

St. Mary's Church, Ash Vale

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2018



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Background

Introduction - Legal Requirements

This report is presented by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and reflects the organisation, financial situation and activities of St Mary's Church throughout the year 2018.

This Annual Report conforms to the requirements of the Church Representation Rules and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. St Mary's PCC is a charitable body in law and subject to the conditions of the Charities Act 2011. PCC members are legally held to be Trustees of the Charity.

The PCC is required by law to present '*an annual report on its proceedings and on the activities of the parish generally*', which will be received by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

This report has to contain certain Statutory Information, and must be adopted by the PCC before presentation at the APCM. It must also be seen by the Independent Examiner when s/he is given the Annual Accounts for examination. The Report may also contain other information that may be presented and discussed at the APCM at the discretion of the PCC and Incumbent.

The PCC - Aims, Definitions and Organisation

The basic function of the PCC may be defined as: *"having the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical."*

Membership of the PCC is made up of those who are ex-officio (*licensed Clergy and Readers, the elected Churchwardens, and Diocesan and Deanery Synod Representatives*), those elected (*up to a maximum total of 16 members*), and those co-opted because of special responsibilities they hold in the Church.

Elected members serve initially for three years. The PCC meets at least six times a year to conduct its business and pray together.

Various sub-committees (see Statutory Information) assist the PCC in addition to this, and members and others serve on them according to the skills and interests they can offer.

Statutory Information and Statistics

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PCC Membership

Ex-Officio members:

Vicar:	The Revd Neil Lambert	(Chair)
Churchwarden to April 2019:	Mr Martin Lindsay	(Lay Chair) from April 2017
Churchwarden to April 2019:	Mrs Nicola Glover	(Lay Chair) from July 2017
Deanery Synod:		
from April 2013 to April 2020	Ms Caroline Johnson	
from April 2017 to February 2018	Mr Dennis Wheeler	

Elected members:

from April 2013 to April 2017; re-elected from April 2017 - April 2020: Mrs Karen Pugh
from March 2014 to April 2017; re-elected from April 2017 - April 2020: Mr Stephen Barney
from April 2015 to April 2018; re-elected from April 2018 - April 2021: Mr Patrick Brown;
from April 2016 to April 2019: Mrs Nikki Glover
from April 2016 to April 2019: Mr. Stephen Knight
from April 2016 to April 2018: Ms Rebecca Pennington
from April 2016 to April 2018: Mrs Penny Slack
from April 2017 to April 2020 Mr Peter Wickwar
from April 2017 to April 2020 Mrs Gill Jordan
from April 2017 to April 2020 Mr Charles Lusty

Co-opted members:

None

Sub-Committees of the PCC

The **Standing Committee** is the only legally required sub-committee. It is made up of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary and a PCC member. The PCC members who volunteered for the standing committee were Steve Knight and Charlie Lusty.

Finance and Governance Committee: S Barney (Chair), A Sanderson, P Brown, N Glover

Premises Committee: M Lindsay (Chair), S Knight, R Elsey

Summary of PCC meetings 2018

The PCC met on six occasions on Wednesday evenings and on one other occasion for a special meeting to agree to the Grand Raffle held at the Quiz night in November. All the meetings were quorate. At each meeting members led opening prayers. Regular reports were received from the Vicar, the Project Manager including progress on the building project at the Chapel, the Churchwardens and the Finance and Premises Committees.

The PCC appointed a new Administrator, Jackie Scott, in February with effect from April 2018 taking over from Jane Cox, following her retirement in April 2018 and the PCC agreed to an increase in hours from 8 to 12. The PCC appointed a new cleaner, who was able to start in post in September 2018.

The PCC continued to support the work in Uganda by Neil and Amaha We Uganda, and also Neil's trips with the Table Church. Fundraising for the building of toilets in Uganda was agreed. The PCC has supported the purchase of new green bins as St Mary's began to start being a better steward of our resources, and also agreed to the installation of a CCTV system. Signage still needs to be addressed so the system is running but not yet recording.

The issue of data protection has been addressed with a new database on the church computer that is password protected and every church member has received a letter indicating the church's policy on data protection. Most people have signed and returned the consent forms associated with this and St Mary's is GDPR compliant. All sensitive information is stored in a locked cabinet in the office or on the church database which is password-protected in the office.

The liaison with the Salvation Army and Guildford Borough Council continued as a home for the Syrian Refugee family became available and the home was decorated. The Syrian refugee family arrived in Ash Vale just before Christmas. St Mary's continues to be the charity governing the project so that donations can be gift-aided.

Electoral Roll and Church Attendance

At the APCM on 30th April 2018 the revised Electoral Roll was presented by Irene Cummings. The total was 101 at that date. Two new members had been added to the roll since the previous APCM and no names had been removed.

The usual Sunday attendance numbers were taken over four Sundays in October. The figures for a 'normal' Sunday were recorded as: 66 adults and 14 under-16s.

There were 7 baptisms, 1 marriage, 1 funeral in church, and 3 funerals were conducted by the clergy elsewhere.

