

ASHFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

With a Mission at Boughton Aluph



Ashford Baptist Church

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

2017



Ashford Baptist Church

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Ministers: Rev Lorna and Rev Rob Sylvester

Legal and Administrative Information (as at 31 December 2017)

Trustees	The Baptist Union of Great Britain who have delegated responsibility for the general working to the Diaconate.	
Minister	Rev Lorna Sylvester and Rev Rob Sylvester (1.6.2015)	
Secretary	Margaret Woollven (re-elected from 1.1.17)	
Administrator	Rebekah Butler (appointed April 2016)	
Deacons	Jane Martin (elected 1.1.15) Ifedayo Ifekoya (elected 1.1.17) Olusola Ifekoya (elected 1.1.17) Jamie Phipps (re-elected 1.1.15) Adele White (elected 1.1.15) Alison O'Donnell (elected 1.1.17)	
Treasurer	Peter Mellowship (re-elected from 1.1.17)	
Registered Charity Number	1130593	
Principal Address	Ashford Baptist Church Saint John's Lane Ashford, Kent TN23 1PS	
Governing Document	Deed of Trust held by Baptist Union	
Independent Examiner	Mr Andrew J Childs FCA 8 Hadleigh Street Kingsnorth Ashford, Kent TN25 7EZ	
Bankers	HSBC Bank plc 39 High Street Ashford, Kent TN24 8TG	Lloyds Bank 81 High Street Ashford, Kent TN24 8SS

AGM Ministers Summary Report 2017

**Theme for the year *"Be devoted to one another in love ... Practise Hospitality"* Romans 12:
10 & 13**

We began the year with our covenant service and prayer, thanking God for his faithfulness and goodness to us and his church down the generations. Inviting each person to come forward to the front of the church and place a piece of bread into the outline of the 5 fish from the account in John 6 of the feeding of the 5,000, as a desire and prayer to ask God to take us just as he took the offering of the boy with the loaves and fish and multiply it to feed, nourish others as this year as we pledged to be hospitable people. We also used the Methodist covenant prayer

**I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine.
So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven.
Amen.**

January until Lent we took a sermon series on hospitality -hospitality as being devoted to one another, ["one another" references in the new testament], hospitality as welcome, forgiveness, room in our hearts for others, all based on the hospitality and welcome of Jesus. St Benedict's rule of was a particular help here. During Lent we took inspiration from the gospel of Luke and then at Easter had the joy of baptising Basi Anusa Alisa Sanju Pun Richard Coles Harka John and making it a true celebration by having food together afterwards. In December we had the continued joy of more baptisms, baptising Grace, Susannah, Keshar and Chinimaya Gurung. Other particular preaching series in 2017 were in June and July a series in Daniel, in August Philippians-this being all age preaching throughout the school holidays in August. At the end of the school holidays we all gathered for a community hog roast!

Running alongside the morning service was Transforming Work course in the evening service encouraging us to see our work as places God is at work and using us. It was also a real encouragement to begin on a regular basis in services to share all age communion together with the young people and children after an initial time of preparation with the

families and the church. On Sundays and particular times in the church year saw wonderful banners and decorations on display which added to colour and spiritual life of our worship.

At Christmas and Easter, we took our services and outreach into the town centre at the bandstand using visuals music art and participation, as well as words trusting that the holy spirit would work in people's lives as we occupied the centre of our town. In addition, at Christmas, we for the first time ran a Christingle service close to Christmas day itself encouraging families and others to join as we explored Jesus as light of the world.

The community life of the church saw our overseas missionaries and workers all came home to visit or on "home assignment", or for the birth of their children! In 2017 we had a wedding, births, a significant increase in the Sunday creche and very sadly deaths-including the death of Tom Pelham our previous minister.

In October our ministers had a month-long sabbatical in Nepal organised by BMS World Mission and our Nepalese fellowship. Much was experienced of life in a different culture and religion as well as the encouragement of a fast-growing church and many people coming to Christ. How churches expected to be "mother churches", always giving birth to new churches and beginning new Christian communities. God is doing an amazing work of love and grace in Nepal and the desire of people to connect to The One True God is immense.

AS well as our continued work amongst youth and children's work, brigades and elderly support, pastoral care and support, worship house groups and alpha, the winter night shelter was in our church again for the second year, the refugee five aside football gathered pace, the Kenyan hospital water project was nearly completed by the end of the year, as we continued to work in the 5 areas of our trellis our rule of life-Justice Hospitality Inclusion Mission and Inner Life.

