

Ottery St Mary  
United Reformed Church

Annual Reports

2017

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**Charity Number 1165093**

**Member of the Evangelical Alliance**



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

*"for everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope."* Romans 15

Another year has passed and we continued to be blessed in worship, fellowship and teaching. It is a privilege to come without fear Sunday by Sunday to hear God's word and sing His praises. We come in freedom and are welcomed into a Church that is well cared for – the preacher brings us God's word; prayers for our fellowship, our community, fellow Christians around the world and the world around us are lifted up; the musicians accompany us singing His praises; the technical team manage the sound system and data projection; the youngsters are well catered for; the building is heated; the flowers are beautifully arranged; there is a nice cup of tea or coffee to enjoy after the service; the gardens are kept tidy..... If we miss the Morning Worship we can always listen to the message on the Church Website. These things don't just happen and we owe our gratitude for all those who support us in both the practical tasks and in regular prayer.

2 new members, Sue Howell and Deirdre Smith were welcomed into membership in December and we look forward to welcoming Nesia and Mya Derby-McCabe in January. Joan Newton, a long standing member of this Church went to be with the Lord and she leaves fond memories. The fellowship continues to be supportive of one another and to uphold one another in prayer and give practical help where needed. We rejoice in the birth of a grandchild, the many achievements, the moving to a new home, the next step in life whether that is a new job, moving on in school or into retirement and we pray for the wider Church family in ill health and difficulties.

It has been a great encouragement to us all to see the young people on Sunday mornings and to have them contribute to our worship. We give thanks for those who take the classes on a Sunday morning and for the teaching our young people receive. It is a real blessing when they share with us what they have been doing. Seedlings continues to meet a need for young Mums and carers with their children enjoying monthly sessions of activities and opportunities to make new friends. FiSH (Fun in someone's house) meets monthly on a Saturday evening for those of Secondary school age and offers a time of Bible study, teaching and encouragement.

Housegroups continue to meet on a Wednesday and Thursday evening and provide a warm welcome, a time of fellowship and further time for studying God's word and praying. There is also a Fellowship group who meet most Wednesday mornings. Prayer triplets also meet regularly. Prayer and Praise meetings have been held most months on a Sunday evening and these have been both uplifting and encouraging.

At the beginning of the year it was agreed that we would have Church meetings every other month and have fellowship meals in the intervening months. These meals have been very well supported and given us the opportunity to get to know our Church fellowship better. It is hoped this pattern will continue in 2018.

During the year the Elders have been exploring different ways of addressing Church Leadership and have had meetings with our Synod Pastoral Advisor, Jonathan Oliverio, and with representatives from Partnership and Pioneer Connexions. Our next step is an Awayday in January to discuss the Church Profile – where we are now and where we would like to be. Please continue to pray that we might be open to listening to God and His plans for the future of this Church. As it says in Revelation *“He who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the Churches”*

Building works have continued and we have finally seen the repairs to the boundary wall completed. Once plans are agreed for replacement lighting then work can begin on internal refurbishment.

Throughout the year the Church Fellowship has continued to be generous in its giving to the Foodbank, both in terms of time, supplies and finance. Teas and coffees were served at the Food and Families Festival with lots of tasty treats and again at Carnival and Tar Barrels. Donations went to the Foodbank. Send a Cow was supported at Harvest and at Christmas we supported the United Mission to Nepal and St Petrocks. Support has also been given to the Abide Project and a refugee family is now settled in Ottery. The O6 project and its new Youth Pastor, Graham Harry has been supported and Graham has been an enthusiastic and welcome support with Holiday clubs being run for the young people of Ottery here in our Church Hall and with FiSH. It has been good to hear about the various Mission groups we support and to be able to pray in a meaningful way. The running of the Community Market has given us further opportunities for Outreach. We have continued with our involvement in Churches together in Ottery and the next joint service, Songs of Praise, will be held in this Church on 21 January at 6.30pm.

We give thanks for each and every person worshipping here with us and for all you do in God's name. In particular I would like to thank Gary for his many years of service as an Elder and all he has done both practically and spiritually in the life of this Church. Gary is stepping down from the Eldership but I am sure he will still be an active member of this fellowship. Barbara Mellor is also stepping down from her role as Flower Arranging Co-ordinator and we extend our thanks to her for her many years in this role co-ordinating the many beautiful displays in the Church. We have much to be thankful for and I pray that you will feel encouraged in your daily walk with our Lord.

