

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

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017, which are set out on pages 2 to 5.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As trustees of the charity, the members of the Church Council are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

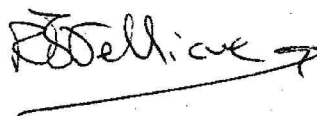
**Independent examiner's statement**

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

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

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

**Date:** 18th April 2018



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

**Balance sheet as at 31st December 2017**

<b>Fixed assets</b>	<b>2017</b>		<b>2016</b>
Investment assets (CBF shares)	£ 76,610		67,916
<b>Current assets</b>			
Short term deposits	£ 104,133		109,827
Cash at bankers and in hand	£ 11,709		16755
Debtors	0		0
<i>less liabilities</i>			
creditors	0		0
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>115842</b>		<b>126581</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>192452</b>		<b>194497</b>
<b>Funds</b>			
General Reserve Fund	89628		84934
Endowment Fund	27820		27820
Memorial/Legacy Fund	51833		51833
<i>Restricted</i>			
Community Development Work etc	20179		20179
Silver Lining Project (from Apr 2015)	2992		9731
	<b>192452</b>		<b>194497</b>

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Note: At 31 December 2017, there was a refund due from HMRC for approx £3,500 in regard to Gift Aid.

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

<b>2 Incoming Resources</b>						
				<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	
<b>2a</b>	<i>Incoming Resources from donors</i>					
	Planned giving			11,763	13,250	
	Open Collections			1,727	1,937	
	Income tax recovered			4,963		
<b>2b</b>	<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>					
	Donations			506	400	
	Fundraising			3,379	3,237	
<b>2d</b>	<i>Other ordinary incoming resources</i>					
	Room hire			15,910	16,118	
	Contribution to o/heads from project			3,835	2,300	
	Gen office income			1,100	923	
	Fees from funerals and weddings			1,732	634	
	Miscellaneous			50	2,820	
<b>2e</b>	<i>Income from St P investments</i>					
				788	1,120	
<b>2f</b>	<i>Extraordinary incoming resources</i>					
					22,989	
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>45,753</b>	<b>65,727</b>	
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>						
<b>Silver Lining project</b>						
	BCC via Digbeth Trust			18000	12,575	
	Ageing Better			-	2,000	
	Other grants			2,130	1,500	
	FIT income			3,068	2,602	
	Events			1,663	1,307	
	<i>less contribution to overheads</i>			3,835	2,300	
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>21,026</b>	<b>17,683</b>	
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>66,779</b>	<b>83,410</b>	



The United Church of St Paul's Balsall Heath (Anglican & URC) 1160049									
3 Resources used									
						2017		2016	
3a	Grants	Donations				783		805	
3b Activities relating to the ministry of the church									
	Ministry	Common Fund and M&M				14,701		13,179	
		Clergy expenses				183		862	
	Church	Heating, lighting, water rates				5,089		5,757	
	Centre	Insurance				2,506		2,308	
		Repairs to church/grounds				2,706		4,823	
		Caretaker & cleaner				1,541		1,555	
		Sacristy requisites				1,160		1,104	
		Organist and music				2,750		-	
		Miscellaneous						306	
	Fundraising					2,649		2,649	
3c Church management and administration									
		Bank charges						-	
		Salaries				8,087			
		Miscellaneous				879		6,631	
3d Extraordinary resources used									
		Major works				6,118		2,078	
		Other				78		585	
		BDBF fees				438		610	
	TOTAL					49,669		43,251	
RESTRICTED FUNDS									
Silver Lining project									
	Salaries					24,089		14,363	
	Activities					3,414		8,360	
	Other					347		747	
	TOTAL					27,850		23,470	
	TOTAL					77,518		66,721	

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

**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2017**

<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Note</b>		<b>Total Funds 2017</b>	<b>Total Funds 2016</b>
Incoming resources from donors	2a		18,453	15187
Other voluntary incoming resources	2b		3,885	3637
Other ordinary incoming resources	2d		22,627	22794
Income from investments	2e		788	1120
Extraordinary incoming resources	2f			1072
<i>Asset transfer from Endowment Fund</i>				
<i>Asset transfer from Deposit Fund</i>				8087
<i>Asset transfer from PCC StPBH</i>				
<i>Asset transfer from BHURC</i>				
<i>Asset transfer from BHURC - legacy</i>				
<i>Asset transfer from PCC StPBH (Man Comm - legacy)</i>				
<i>Asset transfer from PCC StPBH (Mem Fund)</i>				
<b>Restricted funds</b>			21,026	17683
<i>Asset transfer from PCC StPBH (Man Comm - project)</i>				13830
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>			<b>66779</b>	<b>83410</b>
<b>Resources used</b>				
Grants	3a		783	805
Activities relating to the working of the chu	3b		33,285	32542
Church management and administration	3c		8,966	6631
Extraordinary resources used	3d		6,635	3273
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			27,850	23470
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES USED</b>			<b>77518</b>	<b>66721</b>
<b>NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES</b>			<b>-10739</b>	<b>16689</b>
<b>Gains (losses) on investments</b>				
Realised				
Unrealised			8,694	8219
<b>Net movement in funds</b>			<b>-2045</b>	<b>24908</b>
<b>Balances brought forward at 01/01/17</b>			<b>194497</b>	<b>169590</b>
<b>Balance carried forward at 31/12/17</b>			<b>192452</b>	<b>194497</b>

