

**The Parish Church of St. Anne  
St. Annes-on-Sea, St. Anne (Heyhouses)**



**Annual Report and Financial Statements  
of the  
Parochial Church Council**

for the year ended 31 December 2017

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**Mission Statement**

**“Growing strong in faith and worship, we work together to serve and care for all.”**

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## ANNUAL REPORT

### Background

St. Annes Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Father David Lyon, in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, social and ecumenical, within the ecclesiastical parish. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Parish Rooms on Oxford Road, St. Annes and the property at 2 Vicarage Close, St. Annes.

### Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year 2017, the following elected and co-opted individuals served as members of the PCC for the full year:

Angela Astley	Secretary, from April 2014 elected for 3 years to 2017, from April 2017 re-elected for 3 years to 2020
Richard Baker	Treasurer and Vice-Chairman, from April 2015 elected for 3 years to 2018
Denise Duke	Safeguarding Officer, co-opted from April 2016 for 1 year, from April 2017 elected for 3 years to 2020
Ken Foster	from April 2015 elected for 3 years to 2018
Kath Hall	from April 2015 elected for 3 years to 2018
Adrian Bromiley	from April 2016 elected for 3 years to 2019
Peter Duke	from April 2016 elected for 3 years to 2019
Pam Kinghorn	from April 2016 elected for 3 years to 2019
Brian Rose	from April 2016 elected for 3 years to 2019
Margaret Hill	Verger, co-opted from May 2015
Patricia Ward	from April 2014 elected for 3 years to 2017, from April 2017 re-elected for 3 years to 2020

During the year 2017, the following elected and co-opted individuals served as members of the PCC for part of the year:

Susan McMahon	completed period of service in April 2017
Michael O'Leary	completed period of service in April 2017
Roy Finden	from April 2017 elected for 1 year to 2018
Helen Rae	from April 2017 elected for 1 year to 2018

During the year 2017, the following individuals served as members of the PCC in one, or more, ex-officio capacities for at least part of the year:

Fr. David Lyon	Vicar (Chairman) - all year
Fr. Aiden Edwards	Curate from July 2017
Colin Miller	Churchwarden from April 2015 - all year
Mark Rae	Churchwarden from April 2016 - all year
Joan Johnson	Reader - all year
Bill Hembrow	Reader - all year
William Cousins	Deanery Synod representative from June 2017 for 3 years to 2020
Susan Rose	Deanery Synod representative from April 2016 to 2017, re-elected from June 2017 for 3 years to 2020
William Thomas	Deanery Synod representative from June 2017 for 3 years to 2020

## **Committees**

The PCC operated through a number of committees, which met regularly throughout the year: including the Outreach Committee, Parish Rooms Committee, Social and Tree Festival Committee, Projects Committee, Mission & Evangelism Committee and the Land & Buildings Committee.

During the year the PCC was pleased to accept the reports and recommendations of the various Committees. All members appreciate the work done by everyone concerned, including those who are not full members of the PCC; everyone continues to work hard to support the work and worship at St Annes Parish Church.

## **Church Attendance**

There are 248 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll of whom 126 are resident in the parish and 122 are non-resident. 18 names were added during the year and 6 removed through death or relocation. The Regular Weekly Attendance in 2017 was 144, but the number increased significantly at festivals.

## **Review of the Year**

During 2017 the full PCC met 7 times, including one emergency meeting to select the contractor for the choir vestry refurbishment, and there was an average attendance of 72%.

In 2017 the planned giving through envelopes and banker's orders plus collections at services amounted to £72,835, a drop of 2% on 2016. This giving equates to 43% of the total unrestricted fund income. Total unrestricted income increased by over 3%. Unrestricted expenditure increased by over 13%, including large items of expenditure necessary on the church building and the Parish Rooms, some of which was alleviated by insurance claims. Further items of expenditure were due to the fact that the parish is now lucky enough to have a curate. Fortunately the Additional Curates Society gave a grant to help with this.

£80,492 was spent on Christian ministry and grants to charitable causes, including large contributions to the diocese. As in the previous year, there was no outstanding Parish Share to be paid at the end of 2017.

The "Wednesday Men" do much useful work in the church, thereby cutting the maintenance costs considerably.

The house in Vicarage Close continues to be occupied by the organist and his family.

Further information about the running of the parish during 2017 may be found in the Supplementary Reports on page 28 *et seqq.*

Thank you to those members of the PCC who have completed their 3 year term of service: Richard Baker, Ken Foster and Kath Hall; also to Roy Finden and Helen Rae who have completed 1 year's service; your contribution has been greatly appreciated.

On behalf of the PCC  
Fr. David Lyon (chairman)  
April 2018

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2017

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
					2017 £	2016 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>	2(a)	81,183	8,620	0	89,803	87,183
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>	2(b)	1,000	70	0	1,070	1,662
<i>Incoming resources from operating activities to further the Council's objects</i>	2(c)	8,660	0	0	8,660	8,671
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>	2(d)	63,457	5,348	0	68,805	69,987
<i>Income from investments</i>	2(e)	1,271	616	4,554	6,441	5,351
<i>Other incoming resources</i>	2(f)	12,690	745	0	13,435	2,575
<b>TOTAL ACTUAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<u>168,261</u>	<u>15,399</u>	<u>4,554</u>	<u>188,214</u>	<u>175,428</u>
<b>RESOURCES USED</b>						
<i>Cost of generating funds</i>	3(a)	9,262	948	0	10,210	11,849
<i>Grants - Donations to charities</i>	3(b)	6,320	1,424	0	7,744	7,052
<i>Activities directly relating to the work of the church</i>	3(c)	127,871	14,346	7,509	149,726	114,737
<i>Salaries &amp; support costs</i>	3(d)	25,213	669	0	25,883	25,082
<i>Church management and administration</i>	3(e)	7,032	0	0	7,032	6,566
<b>TOTAL ACTUAL RESOURCES USED</b>		<u>175,698</u>	<u>17,387</u>	<u>7,509</u>	<u>200,593</u>	<u>165,285</u>
<b>NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES</b>		<u>-7,437</u>	<u>-1,988</u>	<u>-2,954</u>	<u>-12,379</u>	<u>10,143</u>
<b>GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS</b>						
Unrealised (Tangible fixed assets)	5(a)	793	0	0	793	-979
Unrealised (Investment assets)	5(b)	29	243	15,514	15,786	18,035
<b>UNCOLLECTABLE DEBTS WRITTEN OFF</b>	7(b)	0	0	0	0	-1,518
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<u>-6,615</u>	<u>-1,745</u>	<u>12,560</u>	<u>4,200</u>	<u>25,680</u>
<i>BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2017 (2016)</i>		<u>916,030</u>	<u>56,085</u>	<u>211,275</u>	<u>1,183,391</u>	<u>1,157,711</u>
<b>BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2017 (2016)</b>		<u>909,416</u>	<u>54,340</u>	<u>223,835</u>	<u>1,187,591</u>	<u>1,183,391</u>

## BALANCE SHEET

At 31 December 2017

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	5(a)	866,338	865,545
Investment assets	5(b)	210,950	195,164
		<u>1,077,288</u>	<u>1,060,709</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7(a)	13,691	14,145
Cash at bank and in hand	9	104,383	110,484
		<u>118,074</u>	<u>124,630</u>
LIABILITIES:			
AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	8	-7,771	-1,948
		<u>110,303</u>	<u>122,682</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>1,187,591</u>	<u>1,183,391</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>1,187,591</u>	<u>1,183,391</u>
FUNDS			
	6		
Unrestricted		909,416	916,030
Restricted		54,340	56,085
Endowment		223,835	211,275
		<u>1,187,591</u>	<u>1,183,391</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 9 April 2018 and signed on its behalf by:



Revd. A. David Lyon (chairman)



Mr C. Miller (member)

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets, and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the financial statements of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

### Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and the restrictions are provided in Note 10. Endowment funds, where the capital must be retained, are explained in Note 10.

Where funds are not separately invested, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

### Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

#### *Voluntary income and capital sources*

Collections are recognized when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving under Gift Aid is recognized only when received. Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognized when the income is recognized. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

#### *Income from investments*

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable, and interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognized in the same accounting year.

#### *Gains and losses on investments*

Realized gains or losses are recognized when investments are sold. Unrealized gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

### Resources Used

All expenditure is accounted for gross.

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when payable. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these financial statements as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

### Fixed Assets

#### *Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings*

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the financial statements by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 1997 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 1997 have been capitalized and depreciated in the financial statements over their currently anticipated useful economic life (initially over four years) on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 1997 is written off.

#### *Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment*

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

### Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

### Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.



## 2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2017 £	2016 £
2(a) <i>Incoming resources from donors</i>					
Planned giving:					
Tax efficient planned giving	42,167			42,167	43,918
Income tax recoverable	10,594			10,594	11,038
Other planned giving	4,533			4,533	5,038
Collections (open plate) at services:					
Sunday services	5,515			5,515	5,515
Tax efficient giving (yellow envelopes)	7,187			7,187	6,269
Income tax recoverable (yellow envelopes)	1,797			1,797	1,567
Occasional services	603				828
Occasional services (Tax efficient donations)	0			603	30
Occasional services (Income tax recoverable)	0				8
Weekday services	440			440	408
Charity collections		0			43
Charity collections (Tax efficient donations)		0		0	0
Charity collections (Income tax recoverable)		0			0
Sundry donations:					
Other donations	1,964	951			2,666
Other donations (Tax efficient donations)	468	55		3,568	839
Other donations (Income tax recoverable)	117	14			210
Donations towards bell training equipment		2,440			0
Donations towards bell training equipment (Tax efficient donations)		542		3,118	0
Donations towards bell training equipment (Income tax recoverable)		136			0
Flowers		622			472
Flowers (Tax efficient donations)		375		1,091	802
Flowers (Income tax recoverable)		94			200
Donations towards Parish Rooms entrance refurbishment		3,000		3,000	0
Donations towards church floodlighting		0			0
Donations towards church floodlighting (Tax efficient donations)		0		0	1,000
Donations towards church floodlighting (Income tax recoverable)		0			250
Pilgrims Coffee Stop	1,134			1,134	950
Votive candles	781			781	877
Babies & Toddlers group	650	0		650	217
Sunday coffee	648			648	624
Freewill offerings	426			426	387
Lent lunches	0	320		320	310
Loose coins carboy	205			205	184
Tuesday a.m. tea & coffee	162			162	213
Messy Church	59			59	130
Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme	1,724			1,724	1,250
In Memoriam fund		35			65
In Memoriam fund (Tax efficient donations)		30		73	0
In Memoriam fund (Income tax recoverable)		8			0
Sundry income	10	0		10	53
Bank errors	0			0	597