If there is anything you would like to get involved in, any new ideas you might like to share then do please talk to one of the Elders.

*“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.....May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”* Romans 15

*Lorna Mackie*

# YOUTH TEAM REPORT

## 10+ Group

There are 6 children in this group between the ages of 10 and 14. Although teaching this age group presents many challenges, not least that there are three sets of siblings in the group, both teachers have experienced moments across the year where the children genuinely seek answers to their questions about God. The 'On The Way' books we now follow, have provided a good start to session preparation and planning, and the resource sheets are often used. In the past few months we have looked into the life of Abraham, then some of the old testament prophecies about the Messiah and we are currently working our way through Jesus' 'I am' statements.

## 7+ Group

There are 3, 8 year olds in this group and their leaders say they are excellent to work with. The time and work put into the preparation of this group is more than rewarded by the group's response. Absences do not affect the group dynamics as much as with the older group, unless two of the three are absent. The group are enthusiastic and keen to learn more from the Bible. This year we have now changed notes to Use "On The Way" for 9-11 and have found them to be brilliant at bringing in more depth of knowledge and understanding. The group seem to enjoy the challenge of this.

## Under 7's

This group is made up of 4 children, ages 2 to 5  
Most of the children, apart from the littlest member, have all started school and therefore are capable of much more focused activities. They enjoy the planned craft activities and are able to recount much of the stories they are taught about.

### **Overall points for prayer:**

- Thanksgiving for the continued attendance of our young people at church;
- Thanksgiving for the enthusiasm, particularly with the younger groups, for the God they are learning about.
- Please pray for wisdom for the leaders ( 8 in total ), so that they are equipped to nurture each child on their journey of discovery about God, at the same time as managing the needs of the whole group they are in.

*Ruth Roulson*

## **FISH**

We have had a good second year, with a steady group of 6 older children (including two who don't attend church otherwise ) attending each month for food, games and some gospel input. Graham Harry has been a welcome addition to the team, and we are currently working slowly through the youth version of Christianity Explored.

Prayers for this would be much appreciated.

*Iain Randall*

## **SEEDLINGS**

Seedlings takes place once a month from 10.00am to 11.30am on a Tuesday. We continue to have good numbers each time with around 12 children each time.

There is a different Bible theme each month including Christmas, Easter and Mothering Sunday and some familiar children's Bible stories. The session starts with a welcome drink for the adults and free play for the children. The play includes craft activities which are linked to the Bible theme. There is a variety of toys, play equipment, books and puzzles. We try to cover some of the early year's curriculum aiding the children as they progress into pre-schoolers and beyond. We also have a baby area sectioned off with a selection of safe toys and treasure baskets.

At snack time we encourage self-help skills where the children are given a chance to chop fruit and pour their drinks.

The session ends with a music and movement time. Clare tells a Bible story and there is singing, playing instruments and waving scarves to music.

Seedlings started in December 2014 and Mums, Carers, Grandparents and Childminders have appreciated being able to come to the sessions. One mum said she didn't get out of Cranbrook much so it is good to come. Also it is a link to the church. A couple of families have come to the O6 holiday clubs through the contact with Seedlings. God has blessed us with forming friendships.

A special thank you to Clare, Penny, Ali, Chloe, John and Carol Sharp and Ruthie for all their commitment and hard work with helping with Seedlings in various ways.

Due to work commitments, Clare is unable to continue with Seedlings after January 2018.

Account for 2017:  
Opening balance (end of 2016)     £160.04  
Monthly collections                 £ 52.57  
Closing balance for 2017            £212.61

*Clare, Penny*

## **THE WEDNESDAY HOUSE GROUP**

Each year I say this but it is an undeniable truth. It is a joy to meet together in friendship, in comfort and a relaxed atmosphere to study and learn about God with fellow, like minded Christians, and I urge anyone who may be hesitating to take the step to try a House Group. There is plenty of opportunity in our Christian Family.

In the last year some of our studies have included -

Busyness - Live in the present; Receive strength for the present from God; Express gratitude throughout the day (Brother Lawrence); Labour in Love.

Living in Christ - A life of love; Looking within; Overcoming rejection.

Paraclesis - The Lent study of the Churches together in Ottery (with video).

