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KEY FACTS

Houses: 5 in England,
1 in Scotland
(+ 2 canonically
associated in
W. Indies)

Total Friars: 80
(+ 7 in W. Indies)

Bishops: 1

Priests: 63
(+ 7 in W. Indies)

Novices /
Student brothers: 16

THE DOMINICAN FRIARS (est. 1216) are an international Catholic religious order with a specialisation in preaching, teaching and pastoral work. Officially titled the 'Order of Preachers', they are known as 'Dominicans' after their founder, St Dominic.

The 'Province of England'

The friars first established themselves in Britain in 1221, as the 'Province of England'. The Province (one of around 40) endures to this day. It is legally constituted as a single charity 'The English Province of the Order of Preachers', with responsibility for the friars' work in England, Wales and Scotland.

Priories

The Province is made up of a number of priories, which are local communities of friars with a large degree of self-government. Currently these are in Oxford, London, Cambridge, Leicester, Edinburgh and Newcastle. (The Dominican houses in Grenada and Jamaica in the West Indies are also canonically dependent on this Province, and supported by grants, though not part of this charity.)

Object of the Charity

The Province Trust Deed lists ten charitable purposes, which for the purpose of registration as a Charity are summarised as 'the promotion of education and the Roman Catholic religion and the establishment and maintenance of schools, churches and priories for these purposes and the upkeep of members of the Order of Preachers.'

Our Mission: The Aims of the Charity

The ultimate aim and purpose of the Catholic Church and therefore of the Order of Preachers is 'the salvation of souls' (cf. *CIC* 1752; *LCO* 1 §2).

In furtherance of this goal, the Order of Preachers and the English Province aim to provide effective preaching, teaching and pastoral care flowing from fraternal religious communities of prayer and study. Through the work of the friars we seek to awaken and deepen faith, hope and charity, to the benefit of those to whom we minister, to their families and to the wider community.

More detailed information can be found on pp. 32ff.

Message from the Prior Provincial

“It is a delight for me to look back over the previous year and see all that has taken place in this Province. Not only is each house filled with activity, but it is impressive to see how collaboration is developing not just between the houses but also with other Provinces and indeed the wider Church.

“I commend the brothers for their hard work, which is bearing fruit in a rich variety of apostolates – intellectual and academic, educational and catechetical, spiritual and pastoral, liturgical and devotional. A special word of thanks is again due to the many people who generously support this Province and each of its houses, whether by donating or by volunteering, or indeed through their prayers and sacrifices, and without whom none of this could take place. Be assured that we pray daily for you.”

Very Rev Dr Martin Ganeri OP, Prior Provincial



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Objectives & Strategies for the Year 2017–18

(A) RECRUITMENT & TRAINING

To train priests and religious for pastoral and educational ministry, and to maintain the success of the full-time Director and Promoter of Vocations in drawing larger numbers of young men to enter the Province.

- Through pastoral engagement and work with young people, promote the Dominican vocation as a worthy and fulfilling life in the service of God and his people;
- Through prudent investment and fundraising provide funds to help support student friars and the communities in which they live;
- Plan for the future needs of the Province's centre of studies ('Studium') by identifying and training future teachers.

(B) MINISTRY

To continue effective and responsive ministry in the priories and parishes of the Province.

- Continue the training and ordination of friars who will work in the Province's priories and parishes;
- Ensure the friars are present in the locations where they are best able to minister;
- Secure celebration of the liturgy and the sacraments in a way that responds to the pastoral needs of each place;
- Provide for the maintenance of the fabric of the Province's priories and churches.

(C) EDUCATIONAL APOSTOLATE

To maintain and support the educational and research activities of Blackfriars Hall, Oxford, ensuring proper levels of administrative support, and particularly to develop the research projects of the Las Casas and Aquinas Institutes.

- Expand the number of postgraduate students, especially in theology and philosophy;
- Continue to encourage visiting research scholars;
- Continue collaboration with the Anscombe Bioethics Centre (registered charity no. 274327);
- Enhance the research programme of the Las Casas Institute, providing appropriate administrative assistance to its Director and seeking new sources of funding;
- Continue the programme of seminars and colloquia of the Aquinas Institute and enhance its research programme, seeking new sources of funding and collaborating with similar institutions in other countries;

(D) BUILDINGS

To maintain the buildings of the Province so that they are fitting places for the religious life, including for older and sick members of the Order, and for the pastoral and educational apostolate.

- Ensure that regular surveys of the buildings are conducted;
- Perform the maintenance works identified by surveys, as prioritised;
- Identify, where possible, external sources of funding for maintaining buildings.

(E) CONSOLIDATION OF MISSION

To continue to work towards the closure of the house in Newcastle by October 2019; to strengthen the conventual life and governance of the remaining houses and to continue to seek new apostolic opportunities consonant with the charism of the Order.

- Consult widely with stakeholders including friars, members of congregations, local diocesan authorities and the General Curia of the Order in Rome;
- Provide as necessary generous financial support for those taking over the Order's responsibilities;
- Review progress regularly in Provincial Council meetings.

(F) BLACKFRIARS, OXFORD

To review the use of space in the various buildings occupied by the Priory and Hall in Oxford in order to improve facilities offered to students, researchers and staff of the Hall without damaging the common life of the friars.

- Conduct a review of the current use of space on the Priory site;
- Take advantage of the closure of the RBS branch in Oxford to adapt the building, owned by the Province, for the teaching and administrative needs of the Hall and Province.

Of these objectives (a), (b), (d), and (e) applied to Scotland as well as to England and Wales; (c) and (f) were specific to England and Wales, although not to the exclusion of participation by friars assigned to Scottish priories.

The Year in Review: Key Facts

FORMING TOMORROW'S PRIESTS & PREACHERS [p.10]



NEW INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION [pp. 14 & 17]



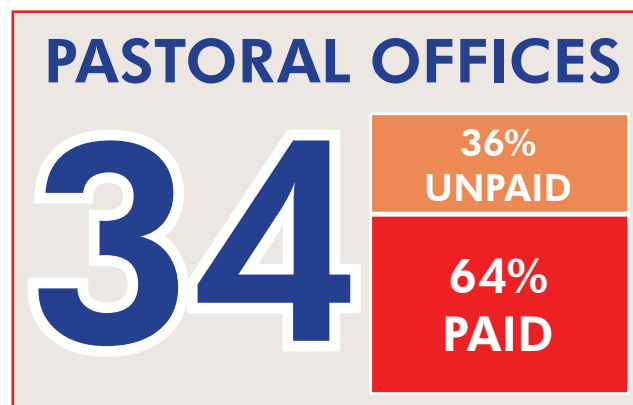
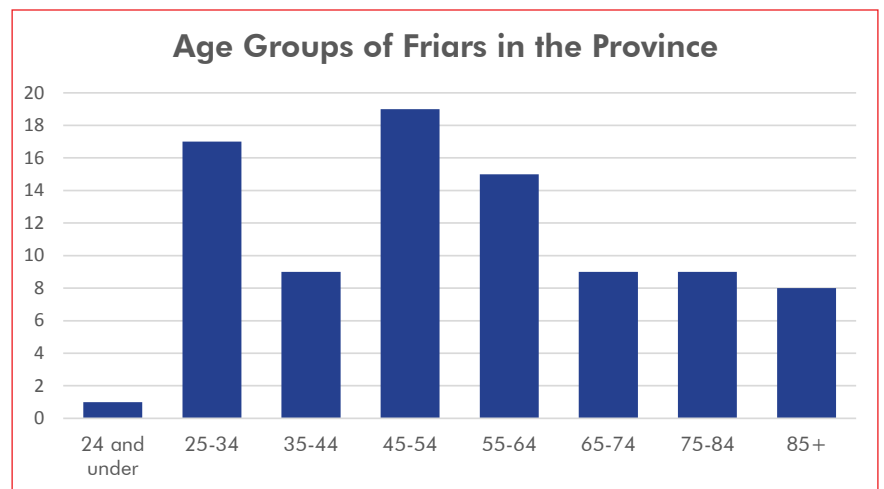
A FULL EVENTS PROGRAMME AT THE ROSARY SHRINE [p.16]



THE MASTER OF THE ORDER MEETS THE NOVICES [p.19]



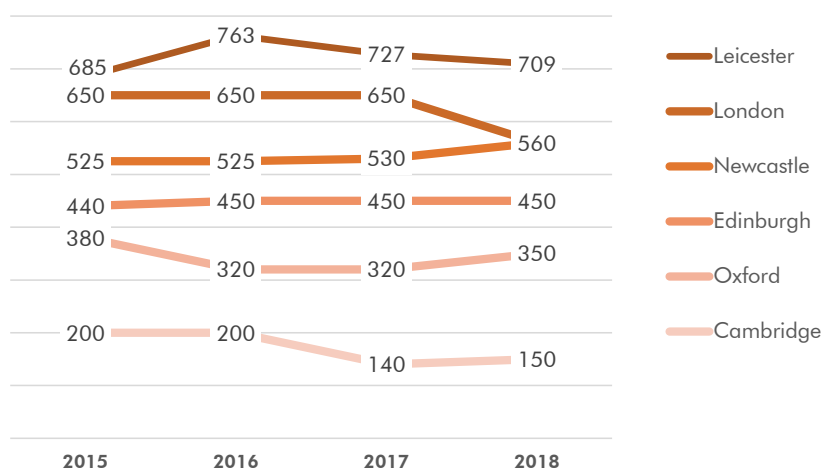
Figures from the 2018 *Catalogus* of the Province. Excludes those assigned in the West Indies (7), those serving as bishops (1), and those from other provinces resident in the UK (2).



Pastoral offices include parish priests, assistant priests, chaplains etc. (39 in previous year). Some are part-time: the count is 21 (23) if considered as 'full-time equivalents'. Paid work means the Charity receives income as a result of this work (proportion unchanged from previous year).

The Year in Review: Pastoral Figures

EST. TYPICAL SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE AT DOMINICAN PRIORIES



Sunday Mass attendance figures are included merely to provide a rough idea of the scale of pastoral work in each priory. These exclude the many other forms of pastoral ministry undertaken (see below) and the many and varied other ministries that happen within this Province (see the reports in pp.9–29). They are of course susceptible to vagaries of local populations and of measurement.

SACRAMENTAL STATISTICS

Baptisms	Infants: 119 (2017: 120) Adults: 11 (11) TOTAL: 130 (131)
Receptions of Baptised Christians into the Catholic Church	20 (13)
Confirmations	42 (36)
First Communions	Children: 116 (98) Adults: 4 (9) TOTAL: 120 (107)
Public Masses each week	Sundays: 30 (32) Weekdays: 97 (93) TOTAL: 127 (125)
Average Mass attendance	Sundays: 2,944 (3,022) Weekdays: 349 (335)
Sacrament of Penance (Confession)	14 hours scheduled per week (12) Average of 96 other confessions per week (93)
Marriages	44 (32)
Funerals	121 (123)

The age-profile of the Province is such that at present there are fewer friars available to engage in full-time pastoral work, but more engaged in study and other forms of preparation for such work. Moreover, it is impossible to reduce the effectiveness of pastoral ministry to statistics; but the Charity Trustees consider that these figures indicate that the Province is continuing to provide in its parishes, priories and other apostolates the sacramental and pastoral resources that are a necessary prerequisite for effective and responsive ministry. A very considerable number of people benefit from this activity of the Charity.

It is to be noted that 5 friars (13) who are not resident in priories carry out pastoral work in various other parishes and chaplaincies in England and Scotland.

Plans for Future Periods

The Charity Trustees view the following as particular objectives for the year to September 2019:

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(E) BLACKFRIARS, OXFORD

When the RBS building in Oxford becomes available, renovate it to provide accommodation and teaching space for Blackfriars Hall and administrative space for the Hall and Province.

(F) LONDON AND LEICESTER

Support and develop the mission of the Rosary Shrine in London and Holy Cross Priory in Leicester to their local and extended surrounding areas; finalise development plans and take forward fundraising for improving the facilities that support these missions.

(G) CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

Recruit a part-time Finance Manager to relieve the burden of administration from the Provincial Bursar, in order to free him up for the mission of the Order and so as to enhance financial administration.

Review of Activities



INTRODUCTION

The friars have continued their pastoral work in the parishes and chaplaincies both attached to the priories of the Province and elsewhere; and their educational apostolate which is undertaken alongside the pastoral work, and in a special way within Blackfriars, Oxford. As far as can be determined, in the course of the present reporting period friars and communities of the Province were involved in the concrete activities listed on the following pages. These reports are grouped by geographical location and followed by a Province-wide round-up of the wide range of educational activities undertaken.

Blackfriars: Priory of the Holy Spirit, Oxford



The Priory of the Holy Spirit, Oxford (known as 'Blackfriars') has as its principal work the formation of student friars. The friars also undertake pastoral work, through the liturgy and preaching in their own church, with several flourishing youth groups, and in co-operation with local parishes and the Catholic Chaplaincy to the University of Oxford. Blackfriars offers the most central open Catholic church in Oxford, with sung Divine Office and daily Mass.

The priory continued a programme of fabric maintenance, greatly assisted by generous benefactions. It is the location of

Blackfriars Hall, the Studium, the Provincial Bursary and the Development Office.

- Br Richard Steenvoorde of the Dutch Province, who has been living here while studying for an Oxford MPhil, was ordained deacon.
- Fr Timothy Radcliffe, former Master of the Order, made a return visit to Iraq in December and reported on communities rebuilding after devastation by Da'esh.

Prior: David Goodill OP / Robert Gay OP (from July 2018)

25 resident friars, including

- 8 full-time students
- 3 friars of other Provinces engaged in full-time academic work or study.

CLERGY FORMATION IN DOMINICAN STUDIUM

As the only specialist centre for the formation of Catholic religious orders in Britain, the Dominican *Studium* (study centre) offers training towards Catholic ministerial qualifications, and courses in theology and philosophy. Students include Dominicans, Franciscans, Oratorians.

Dominican students: 8
Other students: 15



GODZDOGZ BLOG

The student brothers at Oxford continue to post news and reflections on 'Godzdogz', [www.english.op.org/godzdogz] including meditations in Advent and Lent and occasional series on particular themes.

Posts this year: 46
Est. unique visitors: 51,000



AQUINAS GROUP

This Monday-evening group for the 18-35s offers discussion of theological questions, prayer, and an opportunity for socialising. It continued to attract around thirty people.



Blackfriars Hall, University of Oxford

One of three Catholic Halls in Oxford University, Blackfriars Hall welcomes mainly post-graduate students as well as visiting students and academics.

Blackfriars specialises in Catholic theology and philosophy in the 'Thomistic' tradition. Academic research is centred on our two research centres (see over).

PARTNERSHIPS

As well as the partnerships detailed overleaf, the Hall continued to work with the **Anscombe Bioethics Centre**: Prof. Luke Gormally gave the 8th Anscombe Memorial lecture on 'Chastity, Human Dignity and the Common Good: Anscombe and Aquinas'. Professor Patricia Casey gave the 9th Anscombe Memorial lecture on 'Ethical Issues in Psychiatric Diagnosis'. Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, President, Pont. Academy for Life, gave a public lecture on 'Human Dignity and Bioethics'.

Collaboration also continued with the **Humane Philosophy Project**, an international organisation involving Blackfriars alumni.

ALUMNI & DEVELOPMENT

A generous benefaction endowed a new postgraduate scholarship.