## 2 INCOMING RESOURCES (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2017 £	2016 £
2(a) <i>Incoming resources from donors (continued)</i>					
In memory of Gerry Stokes	0				201
In memory of Gerry Stokes (Tax efficient donations)	0			0	20
In memory of Gerry Stokes (Income tax recoverable)	0				5
	<u>81,183</u>	<u>8,620</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>89,803</u>	<u>87,183</u>
2(b) <i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>					
Legacies	1,000	0	0	1,000	535
Donation (Churchyard Maintenance)		70		70	70
Grants (Bishop legacy)	0	0		0	1,057
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,070</u>	<u>1,662</u>
2(c) <i>Incoming resources from operating activities to further the Council's objects</i>					
Parochial fees	6,230			6,230	6,763
Parish Rooms lettings (charitable purposes)	1,594			1,594	1,137
Magazine sales	393				349
Tax efficient donations in lieu of sales	254			710	257
Income tax recoverable on above	64				64
Bookstall & Heritage Mural	126			126	100
	<u>8,660</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,660</u>	<u>8,671</u>
2(d) <i>Activities for generating funds</i>					
Parish Rooms lettings (fund raising purposes)	32,890			32,890	28,271
Mobile telephone aerial (rent)	6,334			6,334	6,334
2 Vicarage Close rental	6,000			6,000	6,000
50:50 Club	5,617			5,617	5,682
Project Committee	243	4,813			1,814
Project Committee (Tax efficient donations)		300		5,431	246
Project Committee (Income tax recoverable)		75			61
Charity Tree Festival	4,015	154			4,123
Charity Tree Festival (Tax efficient donations)	0	5		4,175	0
Charity Tree Festival (Income tax recoverable)	0	1			0
Mobile telephone aerial (electricity)	3,435			3,435	8,587
Social and Tree Festival Committee	2,786	0		2,786	6,718
Magazine adverts	780			780	1,280
Grand Raffle	516	0		516	453
Sale of 2018 calendars	270			270	0
Sale of Christmas cards	150			150	0
Parish Rooms debt recovery compensation & costs	143			143	0
EasySearch and EasyFundraising	121			121	201
Photocopier	82			82	80
Sale of Advent calendars	51			51	0
Sale of website DVDs	24			24	0
Church guidebooks	1			1	0
Heritage Weekend bell tower raffle	0			0	80
WWI & WWII trail guidebooks	0			0	57
	<u>63,457</u>	<u>5,348</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>68,805</u>	<u>69,987</u>

## 2 INCOMING RESOURCES (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2017 £	2016 £
2(e) <i>Income from investments</i>					
Dividends and interest:					
Churchyard Maint. a/c	0	50	3,410	3,460	2,859
Repairs & Renewals a/c	74	62	1,145	1,281	1,055
General & Stewardship a/c	1,196			1,196	1,008
Hinchliffe Bequest a/c		498		498	411
Higher interest bequests a/c	1	3		4	11
Hartley Bequest a/c		2		2	4
Woodhead Bequest a/c		1		1	3
	<u>1,271</u>	<u>616</u>	<u>4,554</u>	<u>6,441</u>	<u>5,351</u>
2(f) <i>Other incoming resources</i>					
Insurance claims (Church roof repairs)	10,260			10,260	0
Insurance claim (Parish Rooms roof repair)	1,314			1,314	0
Additional Curates Society (Curate's expenses)		745		745	0
HMRC rebate of Employer's NICs	730			730	261
Sale of lead (ex. Parish Rooms roof)	386			386	0
Insurance claim (Lift repair)	0			0	2,204
BT rebate	0			0	101
Burglary compensation	0			0	9
	<u>12,690</u>	<u>745</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,435</u>	<u>2,575</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<u><u>168,261</u></u>	<u><u>15,399</u></u>	<u><u>4,554</u></u>	<u><u>188,214</u></u>	<u><u>175,428</u></u>

### 3 RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2017 £	2016 £
3(a) <i>Cost of generating funds</i>					
50:50 Club	3,220			3,220	3,172
Social and Tree Festival Committee	2,729			2,729	3,753
Charity Tree Festival	1,255	0		1,255	1,737
Advertising	989			989	736
Project Committee	0	948		948	437
Landlord's expenses for 2 Vicarage Close	628	0		628	1,914
Christmas cards and calendars	293			293	0
Grand Raffle	100	0		100	100
Advent calendars	48			48	0
	<u>9,262</u>	<u>948</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,210</u>	<u>11,849</u>
3(b) <i>Grants - Donations to charities</i>					
Missionary and charitable giving:					
Overseas mission societies:					
Charity Tree Festival:					
None	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,193</u>
	0	0	0	0	
Christian relief and development agencies:					
Blackpool Citadel Salvation Army Bridge Project	1,224			1,224	
Charity Tree Festival:					
None	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	1,224	0	0	1,224	0
Home mission and other Church societies:					
Charity Tree Festival:					
Mothers' Union	49	5		54	
Starr Hills Methodist Home for the Aged	49	3		52	
CofE Children's Society	49	2		51	
Lancashire Association of Bellringers					
Restoration Fund	<u>49</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>243</u>
	196	11	0	207	

### 3 RESOURCES USED (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2017 £	2016 £
Secular charities:					
North West Blood Bikes Lancashire & Lakes	1,224			1,224	
Shardale Rehabilitation Centre	1,224			1,224	
Clergy Choice charities	1,224			1,224	
Osiligi Charities (Kenya)		566		566	
Water Aid (Lent lunches)		320		320	
Charity Tree Festival:					
Parkinsons UK (Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Branch)	49	67		116	
Brian House Children's Hospice	98	8		106	
Donna's Dream House	49	24		73	
Cat Rescue (Blackpool, Wyre & Fylde)	49	10		59	
Winston's Wish	49	8		57	
Action for Children	49	4		53	
Trinity Hospice	49	4		53	
Meningitis Now (for Edward)	49	3		52	
Royal Air Forces Association Wings Appeal	49	3		52	
Royal National Lifeboat Institution	49	2		51	
Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity	49	1		50	
7th Lytham St. Annes Cub Scouts	49	1		50	
Kilgrimol Guiding Centre Building Fund	49	1		50	
Ormerod Home Trust	49	1		50	
The Neuro Foundation	49	1		50	
Rotary Club of St. Annes	49	1		50	
Lytham St. Annes (2486) ATC Squadron	49	1		50	
Fylde Soroptimists Toilet Twinning Project	49	0		49	
7th Lytham St. Annes Beaver Scout Group	49	0		49	
Road Peace	49	0		49	
People's Dispensary for Sick Animals	49	0		49	
	<u>4,750</u>	<u>1,029</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,779</u>	<u>5,591</u>
Charitable payment from Woodhead Bequest		234		234	0
Leaving gift to Mary and Peter Gittins	150			150	0
University grants (ex. Woodhead bequest)		150		150	0
Dean Christopher Armstrong's retirement	0			0	25
Charitable payment from Hartley Bequest		0		0	0
Charitable payment from Hinchliffe Bequest		0		0	0
Donations	0	0		0	0
	<u>6,320</u>	<u>1,424</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,744</u>	<u>7,052</u>

### 3 RESOURCES USED (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2017 £	2016 £
<i>Other charitable donations not through PCC's books</i>					
Bishop of Blackburn Ordination Fund (Area Dean's installation)				250	
Tax recoverable by Bishop of Blackburn Ordination Fund (Area Dean's installation)				37	
Additional Curates Society (Lent charity)				85	80
Tax recoverable Additional Curates Society (Lent charity)				21	31
Tax recoverable Additional Curates Society boxes				26	
Children's Society boxes					247
				<u>419</u>	<u>358</u>

#### 3(c) Activities directly relating to the work of the church

##### Parish share:

Parish share contribution from parish	56,414			56,414	57,594
Fees paid by PCC	<u>268</u>			<u>268</u>	<u>0</u>
	56,682	0	0	56,682	57,594

##### *Fees assigned to diocese not passed through PCC's books*

				5,710	6,636
<i>Total Parish Share</i>				<u>62,392</u>	<u>64,230</u>

##### Clergy expenses:

Vicarage Council Tax	2,068			2,068	1,997
Vicar's expenses	1,650			1,650	1,636
Vicarage water rates	645			645	513
Curate's house Council Tax	0	529		529	0
Curate's expenses	228	216		444	0
Vicarage security	372			372	372
Assistant clergy	353			353	411
Curate's house water rates	<u>287</u>			<u>287</u>	<u>0</u>
	5,603	745	0	6,348	4,928

##### Church running expenses:

Electricity	5,503			5,503	6,016
Insurance	4,981			4,981	4,672
Gas	4,533			4,533	4,138
Hygienic waste removal	431			431	861
Books	255	0		255	306
Coach to Aiden Edwards' ordination	250			250	0
Water	198			198	182
Cleaning materials etc.	168			168	157
Sundry expenditure	68			68	226
Costs from Funeral Director's bankruptcy	<u>0</u>			<u>0</u>	<u>313</u>
	16,385	0	0	16,385	16,871

### 3 RESOURCES USED (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2017 £	2016 £
3(c) <i>Activities directly relating to the work of the church (continued)</i>					
Church maintenance:					
Repairs to church roof	11,150			11,150	1,330
Choir vestry and storeroom refurbishment		5,381		5,381	0
Electrical repairs	2,245			2,245	73
Roof alarm	2,115			2,115	0
Organ tuning	1,206			1,206	1,141
Notice boards		716		716	1,057
Fire extinguishers	352			352	0
Flags	18	15	286	320	320
Clock servicing	102			102	102
Piano tuning & repair	50			50	0
Security	31			31	10
Wednesday Men projects	6	0		6	25
Repointing of voussoirs etc.	0	0		0	2,370
Heating repairs	0			0	930
Repair to organ	0			0	331
Repair to clock	0			0	85
Update parish photographs board	0			0	39
Plumbing repairs	0			0	35
	<u>17,275</u>	<u>6,112</u>	<u>286</u>	<u>23,673</u>	<u>7,848</u>
Upkeep of services:					
Bell training equipment	303	3,118		3,420	0
Wine, wafers & candles	1,498	304		1,802	1,265
Easter figures	1,385			1,385	0
Flowers	12	990		1,002	988
Votive candles	803			803	687
Copyright licence	424			424	416
Praise on the Prom	200			200	200
Bell ringing costs	156	0		156	232
Christingles	151			151	0
Palm crosses	141			141	162
Refreshments	131	0		131	147
Music	92			92	0
Altar linen (inc. cleaning)	60			60	0
Children's play bags	43			43	0
Poppy wreath	20			20	20
Thurible		0		0	210
Servers' albs	0			0	68
	<u>5,420</u>	<u>4,411</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,832</u>	<u>4,395</u>