Worship - Psalm 63; All to Jesus; Our longings fulfilled.

Listening to God - The God who hears; Listening to God when all is lost; Holy help in listening.

We are a small group at present, 9-12 people each session. We welcome all who wish to attend and are happy to accommodate those who cannot manage every session.

*David Briden*

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

This year we heard twice from Dr Jonathan Allen, a Messianic Jew. He spoke first about being both a Christian and a Jew. At the close of the year he gave an illustrated but curtailed talk about Jerusalem in John's Gospel. Perhaps the most moving talk this year came from Kay Ammon. Her work in East Africa cost her dearly but enriched the lives of women in remote villages of Uganda. Robert Partridge is a well-known Devon cattle farmer. He is unashamed in his advocacy of Jesus Christ and is sought out by farmers facing problems. This summer's "Not The Men's Breakfast" attracted a select group of games players to a pasty and chips supper. £60 was raised for the Abide project. Prof Tony Wragg, an old friend of the church, took the theme of Science and Religion in the autumn. He found no conflict between Christian faith and the scientific advances of recent decades.

Average attendance at MB this year was 18. We have met at the London with one exception and are indebted to the landlord, Vince and his wife, Jan. George and Ivan have been most helpful at these sessions. We thank God for good food, fellowship and a message. We ask Him to draw us all closer to the Lord Jesus.

*Philip Scoble*

## **CHURCH LIBRARY**

### **Library**

There are more than 370 books in the library.

The books are shelved in strict alphabetic order of author, except for a paperback series on the books of the Bible, which are in the centre shelf sorted into the order of the books of the Bible.

Each book in the library has an identity number inside the front cover, or as near to the front as possible. There is a Record Book on the bottom shelf for completion when a book is taken out; please enter the number of the book in the record book and when you return the book tick it off as returned.

The library is a wonderful collection of Christian books available to all who attend the church, many of the books are not available to borrow elsewhere.

Please use the library to expand your knowledge, to increase your faith and to enjoy.

*David Briden*

## **COMMUNITY MARKET**

2017 has been a quieter year for the Market both in terms of number of tables each month and number of customers. The lack of the local bus is still affecting us very much. However we still have a core of stallholders and customers who are very supportive.

Good publicity is important and Ali has again designed our leaflets and posters. In February 4200 leaflets were delivered to all homes in Ottery, West Hill, Feniton, Whimble, Aylesbeare and Rockbeare. Martin has been writing an excellent piece each month in the Ottery Gazette about the market, focussing on a different stallholder each month. He also contacts the local papers. One of the stallholders does a Market Facebook page.

We have had around 20 stalls each month with some new stallholders most months. There has been a variety of stalls including, in December, a falconer who came with two of his birds! In November and December we had musicians who played during the morning and were much appreciated.

Because the Market has been quieter this year, the future of the Market has been discussed at church meetings. The question was raised that perhaps the market had run its course. It was decided that we would continue during 2018 as long as it was viable. The surplus for 2017, which is £345.37, will be carried over to the next year.

Thank you to all those who help in any way.

We pray that we can make good contacts with local people.

*Penny*

## **FOODBANK**

In 2017 we issued 141 food parcels which have provided 2774 meals for 311 people. We have also given £440.00 in Gas/Electricity subsidies and £690.00 in Greengrocery vouchers.

Thanks to all our volunteers who turn up so consistently and without whose help we could not function. A big welcome also to the three new volunteers who will help us to provide a consistent service to those in need.

We are grateful for all the food which is given so generously by the people of Ottery, West Hill and Feniton and many of the surrounding villages. We are also grateful to Roberts shop in the Square which, in addition to the churches, has one of our collection boxes for food.

We are also grateful for the £614.31 in cash donations this year. £254.31 has been raised by and through the URC, £150 from the Ottery Food & Families Festival and a further £210 from various individual donations. This money is used to provide for the Greengrocery vouchers, the fuel top-ups and to purchase foodstuffs when we are particularly short of specific items.

We will continue to make sure the food is given to those in most need.

*David Briden*

## **FABRIC REPORT**

### **Church**

Maintenance and repairs to the Church and Hall continued during the year, arranged as necessary.

Planned repointing of the Church boundary wall and repairs to the Jesu Street wall were completed during the year.