Safeguarding (Denise Weaver, Parish Safeguarding Officer)

St. Mary's continues to be committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. We have a safeguarding policy which is reviewed and renewed annually and Denise has attended two refresher courses this year, one of which was about domestic abuse. Some of you may have noticed the stickers which are now displayed in our toilets which offer a helpline for people in our community that may need it. In the last year, we have had a complete change in leadership in our Sunday School and all new leaders and their helpers have current DBS checks. Most of the new volunteers have signed up to the update system which means their certificate does not need renewing every five years but can be checked at any time.

Guildford Diocese also strongly recommends that all members of the PCC do a basic online safeguarding training course and this is something that we need to work on in 2019.

The Church's Safeguarding Policy which is clearly displayed in the foyer by the front doors. It is updated every year and signed by the PCC.

St Mary's has spent time becoming GDPR compliant and this ensures that none of our communications are sent to people without their agreement. Data about anyone concerned with St Mary's is kept locked within the church office in a locked cabinet or on a password-protected database.

St Mary's Health and Safety Officer is Nicola Glover and she is taking steps to ensure that our Risk Assessments are up to date. They are available in the Church Office should anyone wish to see them.

Review of Progress and Achievements in 2018

Churchwarden's Report (Nikki Glover)

I am very happy to be church warden for a second term and feel much more comfortable in the role; the support that I have had from various church members has been overwhelming.

I have continued to organise the church quiz nights to raise funds and have had particular support from Alex and Caroline, these nights are well attended and I love the feeling of everyone coming together and just having a great time. Alex was instrumental in organising the grand draw raffle which was very successful. At the end of November we had the Quinquennial Inspection of our building which Martin, Dick, Jackie and I had been preparing for. Everything went well and we are awaiting the formal report.

The Christmas season was wonderful with another St Nicholas walk, carol service, two Christingle services, midnight communion and Christmas Day service, everything went very well and I feel God really blessed us throughout the season.

The children's groups have great leaders and we have had a young persons' Alpha Course run by Chris Jordan, this very dedicated team that work with the children are doing wonderful work and I pray that this work continues in the same positive way.

Management

Sally Lowe continued to lead the Pastoral work of the church. Denise Weaver continued in her role as **Parish Safeguarding Officer** and Peter Wickwar continued as **Safeguarding Officer for Vulnerable Adults**.

Patrick Brown continued as **Covenant Secretary**, in addition to his role as **Treasurer**, and Barbara Stevens continued as **Stewardship Recorder**. Dick Elsey stepped down as **Health and Safety Officer**. **Nikki Glover** has taken over the role of **Health and Safety Officer**. David Voller continued to manage St Mary's **insurance**. Jane Cox continued as **Lay Reader** to the parish.

Administration

Jane Cox retired from the post of **Parish Administrator** in April 2018 and Jackie Scott was appointed to the post in March 2018 and hours have been increased to 12 hours a week.

Finance

In the 2017 Annual Report it was reported that we were looking at a break-even position for 2018 by using the £6,200 surplus and the successful application for Postcode Lottery Grant for the Chapel which funded half of Alex's costs. This break-even position in normal running costs for 2018 was actually achieved using only around £350 of the 2017 surplus as a result of increased giving, particularly in the last quarter of the year. Nevertheless we also had to use £3,000 of our reserves (held as shares in the CBF Investment Fund) to provide for the once-off costs of the CCTV equipment and its installation as well as the cost of the Quinquennial Inspection.

We are still facing a deficit for the next three years as a result of the 5% year-on-year increase in Parish Share and the fact that grant funding for Alex's role has now been exhausted. These forecast deficits need to be addressed. In January 2019 the PCC will start to give weekly Stewardship updates informing church members of our financial position and asking them to prayerfully consider increasing their giving. In addition an anonymous donor has pledged to match any new or increased planned giving to £3,000 for the next two years.

Our overall net worth at the end of 2018 was around £77,400 as compared with £77,200 the previous year – a small increase of around £200. This increase was made up of an increase in restricted funds of around £1,550 and reductions in both unrestricted funds and a revaluation of our reserves in the CBF Investment Fund of around £500 and £850 respectively.

Invested funds reduced in value by around £1,950 in 2018 as compared to a reduction of £4,900 in 2017. This reduction was as a result of the sale of £3,000 worth of shares and the £850 loss resulting from revaluation of our shareholding countered by the receipt of dividends of around £1,900 which were reinvested in the purchase of more shares. The market value of our shareholding at the 31 December 2018 was around £54,300.

Income during the year was around £3,200 higher than the previous year. This was made up of a decrease in unrestricted income of £8,000 and an increase in restricted income of £11,200. The reduction in unrestricted income was mostly due to decreased planned giving following the successful stewardship campaign in 2017 as a result of changing circumstances of previous generous givers. The increase in restricted funds was mostly as a result of an increase in grant funding of around £9,300 (£10,000 from the

Postcode Lottery, £4,900 from the Co-op and £2,000 Diocesan Growth Fund in 2018 as against £3,000 Diocesan Growth Fund, £2,500 from the Co-op and £2,000 for the church carpets in 2017).

Expenditure during the year was around £6,150 lower than the previous year. This was made up of reductions of around £1,350 in unrestricted and £4,800 in restricted expenditure. The reductions in both restricted and unrestricted expenditure are as a result of various changes across a number of expenditure categories which are too numerous to detail here but can be found in more detail in Note 3 to the accounts on pages 24--25.