### 3 RESOURCES USED (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2017 £	2016 £
3(c) <i>Activities directly relating to the work of the church (continued)</i>					
Upkeep of churchyard:					
Path repairs	0	77	7,223	7,300	0
Garden and gardener	243	0		243	45
Garden of Remembrance	198			198	978
Drain repair	0			0	2,350
	<u>441</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>7,223</u>	<u>7,741</u>	<u>3,373</u>
Expenditure on parish magazine/ bookstall/ website:					
Expenditure on magazine (excl. printing)	295			295	312
Video for website	180			180	0
Expenditure on website	50			50	50
Expenditure on bookstall	0			0	63
	<u>525</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>425</u>
Parish Rooms running costs:					
Replacement entrance doors	3,068	3,000		6,068	0
Gas (Parish Rooms)	4,251			4,251	3,347
Large Hall new lighting	3,240			3,240	0
Large Hall redecoration	2,411			2,411	0
Insurance	2,224			2,224	2,112
Roof & brickwork repair	2,050			2,050	0
Council tax, ground rent	1,427			1,427	564
Electricity (Parish Rooms)	1,123			1,123	1,308
Large Hall seating	900			900	0
Water (Parish Rooms)	623			623	704
Electrical repairs	561			561	74
Plumbing repairs	535			535	230
Improvements	460			460	6,277
Hygienic waste removal	431			431	0
Electricity (Flat)	352			352	207
Rubbish removal	350			350	0
Fire extinguishers	320			320	136
Heating repairs	246			246	302
Window cleaning	210			210	210
Cleaning materials etc.	209			209	419
Security	154			154	0
Refurbish top floor of flat	120			120	0
Repairs to lift	108			108	2,628
Water (Flat)	97			97	92
Maintenance contracts	34			34	392
Sundries	28			28	0
Debt recovery costs	7			7	0



### 3 RESOURCES USED (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2017 £	2016 £
3(c) <i>Activities directly relating to the work of the church (continued)</i>					
Facilities for the disabled	0			0	140
Fire alarm maintenance	0			0	135
General repairs	0			0	25
	<u>25,540</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>28,540</u>	<u>19,303</u>
	<u>127,871</u>	<u>14,346</u>	<u>7,509</u>	<u>149,726</u>	<u>114,737</u>
3(d) <i>Salaries &amp; support costs</i>					
Salaries, wages and honoraria:					
Parish Rooms Cleaner wages, tax, NIC, pension	12,316			12,316	11,689
Organist's wages, tax, NIC	6,309			6,309	6,261
Parish Administrators' wages, tax, NIC	5,934			5,934	5,802
Assistant Organists	350			350	500
	<u>24,909</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>24,909</u>	<u>24,253</u>
Support costs:					
Children's Church	69	669		738	322
Messy Church	135			135	157
Nursery Praise	50			50	0
Pilgrims Coffee Stop	31	0		31	0
Babies & Toddlers Group	19	0		19	18
Mission & Evangelism Committee	0			0	333
	<u>304</u>	<u>669</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>974</u>	<u>829</u>
	<u>25,213</u>	<u>669</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25,883</u>	<u>25,082</u>

### 3 RESOURCES USED (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2017 £	2016 £
3(e) <i>Church management and administration</i>					
Photocopier	3,277			3,277	2,635
Telephone	1,210			1,210	1,182
Computer expenses	762			762	279
Office requisites	715			715	912
Bank charges	328			328	320
Subscriptions	183			183	171
Stewardship envelopes & campaign	181			181	185
Independent Examiner	150			150	150
Office alarm maintenance	150			150	90
Books	57			57	39
CCPAS checks	18			18	6
Bank errors	0			0	596
	<u>7,032</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,032</u>	<u>6,566</u>
 TOTAL RESOURCES USED	 <u>175,698</u>	 <u>17,387</u>	 <u>7,509</u>	 <u>200,593</u>	 <u>165,285</u>

## 4 REMUNERATION

### 4(a) PCC Employees

During the year the PCC employed two Parish Administrators, an organist and a Parish Rooms cleaner, none of whom earned £60,000 p.a. or more.

### 4(b) PCC Members

The Vicar received £1,650 expenses during the year.

The Curate received £444 expenses during the year.

Mr William Thomas received remuneration for playing at services as Assistant Organist.

Four choir members, Miss Angela Astley, Mrs Joan Johnson, Miss Pat Ward and Mr Richard Baker, received fees for singing at weddings and funerals.

The Verger, Mrs Margaret Hill received fees for verger's duties at weddings and funerals.

Mrs Pam Kinghorn was employed as a Parish Administrator, see 4(a) above.

Apart from the above, no other member received any reimbursement of expenses or remuneration.

## 5 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

	Parish Rooms £	Vestments £	Total £
5(a) <i>Tangible fixed assets</i>			
<b>Year of acquisition</b>		<b>2017</b>	
GROSS BOOK VALUE			
At 1 January 2017	865,545	0	865,545
Additions		1,057	1,057
At 31 December 2017	<u>865,545</u>	<u>1,057</u>	<u>866,602</u>
APPRECIATION			
Appreciation/Depreciation	0	-264	-264
At 31 December 2017	<u>0</u>	<u>-264</u>	<u>-264</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2017	<u>865,545</u>	<u>793</u>	<u>866,338</u>
At 31 December 2016	<u>865,545</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>865,545</u>

The vestments were all donated at no cost to the PCC. Their market value has been used above.

At one time the gross and net values for the Parish Rooms were based on insurance valuations. In the light of the present national economic conditions it is considered that the increase in insurance valuation in 2017 would give an overly optimistic valuation for the Parish Rooms. Therefore, the net value for 2017 has been pegged to the 2016 value.

	Shares/ Units	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2016 £
5(b) <i>Investment assets</i>					
GENERAL PURPOSES					
CBF Deposit Fund		11,400			11,400
(Interest paid into General account)					
CBF Investment Fund	735	<u>11,400</u>		<u>12,015</u>	<u>11,047</u>
				12,015	22,447
CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE					
CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund	207			348	333
CBF Investment Fund	6,123		<u>2,813</u>	<u>97,316</u>	<u>92,067</u>
			2,813	97,664	92,400

5 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC (continued)

	Shares/ Units	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2016 £
5(b) <i>Investment assets (continued)</i>					
REPAIRS & RENEWALS					
CBF Investment Fund	4,151	<u>364</u>	<u>203</u>	<u>67,884</u>	<u>62,753</u>
		364	203	67,884	62,753
CURATE'S HOUSE					
CBF Deposit Fund		3,317			3,317
(Interest paid into Stewardship account)					
R.E. IN THE PARISH (Hinchliffe)					
CBF Investment Fund	935			15,291	14,060
VALUE OF INVESTMENTS					<b>2017 Total</b>
At 31 December 2016		15,052	2,773	177,339	195,164
At 31 December 2017		<u>15,082</u>	<u>3,016</u>	<u>192,853</u>	<u>210,950</u>
Gains/Losses		<u>29</u>	<u>243</u>	<u>15,514</u>	<u>15,786</u>

6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	2017 Total £
Fixed assets	881,419	3,016	192,853	1,077,288
Current assets	35,768	51,325	30,982	118,074
Current liabilities	<u>-7,771</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-7,771</u>
<b>Fund balance</b>	<u>909,416</u>	<u>54,340</u>	<u>223,835</u>	<u>1,187,591</u>

## 7 DEBTORS

### 7(a) DEBTS ACCRUED DURING THE YEAR

	2017 £	2016 £
Income tax recoverable		
Planned giving	10,542	10,979
Open plate (Yellow envelopes)	1,797	1,567
Occasional services	0	8
Unrestricted donations	117	197
Magazine donations in lieu of sales	64	64
Charity Tree Festival	1	0
Restricted donations	14	13
Flower fund	94	200
Church floodlighting	0	250
Bell training equipment	136	
Project Committee	75	61
In Memoriam fund	8	0
In memory of Gerry Stokes	0	5
Other debtors		
Additional Curates Society (Curate's expenses)	745	
Charity Tree Festival exhibitors (for charities)		164
Charity Tree Festival sponsors	70	470
Charity Tree Festival (Donation to supported charity)	10	110
Charity Tree Festival sale of wooden tree bases	10	20
Charity Tree Festival quiz	10	
Charity Tree Festival donations		36
	<u>13,691</u>	<u>14,145</u>

### 7(b) DEBTS WRITTEN OFF IN 2016

	2017 £	2016 £
Mobile telephone aerial rent outstanding from 2014		1,108
Charity Tree Festival exhibitors (for St. Annes Parish Church) from 2015		411
	<u>0</u>	<u>1,518</u>

## 8 LIABILITIES

### AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2017 £	2016 £
Creditors for goods and services:		
Parish share	0	0
Advertising for Christmas services	52	
Repairs to lift		114
Church lighting repairs	1,968	
Parish Rooms entrance doors	636	
Repairs to church roof	3,700	
Parish Rooms kitchen boiler repair	191	
Boiler servicing and gas safety certificates		504
Other creditors		
Charity Tree Festival charities	0	965
Charity Tree Festival exhibitors		70
Charity Tree Festival top-ups	0	295
Clergy Choice charities	1,224	
	<u>7,771</u>	<u>1,948</u>

## 9 ACCOUNT BALANCES

	2017 £	2016 £
General a/c	6,906	5,724
Stewardship a/c	21,066	20,270
Churchyard Maintenance a/c	12,082	15,925
Churchyard Maintenance (Interest bearing) a/c	14,087	14,014
Repairs and Renewals a/c	4,193	3,232
Hartley Bequest a/c	9,699	9,697
Hinchliffe Bequest a/c	2,768	2,910
Hinchliffe Bequest (Interest bearing) a/c	3,995	3,994
Woodhead Bequest a/c	6,600	6,983
Bequest (Higher interest bearing until Oct. 2014) a/c	22,957	27,644
Petty Cash	32	92
	<u>104,383</u>	<u>110,484</u>

## 10 FUND DETAILS

The restricted and endowment funds consist of the following:

### *Restricted Fund:*

Legacies for churchyard maintenance  
 Legacies for repairs and renewals  
 Hartley bequest (for charitable purposes)  
 Woodhead bequest (for communicants' expenses)  
 Specific charitable collections  
 In Memoriam Fund  
 Other specific donations

### *Endowment Fund:*

Legacies for churchyard maintenance  
 Legacies for repairs and renewals  
 Legacies for general purposes  
 Hinchliffe bequest (for R.E. in the parish)

## 11 SELECTED FUND BALANCES

The annual trading situation of various funds is shown below:

		<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Endowment Funds £</b>	<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	
					<b>2017 £</b>	<b>2016 £</b>
Parish Rooms	Incoming resources	34,627	3,000	0	37,627	29,408
	Resources used	<u>37,855</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>40,855</u>	<u>30,992</u>
	Profit / Loss	-3,228	0	0	-3,228	-1,584
50:50 Club	Incoming resources	5,617	0	0	5,617	5,682
	Resources used	<u>3,220</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,220</u>	<u>3,172</u>
	Profit / Loss	2,397	0	0	2,397	2,510
Charity Tree Festival plus Grand Raffle	Incoming resources	4,531	160	0	4,691	4,576
	Resources used	<u>2,629</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,782</u>	<u>2,834</u>
	Profit / Loss	1,902	6	0	1,909	1,742
Social and Tree Festival Committee	Incoming resources	2,786	0	0	2,786	6,718
	Resources used	<u>2,729</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,729</u>	<u>3,753</u>
	Profit / Loss	57	0	0	57	2,965
Bookstall & Heritage Mural	Incoming resources	126	0	0	126	100
	Resources used	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Profit / Loss	126	0	0	126	100
Votive candles	Incoming resources	781	0	0	781	877
	Resources used	<u>803</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>803</u>	<u>687</u>
	Profit / Loss	-22	0	0	-22	190

## **EXAMINER'S REPORT**

### **Examiner's report to the PCC of St. Annes on Sea, St. Anne (Heyhouses)**

This report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2017, which are set out on pages 6 – 23, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

#### **Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner**

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.43(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

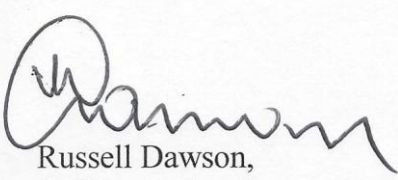
#### **Basis of this report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
  - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulationshave 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.