The rewiring of the Sanctuary lighting is being investigated together with the possible redecoration and refurbishment options for the Church Sanctuary and Hall. Details will be presented to Church members for their consideration in due course.

### **Manse**

The property has continued to be let to the same tenants.

Maintenance and repairs are arranged as necessary.

*George Moon*

## **CHURCH FLOWERS**

A big thank you to everyone who has provided and arranged the flowers in church in 2017.

If anyone else would like to contribute to church flowers we would be very grateful.

I have provided a rota of flower arrangers for 2018 but as I said last year I am no longer going to take responsibility for the flowers in future. I will remain on the rota to take my turn.

*Barbara Mellor*

## **MISSION GROUP**

The mission group consists of Anne Brinton, Judith Webber, Timothy Beard and John Nash. Church Policy is to concentrate on mission work which has personal links to the church. The main exceptions to this are Open Doors/RELEASE, which represent our interest in the Persecuted church, and our connected church link for the TEAR Fund selfhelp groups in Ethiopia. So we have

Kunhar Christian hospital, Pakistan

link Gwen/Anitra

Thai Pocket Testament League  
El Shaddai Children's Home, Chennai  
Cleverleys, Uganda, Revelation Life

link John/Mina  
link Tim Beard  
link Steve and Hazel Alford.

Mission activities in the UK include the O6 project and Graham Harry and Mike Strange in Somerset.

The group met in June and December to arrange the mission input to the services each month and also for inputs to the newsletter.

It also prepares the proposed mission expenditure for 2018 which will be considered at the AGM, including dispensing the mission part of bequests to the church.

If any church member wishes to nominate another mission activity , please will they contact the committee and we will try to incorporate that mission in future plans.

*John Nash*

# Ottery St Mary

## URC Charity

Registered Charity Number: 1165093

# Financial Report

# 2017

**OTTERY ST MARY UNITED REFORM CHURCH**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS  
OF THE UNITED REFORM CHURCH**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2017, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

**Respective responsibilities of URC and the examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiners 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 130 of the Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

have not been met; or

- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:.....  
M A Griffiths FCCA (Director)

Lentells Limited  
Chartered Certified Accountants and Registered  
Auditors  
50 Fore Street  
Seaton  
Devon, EX12 2AD

Date .....

# OTTERY ST MARY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

## Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2017

This report includes information required by the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting by Charities 2005 as applicable to charities entitled to prepare accounts on the receipts and payments basis.

### Administrative information

The Ottery St Mary United Reformed Church is a local church of the United Reformed Church in Great Britain, and is a member church of the South West Synod of the Church.

Ottery St Mary United Reformed Church is situated at Jesu Street, Ottery St Mary. The correspondence address is 47 Raleigh Road, Ottery St Mary, EX11 1TG.

The members of the Elders' Meeting for the time being are recognised as the charity trustees. Those who served from 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 to the date this report was approved are:

Mr G Beamer	Elder
Mrs A Brinton	Elder
Mrs L Mackie	Elder and Secretary
Dr J Nash	Elder

The church treasurer was Mrs Barbara Beamer.

The Church building and the manse at 27 Butts Road, Ottery St Mary, EX11 1EL are vested in The Trustees, The United Reformed Church (South Western Synod) Incorporated as trustees and held for the benefit of Ottery St Mary United Reformed Church in accordance with the trusts applicable to URC properties.

### Structure, governance and management

The activities of Ottery St Mary United Reformed Church are overseen by the Elders' Meeting of the Church in accordance with the provisions of The Structure of the United Reformed Church determined by the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church, in accordance with the normal practice of Ottery St Mary United Reformed Church.

The Elders' Meeting is responsible for the financial administration of the Church, and the care and maintenance of Church premises and the manse. The Church Meeting (of all members wishing to attend) gives general guidance on the life and work of the Church.

The members of the Elders' Meeting are the Minister in pastoral charge and up to nine members of the Ottery St Mary United Reformed Church nominated and elected by the members of Ottery St Mary United Reformed Church in Church

Meeting. To be eligible for election, a person must have been worshipping in the church regularly for over one year and either be a member or, indicate that they are prepared to seek membership and be accepted before being ordained as an Elder. Elders serve for three years, retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election. There is no limit to the number of consecutive periods of service. There was no Minister in pastoral charge during 2017.