During 2018 we kept to our commitment to give to **Missions and Charities** a minimum of 10% of our planned income. For more information please refer to the report below on Mission and Charities: Outward Giving below

The Community Centre showed a gain of around £1,200 in 2018 as against a gain of £1,300 in 2017 – a reduction of £100. The main reason for this decrease was a reduction in hall rental income of around £1,300 which was offset by a reduction in expenditure of around £1,200. Please note that the community centre fund covers the cost of utilities for the church and the rest of the church buildings

This year *The Parishioner* made an overall loss of around £1,300 as compared with a loss of £1,200 in the previous year. The main reason for the loss in 2018 was the net loss in running costs of around £500 combined with the annual depreciation of £800 on the new duplicator which is applied to its value held on the balance sheet.

Our policy on Investment did not change during 2018 and continued to be firstly to reinvest the interest from our restricted share account held with the Church of England Central Board of Finance (CBF) and secondly to donate to local church appeals the interest accumulated in the Memorial Fund without eroding the original capital (unless specifically approved by the PCC). Other CBF accounts are used to hold funds surplus to our immediate cash flow requirements as they attract a higher interest level than our current bank accounts and are available immediately on request

Although the church buildings do not appear specifically in the Church accounts as they are consecrated property and are therefore excluded from the financial statements, the PCC has a responsibility for their insurance. Our insurance cover through the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group was £5 million for buildings and contents, £10 million for employers' liability and £10 million for public and products liability. The insurance premium (including tax) paid during 2018 was around £1,350.

Missions and Charities: Outward Giving

The PCC agreed a total of around £6,780 of financial support to a variety of missions and charities both at home and overseas from our planned giving which is in line with our commitment to giving 10% of our planned income.

In line with the decision made in 2014, our planned outward giving from 2018 income will be as follows:

30% (£2,260) each to:

Amaha We Uganda

CYFA's work at Haslemere

15% (£1,130) each to:

Children's Shelter of Cebu, in Cebu

Gentle Hands in Manila

Of the remaining 10% (£750) only £125 was used on small donations, each £100 or less.

In addition to this giving an additional £640 raised at the Churches Together Fundraising Supper was donated to 4 local charities (£160 each to Number Five Project, The Vine, Step by Step and Riverside Care and Support).

The Christingle collections totalling around £660 were also given to the Children's Society. Please note that these collections do not appear in our church accounts as they are termed 'agency' collections for Charities Act purposes.

Premises Report (Church Wardens)

During 2018 we have had various work done inside and outside of the church.

The normal fire alarm and fire extinguishers were checked.

The batteries in the Heat Genius sensors were checked.

The yearly servicing of the heating systems was done.

The monitors were installed in the main church and a security system has also been installed.

The wall by the entrance car park was repaired after a car hit it. The flat roofs were cleaned off.

The main steps up to the church entrance were repaired.

We had the Quinquennial Inspection in November and the issues raised included the roof and car park.

Project Manager's Report 2018 (Alex Sanderson)

Alex joined the team as our Project Manager (part-time, 16 ½ hrs a week) in November 2016, with a brief from the PCC to focus on three key areas for three years:

1) Opening up the Church:

Alex has been involved in various activities including:

- Setting up & running the Little Lambs Library toddler group
- Supporting church outreach (including for example Prayer stations, Pancake Party, Teddybear's Picnic, #SummerCreativity, etc)
- Church Publicity (leaflets, posters, Facebook etc)
- Messy Church

2) Chapel Project:

Alex has taken on the role of "Chapel Administrator" supporting all the Chapel activities with administration (e.g. publicity, risk assessments, etc), and also the role of "Project manager" for the key build projects (e.g. Music Studio and Art Spaces). 2018 included a lot of administrative work and negotiation to secure planning permission, funding and working with the team to place contracts. She also continues to do outreach on site, with Chapel Kids toddler Group and Chapel Poetry.

3) Fundraising (for her wages and other projects)

Alex has continued to play an active role in our stewardship campaigns at St Mary's, in our fundraising events (e.g. the Grand Raffle) and in applying for grant funding to cover projects costs and the costs of her role. We are very grateful to all those who give regularly at St Mary's and those who have been so generous on a one-off basis for key projects and at fundraising events. Thank you!

We must thank our supporters here who have made grants to support the work we are doing. Funds received have included:

- **Co-op Community Fund:** We are grateful for the recent £4,868 received that will go towards our work to redecorate the Chapel (2018)
- **Hants-Surrey Border Methodist Circuit:** We are grateful for their grant of £24,700 towards the Music Studio at the Chapel (2018)
- **Methodist District** We are grateful to the review board team, who helped us to secure a grant of £23,500 from one of their London funds to go towards the Music Studio project (2018)
- **Postcode Community Trust:** We are grateful for their grant of £10,000 split 50% towards Alex's salary and 50% towards community project equipment in 2018 so that we can introduce new activities and keep the projects and activities going (2018)
- **Ash Parish Council:** We are grateful for their contribution of £502 for the greatest need, which will go towards the kitchen redecoration and equipment.(2018)
- **Co-op Community Fund:** We are grateful for their funding of £2548 so that we can contribute towards Haslemere Ventures for our young people. (2017)
- **Surrey County Council Community Improvement Fund:** We are grateful for their contribution of £12,300 to build our Art Spaces at the rear of the Chapel garden (2017)
- **Aspire Project Community Fund:** We are grateful for their donation of £2000 towards the Chapel picnic benches. (2017)
- **Ash & Blackwater Valley Rotary Club:** We are grateful for their donation of £500 towards another picnic bench at the Chapel. (2017)
- **Members Allocation Funding:** We are grateful to County Councillor Marsha Moseley for assigning £2000 to help replace the Church carpets. (2017)
- **Guildford Diocese Growth Fund:** We are grateful for their grants of £5k in 2016 / £3k in 2017 / £2k in 2018 towards Alex's salary. (2016-2018)