Russell Dawson,  
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April 2018



## **ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS**

The accounts in this section are from organizations, a) whose accounts are not included in the Parochial Church Council's accounts and, b) do not report to a larger national organization.

### **I MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

No accounts available for 2017 (see also the MEN'S FELLOWSHIP report on p.40).

## II WALSINGHAM CELL

### CELL OF THE HOLY HOUSE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM & St ANNE, St Anne's Parish Church

Accrual Accounts for Year, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016-31<sup>st</sup> October 2017

#### INCOME & EXPENDITURE

Item	Notes	2017		2016	
		Credit £	Debit £	Credit £	Debit £
Mass Collections	1	230.00		177.00	
Donations	2	59.38		49.13	
Office Expenses (stamps & stationery)			44.38		18.13
Holy House Lamp	3		40.00		40.00
Lady Chapel Lamp			200.00		200.00
Youth Pilgrimage Sponsorship	4		60.00		60.00
Chantry Book Entries					60.00
New Thurible for Church					210.00
Pilgrimage	7	9090.00	9051.30	6820.00	6786.50
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>9379.38</b>	<b>9395.68</b>	<b>7046.13</b>	<b>7374.63</b>
Surplus/Deficit on year			16.30		328.50

#### PILGRIMAGE ACCOUNT

Item	Notes	Credit £	Debit £
Gross Income(41 x £220 + 1 x £70)	9	9090.00	
Refund of Cancellations (2 x £190 + 6 x £165)	10		1370.00
Shrine Accommodation Charge (34 x £162.15 +6 x £30.00)	11		5693.10
Coach			1450.00
Coach Parking			20.00
Lunches at Clumber Park			190.60
Lunches at Goldthorpe Church			250.00
Taxis between from/to Fleetwood			77.60
<b>TOTALS transferred to this years INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>9090.00</b>	<b>9051.30</b>
Overall Surplus of Income over Expenditure for pilgrimage		38.70	

#### RECONCILIATION

Item	Notes	£	£ Bank Balance	£ Cash in Hand	£ Uncleared Cheques	£ Money Owed to Cell
Opening Assets as at 1.11.16		1057.49	1296.29	0.00	238.80	0
Deficit of Income wrt Expenditure		-16.30				
Closing Assets as at 31.10.17	12	1041.19	661.19	0.00	60.00	440.00

#### SUMMARY

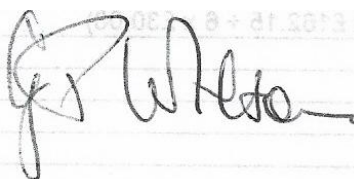
There was a small surplus on the pilgrimage, which aims to break even, of £38.70. There was a deficit on general income & expenditure of £55.00 making an overall deficit of £16.30. With assets of just over £1000 the finances are in a satisfactory state.

## Notes

- 1 Donations made at the monthly Walsingham mass on the final Saturday of each month.
2. Miscellaneous donations.
3. The lamp is half way along the right hand inside wall of the Holy House.
4. As last year and as agreed at the AGM two young people were sponsored to the Youth Pilgrimage in August at £30 per head. Youth Pilgrimage sponsorship was also made privately by at least four others (Cell members and members of the congregation).
7. See separate Pilgrimage Account.
8. As usual a raffle on the outward journey to Walsingham was held for the Sisters of the Priory of St Margaret with prizes donated by Ken Foster and other pilgrims. Over £100 was raised (not paid through Cell books.) There was no raffle for Cell funds.
9. The price this year was set at £220 for the full pilgrimage, of which £162.15 was payable to the Shrine, or £70 for coach travel and lunches only.
10. There were eight cancellations this year for which partial refunds were made: £190 (ie £220 less £30 deposit lost to Shrine) for 2 cancellations prior to 1<sup>st</sup> August and £165 for 6 late cancellations after 1<sup>st</sup> August.
11. Includes accommodation for 33 pilgrims plus the coach driver plus six lost final deposits of £30. Two cancellations were covered by two additional late bookings.
12. At the end of the accounting year £440.00 was owed for two pilgrimage fees for parish clergy, which was approved by the PCC meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> November as valid clergy expenses. Also a cheque for £60 payable for SOLW subscriptions was uncleared at the end of the FY, but was cleared on 8<sup>th</sup> November.

Prepared by

Gerald Wilson, Treasurer



I have reviewed the account records and confirm that the above statement is a correct representation of the affairs of the Cell.

R. W. Baker Independent Examiner

 31/12/17

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| • Katherine Fletcher (via SO)       | • Vivian Park (cash via Cell)          |
| • Roy Finden (by SO)                | • Maureen Rodgers (by SO)              |
| • Mike Fitzsimmons (cash via Cell)  | • Robin/ Margaret Singleton (by SO)    |
| • Derek & Margaret Garner (by SO)   | • Norma Spacey (cash via Cell)         |
| • Howard Gent (by SO)               | • Jacqui Stapleton (by SO)             |
| • Kathleen Hall (by SO)             | • Alan Swindlehurst (by SO)            |
| • Mike & Joy Hedley (cash via Cell) | • Bill Thomas (by SO)                  |
| • Joscelyn Hoyle (by SO)            | • Patricia Ward (by SO)                |
| • Margaret Hill (cash via Cell)     | • John Whittaker (paid cash at Shrine) |
| • Joan Johnson (by SO)              | • Gerald & Fiona Wilson (by SO)        |

Ken Foster is formally a member of the Cell of Our Lady, St Helena & St Thomas of Canterbury based at Holy Cross, Blackpool but is regarded as an affiliate member of the St Anne's Cell.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS**

### **I APCM ITEMS**

#### **a) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

##### **Aim and purposes**

St Anne's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Fr. David Lyon, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St. Anne's Church Parish Rooms on the corner of Headroomgate Road and Oxford Road and the dwelling house 2 Vicarage Close.

##### **Objectives and activities**

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Anne's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship in the parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and the sacraments. When planning our activities for the year we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus Christ
- 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 our Church building and our Parish Rooms.

##### **Achievements and performance**

##### **Worship and prayer**

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that will glorify God and which our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, evening prayers provide a quiet, intimate and reflective environment for worship while opportunities are provided for people to engage in more outgoing worship such as that provided by Messy Church.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. The average weekly attendance, counted during October, was one hundred and thirty adults and thirty children, but this number increased at festivals and especially at Christmas with the Carol Services and Crib Service being especially well attended. Also the basic raw statistics do not give a full picture of our worshipping community as there are many new people joining us each year, either because they have moved into the area, or because they like our worship and way of doing things. One of the factors that people look for when they visit a church is its friendliness; are they made welcome. The answer is invariably, 'yes', and long may this continue.

It is worth mentioning also that our Church is a centre of excellence; when it comes to liturgy and worship, serving and music what we offer to God is of the highest quality. The worship we offer is relatively traditional, made with reverence, dignity and – hopefully – a light touch.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and

family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. Numbers of parents wanting their children to be baptised and couples coming for the sacrament of Holy Matrimony have been stable this year, but the number of funerals is in decline. Many people whose relatives do not consider them to be 'religious' seem to be choosing not to have a Christian Funeral Service. Personally I am convinced that God wants to hold the souls of the departed in His care whether they were religious or not.

### **Pastoral care**

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Many members of our Church family visit the sick and the housebound, and Holy Communion is taken to them.

### **Ecumenical relationships**

The local Ministers' Fraternal continues to meet regularly, and initiate ecumenical events. Two are noteworthy - The Pentecost Walk and Witness to Fairhaven Lake, and the provision of a Nativity Crib scene in the Town square.

### **Assistant Curate**

Perhaps the most significant development in Church and parish life over the last year has been the arrival of our Assistant Curate, Fr. Aiden Edwards. Fr. Aiden is being a breath of fresh air in our worshiping community and beyond; something of a 'larger than life' character with his warm personality and great sense of humour, he is a 'people person' who will bless us with his ministry over the next few years. We look forward very much to his being ordained priest in our Church later in 2018.

Elsewhere in the Annual Report you can read more extensively about the work of the groups and committees that make our church such a thriving, lively place to be. May I take this opportunity to thank all those who have taken leadership roles over the last year, Joan Johnson, Bill Hembrow and Noel Edwards our Readers and also Tim Smith our Occasional Preacher; Colin and Mark as Churchwardens, those who have served on our committees both as members and chairpersons, all who assist our worship, Gerald and the Serving team, Alistair and the choir, the Churchwardens and sidesmen and women, Brenda and the flower arranging team. Those who enrich our lives by arranging social events, particularly through the Social Committee, Men's Fellowship, Mothers' Union, Projects Committee and Pilgrims Coffee Stop, Nicodemus Group, Mission & Evangelism group, and our Outreach committee. Those who work with children, especially Chris and Natalie and their team who run Children's Church; Carlla Harris and her team who have run Messy Church; and Jan Hood and the team who run Nursery Praise. The importance of our ministry to children cannot be overestimated. As always, apologies to those who work so hard for our church but have not been mentioned.

It is a wonderful thing to belong to the Church of Jesus Christ, and a wonderful thing also to be part of His family here at S. Anne's Church. May we be granted grace to welcome others, so they can enjoy all that we do.

*Fr. David*

## **b) CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT**

This has been both a bad year and a good year for our church. The bad things being the lead thefts and this time they didn't just steal the lead they also pushed over the masonry surrounding the Vicar's vestry roof. Fortunately no robes were destroyed however it did do damage to other things. The good news is we have now got roof alarms however if they go off poor Father David, Brenda and the dog are summoned to attend. The alarm has already proved itself useful as the

last time it went off the thieves scampered empty handed. Our thanks go to Gerald Wilson who supervised this work on behalf of the church.

The path from the Lych-gate to the Porch has been resurfaced making it much better for weddings and funerals that always use that driveway.

Mark and I always try to attend as many committee meetings as possible so that we can keep in touch with what our church is doing. We now have Stuart Newton on board as a deputy warden and this is great help when tradesmen want to get into the church or to go up the Belfry during the day.

I arranged for the electrician to replace most of the faulty spot lights in church however a complete review of all the church lighting is necessary.

As churchwardens we are always wanting to maintain the highest quality when it comes to repairing any part of our church or church grounds. We have asked Fylde Borough council to repair the walls and Lych-gate, which is their responsibility. They say they will do so in June.