The Elders' Meeting met twelve times during the year. The Elders' Meeting is assisted in the administration of the Church and its property by committees established for Mission, Youth Work, Premises, Finance and Worship. The Church Meeting met seven times during the year (including the AGM and a special meeting).

### **Objectives and activities**

As a local congregation of the United Reformed Church, Ottery St Mary United Reformed Church seeks to advance the Christian religion through its activities and the facilities offered to the community by its building. The object of the Ottery St Mary United Reformed Church Charity is the advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Scheme of Union of the United Reformed Church.

The Church's vision is to be a spiritually strong, loving, bible-based family church where

- as individuals we take a personal daily walk with God
- we meet to learn together and encourage each other in the Christian life
- we work together to reach out and communicate the good news of Jesus Christ both locally and beyond in a bold, enthusiastic and effective manner

The Elders' Meeting is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and has regard to it in the administration of the Church.

The Elders' Meeting believes that the church provides benefit to the public by:

- providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for the congregation and for anyone else who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers;
- promoting Christian values and service by members of the congregation to the community, for the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

### **Achievements and performance**

Repairs to the boundary wall took place during the year. Before work started part of the wall was damaged during a road traffic accident. The repairs required as a result of the accident were paid for by an insurance claim. Decoration and refurbishment of the interior of the church and hall are being planned, including new lighting.

The manse continues to provide a steady stream of income. Regular maintenance and repairs have been carried out.

Wednesday and Thursday evening housegroups meet weekly, giving opportunities for Bible study and prayer. There is also a Wednesday morning fellowship group. Men's breakfast has offered opportunities for fellowship and outreach. A group of members attended Keswick in Devon. Monthly prayer meetings have taken place seeking the Lord's help and guidance for the future of the church.

Sunday morning meetings provide opportunities for worship and teaching. At the same time, children of all ages from toddlers to teenagers attend Sunday club. It has been a blessing to see the continued involvement of a number of young families on Sundays.

Seedlings toddler group continued to meet each month throughout the year. FISH also provided opportunities for 11 year olds upwards to meet together for fun, food and some Christian teaching. Monday Fundays ~ a children's holiday club ~ took place from time to time during the school holidays.

Mission remains close to our hearts and the Mission Group have kept us up to date with regular articles in the Newsletter and talks in our Morning Worship.

The church has continued to manage the Ottery St Mary Community Market. This has produced a much lower surplus of £345.37 this year. However, the market has given valuable opportunities for outreach and publication of events, and it has been decided to continue for a further year.

There have been a number of fellowship lunches, providing opportunities to get to know each other better and also raise funds for Abide and the Ottery Food Bank.

We have continued our involvement with Churches Together in Ottery. Members of the church have continued to assist in the Ottery Food Bank, which is housed in the church hall. Ecumenical events organised included the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Good Friday walk of witness and joint services. The young people decorated a tree for the Parish Church's Christmas Tree Festival.

During the year the church became part of the Evangelical Alliance and continued its membership of Partnership UK.

We served refreshments during the Food & Families Festival, the Carnival and Tar Barrels, providing opportunities for conversation and outreach to our local community and beyond.

A number of different organisations use the church facilities, including Brownies, Table Tennis club, Ottery Warblers, New Ottregians, the La La Choir and Ottery Choral Society.

We thank the Lord for his provision for us, both financially and spiritually. We put our trust in Him as we seek to know His will and to serve Him in Ottery St Mary.

## Financial Review

The church's finances are still in a healthy condition. There has been a further increase in cash donations, but the fall in weekly envelopes and monthly standing orders has continued. We asked the URC to reduce our Maintenance of Ministry contributions to reflect the fact that we only wanted to pay sufficient to cover the costs we incur to the denomination, and do not wish to support those churches who choose to conduct same sex marriages. The URC were unable to provide a reasonable calculation of how much these costs were, so we asked them to reduce our contribution to 10% of its current amount, until such time as we were able to agree an appropriate amount. We did not receive any response, and the payments remained unchanged. The church meeting agreed to review the situation at the March 2018 meeting.

There has been an overall drop in the money held at the end of the year, largely due to significant payments made for repairs to the boundary wall.

**Designated Funds:** The church has set aside £250.00 from the rental income it receives each month to be used towards repairs and maintenance at the manse. At 31 December the balance held (including interest) was £6,139.30. We pay £100 a year to the National Churches Trust, as a condition of the grant they provided to assist with the building work.