Unfortunately the most recent grant applications for funding to replace the boiler and another for Alex's salary were turned down. We do not as yet have funds secured for Alex's role for the full year in 2019. She is applying for more grants and will keep the PCC updated.

We have been offered matched funding up to £3,000 for any new regular giving that starts in 2019 in order to support her role, so for every £10 of additional regular giving we will receive another £10 from an anonymous donor. Please see Patrick Brown (Treasurer) if you would like to contribute.

Please keep the Project Manager role and all the projects in your prayers. Thank you.

Contact Alex for more information at any time! projectmanager@ash-vale.org.uk ashvalechapel@gmail.com

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Worship and Ministry in the Church (Peter Scott and Matt Weeks)

The monthly pattern of services continues as in previous years:

- A book of Common Prayer service of Holy Communion at 8am nearly every Sunday
- The 10am Holy Communion Common Worship services were sung on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, a shorter and simpler said service of Holy Communion took place on third Sundays
- Morning Worship, a more informal service, took place at 10am on the first Sunday of each month
- We have celebrated the church festivals of Easter, Pentecost and Christmas with services of Communion and Praise. We held a service for All Saints remembering those who have died.
- The addition of the TV screens on each side of the sanctuary greatly helped when singing in the round and with Neil's visual aids

Music

First Sunday services were led by an established group, Matt, Gill, Ben, Jan, Gethin and Anna, providing an opportunity for more informal worship and the introduction of some new songs.

Other Sundays were led by the Choir with Pete and Jackie Scott, Natalie Jones and Anna White. On third Sundays Anna Lambert also played the piano.

The choir has continued to be pivotal to the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of each month, leading us in our worship and through sung and said communion, sometimes with an anthem to highlight the service theme, continuing to practice on Tuesday evenings. Natalie Jones has continued to give invaluable service through playing at choir practices.

Easter was also led by a large combined worship group. We have had a great mix of hymns and modern songs.

Some highlights through the year included the following.

- Jono Retallick led the Pentecost service using a wind blower machine to illustrate the Holy Spirit.
- The wider choir performed brilliantly on two tracks for Stuart Townend's album *Courage*, recorded by Matt in the church.
- Christmas season began on Advent Sunday which was led by a large combined worship team. A mixed team led carol singing at Ash Vale station and was well received. Pete Scott and Anna Lambert led the music at the Christingle services which were jam-packed full! The **Flute Choir** played in many of the various Christmas services and the **Gospel Choir**, led by Gill Jordan, performed at the carol concert and at Harvest.

We thank the PA team and the Audio Visual team for serving us each week.

Mustard Seeds

Mustard Seeds came together in 2015/2016 with the aim of encouraging the musical children in our congregation to participate in worship activities. Time constraints on the leaders have meant fewer sessions but the musicians have regularly been involved in providing music during Messy Church times.

The regular worship team continues to welcome the young people who like to play – particularly on the first Sunday of the month.

One body, many parts

Many church members were involved in various ways to ensure that the church functioned, particularly for the Sunday services. The commitment of so many members in their roles as sidesmen, servers, readers, intercessors, communion assistants, Sunday School teachers/helpers, coffee makers, carers for the altar linen, flower arrangers, brass and church cleaners, and sound and projector system operators is gratefully acknowledged.

Messy Church (Alex Sanderson)



Messy Church 2018 proved to be a great way to invite toddler group members to explore further, to meet together and “be church” together in a relaxed, all-age way. We have between 30 and 60 people in attendance most months, and we welcomed 111 people for the annual Light Party.

We have once again been blessed by some wonderful helpers and leaders, and lovely people joining in. We are also hugely grateful to Dawn, Ollie and Elizabeth, who faithfully provide the snacks and dinner. Mustard Seeds were fantastic, rehearsing during the craft session and playing music as we went in for dinner. The “Wedding at Cana” session for example was hugely lifted by their playing!

Each Messy Church session includes crafts, games, prayer station, story/presentation, songs, snacks on arrival and a shared meal for everyone at the end. The themes we explored in 2018 were:

- **Jan: Epiphany** – seeking and finding God
- **Feb: Messy Church Uganda Style!** – Celebrating and hearing about the mission in Uganda
- **March: Easter Messy Church**
- **April: Wedding at Cana**
- **May: Pentecost** → #Tablechurch and the Pentecost activities at the Cathedral
- **June: Overcoming obstacles**
- **July: God has a plan for you**
- **Sept: Harvest** – season of Creation
- **Oct: Light Party** – Light of the World (31st Oct, an alternative to trick or treating at Halloween)
- **Dec: Messy Christmas** – Advent and Nativity

Messy Church is a wonderful new way of being church, and it really works for families, some of whom would never come on a Sunday morning. Please pray about whom you could invite! All are welcomed and we look forward to welcoming you!