Our third annual alumni



dinner was held in September, welcoming as special guest speaker the Theologian to the Papal Household, Wojciech Giertych OP; he also gave a talk in the afternoon to Oxford University alumni as part of the Alumni Weekend. A brief appeal

elicited further contributions to the Student Support Fund.

Regent: Simon Gainé OP

Vice-Regent: David Goodill OP

Students: 48 from 22 countries (39 postgraduate, 3 undergraduate, 6 visiting students)

BLACKFRIARS' NEW WEBSITE www.bfriars.ox.ac.uk

The Development Office worked with the Regent and the Prior and other officers within Blackfriars to create a fresh new unified website for all that happens here, in preparation for the 800th anniversary in 2021 of the founding of Blackfriars. As well as a much improved navigation experience, it features a comprehensive events listing and free content such as videos of talks.



Blackfriars: Las Casas Institute for Social Justice

The year saw the Institute initiate new strands of activity and welcome new members, as well as develop the core research projects already underway to increase their impact.

1. ECONOMICS AS A MORAL SCIENCE

This project led by Prof Peter Róna has advanced its research into the fundamentals of economic theory through further symposia and made the fruits of previous research widely available through publication by Springer of edited papers, *Economic Objects and the Objects of Economics*. The next volume, entitled *Agency and Causal Explanations in Economics* is currently being prepared. The symposia have been attended to date by some 27 scholars from Britain, Europe and the Americas.

2. HUMAN DIGNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Prof Seán Loughlin organised in partnership with St Mary's University, Twickenham, L'Arche UK, and the Anscombe Bioethics Centre a number of high-level workshops and public lectures in London and Oxford concerning different areas where human dignity is under threat - from populism, in the workplace, and through the marginalisation of



the disabled. Public speakers included Tom Tugendhat OBE MP in conversation with Francis Campbell; Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, President of the Pontifical Academy for Life; and Drs Jenna and Benjamin Storey, who discussed 'Christianity and the Crisis of Liberalism'.

From spring 2018, Dr Maria Power, the new lead on the project, has brought to the project her own expertise in questions of peace building and reconciliation and chaired a number of seminars broadly based around the theme of Tolerance and Human Dignity.

Related to this stream of activity have been several events on more specific questions of Human Rights. Prof. Marise Cremona (EUI) and Aidan O'Neill QC (Matrix Chambers) held a joint seminar on 'Brexit and the Law', and Aidan O'Neill delivered the 2017 Annual Las Casas lecture on

'The Courts, the Church(es) and the Constitution'.

3. THE FUTURE OF THE HUMANITIES

This year saw the Institute welcome a new member and Fellow of Blackfriars Hall, Prof Michael Scott, former Vice-Chancellor of Glyndŵr University and currently Senior Advisor to the President of Georgetown University in Washington DC. On behalf of Georgetown, and with the collaboration of the Las Casas Institute, Prof. Scott is leading a new project, initiated in 2018: The Future of the Humanities.

The purpose of this is to explore the place of the humanities in contemporary culture, and better understand and promote their role in support of human dignity.

A first seminar was held at Blackfriars where leading scholars from Oxford, Georgetown and Krakow met to discuss the nature of the project.



Blackfriars: Las Casas Institute for Social Justice

The group were addressed by Professor Helen Small, Oxford, author of *The Value of the Humanities* (OUP, 2014).

4. MIGRATION

Dr Pia Joliffe and Br Samuel Burke OP contributed to a volume of papers on migration edited by Ben Ryan of the Christian think tank THEOS. The Institute also held a book launch to celebrate the publication of Robert W Heimburger's, *God and the Illegal Alien: United States immigration law and a theology of politics*. This timely book is a revised version of the doctoral thesis on which he worked as a Las Casas scholar with support from the Halley Stewart Trust.

In May 2018 the institute co-sponsored with St Mary's University, Twickenham, the Centre for Catholic Social Thought and Practice, and COMECE, a presentation at COMECE in Brussels by Dame Louise Casey on Migration and Integration in Europe followed by a seminar on issues raised by the presentation. The events were chaired by Prof. Ian Linden (Las Casas Advisory Board Member) and attended by the Institute's Director, Richard Finn OP.

Dr Joliffe was also the inspiration behind a colloquium



in December 2017 at which Fr Michael Lang, Rev. Prof. Ivica Zizic, Dr Fennella Cannell, and Dr Juliette Day considered the complex relationship of Anthropology to Theology in the area of ritual and the Christian liturgy.

5. POVERTY

The first part of the year saw a colloquium jointly sponsored by CEME on Christians and the Care Economy, which looked at the Christian resources available to tackle profound inequalities in the distribution of wealth across the UK. This was followed by a public lecture at the Catholic Chaplaincy by Frank Field MP: 'From Poverty to Life Chances and Back to Destitution'.

6. FINANCE AND MARKETS

Institute member, Dr. Edward Hadas, led a series of seminars on 'Finance, Reality and Morality: Fixing a broken system from the ground up', as well as

giving a lecture on the related theme of 'Three Rival Versions of Monetary Enquiry: Money as Magic, as Credit and as Token'.

7. THE DIGITAL AGE

The Institute has also sponsored events that concern the digital revolution and its implications for contemporary culture. We co-sponsored with the Angelicum University a colloquium on 'Theology between Information and Language', and in May 2018 hosted a public lecture at Blackfriars Hall, Oxford, by Bishop Paul Tighe, Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Culture: 'Church in a Digital World: social, ethical and cultural implications of technological change' which was chaired by Oxford University's Chancellor, Lord Patten of Barnes.

SPONSORS & BENEFACTORS

Special thanks are due to all of those who supported the Institute, and in particular to the Mallinckrodt Foundation, Michael Osborne, and Robert Calderisi.

Director: Richard Finn OP

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YouTube: 'Las Casas Institute'

Blackfriars: The Aquinas Institute

ANNUAL PROGRAMME

- Advanced Aquinas Reading Class for students of theology, philosophy, medieval studies
- Aquinas Lecture by Dr Andrew Meszaros (Maynooth): 'Vale of Tears or Kingdom of God? Augustine and Aquinas on a Theology of History'
- Aquinas Seminar Series: 'God and the Metaphysics of Human Action'
- Aquinas Colloquium: 'Thomas Aquinas and Modern Biology'
- Support for the Priory's Monday evening Aquinas study group for young people
- Special seminar by Prof Paul O'Grady: 'Aquinas, Wisdom, and Virtue Epistemology'
- Special lecture by Prof Eleonore Stump: 'The Atonement and the Problem of Shame'
- Study week for students and young adults at Buckfast (p. 28)

RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Aquinas Colloquium and Seminar Series developed the research project launched in the previous year: 'Aquinas on Nature and Human Nature'.

SUPPORTING RESEARCH

The Institute has hosted a visiting scholar, Prof John Love



(Mount St Mary's University, Emmitsburg), to work on a commentary on the *Secunda Pars* of the *Summa Theologiae*.

The Director has been supervising the research of a Farmington Scholar developing resources for A-level teachers of the philosophy of religion.

DISSEMINATION

Lectures, seminars and conference papers are now regularly uploaded to YouTube and shared through the Blackfriars website.

The Director's activities included:

- Giving the 2017 Redford Memorial Lecture at Maryvale Institute: 'Christ as the Father's Face'.
- 'Why Aquinas Would Agree That Human Economic Behaviour Is Largely Predictable' at a conference of the Las Casas Institute.
- Publishing papers and book chapters on topics including Aquinas' Virtue Ethics,

Sacramental Theology and Eucharistic Theology.

PARTNERSHIPS: USA & CHINA

The **Thomistic Institute** (Washington DC) has begun working with us to fund regular evening lectures by international speakers in Oxford and London, roughly two per term in each centre. These attract large numbers of young people (up to 100 in Oxford). We hope to extend these to further centres.

Dr William Carroll gave three lectures at universities in China on metaphysics and natural philosophy, including the themes of Creation and Evolution.



BENEFACTORS

We are grateful to the benefactors who have funded the Thomistic Institute's work in Europe.

Director: Richard Conrad OP

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YouTube: 'Aquinas Institute'

St Albert's Parish & Catholic Chaplaincy, Edinburgh



The House of St Albert the Great serves the thriving Catholic Chaplaincy to the University of Edinburgh and Edinburgh College of Art, which in recent years has extended to Edinburgh Napier and Queen Margaret Universities.

CHAPLAINCY LIFE

The Chaplaincy serves the pastoral and spiritual needs of university students and staff. Among the developments this year was the founding of the St Albert's Catholic Chaplaincy Staff Fellowship for university staff, which has got off to a very encouraging start.

The **Catholic Students' Union**, an official University of Edinburgh student society, continues to be very active. It has a membership in the region of 150 students; but other students attend Mass and participate in the life of St Albert's as well. Among

the student events this year were two student retreats, and a range of catechetical and social events: a weekly Theology (Faith & Reason) group, the Young Women's Fellowship, a weekly Midweek meal, and social events such as the St Andrew's Night Ball, Burns Night Supper, and May Ball. The students also put on events, such as a Christmas Carol Service to raise funds for a local homeless project.

THE PARISH

The parish also had a lively schedule of events, not least talks. The regular Holy Ground series of talks on theology and the arts continue, as do the talks organised by the parish Justice and Peace Group.



The Albertus Institute, which is not part of the parish but closely linked to it, organised a series of talks on Catholic Social Teaching, a public lecture at the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and co-organised a day conference on Human Trafficking at New College, University of Edinburgh.

THE COMMUNITY

Fr John O'Connor is Superior of the community and Parish Priest, and Fr Dermot Morrin is Bursar. Both friars work in the parish and in university chaplaincy and in the latter we are assisted by our lay chaplain Lilian Lee.

Fr Aelred Connelly continues his work as part of the chaplaincy team at HM Young Offenders' Institution and Prison at Polmont.

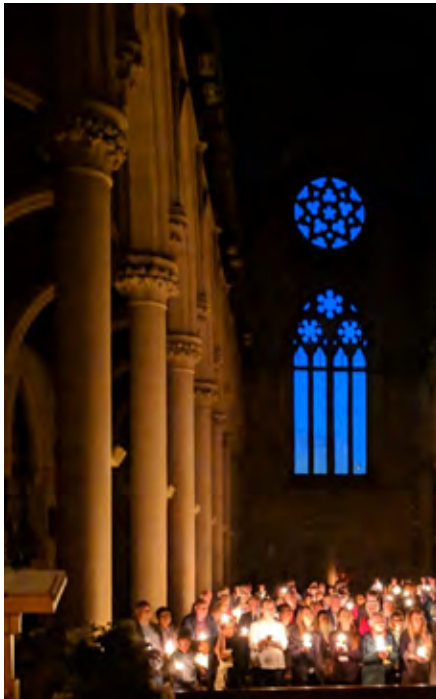
New Blackfriars, a journal of Theology, Philosophy and Cultural Affairs published by Wiley-Blackwell, is edited by Fr Fergus Kerr, who is assisted by Fr John. The journal continues to receive many articles from authors from across the globe.

Fr John also was a Teaching Fellow in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Edinburgh, teaching Moral Philosophy as part of a Masters programme.

4 resident friars

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St Dominic's Priory & The Rosary Shrine, London



St Dominic's Priory serves a large and vibrant north London parish, with the largest Catholic parish church in London. This year in October we celebrated with great joy the 150th anniversary of the parish.

Members of the priory are active in a wide-ranging parochial apostolate and in many chaplaincy roles (see below left).

The priory provides significant teaching support to the Studium in Blackfriars, Oxford. One friar is a full-time school teacher in an independent primary school. The Prior Provincial resides and has his office at St Dominic's.

CHAPLAINCIES PROVIDED

- 2 local primary schools (parish priest serves both as foundation governor)
- Hospitals: lead chaplain to UCL NHS trust
- Students: Imperial College
- 2 local nursing homes

LITURGY & DEVOTIONS

- Regular torchlit Rosary processions (see below)
- Participation in the Global Rosary Relay;
- Monthly sung Masses in the ancient Dominican rite;
- A Day with Mary.

Running alongside these larger events are regular groups:

- Daily Rosary prayer groups in our Rosary chapels
- Mothers' Prayer Group
- Youth2000 Prayer Group with contemporary worship music.

We continued to welcome and encourage devotions to Our Lady associated with particular national communities in London:

- Centenary of Our Lady of Fatima in October



- A new image of Our Lady of Guadalupe was installed in the Assumption chapel in December. The Papal Nuncio joined us for a special Mass, as well as a representative of the Mexican embassy, and a number of Mexican lay people.
- The Filipino community enriched our seasonal celebrations with their 'Simbang Gabi' Masses in the run-up to Christmas.



St Dominic's Priory & The Rosary Shrine, London

CATECHESIS & INTELLECTUAL DISCOURSE

To nourish the mind, we hosted a number of talks including:

- Lent Talks inspired by the writings of Fr Gerald Vann OP
- A day conference for the 150th Anniversary of Fr Vincent McNabb OP
- Renowned speaker and writer Dr Scott Hahn (*pictured right*) delivered a lecture in March to a packed church: 'Hail Holy Queen: Scripture and the Mystery of Mary'.

We began a new collaboration with the **Thomistic Institute** (Washington DC), offering talks aimed at students and young adults on contemporary themes. These included:

- Fr Thomas Joseph White OP: 'The Light of Christ: The Promise of Catholicism in the 21st Century'
- Dr. Daniel De Haan: 'The Soul After Neuroscience', at Imperial College, London.

ART & CULTURE

The Shrine hosted

- A concert by The Lyra Singers featuring Vivaldi's 'Gloria'
- A series of family-friendly candlelit concerts of Biber's beautiful 'Rosary Sonatas' in



December (Joyful Mysteries), February (Sorrowful) and May (Glorious).

PILGRIMAGE

As well as the annual Dominican pilgrimage to Walsingham, parishioners enjoyed a day pilgrimage to the shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate, and a week in Lourdes.

DEVELOPING THE SHRINE

As well as restoration works inside the church, plans were being developed to ensure a warm welcome in the church and parish centre for both parishioners and an increasing number of pilgrim groups. We also initiated an appeal for a new Rosary Garden, themed on the Mysteries of Light, to be created in a disused area of the church's grounds.

Our fundraising for this continued through the year, and we acknowledge with gratitude many generous individual gifts and legacies. We are also thankful for Regular Giving by Friends of the Shrine and via the Diocese's Growing in Faith scheme.

Prior: Thomas Skeats OP

10 resident friars, including 1 full-time student.

www.rosaryshrine.co.uk



Holy Cross Priory & Parish, Leicester

Holy Cross Priory serves a large church and culturally diverse parish in the centre of Leicester.

APOSTOLATES

The priory provided

- Chaplaincy to Leicester and De Montfort universities.
- Chaplain to HMP Leicester. Chaplaincy has been developed so that more prisoners have access to weekly Mass, and increased volunteer support enabled group work to take place each week.
- Chaplaincy to Leicester Royal Infirmary. Home visits to the sick and emergency cover at several local hospitals
- Weekly hospitality and advice sessions were offered to refugees and asylum seekers in partnership with **Leicester City of Sanctuary**.
- Help to local homeless people and vulnerable families.

Friars were also active in teaching and preaching elsewhere, including the Dominican Studium.