**Restricted Funds:** Restricted donations of £4,145.89 were received. These included an insurance claim of £2,839.94, gifts totalling £106 for FISH and other donations as detailed in the Financial Statements.

**Unrestricted Funds:** After taking into account designated and restricted funds, there remains a balance of £35,007.84 in general funds (as compared with £43,134.34 in 2016). Ideally, the Elders' Meeting would wish to have in hand an amount equal to at least 6 months regular expenditure (approximately £12,000) on unrestricted funds as "free" reserves, to meet future shortfalls in income or unexpected expense. The balance of £35,007.84 at 31 December represents more than this, but is likely to be needed as further refurbishments to the church and hall are planned.

The annual financial report has been prepared on the basis of a Receipts and Payments Account together with relevant notes and will be subject to an Independent Examination in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

## Declaration

Approved at a meeting of the church members on  
and signed on their behalf by

Mrs Lorna Mackie (Secretary)

**OTTERY ST MARY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHARITY  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

	<b>General Fund £</b>	<b>Designated Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>2017 Total £</b>	<b>2016 Total £</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>					
Cash donations	5,366.62			5,366.62	5,150.10
Weekly envelopes (inc payments direct to bank)	14,365.80	3,600.00		17,965.80	20,862.40
Tax refund	13,397.05			13,397.05	-
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>					
Missionary & related objects			1,194.55	1,194.55	1,568.47
Legacies	2,700.00	300.00		3,000.00	-
Community Market	1,144.00			1,144.00	1,428.00
Building Fund					
Grants			-	-	2,349.21
Donations			5.40	5.40	244.75
Insurance claim			2,839.94	2,839.94	
Sundry income	112.00		106.00	218.00	1,510.00
<i>Income from investments</i>					
Investment income	577.16	1.14		578.30	722.49
Use of hall	1,796.00			1,796.00	2,019.00
Rental income from manse	7,032.00	3,000.00		10,032.00	10,032.00
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>46,490.63</b>	<b>6,901.14</b>	<b>4,145.89</b>	<b>57,537.66</b>	<b>45,886.42</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
<i>Church activities</i>					
Ministry & mission	11,124.00			11,124.00	10,740.00
Missionary & related objects		5,453.19	2,081.09	7,534.28	5,976.03
Ottery manse expenses	334.13	848.80		1,182.93	808.00
Community Market	798.63			798.63	674.05
Church running costs	8,737.80			8,737.80	8,298.34
Building work	29,118.14	971.00	5,963.74	36,052.88	9,812.47
Worship/activity	3,019.93		320.55	3,340.48	3,685.82
<i>Church management</i>					
Administration/ sundries	1,484.50	100.00		1,584.50	1,464.24
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>54,617.13</b>	<b>7,372.99</b>	<b>8,365.38</b>	<b>70,355.50</b>	<b>41,458.95</b>
<b>Net (Deficit)/Surplus</b>	<b>(8,126.50)</b>	<b>(471.85)</b>	<b>(4,219.49)</b>	<b>(12,817.84)</b>	<b>4,427.47</b>
Bank current and deposit accounts at 01.01.2017	43,134.34	57,243.34	5,996.78	106,374.46	101,946.99
Bank current and deposit accounts at 31.12.2017	<b>35,007.84</b>	<b>56,771.49</b>	<b>1,777.29</b>	<b>93,556.62</b>	<b>106,374.46</b>

**OTTERY ST MARY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHARITY  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017**

	Note	General Fund £	Endowment Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals 2017 £	Totals 2016 £
<b>ASSETS</b>	2						
<b>Investments</b>	3						
2022 M & G Charibond			2,551.56			2,551.56	2,607.37
360 M & G Charifund			5,909.11			5,909.11	5,527.51
2829.77 COIF Ethical Inv Fd			6,431.50			6,431.50	5,926.10
<b>Total Investments</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>14,892.17</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,892.17</u>	<u>14,060.98</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>	4						
Barclays current account		34,314.58		50,632.19	1,777.29	86,724.06	7,150.27
Business premium account	10	693.26		6,139.30		6,832.56	3,831.42
CafCash account						-	95,406.82
Synod deposit account	5					-	5.23
<b>Total</b>		<u>35,007.84</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,771.49</u>	<u>1,777.29</u>	<u>93,556.62</u>	<u>106,393.74</u>
LESS							
<b>Current Liabilities</b>							
Synod loan account	5					-	19.28
<b>Current Balance</b>		<u>35,007.84</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,771.49</u>	<u>1,777.29</u>	<u>93,556.62</u>	<u>106,374.46</u>

# OTTERY ST MARY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

### 1. Accounting Policies

#### General

The accounts are prepared using the Receipts and Payments basis and in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice.