Find us on Facebook: *Messy Church – St Mary’s Ash Vale*

The Bookstall (Eileen Monds)

For the last few years the bookstall has only been a display of books and cards at the Thursday café as it became fruitless to put the books out on a Sunday. It was decided in December 2018 to stop collecting books on sale or return from the Triangle as sales at the café were very infrequent and did not warrant the effort involved. Eileen continued to buy Bible Reading Notes for two people and to have a stock of cards for display at the Thursday café.

Prayer

The prayer chain run by Joyce Watts and Rachel Watts continues to be a valued part of the work at St Mary's. Requests via telephone, email and word of mouth allow the chain to give prayer support to church, family, the local community and for wider world issues. The feedback we get following requests is encouraging.

The prayer ministry available after the 10am service was valued by our church members. A Prayer Request Book was available in the foyer for people to note requests for prayer.

A half-night of prayer was arranged for Friday 23rd February and 12th October, led by Karen Pugh. Neil has led sessions at the Chapel – praying with colour.

Pastoral Care (Sally Lowe)

The Pastoral side of the Church is still very well received. This year we have had quite a few people unwell, some have had accidents and there have been a couple of bereavements. These issues were dealt with by Sally, with cards and phone calls and some visits. She has been keeping an eye on Sunday mornings hopefully noticing if people have been missing more than a couple of weeks, getting in touch asking if all is well. She also depends on people letting her know letting her know if anyone is needing support. The cards and phone calls are really important as it lets people know that we care. Also important is keeping in touch with those who no longer can come to Church.

There is also a team, appointed by the Vicar, who visit housebound members of our church in their homes to administer Home Communion. It consists of Ian Arnold, Irene Cummings and Barbara Stevens.

Fellowship groups (Helen Lambert)

We have eight thriving home groups, with many welcoming new members during 2018. At least one meets for prayer, Bible study and fellowship on each weekday, either weekly or every other week, as follows:

Day	Led by	Venue
Monday morning weekly	Helen	Various homes
Monday evening fortnightly	Karen & Steve	Wood Street
Tuesday morning weekly	Helen	Christine Dearlove's home
Wednesday afternoon fortnightly	Irene C	Joyce Watts' home
Wednesday evening fortnightly	Ben and Jan	Ben and Jan's home
Thursday evening weekly	Gill	Various homes
Thursday evening weekly	Derek	Derek and Eileen's home
Friday pm	Jane C	Dawn and Ollie's home

During the first half of the year, our Bible studies were based on the Gospel readings, first exploring our response to Jesus' incarnation in the period after Christmas, and then to his resurrection in the time after Easter. During Lent, Homegroups were encouraged to do the Alpha course in parallel to the Alpha group that was running at the Chapel. In the summer, we followed the theme "Being renewed day by day", using the Lectionary New Testament readings in 2 Corinthians, followed by Ephesians. In the autumn, we turned to the Old Testament, exploring the challenging books of Job and Ruth, and then in Advent used the CWR Cover to Cover resource "A Strange Christmas" by Krish Kandiah.

Sunday School (Martin Lindsay)

First of all a big thanks to Val and Steve Westcott, Janet Thomas and others who have worked for over 14 years tirelessly for Sunday school. It takes a tremendous sacrifice to teach the gospel to children every Sunday preparing, organising etc. A big thanks to you.

From September 2018, Jono Retallick, Neil Lambert and Martin Lindsay have succeeded working on a regular monthly rota to deliver teaching. There have been different teaching styles of all three teachers including creative arts, design, making, praying, singing, dancing and playing. The children have been engaged and enthusiastic. They have been proud to show their work and speak about what they have done at the end of Church services.

Leading up to December the teaching included the Earth and the Creation, Harvest and Christmas. The attendance has been between 15 to 20 children which is very healthy at this stage. Chris Jordan & Ben Philpott started to teach the Youth Alpha Course to our older children. A big thanks to them also for their work. Further gratitude goes to helpers Dawn Mann, Alex Sansderson, Jo Weeks, Debbie Retallick, Jo Thorne, Charlie Lusty and Stephanie Farry. In the future we are going to look at Lent, Ascension and Pentecost. Please pray for the children, helpers and teachers as they continue this important mission.

Youth Work

Haslemere Ventures (Ben C.)

Ventures is a Christian-based company that runs 'camps' all around the country. I have gone to Danehill (for 9-14-year-olds) and Haslemere (14-18). Both camps were great fun! Danehill is lots of activities and very planned but Haslemere is more relaxed but loads of activities you can do. Both are largely based on Christianity, but anyone can come. You can start your belief, or expand it further!

Chapel Project Update (Alex Sanderson)

2018 Annual Report: The Chapel

The Chapel on Wharf Rd is a Fresh Expressions project, jointly run by St Mary's and the Hants-Surrey Border Methodist Church. The vision is to share Christ's love through Hospitality, Creativity and Worship. Please see Rev Neil or Alex or just turn up to one of the events if you'd like to be more involved. There is no Sunday Congregation at the Chapel, so we are hugely reliant on a very small number of amazing volunteers. If you'd like to help please get in touch.

