **Jean Grove Trust** (reg. charity 1109593).

DEVELOPMENT

The disabled access lift, built to give access to the first-floor chapel, finally entered into operation. It has already proved its worth for less mobile Mass-goers and parents with pushchairs. We acknowledge with gratitude the support given by individual donors, and by the Casa Stella Trust and the Garfield Weston Foundation.

Future plans include improvements to the chapel, to the lavatories, and to the friars' living quarters.

Prior: Euan Marley OP

12 resident friars, incl.
1 full-time student and 6 novices
www.blackfriarscambridge.org.uk

St Dominic's Priory & Parish, Newcastle

St Dominic's Priory, Newcastle is a small community serving a parish and the students of Newcastle and Northumbria universities. Friars are also involved in teaching, ongoing formation, and ecumenical activity.

The church and priory buildings now belong to the **Hexham and Newcastle Diocesan Trust** (reg. charity 235686).

CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT

The friars collaborate with local Anglican, Methodist and Lutheran churches and also the **Ouseburn Trust** which promotes interest in local history and the thriving arts and crafts enterprises in this area. St Dominic's church is used as a venue for concerts, films and artistic events with a spiritual dimension.

Our outreach programme includes encouraging the general public to discover the historical and artistic heritage of St Dominic's very fine church building through participation in the city's Heritage weekend and also the Newcastle 'Late Shows' when

historical buildings are open for people to view in the evening. During these events there are displays of both an historical and artistic nature and talks on a range of subjects of local interest. A typical open day or other event will draw up to 200 visitors.

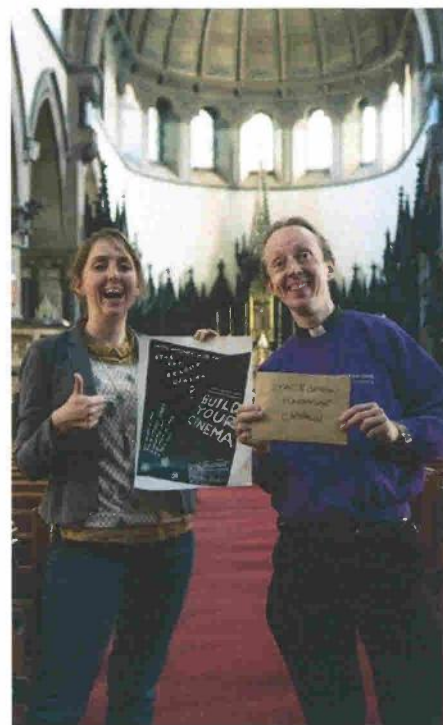
The parish received a substantial grant from the Seedbed Fund, a secular trust, in recognition of our work for the local community. This enabled us to grow and enlarge our outreach programme and put teams in place to continue the work of Fr Dominic White.

In February we had a day on Catholic Social Teaching and gave resources for local artists engaged in poverty activism.

The involvement of our diverse ethnic communities in particular enabled the communication of the Catholic Faith through their traditional songs and dances.

Our film evenings, in collaboration with ARTS UK, also go from strength to strength now we have more funds to invest in publicity.

The other cultural highlight of



the year was the restoration of our magnificent Willis pipe organ to regular use, thanks to Director of Music, Jeremy Maritz, a professional organ builder. The organ is modelled on that at St Dominic's, London, and we aim to hold a recital series this year.

In response to the diocesan renewal programme, we started a Young Catholic Adults group. In an atmosphere of friendship, hospitality and prayer, we study our faith together to deepen our spiritual life and be better equipped to share our faith.

Superior: John Patrick Kenrick OP
4 resident friars

www.stdominicspriorynewcastle.wordpress.com/



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Education is a key part of the Dominican charism. In this section we review the wide range of educational activities undertaken during the year.

SERIES OF TALKS

Talks were given by the brothers both in our own priories, parishes and chaplaincies and as guest speakers in other venues. Sometimes talks in our own centres or nearby are given as a coherent series.

- fr. David Sanders gave a series of talks on the Sermon on the Mount in Grenada, taking it on tour round parishes beyond our own and in Jamaica.
- fr. Andrew Brookes led two groups at Oxford, one for training evangelists, and the other on the thought of St Catherine of Siena.
- fr. Fergus Kerr led a fortnightly Aquinas Reading Group for local academics in Edinburgh.
- The novices gave weekly Lenten talks in Cambridge, in collaboration with the sisters.
- fr. John Patrick Kenrick ran a Scripture group at the Newcastle house.
- Moreover, from May 2017, fr. Neil Ferguson, having been

assigned to and appointed as the conventual lector at Quito, in the Province of Equador, started a weekly class for the general public on Aquinas.

RANGE OF THEMES

Examples of talks illustrating the further range of individual topics treated in our own centres and elsewhere are

- Pope Francis and Religious Life;
- Praying the Rosary;
- Introduction to the Bible;
- The Bible – A Closed Book;
- Who does St Paul think Jesus is?;
- The Pioneer of our Salvation;
- The Theology of Mercy;
- The Rosary and the Order's Jubilee;
- The Rosary as a Remedy for Spiritual Alzheimer's;
- Prayer, Beauty and Photography;
- Fasting and Chastity;
- Evangelisation and Social Media;
- Scouting and the Beatitudes;
- Islam and Monotheism;
- Our Lady of Fatima and Holy Purity;
- The Doctrine of Creation;
- The Fall of Adam;
- The Scourging at the Pillar;
- What are they saying about Michael Polanyi?;
- God's Elective Determination as God's Providence;
- Salvation History and the Nature of Faith;
- The Theological Virtues;
- The Cardinal Virtues;
- Virtues and Modern Psychological Insights;
- Sacrifice;
- Why Theology?;
- Why St Thomas?;
- Redemptive Suffering;
- Faith and Trust;
- The Agony in the Garden;
- Faith and Work;
- English Dominican History;
- Dialogue with People of Faith and Unbelievers in Today's World;
- The Holy Trinity as Source of Human Dignity and Destiny;
- The Presentation in the Temple;
- Liturgy as Mission;
- Dominican Spirituality;
- Science and Faith – Conflict

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or Cooperation?;

- Justice and Mercy have embraced;
- Truth;
- Being Ambassadors of Christ;
- Life and Times of St Catherine;
- Self-Knowledge in God;
- Crusades and Courage;
- Making God Manifest Today;
- Communicating Christ;
- Prayer and Evangelisation;
- Corpus Christi and Evangelisation;
- Street Evangelisation;
- The Motherhood of Mary;
- The Mass and Mercy;
- The Dominican Charism as a Ministry of Mercy;
- How to get the most out of a pilgrimage;
- St Thomas More;
- Finding God's Purpose in your life;
- Catholic Oxford;
- Catholic Social Teaching;
- Sin, Mercy and Grace;
- Mercy in Other Religions;
- A Christian Attitude to Work;
- Why I am a Catholic;
- Confession;
- The Creed;
- Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati;
- Jesus and the Incarnation;
- Music in Church;
- Priesthood;
- Christian-Muslim Dialogue;
- Truth at the Service of Love;
- Purgatory;
- The Person of Christ;
- Electrons are not Substances;
- Treasuring the Sacrament of Marriage;
- Friendship in Aquinas;
- The Reformation – something to celebrate?; and
- Evangelii Gaudium.

GEOGRAPHY

Among the places to which members of the province travelled in Britain to deliver talks were Aberdeen, Bath, Birmingham, Canterbury, Consett, Dundee, Ely, Fairford, Ilkley, Kidlington, Lancaster, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Purley, Redhill, Spilsby, Spinkhill, St Albans, Stanton St John, and Walsingham; while they spoke internationally in such countries as Austria, Australia, Belgium, Bosnia, Canada, Ecuador, France, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, and the USA.

BENEFICIARIES

The total number of attendees is difficult to estimate. Few brothers produced estimated figures, and such figures as we have could be taken to indicate a total audience of somewhere around 11,500, although it may be many more.

Talks given by the brethren are often open to the general public, but are normally organised by a particular religious group, and a religious group of some kind is very often at its own request our audience.

DOMINICAN FAMILY

A number of brothers addressed the Dominican Family Seminar in Leeds in January, and others the lay Dominican National Assembly.

Talks were also given to the Dominican nuns in Quito and Summit NJ; the Dominican Sisters in Quito, Stone, Bushey, and Crawley; the Dominican Secular Institute; the priestly fraternity; to several Lay Fraternities; and to the Dominican Youth Movement.

frs. Robert Eccles and Simon Francis Gaine led Aquinas weekends at Stone in collaboration with the sisters.

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DOMINICAN YOUTH MOVEMENT

The DYM had a busy year offering its usual mix of theology, prayer, fellowship and pilgrimage. The Advent study weekend was once again at Worth Abbey and explored Christian thinking on the second coming from a scriptural and theological perspective. In February we were at the Rosary Shrine in London reflecting on how we might nurture our gifts for the service of the Church as a whole. In March we were back to Worth Abbey, this time to reflect on 'the Body of Christ' and all the many layers of meaning that these words have for Catholics. In June our study week at Buckfast (p.26) offered its usual overview of Catholic theology and bracing marches across Dartmoor. Finally, our summer pilgrimage took us to Italy as we walked in the footsteps of Bl. Pierre Giorgio Frassati in Turin and the Italian Alps. All the events were well attended and received excellent feedback. The pilgrimage to Turin was a particular success, and is an area that we hope to develop in future.

THE DOMINICAN FORUM

Following a decision of the Provincial Chapter of 2016,



the Province established a new venture 'The Dominican Forum' in the City of London: hosted by a city-based firm, around twenty to thirty people attend a lunch with a talk by a friar on a matter of interest and concern to people working in the City, followed by a lively discussion. Topics included 'A Christian Approach to Work', 'How to Trust God in Tough Times', 'From City Lawyer to Dominican Friar' and 'A Closed Book?' (on the Bible). Feedback has indicated very high levels of satisfaction with the events, and the Province extends its gratitude to CCLA and Smith & Williamson for their generous hospitality.

OTHER CATHOLIC GROUPS

Apart from specifically Dominican events, our other audiences have included

- the Fathers of the SS. Hearts of Jesus and Mary;
- RCIA groups in a number of parishes;
- confirmation groups;
- Catholic Independent School Headteachers;

- Catholic University of America Men's Group;
- Georgetown University Knights of Columbus;
- Oxford Graduate Theological Society;
- Midland Catholic History Society;
- Youth 2000;
- clergy of the Camden deanery;
- Catholic Voices;
- parish catechists;
- the Council of Christians and Jews;
- Warwick University student Cathsoc;
- Hertfordshire priests;
- seminarians at Valladolid;
- seminarians at Allen Hall,
- priests of Leeds diocese;
- priests of Middlesbrough diocese;
- charismatic priests;
- Melbourne clergy and lay ministers;
- Brisbane teachers; and
- delegates of the Catholic Charities USA AGM.

EXTERNAL SPEAKERS

Not only do the brothers go out from our priories to preach in

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this way, but they also extend our intellectual mission by their use of our priories as venues for external speakers or Dominican speakers from another priory for the benefit of local audiences.