#### Receipts and Payments

Receipts are the total amount received by the church in offerings and donations. Expenditure is accounted for when it is paid.

#### Fund accounting

Separate records are kept for funds which have been designated and funds with restricted use. The church's general fund may be used by the church at its discretion to further its stated charitable objectives.

### 2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The following assets are not included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

- ~ Land and buildings ~ the church building and manse
- ~ Furnishings, fixtures and fittings and office equipment

### 3. Investments held by Provincial Synod on our behalf:

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December 2017, and are "permanent". The income only can be used for "general purposes".

### 4. Bank Accounts

There are two bank accounts with Barclays Bank ~ a current account and a Business Premium Account. The Business Premium Account is being used to set aside part of the rental income for future repairs and maintenance at the Manse. The CAFCash current account has been closed.

All cash received is initially paid into the Barclays current account, with a transfer being made each month of £250 to the Business Premium Account.

### 5. Building Fund

During the year, the remaining balance of £14.05 owed to the South West Synod of the United Reformed Church was repaid and the loan account has been closed.

## 6. Community Market

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2016</b>
Table fees		1,144.00		1,428.00
Less				
<b>Payments</b>				
Hire of hall	300.00		336.00	
Publicity	361.68		257.00	
Photocopying/printing	52.45		59.95	
Musicians	65.00			
Sundries	19.50	798.63	21.10	674.05
<b>Net profit</b>		<u>345.37</u>		<u>753.95</u>

## 7. Tax Refund

A Gift Aid tax refund amounting to £13,397.05 was claimed. This was for the tax years 2015/16 and 2016/17.

## 8. Missionary and Related Objectives

	<b>B/fwd</b>	<b>Rec'd</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Paid</b>	<b>C/fwd</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Abide	179.05	130.30		309.35	309.35	-
Christian Schools work			350.00	350.00	350.00	-
El Shadai			450.00	450.00	450.00	-
Ottery Food Bank		254.31		254.31	254.31	-
Inspire Magazine	50.00		50.00	100.00	100.00	-
Kunhar Christian Hospital			400.00	400.00	400.00	-
O6 Project	2,959.78	50.00	1,376.98	4,386.76	1,986.00	2,400.76
Ottery Help Scheme			376.97	376.97	376.97	-
Release			650.00	650.00	650.00	-
Revelation Life		50.00	475.00	525.00	525.00	-
Send a Cow		399.00		399.00	399.00	-
St Petrock's		76.14		76.14	-	76.14
TEAR Fund		120.00	675.00	795.00	795.00	-
Thai Testament	50.00		550.00	600.00	600.00	-
UMN		76.15	300.00	376.15	300.00	76.15
Fundraising expenses		38.65		38.65	38.65	
	<u>3,238.83</u>	<u>1,194.55</u>	<u>5,653.95</u>	<u>10,087.33</u>	<u>7,534.28</u>	<u>2,553.05</u>

The payments shown as "Church" were agreed at the 2017 Church AGM and at subsequent church meetings.

## 9. Restricted Funds

Mission Fund	£ 152.29
Kitchen upgrade	£ 1,600.00
Youth	£ 25.00

## 10. Designated Funds

Manse Repair Fund	£ 6,139.30
Church redecoration & maintenance	£45,631.43
Mission Fund	£ 5,000.76

## 11. Notes

### Insurance Cover

Sum insured:-	Church (buildings)	£1,612,703	“
	(contents)	£ 60,378	
	Manse (building)	£ 232,124	
	Manse (contents)	£ 18,191	

### Ministry & Mission

The 2017 Assessment was calculated at £11,124 to give a monthly payment of £927.

The 2018 Assessment has been calculated at £11,532 to give a monthly payment of £961.

For a more detailed explanation of Ministry and Mission payments, please see the Treasurer.