EVENTS

As a city-centre parish, Holy Cross has a busy weekly programme and annual cycle of liturgical, catechetical and other events. Notable events included:

- Celebration of the Jubilee Anniversary of chaplaincy to the University of Leicester
- Fr Fabian Radcliffe's retirement party to mark the end of his active ministry
- May was marked by a procession with Our Lady's statue, and by the annual pilgrimage to Walsingham.
- 'After Alfie': a special event to pray and reflect on issues of life and death in the light of the Alfie Evans case.

- Catholic Voices held a successful workshop for young people (*below left*) with Brenden Thompson, alumnus of Blackfriars Hall.
- Fr Isidore Clarke and his twin Fr Peter Clarke launched their book *Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy*.
- A leaving party was held for Fr Robert Gay who left to become prior of Oxford.

DEVELOPMENT

We further developed plans for renewing our pastoral centre so as best to serve our community.

We are grateful for the generous response from parishioners to our fundraising, including the usual enthusiastic response to the annual Advent Market and Blackfriars Market. These enabled an ambitious new lighting design in the church, and a remodelled kitchen area and bathrooms in the priory.

Prior: David Rocks OP

7 friars

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Blackfriars: Priory of St Michael, Cambridge

The Priory of St Michael Archangel is the location of the Province's novitiate, where new friars spend their first year in the Order. In the current reporting period this included two novices for the **Province of the Netherlands**, with which this Province regularly co-operates.

Members of the priory are also involved in writing, preaching and teaching. They provide pastoral care for a congregation of c.150 people, as well as assisting with the sacramental needs of the adjacent parishes.

NOVITIATE

The priory was very full this year as we welcomed 4 English Province novices and 2 from the Netherlands. Alongside the usual curriculum of practical and spiritual preparation for Dominican religious life, this year saw regular football training sessions, as we sought a win for Cambridge's University Chaplaincy over its Oxford counterpart!

The novices also made a number of excursions to familiarise them with the history of the Province and the Order, and the Church today. These included a visit to Arundel for the annual Corpus Christi procession and flower festival.



The year ended with two new novices for 2018/19, Daniel and John, and happily three novices joined the Dominican sisters of The English Congregation of St Catherine of Siena who also have their novitiate in Cambridge, so all five novices are able to come together regularly for formation.

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The Priory offers a programme of theological education in the form of regular talks, advertised in the city of Cambridge and environs, as well as at the University Catholic Chaplaincy. This year's Aquinas Lecture (Jan) by Dr Andrew Meszaros considered whether life on earth is best understood as a valley of tears or as a foretaste of the kingdom of God.

The priory promotes projects supporting educational provision in Ethiopia in co-operation with the **Jean Grove Trust** (reg. charity 1109593).

VISIT FROM THE MASTER

The priory was pleased on 28th February to welcome Fr Bruno Cadoré, the Master of the Order of Preachers and 86th successor of St. Dominic, for his second visit to Cambridge (*main picture*). The Master found time to meet and enter into a dialogue with the community as a whole, and more intimately with the novices.

Prior: Euan Marley OP

12 resident friars, incl.

1 full-time student and 6 novices

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St Dominic's Priory & Parish, Newcastle

St Dominic's Priory, Newcastle is a small community serving a parish and the students of Newcastle and Northumbria universities. Friars are also involved in teaching, ongoing formation, and ecumenical activity.

The church and priory buildings now belong to the **Hexham and Newcastle Diocesan Trust** (reg. charity 235686).

AN ACTIVE PARISH

This was another exciting and colourful year, with an outreach programme that brought many newcomers and visitors to join in the life of our church community, alongside our regular congregation members and the many groups that use our facilities.

- A season of eight films in collaboration with Arts UK, with food and discussion.
- African cultural evening with a variety of traditional foods and dancing and singing.
- The winter Fayre in November.



- An ecumenical Advent carol service in December.
- A talk by Sue Edwards on working with those with dementia.
- Lenten lunches with other Christian communities concluding with Stations of the Cross in St Dominic's.
- A new initiative this year has been the new 'Who is Jesus' evangelisation course by Br Andrew Brookes: this has attracted 30–40 weekly participants to deepen their faith and also to form catechists who can give the same course in future.
- In May St Catherine's school performed their passion play

'Hosanna' to an enthusiastic audience of about 300 people.

- The annual Late Show at St Dominic's. The event included food from different ethnic groups, an organ recital, displays of singing and dancing, and talks on local history.
- Three organ concerts on our newly restored grade 1 listed Willis organ brought audiences of 60–100.
- The Strawberry Fayre in June and the Parish Garden party and barbecue in July.
- The latter was an occasion to thank Fr Dominic White, who is moving to Cambridge, for all his work in developing the outreach programme.
- Heritage weekend in September featured displays and recitals.

Superior: John Patrick Kenrick OP

3 resident friars

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Education is a key part of the Dominican charism. In this section we review the wide range of educational activities undertaken during the year.

SERIES OF TALKS

Talks were given by the brothers both in our own priories, parishes and chaplaincies and as guest speakers in other venues. Sometimes talks in our own centres or nearby are given as a coherent series.

- fr. David Sanders gave a series of talks on the Acts of the Apostles in Oxford, also taking it on tour round parishes in Grenada and Jamaica.
- A group of young adults continued weekly in Oxford, under the leadership of fr. Albert Robertson, where about twenty or more participants met to discuss the virtues and the passions

in the thought of St Thomas Aquinas, and to which various brethren contributed.

- fr. Fergus Kerr also led an Aquinas Group in Edinburgh, but composed of senior academics and reading word for word through the *Summa Theologiae*.
- fr. Andrew Brookes led two series at Newcastle for training in evangelisation.

RANGE OF THEMES

Examples of talks illustrating the further range of individual topics treated in our own centres and elsewhere are

- The Gospels;
- Life as a Dominican Friar;
- The Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary;
- The Meaning of Advent;
- Remembering the War Dead;
- St Thomas More;

A Saint for our Times;

- Spirituality and Prayer;
- St Dominic and Preaching;
- Christ as the Father's Face;
- St Thomas on Christ as Saviour;
- Fra Angelico;
- Aquinas on the Natural Complexity of Human Emotions;
- The Social Kingship of Christ;
- A Dominican View of the Reformation;
- Vocation;
- Gerald Vann;
- The Cross;
- The Agony in the Garden;
- Theological Method;
- Celibacy;
- The Passions;
- Introduction to the Old Testament;
- The Word of God;
- Rome in the Era of Pope Francis;
- The Great Commandment;
- Alfie Evans;
- God, Suffering and Evil;
- Love, Hope and Friendship;
- Wittgenstein and Moral Theology;
- Does God Exist?;

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- Can a scientist be religious?;
- The Bible: Fact or Fiction?;
- Listening to God;
- Silence and the Incarnation;
- Fatherhood and the Prodigal Son;
- St Catherine of Siena;
- The Eucharist and Adoration;
- Integrity in the Workplace;
- The Sacraments;
- Liturgy and Beauty;
- Salvation in Christ;
- Natural Law and Contraception;
- The Roman Canon;
- Catechesis and Methodology;
- Catechising Young Children;
- David Jones;
- Medjugorje;
- Amoris Laetitia;
- Preachers of Hope;
- Why thinking is a good thing;
- Faith and the life of the body;
- Christ's Resurrection;
- Sacraments and Conversion;
- Sacrifice and the Bible;
- Nietzsche and Christianity;
- Prison Ministry;
- Who is Jesus Christ?;
- The Four Last Things.

GEOGRAPHY

Among the places to which members of the Province travelled in Britain to deliver talks were Birtly, Norton, Sunderland, Birmingham, Worth, Stone, Lanherne, Cardiff, Bristol, Berkhamstead, Bangor, Lymington, Louth, Kettering, Manchester, Nottingham, Llandudno, Epsom, Welwyn Garden City, Brighton, and Baldock, while they spoke internationally in such countries as Bosnia, Czechland, Ecuador, Finland, Grenada, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Lithuania, Myanmar, Spain, the Netherlands, Portugal, and the United States of America, with fr. Timothy Radcliffe undertaking a three-week tour of Australia.

BENEFICIARIES

The total number of attendees overall is difficult to estimate. Few brothers produced estimated figures, and such figures as we have could be taken to indicate a total audience of somewhere around 16,000, although it may be many more.

Talks given by the brethren are often open to the general public, but are normally organised by a particular religious group, and a religious group of some kind is very often at its own request our audience.

DOMINICAN FAMILY

fr. David Goodill addressed the Dominican Family Seminar in Leeds in January.

Talks were also given by various brothers to the Dominican Sisters in Quito, Lymington, Stone, Bushey, and Crawley, the Dominican Secular Institute, to several Lay Fraternities as well as the AGM of European Lay Dominicans, and to the Dominican Youth Movement.

frs. Robert Eccles and Dominic Ryan led Aquinas weekends at Stone in collaboration with the sisters.

DOMINICAN YOUTH MOVEMENT

This year the DYM saw something of a handing-on of the torch with the student brothers taking over responsibility for leading and running the programme as part of their training to become priests. This peer-to-peer approach to mission refreshed and renewed the project: the presence of an increased number of younger friars at DYM events strengthened the communal dimension of the movement and expanded the range of pastoral care offered over the course of each event.

Once again, the cornerstones of the programme were the

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study weekends in Advent and Lent and the study week at Buckfast. For the first time the Advent weekend was hosted by Westminster diocese's new retreat centre in Pinner, and we were very grateful for the warm hospitality that we received from the SPEC team and other staff members. The Lent weekend was once again at Worth abbey. Both study weekends were well attended and offered a balance of prayer, study and an opportunity for young Catholics to spend time together enjoying one another's company.

THE DOMINICAN FORUM

The Province continues its ongoing series of talks with discussion on living the Christian faith for professionals working in the City of London. Known as 'The Dominican Forum', these talks are hosted and supported by Smith & Williamson and CCLA (two firms of investment managers); the Province extends its gratitude for this support. Several brethren from different priories contributed to this series over the year. Themes included:

- The Diversity Agenda – How far can Christians go?
- Money – 'Root of all Evil' or a Means to the Good?

- What does it take to be Brave?
- 'Me too': the Dignity of Women
- Heavenly Bodies, Holy Practices (on pilgrimage)
- Little White Lies?

OTHER CATHOLIC GROUPS

Apart from specifically Dominican events, our other audiences have included

- The Catholic Union of Great Britain;
- RCIA groups in various parishes;
- Confirmation and young adult groups;
- Deanery groups;
- Catechists of Arundel and Brighton diocese;
- Association of Catholic University Chaplains;
- Seminarians at Valladolid;
- Seminarians at Allen Hall;
- Staff of Allen Hall;
- Priests and seminarians of the Ordinariate;
- Priests of Southwark diocese;
- Priests of Westminster diocese;
- Priests of Yangon diocese;
- Principals of Catholic schools in Australia;
- The Czech bishops;
- The Guild of Pastoral Psychotherapists;
- Catholic Voices;
- Wellspring;
- Pure in Heart;
- Pastoral Review Congress;
- Conference of Religious Vocation Promoters;
- Focolare;
- Deep Waters;
- Encounter;
- Missionaries of Charity and their Lay Associates;



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- Benedictine nuns of Ryde;
- Carmelite sisters of Lanherne;
- Religious sisters at Swaffham;
- Students at various University Chaplaincies;
- The staff of Anglican cathedrals.

EXTERNAL SPEAKERS

Not only do the brothers go out from our priories to preach in this way, but they also extend our intellectual mission by their use of our priories as venues for external speakers or Dominican speakers from another priory for the benefit of local audiences. The Rosary Shrine is a relatively new venue for this, with its inaugural lecture being given on our Lady by Scott Hahn (recorded for YouTube), and a number of brothers contributing to a conference on fr. Vincent McNabb.

MASS MEDIA

Brothers also occasionally give talks or interviews for the media. fr. Timothy Radcliffe was interviewed on a number of occasions, including for the magazine *Coscienza*, and twice by the BBC.

ADVISORY ROLES

As well as giving and arranging talks, brothers also serve the wider Church through giving expert advice as consultants.

- fr. Timothy Radcliffe is a consultor for the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace;
- fr. Richard Conrad continues as a member of the Liturgical Formation Subcommittee of the Bishops' Conference and of the Council of the Maryvale Higher Institute of Religious Sciences;
- fr. Benjamin Earl was a member of the Juridical Commission of the Union of Superiors General;
- fr. Simon Francis Gaine served as a member of the Council of Censorship for the diocese of Westminster;
- fr. John O'Connor was a member of the board of the Albertus Institute, which is based in our parish in Edinburgh and organises events on issues around the relationship between science and religion.



PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Books published during the year include

- fr. Aidan Nichols, *Alban and Sergius: the Story of a Journal* (Gracewing).
- Two chapters by fr. Richard Conrad appeared in the *SCM Study Guide to Catholic Liturgy*;
- A chapter by fr. David Goodill in *Augustine and Wittgenstein* (Lexington);
- A chapter by fr. Timothy Radcliffe in *A Point of No Return? Amor Laetitia on Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage* (Intams), together with an entry in *A Pope Francis Lexicon* (Liturgical).
- A chapter by fr. Samuel Burke appeared in *Fortress Britain? Ethics approaches to immigration policy*

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for a post-Brexit Britain (Kingsley);

- an entry by fr. Richard Finn appeared in the *Oxford Dictionary of Late Antiquity*.
- fr. Leon Pereira was the editor of several booklets published at Medjugorje
- fr. Dominic White provided the English translation for *In the Steps of Blessed Jean-Joseph Lataste* (Association Lataste).

Several manuscripts were also read on behalf of publishers, including Notre Dame University Press, Catholic University of America Press, and Cambridge University Press.

NEW BLACKFRIARS JOURNAL

An important part of our corporate mission in publishing is our bimonthly journal *New Blackfriars*, which is published by Wiley-Blackwell, and edited by fr. Fergus Kerr with the assistance of fr. John O'Connor. Four other brothers from the province and one Dominican sister were involved in the editing of the journal during the year. Several brothers published articles or book reviews in the journal.

OTHER JOURNALS

Apart from *New Blackfriars*, articles or reviews were



published in a number of other periodicals, including *The Faith Companion*, *Nova et Vetera* (English Edition), *Oikonomia*, *Journal of Theological Studies*, *Clax Mariae*, *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, *Journal of Hindu Christian Studies*, *The Downside Review*, *Medieval Mystical Theology*, *The School Librarian*, *Catholic Library World*, *The Tablet*, *The Catholic Herald*, and *Osservatore Romano*.

- fr. Robert Ombres also assisted as member of the editorial boards of *Ecclesiastical Law Journal*, *Angelicum*, and *Law and Justice*;
- fr. Rudolf Loewenstein was on the editorial team for the primary school RE series, *The Way*, *The Truth and the Life*;
- fr. Simon Francis Gaine is on the board of advisers of the English edition of *Nova et Vetera*.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

As well as in academic publishing, brothers were also engaged

in publication at a popular level in the service of the Church. For example, fr. Euan Marley and fr. David Sanders prepared sermon notes for Redemptorist Publications's *Living Word*.

ONLINE PUBLISHING

Nearly every brother in the English Province contributed to **Torch**, the preaching website of the English Dominicans, which had an estimated* 272,590 unique pageviews during the year, drawn from an international audience (an estimated 44,660 visitors, including a core of around 3,521 returning visitors, which corresponds approximately to the number of email notification subscribers).

The student brothers' blog, **Godzdogz**, received an estimated* 108,993 unique pageviews during the year. The audience is estimated at 50,691 visitors, including 3,308 returning visitors. The students have written, among other things, on Doctors of the Church and Forgotten Books of the Bible.