We would be neglecting our duties if we didn't concern ourselves at the high energy costs in the church Gerald Wilson and Jed Bird will investigate this on behalf of the Land and Buildings Committee. We know we can save money by replacing lamps where possible with LEDs. The report on this will be given to the PCC.

Many people have remarked on how good the new candle holders are for use by the congregation which we are pleased about.

We are disturbed by the interference in the church sound system. We are keeping our fingers crossed as Howard Gent seems to have found the problem in a rogue transmitter.

*Colin Miller and Mark Rae*

### **c) WELCOME MINISTRY (SIDESPERSONS)**

At the beginning of our year (June) we had 2 Churchwardens, 6 Senior sidespersons, 24 sidespersons for 10:30 services and 8 sidespersons for the 8 am service. We also have 5 reservist sidespersons. I am very pleased to be able to say that all those taking part have made our church a very welcoming place to come and worship in. During the year I have had many comments from strangers saying that they were greeted with a cheery 'Good Morning' which made them feel very welcome. I also make a point of going round the congregation prior to the service and speak to as many people as I can. The one complaint our sidespeople have is that sometimes so many different things have to be put in the hymn book. When coffee is in the church then it becomes difficult to tidy up the church until everyone has left something that is not always convenient for any sidesperson who wishes to get away sharp. During the winter it is very cold to stand at the extremely drafty, bellowing doors and I hope the Land and Buildings committee can try to address this.

The future requires that we should organise sidespeople for all the special services e.g. Christmas, Easter and Ash Wednesday as at the moment they are being done on the hoof.

I feel sure that Father David is really happy knowing that the back of the church is being well looked after without complaints.

The following have served as sidesmen and women during 2017:-

#### **Senior Sidespersons**

Adrian Bromiley, Caroline Bird, Alan Christie, Margaret Imrie, Pam Kinghorn, Josie Wilkinson.

## Sidespersons

Kate Armstrong, Sharon Arundel, Kathryn Baker, Christine Barrow, Sandra Bigley, Jed Bird, Christine Buckley, Marjorie Byrne, Mel Cook, Pauline Cook, Anne Cooley, Lesley Dawson, Denise Duke, Peter Duke, Gemma Eaves, Sandra Fleming, Kath Hall, Marian Hopper, James Lambert, Sarah Leighton, Brenda Lyon, Susan MacMahon, Nicky Meakin, Jenny Nuttall, Eric Roberts, Mary Roberts, Valerie Streule, Alan Swindlehurst, Jasper Vijayakumar, Christina Deborah, Sheila Walton.

## Reservist Sidespersons

Jean Eaves, Louis Shaw, Fiona Wilson, Barbara Woollett, Ray Woollett.

*Colin Miller*

## d) PLANNED GIVING AND GIFT AID

The following table gives the data for Planned Giving and Gift Aid donations during 2017 (with comparable figures for 2016 in parentheses).

Source	Gift Aided			Non Gift Aided		
	Amount donated	No. of donors	Average donation per donor per week	Amount donated	No. of donors	Average donation per donor per week
Bank { Standing Orders }	£32,592.00 (£33,309.00)	52 (52)	£12.05 (£12.32) [equiv. to £52.23 (£53.38) pm]	£1,552.00 (£1,568.60)	9 (10)	£3.32 (£3.02) [equiv. to £14.37 (£13.07) pm]
Weekly stewardship envelopes	£9,575.05 (£10,603.91)	39 (42)	£4.72 (£4.86)	£2,928.72 (£3,121.66)	13 (15)	£4.33 (£4.00)
Gift Aid envelopes { regular donors }	£6,227.77 (£4,952.49)	29 (25)	£4.13 (£3.81)			
Gift Aid envelopes { one-off donations at services }	£960.06 (£1,316.79)	84 (102)				
Other	£2,027.79 (£3,193.25)	60 (121)				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£51,382.67</b> <b>(£53,375.44)</b>	<b>264</b> <b>(342)</b>	<b>£7.76</b> <b>(£6.02)</b>	<b>£4,480.72</b> <b>(£4,690.26)</b>	<b>22</b> <b>(25)</b>	<b>£3.92</b> <b>(£3.61)</b>

Planned donations are those that are received by Standing Order from a bank or via the weekly stewardship envelopes. Regular donors are those who have used Gift Aid envelopes for at least 6

months and have made at least one donation per month during that period. There will be some donors who give regularly by putting money onto the plate every week, but we have no record of who you are, nor how much you give individually. However, be assured that your donations are appreciated just as much as the others.

Thanks go to all those parishioners who decided to increase their giving in 2017. Thanks also go to all those who give regularly by envelopes and who increase their giving in certain weeks to cover for weeks when they have not been able to attend.

The average for all planned and regular donations (both Gift Aided and non-Gift Aided) in 2017 was £7.16 per donor per week compared with £7.15 in 2016.

The tax recoverable from the Gift Aided donations in 2017 is £12,845.67. In 2016 it was £13,343.86.

*Richard Baker* Planned Giving Officer

## **e) SAFEGUARDING OFFICER'S REPORT**

St Annes Parish Church would like to ensure that we safeguard all the children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church family and community.

### **Safeguarding training**

We have had one session held in the church hall. The next training session is planned for 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018. It is hoped that all people working/volunteering in the church will attend one of the training sessions.

### **DBS**

It would be good practice for all workers/volunteers who have contact with children, young people and vulnerable adults as their role in church to have a current DBS. The diocese recommends that DBS's be renewed every three years.

### **First Aiders**

Are there any qualified first aiders that would be willing to be named first aiders in church?

If you run a group or have a role, which involves contact with children within the church or Parish Rooms, could you please contact me via email with your contact details as I am trying to compile an up-to-date list of who is working with children, young people and vulnerable adults?

If anyone is interested in becoming part of the working party they would be more than welcomed. Could they please contact either the Parish Office or email me with your contact details and the times that you would be available to attend a meeting.

*Denise Duke* Safeguarding

Email: duke\_denise@hotmail.com

## **II WORSHIP & MISSION**

### **a) READERS**

During the past year up to December 2017 the Readers at St. Annes have carried on with their duties and roles as agreed with the vicar and laid down by the Diocese.

Peter Gittins has left our church to continue his ministry as reader nearer to his home in Lund, and we presented him and his wife Mary with a token of our thanks for their work among us during the 10.30 service.



Noel Edwards having been ill earlier in 2017 has now returned to worship with us and also preaches regularly on the rota. We thank God for his recovery and continued health.

All current Readers were required to have their licence to serve as Readers renewed by the Bishop of Blackburn on the 21st of October 2017, at Blackburn Cathedral. The relicensing is for 3 years each time and is not automatic, but requires attending mandatory training, an agreement with the incumbent and satisfactory clearance by DBS.

Bill Hembrow and Joan Johnson have continued to carry out duties as required by the vicar and serve as ex officio members on the PCC and its sub groups.

*Joan Johnson*

## **b) BELLRINGERS**

The bells ring out to externally announce the presence and the life of the Church. Normally, we ring from 10.00-10.30am on Sundays and our practice night is on Fridays from 7.30-9.00pm.

The highlight of the year was the amazing response we got from our Church family and bellringing community to our appeal to install new training equipment in the tower. The equipment was installed in March and has allowed both new learners and experienced ringers to rapidly improve their ringing skills. Various training courses have already been hosted using the equipment.

The bells rang out for every Sunday Morning Service, special Services and weddings over the year. My thanks go to all our ringers for their support over the year, particularly to Jim Wharton, who makes sure that the clock is wound up each week, before we start ringing on Sundays.

16 quarter peals were rung during the year and this total was the most quarter peals rung by any tower in Lancashire. 12 of the quarters were in memory of 66 St. Annes residents, to mark the respective centenaries of their deaths in the First World War. We will continue to ring for the WW1 fallen during 2018. A WW1 centenary campaign has been launched to recruit 1,400 new ringers, who would be trained in time to participate in the bellringing events worldwide, which will planned to mark the centenary of the end of WW1.

Bellringing is a great social activity, which helps keep you fit, both physically and mentally. New learners are always welcome.

*Stuart Newton* Tower Captain (Tel 01253 725958)

## **c) CHOIR**

At St. Annes Parish Church we are indeed blessed by our Parish Choir and the commitment that every member gives to enhance our services of worship from week to week throughout the year. It has been a joy to welcome new members into our choir and our membership now stands at eighteen. Sadly, Mairi Levitt, a long-standing member of our choir moved to Chester and Robin Singleton, our former choir librarian, passed away. We miss them both.

We have continued to expand our repertoire, however, adding new motets from The Renaissance Period to anthems by contemporary composers. Our Parish Church Choir sings Choral Evensong on the first and third Sundays of each month and at services of Benediction on the third Sunday of each month, appropriate motets are sung to contribute to this most beautiful act of worship.

Further, I am delighted that our congregation continues to embrace our musically inclusive approach to our sung services on a Sunday morning by an increasing number of settings for our services of worship: Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus and Agnus Dei carefully selected to reflect the seasons of the Liturgical Year.

Musical 'highlights' this year have included Easter Sunday morning and the joyous 'Hallelujah Chorus' by Handel and what was felt to be a particularly beautiful service of 'Nine Lessons and Carols'.

I would like to thank each member of our choir for their personal contribution and devotion to this very important part of our Church Family. Our rehearsals are a weekly pleasure; not only are we able to prepare wonderful music on a weekly basis but to have such joy in so doing.

We would love anyone who feels they would wish to join us and help contribute to the spiritual witness of our community in music, please come and have a word with any members of our choir or Alistair; we would be delighted to hear from you.

*Alistair MacKenzie* Director of Music

#### **d) ALTAR SERVERS**

Last year I was bemoaning the dwindling number of young servers. Last year I reported that I had 12 children down from 16 last year and 20 the previous year. Also for the second year in a row there had been no recruits from the latest Confirmation group. This year I am pleased to report that we have more or less held our own with 2 recruits from the Confirmation Group (plus the one who was already a server), which is almost a 25% response. There are thus 10 children in all. While this bears no comparison to 15 years ago when I had almost this number of secondary children plus younger ones as well, it is better than might have been. Obviously the lack of teenagers in our serving team or indeed congregation as a whole remains a concern, however, though I do feel the issue is as much lack of parental support as the inevitable peer pressure that comes with secondary school.

Having said all that, we do have a fantastic group of young servers. Their enthusiasm is marvellous and it is privilege and a pleasure to train them and help them develop as people and as Christians.

I also have to say a thank you to all our adult servers especially those who serve weekday Eucharists and to our Eucharistic Ministers (not to be confused with Servers) who have stepped into the serving breach at short notice on a number of occasions. In particular I would like to acknowledge support from John Pitches in covering for me on weekends when I am away. Many thanks are also due to Vivian Park and Margaret Hill and also my wife, Fiona, for their important work of washing altar linen and albs.

I would also like to acknowledge support from Tim Smith, no longer a 10.30am server but up to the end of 2017 a server at 8am and still supporting the Tuesday service. Tim also often does the setting up on a Saturday evening and helps me with the ordering and management of sacristy supplies. As well as thanking him I would also like to congratulate Tim on his forthcoming marriage to Sue at St Thomas's in June.