MASS MEDIA

Brothers also occasionally give talks or interviews for the media. fr. Timothy Radcliffe was interviewed on a number of occasions, including for the magazine *Coscienza*, and twice by the BBC.

ADVISORY ROLES

As well as giving and arranging talks, brothers also serve the wider Church through giving expert advice as consultants.

- fr. Timothy Radcliffe is a consultor for the Pontifical Council for Justice & Peace;
- fr. Richard Conrad continues as a member of the Liturgical Formation Subcommittee of the Bishops' Conference and became a member of the council of the Maryvale Higher Institute of Religious Sciences;
- fr. Benjamin Earl was a member of the Juridical Commission of the Union of Superiors General;

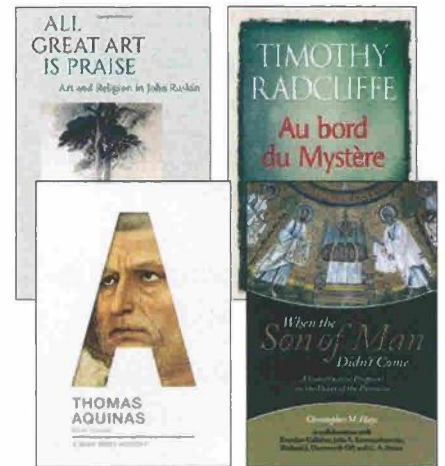
- fr. Robert Gay continued as a member of the English Anglican–Roman Catholic Committee;
- fr. Simon Francis Gaine served as Director of Studies for the Westminster chapter of the Catholic Evidence Guild, as well as a member of the Council of Censorship for the same diocese;
- fr. John O'Connor was a member of the board of the Albertus Institute, which is based in our parish in Edinburgh and arranged conferences on international security and on privacy;
- fr. Andrew Brookes was a consultant to the Catholic Evangelisation Services for a DVD on Our Lady.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Books published during the year include

- fr. Brian Davies's *Thomas Aquinas: A Very Brief History* (SPCK)
- fr. Aidan Nichols's *All Great Art is Praise: Art and Religion in John Ruskin* (CUA).
- fr. Richard Ounsworth was a co-author of *When the Son of Man Didn't Come* (Fortress)



- fr. Timothy Radcliffe published in French *Au bord du Mystère: Croire en temps d'incertitude* (Cerf).

Brothers also contributed as referees on several manuscripts submitted to Oxford University Press and Cambridge University Press.

NEW BLACKFRIARS JOURNAL

An important part of our corporate mission in publishing is our bimonthly journal *New Blackfriars*, which is published by Wiley-Blackwell, and edited by fr. Fergus Kerr. Five other brothers from the province and one Dominican sister were involved in the editing of the journal during the year. Several brothers published articles or book reviews in the journal.

OTHER JOURNALS

Apart from *New Blackfriars*, articles or reviews were published in a number of

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other periodicals, including *Medieval Mystical Theology*, *The Catholic Herald*, *Law and Justice*, *Catholic Historical Review*, *The School Librarian*, *Catholic Library World*, *Primary Mathematics*, and the *Ecclesiastical Law Journal*.

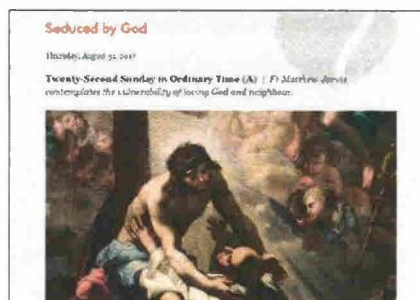
- fr. Robert Ombres also assisted as a member of the editorial boards of *Ecclesiastical Law Journal*, *Angelicum*, and *Law and Justice*;
- fr. Rudolf Loewenstein was on the editorial team for the primary school RE series, *The Way, The Truth and the Life*;
- fr. Simon Francis Gaine is on the board of advisers of the English edition of *Nova et Vetera*.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

As well as in academic publishing, brothers were also engaged in publication at a popular level in the service of the Church. For example, fr. David Sanders, among others, prepared sermon notes for Redemptorist Publications' *Living Word*, and frs. Andrew Brookes and Dominic White wrote for *Magnificat*.

ONLINE PUBLISHING

Nearly every brother in the



English Province contributed to **Torch**, the preaching website of the English Dominicans, which had an estimated* 104,406 unique pageviews during the year, drawn from an international audience (an estimated 43,598 visitors, including a core of around 4,200 returning visitors, which corresponds closely to the number of email notification subscribers).

The student brothers' blog, **Godzdogz**, received an estimated* 57,796 unique pageviews during the year. The audience is estimated at 47,002 visitors, including around 3,000 returning visitors. The students have written, among other things, Gospel reflections and articles on Dominican saints. [**Statistics from Google Analytics*].

fr. Lawrence Lew also published some of his homilies on his own website. Brethren have also been contributors on the internet to, for example, the Holy Biscuit Journal, Give us this day, Aid to the Church in Need, and Second Spring.

LEARNED SOCIETIES

Hand-in-hand with publication goes the brethren's involvement in the wider academic community. Brothers are members of learned societies, including the Catholic Theological Association of Great Britain, the Canon Law Society of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Société Thomiste (Paris).

CONFERENCES

The brethren have also contributed to conferences in connection with various academic institutions and with the Order's jubilee.

- fr. Richard Finn gave a paper on the Dominican tradition of preaching justice at Corvinus University, Budapest;
- fr. Simon Francis Gaine gave a paper at Sapienza University, Budapest, at a jubilee conference on truth;
- fr. Dominic White led a workshop on preaching and music at the International Congress for the Mission of the Order at the Pontifical University of St Thomas, Rome.
- fr. Timothy Radcliffe gave a paper on conscience for a Symposium at the Catholic University, Leuven,
- fr. Bruno Clifton gave a paper

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on the existential particle in Qohelet at the Oxbridge Biblical Conference.

Brothers moreover attended among other conferences one on the Thought of John Paul II in Poland, a conference on legal philosophy at University College, London, a conference on theology and evolution at New College, Edinburgh, a conference on Anscombe and contraception at the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, a conference of the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture on Aquinas's metaphysics, a conference of the Pontifical Biblical Institute, and the annual conferences of the Aristotelian Society and Mind Association, the Eckhart Society, the Canon Law Society of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Catholic Theological Association of Great Britain. fr. Thomas Crean was the co-organiser of a conference of the Dialogos Institute on Limbo at Ramsgate Abbey.

TEACHING

Teaching in educational institutions is a central part of the Province's intellectual mission, and brethren teach in various institutions at tertiary level.

- fr. Brian Davies served full-time as Distinguished Professor in the Philosophy

Department at Fordham University, USA;

- fr. Martin Ganeri worked as a Lecturer in theology and religion at Heythrop College, London, where he was Director of its Centre for Christianity and Interreligious Relations;
- fr. Robert Ombres and fr. Benjamin Earl taught canon law at the Pontifical University of St Thomas, Rome;
- fr. Richard Conrad taught for the B.Div. and MA at The Maryvale Institute, Birmingham;
- fr. Thomas Crean taught courses for Newman College, Ireland;
- fr. John O'Connor taught courses for the Department of Philosophy at the University of Edinburgh;
- fr. Robert Verrill was a modern and moral philosophy teaching assistant at Baylor University, Texas.
- fr. Oliver Keenan taught theology for DOMUNI, but this was discontinued in April since DOMUNI did not pay as agreed.
- fr. Timothy Radcliffe delivered lectures at the

University of Notre Dame IN, Strasbourg University, and the University of Fribourg, where he received an honorary doctorate.

- fr. Fergus Kerr gave a postgraduate seminar on church history at New College, Edinburgh;
- fr. Simon Francis Gaine gave postgraduate seminars at King's College, London, and York University.

Seminary teaching was undertaken by fr. John Farrell on Scripture for the propaedeutic year in the English College at Valladolid, and at Allen Hall; by fr. Neil Ferguson on Christology at Allen Hall; and by fr. David Goodill for the permanent diaconate course at Oscott College, Birmingham.

Brethren were also involved in various tertiary institutions in other ways: external and internal examining was undertaken for Oscott (University of Birmingham) by fr. Richard Conrad, and the University of Fribourg by fr. Thomas Crean. fr. Richard Finn was a Catholic Education Service governor at St Mary's, Twickenham, and a Trustee of the Centre for Catholic Social Teaching and Practice.

BLACKFRIARS, OXFORD

While brothers were thus involved in several tertiary-level institutions, the intellectual mission of the Province is centred on our Studium at Blackfriars, Oxford (see p. 10), together with our Permanent Private Hall of Oxford University (p.11), where 16 brothers and 2 sisters were active in teaching philosophy and theology and allied disciplines during the year and a number of brothers held key administrative roles.

Here the brethren are engaged in an intellectual mission that is at once Catholic and part of the wider academic life of Oxford.

The students at the Hall, undergraduates, postgraduates (who are now more likely than before to have chosen Blackfriars as their college) and visiting students, numbered 49, including one Dominican sister, from 19 countries, while in the Studium 21 students from various religious institutes were preparing for the priesthood, together with a small number of lay students in Catholic theology and philosophy. Working within the Hall naturally brings brothers to take on other roles within the University. For example, three brothers were members of the Faculty of Theology and Religion and were involved in the supervision of a number of its postgraduate students, as well as the teaching and examination of undergraduates.

fr. Richard Ounsworth was an internal examiner for a doctorate on Scripture.

The Hall itself encompasses two further institutes, the Aquinas Institute and the Las Casas Institute for Social Justice. Lectures and seminars in both institutes are now filmed and uploaded to their YouTube channels as a matter of course. As well as providing opportunities for the brethren, these institutes, together with the Hall, continue to provide a basis for non-Dominican scholars and Dominicans from outside the Province to collaborate with us in our intellectual mission. Reports on the activities of the Institutes are on pp. 12 & 13.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Outside the physical boundaries of Oxford itself the Hall, through the Aquinas Institute, once again supported the Dominican Youth Movement's residential five-day summer school on Aquinas at Buckfast Abbey in Devon, aimed at helping students from various centres of study and others with a knowledge of theology to benefit from the structure and content of the *Summa Theologiae*. This was the seventh time the event



has taken place and it again proved very successful. 21 students, divided into two streams, beginners and advanced, attended lectures given by three brothers and one Dominican sister.