[*Statistics from Google Analytics downloaded 30/05/2019. Note: the methodology has changed since last year's report].

Brethren have also been contributors on the internet to, for example, the Thomistic

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Institute's website, LifeSite News, Youth 2000, Religion and Society, Word OP, Mindmatters Today, and Antwerp Diocesan Review, as well as providing English translations for the website of the Ecole Biblique.

LEARNED SOCIETIES

Hand-in-hand with publication goes the brethren's involvement in the wider academic community. Brothers are members of learned societies, including the Catholic Theological Association of Great Britain, the Canon Law Society of Great Britain and Ireland, The Aristotelian Society, and the Société Thomiste (Paris). fr. Matthew Jarvis is a committee member of the Leicester Theological Society. fr. John O'Connor was elected a member of the Royal Society of Edinburgh's Young Academy of Scotland.

CONFERENCES

The brethren have also contributed papers at conferences.

- fr. Martin Ganeri gave a paper on Ramanuja's account of Scriptural meaning at the American Academy of Religion, one on 'The Comparative Theology of Francis X. Clooney SJ' in

Cambridge, and another on 'The Transformation of Theology through Inter-religious Encounter' at the Pontifical University of St Thomas (the Angelicum).

- fr. Robert Ombres gave a paper on the 'Purposes of Law' at the Anglican-Roman Catholic Canonists' Colloquium;
- fr. Bruno Clifton gave a paper on 'Pinning Sisera Down' at the Society of Biblical Literature's International Meeting in Helsinki;
- fr. Simon Francis Gaine gave a paper on the beatific vision at the inaugural UK meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers;
- fr. Robert Verrill gave a paper on 'The Game of Life and Artificial Intelligence' at the Central Division Meeting of the same society in Houston, Texas;
- fr. Oliver Keenan gave a paper on 'The Politics of Sacred Vulnerability' at the annual Eckhart Conference;
- fr. Joseph Bailham gave an 'Introduction to the Document Reflections on Catholic-Jewish Relations: The Gifts and Calling of God are Irrevocable' at the

Catholic-Jewish Emerging Leadership Conference organised by the Holy See;

- fr. Thomas Crean gave a paper on conscience at the Rome Life Forum's conference at the Angelicum;
- fr. Nicholas Crowe gave a paper on 'Dissecting a religious vocation' at a colloquium on discernment in Oxford;

Brothers moreover attended, among other conferences, one on the work of the Leonine Commission in Paris, one on Barth and Liberation Theology at Princeton, one on the transformation of parishes at St Mary's, Twickenham, another on L'Arche and Jean Vanier at the same location, one arranged by the Christian Heritage Centre, another by Aid to the Church in Need, a number on Franciscan Theology based in some Oxford colleges, and others on Foundations of Normativity, Prudential Value, Juridical Ecumenism, Canon Law and Legal Culture, and Evolution and Religious Faith.

TEACHING

Teaching in educational institutions is a central part of the Province's intellectual mission, and brethren teach in various institutions at tertiary level.

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- fr. Brian Davies served full-time as Distinguished Professor in the Philosophy Department at Fordham University, USA;
- fr. Robert Ombres taught canon law at the Angelicum;
- fr. Richard Conrad taught for the B.Div. at the Maryvale Institute, Birmingham;
- fr. Thomas Crean taught courses in moral theology for Newman College, Ireland, and Thomas More College, New Hampshire;
- fr. John O'Connor taught courses for the Department of Philosophy at the University of Edinburgh;
- fr. Aidan Nichols taught theology courses at St Michael's College, Kingston, Jamaica;
- fr. Samuel Burke taught constitutional law to undergraduates at St John's, Oxford;
- fr. Robert Verrill was a modern and moral philosophy teaching assistant at Baylor University, Texas.

Seminary teaching was undertaken by fr. John Farrell on Scripture for the propaedeutic year in the English College at Valladolid, and at Allen Hall;

and by fr. David Goodill for the permanent diaconate course at Oscott College, Birmingham.

Brethren were also involved in various tertiary institutions in other ways: external examining of doctorates was undertaken for the University of Fribourg by fr. Simon Francis Gaine and for the University of St Andrews by fr. Fergus Kerr. fr. John O'Connor was external examiner for the Maryvale Institute's applied theology course (Open University), and fr. Richard Conrad was external examiner for Oscott's BA in Fundamental Catholic Theology (Birmingham University). fr. Richard Finn was a Catholic Education Service governor at St Mary's, Twickenham, and a Trustee of the Centre for Catholic Social Teaching and Practice.

BLACKFRIARS, OXFORD

While brothers were thus involved in several tertiary-level institutions, the intellectual mission of the Province is centred on our Studium at Blackfriars, Oxford (see p. 10), together with our Permanent Private Hall of Oxford University (see p. 11), where 15 brothers and 1 sister were active in teaching philosophy and theology and allied disciplines during the year and

a number of brothers held key administrative roles.

Here the brethren are engaged in an intellectual mission that is at once Catholic and part of the wider academic life of Oxford. The students at the Hall, undergraduates, postgraduates (who are now more likely than before to have chosen Blackfriars as their college) and visiting students, numbered 48, including five friars, from 14 countries, while in the Studium 23 students from various religious institutes were preparing for the priesthood, together with a small number of lay students in Catholic theology and philosophy. Working within the Hall naturally brings brothers to take on other roles within the University. For example, four brothers were members of the Faculty of Theology and Religion and were involved in the supervision of a number of its postgraduate students, as well as the teaching and examination of undergraduates.

The Hall itself encompasses two further institutes, the Aquinas Institute and the Las Casas Institute for Social Justice (see pp. 12–14), each of which held several seminars during the year, and enjoys a partnership with the **Anscombe Bioethics Centre** (registered charity no. 274327).

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College Boys School, Oxford; Rugby School; St Gabriel's High School, Bury; and St Mary's Primary School, Oswaldtwistle. fr. Timothy Radcliffe spoke at several schools during his tour of Australia.

FURTHER STUDIES

Among those undertaking complementary studies for the sake of the intellectual apostolate during the year were

- fr. Bruno Clifton completing a doctorate in Old Testament at Cambridge University;
- fr. Oliver Keenan completing a doctorate in systematic theology at Oxford University;
- fr. Robert Verrill continuing a doctorate in philosophy at Baylor University, Texas;
- fr. Irenaeus Vincent continuing a part-time doctorate in ministry at Catholic University of America;
- fr. Benjamin Earl continuing a doctorate in canon law at the Angelicum;
- fr. Gregory Pearson continuing a licence in canon law at the Angelicum;
- fr. Leon Pereira continuing a doctorate in patristics registered at the Angelicum;
- fr. Simon Francis Gaine

Lectures and seminars in both the Aquinas and Las Casas Institutes are now filmed and uploaded to their YouTube channels as a matter of course. As well as providing opportunities for the brethren, these institutes, together with the Hall, continue to provide a basis for non-Dominican scholars and Dominicans from outside the Province to collaborate with us in our intellectual mission. Reports on the activities of the Institutes are on pp. 12–14.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Outside the physical boundaries of Oxford itself the Hall, through the Aquinas Institute, supported the Dominican Youth Movement's residential five-day summer school on Aquinas at Buckfast Abbey in Devon, aimed at helping students from various centres of study and others with a knowledge of

theology to benefit from the structure and content of the *Summa Theologiae*. This was the eighth time the event has taken place and it again proved very successful. 23 students, divided into two streams, beginners and advanced, attended lectures given by three brothers and one Dominican sister.

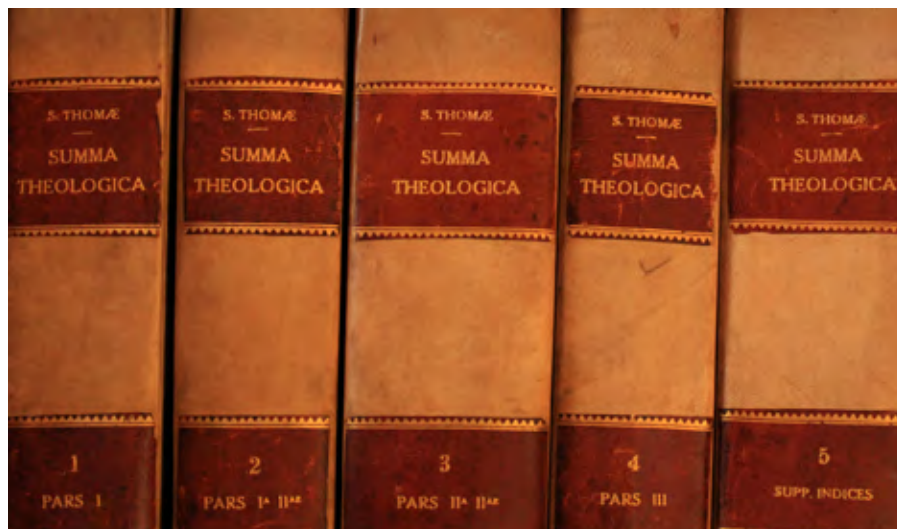
INVOLVEMENT WITH SCHOOLS

In addition to this involvement at tertiary level, brothers supported education at primary and secondary level. Fr. Rudolf Loewenstein was Director of Studies at St Christina's (Primary) School in St John's Wood, London. Other schools visited by brothers included St Robert's School, Newcastle; Downside School; St Benedict's School, Ealing; New College School, Oxford; St Edward's School, Oxford; Magdalen

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completed a Bachelor of Divinity in Oxford University;

- fr. Jordan Scott completed an MA in philosophy at Birkbeck College, London, with distinction;
- fr. Robert Gay completed an MA in Bioethics and Medical Law with distinction at St Mary's, Twickenham.



LIBRARIES

In addition to these complementary studies and continuing formation, our libraries are a principal resource for the intellectual apostolate. During the year,

- The Oxford library adopted the policy of buying books for the needs of Studium and Hall according to a weighted system of recommendations. £3,407.44 was spent on books, £358.14 on equipment and stationery, and £6,489.31 on staff.
- In London the library was being catalogued online by a

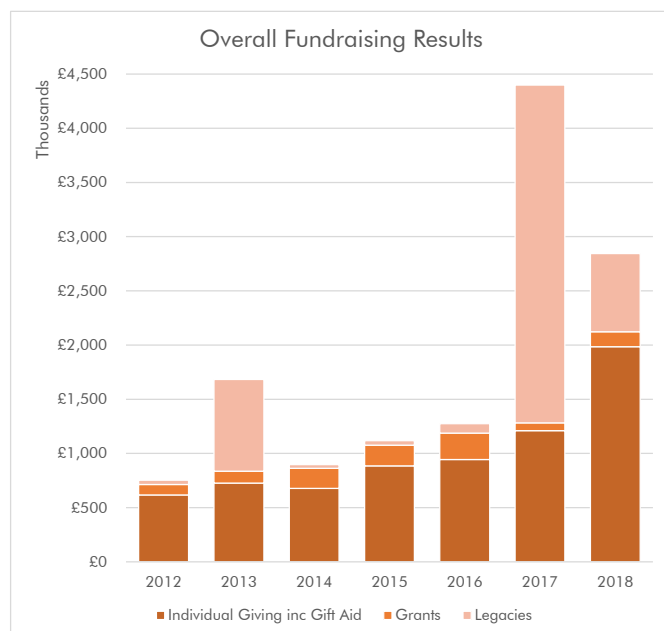
postgraduate student, such that books can be checked out according to a barcode system. Purchasing has concentrated largely on renewing the apologetics section, with 55 new acquisitions overall, of which about a quarter were donations. About £2,600 was spent overall, including about £700 on equipment and computers and £1,000 on the cataloguer.

- Leicester has several hundred donated books to

be evaluated and catalogued. Acquisitions are mainly focused on pastoral and preaching topics, Scripture and contemporary issues.

- Cambridge acquired fifteen books during the year.
- Edinburgh acquired ten books, plus the Raffalovich books transferred from Oxford at a cost of £260. Buying is concentrated in the areas of Scripture, moral issues, and Science and Religion.

Fundraising Performance – Trends



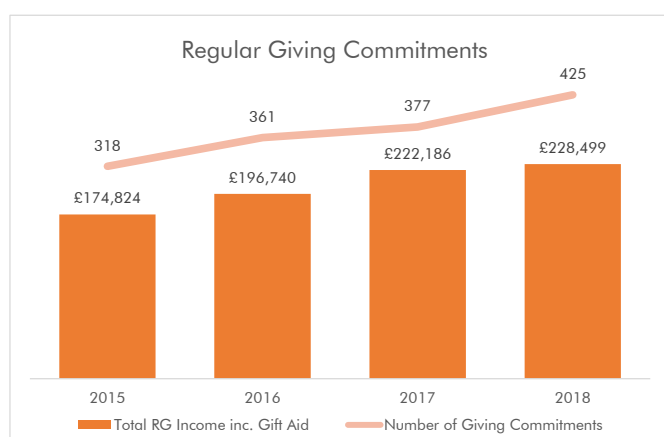
Overall Fundraising Results saw a total of £2.8m raised for the charity as a whole.

The total of individual giving continued to rise, achieving £2m (£1.2m in 2017). This was once again driven by major gifts (amounts of £5,000+) which reached a total of £1.27m; however, of this just over £1.2m came from a single donor (proceeds from the sale of an Old Master painting).

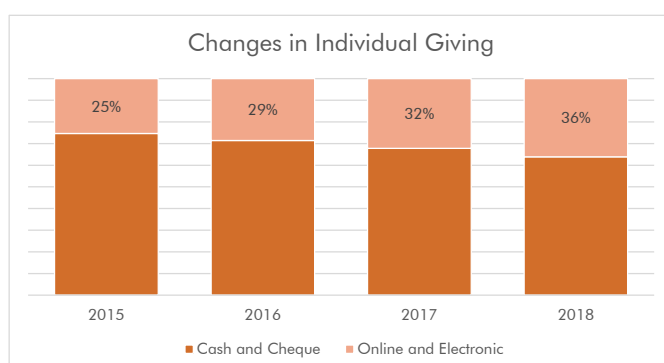
Apart from major gifts, individual giving of lower amounts remained fairly static at £705k (£718k in previous year); within this, regular giving increased slightly to £228k (£222k) including Gift Aid (see below).

It was a good year again for legacies: £722k*. A single legacy of £300k offered a welcome boost to Oxford and will assist in the objective of increasing the fabric fund to cover current and future maintenance costs of the priory's historic buildings.

Grant applications were given less attention this year, as we waited for various plans to be finalised: £138k.



The number and total value of **Regular Giving Commitments** continued to rise across the Province, though with some slowing of growth: certain priories have seen RG income stall or drop, and new promotion is required; the end of the Province's Training Fund campaign also saw some donors conclude RG commitments related to this.