Sacristy supplies cost almost £2,500 in 2017. By some careful shopping around we have saved ~£280 compared to previous buying practice, which compares to ~£180 in 2015 and ~£350 in 2016.

Serving gives a special insight into the way our worship is conducted, which hopefully strengthens the foundations on which our faith is built. It is therefore especially appropriate as an aid to nurturing the faith of all both young and old. New servers of any age are always welcome and anyone with an interest should speak to me at church or phone me at home.

*Gerald Wilson*, Head Server

**e) FLOWER GUILD**

2017 was another productive year for the flower ladies. There were 43 Sundays available for donating flowers to church, of which 21 were taken, slightly less than half of the Sundays were covered.

A Lily for a Loved One proved popular and the scheme will continue again this year.

We have 5 ladies on the team at present and if anyone would like to join our merry crew, you would be most welcome, please have a word with me.

*Brenda Lyon*

**f) BAPTISM WELCOMERS**

Over the past year our loyal team of Baptism Welcomers have welcomed 34 Baptism candidates and their families to our Church. I am very grateful to all the ladies who give up their time for this valuable part of our ministry. If anyone else is interested in joining our team, especially for 12.15 pm baptisms, we would be very glad of the extra support. Please speak to Kathryn Baker or Fr. David.

*Kathryn Baker*

**g) BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES**

It has been another busy year for delivering Baptism Anniversary Cards to children who have been Baptised in St Annes Parish Church over the last four years.

On the day of the Baptism, we give a candle to the families to light on each anniversary and the cards are an added reminder to the family of the child's Baptism and they also help the Church to keep in touch with them.

Baptism Anniversary Cards are sent out to children under 5 years of age (except when two siblings are Baptised together - one under 5 and one over 5 - when cards are delivered to both), to celebrate the first three anniversaries of their Baptism.

Over the past year, 35 (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Cards) 30 (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Cards) and 48 (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Cards) have been delivered.

With the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Card, a leaflet with details about Nursery Praise, Children's Church, the Sunday Eucharist and our Babies and Toddlers Group plus telephone numbers for Father David, our Church School and Nursery and the Parish Office is enclosed, to encourage the family link to continue after their child has been Baptised.

In delivering the cards over quite a large area, I have once again found roads that I didn't know existed (some of which weren't even in my A-Z) but I have enjoyed the walks, knowing that these cards help, in some small way, to maintain a link between the Church and the children who have been Baptised, and their families.

I am happy to continue delivering cards in 2018.

*Rosemary Pickles*

**h) BEREAVEMENT VISITORS**

During 2017 Father David conducted 25 Funeral Services, some taking place at the Lytham Crematorium Chapel, before Cremation or Burial. Many families however, connected with our Church family, prefer the Funeral Service to take place in Church before proceeding to the Crematorium.

Some families have family graves in our Churchyard and if there is room their loved ones coffin can be buried, also following a Cremation the ashes can be interred or scattered there. However we do have a special area in the Churchyard for interring ashes and the opportunity to have the name of their dear departed inscribed on the Memorial Stone.

The names of loved ones can also be added to the Book of Remembrance which is found in the Memorial Chapel, in Church.

During 2017 we sadly lost some well remembered members of our Church Family, including Shirley Castling, Margaret Brown, Brenda Roberts, Phil Webb, Allan Garside and Nick Barrow.

Throughout the year the Bereavement Visitors contact the families of the deceased and take them the Parish Magazine which lists the name of their loved one or post it to them if they do not live locally. We hope families gain comfort from the knowledge that we are all remembering their relatives in our thoughts and prayers.

The recently bereaved are remembered at Harvest time when they receive a gift and prayer card, through the generosity of the pupils of Heyhouses School.

The bereaved are also invited to the All Souls Service of Remembrance in November when they are invited to place a lighted candle in memory of their loved one, alongside many of our congregation wishing to also remember their loved ones.

During 2017 Brian Rose and I were Bereavement Visitors and hope to continue in 2018.

*Christine Buckley*

#### **i) CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Since taking over Children's Church just after February half-term 2017, Natalie and I have had lots of fun with our young families; organising weekly craft activities, the end-of-term party, Christmas Party, Crib Service, Parade Sundays and our trip to the Pantomime in the Christmas break.

There are over 50 children on our register and 9 families enjoyed our visit to the pantomime on 30<sup>th</sup> December.

Looking forward to 2018, we are following the diocese weekly plans for Children's Church, which cover activities for varied age groups and would like to do everything we managed last year, and more!

We would like to encourage older children to continue attending Children's Church once they transit to secondary school but, in order for us to accommodate a 'Teen's Church' we need the pre-teens and teens to attend Children's Church. We would also like to encourage more parents to be involved in Children's Church but, understand that modern life and young children leads to a lack of spare time.

*Christine Bell-Smith*

#### **j) NURSERY PRAISE**

There are four ladies involved in organising Nursery Praise once a month during school term time. They are Ann Fletcher, Abi Bridson, Vivian Park and myself Jan Hood. We all work very well together. We all have different strengths which we can bring to the meetings.

We have made a few changes since Mary Gittins had to stop due to ill health. We now take children from three nurseries Shepherd's Lodge, Summerfields, and Heyhouses. So we now have on average thirty-two children each month. Because of the increase in the number of children we

now start at 1.45 and finish at 3 o'clock. The children are all in their last year of Nursery Education before going on to various local schools.

Both Father David and Father Aidan attend whenever they can. They do not miss many of the meetings and they are both keen to be involved with the children and our activities during the meetings.

We use many parts of the church during our meetings as we want the children to become familiar with the building. The first activity (very popular with the children) is to ring the church bell. The children all help to pull the rope and listen very carefully to hear the bell ringing in the tower.

There is a different theme each month. We include a bible story, prayers, singing suitable hymns and other songs and a craft activity. The children also have a snack of fruit before they go back to their nurseries. We find the children are very well behaved and a good time is had by all.

Also a big thank you to Christine Buckley and others for helping us by putting up the very heavy tables in the church on Tuesday mornings that we need for the children to work on.

*Jan Hood*

#### **k) MESSY CHURCH**

As you know we had another very well supported Messy Church in 2017, always upwards of a dozen children with their parents.

I regret that I have had to resign from Messy Church due to an increase of work and family commitments. The 5 years I have been involved have been a pleasure and very enjoyable. I would like to thank Kathryn Baker for all her hard work and her support in a variety of ways. Thank you to all the other mums for all their help. A special thanks to my husband, Craig, for the cooking and organising of the food and to my daughter, Zara, for always being willing to help.

Hopefully someone else will be willing to take over Messy Church and may it long continue.

*Carlla Harris* Co-ordinator

#### **l) CELL OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**

Our 2017 pilgrimage to Walsingham in September was so well supported that we had to open a waiting list. In the event we had eight late cancellations, mostly for medical reasons, and our final tally was 33 pilgrims, about half from our own parish augmented by others from St. Nicholas, Fleetwood, St John the Evangelist, Lund, Fosbrooke House and elsewhere plus one additional coach passenger. Having been so well looked after last year, we once again stopped for lunch at the beautiful Goldthorpe Parish Church, near Rotherham where we had mass followed by a lovely lunch, courtesy of Fr Carl Schaeffer (formerly of Blackburn Diocese and known to many of us) and members of his congregation. On the Tuesday morning after Stations of the Cross we went to St Mary's Parish Church in the village for mass before visiting the Slipper Chapel in the afternoon. On Wednesday afternoon after the usual morning Sung Pilgrim Mass in the Shrine Church we took the coach the short distance to view the famous Thursford Collection of steam engines, mechanical organs, and fairground rides. We arrived in time for a wonderful recital from Robert Wolfe on the Mighty Wurlitzer and followed this by browsing round the various exhibits, including taking a ride on the traditional horse carousel.

We were pleased to be joined on pilgrimage this year by pilgrims from Fosbrooke House, Lytham and delighted to hear that a new Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham has now been formed there. Their monthly mass is at 9.30am on the Wednesday of the month nearest 15<sup>th</sup> and we are assured of a warm welcome.

Once again, the Cell supported the Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage by sponsoring two young people as our “god-children”. It is very pleasing that members of our congregation (not all of whom are Cell members) also personally sponsor this very worth-while cause, such that we sponsor some six or more teenagers in total. In return sponsors received very touching postcards in acknowledgement from those sponsored (“godchildren”).

We also support our own Parish by sponsoring the Lady Chapel light.

As usual members of the Walsingham Cell have continued to support the spiritual life of the Parish, not only by attendance at the monthly Walsingham Cell mass but by their attendance at the daily Eucharists on other days of the week and support to Evensong, especially on the third Sunday of the month, when the service is concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

All cell activities are open to all who own the faith of Jesus. Everyone is welcome to cell activities, particularly mass in the Lady Chapel on the last Saturday of the month and pilgrimage to Walsingham, this year between 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018. We are again looking forward to a good attendance and hope that those prevented from joining us last year due to medical issues may be able to join us this year. Further information on all Cell activities is available from Fr David, Kath Hall, Gerald Wilson, or Howard Gent.

Cell accounts for November 2016 to October 2017 were independently examined by the PCC Treasurer, accepted by the Cell AGM on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and are enclosed in the APCM pack.

Finally I must mention the sad loss of three fellow pilgrims. Firstly, Alan Garside, who in former times joined us on many a pilgrimage with his late mother Dorothy; Alan died in July 2017. Secondly, Mike Fitzsimmons, who, with his partner, Bill Bloss, had joined us comparatively recently and joined us on pilgrimage in 2016 & 2017, lost his battle with cancer on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Thirdly, Robin Singleton, with his wife Margaret a long time pilgrim and faithful member of our choir, who lost his battle with cancer on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018. Their respective funerals/requiems were supported by many members of the Cell. As is our custom, their names will be enrolled in the Chantry Book in St Edward’s Chapel at Walsingham and read out in the Holy House mass on the anniversaries of their death. (Note: it was a great pleasure this year to hear Evelyne Holliday’s name read out while we were at Walsingham.)

*Gerald Wilson*, Pilgrimage Organiser & Treasurer.

#### **m) BABIES AND TODDLERS**

This group meets on a Wednesday afternoon during term time. It enables parents, carers or grandparents to bring pre-school children to play and mix together in an informal environment whilst they chat and have a drink and biscuit. We regularly have between 10 and 16 children. As well as a variety of toys we have a craft table with play-doh or colouring and collage, also a table with books and jigsaws. Father Christmas visited the Christmas party and gave each child a small present. Many thanks go to John Longstaff who very kindly acted as Father Christmas this year.

We are very grateful to Rosemary Pickles and Brenda Holt who very kindly help us each Wednesday.

*Mary Roberts* and *Kathryn Baker*

#### **n) PILGRIMS COFFEE STOP**

Pilgrims continues to prove popular on a Monday morning. We have a very loyal and generous clientele which has enabled us to donate over £1,000 to church this year.