- 1) **The Music Studio** being constructed in the rear hall received governance approval, funding, and planning consent after a lot of hard work from the whole team. We are particularly indebted to Martyn Lass who has been a key member of the "Law & Prophets" project team throughout, Eddie Gage, our architect, and Dan Weeks who has provided acoustic design consultancy and been very hands-on in ensuring quality control. We are grateful to the H-SB Circuit, and also to the Methodist District for funding this project. St Mary's has assigned Alex to provide project management and is also underwriting the sound proofing for the West Wall. Work started in July, and although there have been setbacks, the project is well on its way. This will become a music & multimedia hub for mission not just locally but with international reach. Musician in Residence Matt Weeks is a regular at St Mary's, so please do talk to him or Rev Neil if you feel called to support this work.
- 2) **The Art Studios** are being constructed at the rear of the Chapel grounds. The project received governance approval, planning consent and work has started. We are grateful to the Surrey County Council Community Improvement Fund for supporting this project with a grant, and to all the volunteers who will be helping with the shed bases! Jono and Debi Retallick are 2 of the Artists in Residence and are regulars at St Mary's. Please do speak to them or to Rev Neil if you feel called to support this work.
- 3) **Chapel Filmshare** has continued to meet regularly every fortnight and provide a varied programme of films from different aspects of the broad world of cinema. Since rebuilding our e-mail group last autumn, around fifty people have signed up to receive information of our forthcoming showings and we've had a couple of record audiences recently. We're grateful to Beryl and Dianne for the refreshments and to all who help with the movement of furniture both before and after our meetings. A big thank you to Dick Elsey for leading this community Filmshare initiative.
- 4) **ChapelKids** toddler group and monthly lunch club is thriving. This year we introduced bible stories at each session and opened up the garden for us in the summer. We are hugely grateful to Sam, Cade and other volunteers who helped tame the outside space! This year we made friends with residents next door too, with residents from Abbeywood joining us for singing and picnics. Sam is currently leading our fundraising to pay for minibus driver training for Abbeywood activities staff, so that they can all enjoy more outings, including coming to church and the CTAAT teas. We were delighted to have Annie Woolgar officially join the team as a volunteer this year. Alex, Rev Neil and Rev Gina take turns to provide crafts and lead the team doing the welcoming, refreshments, hosting and clearing. If you'd like to join us please see Alex!
- 5) **Friday Chapel Café** provides an oasis of friendship, hot drinks and home-made cakes on Friday mornings, all welcome. We are very thankful for everyone who bakes, and of course to Caroline who runs it. Volunteers to set up / host / wash up etc would be hugely welcomed, please see Caroline. On the last Friday of the month, **Chapel Walks** take place, meeting at the Chapel, going for a walk, and returning for refreshments and fellowship.
- 6) **Chapel Alpha** this year was hosted by Rev Neil with a Friday Night Curry and went down a storm. It is humbling to have such important conversations with new and not-so-new Christians, sharing and exploring God's love together. The second Alpha of the year started in December and will finish in February 2019, run by Jackie Scott and Alex Sanderson for a group of parents who were seeking Jesus after coming to Messy Church and Toddler Groups. We are delighted that one of these parents is going to be baptised in the New Year!
- 7) **Chapel Poetry** has become a lovely community of writers who meet every month to enjoy poetry, to be put through their paces and enjoy learning or practising new forms and techniques. We are very thankful to Dr Mike D Rose (Poet in residence) and Dr Esther van Raamsdonk (Guest Lecturer) for leading this programme. The 2018 publications in collaboration with Spindlebox Press were "Poetry on the Potty" a special collection in aid of the sanitation project in Uganda with Amaha We Uganda, and "Illuminations" a collection published in support of the Chapel, just in time for Christmas. Each

book was launched with a Poetry Night, hugely enjoyed by all who came along. If you would like copies they are available from Alex £5 each (minimum donation). ashvalechapel@gmail.com

- 8) **Chapel Craft** has been running for many years now, and provides a lovely welcoming space on Wednesday evenings for people to bring along a craft project and work on it over tea, cake and chat. A new monthly “knit and natter” is planned for next year on Friday mornings, on the second Friday of the month, at the café. It has just started and we are hoping numbers will increase as the weather warms up.
- 9) **ChapelArts workshops** this year included Felt Slipper Making, Painting with Fibres, Block printing for textiles, Sculptural Papier Mache and Felt Angels for the Christmas Tree. If you would be interested in this year’s workshops please see Debi Retallick as she is planning the programme now. Debi and Jono also ran lantern-making workshops for the community in the run up to our St Nicholas’s Day Lantern Walk.
- 10) **Artist in Residence Rev Neil Lambert** hosted many workshops and events this year including **Praying with colour** using the language of colour in prayer, creative prayer workshops, guided **Gallery Visits** to explore sacred art in London followed by food and discussion, and the major mission this year was **TableChurch**. Neil took the tea table on mission to Serbia for the Council of European Churches General Assembly via France, Italy, Germany and more. He also took this concept out to Uganda during the visit with Amaha We Uganda in Feb. We were pleased to hear of other teams using this concept at other churches later in the year.
- 11) **Chapel worship in 2018** included Ash Wednesday soup lunch and prayer, candlelit Lenten prayer evening, Good Friday CTAAT service, a prayer event to round off Thy Kingdom Come, and several joint prayer events starting at the Chapel and finishing at St Mary’s.
- 12) **Special Events and Talks** this year included the annual fete / open day, a wonderful evening by Dick Elsey on **popular culture in the WWII years**, and a discussion evening by Rev Gina Hoff on “what does it mean to be green” which sparked the creation of the **Chapel Greens** group which now meets every term. A real highlight for our team was hosting an **ecumenical conference for pioneer ministers**. The Fresh Ways Hub (Methodist) and Pioneer Ministry team (C of E) held a joint event at the Chapel to share ideas and inspire one another.
- 13) **Co-op community funding** – we were delighted to be selected to receive funding towards chapel painting and decorating! The funds will provide materials enough to redecorate... now we need the people-power! We hope to make a start in February half term, 2019, if you can help please see Alex, thank you.