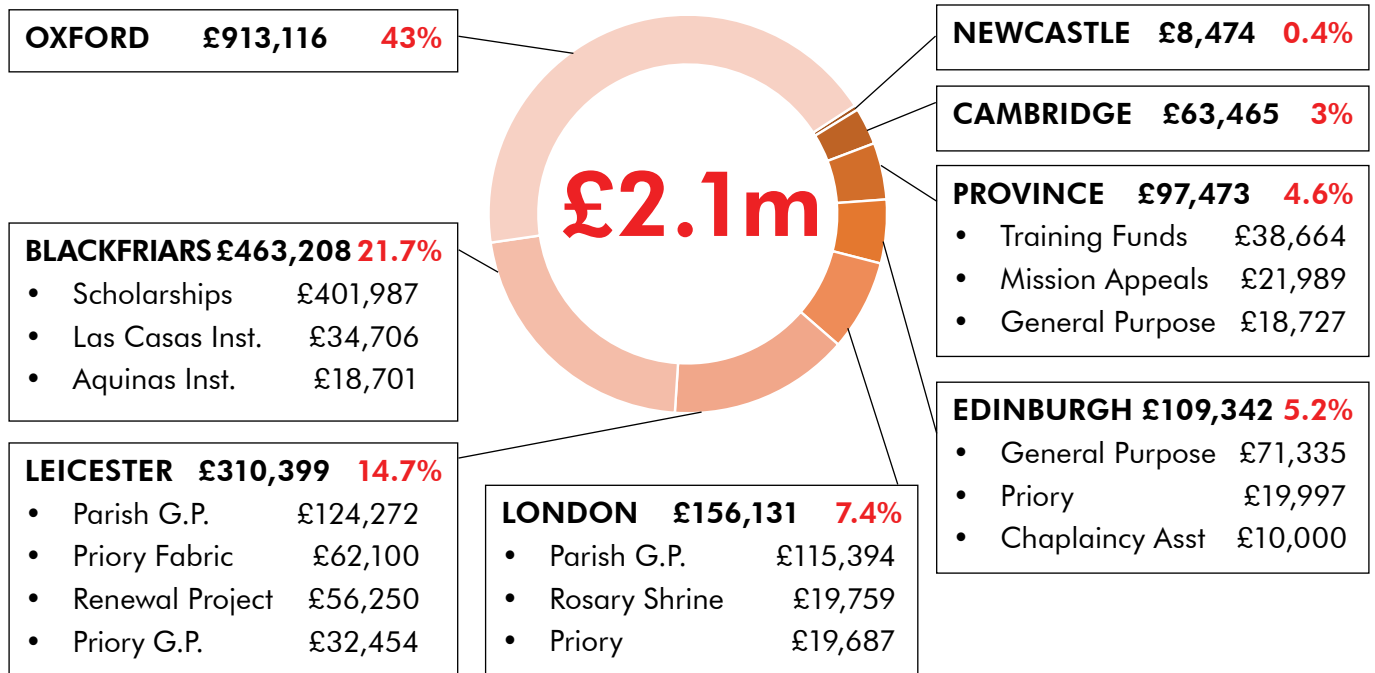


Gradual **Changes in Individual Giving** payment methods have been observed, with this graph showing how the proportion of income from cash and cheque is decreasing in line with changes in society. Online giving includes payment card donations via our websites (4%; 3% in previous year); and electronic giving includes standing orders and bank transfers. *[Note, this graph excludes major gifts which distort the results.]*

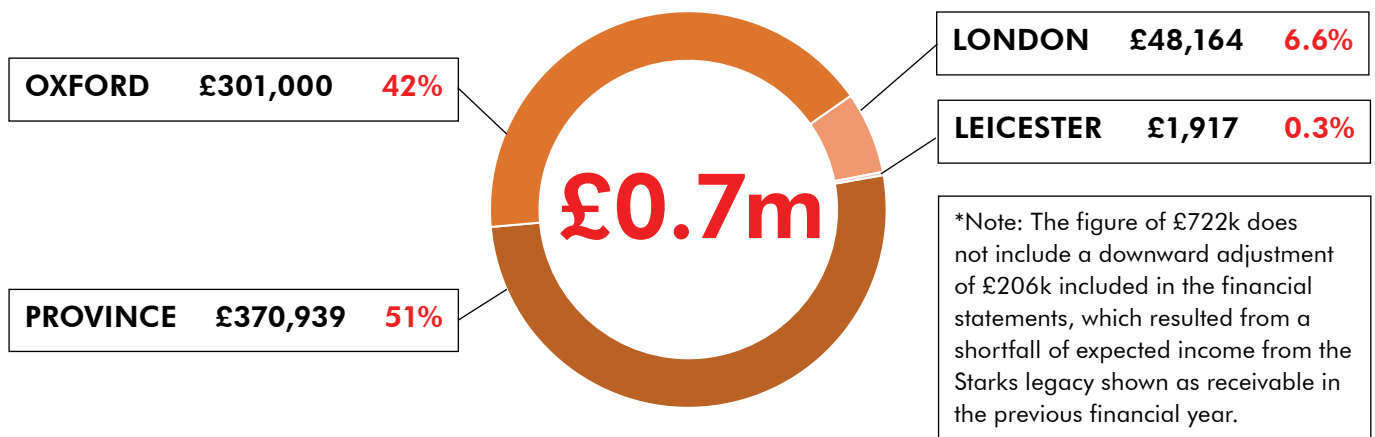
Plans for the future are focussing on strategic development plans related to each of our priorities, aiming to secure their futures and ensure a solid base for their specific missions, with fundraising being undertaken to support these goals.

Fundraising Performance – 2018

Voluntary Income (exc. legacies)



Legacies*



The friars express their gratitude to all who have helped sustain our mission this year through their generous giving. We would especially like to mark the contributions of:

Legacies: Margaret Attlee, Sr Mary Gabriel Blenkinsopp OP, John O'Neil, Michael Rattigan, William Stack, Ann Thirkell-Smith, Patricia Walker. *R.I.P.*

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The Mallinckrodt Foundation, Nottingham RC Diocesan Trust, Worth Abbey.

Individuals: The donor whose Old Master crucifixion was sold at auction and the proceeds of which were used to establish a scholarship at Blackfriars, and to increase Oxford priory's capital fund.

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Structure, Governance & Management

INTRODUCTION

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2018. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 50 and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The English Province of the Order of Preachers is one of forty or so provinces of the Friars of the Order of Preachers, a religious order in the Catholic Church. The Order of Preachers was founded by St Dominic in the thirteenth century for the purpose of preaching, teaching and pastoral work in collaboration with the bishops. Members of the Order are often known as 'Dominicans', after their founder. The life of the friars is founded on the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience to which they bind themselves by vow, and is characterised by prayer, study and community life. Most of the friars are also ordained priests.

As part of the Catholic Church, the Order of Preachers is bound to the Church's Canon Law, especially as contained in the 1983 *Codex Iuris Canonici* (Code of Canon Law, hereafter *CIC*), and to the legitimate precepts of the Holy See and the Roman Pontiff. It is also bound by the laws of the dioceses in which it works, and of the Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales and of Scotland.

The Order has its own internal law contained in the *Liber Constitutionum et Ordinationum Fratrum Ordinis Praedicatorum* (Book of Constitutions and Ordinations of the Friars of the Order of Preachers, hereafter *LCO*). The General Chapter of the Order and the Master of the Order have authority, in accordance with canonical norms, over all the provinces, priories

and friars of the Order.

The English Province, in addition to the above-mentioned norms, has its own canonical governing document, the 'Statute of the Province'. The Province is governed by the Provincial Chapter and by the Prior Provincial. The Provincial Chapter is a meeting of friars representing the Province which takes place every four years; its object is to 'discuss and make decisions about all that pertains to the fraternal and apostolic life and the good administration of the province' (*LCO* 351 §I). The Provincial Chapter can make changes to the Statute of the Province as well as make other ordinations concerning the governance of the Province and its priories. The Provincial Chapter elects the Prior Provincial (major superior), who governs the Province until the following Provincial Chapter.

The Prior Provincial is assisted by the Provincial Council, composed of senior officers of the Province and other members elected by the Provincial Chapter. On major financial matters the Prior Provincial and Provincial Council are advised by the Economic Council of the Province, whose members are appointed by the Provincial Chapter and which is chaired by the Provincial Bursar.

The Province is made up of a number of priories, which are local communities of friars with a large degree of self-government according to the norms of Canon Law and the internal law of the Order and the Province. The priory is 'the fundamental unit of the Order' (*LCO* 1 §VII), and the principal place where the educational and pastoral mission of the Order is pursued. Priors (local superiors) are normally elected by the members of their priory for three-year terms. Each priory is engaged in a variety of ministerial work, often centred on parish churches or university chaplaincies. Two priories are especially but not exclusively dedicated to the formation and training of priests and friars. The Prior Provincial and his Council have responsibility for the collaboration of the various priories, for the support of provincial projects and for the establishment, maintenance and en-

forcement of common policy, including those involving major financial issues.

The Charity consider that the members of the Provincial Council comprise the key management personnel, in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day-to-day basis. The Prior Provincial and three other members of the Provincial Council are Directors of the Trustee Corporation, as listed on p. 32. Other members of the Provincial Council are members of the Trustee Corporation. All trustees, and all other members of the Provincial Council, give of their time freely and no remuneration was paid to any of them in the year. Details of trustee expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in notes 9 and 10 to the accounts.

The individual friars make profession of a vow of obedience, encompassing also the other 'evangelical counsels' of poverty and chastity. As a result of the profession of poverty, all that is acquired in virtue of the work or activity of a friar belongs to the friar's priory (*CIC* 668 §3; *LCO* 546). Once a friar has made definitive or 'solemn' profession, any income whatsoever that comes to the friar belongs to his priory or the Province (*LCO* 546, 548). This arrangement is given civil effect by means of a 'Deed of Disposer' in favour of the Charity made by each friar at the time of his solemn profession. Alongside the profession of poverty by the friars, there is a corresponding obligation on the Order to provide its members 'with everything that is necessary to fulfil the purpose of their vocation' (*CIC* 670).

The Dominican friars share a spirituality and mission with other branches of the 'Dominican family': nuns, sisters, members of secular institutes and fraternities of priests and laity (cf. *LCO* 1 §IX).

NATURE AND CONSTITUTION OF THE CHARITY

In order to allow for the general administration and financial maintenance of the members, priories and works of the Province, **the Province Trust** was established by Trust Deed in 1930, modified by a deed of partial revocation in 1945. Its registered objects are 'the promotion of education and the Roman Catholic

religion and the establishment and maintenance of schools, churches and priories for these purposes and the upkeep of members of the Order of Preachers.' Under the name 'The English Province of the Order of Preachers', the Province Trust is registered as a charity in England and Wales, no. 231192, and in Scotland, no. SC039062.

The sole trustee of the Charity is the Dominican Council, a company limited by guarantee and governed in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Dominican Council was incorporated on 25 May 1944, no. 387818. Its registered office is Blackfriars, St Giles, OXFORD OX1 3LY.

The chairman *ex officio* of the Corporation and its Committee is the Prior Provincial, at present the Very Rev. fr. Martin Ganeri OP. According to its Articles of Association, 'any Roman Catholic Priest of the English Province of the Order of Preachers' (art. 6) is qualified to be a member of the Corporation. Three members of the Corporation are elected by the Corporation to serve on its Committee alongside the Prior Provincial. The members of the Committee function as the directors of the Corporation and as 'Charity Trustees' in the sense of s177 of the Charities Act 2011.

RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Province has a wealth of experience among its friars, who have spent years pursuing the Province's mission and the Charity's objects by means of educational and pastoral work. Many of the friars have also served as administrators at a local level, holding offices such as prior, parish priest or bursar. The Provincial Chapter therefore has a rich pool of competent and proficient friars to draw upon when it elects the Prior Provincial and the Provincial Council.

The normal practice of the Dominican Council is to elect new members of the Corporation from the Provincial Council, and so in turn it is from among these experienced friars that the Committee is elected. As a result, the Charity Trustees, i.e. the members of the Committee of the Dominican Council, are friars of proven prudence and experience with detailed knowledge of the Charity's work and structure.

The solemnly professed friars have no personal income or property; anything that comes to them is acquired for the Order, which in turn is obliged to support all its members, providing them with ‘everything that is necessary to fulfil the purpose of their vocation’ (*CIC* 670). Hence the object of the Charity includes ‘the upkeep of members of the Order of Preachers’. The members of the Committee of the Dominican Council therefore benefit from the activity of the Charity, but they do so in their capacity as members of the Order of Preachers, not as a result of being Charity Trustees.

TRAINING OF CHARITY TRUSTEES

New members of the Committee of the Dominican Council are very experienced in the work of the Province and its administration. As superiors and administrators they are already well-acquainted with the governing documents of the Order. New members of the Committee are provided with latest version the Charity Commission’s publication ‘The Essential Trustee: What you need to know, what you need to do’ and the OSCR publication ‘Guidance for Charity Trustees’. Trustees are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the other resources for Charity Trustees provided by the Charity Commission, OSCR and other sources. All Charity Trustees are provided with appropriate briefings from the Charity’s professional advisors concerning their responsibilities and when this is pertinent to any decisions that have to be made by the Charity Trustees. Members of the Committee of the Dominican Council attend meetings of the Association of Provincial Bursars and seminars for Charity Trustees organised by professional advisors.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION-MAKING

The Charity is structured internally as local priories in accordance with the laws of the Order of the Preachers contained in *LCO*. These norms, together with those of the Province itself, set out requirements for financial administration and reporting, investment, property acquisition and maintenance for the Province and for each priory, and also the limits to the powers of priors

and of the Prior Provincial.

In particular:

- A Prior has a limit above which he cannot authorise expenditure without the consent of the Priory Council. The Priory Council can authorise expenditure to a higher limit, which varies depending on the size of the Priory, and above this authorisation is required by the Prior Provincial or, beyond an upper limit, the Provincial Council. These limits, which are reviewed every four years, also apply to the authorisation of alienations or the incurring of liabilities. When authorisation is given by the Provincial Council, the Economic Council of the Province is consulted in advance, and a determination is made whether the matter requires an act of the Trustee Corporation.
- The annual accounts and budget of each priory are sent to the Prior Provincial (*LCO* 563) and submitted for examination by the Provincial Council (*LCO* 564), the Economic Council of the Province and the Trustee Corporation.

The limits mentioned here are reviewed every four years by the Provincial Chapter.

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF SCOTTISH ACTIVITIES

The priories in Scotland are managed locally in the same way as priories in England, under the supervision of the Prior Provincial and the Provincial Council assisted by the Economic Council. The Trustees take the view that local governance structures are adequate and appropriate without an additional layer of governance specifically for Scotland.

RELATIONSHIP WITH A WIDER NETWORK

The Province is part of the Order of Preachers and of the Catholic Church. It operates in accordance with the teaching and laws of the Catholic Church, and the manner in which it realises its object, ‘the promotion of education and the Roman Catholic religion’, is influenced by the priorities identified by the Church and by the Order of Preachers internationally.

RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER CHARITIES AND ORGANISATIONS

The Charity is closely related to the **Hoper Dixon Trust** (registered charity no. 231160). Under the terms of a Scheme of 20 July 2006, that Trust exists ‘for the benefit of the poor connected with or in the neighbourhood of any house or pastoral centre under the direction of the Dominicans of the English Province of the Order of Preachers’.

The Province also co-operates in the mission of the **Catholic Dioceses** in whose territory members of the Province work. Six parishes and chaplaincies to eight universities are entrusted to the Province.

The Charity co-operates fraternally in a number of projects with **other branches of the Dominican family** (Congregations of Dominican Sisters, Dominican Secular Institute and Lay Dominican fraternities) active in Great Britain. The Province recently co-operated in the establishment of a Priestly Confraternity of St Dominic, and remains closely involved in its development and expansion.