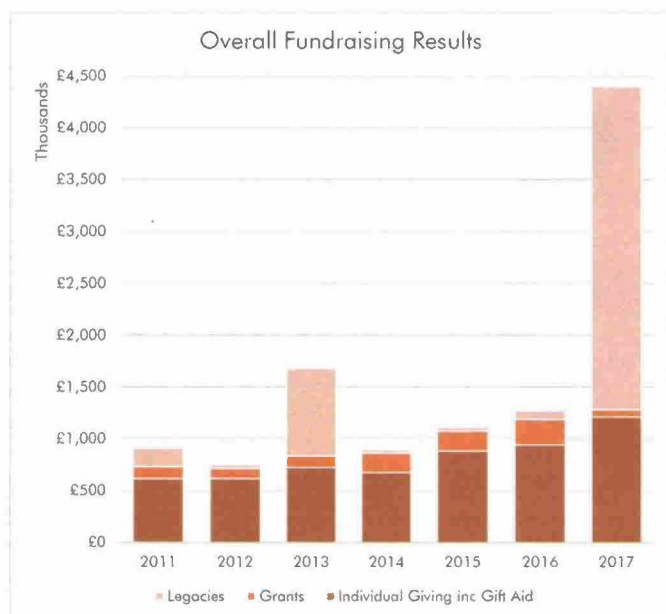
ONLINE RESOURCES

New initiatives included the establishment of a new website by fr. Robert Verrill, St Thomas the Search Engine. This web application allows users to search through the works of Aquinas in both English and Latin with a facility for proximity word and phrase searches. For each search found, the relevant paragraph is displayed together with a link to the website where the full text is available. Users can also save and categorise search results in user-defined groups of results. The website has already been positively received by scholars researching Aquinas.

THE ROSARY SHRINE

The establishment of our church in London as a diocesan shrine has also given rise to a new work here with an intellectual component (see p.15). For example, a conference on the rosary (c.50 participants), was organised at the shrine by fr. Richard Conrad of the Aquinas Institute, with papers from him, fr. Simon Francis Gaine, fr. Bernhard Blankenhorn (Pontifical University of St Thomas, read in his absence), and Sr Anne Swailes.

Fundraising Performance – Trends

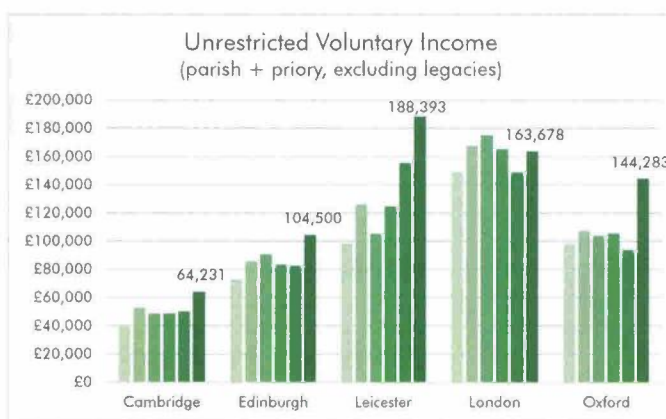


Financial Year 2017 saw a continuing rise in individual giving in response to the increased level of fundraising and communications activity since the creation of the Development Office in May 2013.

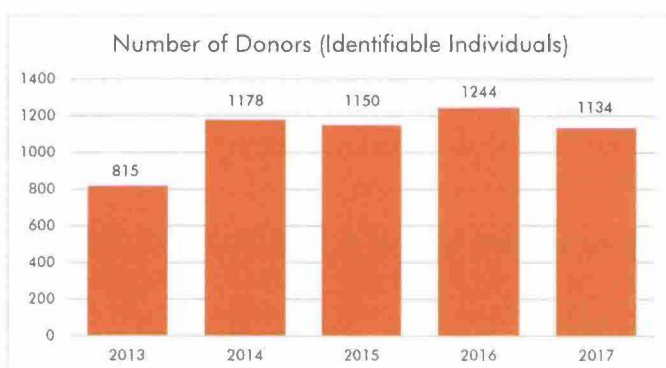
A single legacy worth £2.9m was received, which will greatly assist Oxford Priory and Blackfriars Hall in meeting their pressing capital needs.

One six-figure gift brought us to the target for the Training Fund campaign.

Owing to the success in reaching and exceeding the £1m target for the Training Fund campaign earlier than expected in the Financial Year, and since other campaigns were still in preparation, grant applications were fewer, hence the decreased level of grant income.



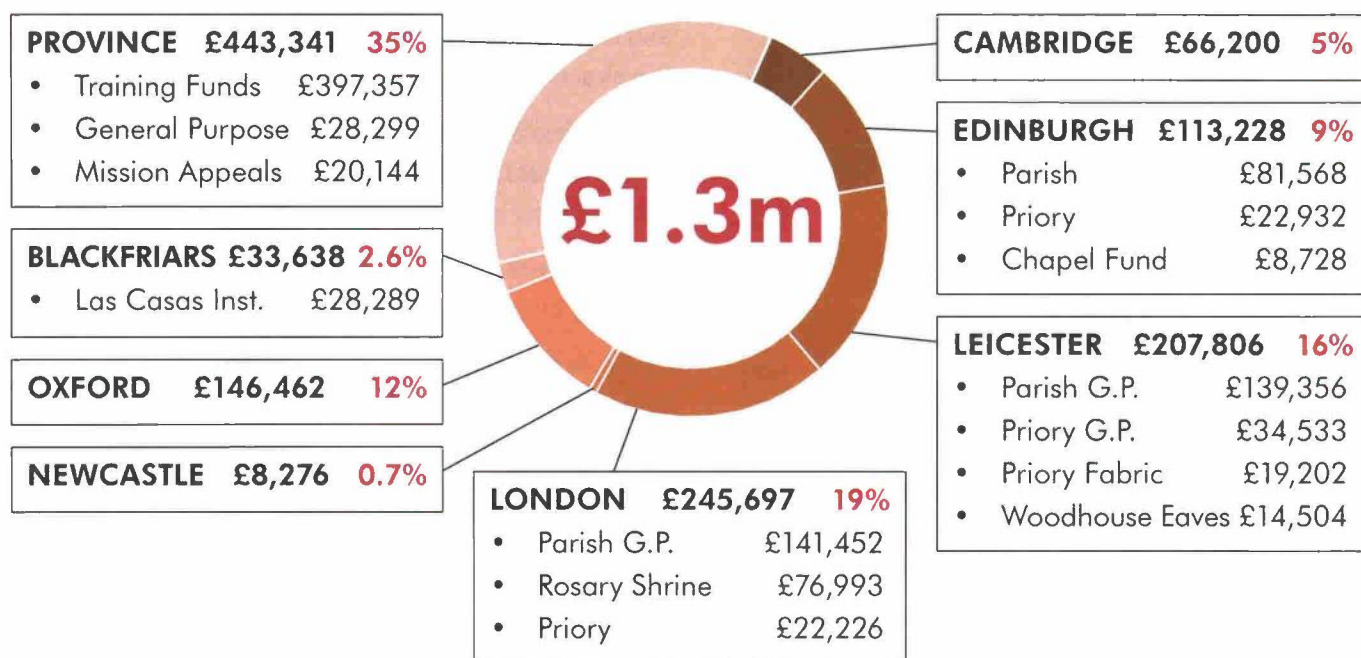
Leaving aside restricted funds and legacies, 2017 saw significant rises in 'ordinary' voluntary income, a clear sign that fundraising success is not restricted to the Training Fund and other higher-profile campaigns but is filtering down to create a higher level of individual giving. This is partly from the promotion of committed regular giving. This change has had an important impact in making sustainable the local mission of our priories, most notably in Leicester.



One notable effect of the work of the Development Office has been an increased ability to understand and relate to our donors as individuals. Through the promotion of Gift Aid and through greater individual engagement via events, communications and appeals, we have not only broadened our donor base but are also shifting somewhat away from the anonymous mass-response of collections-based fundraising towards donations by identifiable individuals. Collections will never be done away with, but being able to understand the giving history of individual donors benefits not just the charity but also the donors, who can be personally thanked and communicated with in a more appropriate way.

Fundraising Performance – 2017

Voluntary Income (exc. legacies)



Legacies



The friars express their gratitude to all who have helped sustain our mission this year through their generous giving. We would especially like to mark the contributions of:

Legacies: Josie Bermingham, John Blythe, James Fleming, Mary Hodges, P. Love, Cornelia Starks. *R.I.P.*

Grants: Capuchin Franciscan Friars, Charlotte Marshall Charitable Trust, Hobson Charity Limited, Mrs. L. D. Rope Third Charitable Settlement, The Columba Trust, The Forte Charitable Trust, The Huntly and Margery Sinclair Charitable Trust, The Lady Marian Gibson Trust, The Mallinckrodt Foundation, Van Neste Foundation, White Oak Charitable Trust.

Individuals: The donor whose six-figure gift allowed us to achieve the target for the Training Fund campaign.

Details of the Charity, Trustees, Advisors

NAME OF CHARITY	The English Province of the Order of Preachers
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	231192 (England and Wales) SC039062 (Scotland)
ALSO KNOWN AS	The Dominicans
PRINCIPAL OFFICE	Blackfriars, St Giles, OXFORD. OX1 3LY
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WEBSITE	https://english.op.org/

Structure, Governance & Management

INTRODUCTION

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2017. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 47 and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The Trustees are aware of the early adoption by the charity of the Charities SORP (FRS 102) issued in July 2014, rather than applying the Charities 2005 SORP which has been withdrawn but is still referred to in the extant Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. This departure has been necessary for the financial statement to show a true and fair view in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accountancy Practice effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

The English Province of the Order of Preachers is one of forty or so provinces of the Friars of the Order of Preachers, a religious order in the Catholic Church. The Order of Preachers was founded by St Dominic in the thirteenth century for the purpose of preaching, teaching and pastoral work in collaboration with the bishops. Members of the Order are often known as 'Dominicans', after their founder. The life of the friars is founded on the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience to which they bind themselves by vow, and is characterised by prayer, study and community life. Most of the friars are also ordained priests.

As part of the Catholic Church, the Order of Preachers is bound to the Church's Canon Law, especially as contained in the 1983 *Codex Iuris Canonici* (Code of Canon Law, hereafter *CIC*), and to the legitimate precepts of the Holy See and the Roman Pontiff. It is

also bound by the laws of the dioceses in which it works, and of the Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales and of Scotland.

The Order has its own internal law contained in the *Liber Constitutionum et Ordinationum Fratrum Ordinis Praedicatorum* (Book of Constitutions and Ordinations of the Friars of the Order of Preachers, hereafter *LCO*). The General Chapter of the Order and the Master of the Order have authority, in accordance with canonical norms, over all the provinces, priories and friars of the Order.

The English Province, in addition to the above-mentioned norms, has its own canonical governing document, the 'Statute of the Province'. The Province is governed by the Provincial Chapter and by the Prior Provincial. The Provincial Chapter is a meeting of friars representing the Province which takes place every four years; its object is to 'discuss and make decisions about all that pertains to the fraternal and apostolic life and the good administration of the province' (*LCO* 351 §I). The Provincial Chapter can make changes to the Statute of the Province as well as make other ordinations concerning the governance of the Province and its priories. The Provincial Chapter elects the Prior Provincial (major superior), who governs the Province until the following Provincial Chapter.

The Prior Provincial is assisted by the Provincial Council, composed of senior officers of the Province and other members elected by the Provincial Chapter. On major financial matters the Prior Provincial and Provincial Council are advised by the Economic Council of the Province, whose members are appointed by the Provincial Chapter and which is chaired by the Provincial Bursar.