One area of the trellis -*Mission*- saw a particular develop this year. .2017 saw the beginning of our strategic thinking in mission for us at ABC, particularly, about geographical missional communities- At the deacons awayday July our ministers outlined their conviction, having been in post for 2 years now, having taken time to observe and pray, that God was opening the way for us to be involved both as a town centre church and in smaller geographical communities. A vision evening and open sessions for the whole church alongside a month of prayer followed later in the autumn. And by the end of the year a draft division of our congregation into 3 smaller Ashford Baptist Church missional communities were draw up. ABC in the centre of Ashford and where we live.

So, we give thanks to God for His faithfulness and mercies, for His leading, for His gift of life and for one another. We thank God for the continued hard work calling and dedication of so many brothers and sisters and we pray that somehow there will be glory to God in His church. Amen.

Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2017

The Trustees of Ashford Baptist Church have pleasure in presenting their Financial Report for the year ending 31st December 2017.

Investment Powers

The Church's Trust Deed authorises the Trustees to make and hold investments using the general funds. At the end of the year there was a current account held at Lloyds TSB with a balance of £32,702 and at HSBC a current account with a balance of £5,738 and an Instant Savings account holding £102,234.

Aims and Organisation

Ashford Baptist Church has as its primary aim "To propogate the Gospel and teaching of Jesus Christ and to express that teaching in practical action."

The Church operates in the Borough of Ashford, Kent, based at St John's Lane/Station Road, and in the mission Church of Boughton Aluph. We also hold the chapel in Brook which, though rarely used these days, we continue to maintain. It employed in 2017 joint Ministers, Revds Lorna and Rob Sylvester and also an Administrator who works part-time in the Church office, helping to co-ordinate the life of the Church. These were supported by 6 deacons, the Church Secretary and the Church Treasurer.

Review of Financial Activities and Affairs

The Church is financially dependent on the voluntary support of its members. Gross voluntary income, receipts (including legacies) for the year amounted to £175,358. This is a decrease of £3,197 over the previous year. Regular donations were sent to Baptist World Mission and Home Mission. Altogether we gave £30,823 to these and other causes.

The financial position of the Church at 31st December 2017 showed a surplus of £18,292. This is an increase of £18,729 on the previous year.

All the Church's assets are employed directly in pursuing the charitable objectives of the Church.

Payment to/in respect of Trustees

No expenses were paid to Trustees during the year but they were reimbursed for materials and postage.

Conclusion

Financially 2017 was a settled year, with income steady and expenses overall in line with budget. The main reason for the surplus made was that we did not use the amount set aside for employing a Youth Pastor. It took longer than initially anticipated to produce the job specification and advertise the position. Applications eventually opened in December, so we will again be allocating funds for this purpose in 2018.

We are, as always, thankful to God for giving us people, whose service to Him, is seen on a day-to-day basis, but we must not forget those whose work is often not seen but is equally important in the running of the Church.

Our Church faces many significant challenges, especially that of a growing town. We continue to see new people coming to our Church and finding a spiritual home amongst us. We pray that this will continue to happen. However, we cannot sit still, but must take every opportunity to go out and give everybody the opportunity to know the great joy that comes from knowing our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To that end our Ministers began this year to outline a vision for future activity in the neighbourhoods and communities that make up the town of Ashford as well as its surrounding villages. We also continued our witness in the town centre through Easter and Christmas open air events at the bandstand.

Once again, I would like to thank everybody for their support and encouragement given to me during this, my fifth and final year as Treasurer. The role can be both demanding and time-consuming, but it still gives me a feeling of great satisfaction and makes me feel that perhaps I am, in some small way, serving the God who has blessed me in so many ways.

CHURCH SECRETARY'S REPORT 2017

Text for 2017:

"Be devoted to one another in love . . . Practise hospitality." Romans 12: 10 & 13

It was a joy to welcome 12 new members during the year to take up the baton from those who went on to Glory so we ended the year with a membership roll of 142. There were 11 baptisms representing a wide age range, both genders and several nationalities. What a privilege it is to be part of such a congregation!