## **2017 Report and Accounts for the Trustees of The United Church of St Paul's Balsall Heath (Anglican & URC) Also known as Balsall Heath Church Centre**

### **Aim and Purposes**

The Trustees of The United Church of St Paul's Balsall Heath (Anglican & URC) also known as Balsall Heath Church Centre (The Church Council) have the responsibility of cooperating with the Vicar/Minister (Vacancy from May 2016, Rev Paul Leckey wef July 2017), in promoting the ecclesiastical parish of St Paul's Balsall Heath, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The Church Council is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of Balsall Heath Church Centre, 100 Mary Street, Balsall Heath, B12 9JU.

### **Objectives and Activities**

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

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

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

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

**Achievements and Performance** — see attached booklet

### **Financial Review**

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £45,750 of which £22,340 was unrestricted voluntary donations. Total receipts on restricted funds were £21,030 and are detailed in the Financial Statements.

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

£18,800 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from Balsall Heath church Centre, including the URC M&M contribution and the contribution to the Anglican Common fund which provides the stipends and housing for the clergy.

The net result for the year was a deficit in receipts versus payments of £3,916 on unrestricted funds. The balance carried forward at 31 December was £192,452 of which £89,600 is carried forward as designated funds.



### **Reserves Policy**

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

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

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

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

### **Administrative Information**

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

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

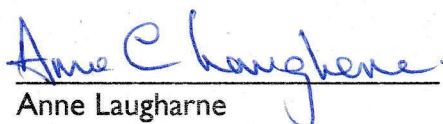
Church Council members who have served at any time from 1 January 2017 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officia members: Minister: Revd Paul Leckey (wef July 2017)

Elected members: Ms Jasmine Browne  
Mr Alester Burke  
Rev Peter Bound  
Mrs Inez Clarke  
Ms Jo Ind (until April 2017)  
Mrs Anne Laugharne  
Mrs Ann Samuel  
Mr Ivor Samuel  
Ms Beverley Thompson

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

Signed:

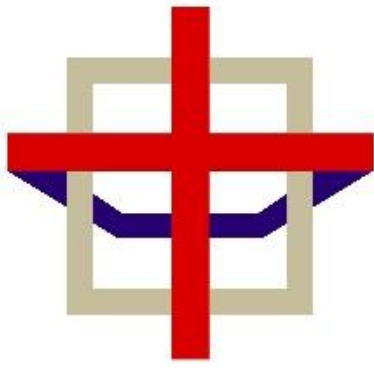
  
Anne Laugharne

  
Rev Peter Bound

Date:

13.9.18

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BALSALL HEATH  
AND EDGBASTON  
*welcoming : inclusive : community*

# Annual Report

## The United Benefice of Balsall Heath & Edgbaston



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



2017



# Introduction

Welcome to the 2017 Annual Report for the PCC of St Mary & St Ambrose Edgbaston, the Church Council of The United Church of St Paul's Balsall Heath (Anglican & URC), also known as Balsall Heath Church Centre, and the PCC of St Paul's Balsall Heath.

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

## **Our vision statement:**

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

This Vision Statement has been fleshed out in a Mission Action Plan (MAP). The Benefice was 10 years old in June 2017. The MAP draws on the Transforming Church process (Anglican) and the Vision 2020 process (URC).

Our MAP development priorities are:

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

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

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

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

## **Who & Where we are**

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

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

The two church communities worship together on the 5th Sunday of the month, and on Ash Wednesday and Ascension Day. The churches share Bible studies and other activities throughout the year.

In 2017, average Sunday attendance for the Anglican congregations was 30 adults & 2 children at Balsall Heath Church Centre and 28 adults & 5 children at St Mary & St Ambrose Church. At the APCM in 2017, the Electoral Roll figures were 49 for the parish of St Paul's Balsall Heath and 59 for the parish of St Mary & St Ambrose Edgbaston.