The Province is made up of a number of priories, which are local communities of friars with a large degree of self-government according to the norms of Canon Law and the internal law of the Order and the Province. The priory is 'the fundamental unit of the Order' (*LCO* 1 §VII), and the principal place where the educational and

pastoral mission of the Order is pursued. Priors (local superiors) are normally elected by the members of their priory for three-year terms. Each priory is engaged in a variety of ministerial work, often centred on parish churches or university chaplaincies. Two priories are especially but not exclusively dedicated to the formation and training of priests and friars. The Prior Provincial and his Council have responsibility for the collaboration of the various priories, for the support of provincial projects and for the establishment, maintenance and enforcement of common policy, including those involving major financial issues.

The Charity consider that the members of the Provincial Council comprise the key management personnel, in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day-to-day basis. The Prior Provincial and three other members of the Provincial Council are Directors of the Trustee Corporation, as listed on p. 29. Other members of the Provincial Council are members of the Trustee Corporation. All trustees, and all other members of the Provincial Council, give of their time freely and no remuneration was paid to any of them in the year. Details of trustee expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in notes 9 and 10 to the accounts.

The individual friars make profession of a vow of obedience, encompassing also the other 'evangelical counsels' of poverty and chastity. As a result of the profession of poverty, all that is acquired in virtue of the work or activity of a friar belongs to the friar's priory (CIC 668 §3; LCO 546). Once a friar has made definitive or 'solemn' profession, any income whatsoever that comes to the friar belongs to his priory or the Province (LCO 546, 548). This arrangement is given civil effect by means of a 'Deed of Disposer' in favour of the Charity made by each friar at the time of his solemn profession. Alongside the profession of poverty by the friars, there is a corresponding obligation on the Order to provide its members 'with everything that is necessary to fulfil the purpose of their vocation' (CIC 670).

The Dominican friars share a spirituality and mission with other branches of the 'Dominican family': nuns, sisters, members of secular institutes and fraternities of priests and laity (cf. LCO 1 §IX).

NATURE AND CONSTITUTION OF THE CHARITY

In order to allow for the general administration and financial maintenance of the members, priories and works of the Province, **the Province Trust** was established by Trust Deed in 1930, modified by a deed of partial revocation in 1945. Its registered objects are 'the promotion of education and the Roman Catholic religion and the establishment and maintenance of schools, churches and priories for these purposes and the upkeep of members of the Order of Preachers.' Under the name 'The English Province of the Order of Preachers', the Province Trust is registered as a charity in England and Wales, no. 231192, and in Scotland, no. SC039062.

The sole trustee of the Charity is the Dominican Council, a company limited by guarantee and governed in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Dominican Council was incorporated on 25 May 1944, no. 387818. Its registered office is Blackfriars, St Giles, OXFORD OX1 3LY.

The chairman *ex officio* of the Corporation and its Committee is the Prior Provincial, at present the Very Rev. fr. Martin Ganeri OP. According to its Articles of Association, 'any Roman Catholic Priest of the English Province of the Order of Preachers' (art. 6) is qualified to be a member of the Corporation. Three members of the Corporation are elected by the Corporation to serve on its Committee alongside the Prior Provincial. The members of the Committee function as the directors of the Corporation and as 'Charity Trustees' in the sense of s177 of the Charities Act 2011.

RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Province has a wealth of experience among its friars, who have spent years pursuing the Province's mission and the Charity's objects by means of educational and pastoral work. Many of the friars have also served as administrators at a local level, holding offices such as prior, parish priest or bursar. The Provincial Chapter therefore has a rich pool of competent and proficient friars to draw upon when it elects the Prior Provincial and the Provincial Council.

The normal practice of the Dominican Council is to elect new members of the Corporation from the Provincial Council, and so in turn it is from among these experienced friars that the Committee is elected. As a result, the Charity Trustees, i.e. the members of the Committee of the Dominican Council, are friars of proven prudence and experience with detailed knowledge of the Charity's work and structure.

The solemnly professed friars have no personal income or property; anything that comes to them is acquired for the Order, which in turn is obliged to support all its members, providing them with 'everything that is necessary to fulfil the purpose of their vocation' (*CIC* 670). Hence the object of the Charity includes 'the upkeep of members of the Order of Preachers'. The members of the Committee of the Dominican Council therefore benefit from the activity of the Charity, but they do so in their capacity as members of the Order of Preachers, not as a result of being Charity Trustees.

TRAINING OF CHARITY TRUSTEES

New members of the Committee of the Dominican Council are very experienced in the work of the Province and its administration. As superiors and administrators they are already well-acquainted with the governing documents of the Order. New members of the Committee are provided with latest version the Charity Commission's publication 'The Essential Trustee: What you need to know, what you need to do' and the OSCR publication 'Guidance for Charity Trustees'. Trustees are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the other resources for Charity Trustees provided by the Charity Commission, OSCR and other sources. All Charity Trustees are provided with appropriate briefings from the Charity's professional advisors concerning their responsibilities and when this is pertinent to any decisions that have to be made by the Charity Trustees. Members of the Committee of the Dominican Council attend meetings of the Association of Provincial Bursars and seminars for Charity Trustees organised by professional advisors.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION-MAKING

The Charity is structured internally as local priories in accordance with the laws of the Order of the Preachers contained in *LCO*. These norms, together with those of the Province itself, set out requirements for financial administration and reporting, investment, property acquisition and maintenance for the Province and for each priory, and also the limits to the powers of priors and of the Prior Provincial. In particular:

- A prior, on his own, may authorise expenditure, alienation or liabilities up to the value of £4,000; with the consent of the priory council, he may authorise expenditure, alienation or liabilities up to the value of £10,000; in larger priories where the council is distinct from the priory chapter (cf. *LCO* 315-bis; 333), a prior with the consent of his council may authorise expenditure etc. up to the value of £20,000.
- The Prior Provincial, on his own, may authorise expenditure, alienation or liabilities up to the value of £30,000; he requires the advice of the Economic Council of the Province and the consent of the Provincial Council in order to authorise expenditure, alienation or liabilities exceeding this amount. In each such case, the Prior Provincial and the Provincial Council must determine whether the matter requires an act of the Trustee Corporation.
- The annual accounts and budget of each priory are sent to the Prior Provincial (*LCO* 563) and submitted for examination by the Provincial Council (*LCO* 564), the Economic Council of the Province and the Trustee Corporation.

The limits mentioned here are reviewed every four years by the Provincial Chapter.

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF SCOTTISH ACTIVITIES

The priories in Scotland are managed locally in the same way as priories in England, under the supervision of the Prior Provincial and the Provincial Council assisted by the Economic Council. The Trustees take the view that local governance structures are adequate and

appropriate without an additional layer of governance specifically for Scotland.

RELATIONSHIP WITH A WIDER NETWORK

The Province is part of the Order of Preachers and of the Catholic Church. It operates in accordance with the teaching and laws of the Catholic Church, and the manner in which it realises its object, 'the promotion of education and the Roman Catholic religion', is influenced by the priorities identified by the Church and by the Order of Preachers internationally.

RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER CHARITIES AND ORGANISATIONS

The Charity is closely related to the **Hoper Dixon Trust** (registered charity no. 231160). Under the terms of a Scheme of 20 July 2006, that Trust exists 'for the benefit of the poor connected with or in the neighbourhood of any house or pastoral centre under the direction of the Dominicans of the English Province of the Order of Preachers'.

The Province also co-operates in the mission of the **Catholic Dioceses** in whose territory members of the Province work. Six parishes and chaplaincies to eight universities are entrusted to the Province.

The Charity co-operates fraternally in a number of projects with **other branches of the Dominican family** (Congregations of Dominican Sisters, Dominican Secular Institute and Lay Dominican fraternities) active in Great Britain. The Province recently co-operated in the establishment of a Priestly Confraternity of St Dominic, and remains closely involved in its development and expansion.

The Province operates Blackfriars Hall, Oxford, a Permanent Private Hall of the **University of Oxford**. The Hall co-operates with the University, Colleges and other Halls in furthering its educational objective. There is also co-operation with **other religious institutes** in training candidates for the priesthood and in providing theological formation for other religious. The Hall is developing a research collaboration with the **Anscombe Bioethics Centre**, registered charity no. 274327. Members of the congregations at two of the Province's priories run

overseas aid charities: the **Blackfriars Overseas Aid Trust** (registered charity no. 288585) based in Oxford and the **Jean Grove Trust** (registered charity 1109593) based in Cambridge. The Province is happy to promote and support these works.

The Order's presence in Grenada and Barbados is canonically dependent on the Province. Though the presence there is not part of the Province Charity, from time to time the Charity is able to make grants for the work of the Order in the Caribbean.

RISK

The trustees review annually the principal risks to which the charity is exposed, and the strategies and procedures in place to mitigate those risks. The trustees consider that the major risks can be categorised under four headings: operational, financial, reputational and regulatory. Listed below are the main risks in each category, along with the principal ways in which they are mitigated.

OPERATIONAL

The activities of the charity are highly dependent upon those friars who are responsible for their management, often with little or no professional lay assistance. For this reason there is a risk that our ministries may suffer from lack of direction, poor management and inefficiencies. It can happen that a particular friar is overburdened with responsibilities leading to stress and reduced effectiveness. To mitigate this, the trustees and especially the Prior Provincial regularly review the work of each entity of the Province, ensuring that those responsible for our works are provided with the practical and moral support required. The Province has also instituted regular meetings between the Provincial and local superiors, to offer support and share best practice. The recent decision to withdraw from our work in Durham and to substantially reduce our presence in and commitment to Glasgow (see page 5) was taken in part to ensure that the remaining communities could be sustained properly with enough friars to maintain and strengthen our ministries. The Province maintains its commitment to ensuring that friars who are experiencing emotional or psychological difficulties are provided with appropriate professional help.

The charity is responsible for the care of a number of elderly friars. As at 30 September 2017 there were 14 friars over 70, of whom 9 were over 80. Like all of the friars, these men have no resources of their own as all earnings, pensions and other income have been donated to the charity. As far as possible older brothers continue to live in community, though where appropriate residential nursing care places are found. The Province remains committed to designating all pensions income to the Designated Sick Fund (see page 37), which covers the cost of residential care but also funds home nursing care where appropriate, as well as works in priories designed to make them more suitable for elderly and infirm brothers.

The on-going work of the charity requires that young men continue to present themselves to join the Order, and that these men be properly formed and educated for our ministries. Many religious orders in the UK have seen very low or even non-existent levels of recruitment for a number of years leading to a severely ageing demographic profile and the abandonment of numbers of ministries. The Province has committed one of its ablest young priests to work full-time as Promoter and Director of Vocations, and over the last two years ten men entered the noviciate, an unusually high number. The Province is also committed to ensuring that its friars receive the best possible intellectual, spiritual and pastoral formation.