The Province operates Blackfriars Hall, Oxford, a Permanent Private Hall of the **University of Oxford**. The Hall co-operates with the University, Colleges and other Halls in furthering its educational objective. There is also co-operation with **other religious institutes** in training candidates for the priesthood and in providing theological formation for other religious. The Hall is developing a research collaboration with the **Anscombe Bioethics Centre**, registered charity no. 274327. Members of the congregations at two of the Province’s priories run overseas aid charities: the **Blackfriars Overseas Aid Trust** (registered charity no. 288585) based in Oxford and the **Jean Grove Trust** (registered charity 1109593) based in Cambridge. The Province is happy to promote and support these works.

The Order’s presence in Grenada and Barbados is canonically dependent on the Province. Though the presence there is not part of the Province Charity, from time to time the Charity is able to make grants for the work of the Order in the Caribbean.

FUNDRAISING DISCLOSURES

The Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016 requires charities which are subject to an audit to make disclosure in their Financial Statements about their fundraising activities.

The Dominican Friars have been mendicants since the very beginning of the Order of Preachers in the early 13th century, and benefactors have played a crucial role at every stage of our history up to and including the present day.

In 2013, impelled by an urgent need to improve the financial situation of the charity, the Province began to employ a full-time fundraiser (Development Director) to direct and manage fundraising and related communications activities on the charity’s behalf. The Development Director is now assisted by a part-time Development Support Officer, with oversight provided by the Prior Provincial and the Provincial Bursar, and guidance given by the Province’s Fundraising Committee.

Most funds are raised from those with whom we have close relationships, typically through their attendance as worshippers at one of our churches. Wider circles of relationships are maintained through our opt-in magazine, opt-in email newsletters, websites, and social media pages, all of which may include invitations to donate. Contact relationship data and donations data are managed centrally through a highly secure database with access restricted to a small number of employees.

We fundraise in accordance with the requirements of the Fundraising Regulator, and with our moral obligations as a Catholic charity. We fundraise responsibly at all times and with a sensitivity to the pastoral relationship that most donors have with the friars. We avoid approaches to vulnerable people and do not hold information on children. We do not exert pressure on people to donate, nor is access to the services we provide as a charity dependent on donations. We do not at this time employ third-party fundraisers, though some people do voluntarily and of their own initiative fundraise on our behalf. Subscriptions to communications can be cancelled at any time. Complaints are responded to as soon as possible.

RISK

The trustees review annually the principal risks to which the charity is exposed, and the strategies and procedures in place to mitigate those risks. The trustees consider that the major risks can be categorised under four headings: operational, financial, reputational and regulatory. Listed below are the main risks in each category, along with the principal ways in which they are mitigated.

OPERATIONAL

The activities of the charity are highly dependent upon those friars who are responsible for their management, often with little or no professional lay assistance. For this reason there is a risk that our ministries may suffer from lack of direction, poor management and inefficiencies. It can happen that a particular friar is overburdened with responsibilities leading to stress and reduced effectiveness. To mitigate this, the trustees and especially the Prior Provincial regularly review the work of each entity of the Province, ensuring that those responsible for our works are provided with the practical and moral support required. The Province has also instituted regular meetings between the Provincial and local superiors, to offer support and share best practice. The Province maintains its commitment to ensuring that friars who are experiencing emotional or psychological difficulties are provided with appropriate professional help.

The charity is responsible for the care of a number of elderly friars. As at 30 September 2018 there were 18 friars over 70, of whom 9 were over 80. Like all of the friars, these men have no resources of their own as all earnings, pensions and other income have been donated to the charity. As far as possible older brothers continue to live in community, though where appropriate residential nursing care places are found. The Province remains committed to designating all pensions income to the Designated Sick Fund (see page 40), which covers the cost of residential care but also funds home nursing care where appropriate, as well as works in priories designed to make them more suitable for elderly and infirm brothers.

The on-going work of the charity requires that young men continue to present themselves to join the Order,

and that these men be properly formed and educated for our ministries. Many religious orders in the UK have seen very low or even non-existent levels of recruitment for a number of years leading to a severely ageing demographic profile and the abandonment of numbers of ministries. The Province has committed one of its ablest young priests to work full-time as Promoter and Director of Vocations, and over the last two years ten men entered the noviciate, an unusually high number. The Province is also committed to ensuring that its friars receive the best possible intellectual, spiritual and pastoral formation.

FINANCIAL

The charity's principal assets comprise listed investments, the value of and income from which are dependent on movements in UK and world markets. A substantial long-term loss of value of these investments would threaten the long-term financial viability of the Province, and any significant reduction in investment income would cause financial difficulties even in the short term. To mitigate this, the investments are managed by reputable investment managers who adhere to a policy agreed by the trustees. The performance of investments and our investment strategy are assessed regularly by the Economic Council of the Province, aided by a lay expert, to ensure that our investments remain appropriate to the charity's needs (see further page 42).

The financial review shows that 60% of the income to the charity was voluntary income, and although this is slightly higher than the historical average of 50%, it remains the case that any significant fall in this income could threaten the continued operations of the charity. The Development Office, under the leadership of a lay professional Development Director, with the co-operation of all friars, ensures that the Province and individual priories maintain excellent relationships with existing donors and takes the lead in seeking out and cultivating potential new sources of support. The work of the Development Office is supervised by a committee comprised of friars and lay people with appropriate expertise.

Our operations involve very large numbers of financial transactions including significant amounts of cash,

bringing with it the obvious risk of fraud, theft or loss. The Province has a well-established set of 'Norms for Economic and Administrative Practice' which impose appropriate procedures for cash-handling and for the management of bank payments etc. , and the Provincial Bursar visits priories regularly to support local bursars and other friars in adhering to these procedures and other good practices. The Province decided at its recent Chapter to substantially reduce the levels of expenditure that can be made without a second authorised signature.

The operation of Blackfriars Hall and Studium is at particular financial risk, depending as heavily as it does upon numbers of students. The Regent and other moderators of the Hall engage in visits to the USA to seek additional students, and the Hall is developing with the Development Director a fundraising strategy emphasising student scholarships and support for Studium teaching with a view to providing Blackfriars with a more solid financial base in the years to come.

REPUTATIONAL

Friars and some other volunteers working with the friars, by the nature of our activities, inevitably often operate with little immediate supervision and often in positions of considerable pastoral responsibility and trust. Mistakes and misjudgements especially by friars in such positions can lead to harm to the reputation of the whole Province. The trustees consider that the greatest risk to the reputation of the charity in terms of severity of outcome, though not of likelihood, comes from allegations of abuse by friars of children or vulnerable adults: even where these allegations are historical in nature and relate to long-deceased friars, and even where they are unfounded, they can be deeply harmful to the reputation, local and national, of the Province, its ministries and its friars. The Province works closely with the Catholic Church Insurance

Association, the Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service and the Safeguarding Co-ordinator of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham to deal with any such allegations in accordance with the safeguarding policy of the Catholic Church in England & Wales. A member of the Provincial Council is the Province's Safeguarding Co-ordinator, and he is responsible for ensuring that all friars are familiar with, and practise, this safeguarding policy, again in association with the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Lay people volunteer as local safeguarding representatives at each location.

The trustees also recognise the potential for reputational damage that may result from operational failures mentioned in the first paragraph of this section, and this risk is mitigated as detailed there.

REGULATORY

The trustees are keenly aware of the need to comply with relevant laws, including but not limited to those governing employment, health & safety at work, immigration and data protection, and the potential consequences of failures in this regard. The Provincial Bursar, assisted by the Economic Council of the Province, the Development Director and professional experts, takes the lead in compliance, and is aided in this regard by training sessions provided by the Association of Provincial Bursars. Each site within the Province is visited at least once a year by a professional Health & Safety advisor, to ensure that our sites are not only compliant with the Health & Safety at Work, etc. Act (1974) and related regulations, but also provide good working and living environments for the friars. The Trustees worked in close co-operation with the Development Director, the University of Oxford, and other religious orders, and with advice from the Charity's solicitors and auditors, to ensure full compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation in May 2018.

Public Benefit

The Charity Trustees have read the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and the specific guidance for charities whose objects include Education and the advancement of Religion. The Charity Trustees have taken note of the Charity Commission's advice of October 2015 concerning public benefit and fee-charging in relation to educational charities. The Charity Trustees have paid due regard to the Commission's guidance, and all who make decisions about the activities the Charity undertakes are concerned to ensure that a real religious or educational benefit is provided to a broad range of people.

The priories of the Province all celebrate liturgy which is open to the public, and the friars are available to any members of the public who wish to consult them about matters of faith and the spiritual life. The priory churches are open to the public for most of the day, and many people avail themselves of the opportunity for quiet prayer or reflection. No charge is made for admission to the churches or to religious services (cf. *CIC*, c. 1221). Offerings are customarily made on the occasion of celebration of certain rites (e.g. baptisms, marriages and funerals), but Canon Law requires that those who are not able to make an offering are not thereby excluded (*CIC*, c. 848 and c. 1181). Some charges may be made for other activities (e.g. participation

in pilgrimages); the Hoper Dixon Trust, a connected charity, is in some cases able to assist with these costs.

The main educational centre of the Province, located at Blackfriars in Oxford, welcomes applications to study from any suitably qualified student. Blackfriars Hall charges fees at the level prevalent among Oxford colleges, and students are eligible for public funding in the same way as other students in higher education. The Hall is aware that public funding is not available to assist all who would benefit from studying in Oxford, especially those wishing to study for a second undergraduate degree or a postgraduate qualification. The Hall continues actively seeking funds to broaden access, having almost exhausted funds available for scholarships to students in the previous reporting period. Members of the public who are not students at Oxford may attend lectures and classes at Blackfriars on application; a small fee is normally charged, but is waived in cases of financial hardship. Blackfriars Hall and many of the priories and parishes arrange for public lectures and talks which are free of charge.

The Charity Trustees consider that the achievements and performance of the Charity demonstrate success in providing benefit to a broad public.

Provision for Sick and Elderly Friars

As of 30 September 2018, 18 friars of the Province (21%) in Great Britain were aged 70 or over, of whom nine (10%) were 80 or over. Although most of these brothers continue to be active and enjoy reasonable health, the Charity Trustees are concerned to ensure that adequate provision is made for the care of older brothers and of any other sick brothers. The Charity maintains a Sick Fund for this purpose, of which details are given in the Financial Review and Statement of Financial Activities. At the end of the reporting period, two brothers were in nursing homes (2017: one), and another two required substantial home-based nursing care; it is not unlikely that these numbers will rise, so the Trustees continue to ensure that such provision is affordable whenever necessary. While the provision and level of funds is adequate for current needs, the Charity Trustees are aware that demands could increase substantially in future years.

All pension income is designated for the Sick Fund, which at the end of the period stood at £3,684k (2017: £3,487k). While the income from this fund currently suffices, the Charity Trustees are concerned that the Sick Fund should continue to be increased to ensure that likely future demands can be met.

Priories are also concerned to keep constantly under review their provision for disabled and infirm brothers and as necessary to make various adaptations and improvements. In the current reporting period the Priory in Cambridge completed the installation of a wheelchair-adapted lift to allow disabled brothers as well as members of the congregation to move more easily between floors, and the project will be partly subsidised from the Sick Fund. Work was also undertaken in the Leicester Priory to improve bathrooms for the care of elderly and infirm brothers.

Investment Performance

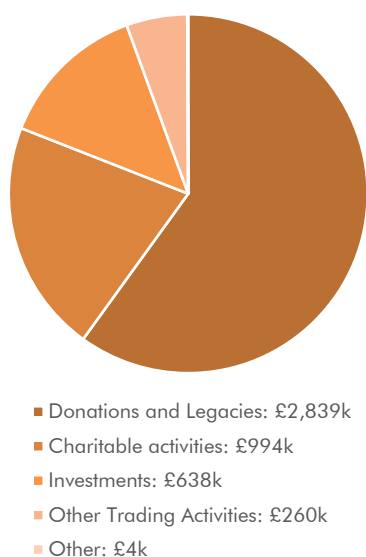
The Charity's investments had a market value of £20,887k (2017: £16,143k) at the end of the reporting period. The market value of investments with Smith & Williamson was £8,332k (2017: £6,444k), and these represent the value of the Designated Sick Fund and the Designated Training Funds, plus a small part of the Restricted Training Funds. The Province also held units of Charifaith to the value of £11,637k (2017: £8,449k). In view of low interest rates, the Charity has continued to seek to minimise cash holdings, consistent

with ensuring sufficient liquidity for medium-term spending. At 30 September 2017, £919k (2017: £1,249k) was directly held in cash funds, comprising 4.4% of total investment assets (2015: 7.7%). Income from cash funds over the year was £5,897 (2017: £4,274), an improving but still low figure.

Further details of these investments may be found in note 6 to the Financial Statements.

Financial Review

*Figure 1:
Income*



FUNDING SOURCES AND INCOME

Total income for the year to 30 September 2018 were £4,734k (2017: £6,294k), a decrease of 24.8%. The bulk of this unusually large decrease is attributable to a decrease of £2.6m in legacy income, following last year's unexpected legacy of £2.9m (see note below on legacies), leading total donations and legacies income to fall by £1,696k or 37%. In fact, excluding legacies, income from donations and gifts rose from £1,188k to £2,055k due in particular to one very generous donation of the value of the sale of a painting. Pensions income fell back from £158k to £135k, as the previous year's figures included a large one-off lump sum, but grants income rose again to £133k (2017: £76k) due to generous grants to the Aquinas Institute and to Leicester Priory.

Income from listed investments grew by 28% to £638k (2017: £498k) as the Province once again found itself able to add to investment holdings, and performance of investments held up well. Income from ministerial services rose slightly to £579k (2017: £558k), partially offsetting a fall in educational income of 15% to £415k. This income is highly variable, depending on numbers and types of students at Blackfriars Hall.

More details are given in note 1 to the financial statements; cf Figure 1.

EXPENDITURE

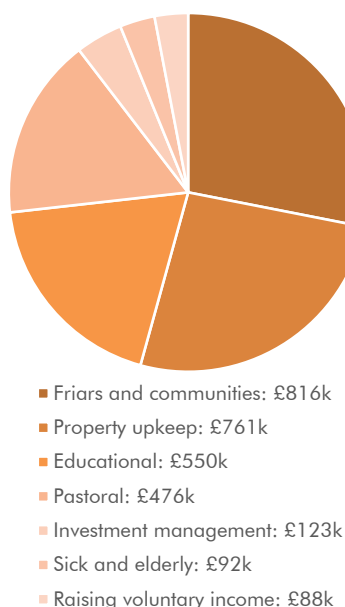
Expenditure totalled £2,905 (2017: £2,762k) during the year, an increase of 5.2%.

The cost of educational activities rose slightly from £524k to £550k (5%) despite lower student fee income at Blackfriars Hall, principally because of larger numbers of student friars, more of whom were studying abroad, adding to costs. Expenditure on pastoral activities fell from £508k to £476k (6.4%); this was partly because of some one-off events related to the opening of the Rosary Shrine in London in the previous year, the non-occurrence of a pilgrimage to Italy which takes place only every other year, but also due to some efficiency savings in the parishes in Leicester and London.

The cost of upkeep of buildings rose again, but only minimally, from £757k to £761k, due to the continued high of maintaining the Province's historic properties. The cost of maintaining the friars and communities rose from £717k to £816k, though it was still lower than two years ago: a number of brothers required full-time residential care, and there were some substantial increases in utility costs. Finally, while investment management costs rose in line with higher investment levels, costs of raising voluntary fell from £95k to £88k; this figure represents only 3% of voluntary income (donations and legacies excluding pensions income).

