



THE ASSOCIATION OF THE FRIENDS OF LAMBOURNE CHURCH

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REPORT OF THE FRIENDS OF LAMBOURNE CHURCH TO THE AGM OF

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL 2017

2016 ended on a very sad note for the 'Friends' due to the sudden illness and subsequent untimely passing of Arnold Raven, Founder Member and Chairman of the Association since its inauguration. Arnold's leadership and his dedication to the cause of the preservation of Lambourne Church were inspirational. He will be greatly missed by us all. A new Chairman is to be elected soon.

The Trustees were pleased to welcome Colin Winn who was elected as a new Trustee and Andy Rix who was co-opted to the Friends' Committee. Their contribution to the work of the Association is much valued.

Our thanks are due both to our Treasurer, Mrs Jo Saward, and also to Michael Barr as the Association's internal auditor. Unfortunately we are unable to give a report of our exact financial position at present while the process, previously carried out by Arnold Raven, of assembling and handing over documents to Jo Saward is progressed.

The Friends are pleased to report another successful year with their fundraising. In March we held another of our popular Quiz Nights which raised over £1000. For this event our thanks are due once again to John and Freda Filby for their hard work to achieve this tremendous result. And as usual in July the Friends enjoyed helping with the annual Flower Festival and Garden Fete held at the Church. In addition, as has also become the custom, the Friends were again pleased to provide Easter eggs for the Easter egg hunt, as well as the traditional mulled wine and mince pies at the service of nine lessons and carols at Christmas.

As ever we are indebted to the Association's membership, to the members of the community who regularly attend our fundraising events, to visitors for their donations given in admiration of the Church, and for the bequests and contributions made in memory of friends and loved ones. We were very fortunate this year to have received the generous bequest from the late Mrs Amanet's estate and have been informed that the bequest from the late Dr Jose Taylor will be received soon. It is due to such welcome interest and support that we are able to provide grants for the fabric of this very special Parish Church to be maintained.

The outstanding works to be carried out to the Church were as follows:

Repairs to stone moulding to main doors surround- completed, but the architect may require cleaning and redecoration.

Repairs to pulpit- completed except for a small new section to be made inside, only just agreed with the architect.

Exterior stonework repairs- completed, but the architect may require further shelter coating to some stone work.

External lime render repairs and limewash- completed.

Repairs and repointing to brick channels and walls at low level- not yet done as other more urgent works have been uncovered.

Whilst starting repairs to the pulpit, woodworm was discovered in the Choir and Rector's stalls and other areas. The pulpit has been treated, but due to uncertainty regarding the treatment with the specialist and the architect the other areas have not yet been done.

A section of the Tooke Wall Monument to the South of the Altar fell off due to rusting of wall holding pin. Following expert advice, it has now been strutted for safety, and it will need substantial restoration. Both of the above are in hand with specialists, and permissions, grants and costs are being investigated before proceeding.

The new Quinquennial inspection was carried out in December 2016 and the major problem uncovered was of woodworm to all the roof space. A bat survey was carried out and a way forward established to ensure the bats were as safe as possible. The roof spaces have been cleaned out and then sprayed by a specialist to hopefully eradicate the problem. However, we have been advised that the roof spaces will need monitoring on a regular basis.

Patricia Price

Secretary of the Friends of Lambourne Church

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Registered with the Charity Commission No. 1126857

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

for the year ended 31st December, 2017

2016 £		Notes	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
1,674	Subscriptions, including Tax Refund	1		790
30,991	Donations and Legacies	2		14,184
3,287	Fundraising Events	3		3,559
69	COIF Charities Deposit Fund Interest			38
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36,021	Total Incoming Resources			18,571
 RESOURCES EXPENDED				
30,718	Repairs & Maintenance to Church			0
	VAT refunded on repairs to Church in previous year			-7,752
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30,718	Total Resources Expended			-7,752
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£5,303	NET INCOME			£26,323
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BALANCE SHEET

as at 31st December, 2017

£		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS:			
16,240	Charities' Office Investment Fund Deposit Account		16,278
6,072	HSBC Bank Current Account		32,357
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£22,312	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		£48,635
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 Represented By:			
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
£22,312	Lambourne Church Restoration Fund	5	£48,635
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John Filby
Chairman

Jo Saward, ACA
Hon. Treasurer

EXAMINER'S REPORT

I certify that these accounts have been prepared from the records maintained by the Hon. Treasurer and are in accordance with the Association's books, vouchers and explanations given to me.

Michael Barr
Examiner

3.	FUNDRAISING EVENTS	£
1,003	Quiz Evening Proceeds	1,220
2,358	50% Share of Flower Festival Proceeds	2,460
-74	Cost of Christmas refreshments	-121
<u>£3,287</u>		<u>£3,559</u>
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ANNUAL SUMMARY

	£
1997	1,171
1998	3,319
1999	4,442
2000	2,704
2001	4,869
2002	3,883
2003	3,152
2004	1,406
2005	2,717
2006	4,305
2007	3,656
2008	3,658
2009	3,642
2010	4,071
2011	3,884
2012	2,547
2013	3,511
2014	3,097
2015	3,717
2016	3,287
2017	3,359
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	£71,397
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5. LAMBOURNE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

	£
32,930 Amount transferred from Lambourne Parochial Church Council on 08.11.1997	32,930
3,000 Further Advance on 04.03.2011	3,000
(18,921) Amount spent to date	(35,930)
Accumulated Surplus income	48,635
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£22,312	£48,635
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