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

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

Ministry Team

Vacant (from May 2016)

Revd Paul Leckey (from July 2017)

Revd Peter Bound

Mrs Pat Richards

Mrs Jasmine Browne



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

Sylvette Brown, Inez Clarke, Maggie Norris, Wilma Richards, Ivor Samuel and Ann Samuel

### **Administrator & Vicar's PA:**

Mrs Jacquie Dewsbury

bhcc.admin@btconnect.com: 0121 440 1138

**Vicar / Minister from July 2017:** Rev Paul Leckey

rev.leckey@virginmedia.com: 0121 440 2196

**St Mary & St Ambrose Church**, Pershore Road

& Raglan Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B5 7RA

**Balsall Heath Church Centre**, 100 Mary St,

Balsall Heath Birmingham B12 9JU

**On Facebook and Twitter:** BHEChurches



# From the photo album...



The Installation of Rev Paul Leckey, firstly at St Mary & St Ambrose, then processing to St Paul's, concluding the event there.



# Worship and Prayer

## Sundays

10.00am Holy Communion

at St Mary & St Ambrose Church

11.15am Holy Communion

at Balsall Heath Church Centre

*(1st Sun Holy Communion - all ages together)*

## Tuesdays

9.00am Morning Prayer

at Balsall Heath Church Centre

## Wednesdays

11.30am Holy Communion

at Balsall Heath Church Centre

## Thursdays

9.00am Morning Prayer

at Balsall Heath Church Centre

*(at St Anne's Moseley alternate weeks)*

8.00pm Holy Communion with prayers for healing and  
laying on of hands at Balsall Heath Church

*(3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month)*

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

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

# Social & Pastoral Relationships

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

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

The music group continues to enjoy regular singing practice on the first Saturday of each month. Newcomers are always welcome. The arrival of new microphones has really uplifted the Sunday services.

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

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

There has been very little change in membership within the group. Regular meetings continue to take place when experiences and discussions are shared. Around twenty people have received regular visits at home from the team. People in hospital, who are bereaved and those preparing for baptism have also been visited.

The team continues gain much satisfaction from the visits and it is pleasing to know those visited appreciate the time spent with them.

## **Congregational Life**

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

## **Safeguarding - Lead: Jonathan Gurling**

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

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



# Discipleship

The Discipleship Leadership Team continue to meet regularly to review the opportunities available through the churches for all ages to grow in discipleship.

Young people and children share in leading worship from time to time, particularly when we worship all-ages together. Once again, there was an All-Age Carol Service at on the Sunday before Christmas, which was much appreciated.

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

Discipleship:  
Becoming More Like  
**CHRIST**  
EPHESIANS 2:10



# Community Engagement

## **Weekly Activities:**

### **Mondays**

2.00pm – 3.30 pm “Making and Doing”  
at Balsall Heath Church Centre

### **Tuesdays**

10.30am-12noon ‘Haven’ Community Café  
at St Mary & St Ambrose Church (Ceased in the Summer)

### **Wednesdays**

9.30am - 11.15am Tai Chi  
10.30am—2.00pm “Wednesday Welcome”  
at Balsall Heath Church Centre

### **Thursdays**

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

### **Fridays**

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

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

**Haven Community Café** continues to serve the community. On average, we are seeing 5 -9 visitors from Church and the community. We have plans to increase activities on offer such as Dominos, card games and knitting. Plans also include reaching out to the community in order to increase numbers.

Haven craft activities, led by Rachel, have continued fortnightly throughout the year engaging a committed group of church goers and community volunteers.

Activities included helping build the advent stations telling the Christmas story. Sixty school children were invited, giving members of the group a chance to tell the Christmas story to the local community. A craft sale of Haven-made crafts held at the Balsall Heath Church Centre Christmas party helped raise funds for this project and raise awareness of the group.



## **Silver Lining Project**

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

The Monday activity group, Making & Doing, is well established. On Wednesdays, Tai Chi continues to be popular and Wednesday Welcome meets in the morning and includes lunch and an activity. A Christmas celebration was held for the local community. Diane and Dorrett also support activities at Belgrave sheltered housing.

Diane Fearne continues as Development Worker and Dorrett Erskin as Community Connector for the Silver Lining Project. Sue Pearson oversees and manages the Project on a part-time basis. Thrive Together Birmingham continues to support and obtain funding for the Silver Lining Project through Body Mind and Spirit Partnership.



## **The Foodbank at Balsall Heath Church Centre**

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

There has been a regular team of drivers, Jo Hindley, Pat Lashley and Jonathan Gurling (Co-ordinator) to take food donations to Narthex and bring food packages back to the Church Centre. This is another aspect of volunteer support without which the Foodbank would be unable to function.