God has placed a wide variety of gifts within our community too with such a generosity of spirit that we are all blessed by them, often without even knowing it. I will always remember one week in the year when three people volunteered to serve us in real humility and physical effort: one cleaned the sanctuary carpet; another began to give the toilets extra cleaning and a third volunteered to clean behind and under the heavy kitchen equipment. They join the other invisible saints with a servant heart who litter pick outside our building; re-fix toilet seats; replace light bulbs, etc. They are my heroes and great examples of disciples of our Servant King.

2017 brought two projects to a conclusion. The ESOL group for young migrants fulfilled its purpose with the young people able to take places in college. Social contact was maintained through the football teams and we are grateful to our minister, Rob, and Ray Shepherd for investing time with these young men. However the ESOL group begun for Nepalese speakers continued. The life saving water project for the hospital in rural Kenya was also completed.

The mission heart of ABC began a new season. At the May CMM the decision was taken to sell the unused Brook Chapel. Mission began to take a new form as the early prayers and steps were taken to reach the communities of Ashford and nearby villages through a developing plan for missional communities. Our desire for mission and discipleship among the young led to the decision to advertise for a youth pastor.

The format for the Sunday groups that was introduced for Youth Alpha in 2016 was continued through this year, enabling the leaders to provide sessions on many current life issues that young people face these days. We are very grateful for the army of workers who teach and care for our children and young people on Sundays, in brigades, through activities on Fridays, youth band and Sunday lunches.

There was a change in the church office during the year. Djamila Oinaala took on the administrator's role to cover Rebekah Butler's maternity leave w.e.f. June 2017. I am grateful for the way these two ladies worked together to make a good transition.

At the final CMM of the year two new deacons were elected: David Cripps and Helen Wilson, also a new treasurer: Sammy Deans, with Peter Mellowship continuing as Assistant Treasurer. Thanks to Adele White and Peter Mellowship for their years of service. So we begin 2018 with seven deacons.

Thanks be to God for His faithfulness in another year.

Margaret Woolfven

BOUGHTON REPORT FOR 2017

As we reflect on the past year some changes come to mind which were not expected while a change that was expected has not come to fruition. On the basis that people are more important than things it is with people that we begin. We have to report that we have lost two of our regular worshippers who were referred to in last year's report in relation to their health Bob Hayes died in March after having been very restricted during his last few weeks with various health issues. Then at the end of the year we lost John Barrett. He had been admitted to hospital after a stroke but fluid in his lungs was followed by widespread organ failure. We pray for both Joyce Hayes and Brenda Barrett as they come to terms with their losses. At the end of the year two Boughton residents who had attended the lunch club died. We hope to identify others with links in the village who might like to attend in their place. Thanks to Heidi and Alan's abilities, with assistance from Carol, Rose, Joyce and Joan we could provide for a few more and so we shall see how things develop. This is our primary outreach in the village and so it needs to be as effective as we can make it. Those who attend are extremely appreciative as for many it is the only such event they have.

The expected change that is still incomplete is provision of a car park. We are grateful for the gift of the space from Martin Fermor, the owner of Perry Court, and the work that he has organised to clear the site. However providing the surface is a large undertaking and perhaps the way forward is for it to become more of a joint venture, with Ashford Baptist assisting in achieving completion. There is absolutely no doubt that it would be a valuable addition and it could lead to wider use being made of the building by the rest of the church.

We are grateful to our ministers for leading our communion service each month and to members of the preaching team who have taken most of the other services. It has been good to have Sammy Deans and Jamie Phipps as additional team members. Ambrose Oliver, Alec and Phyllis Cripps also contribute and we are thankful for all those who are willing to give their Sunday afternoons to lead our worship.

The monthly prayer meeting continues as does the coffee morning but it is seldom that any other than the usual Sunday worshippers attend. Even so we see these as important events for the chapel.

It would be good if our congregation was to increase although we recognise that as all are in the elderly or almost elderly category and that it probably isn't an attractive prospect for younger people. But why not give it a try! We think you would experience God's presence in a way that will make an impression on you. It certainly impresses us.

Ray Davis

SAFEGUARDING REPORT 2017

There have been few changes since last year's report.

There have been no reportable incidents.

No training has been undertaken during the year.

The review of the Safe to Grow policy did not take place when planned and then we heard that the BU were preparing new guidelines and new training so it seemed sensible to wait for 2018.

However, due to a growing awareness of pressures upon some of our older adults, we decided that it was time to adopt the recommended BU Safe to Belong policy. This was agreed at the CMM on 15 November 2017. So, in future, Safeguarding will apply to both children and adults at risk.