More details are given in note 2 to the financial statements; cf Figure 2.

*Figure 2:
Expenditure*



Funds & Investments

INVESTMENT POLICY AND OBJECTIVES

The Charity's investment policy is set by the Trustees, after regular consultation with the Province's Economic Council and professional investment managers. The principal objective is the maximisation of returns, seeking capital growth but also a steady and, where possible, growing level of income. The Charity Trustees are concerned to manage risk and therefore maintain and review periodically, with the assistance of the Province's Economic Council and professional advisors, a high degree of diversification in the Charity's investment assets, whether held directly or through a common investment fund.

In keeping with the objects of the Charity and the teachings of the Catholic Church, the following policy is stated in the Statute of the Province: 'Investments shall be avoided in companies a significant proportion of whose activities are contrary to the moral teachings of the Catholic Church, including but not limited to those relating to sanctity of life, care for the environment, and justice and peace.' This applies both to direct investments and to those through a common investment fund.

POLICY ON RESERVES

The laws of the Order oblige the Province to ensure that funds are available to support central administration, common projects (e.g. publishing, archives, libraries), the care of sick and elderly friars, and the formation of student friars. The Charity continues to maintain a high level of reserves in order to meet these obligations. The Charity Trustees also ensure that the level of reserves held is adequate to respond to unexpected financial needs, and to be able to commit to new apostolic projects when possible. Such a level of reserves is required because of the very large potential demands made by the ownership of the priories and churches necessary to meet the requirements of the Charity's objects, many of which are listed buildings. It might not always be possible to meet urgent needs out of branch funds. The high level of reserves also produce an income for central activities, allowing contributions from branch funds to

central province funds to be kept down.

The Charity Trustees' view is that an amount equal to a minimum of four months' total expenditure (i.e. £968k over the reporting period) should be held as free reserves.

The Charity Trustees continue to aim for an increasing level of reserves designated for the purpose of providing for the needs of older or infirm friars and the formation of novices and student friars. The Charity Trustees continue to maintain designated funds as capital funds which generate sufficient income necessary for the Province to be able to satisfy its obligations under the laws of the Order and to meet annual expenditure requirements in these priority areas.

RESERVES AND DESIGNATED FUNDS

The balance sheet shows total unrestricted funds of £11,169 (2017: £10,194k). The Province General Purpose fund accounts for £2,932k (2017: £2,704k), of which £2,673k (2017: £2,565k) are free reserves (i.e. excluding fixed assets held for charity use). This level of free reserves represents eleven months' total expenditure by the Charity.

Designated funds make up the remaining £8,237k (2017: £7,490k) of unrestricted funds, the principal of which are:

Sick Fund: This holds a balance of £3,684k (2017: £3,487k) to provide care for sick and elderly friars. Income from the pensions of the friars is allocated to this fund. Despite a number of friars in residential care over the past few years and works to provide accommodation in priories suitable for elderly and infirm friars, it has been possible to continue to build up the sick fund. While it is impossible to predict with accuracy the burden on this fund, the large number of older friars makes significant demands in the near future likely.

Student Training Fund: The Charity maintains a designated fund for the support of the friars' studies, which holds a balance of £2,992k (2017: £2,857k).

Trustees' Responsibilities

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) regulations.

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales and Scotland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a. select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d. state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- e. prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the provisions of the trust deed, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the provisions of the Book of Constitutions and Ordinations of the Friars of the Order of Preachers. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Declaration

DECLARATION

The officers of the Trustee Corporation, The Dominican Council, declare that to the best of their knowledge the annual accounts of the English Province of the Order of Preachers have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the regulations and requirements of the province Trust Deed, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the provisions of the Book of Constitutions and Ordinations of the Friars of the Order of Preachers.

The officers of the Trustee Corporation who were in office on the date of approval of these financial statements have confirmed that, as far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditor is unaware. Each of the officers of the Trustee Corporation has confirmed that they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as an officer of the Trustee Corporation in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that it has been communicated to the auditor.

BY ORDER OF THE TRUSTEE



fr Richard Ounsworth OP
Secretary to the Dominican Council
12 June 2019

Auditor's Report

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ENGLISH PROVINCE OF THE ORDER OF PREACHERS

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of The English Province of The Order Of Preachers (the 'charity') for the year ended 30 September 2018 which comprise Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 30 September 2018 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Charities Act 2011.

BASIS FOR OPINION

We have been appointed auditors under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under those Acts.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's

responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

OTHER INFORMATION

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material

misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Charities Act 2011 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is not consistent in any material respect with the Annual Report; or
- proper and sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' responsibilities set out on page 43, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern

basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

USE OF OUR REPORT

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Charities Act 2011. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

RSM UK Audit LLP

Date: 25 June 2019

RSM UK Audit LLP, Statutory Auditor

The Pinnacle, 170 Midsummer Boulevard, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, MK9 1BP

RSM UK Audit LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
 for the year ended 30 September 2018

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2018 £	Restricted Funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2018 £	Unrestricted Funds 2017 £	Restricted Funds 2017 £	Total Funds 2017 £
INCOME FROM:							
Donations and Legacies		527,097	2,311,905	2,839,002	287,080	4,247,637	4,534,717
Other Trading Activities		143,837	115,705	259,542	76,861	127,162	204,023
Investment Income		388,198	249,492	637,690	327,037	171,218	498,255
Income from Charitable Activities		40,044	953,618	993,662	56,468	990,640	1,047,108
Other		-	4,537	4,537	120	10,002	10,122
TOTAL INCOME	1	1,099,176	3,635,257	4,734,433	747,566	5,546,659	6,294,225
EXPENDITURE ON:							
Raising funds							
Costs of raising voluntary income		85,401	2,135	87,536	90,868	3,790	94,658
Investment management costs		123,124	-	123,124	80,579	-	80,579
Charitable Activities		509,764	2,184,907	2,694,671	451,965	2,134,919	2,586,884
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2	718,289	2,187,042	2,905,331	623,412	2,138,709	2,762,121
GAINS ON INVESTMENTS	6	356,608	415,484	772,092	549,684	514,086	1,063,770
Net income		737,495	1,863,699	2,601,194	673,838	3,922,036	4,595,874
TRANSFERS							
Transfers between funds	11	237,694	(237,694)	-	615,952	(615,952)	-
Net movement in funds		975,189	1,626,005	2,601,194	1,289,789	3,306,085	4,595,874
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS							
Total funds brought forward 1 October 2017		10,193,659	14,603,435	24,797,094	8,903,869	11,297,351	20,201,220
Total funds carried forward 30 September 2018	12	11,168,848	16,229,440	27,398,288	10,193,659	14,603,435	24,797,094

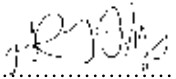
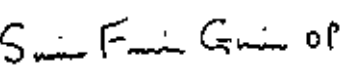
BALANCE SHEET

BALANCE SHEET

for the year ended 30 September 2018

	Notes	2018 £	2017 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	5	5,670,573	5,626,399
Investments	6	20,887,483	16,143,267
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		26,558,056	21,769,666
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	911,294	3,061,515
Current accounts		343,880	234,030
Cash in hand		4,346	4,321
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		1,259,520	3,299,866
LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(419,288)	(272,438)
Net current assets		840,232	3,027,428
NET ASSETS		27,398,288	24,797,094
FUNDS			
Restricted funds			
Branch funds		11,158,040	9,476,247
Province restricted funds		5,071,400	5,127,188
Total restricted funds		16,229,440	14,603,435
Unrestricted funds			
Province general purpose		2,932,241	2,703,791
Province designated		8,236,607	7,489,868
Total unrestricted funds		11,168,848	10,193,659
TOTAL FUNDS	12	27,398,288	24,797,094

The financial statements on pages 47 to 64 were approved by the Trustee, authorised for issue on 12 June 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

 fr Richard J Ounsworth OP	}	Directors of Trustee Corporation
 fr Simon Gain OP		

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the year ended 30 September 2018

	2018 £	2017 £
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net movement in funds	2,601,194	4,595,874
Depreciation charges	334,391	319,310
(Gains)/losses on investments	(772,092)	(1,063,770)
(Profit)/Loss on disposal of fixed assets	(325)	(2,083)
Dividends and interest from investments	(637,690)	(498,255)
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	2,150,221	(2,706,086)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	146,850	(237,342)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	3,822,549	407,648
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Dividends and interest from investments	637,690	498,255
Purchase of property and equipment	(378,565)	(351,425)
Proceeds from disposal of Property + Equipment	325	3,145
Purchase of investments	(5,637,618)	(1,452,105)
Proceeds from sale of investments	1,665,494	700,000
NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(3,712,674)	(602,130)
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN THE YEAR	109,875	(194,482)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	238,351	432,833
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	348,226	238,351

Accounting Policies

BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ASSESSMENT OF GOING CONCERN

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2015, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing these accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (the Charities SORP (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2015) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005, which has since been withdrawn.

The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

FIXED ASSETS

Functional property is capitalised at cost except in the case of historic property for which no cost information is available. Such property has been capitalised using the derived cost method based on insurance replacement value and retail price index. The year the property was built is used for this purpose and as such enhanced expenditure is also incorporated into cost.

Tangible fixed assets are being depreciated over their useful economic lives. The following rates are used:

Historic Property: over expected useful lives between 10 and 371 years

Other Freehold Property: over expected useful lives between 10 and 50 years

Motor Vehicles: over 4 years on a straight-line basis

Fixtures and Fittings: over 4 years on a straight-line basis

Assets are reviewed for impairment when evidence of such impairment arises.

Expenditure on tangible items is not capitalised where it is less than £2,500 or where the view is taken that it is incapable of providing any future economic benefit to the Charity.

WORKS OF ART AND HISTORIC TREASURES

Individual works of art, historic treasures and plate are not capitalised as a valuation is not considered practical. Such items as are in the possession of the Charity were created for use in religious worship or devotion and continue to be used for these purposes. The Charity maintains stewardship by keeping a full inventory and has no intention of disposing of any of the works of art, historic treasures and plate so long as this use continues.

INVESTMENTS

All investments are valued at their market value at the balance sheet date. It is considered that market value best represents a true and fair view of the value of these assets to the Charity.

Gains and losses on disposal of the investments are treated as realised. Gains and losses on the revaluation of investments are treated as unrealised. Both are recorded in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Investment management fees are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when incurred.

FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of ruling at the date of transaction. All differences are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

LIABILITIES

Liabilities are recorded in the financial statements when the Trustees have made a commitment to acquire goods or services.

DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

Donations and legacies are accounted for in accordance with the requirements of the SORP (being entitlement, probability and measurement). Legacies are considered receivable once the value of the legacy has been determined and probate has been granted. Legacies received by friars of the Province, who have signed Deeds of Dispor in favour of The Dominican Council, are classified as legacy income.

Donated assets and services are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when a reliable estimate of the value to the charity can be readily obtained.

GRANTS RECEIVABLE

Grants receivable are accounted for in accordance with the terms of the grant, and are recognised when the

conditions for receipt have been complied with.

PENSIONS RECEIVABLE

Pension income for professed members of the Order is accounted for when it is receivable.

ACTIVITIES FOR RAISING FUNDS

Fundraising, publications and other similar income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the relevant amount of income becomes receivable or the item has been sold.

Property rental income is accounted for when it is receivable in accordance with the terms of the relevant agreements.

INVESTMENT INCOME

Investment income is accounted for when notified by the Charity's investment portfolio manager. Deposit interest is accounted for on a receivable basis. Interest received on cash held with investment managers is accounted for as investment income.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

The costs of charitable activities are accounted for when they become payable. They include apportioned support costs.

SUPPORT AND GOVERNANCE COSTS

Within this heading are incorporated management and administration costs, and any other costs not directly constitutive of charitable activity, generation of funds or governance. Where support costs are attributable to a particular charitable activity, they are allocated to that activity. General support costs are apportioned on the basis of the direct costs of each activity.

NATIONAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FRIARS

The Province pays voluntary (class 3) national insurance contributions for friars when these will count towards the provision of State Pension. These costs are recognised at the end of the tax year in which HM

Revenue and Customs issues notice of a gap in National Insurance Contributions.

RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. The amount charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in respect of pension costs is the contributions payable in the year.

TAXATION

The English Province of the Order of Preachers is a registered charity and as such its income and gains falling within Sections 518 to 564 of the Income Taxes Act 2007 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 are exempt from income tax and capital gains tax to the extent that they are applied to charitable objectives.

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Restricted funds can only be applied for a particular purpose. Most restricted funds of the charity are 'branch funds', restricted to use for the particular purposes of a branch of the charity (a priory, a parish or Blackfriars Hall) while that branch continues in existence. Some branch funds have more specific designations; others have further restrictions that would have to be respected even in the event of a branch ceasing to operate.

There are also central restricted funds, the principal of which are:

- Training Funds – to support training of student friars of the Order;
- Historic Property Fund – comprising the Historic Property Fixed Assets (see 'Fixed Assets' above);
- Mission Funds – to support various missions of the Order.

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

The unrestricted funds of the Charity comprise general purpose funds and designated funds. General purpose funds are retained to cover future direct charitable costs, general support costs, and investment management costs.

Designated funds are those parts of the Charity's unrestricted funds designated by the Trustees to be used for particular purposes in the future. The Trustees have the power to reallocate such funds. The principal designated funds are:

- Study Funds – representing amounts designated for expenditure on students' study costs.
- Sick Funds – representing amounts designated for expenditure on the care of sick and elderly friars.

CONNECTED CHARITY

The Hoper Dixon Trust is considered to be a connected charity because the Dominican Council is one of the Trustees. The Trust's accounts are not consolidated within those of the English Province of the Order of Preachers because in the opinion of the officers of the Dominican Council the Order does not have control of the Trust.