In the year, 268 (87 in 2016) food parcels were given out and 348 (132 in 2016) people fed. There has been a significant increase in numbers of single food parcels given out. A huge “thank you” goes to the volunteer team, and to all those who regularly donate food. At Harvest time, donations were again received from Heath Mount and Percy Shurma Schools for which we are very grateful.



## **Community Networks**

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

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

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

Representatives: Paul Leckey (from July 2017), Jasmine Browne, Ann Samuel, Cath Bennett

Deanery Synod met three times in 2017.

During the interregnum, considerable support was received from clergy in other parishes.

## **Churches Together in Balsall Heath**

During the vacancy, there was less activity with Churches Together in Balsall Heath. There was, however, a Good Friday Walk of Witness.

## **URC West Midlands Synod**

Representatives: Rev Peter Bound

# Finance and Stewardship

## **Churchwardens' Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of St Mary & St Ambrose Church**

### **Churchwarden: Wilma Richards**

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

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

Poppits Pre-school were unable to continue to use the hall regularly as the basis of their funding changed.

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



# **Churchwardens' Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of St Paul's Balsall Heath**

## **Church wardens: Lester Burke and Beverley Thompson**

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

With the building now beginning to show its age, minor repairs and replacements require regular attention. The corridor roof problem continues to be a problem. During the interregnum, it was felt that this matter should not be pursued.

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

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





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

The Church Council met six times in 2017. The minutes of the meetings are on record.

The Church Council members were: Lester Burke, Beverley Thompson, Peter Bound, Inez Clarke, Jo Ind (until April 2017), Anne Laugharne, Debbie Tracey, Jasmine Browne, Ann Samuel, Ivor Samuel.

Rev Paul Leckey took the chair on his appointment in July 2017.

**Report on  
the  
proceedings  
of the PCC  
of St Mary &  
St Ambrose  
PCC  
Secretary:  
Pat Richards**

The PCC met eight times in 2017. The minutes of the meetings are on record.

The members of the PCC for the year 2017/8 were Wilma Richards, Joyce Brown, Sylvette Brown, Rachel Pilkington, Val Samuels, Patricia Oliva, Diane Everill, Hannah Findley (to December 2017), Graham Boulton (to ~June 2017), Margaret Smith, Gregory Edwards

Rev Paul Leckey took the chair on his appointment in July 2017.

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Balsall Heath  
PCC  
Secretary:  
Beverley  
Thompson**

The PCC met eight times during 2017 as part of the Church Council and the minutes are on record.

The PCC members for the year 2017/8 were Jasmine Browne, Lester Burke, John Christophers, Inez Clarke, Beverley Parris, Ann Samuel, Beverley Thompson

Rev Paul Leckey took the chair on his appointment in July 2017.

These meetings were mainly planning during the interregnum and for a new incumbent.

The PCC is required to have at least four meetings per year.

## **Reports on the Annual Accounts of:**

### **The United Church of St Paul's Balsall Heath also known as Balsall Heath Church Centre**

**Treasurer:**  
A. Laughton

### **The PCC of St Mary & St Ambrose Edgbaston**

**Treasurer:**  
K. Lilly-Banton

*Note: Until December 2016, these accounts were prepared on an "accruals" basis. Following changes in the administration of the charity, from January 2017, the accounts have been prepared on a "cash" basis. Any "material" items invoiced in a current year, but paid/received in a following year will be shown by way of a note to the accounts in order to show a true and fair view of activity during the year.*

Although this year we have overspent on income, we have reserves similar to last year. These reserves are made up from legacies, money put aside for our community outreach (Silver Lining project) and monies that have come through the unity of the two churches. We still have to dig deep to ensure income matches expenditure. We are awaiting gift aid money for 2016 and our tenants ensure that we can pay the bills: Common Fund/M&M (£16,000) and heating, lighting, insurance and salaries. In 2017, we used some reserve money (£6,000) to have the doors painted. Many thanks to our retiring Administrator who has kept the books in order.

The accounts show that expenditure was less than income. This was mainly due to the fact that payment for building work carried out in 2017, did not clear until 2018. If this had been paid in 2017, income and expenditure would have balanced. Regular giving again reduced. Hard work meant that the cricket car parking was once again very successful – without this there would be a significant shortfall. The Common Fund contribution of £19,000 was again paid in full: a significant achievement, but a huge strain. Following the closure of the Playgroup, the hall was used infrequently. At the end of 2017, the PCC held shares valued at £22,400 and £13,800 in cash deposits.

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The PCC bank account remains 'dormant'. At the end of 2017, the PCC retained only its Investment Fund Shares valued at £24,220, compared with £22,269 at the end of 2016.