The Parish Magazine (Alex Sanderson)

The Parishioner Magazine

This is your fabulous, fascinating and faith-building A5 yellow magazine that arrives 6 times a year. It has proven to be a very powerful way of reaching our local community, especially those who are not able to access online resources and those with busy lives who are so bombarded with mobile phone content that a simple magazine through the door is a refreshing change!

The Team in 2018: This year we had a change of editor. The church owes a huge debt of gratitude to Rebecca Pennington for her fantastic work on the magazine, and we very much appreciate all she has done to keep it fresh, interesting and relevant with local interest items as well as church news. Alex Sanderson and Rev Neil Lambert took over as interim co-editors to keep the magazine going until a permanent replacement could be found. The 2018 editions were themed in with our outreach as a church, including among others, a Uganda edition, a Wellbeing (look after your knees) edition, and of course the Christmas magazine. Thanks go to everyone who contributed items and adverts, those who donated to help with the printing costs, our advertising manager Eileen, all those who helped to edit and proof read, the wonderful printing team, Alison’s team of collators, and of course Caroline and all who help to deliver it to people’s doors. (Please see Caroline if you can help with this!) Alex will be handing over to a new Editor after the January/Feb 2019 magazine – watch this space!

So how are we doing? Feedback on the whole has been positive, and several newcomers at Christmas services said that it was *The Parishioner* & postcard that prompted them to come. Suggestions we received during the year included adding poems, hymns and something to make you smile, all of which we have implemented in some shape of form during the year. (The Messy Church Dads have been great at

contributing jokes on a regular basis!) Please keep sending us your suggestions and articles to parishioner@ash-vale.org.uk and please keep *The Parishioner* in your prayers.

What more could we do? Alex has used the @TheParishioner Facebook Page to remind people of copy deadlines and share local interest news items, and we have 226 online followers at the moment – we use the page to advertise events but it could be more used as part of a wider online strategy. We think there is potential to do more online, perhaps using the church website more, and using the Parishioner page to share things and drive traffic, but the team has not had capacity to look into this idea in 2018.

Social Life and Fellowship

Thursday Café (Irene Cummings)

The Café remained popular throughout the year providing a cheerful meeting place for church members and a welcoming place for newcomers. The Café continues to be enlivened by our Little Lambs customers in much need of teas and coffees. On the third Thursday of each month (when we were running) a friend from Holy Angels came in with a selection of Traidcraft goods to sell. We are hopeful that this will continue. Unfortunately, we had to close the Café on March 1st because of the snow and icy roads and pavements. We are grateful to all who opened their homes on Thursday mornings for coffee during our summer break so that our “customers” could continue to meet. Thanks, as always, go to the Café team who worked so well together in getting everything set up, put away, and of course serving. We are likely to be losing at least one of our volunteers on 2019 so the need for new volunteers is an ongoing need.

As before, we held three Café specials in the year as little end of term celebrations. After covering our costs, we passed on £300 to church funds.

Little Lambs Library (Alex Sanderson)

Little Lambs Library is our St Mary's toddler group, which first opened in Nov 2016. It runs on Thursdays in Term Time from 9.30am until 11.30am. Each session starts with play, bouncy castle and a craft. Then at 11am we read a Bible story together, have a biscuit and sing some nursery rhymes. We run the session on the same day as Thursday café, to give the two groups an opportunity to interact, (and we do really enjoy their good cheer and their coffee!). We usually welcome 25-35 children per session (depending on the weather!) and our best week so far welcomed 38 children and 24 grownups.

The toddler group is absolutely lovely and we have had lots of nice feedback about how warm and welcoming the group is. The children get a lot out of it and the parents have become a close community who help and support one another. Local childminders are grateful to be included too, as a lot of other groups exclude them, so it is harder for them to find groups to take their charges to and make friends. We have been privileged to journey with our Little Lambs families through highs and lows, we have been able to offer prayer, explain Bible stories, support families in difficult times, and even offer Alpha courses.

Strategically, the group has been a great way to welcome people in and then offer them more. Members were all given leaflets and personally invited to events such as the Chapel activities, Messy Church, Alpha and Christingle. In 2018 we presented those children who moved up to primary school or moved away with a Jesus Storybook Bible so they can keep reading Bible stories at home. Funds permitting we will do the same in 2019. We are very excited that one of our members joined the “Alpha and curry” in Lent, and more recently one of the Dec/Jan “Alpha for parents” members is getting baptised in Feb 2019. We pray for God to bring all these little seeds to fruition.