The Trust's Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet are given in notes 16 and 17 respectively.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Charity only has financial instruments and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. ANALYSIS OF INCOME

	ANALYSIS OF INCOME					
	Unrestricted Funds 2018 £	Restricted Funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2018 £	Unrestricted Funds 2017 £	Restricted Funds 2017 £	Total Funds 2017 £
INCOME						
Donations and Legacies						
Donations and gifts	19,005	2,036,350	2,055,355	28,517	1,159,842	1,188,359
Legacies	370,939	144,625	515,564	101,000	3,011,505	3,112,505
Grants received	2,568	130,930	133,498	-	76,290	76,290
Pensions received	134,585	-	134,585	157,563	-	157,563
Total Donations and Legacies Income	527,097	2,311,905	2,839,002	287,080	4,247,637	4,534,717
Other Trading Activities						
Fundraising, publications etc.	9,792	3,259	13,051	8,266	9,367	17,633
Property	134,045	112,446	246,491	68,595	117,795	186,390
Total Other Trading Activities	143,837	115,705	259,542	76,861	127,162	204,023
Income from listed investments	388,198	249,492	637,690	327,037	171,218	498,255
Charitable Activities						
Ministerial services	21,938	557,186	579,124	38,142	519,938	558,080
Educational services	18,106	396,432	414,538	18,326	470,702	489,028
Total Income from Charitable Activities	40,044	953,618	993,662	56,468	990,640	1,047,108
OTHER INCOME	-	4,537	4,537	120	10,002	10,122
TOTAL INCOME	1,099,176	3,635,257	4,734,433	747,566	5,546,659	6,294,225

2. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE							
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2018 £	Restricted Funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2018 £	Unrestricted Funds 2017 £	Restricted Funds 2017 £	Total Funds 2017 £
COSTS OF RAISING FUNDS							
Costs of raising voluntary income		85,401	2,135	87,536	90,868	3,790	94,658
Investment management costs		123,124	-	123,124	80,579	-	80,579
Total costs of raising funds		208,525	2,135	210,660	171,447	3,790	175,237
EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES							
Educational	3	71,251	478,627	549,878	60,954	462,764	523,718
Pastoral works and projects		150,873	324,873	475,746	141,026	367,225	508,251
Care for sick and elderly friars		70,009	21,715	91,724	61,097	19,807	80,904
Property upkeep		121,960	639,477	761,437	118,994	637,670	756,664
Support of the friars and communities		95,671	720,215	815,886	69,894	647,453	717,347
Total charitable activities		509,764	2,184,907	2,694,671	451,965	2,134,919	2,586,884
TOTAL EXPENDITURE							
		718,289	2,187,042	2,905,331	623,412	2,138,709	2,762,121

3. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Educational £	Pastoral £	Sick & Elderly £	Property £	Friars & Communities £	Total £
CENTRAL SUPPORT COSTS						
Friars	3,243	2,806	541	4,492	4,813	15,895
Staff	12,198	10,554	2,035	16,891	18,099	59,777
General administration	10,210	8,834	1,703	14,138	15,149	50,034
Governance costs						
Audit fees	5,488	4,748	916	7,599	8,143	26,894
Legal fees	787	680	131	1,089	1,167	3,854
Other professional Fees	5,959	5,156	994	8,252	8,842	29,203
Total central support costs	37,885	32,778	6,320	52,461	56,213	185,657
BRANCH SUPPORT COSTS	164,245	24,280	-	-	81,506	270,031
TOTAL SUPPORT COSTS 2018	202,130	57,058	6,320	52,461	137,719	455,688
TOTAL SUPPORT COSTS 2017	189,847	58,027	6,300	58,919	132,679	445,772

Central support costs are apportioned to activities in proportion to directly incurred expenditure.

Branch support costs are allocated to the principal activity of the branch incurring the cost.

4. STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

	2018	2017
STAFF NUMBERS		
Average number of employees	19	20
Average number of FTE employees	11	11
Employees receiving emoluments in excess of £60,000	-	-
STAFF COSTS		
	£	£
Salaries/Wages	339,500	328,947
Employer's national insurance costs	24,625	23,772
Pension costs	31,117	28,625
Total Staff Costs	395,242	381,344

No remuneration is paid to the trustee corporation or its directors.

VOLUNTEER NUMBERS

Friars	77	75
Other volunteers	158	149
Total volunteers	235	224
Total Full Time Equivalent volunteers	86	86

4. STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS (CONT.)

For the purposes of this report, employees are those who have contracts of employment. The figures do not include persons paid through payroll from time to time who have no contracted hours; typically, such persons provide teaching or other ad hoc services to Blackfriars Hall, and are either employees of other institutions or students doing small amounts of part-time work.

The charity considers its key management personnel is comprised of its Trustees and other members of the Provincial Council, all of whom are Friars. The total employment benefits, including employer pension cost

of key management personnel, were £nil (2017: £nil). The total of expenses reimbursed to key management personnel was £nil (2017: £nil).

The principal roles of non-friar volunteers are answering the door and telephone at the priories in Oxford and Cambridge, and church cleaning, flower arranging and similar tasks in Leicester and London, along with singing in the church choirs. The average number of hours worked by these volunteers each week is 2.6.

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS USED FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES

	Inalienable Property £	Other Property £	Motor Vehicles £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
COST					
Balance brought forward 1 October 2017	1,000,613	6,900,492	106,280	1,483,287	9,490,672
Additions	-	200,182	-	178,383	378,565
Disposals	-	-	(4,299)	-	(4,299)
Balance carried forward 30 September 2018	1,000,613	7,100,674	101,981	1,661,670	9,864,938
DEPRECIATION					
Balance brought forward 1 October 2017	462,183	2,006,224	72,968	1,322,898	3,864,273
Disposals	-	-	(4,299)	-	(4,299)
Charge for year	2,573	210,247	13,124	108,447	334,391
Balance carried forward 30 September 2018	464,756	2,216,471	81,793	1,431,345	4,194,365
NET BOOK VALUE					
Brought forward 1 October 2017	538,430	4,894,268	33,312	160,389	5,626,399
Carried forward 30 September 2018	535,857	4,884,203	20,188	230,325	5,670,573

Historic property includes churches, places of worship and priories owned and occupied by the Order.

One property included in 'other property' above was during the reporting period used to generate income; its cost totalled £1,823,005 (2017: £1,823,005) and accumulated depreciation charged totalled £567,205 (2017: £530,805).

INVESTMENTS

30 September 2018

30 September 2017

	Cost £	Market Value £	Cost £	Market Value £
Charifaiith Common Investment Fund*	9,114,617	11,636,552	6,449,124	8,449,420
Funds managed by Smith & Williamson**	6,350,677	8,332,199	4,699,943	6,444,266
BlackRock Institutional Cash Series	846,250	918,732	1,181,600	1,249,581

16,311,544	20,887,483	12,330,667	16,143,267
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	2018 £	2017 £
Market Value at 1 October	16,143,267	14,327,392
Additions at Cost	5,637,618	1,452,105
Disposals at Market Value	(1,665,494)	(700,000)
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	772,092	1,063,770
Market Value at 30 September	20,887,483	16,143,267

* As of 30 September 2018, the composition of the Charifaiith Common Investment Fund was as follows:

** As of 30 September 2018, the composition of the Funds managed by Smith & Williamson was as follows:

	2018 %	2017 %
UK Equities	26.8%	22.3%
Global Equities	32.6%	52.4%
Fixed Income	14.8%	11.8%
Property	7.1%	0.0%
Alternatives	12.3%	11.5%
Cash	6.4%	2.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

6. INVESTMENTS

7. DEBTORS

	2018 £	2017 £
DEBTORS		
Trade debtors	103,920	93,204
Prepayments and accrued income	807,099	2,950,321
Other	275	17,990
Total Debtors	911,294	3,061,515

8. CREDITORS

	2018 £	2017 £
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade creditors	313,002	150,176
Accruals and deferred income	48,251	51,133
Other	58,035	71,129
Total Creditors	419,288	272,438
Deferred income (analysis)		
At 1 October	32,325	30,701
Amount released to incoming resources	(32,325)	(30,701)
Amount deferred in the year	31,875	32,325
At 30 September	31,875	32,325

Deferred income represents unsaid Masses and advance rent received.

9. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES

The Trustees of the Charity are also members of the Order and as such have taken vows of poverty under which they renounce all personal right to income and

capital. The Charity provides for the essential needs of all members of the Order within the Province.

10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Members of the Order arranged for grants totalling £18,692 (2017: £23,083) to be made from the Hoper Dixon Trust, a trust of which the Dominican Council is a Trustee. The beneficiaries of the Hoper Dixon Trust are the poor connected with or in the neighbourhood of any house or pastoral centre under the direction of Dominicans of the English Province of the Order

of Preachers. The Hoper Dixon Trust's Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet are reproduced in notes 16 and 17 respectively.

As of 30 September 2018, the Hoper Dixon Trust owed the English Province of the Order of Preachers the sum of £4,003 (2017: £3,399) in respect of grants approved and payable.

FUNDS 2018

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds			Total
	Province General Purpose £	Province Designated £	Total Unrestricted Funds £	Total Branch Funds £	Total Province Restricted £	Total Restricted Funds £	2018 £
Income	489,709	609,467	1,099,176	3,669,857	(34,600)	3,635,257	4,734,433
Support costs, governance and generating funds	(280,995)	(20,190)	(301,185)	(271,549)	(6,976)	(278,525)	(579,710)
Opening funds	208,714	589,277	797,991	3,398,308	(41,576)	3,356,732	4,154,723
Funds available for use	2,703,791	7,489,868	10,193,659	9,476,247	5,127,188	14,603,435	24,797,094
	2,912,505	8,079,145	10,991,650	12,874,555	5,085,612	17,960,167	28,951,817
Resources directly expended on charitable activities	(170,604)	(246,500)	(417,104)	(1,773,133)	(135,384)	(1,908,517)	(2,325,621)
Inter-fund transfers	96,891	140,803	237,694	(157,404)	(80,290)	(237,694)	-
Net investment gains	1,735	868	2,603	4,314	1,837	6,151	8,754
Allocation of unrealised gains in the year	91,714	262,291	354,005	209,708	199,625	409,333	763,338
Closing funds	2,932,241	8,236,607	11,168,848	11,158,040	5,071,400	16,229,440	27,398,288
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS							
Sick and Elderly Fund	-	(10,500)	(10,500)	10,500	-	10,500	-
Contributions to shared costs	239,622	50,072	289,694	(303,404)	13,710	(289,694)	-
Allocations	(142,731)	101,231	(41,500)	135,500	(94,000)	41,500	-
	96,891	140,803	237,694	(157,404)	(80,290)	(237,694)	-

The transfers represent the obligations of the Province to support the friars and activities of Blackfriars Hall and the individual priorities, and also the obligations of the Hall and priorities to support the central costs of the Province.

11. FUNDS 2018

FUNDS 2017

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds			Total
	Province General Purpose £	Province Designated £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Branch Funds £	Total Province Restricted £	Total Restricted Funds £	2017 £
Income	426,091	321,474	747,565	3,657,375	1,889,285	5,546,660	6,294,225
Support costs, governance and generating funds	(256,573)	(7,285)	(263,858)	(246,562)	(1,802)	(248,364)	(512,222)
Opening funds	169,518	314,189	483,707	3,410,813	1,887,483	5,298,296	5,782,003
Funds available for use	2,528,375	6,375,494	8,903,869	7,969,985	3,327,366	11,297,351	20,201,220
	2,697,893	6,689,683	9,387,576	11,380,798	5,214,849	16,595,646	25,983,223
Resources directly expended on charitable activities	(199,948)	(159,606)	(359,554)	(1,737,110)	(153,235)	(1,890,345)	(2,249,899)
Inter-fund transfers	29,684	586,268	615,952	(497,252)	(118,700)	(615,952)	-
Net investment gains	3,326	911	4,237	5,547	2,961	8,508	12,745
Allocation of unrealised gains in the year	172,836	372,612	545,448	324,264	181,313	505,577	1,051,025
Closing funds	2,703,791	7,489,868	10,193,659	9,476,247	5,127,188	14,603,435	24,797,094
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS							
Sick and Elderly Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contributions to shared costs	162,903	-	162,903	(162,903)	-	(162,903)	-
Allocations	(133,219)	586,268	453,049	(334,349)	(118,700)	(453,049)	-
	29,684	586,268	615,952	(497,252)	(118,700)	(615,952)	-

The transfers represent the obligations of the Province to support the friars and activities of Blackfriars Hall and the individual priories, and also the obligations of the Hall and priories to support the central costs of the Province.

12. ALLOCATION OF ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

**ALLOCATION OF ASSETS
BETWEEN FUNDS 2018**

	Province General Purpose £	Province Designated £	Total Unrestricted Funds £	Total Branch Funds £	Total Province Restricted £	Total Restricted Funds £	2018 £
Investments	2,987,193	7,425,900	10,413,093	6,328,816	4,145,574	10,474,390	20,887,483
Property	258,803	643,361	902,164	3,622,877	895,019	4,517,896	5,420,060
Other fixed assets	-	165,684	165,684	80,179	4,650	84,829	250,513
Current assets	83,034	1,662	84,696	1,148,667	26,157	1,174,824	1,259,520
Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year	(396,789)	-	(396,789)	(22,499)	-	(22,499)	(419,288)
Net Assets	2,932,241	8,236,607	11,168,848	11,158,040	5,071,400	16,229,440	27,398,288

Balances of the principal Province funds are given in note 13.

**ALLOCATION OF ASSETS
BETWEEN FUNDS 2017**

	Province General Purpose £	Province Designated £	Total Unrestricted Funds £	Total Branch Funds £	Total Province Restricted £	Total Restricted Funds £	2017 £
Investments	1,160,108	6,710,783	7,870,891	4,176,047	4,096,329	8,272,376	16,143,267
Property	134,955	773,624	908,579	3,513,461	1,010,658	4,524,119	5,432,698
Other fixed assets	4,052	3,800	7,852	178,875	6,974	185,849	193,701
Current assets	1,642,263	1,661	1,643,924	1,642,715	13,227	1,655,942	3,299,866
Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year	(237,587)	-	(237,587)	(34,851)	-	(34,851)	(272,438)
Net Assets	2,703,791	7,489,868	10,193,659	9,476,247	5,127,188	14,603,435	24,797,094

13. BALANCES OF PROVINCE FUNDS

	2018 £	2017 £
PROVINCE DESIGNATED		
Sick Funds	3,684,282	3,487,168
Study Funds	2,992,172	2,856,695
Other*	1,560,153	1,146,005
Total Province Designated	<u>8,236,607</u>	<u>7,489,868</u>
PROVINCE RESTRICTED		
Training Funds	4,092,985	4,161,063
Inalienable Property Fund	535,857	538,430
Mission Funds	341,802	328,451
Other*	100,756	99,244
Total Province Restricted	<u>5,071,400</u>	<u>5,127,189</u>

* includes a number of smaller funds designated or restricted for specific charitable activities of the Province.

14. ACTIVITIES IN SCOTLAND

	2018 £	2017 £
Income from activities in Scotland	217,290	235,592
Expenditure on activities in Scotland	(239,862)	(190,656)
Net (Expenditure)/Income relating to activities in Scotland	<u>(22,572)</u>	<u>44,936</u>

15. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

LESSEE

At the reporting date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payment under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2018 £	2017 £
Within one year	2,603	50,000
Between two and five years	-	2,603
	<u>2,603</u>	<u>52,603</u>

LESSOR

At the reporting date the charity had contracted with tenants for the following minimum lease payments:

	2018 £	2017 £
Within one year	8,160	8,160
	<u>8,160</u>	<u>8,160</u>

16. HOPER DIXON TRUST STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds			
	Income	Designated	Total	Total
	Fund	Capital	2018	2017
	£	Fund	£	£
INCOME				
Donations and Legacies	-	-	-	-
Investment income:				
Income from investments	15,530	-	15,530	15,553
Income from bank deposits	38	-	38	74
TOTAL INCOME	15,568	-	15,568	15,627
EXPENDITURE				
Expenditure on charitable activities:				
Grants payable	18,692	-	18,692	23,083
Support costs for grants payable	31	-	31	31
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	18,723	-	18,723	23,114
NET GAINS ON INVESTMENT ASSETS	-	33,773	33,773	26,671
Net income (expenditure) and movement in funds	(3,155)	33,773	30,618	19,184
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Fund balances brought forward at 1 October	18,506	454,628	473,134	453,950
Fund balances carried forward at 30 September	15,351	488,401	503,752	473,134

17. HOPER DIXON TRUST BALANCE SHEET

	2018 £	2017 £
FIXED ASSETS		
Investments	488,401	454,628
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank balances	19,354	21,905
LIABILITIES		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(4,003)	(3,399)
Net current assets	15,351	18,506
NET ASSETS	<u>503,752</u>	<u>473,134</u>
FUNDS		
Unrestricted Funds		
Income Fund	15,351	18,506
Capital Fund	488,401	454,628
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>503,752</u>	<u>473,134</u>



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