There are 3 ladies on the team and if anyone would like to join the catering team, you would be very welcome. Otherwise, please come along for tea, coffee and a chat we look forward to seeing you.

*Brenda Lyon*

## **o) MOTHERS' UNION**

The year 2017 was another special year for the Mothers' Union as we celebrated the 90<sup>th</sup> year of the MU in our Diocese. The theme for the year was "Faith in Action."

We began the year with our Fund Raising Auction, the proceeds becoming part of our contribution to our MU Overseas Fund which supports families and projects worldwide.

In February we held our AGM and the committee is continuing though Jean Lister our wonderful treasurer would like help as she feels that she must retire from the office fairly soon.

In March one of our newest members, Ann Fletcher, spoke to us about her work with children and Adoption, which was most interesting.

We met in Church during Holy Week and followed the Service with a short meeting. It was on this occasion I invited Catherine Peat to tell us about her involvement with the sale and produce of craft work in Africa.

In May Ann McCarthy came to speak to us again, and this time the topic was "British Columbia". This subject is rather close to my heart as my son lives there. However it is such a vast area and not a place to live if you do not like many months of ice and snow. The beautiful summers are just not long enough.

June was busy for our members when we hosted the Deanery Festival. This is always a challenge but I hope all enjoyed the Service. Many thanks to Fr. David, Alistair and Gerald and all our members who helped with the service and the catering. Later in June we held a plant sale after the Tuesday Service.

In July members and guests enjoyed our Summer Lunch at Tiggis.

As usual we try and attend the Tuesday Service close to Mary Sumner Day which this year was the 8<sup>th</sup> August.

In September John Pemberton came to speak to us about Police Dog Training. The dogs do a wonderful job and their training is very skilled.

Another of our well travelled members, Karen Kay, spoke to us in October about her visit to Massachusetts - Land of the Pilgrims. Karen gave us a wonderful talk and showed some fantastic pictures.

Once again in November Kath Hall lead us into the artistic world of making cards. Many thanks for all her ideas and the fantastic materials that she brought along.

This year we resisted the allure of Father Christmas and enjoyed a lovely Christmas Lunch at the Bedford Hotel. There were only twelve of us but we joined another larger group and all went well. In December a number of us attended the Deanery Carol Service at St. Michael's Kirkham. It is always good to meet up with the other Branches.

Once again I would really like to thank all our members for their support throughout the year. Mary Gittins has been having health problems and so has passed on the organising of Nursery Praise to Jan Hood and her team of helpers.

We are really indebted to Mary for all her work in the past and wish both Mary and Peter a healthy and happy new year.

Thanks also go to Rosemary Pickles our Baptism Visitor, Kath Hall our Goodwill Visitor and member of the Prayer Circle, Barbara Woollett our Literary Secretary and Jennifer Oldfield our excellent catering manager. A huge thank you to Sylvia Horner our Secretary, Jean Lister our Treasurer and committee member, Christine Barrow. During the year Mary Roberts had decided not to continue as our Literary secretary but I would like to thank her for all her work over the years.

Mothers Union members try to get involved in many Church activities. We walked in the Carnival Procession, exhibited a tree at the Tree Festival, prepared Christingle Oranges and created Mothering Sunday Posies.

Once again with the generosity of members and the congregation Fr. David and I delivered gifts to the Oak Tree Centre, many thanks to all.

Thoughts and prayers are with all our members and particularly her Majesty our Patron. I look forward to the new year and really welcome any new members.

*Christine Buckley* Branch Leader

#### **p) MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

The Men's Fellowship suffered a rather broken year in 2017 due to my unexpected bout of illness, however on my recovery we managed to get back to achieving our early success with one of the highlights being a visit from the Fylde Blood Bike team who brought a very large bike into the halls.

At the start of the year we had our annual Scottish evening with the haggis piped in by Bill Bissett. We also had a wonderful coach trip through the illuminations, stopping off for fish and chips on the way. The coach was kindly provided free by John Edwards.

Although I was late in booking our Christmas meal (trying to find the best price) we did go to the Palace Halls in Garden Street and I must say they did us proud. I am sure all our members who attended would have no hesitation in recommending this venue to others.

It looks like we could have an exciting year in 2018 with speakers booked and I have already consulted with Howard Gent about a horse racing evening and of course we will start the year in January with the Haggis and Bagpipes.

*Colin Miller*

#### **q) WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK**

Website : [www.stannesparishchurch.org](http://www.stannesparishchurch.org)



Visit us on  
**Facebook**

[www.facebook.com/StAnnesOnSeaParishChurch](https://www.facebook.com/StAnnesOnSeaParishChurch)

The parish website has undergone regular updates in 2017. This year our website had 7,990 visits (down slightly from 2016) by 7,427 unique visitors (up slightly from 2016 and our highest ever visitor figure). As in previous years we had a noticeable increase in website traffic on the run up to Easter and a big spike in activity in December for the Tree Festival and Christmas. This year we also had a number of other smaller spikes in activity:

- Mid January – linked to Fr David's appointment as Area Dean?
- Early June - linked to us hosting Kirkham Deanery Mothers' Union Festival?
- Mid July – linked to Fr Aiden's arrival?



- Mid August – possibly linked to publication of the Heritage Open Day brochure with reference to a link to the Graveyard Trail Guide, or may be from people on holiday?
- Early November - linked to Remembrance Sunday (same spike as last year).

The table below shows the year-on-year traffic to our website:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Visits/Sessions</b>	<b>Unique Visitors</b>
2017	7,990	7,427
2016	8,947	6,836
2015	9,548	7,323
2014	7,687	5,675
2013	7,056	5,388
2012	6,542	4,739
2011	4,864	3,572
2010	3,083	2,138

Our Facebook page continues to go from strength to strength and now has 303 page followers, up from 229 at the start of 2017. The way Facebook works means we have reached thousands of people with some of our posts, as when followers of the page like/share/comment on our posts their Facebook friends see these posts too. Our best performing post in 2017 was the post containing the video about the Christmas Tree Festival which had been viewed by 5,390 people at the time of writing this report! The more we all like/share/comment on posts the more we spread the word amongst people in the Facebook world, it is a very effective source of free advertising.

The growth in our Facebook traffic is also increasingly important in driving our website traffic. In 2017 26.71% of our website hits originated from Facebook (compared to 7.02% in 2016). This is now our biggest source of indirect traffic (i.e. people not going straight to the website) followed by Google search (22.64% in 2017). Of the Facebook initiated traffic 19.74% originated from the mobile Facebook site (up from 4.53% in 2016) – i.e. people using Facebook on mobile devices/via an app etc.

At the end of 2017 I am stepping down as the website administrator. Having undertaken the role for over 8 years it's time for a change, both for me and for the website. What was state of the art when the website was first set up by Gerald Wilson in 2005 is now looking a little dated and the website is not as mobile device friendly as it could/should be. The statistics above show that it is becoming increasingly important that this is addressed, as more and more people access the internet on mobile devices. Jasper Vijayakumar is taking over the role of website administrator and I know he is very enthusiastic about updating our website design and technical capabilities. I look forward to seeing what Jasper comes up with.

*Monica Hollows*

## **r) TREE FESTIVAL**

This was a highly successful event and raised £3,538.88 after expenses. This is an increase of £848.92 on last year.

It was decided at the outset that our usual token system would be used but that all the money raised by them would be divided equally between the various exhibitors to give each the same basic minimum. The charities income raised was £1,174.16. We provided an additional £99.84 to round up that figure to £1,274. This was then divided between the 26 exhibitors to give a minimum of £49 each.

In addition to this minimum it was decided that any cash placed in an exhibitor's collection box would go to their specific charity. The charity specific donations amounted to £153.55. An abridged breakdown follows (a full breakdown can be found on the Church porch notice board):

<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Charity</b>	<b>Total</b>
Shepherd Lodge Nursery	RNLI	£51.20
Mayfield Primary School	SANDS	£50.17
Fylde Soroptomists	"80 for 80" Twinning Project	£49.22
Sandra Bigley	Road Peace	£49.13
Clifton Primary School	Meningitis Now (for Edward)	£52.06
Lidun Singers	Brian House (for Music Therapy)	£56.32
Church Road Methodist Church	Methodist Home for the Aged	£52.16
2nd St Annes Guides	Kilgrimol Building Fund	£50.13
Mother's Union	Mother's Union	£54.13
Handbell Ringers	(CofE) Children's Society	£51.35
Messy Church	PDSA	£49.11
7th LSA Cub Scouts	7th LSA Cub Scouts	£50.14
Ormerod	Ormerod Trust	£50.13
Royal Air Forces Association	Wings Appeal	£51.97
Cat Rescue	Cat Rescue	£59.26
Summerfield Nursery	Donna's Dream House	£73.11*
7th LSA Beaver Scout Group	7th LSA Beaver Scout Group	£49.20
Heyhouses CofE School	Brian House Children's Hospice	£49.91
Heyhouses CofE Nursery	Winston's Wish	£57.27
Children's Church	Action for Children	£53.31
Church Choir	Parkinsons UK	£116.45**
Bell Ringers	Lancs Association Bell Restoration	£49.56
Rotary Club of St Annes	Rotary Club of St Annes	£49.70
St Annes WI	Trinity Hospice	£53.28
Hot Foot Dance	Neuro Foundation	£49.78
Air Training Corps	2486 Squadron ATC	£49.50

\* Includes a collection following a Nativity play.

\*\* Includes an additional collection from Church Choir members.

From our overall £3,538.88 the total donated to local and national charities was £1,427.55.

The balance of £2,111.33 went to the Church Vestry fund in line with PCC wishes.

The Tree Festival is the only event that the Social Committee runs that is specifically aimed at raising funds, both for local and national charities and for the Church, and despite a few internal glitches 2017 exceeded all our expectations.

Everyone seemed to have a good time and there were quite a few new faces visiting us at the Festival.

As to what helped us to raise so much more than last year, I think it's a combination of lower expenses, better weather, better advertising, extremely generous sponsors/benefactors and sheer hard work from both the committee and other volunteers.

Congratulations to all involved on a job well done!

*Peter Duke* Chairman

### **III COMMITTEES & SYNODS**

#### **a) LAND AND BUILDINGS COMMITTEE**

The committee asked the PCC for the funds to resurface the driveway from the lych-gate to the church front door last year. This pathway is the one used for weddings and funerals so we deemed it important to have it in good condition.

Our more serious problem this year has been the lead being stolen again from the flat roofs of the church. After much consultation it was decided that alarms should be fitted on the roof and CCTV installed. The contract for this has been given and the work should start early next year.

The lighting in church has been a bit of a problem as it is not possible to repair due to parts being obsolete, however where possible we have replaced some spotlights and sorted out the lighting in the Lady Chapel.

The committee is concerned about the rising energy costs something we hope to redress by installing LED lighting where appropriate.

We will soon have to replace some of the rainwater down pipes as they are seriously rusting with holes appearing which could lead to dampness affecting the brickwork.

A second Memorial stone has been purchased and fixed in place.

We have a number of projects in mind to improve the fabric and appearance of the church in the future.