FINANCIAL

The charity's principal assets comprise listed investments, the value of and income from which are dependent on movements in UK and world markets. A substantial long-term loss of value of these investments would threaten the long-term financial viability of the Province, and any significant reduction in investment income would cause financial difficulties even in the short term. To mitigate this, the investments are managed by reputable investment managers who adhere to a policy agreed by the trustees. The performance of investments and our investment strategy are assessed regularly by the Economic Council of the Province, aided by a lay expert, to ensure that our investments remain appropriate to the charity's needs (see further page 39).

The financial review shows that 72% of the income to the charity was voluntary income, and although this is unusually high because of exceptional legacy income, as discussed below, typically the amount is close to 50%, and any significant fall in this income could threaten the continued operations of the charity. The Development Office, under the leadership of a lay professional Development Director, with the co-operation of all friars, ensures that the Province and individual priories maintain excellent relationships with existing donors and takes the lead in seeking out and cultivating potential new sources of support. The work of the Development Office is supervised by a committee comprised of friars and lay people with appropriate expertise.

Our operations involve very large numbers of financial transactions including significant amounts of cash, bringing with it the obvious risk of fraud, theft or loss. The Province has a well-established set of 'Norms for Economic and Administrative Practice' which impose appropriate procedures for cash-handling and for the management of bank payments etc. , and the Provincial Bursar visits priories regularly to support local bursars and other friars in adhering to these procedures and other good practices. The Province decided at its recent Chapter to substantially reduce the levels of expenditure that can be made without a second authorised signature.

The operation of Blackfriars Hall and Studium is at particular financial risk, depending as heavily as it does upon numbers of students. The Regent and other moderators of the Hall engage in visits to the USA to seek additional students, and the Hall is developing with the Development Director a fundraising strategy emphasising student scholarships and support for Studium teaching with a view to providing Blackfriars with a more solid financial base in the years to come.

REPUTATIONAL

Friars and some other volunteers working with the friars, by the nature of our activities, inevitably often operate with little immediate supervision and often in positions of considerable pastoral responsibility and trust. Mistakes and misjudgements especially by friars in such positions can lead to harm to the reputation

of the whole Province. The trustees consider that the greatest risk to the reputation of the charity in terms of severity of outcome, though not of likelihood, comes from allegations of abuse by friars of children or vulnerable adults: even where these allegations are historical in nature and relate to long-deceased friars, and even where they are unfounded, they can be deeply harmful to the reputation, local and national, of the Province, its ministries and its friars. The Province works closely with the Catholic Church Insurance Association, the Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service and the Safeguarding Co-ordinator of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham to deal with any such allegations in accordance with the safeguarding policy of the Catholic Church in England & Wales. A member of the Provincial Council is the Province's Safeguarding Co-ordinator, and he is responsible for ensuring that all friars are familiar with, and practise, this safeguarding policy, again in association with the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Lay people volunteer as local safeguarding representatives at each location.

The trustees also recognise the potential for reputational damage that may result from operational failures mentioned in the first paragraph of this section, and this risk is mitigated as detailed there.

REGULATORY

The trustees are keenly aware of the need to comply with relevant laws, including but not limited to those governing employment, health & safety at work, immigration and data protection, and the potential consequences of failures in this regard. The Provincial Bursar, assisted by the Economic Council of the Province, the Development Director and professional experts, takes the lead in compliance, and is aided in this regard by training sessions provided by the Association of Provincial Bursars. Each site within the Province is visited at least once a year by a professional Health & Safety advisor, to ensure that our sites are not only compliant with the Health & Safety at Work, etc. Act (1974) and related regulations, but also provide good working and living environments for the friars. The Trustees have worked in close co-operation with the Development Director, the University of Oxford, and other religious orders, and with advice from the Charity's solicitors and auditors, to prepare for the enactment of the General Data Protection Regulation in May 2018.

Public Benefit

The Charity Trustees have read the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and the specific guidance for charities whose objects include Education and the advancement of Religion. The Charity Trustees have taken note of the Charity Commission's advice of October 2015 concerning public benefit and fee-charging in relation to educational charities. The Charity Trustees have paid due regard to the Commission's guidance, and all who make decisions about the activities the Charity undertakes are concerned to ensure that a real religious or educational benefit is provided to a broad range of people.

The priories of the Province all celebrate liturgy which is open to the public, and the friars are available to any members of the public who wish to consult them about matters of faith and the spiritual life. The priory churches are open to the public for most of the day, and many people avail themselves of the opportunity for quiet prayer or reflection. No charge is made for admission to the churches or to religious services (cf. *CIC*, c. 1221). Offerings are customarily made on the occasion of celebration of certain rites (e.g. baptisms, marriages and funerals), but Canon Law requires that those who are not able to make an offering are not thereby excluded (*CIC*, c. 848 and c. 1181). Some charges may be made for other activities (e.g. participation

in pilgrimages); the Hoper Dixon Trust, a connected charity, is in some cases able to assist with these costs.

The main educational centre of the Province, located at Blackfriars in Oxford, welcomes applications to study from any suitably qualified student. Blackfriars Hall charges fees at the level prevalent among Oxford colleges, and students are eligible for public funding in the same way as other students in higher education. The Hall is aware that public funding is not available to assist all who would benefit from studying in Oxford, especially those wishing to study for a second undergraduate degree or a postgraduate qualification. The Hall continues actively seeking funds to broaden access, having almost exhausted funds available for scholarships to students in the previous reporting period. Members of the public who are not students at Oxford may attend lectures and classes at Blackfriars on application; a small fee is normally charged, but is waived in cases of financial hardship. Blackfriars Hall and many of the priories and parishes arrange for public lectures and talks which are free of charge.

The Charity Trustees consider that the achievements and performance of the Charity demonstrate success in providing benefit to a broad public.

Provision for Sick and Elderly Friars

As of 30 September 2017, 14 friars of the Province (19%) in Great Britain were aged 70 or over, of whom nine (12%) were 80 or over. Although most of these brothers continue to be active and enjoy reasonable health, the Charity Trustees are concerned to ensure that adequate provision is made for the care of older brothers and of any other sick brothers. The Charity maintains a Sick Fund for this purpose, of which details are given in the Financial Review and Statement of Financial Activities. At the end of the reporting period, one brother was in a nursing home (2016: one), and another in sheltered accommodation, and it is not unlikely that this number will rise, so the Trustees continue to ensure that such provision is affordable whenever necessary; while the provision and level of funds is adequate for current needs, the Charity Trustees are aware that demands could increase substantially in future years.

All pension income is designated for the Sick Fund, which at the end of the period stood at £3,487k (2016: £3,228k). While the income from this fund currently suffices, the Charity Trustees are concerned that the Sick Fund should continue to be increased to ensure that likely future demands can be met.

Priorities are also concerned to keep constantly under review their provision for disabled and infirm brothers and as necessary to make various adaptations and improvements. In the current reporting period the Priory in Cambridge has completed the installation of a wheelchair-adapted lift to allow disabled brothers as well as members of the congregation to move more easily between floor, and the project was partly subsidised from the Sick Fund; works to improve bathrooms for the care of elderly and infirm brothers in the Leicester Priory are being planned.

Investment Performance

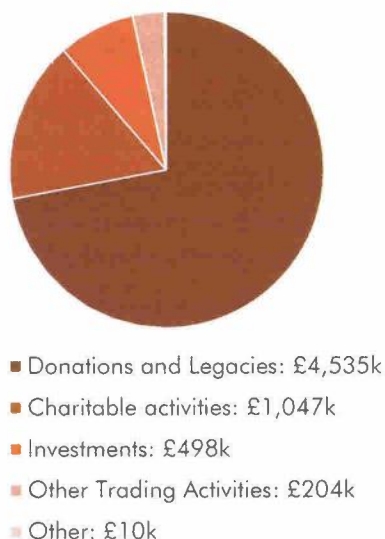
The Charity's investments had a market value of £16,143k (2016: £14,327k) at the end of the reporting period. The market value of investments with Smith & Williamson was £6,444k (2016: £5,753k), and these represent the value of the Designated Sick Fund and the Designated Training Funds. The Province also held units of Charifaith to the value of £8,449k (2016: £7,224k). In view of low interest rates, the Charity has continued to seek to minimise cash holdings, consistent with

ensuring sufficient liquidity for medium-term spending. At 30 September 2017, £1,250k (2016: £1,349k) was directly held in cash funds, comprising 7.7% of total investment assets (2016: 9.4%). Income from cash funds over the year was £4,248 (2016: £1,733), an improved but still unsurprisingly low figure.

Further details of these investments may be found in note 6 to the Financial Statements.

Financial Review

*Figure 1:
Incoming Resources*



FUNDING SOURCES AND INCOMING RESOURCES

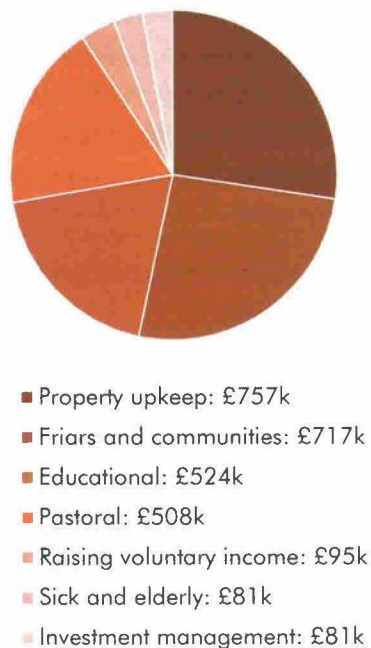
Total incoming resources for the year to 30 September 2017 were £6,294k (2016: £3,327k), an increase of 89.2%. The bulk of this unusually large increase is attributable to an unexpected legacy of £2.9m (see note 1a below), leading total donations and legacies income to rise by £2,915k or 180%. Donations and gifts also rose to £1,188k (2016: £1,146k) and pensions income to £158k (2016: £122k), helping to offset a £187k drop in grants income following the conclusion of two rounds of grant-making applications in support of the training funds campaign and the Rosary Shrine in London.

Income from listed investments grew by 15.7% to £498k (2016: £431k) as the Province found itself able to add to investment holdings, and performance of investments held up well.

Income from charitable activities fell very slightly, by 0.6%, attributable to the fact that a large pilgrimage that took place in 2016, for which pilgrims made payments, was not repeated. This drop in ministerial services income was almost compensated for by an increase in educational services income to £489k (2016: £457k) due to larger numbers of students at Blackfriars Hall.

More details on incoming resources are given in note 1 to the financial statements (p.50); cf Figure 1. See also the Fundraising Review, pp. 27–28.

*Figure 2:
Resources Expended*



RESOURCES EXPENDED

Resources expended totalled £2,762k (2016: £2,710k) during the year, an increase of 1.9%.

The cost of educational activities fell slightly from £541k to £524k (3%) despite higher student fee income at Blackfriars Hall, principally because the Province was no longer covering substantial costs of two student friars studying in the USA. Expenditure on pastoral activities rose from £446k to £508k (14%), attributable to higher levels of activity related to the Rosary Shrine in London.