As last year, we need to remind ourselves about safety at our exits after our services and in collecting children from Sunday School rooms.

We thank all our children and youth workers for their commitment to our young people.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2017, which are set out on pages 2 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of deacons and examiners

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

It is my responsibility to :

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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 Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

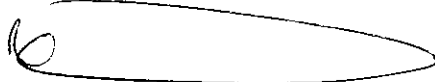
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- * the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act;
- * the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- * the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirement concerning the form and content of accounts as set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the accounts to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



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Date :

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2017

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total £	2016 £
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>					
Offerings					
General fund collections		1,762	14,796	16,558	14,224
Special Offerings		0	4,643	4,643	5,736
Covenants and Gift Aid		2,105	135,492	137,597	139,728
		<u>3,867</u>	<u>154,931</u>	<u>158,798</u>	<u>159,688</u>
Subscriptions and activity income		8,634	10	8,644	9,313
Investment income		0	44	44	42
Legacies, donations and fund raising		514	6,399	6,913	7,057
Other income		0	959	959	2,455
		<u>13,015</u>	<u>162,343</u>	<u>175,358</u>	<u>178,555</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
		<u>13,015</u>	<u>162,343</u>	<u>175,358</u>	<u>178,555</u>
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>					
<u>Costs of generating funds</u>					
Direct charitable expenditure	2	13,454	135,630	149,084	169,723
Management and Administration	3	0	7,982	7,982	9,269
		<u>13,454</u>	<u>143,612</u>	<u>157,066</u>	<u>178,992</u>
Total resources expended		<u>13,454</u>	<u>143,612</u>	<u>157,066</u>	<u>178,992</u>
Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources		(439)	18,731	18,292	(437)
Fund Balances brought forward at 1 January 2016		5,564	159,659	165,223	165,660
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0
at 31 December 2017		<u>£5,125</u>	<u>£178,390</u>	<u>£183,515</u>	<u>£165,223</u>

The notes on pages 4 to 8 form part of these Financial Statements

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2017

	Note	<u>2017</u>		<u>2016</u>	
		£	£	£	£
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>					
Tangible Assets	4		11,965		16,031
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>					
Debtors	5	3,475		1,873	
Income tax recoverable	5	22,572		10,114	
Cash at bank and in hand		146,613		139,047	
			172,660		151,034
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>					
	6		1,110		1,842
			<u>£183,515</u>		<u>£165,223</u>
<u>REPRESENTED BY :</u>					
Restricted Funds			5,125		5,564
Unrestricted Funds			178,390		159,659
	9		<u>£183,515</u>		<u>£165,223</u>

Approved by the deacons and signed on their behalf by

Treasurer *Sy Deans* Date *1/5/18*

Deacon *J. J. J. J. J.* Date *1/5/18*

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2017

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation of financial statements

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 the Charities SORP (FRS102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements 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) issued on 16 July 2014 and Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Charities Act 2011.

Ashford Baptist Church constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Fund Accounting

General Funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Income

Non-covenanted donations and other income are brought into income in the year during which they are received, with the exception of donations given for a specific purpose which are carried forward as deferred income and matched with the relevant expenditure.

Legacies are credited to the income and expenditure account in the year in which they are received.

Expenditure

Specific items of expenditure that relate to either direct charitable expenditure or other expenditure are attributed to the appropriate category. Items of expenditure which involve more than one category are apportioned on the following basis :

Manse Expenses - 25 % direct charitable, 75 % management and administration

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of the asset over its estimated useful economic life.

Assets are depreciated at the following rates :

Computer Equipment	at	33.3 % on Cost
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	at	15 % on Written Down Value
Motor Vehicles	at	20 % on Cost

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its useful life. Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £250.