You may notice that we are one of the few churches who continue with the long tradition of flying a flag. We are fortunate to have Stuart Newton who is brave enough to be responsible for changing the flag when necessary. Thank you Stuart.

*Colin Miller*

#### **b) PARISH ROOMS COMMITTEE**

We would like to acknowledge the support given by the treasurer to allow our committee to carry out the improvements of new lighting and the decorating of the large hall during the past year. To complete the look new chairs were also purchased. Again we thank Kathryn Baker who decided on the colour scheme. Having made the improvements, we are now seeing an increase in the hiring of the halls.

Most of the lighting in the Parish Rooms is now LED. This is starting to show a small saving in the electricity costs. Unfortunately the heating system requires renewing, however we will continue to nurse it through another year.

We now have a service contract with Chorley Lifts who maintain the workings of the lift, however we do suffer from some careless use of what is primarily a disabled persons' lift.

Thanks to a very generous donation we were able to refurbish the front of the building last year with new rendering, new doors and the paintwork re-done. New outside lighting has also been fitted after Fr. David expressed his concern about young people such as the Girl Guides etc. having to walk along a very dark side of the building during the winter. As a church we should be very proud of our church halls which have approximately one thousand people using them each week.

A previous incumbent suggested we should dispose of the Parish Rooms, however Fr. David gave his support to them being renovated. I believe St Anne's Parish Church has the finest set of church halls in this Deanery.

Looking ahead we hope to raise the money so that we can renovate the entrance hall and the stairs this year. We will also have to renew the partition between the halls and the bungalow next door as it is important that we should be good neighbours.

*Colin Miller* Chairman

### **c) SOCIAL AND TREE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE**

Social events during 2017 started in January with the annual Parish Dinner. It was a chance to dress up and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Many thanks to Carlla Harris for organising the event on the Social Committee's behalf.

In March there was a buffet in the Parish Rooms to mark the licensing of Fr David as Area Dean. It was very good despite the smaller than anticipated numbers attending.

June saw a coach trip to the National Arboretum and Lichfield Cathedral. This was a most successful day that included a rehearsal of 'The Dream of Gerontius' which was being performed in the Cathedral that evening.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> July there was a coach trip to Blackburn Cathedral for the Ordination of Fr Aiden, followed a week later by a welcome party in the Parish Rooms. This time there were more people than expected but there was still enough for everyone.

The Summer Fair took place in August. This was a great success although some felt that Gerry Stokes' music was missed. Also, whilst primarily a social occasion, we did manage to raise around £350 for the church.

At the end of September we held the Harvest Social. This was a thoroughly good evening with performances from the excellent Cabaret Singer, Natalie and the Irish Dancers. The hot-pot was really tasty and we rather over catered but that meant that there were a lot of takers for 'seconds'.

In December we held the annual Tree Festival. This is the only event that the Social Committee runs that is specifically aimed at raising funds, both for local and national charities and for the Church. This was a highly successful event and raised £3,538.88 after expenses. Of this £1,427.55 went to local and national charities and £2,111.33 to the Church Vestry fund. There is a more detailed report elsewhere in this document pack.

Finally, I can't end without expressing my many thanks to all the members of the committee who have put in so much hard work throughout the year. Someone once commented that it must be hard work being chairman; to which I replied "Not when you have the best committee, I just point them at a problem and let them get on with it".

*Peter Duke* Chairman

#### **d) OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

St Annes Parish Church welcomed many new people to its congregation in 2017, as well as many visitors. It is always a pleasure to hear how comfortable newcomers are made to feel in the Church and, as a consequence, many quickly play an active role in the Church community. The Outreach Committee also welcomed two new members, Sue Rose and Father Aiden.

In 2017 we publicised Lent, Easter, Harvest and Christmas services. We enjoyed a return visit from the Osiligi Warriors, paraded in St Annes Carnival and opened the Church for Heritage Weekend. In July we enjoyed a lovely sunny afternoon for our Praise on the Prom, which included an inspirational sermon from Bishop Philip. The service was extremely well organised by Father David and included contributions from other clergy in the Deanery, as well as excellent music by Poulton Brass Band.

Our Charity Christmas Tree Festival was an exceptional success this year. Our publicity of the event was enhanced by the boards outside the Church each day and we were delighted with the free advertising offered by The Local List. John Pitches must be praised for acting as a good ambassador for the Church when ferrying people to the Tree Festival in his taxi. Father David's short video of the Tree Festival proved popular when he showed it to pupils at Heyhouses School; it can still be seen on our Facebook page where it received many viewings during the week of the festival. Father David also enjoyed success with a picture of the Church he placed on Google Maps – it has been viewed over 10,000 times!!!

Our new venture in 2017 was the production of our own calendar and Christmas card. Both proved to be extremely popular and sold out very quickly. We hope that you will support us again in 2018. Please also continue to support our bookstall and our unsung hero, Kath Hall, who willingly donates her time, money and effort to produce the cards that are on sale on the stall.

We decided to increase the price of 'Influence' for the first time in many years. We hope that everyone will buy the Church magazine; individual copies now cost £1, or £6 for a year's subscription. Our thanks go to everyone involved in the production and delivery of the magazine. If anyone knows a company that would be interested in placing an advert in the magazine please let us know.

I would like to conclude this report by thanking the members of the outreach committee for all their help and support throughout 2017, and the numerous individuals who are not on the committee but who willingly help us to achieve our aim of raising the profile of St Annes Parish Church. Particular thanks for all his hard work in recent years go to Colin Miller who has stepped down from this committee, and to Monica Hollows, who has been first-class in running our website and Facebook page for many years, but who feels it is now time for somebody new to take over this role.

*Susan McMahon* Chair

#### **e) PROJECT COMMITTEE**

During 2017, the Project Committee continued to raise money for the refurbishment although events were unfortunately limited.

Roy Finden resigned as chair and Fr. David agreed to assume the role on a temporary basis.

In May we held a coffee morning at the vicarage, thanks to Fr. David and Brenda's hospitality. This was as popular as ever.

In September, with grateful thanks to John Edwards for providing his vintage bus, a number of people enjoyed a trip to Whalley Abbey, where they had an informative tour of the abbey and its grounds followed by afternoon tea.

Later that month we again welcomed the Osiligi Warriors when George, one of our young servers, was delighted to be invited to participate in a dance with the group. Well done George.

Our final event of the year was a Mexican evening held at the vicarage which was great fun.

As in previous years Christmas and sponge puddings were sold.

We are always looking for new members to join the committee or new ideas for events, please let us know.

*Pam Kinghorn* Secretary

#### **f) CHOIR VESTRY COMMITTEE**

A small sub-committee has been set up to address the issues involved with the project to refurbish the choir vestry subsequent to the water damage that was caused when the lead was stolen from the roof. With the help of our architect, three contractors were requested to tender for the job. After some deliberations, Kevin Roper Interiors from Preston was chosen to be the contractor. The work is due to be undertaken in 2018.

*Richard Baker* Project Manager

#### **g) KIRKHAM DEANERY SYNOD**

Some members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. This year the synod has focussed its attention on what to do when the Vicar is off. Several churches have been without a Vicar for one reason or another, but at the time of writing all posts are now filled, though two Vicars have yet to be inducted.

*Fr. David* Vicar and Area Dean

#### **h) BLACKBURN DIOCESAN SYNOD**

There are a number of issues which have exercised the mind of Diocesan Synod which include the implementation of both Safeguarding regulations and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The most recent meeting of Synod considered the financial and ministerial challenges that face the Diocese of Blackburn, and also how grants from the Church Commissioners may help.

*Fr. David*

### **IV HEYHOUSES CE SCHOOL**

#### **a) NURSERY SCHOOL**

It has been another busy and exciting year in nursery.

It is a great delight and very encouraging to see many of our nursery children attending Sunday School as well as being involved in Messy Church. We also enjoy our visits to Nursery Praise each month and appreciate the work of Mrs Hood and her team. We were also pleased to be part of the Christmas Tree Festival.

Mr Westall continues to support us with his words of encouragement and regular visits and phone calls to nursery.

We thank you all for your support and prayers over the year.

*Denise Brown*

## **b) PRIMARY SCHOOL**

No report submitted for 2017.

## **V ASSOCIATED ORGANISATIONS**

### **a) WEDNESDAY MEN**

*We few, we happy few.....*

The Wednesday Men were inaugurated on 25<sup>th</sup> June 1991 and since then have been involved with many projects great and small. However, of late we have been too few in number to undertake more than minor maintenance tasks, but we continue to do important work including over the past year or so:

- Removal and sorting of rubbish
- Putting bins out for weekly collection
- Relocation and replanting of flower beds on south side of church away from the walls
- Clearing drains
- Mowing lawn edges and central area of churchyard
- Sweeping and clearing leaves and generally keeping the churchyard tidy
- Erecting and removing the Heritage Memorial WW1&2 Grave Trail
- Erecting and removing fittings and trees for Treefest
- Clearing weeds from the block paving in the parking area
- Noise reduction measures on the doors of the kitchen unit

Anyone wishing to join our happy band is welcome to join us on a Wednesday morning from 9.30am at church. If you spot any odd jobs needing attention from the Wednesday men please let us know.

*Gerald Wilson, Alan Swindlehurst, Eric Roberts, Piers Fenwick, James Lambert*

### **b) HANDBELL RINGERS**

The Handbell Ringers meet on a Wednesday morning from 10-30 am. until noon in school term time. We are still quite a small group but happily we had a new ringer just before Christmas. Anyone interested in joining us would be most welcome to have a go. We usually play in the Choir Vestry but during the renovation of the Vestry we may have to play elsewhere.

I am most grateful to our present team. We enjoy meeting up and playing bells together are always happy to perform during the Tree Festival at Christmas.

Any enquiries about our group please ring *Christine Buckley* 728666.

### **c) 50-50 FUNDRAISING**

To the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017, a total of £2,497.00 was credited to Church Funds and we thank all who have continued to support this Fundraiser. We currently have 107 members and the weekly prizes are £30, £15, £10 and £5. We are always pleased to welcome new members, if interested please contact one of the following collectors:

*Suzanne Newton* (725958), *Josie Wilkinson* (727704), *Margaret Wincott* (726397)

### **d) ST. ANNES PARISH OPERATIC SOCIETY (SAPOS)**

The Society has enjoyed another very successful year. Our summer show, Fiddler On The Roof attracted several new members to the group and was a great hit with the appreciative audience.

We were nominated for 5 NODA awards for this show which was well deserved after all the hard work by cast, crew and production team.

Our pantomime, Puss In Boots, was also very successful and we were lucky to have a talented and committed cast and director for this fun production. We did our usual “tour” of churches and we were also invited to perform our panto at Weeton Army Barracks for the soldiers' families which was a new challenge which worked very well and we had great feedback from the organisers.

We look forward to our next production, Crazy For You, to be performed at Lowther Pavilion in July 2018. This is a wonderful toe-tapping musical comedy and we welcome Lynda Clarkson as Director and Stewart Hankinson as Musical Director for what we hope will be another great success for the society.

*Alison Thornton*