The cost of upkeep of buildings rose from £647k to £757k, due to the continued high cost of maintaining the Province's historic properties, notably in 2016 on the roofs of Oxford Priory, alongside renewal works especially in Oxford and Leicester. Despite stable numbers, the cost of maintaining the friars and communities fell from £822k to £717k, a drop of 12.8% due to across-the-board savings on friars' personal expenditure and food costs, while the cost of caring for sick and elderly friars fell slightly to £81k.

Finally, costs of raising voluntary income rose slightly to £95k from £88k due to salary increases; however, this figure represents only 2% of voluntary income (donations and legacies excluding pensions income).

For more details see note 2 to the financial statements (p.51) and cf figure 2.

Funds & Investments

INVESTMENT POLICY AND OBJECTIVES

The Charity's investment policy is set by the Trustees, after regular consultation with the Province's Economic Council and professional investment managers. The principal objective is the maximisation of returns, seeking capital growth but also a steady and, where possible, growing level of income. The Charity Trustees are concerned to manage risk and therefore maintain and review periodically, with the assistance of the Province's Economic Council and professional advisors, a high degree of diversification in the Charity's investment assets, whether held directly or through a common investment fund.

In keeping with the objects of the Charity and the teachings of the Catholic Church, the following policy is stated in the Statute of the Province: 'Investments shall be avoided in companies a significant proportion of whose activities are contrary to the moral teachings of the Catholic Church, including but not limited to those relating to sanctity of life, care for the environment, and justice and peace.' This applies both to direct investments and to those through a common investment fund.

POLICY ON RESERVES

The laws of the Order oblige the Province to ensure that funds are available to support central administration, common projects (e.g. publishing, archives, libraries), the care of sick and elderly friars, and the formation of student friars. The Charity continues to maintain a high level of reserves in order to meet these obligations. The Charity Trustees also ensure that the level of reserves held is adequate to respond to unexpected financial needs, and to be able to commit to new apostolic projects when possible. Such a level of reserves is required because of the very large potential demands made by the ownership of the priories and churches necessary to meet the requirements of the Charity's objects, many of which are listed buildings. It might not always be possible to meet urgent needs out of branch funds. The high level of reserves also produce an income for central activities, allowing contributions from branch funds to central province funds to be kept down.

The Charity Trustees' view is that an amount equal to a minimum of four months' total expenditure (i.e. £905k over the reporting period) should be held as free reserves.

The Charity Trustees continue to aim for an increasing level of reserves designated for the purpose of providing for the needs of older or infirm friars and the formation of novices and student friars. The Charity Trustees continue to maintain designated funds as capital funds which generate sufficient income necessary for the Province to be able to satisfy its obligations under the laws of the Order and to meet annual expenditure requirements in these priority areas.

RESERVES AND DESIGNATED FUNDS

The balance sheet shows total unrestricted funds of £10,194k (2016: £8,904k). The Province General Purpose fund accounts for £2,704k (2016: £2,528k), of which £2,565k (2016: £2,516k) are free reserves (i.e. excluding fixed assets held for charity use). This level of free reserves represents eleven months' total expenditure by the Charity.

Designated funds make up the remaining £7,490k (2016: £6,375k) of unrestricted funds, the principal of which are:

Sick Fund: This holds a balance of £3,487k (2016: £3,229k) to provide care for sick and elderly friars. Income from the pensions of the friars is allocated to this fund. Despite a number of friars in residential care over the past few years, and works to provide accommodation in priories suitable for elderly and infirm friars, it has been possible to continue to build up the sick fund. While it is impossible to predict with accuracy the burden on this fund, the large number of older friars makes significant demands in the near future likely.

Student Training Fund: The Charity maintains a designated fund for the support of the friars' studies, which holds a balance of £2,857k (2016: £2,595k). The success of the appeal for the restricted training funds means that in the last two reporting periods it has not been necessary to spend significant amounts from these restricted funds.

Trustees' Responsibilities

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) regulations.

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales and Scotland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a. select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d. state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- e. prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the provisions of the trust deed, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the provisions of the Book of Constitutions and Ordinations of the Friars of the Order of Preachers. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Declaration

DECLARATION

The officers of the Trustee Corporation, The Dominican Council, declare that to the best of their knowledge the annual accounts of the English Province of the Order of Preachers have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the regulations and requirements of the province Trust Deed, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the provisions of the Book of Constitutions and Ordinations of the Friars of the Order of Preachers.

The officers of the Trustee Corporation who were in office on the date of approval of these financial statements have confirmed that, as far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditors are unaware. Each of the officers of the Trustee Corporation has confirmed that they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as an officer of the Trustee Corporation in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that it has been communicated to the auditor.

BY ORDER OF THE TRUSTEE



fr Richard Ounsworth OP
Secretary to the Dominican Council
6 June 2018

Auditor's Report

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ENGLISH PROVINCE OF THE ORDER OF PREACHERS

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of The English Province of The Order Of Preachers (the 'charity') for the year ended 30 September 2017 which comprise Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheets, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 30 September 2017 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Charities Act 2011.

BASIS FOR OPINION

We have been appointed auditors under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under those Acts.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's

responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

OTHER INFORMATION

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Charity Trustees' Report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material

misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Charities Act 2011 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Charity Trustees' Report is not consistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- proper and sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' responsibilities set out on page 40, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern

basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

USE OF OUR REPORT

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Charities Act 2011. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

RSM UK Audit LLP

Date: 19 June 2017

RSM UK Audit LLP, Statutory Auditor

The Pinnacle, 170 Midsummer Boulevard, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, MK9 1BP

RSM UK Audit LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended 30 September 2017

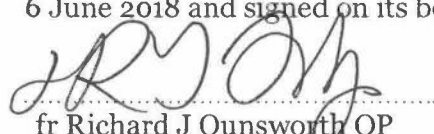
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2017 £	Restricted Funds 2017 £	Total Funds 2017 £	Unrestricted Funds 2016 £	Restricted Funds 2016 £	Total Funds 2016 £
INCOME FROM:							
Donations and Legacies		287,080	4,247,637	4,534,717	177,893	1,442,010	1,619,903
Other Trading Activities		76,861	127,162	204,023	72,832	134,722	207,554
Investment Income		327,037	171,218	498,255	270,182	160,468	430,650
Income from Charitable Activities		56,468	990,640	1,047,108	76,074	977,052	1,053,126
Other		120	10,002	10,122	4,006	11,705	15,711
TOTAL INCOME	1	747,566	5,546,659	6,294,225	600,987	2,725,957	3,326,944
EXPENDITURE ON:							
Raising funds							
Costs of raising voluntary income		90,868	3,790	94,658	76,832	11,430	88,262
Investment management costs		80,579	-	80,579	81,028	-	81,028
Charitable Activities		451,965	2,134,919	2,586,884	497,918	2,042,381	2,540,299
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2	623,412	2,138,709	2,762,121	655,778	2,053,811	2,709,589
GAINS/(LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS	5	549,684	514,086	1,063,770	882,359	459,596	1,341,955
Net income		673,838	3,922,036	4,595,874	827,568	1,131,742	1,959,310
TRANSFERS							
Transfers between funds	11	615,952	(615,952)	-	100,390	(100,390)	-
Net movement in funds		1,289,790	3,306,084	4,595,874	927,958	1,031,352	1,959,310
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS							
Total funds brought forward 1 October 2016		8,903,869	11,297,351	20,201,220	7,975,911	10,265,999	18,241,910
Total funds carried forward 30 September 2017	12	10,193,659	14,603,435	24,797,094	8,903,869	11,297,351	20,201,220


BALANCE SHEET

for the year ended 30 September 2017

	Notes	2017 £	2016 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	5	5,626,399	5,595,346
Investments	6	16,143,267	14,327,392
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		21,769,666	19,922,738
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	3,061,515	355,429
Current accounts		234,030	428,423
Cash in hand		4,321	4,410
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		3,299,866	788,262
LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(272,438)	(509,780)
Net current assets		3,027,428	278,482
NET ASSETS		24,797,094	20,201,220
FUNDS			
Restricted funds			
Branch funds		9,476,247	7,969,985
Province restricted funds		5,127,188	3,327,366
Total restricted funds		14,603,435	11,297,351
Unrestricted funds			
Province general purpose		2,703,791	2,528,375
Province designated		7,489,868	6,375,494
Total unrestricted funds		10,193,659	8,903,869
TOTAL FUNDS	12	24,797,094	20,201,220

The financial statements on pages 44 to 61 were approved by the Trustee, authorised for issue on 6 June 2018 and signed on its behalf by:


fr Richard J Ounsworth OP


fr Simon Gain OP

} Directors of Trustee Corporation

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the year ended 30 September 2017

	2017	2016
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net movement in funds	4,595,874	1,959,310
Depreciation charges	319,310	315,181
(Gains)/losses on investments	(1,063,770)	(1,341,955)
(Profit)/Loss on disposal of fixed assets	(2,083)	(3,543)
Dividends and interest from investments	(498,255)	(430,650)
(Increase) in debtors	(2,706,086)	91,928
Increase in creditors	(237,342)	47,083
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	407,648	637,354
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Dividends and interest from investments	498,255	430,650
Purchase of property and equipment	(351,425)	(213,200)
Proceeds from disposal of PPE	3,145	3,543
Purchase of investments	(1,452,105)	(1,246,056)
Proceeds from sale of investments	700,000	650,000
NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(602,130)	(375,063)
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN THE YEAR	(194,482)	262,291
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	432,833	170,542
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	238,351	432,833
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Current Accounts	234,030	428,423
Cash in hand	4,321	4,410
	238,351	432,833

Accounting Policies

BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ASSESSMENT OF GOING CONCERN

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2015, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing these accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (the Charities SORP (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2015) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005, which has since been withdrawn.

The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

FIXED ASSETS

Functional property is capitalised at cost except in the case of historic property for which no cost information is available. Such property has been capitalised using the derived cost method based on insurance replacement value and retail price index. The year the property was built is used for this purpose and as such enhanced expenditure is also incorporated into cost.

Tangible fixed assets are being depreciated over their useful economic lives. The following rates are used:

Historic Property: over expected useful lives between 10 and 371 years

Other Freehold Property: over expected useful lives between 10 and 50 years

Motor Vehicles: over 4 years on a straight-line basis

Fixtures and Fittings: over 4 years on a straight-line basis

Assets are reviewed for impairment when evidence of such impairment arises.

Expenditure on tangible items is not capitalised where it is less than £2,500 or where the view is taken that it is incapable of providing any future economic benefit to the Charity.

WORKS OF ART AND HISTORIC TREASURES

Individual works of art, historic treasures and plate are not capitalised as a valuation is not considered practical. Such items as are in the possession of the Charity were created for use in religious worship or devotion and continue to be used for these purposes. The Charity maintains stewardship by keeping a full inventory and has no intention of disposing of any of the works of art, historic treasures and plate so long as this use continues.

INVESTMENTS

All investments are valued at their market value at the balance sheet date. It is considered that market value best represents a true and fair view of the value of these assets to the Charity.

Gains and losses on disposal of the investments are treated as realised. Gains and losses on the revaluation of investments are treated as unrealised. Both are recorded in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Investment management fees are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when incurred.

FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of ruling at the date of transaction. All differences are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

LIABILITIES

Liabilities are recorded in the financial statements when the Trustees have made a commitment to acquire goods or services.

DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

Donations and legacies are accounted for in accordance with the requirements of the SORP (being entitlement, probability and measurement). Legacies are considered receivable once the value of the legacy has been determined and probate has been granted. Legacies received by friars of the Province, who have signed Deeds of Disponsor in favour of The Dominican Council, are classified as legacy income.

Donated assets and services are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when a reliable estimate of the value to the charity can be readily obtained.

GRANTS RECEIVABLE

Grants receivable are accounted for in accordance with the terms of the grant, and are recognised when the

conditions for receipt have been complied with.

PENSIONS RECEIVABLE

Pension income for professed members of the Order is accounted for when it is receivable.

ACTIVITIES FOR RAISING FUNDS

Fundraising, publications and other similar income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the relevant amount of income becomes receivable or the item has been sold.

Property rental income is accounted for when it is receivable in accordance with the terms of the relevant agreements.

INVESTMENT INCOME

Investment income is accounted for when notified by the Charity's investment portfolio manager. Deposit interest is accounted for on a receivable basis. Interest received on cash held with investment managers is accounted for as investment income.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

The costs of charitable activities are accounted for when they become payable. They include apportioned support costs.

SUPPORT AND GOVERNANCE COSTS

Within this heading are incorporated management and administration costs, and any other costs not directly constitutive of charitable activity, generation of funds or governance. Where support costs are attributable to a particular charitable activity, they are allocated to that activity. General support costs are apportioned on the basis of the direct costs of each activity.

NATIONAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FRIARS

The Province pays voluntary (class 3) national insurance contributions for friars when these will count towards the provision of State Pension. These costs are recognised at the end of the tax year in which HM

Revenue and Customs issues notice of a gap in National Insurance Contributions.

RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. The amount charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in respect of pension costs is the contributions payable in the year.

TAXATION

The English Province of the Order of Preachers is a registered charity and as such its income and gains falling within Sections 518 to 564 of the Income Taxes Act 2007 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 are exempt from income tax and capital gains tax to the extent that they are applied to charitable objectives.

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Restricted funds can only be applied for a particular purpose. Most restricted funds of the charity are 'branch funds', restricted to use for the particular purposes of a branch of the charity (a priory, a parish or Blackfriars Hall) while that branch continues in existence. Some branch funds have more specific designations; others have further restrictions that would have to be respected even in the event of a branch ceasing to operate.

There are also central restricted funds, the principal of which are:

- Training Funds – to support training of student friars of the Order;
- Historic Property Fund – comprising the Historic Property Fixed Assets (see 'Fixed Assets' above);
- Mission Funds – to support various missions of the Order.

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

The unrestricted funds of the Charity comprise general purpose funds and designated funds. General purpose funds are retained to cover future direct charitable costs, general support costs, and investment management costs.

Designated funds are those parts of the Charity's unrestricted funds designated by the Trustees to be used for particular purposes in the future. The Trustees have the power to reallocate such funds. The principal designated funds are:

- Study Funds – representing amounts designated for expenditure on students' study costs.
- Sick Funds – representing amounts designated for expenditure on the care of sick and elderly friars.

CONNECTED CHARITY

The Hoper Dixon Trust is considered to be a connected charity because the Dominican Council is one of the Trustees. The Trust's accounts are not consolidated within those of the English Province of the Order of Preachers because in the opinion of the officers of the Dominican Council the Order does not have control of the Trust.

The Trust's Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet are given in notes 16 and 17 respectively.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Charity only has financial instruments and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. ANALYSIS OF INCOME

ANALYSIS OF INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds 2017 £	Restricted Funds 2017 £	Total Funds 2017 £	Unrestricted Funds 2016 £	Restricted Funds 2016 £	Total Funds 2016 £
INCOME						
Donations and Legacies						
Donations and gifts	28,517	1,159,842	1,188,359	26,210	1,119,949	1,146,159
Legacies	101,000	3,011,505	3,112,505	29,906	58,906	88,812
Grants received	-	76,290	76,290	-	263,155	263,155
Pensions received	157,563	-	157,563	121,777	-	121,777
Total Donations and Legacies Income	287,080	4,247,637	4,534,717	177,893	1,442,010	1,619,903
Other Trading Activities						
Fundraising, publications etc.	8,266	9,367	17,633	7,950	13,660	21,610
Property	68,595	117,795	186,390	64,883	121,061	185,944
Total Other Trading Activities	76,861	127,162	204,023	72,833	134,721	207,554
Income from listed investments	327,037	171,218	498,255	270,182	160,468	430,650
Charitable Activities						
Ministerial services	38,142	519,938	558,080	58,130	537,764	595,894
Educational services	18,326	470,702	489,028	17,944	439,288	457,232
Total Income from Charitable Activities	56,468	990,640	1,047,108	76,074	977,052	1,053,126
OTHER INCOME	120	10,002	10,122	4,006	11,705	15,711
TOTAL INCOME	747,566	5,546,660	6,294,225	600,987	2,725,957	3,326,944

2. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2017 £	Restricted Funds 2017 £	Total Funds 2017 £	Unrestricted Funds 2016 £	Restricted Funds 2016 £	Total Funds 2016 £
COSTS OF RAISING FUNDS							
Costs of raising voluntary income		90,868	3,790	94,658	76,832	11,430	88,262
Investment management costs		80,579	-	80,579	81,028	-	81,028
Total costs of raising funds		171,447	3,790	175,237	157,860	11,430	169,290
EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES							
Educational	3	60,954	462,764	523,718	64,369	476,820	541,189
Pastoral works and projects		141,026	367,225	508,251	157,154	289,041	446,195
Care for sick and elderly friars		61,097	19,807	80,904	68,825	14,921	83,746
Property upkeep		118,994	637,670	756,664	109,783	536,903	646,686
Support of the friars and communities		69,894	647,453	717,347	97,787	724,696	822,483
Total charitable activities		451,965	2,134,919	2,586,884	497,918	2,042,381	2,540,299
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		623,412	2,138,709	2,762,121	655,778	2,053,811	2,709,589

3. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Educational £	Pastoral £	Sick & Elderly £	Property £	Friars & Communities £	Total £
CENTRAL SUPPORT COSTS						
Friars	12,728	12,353	1,966	18,389	17,434	62,870
Staff	13,352	12,958	2,063	19,291	18,289	65,953
General administration	7,400	7,181	1,143	10,692	10,136	36,552
Governance costs						
Audit fees	5,773	5,603	892	8,341	7,907	28,517
Legal fees	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other professional Fees	1,526	1,481	236	2,206	2,091	7,540
Total central support costs	40,779	39,576	6,300	58,919	55,857	201,431
BRANCH SUPPORT COSTS	149,068	18,451	-	-	76,822	244,341
TOTAL SUPPORT COSTS 2017	189,847	58,027	6,300	58,919	132,679	445,772
TOTAL SUPPORT COSTS 2016	186,419	49,598	6,250	48,262	127,164	417,693

Central support costs are apportioned to activities in proportion to directly incurred expenditure.

Branch support costs are allocated to the principal activity of the branch incurring the cost.

4. STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

	2017	2016
STAFF NUMBERS		
Average number of employees	20	21
Average number of FTE employees	11	11
Employees receiving emoluments in excess of £60,000	-	-
STAFF COSTS	£	£
Salaries/Wages	328,947	318,355
Employer's national insurance costs	23,772	22,113
Pension costs	28,625	26,182
Total Staff Costs	381,344	366,650

No remuneration is paid to the trustee corporation or its directors.

VOLUNTEER NUMBERS

Friars	75	83
Other volunteers	149	151
Total volunteers	224	234
Total Full Time Equivalent volunteers	86	94

4. STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS (CONT.)

For the purposes of this report, employees are those who have contracts of employment. The figures do not include persons paid through payroll from time to time who have no contracted hours; typically, such persons provide teaching or other ad hoc services to Blackfriars Hall, and are either employees of other institutions or students doing small amounts of part-time work.

The charity considers its key management personnel is comprised of its Trustees and other members of the Provincial Council, all of whom are Friars. The total employment benefits, including employer pension cost

of key management personnel, were £nil (2016: £nil). The total of expenses reimbursed to key management personnel was £nil (2016: £nil).

The principal roles of non-friar volunteers are answering the door and telephone at the priories in Oxford and Cambridge, and church cleaning, flower arranging and similar tasks in Leicester and London, along with singing in the church choirs. The average number of hours worked by these volunteers each week is 2.6.

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS USED FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES

	Inalienable Property £	Other Property £	Motor Vehicles £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
ASSET COST					
Balance brought forward 1 October 2016	1,000,613	6,631,461	90,890	1,447,723	9,170,687
Additions	-	269,031	30,890	51,504	351,425
Disposals	-	-	(15,500)	(15,940)	(31,440)
Balance carried forward 30 September 2017	1,000,613	6,900,492	106,280	1,483,287	9,490,672
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION					
Balance brought forward 1 October 2016	459,610	1,805,574	67,295	1,242,862	3,575,341
Disposals	-	-	(15,500)	(14,878)	(30,378)
Charge for year	2,573	200,650	21,173	94,914	319,310
Balance carried forward 30 September 2017	462,183	2,006,224	72,968	1,322,898	3,864,273
NET BOOK VALUE					
Brought forward 1 October 2016	541,003	4,825,887	23,595	204,861	5,595,346
Carried forward 30 September 2017	538,430	4,894,268	33,312	160,390	5,626,399

Historic property includes churches, places of worship and priories owned and occupied by the Order.

One property included in 'other property' above is currently used to generate rental income; its cost totalled £1,823,005 (2016: £1,823,005) and accumulated depreciation charged totalled £530,805 (2016: £494,404).

6. INVESTMENTS

INVESTMENTS

	30 September 2017		30 September 2016	
	Cost £	Market Value £	Cost £	Market Value £
Charifaith Common Investment Fund*	6,449,124	8,449,420	5,949,124	7,224,216
Funds managed by Smith & Williamson**	4,699,943	6,444,266	4,352,086	5,753,634
BlackRock Institutional Cash Series	1,181,600	1,249,581	1,264,607	1,349,542
	<u>12,330,667</u>	<u>16,143,267</u>	<u>11,565,817</u>	<u>14,327,392</u>

	2017 £	2016 £
Market Value at 1 October	14,327,392	12,389,381
Additions at Cost	1,452,105	1,246,056
Disposals at Market Value	(700,000)	(650,000)
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	1,063,770	1,341,955
Market Value at 30 September	<u>16,143,267</u>	<u>14,327,392</u>

* As of 30 September 2017, the composition of the Charifaith Common Investment Fund was as follows:

UK Equities	39.3%
Global Equities	30.4%
Fixed Income	11.0%
Property	7.4%
Alternatives	5.2%
Cash	6.7%
Total	<u>100.0%</u>

** As of 30 September 2017, the composition of the Funds managed by Smith & Williamson was as follows:

UK Equities	21.0%
Global Equities	42.8%
Fixed Income	11.0%
Property	5.7%
Alternatives and Multi-Asset	14.6%
Cash	4.9%
Total	<u>100.0%</u>

7. DEBTORS

	2017 £	2016 £
DEBTORS		
Trade debtors	93,204	246,869
Prepayments and accrued income	2,950,321	99,129
Other	17,990	9,431
Total Debtors	<u>3,061,515</u>	<u>355,429</u>

8. CREDITORS

	2017 £	2016 £
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade creditors	150,176	201,574
Accruals and deferred income	51,133	80,945
Other	71,129	227,261
Total Creditors	<u>272,438</u>	<u>509,780</u>
Deferred income (analysis)		
At 1 October	30,701	251,006
Amount released to incoming resources	(30,701)	(251,006)
Amount deferred in the year	32,325	30,701
At 30 September	<u>32,325</u>	<u>30,701</u>

Deferred income represents unsaid Masses and advance rent received.

9. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES

The Trustees of the Charity are also members of the Order and as such have taken vows of poverty under which they renounce all personal right to income and

capital. The Charity provides for the essential needs of all members of the Order within the Province.

10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Members of the Order arranged for grants totalling £23,083 (2016: £22,011) to be made from the Hoper Dixon Trust, a trust of which the Dominican Council is a Trustee. The beneficiaries of the Hoper Dixon Trust are the poor connected with or in the neighbourhood of any house or pastoral centre under the direction of Dominicans of the English Province of the Order

of Preachers. The Hoper Dixon Trust's Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet are reproduced in notes 16 and 17 respectively.

As of 30 September 2017, the Hoper Dixon Trust owed the English Province of the Order of Preachers the sum of £3,399 (2016: £498) in respect of grants approved and payable.

11. FUNDS 2017

FUNDS 2017

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds			Total
	Province General Purpose £	Province Designated £	Total Unrestricted Funds £	Total Branch Funds £	Total Province Restricted £	Total Restricted Funds £	2017 £
Income	426,091	321,474	747,565	3,657,375	1,889,285	5,546,660	6,294,225
Support costs, governance and generating funds	(256,573)	(7,285)	(263,858)	(246,562)	(1,802)	(248,364)	(512,222)
	169,518	314,189	483,707	3,410,813	1,887,483	5,298,296	5,782,003
Opening funds	2,528,375	6,375,494	8,903,869	7,969,985	3,327,366	11,297,351	20,201,220
Funds available for use	2,697,893	6,689,683	9,387,576	11,380,798	5,214,849	16,595,646	25,983,223
Resources directly expended on charitable activities	(199,948)	(159,606)	(359,554)	(1,737,110)	(153,235)	(1,890,345)	(2,249,899)
Inter-fund transfers	29,684	586,268	615,952	(497,252)	(118,700)	(615,952)	-
Net investment gains	3,326	911	4,237	5,547	2,961	8,508	12,745
Allocation of unrealised gains in the year	172,836	372,612	545,448	324,264	181,313	505,577	1,051,025
Closing funds	2,703,791	7,489,868	10,193,659	9,476,247	5,127,188	14,603,435	24,797,094
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS							
Sick and Elderly Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contributions to shared costs	162,903	-	162,903	(162,903)	-	(162,903)	-
Allocations	(133,219)	586,268	453,049	(334,349)	(118,700)	(453,049)	-
	29,684	586,268	615,952	(497,252)	(118,700)	(615,952)	-

The transfers represent the obligations of the Province to support the friars and activities of Blackfriars Hall and the individual priories, and also the obligations of the Hall and priories to support the central costs of the Province.

FUNDS 2016

FUNDS 2016

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds			Total
	Province General Purpose £	Province Designated £	Total Unrestricted Funds £	Total Branch Funds £	Total Province Restricted £	Total Restricted Funds £	2016 £
Income	356,444	244,542	600,986	2,362,056	363,902	2,725,958	3,326,944
Support costs, governance and generating funds	(323,191)	(2,261)	(325,452)	(217,313)	(16,325)	(233,638)	(559,090)
	33,252	242,281	275,534	2,144,743	347,577	2,492,320	2,767,854
Opening funds	2,374,259	5,601,652	7,975,911	7,209,363	3,056,636	10,265,999	18,241,910
Funds available for use	2,407,512	5,843,933	8,251,445	9,354,106	3,404,213	12,758,319	21,009,764
Resources directly expended on charitable activities	(145,246)	(185,079)	(330,325)	(1,674,956)	(145,218)	(1,820,174)	(2,150,499)
Inter-fund transfers	98,485	1,905	100,390	(6,390)	(94,000)	(100,390)	-
Net investment gains	408	86	494	717	394	1,111	1,605
Allocation of unrealised gains in the year	167,216	714,649	881,865	296,508	161,977	458,485	1,340,350
Closing funds	2,528,375	6,375,494	8,903,869	7,969,985	3,327,366	11,297,351	20,201,220
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS							
Sick and Elderly Fund	(1,905)	1,905	-	-	-	-	-
Contributions to shared costs	131,140	-	131,140	(131,140)	-	(131,140)	-
Allocations	(30,750)	-	(30,750)	124,750	(94,000)	30,750	-
	98,485	1,905	100,390	(6,390)	(94,000)	(100,390)	-

12. ALLOCATION OF ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

**ALLOCATION OF ASSETS
BETWEEN FUNDS 2017**

	Province General Purpose £	Province Designated £	Total Unrestricted Funds £	Total Branch Funds £	Total Province Restricted £	Total Restricted Funds £	2017 £
Investments	1,160,108	6,710,783	7,870,891	4,176,047	4,096,329	8,272,376	16,143,267
Property	134,955	773,624	908,579	3,513,461	1,010,658	4,524,119	5,432,698
Other fixed assets	4,052	3,800	7,852	178,875	6,974	185,849	193,701
Current assets	1,642,263	1,661	1,643,924	1,642,715	13,227	1,655,942	3,299,866
Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year	(237,587)	-	(237,587)	(34,851)	-	(34,851)	(272,438)
Net Assets	2,703,791	7,489,868	10,193,659	9,476,247	5,127,188	14,603,435	24,797,094

Balances of the principal Province funds are given in note 13.

**ALLOCATION OF ASSETS
BETWEEN FUNDS 2016**

	Province General Purpose £	Province Designated £	Total Unrestricted Funds £	Total Branch Funds £	Total Province Restricted £	Total Restricted Funds £	2017 £
Investments	2,477,613	6,328,061	8,805,674	2,755,103	2,766,615	5,521,718	14,327,392
Property	1,540	3,051	4,591	4,819,962	542,337	5,362,299	5,366,890
Other fixed assets	10,954	42,721	53,675	174,781	-	174,781	228,456
Current assets	325,322	1,661	326,983	442,865	18,414	461,279	788,262
Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year	(287,054)	-	(287,054)	(166,406)	-	(166,406)	(453,460)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	-	-	(56,320)	-	(56,320)	(56,320)
Net Assets	2,528,375	6,375,494	8,903,869	7,969,985	3,327,366	11,297,351	20,201,220

13. BALANCES OF PROVINCE FUNDS

	2017 £	2016 £
PROVINCE DESIGNATED		
Sick Funds	3,487,168	3,228,523
Study Funds	2,856,695	2,595,114
Other*	1,146,005	551,857
Total Province Designated	<u>7,489,868</u>	<u>6,375,494</u>
PROVINCE RESTRICTED		
Training Funds	4,161,063	2,359,502
Inalienable Property Fund	538,430	541,003
Mission Funds	328,451	340,144
Other*	99,244	86,717
Total Province Restricted	<u>5,127,188</u>	<u>3,327,366</u>

* includes a number of smaller funds designated or restricted for specific charitable activities of the Province.

14. ACTIVITIES IN SCOTLAND

	2017 £	2016 £
Incoming resources from activities in Scotland	235,592	229,944
Resources expended on activities in Scotland	(190,656)	(212,050)
Net incoming resources relating to activities in Scotland	<u>44,936</u>	<u>17,894</u>

15. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS**LESSEE**

At the reporting date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payment under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2017 £	2016 £
Within one year	50,000	50,000
Between two and five years	2,603	52,603
	<u>52,603</u>	<u>102,603</u>

LESSOR

At the reporting date the charity had contracted with tenants for the following minimum lease payments:

	2017 £	2016 £
Within one year	8,160	8,160
	<u>8,160</u>	<u>8,160</u>

16. HOPER DIXON TRUST STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds			
	Income Fund	Designated Capital Fund	Total 2017	Total 2016
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations and Legacies	-	-	-	573
Investment income:				
Income from investments	15,553	-	15,553	15,106
Income from bank deposits	74	-	74	101
TOTAL INCOME	15,627	-	15,627	15,780
EXPENDITURE				
Expenditure on charitable activities:				
Grants payable	23,083	-	23,083	22,011
Support costs for grants payable	31	-	31	259
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	23,114	-	23,114	22,270
NET GAINS ON INVESTMENT ASSETS	-	26,671	26,671	44,074
Net income (expenditure) and movement in funds	(7,487)	26,671	19,1834	37,584
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Fund balances brought forward at 1 October	25,993	427,957	453,950	416,366
Fund balances carried forward at 30 September	18,506	454,628	473,134	453,950

17. HOPER DIXON TRUST BALANCE SHEET

	2017 £	2016 £
FIXED ASSETS		
Investments	454,628	427,957
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank balances	21,905	26,491
LIABILITIES		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(3,399)	(498)
Net current assets	18,506	25,993
NET ASSETS	<u>473,134</u>	<u>453,950</u>
FUNDS		
Unrestricted Funds		
Income Fund	18,506	25,993
Capital Fund	454,628	427,957
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>473,134</u>	<u>453,950</u>



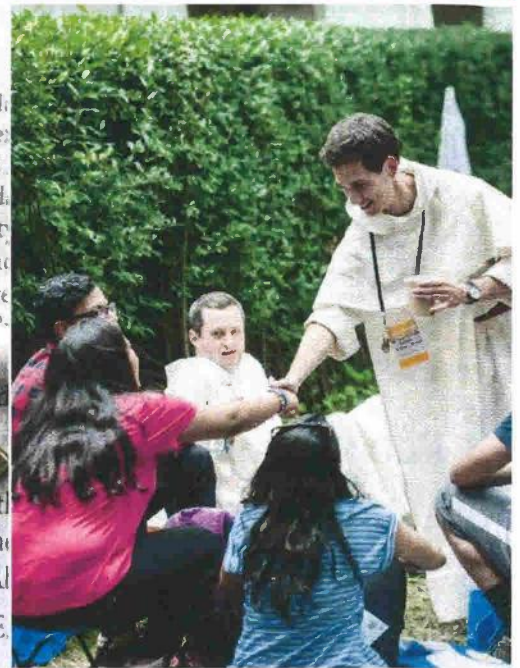
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and my spirit exults
because he has
Yes, from this day
for the Almighty
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