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DETAILED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2017

2) DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total £	2016 £
Remuneration and Pension costs	0	57,236	57,236	60,512
Pulpit supplies and visiting speakers	105	100	205	725
Training	0	1,124	1,124	1,837
Motor and travel expenses	0	2,728	2,728	2,124
Church rates	390	866	1,256	2,329
Manse rates	0	754	754	844
Insurances	1,159	3,817	4,976	4,529
Heat and Light	609	3,840	4,449	8,187
Repairs, renewals and equipment	1,126	4,594	5,720	3,492
Music and PA	0	339	339	2,592
Postage and Telephone	0	915	915	1,758
Printing, stationery and advertising	40	2,655	2,695	4,737
Photocopier rental and expenses	0	1,809	1,809	2,333
Caretaking and cleaning materials	786	8,998	9,784	11,617
BMS and HMF contributions	0	14,350	14,350	24,884
Subscriptions and other gifts	3,304	19,321	22,625	19,802
Professional Fees	0	3,274	3,274	385
General expenses	0	484	484	538
Catering expenses	0	1,727	1,727	1,452
Activities	5,935	2,594	8,529	10,827
Bank Charges	0	39	39	105
Depreciation	0	4,066	4,066	4,114
	<u>13,454</u>	<u>135,630</u>	<u>149,084</u>	<u>169,723</u>
As at 31st December 2016	<u>14,683</u>	<u>155,040</u>	<u>169,723</u>	

3) MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHARITY

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total £	Total £
Manse rates	0	2,216	2,216	2,531
Manse insurance	0	245	245	309
Repairs and renewals	0	5,521	5,521	6,429
	<u>0</u>	<u>7,982</u>	<u>7,982</u>	<u>9,269</u>
As at 31st December 2016	<u>0</u>	<u>9,269</u>	<u>9,269</u>	

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4) <u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>	<u>Fixtures, Fittings and Equipmer</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>COST :</u>			
At 1st January 2017	18,991	41,039	60,030
At 31st December 2017	18,991	41,039	60,030
<u>DEPRECIATION :</u>			
At 1st January 2017	4,748	39,251	43,999
Charge for the Period	3,798	268	4,066
At 31st December 2017	8,546	39,519	48,065
<u>NET BOOK VALUE :</u>			
At 31st December 2017	£10,445	£1,520	£11,965
As at 31st December 2016	£14,243	£1,788	£16,031

The Trustees own the following freehold properties. Premises at Station Road/St John's Lane, the Manse at 23 Magazine Road, and Brook Chapel and leasehold land and buildings at Boughton Aluph Chapel. The original value of the buildings and the costs of improvements to them until 2017 have not been included in the Balance Sheet because, in the opinion of the Deacons, the cost of professionally valuing these assets to include a value in the accounts outweigh the benefits to the users of the accounts. They are insured for £3,086,687 (2016 : £2,957,982) which is an estimate of their replacement cost.

5) <u>DEBTORS</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Prepayments	944	812
Other debtors	2,531	1,061
Income Tax recoverable	22,572	10,114
	26,047	11,987
6) <u>CREDITORS</u>		
Accruals	1,110	1,842
	1,110	1,842

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7) MOVEMENTS ON GENERAL FUNDS

	Balances at 31/12/016	Income	Expenditure	Transfers between funds	Balances at 31/12/17
General Funds	159,659	155,967	143,612	0	172,014

	Balances at 31/12/015	Income	Expenditure	Transfers between funds	Balances at 31/12/16
General Funds	157,754	166,214	164,309	0	159,659

The general fund represents the free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

8) MOVEMENTS ON RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balances at 31/12/016	Income	Expenditure	Transfers between funds	Balances at 31/12/17
Boughton Chapel - General	1,118	5,031	4,966	0	1,183
Boys Brigade - General	1,533	2,804	2,455	0	1,882
Brook Chapel	(3,350)	0	1,035	0	(4,385)
Coffee Morning	2,035	413	0	0	2,448
Craft Club	27	0	0	0	27
Girls Brigade	2,754	2,202	3,086	0	1,870
Lite Bite	715	1,117	970	0	862
Luncheon Club	2,704	1,448	942	0	3,210
Toddlers	471	0	0	0	471
Youth Camp	1,141	0	0	0	1,141
Youth Club	349	0	0	0	349
			0		
	9,498	13,015	13,454	0	9,059

	Balances at 31/12/015	Income	Expenditure	Transfers between funds	Balances at 31/12/16
Boughton Chapel - General	1,187	4,219	4,288	0	1,118
Boys Brigade - General	3,656	2,505	4,628	0	1,533
Brook Chapel	(2,796)	0	554	0	(3,350)
Coffee Morning	1,642	396	3	0	2,035
Craft Club	27	0	0	0	27
Girls Brigade	3,501	2,611	3,358	0	2,754
Lite Bite	756	877	918	0	715
Luncheon Club	1,904	1,734	934	0	2,704
Toddlers	471	0	0	0	471
Youth Camp	1,141	0	0	0	1,141
Youth Club	349	0	0	0	349
	11,838	12,342	14,683	0	9,498

Restricted funds are amounts collected and expended in respect of the activities associated with that fund.

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9) **ANALYSIS OF CHURCH'S NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR**

	Restricted Funds 2017 £	Unrestricted Funds 2017 £	Totals 2017 £
Fixed assets	0	11,965	11,965
Debtors	0	3,475	3,475
Income tax recoverable	0	22,572	22,572
Cash at bank and in hand	9,059	137,554	146,613
Creditors	0	(1,110)	(1,110)
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	9,059	174,456	183,515

ANALYSIS OF CHURCH'S NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Restricted Funds 2016 £	Unrestricted Funds 2016 £	Totals 2016 £
Fixed assets	0	16,031	16,031
Debtors	0	1,873	1,873
Income tax recoverable	0	10,114	10,114
Cash at bank and in hand	9,498	129,549	139,047
Creditors	0	(1,842)	(1,842)
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	9,498	155,725	165,223

10) **REMUNERATION**

The average number of employees during the year was 4.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Salaries	57,236	58,313
Social Security Costs	0	2,199
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	£57,236	£60,512

Members of the diaconate are not employees and received no remuneration during the year. Some members received payment for repair work carried out at the church and the manse, for lay preaching and the reimbursement of expenditure incurred in relation to the activities of the church.

The church is heavily reliant upon volunteers who give their time, which cannot be valued.

11) **FUTURE COMMITMENTS**

There were no contractual commitments at 31 December 2017 (2016 : Nil) but it has been agreed that £50,000 from reserves will be set aside to replace the windows in the sanctuary.

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1)	<u>INCOME TAX RECOVERABLE</u>	£
	Tax Recovered for 2016/2017	13,770
	Add : Proportion accrued from 6 April 2017 to 31 December 2017	22,572
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		36,342
	Less : Proportion accrued 31 December 2016	(10,114)
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		26,228
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2)	<u>REPAIRS, RENEWALS AND EQUIPMENT</u>	
	The following are transactions greater than £250	£
	P Hampshire (Manse Patio)	4,500
	Argos (5 new sofas)	1,091
	P Berry (Manse Scaffold)	1,080
	Cube (Manse Gas Maintenance)	600
	J Cripps (Boughton)	438
	C Oliver (Brook)	388
	R Blake (Manse Roof Repairs)	300
	D Grey (Manse Bay Window)	265
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		8,662
	Sundry repairs, renewals and equipment	2,579
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		11,241
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3)	<u>SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS</u>	
	Donations and Subscriptions > £100	£
	UFM (L Wilson)	6,712
	WORK	6,254
	Frizelles	3,507
	Girls Brigade Fees	1,390
	BUGB fees	587
	Boys Brigade Fees	544
	Orphans In Africa	295
	TV Licence	145
	SEBA	121
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	Donations and Subscriptions < £100	3,070
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		22,625
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4) MOTOR EXPENSES

Fuel	584
Repairs	410
Insurance	1,569
Road fund licence	165

Cost of welfare bus	2,728
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5) CONTRIBUTIONS TO BMS AND HOME MISSION

BMS	7,175
Home Mission	7,175

14,350

6) FIXED ASSETS

No assets were purchased in the year.

7) DEBTORS

CCLI - Copyright Licence	944
EDF refund	773
PAYE refund	1,758

£3,475

8) CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

Lloyds Bank PLC	Current Account	32,702
HSBC	Current Account	5,738
	Instant Savings Account	102,234
Boughton Account		1,030
Girls' Brigade Account		1,886
Boys Brigade Account		1,882
Youth Camp Account		1,141

£146,613

9) CREDITORS

C Oliver	388
Total Cleaning	420
Business Stream	302

£1,110



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STATISTICS

Total number of church members as at 31 December 2017: 142

Total number of baptisms in 2017: 11

Grace Dickens

Susannah Alsop

Kesher Gurung

Chinimaya Gurung

Jonathan Cho

Alisa Rai

Anussa Rai

Basi Limbu

Harkajon

Sanju Pun

Rich Coles

Number of children/young people with whom the church has regular contact through organised church activities:

Up to 11 years: 49

12-18 years: 42

Dedications: 1

Isabella Rachel Coles