We are delighted to have help on a regular basis from Caroline Johnson and Peter Scott, and the children always light up when Natalie Jones brings her accordion or Peter brings his guitar for the singing! If you feel called to join the team in 2019 please make yourself known, we would love to welcome you. **Praise God for our beautiful Little Lambs and their parents. God has brought them to us to look after, let's hold them up in prayer.**

Social Events

Hospitality was offered after most of our services, from coffee on Sunday mornings to mulled wine and mince pies after the Nine Lessons and Carols. The traditional bring and share meal marked Maundy Thursday. During the year Neil regularly cooked different meals, from soup to pancakes, to share with the congregation after morning services: a very welcome addition to the normal Sunday refreshments. The fundraising quizzes organized by Brian and Nikki Glover continued to prove very popular, drawing in members of the local community who have no other link to St Mary's. Neil and Helen continued to offer barbecues in the spring summer and autumn, Peter and Jackie Scott held a Strawberry Tea in their back garden and most homegroups have held their own social activities during the year.

The Wider Church

Aldershot Deanery Synod (Caroline Johnson)

Aldershot Deanery Synod is where the eleven parishes in the Aldershot Deanery meet to share news and co-operate with each other; our lay representative in 2018 was Caroline Johnson. The first meeting of 2018 was in February at St Augustine's, Aldershot. Reps had been asked to bring with them a copy of their church's development plan, and these were discussed in small groups. It is usual for the incumbent of the host church to provide a quick sketch of their situation, and in this instance a rather discouraging picture emerged of a diminishing church quite unable to meet the demands of the rising parish share. The second synod was to have been at St John's Cove in June, but the main item for that meeting was a guest speaker, Ranil Jayawardena MP, who unfortunately had to cancel at short notice, so the synod did not meet. In October the Synod was hosted by Holy Trinity Aldershot, where incumbent George Newton reported that God is doing great things. The speaker was Danny Wignall, Mission Advisor in the Diocesan Parish Development and Evangelism Team, who talked about the Church Development Plan, *Transforming Church, Transforming Lives*.

Frimley Park Hospital Chaplaincy

Ian Arnold continued to serve as a Volunteer.

Mother Teresa Group (Beryl Wagner)

The main focus of the Mother Teresa Group Report has to be the appeal for prayer from Sister Mary, who today runs the main Chiks' Children's Home, Karunanilayam (Home of Mercy), in Kerala. Mary, who trained as a young woman with the Missionaries of Charity, in India, under Mother Teresa, offered prayers not only for the children in her own care, thankfully unharmed, but for all vulnerable children including all those at Chiks' other orphanages - Little Flower of Mercy and Carmel Matha Santhi Bhavan, who took the full force of last year's devastating monsoon flooding and were traumatised by the long weeks of suffering. For many there was a very real fear that the end of the world was near . . .

Chiks' farm which, in addition to the three Homes, Robin Radley and others in his all-volunteer team, worked so hard and for so long developing, was overwhelmed as the floods took livestock, poultry, crops and flooded much of the accommodation. The nearby Carmel Matha Home came close to collapse after weeks of water and rocks battering the building; an appeal is seeking money to keep workmen on-site to ensure that the restoration is completed and the evacuated children can return.

At the height of the drama, the worst annual monsoon in almost a century, with hundreds in Kerala killed and more than a million made homeless, Robin brought me the news and I shall never forget his words, "I am quietly weeping". It will remain with me forever, especially having seen for myself all that he has managed to achieve in over twenty years.

Thankfully disaster appeal donations, including those from St Mary's Church members, are thought likely to see both Carmel Matha and Little Flower Homes fully restored one day - as long as funds continue to be received. Several thousand pounds remain to be found and many events are continuing to be held to attract vital funds . . .

Robin has told me how much he has appreciated gifts of money, including those from members of St Mary's, but that he regrets being unable to more personally express it. He offers his heartfelt thanks for any support given.

Further donations can be made through Chiks' representative Beryl Wagner-Gage or direct to: Children's Homes in Kerala State, at Barclays Bank plc, 22 The Borough, Farnham, Surrey GU9 7NH. Sort code 20 – 11 – 43; Account No. 93019950

Click on <http://www.chikschilrenshomes.org.uk> to find out more about Chiks' work

Uganda Mission

2018 saw the continuation of the work with Amaha We Uganda which is a registered charity set up when Neil was a curate in Pyrford. It works with the Bakonjo people, a tribe in western Uganda and Congo, working with local churches and a paid team of five to share the good news of the gospel and alleviate poverty through education and practical projects. This is the tenth year of St Mary's involvement which has been very fruitful for both the Bakonjo and St Mary's:

Women micro-finance groups continue to grow; there are now 41 groups across the diocese.

These Women have great impact on their families and communities

Briquette making groups: (recycling waste material into fire pellets) these are still on a learning curve but making progress.

Street children: new groups being formed as older teenagers move on, find jobs and return home.

Children's work: several day camps were held with numbers between 500-800. Lunch was provided by an anonymous donor at St Mary's.

Mission: the team went out on many missions during the year including one in a neighbouring diocese.

Skill centre (Good Samaritan) this is growing in numbers attending, mostly young unemployed people. Courses in hairdressing and tailoring are the most popular.

Library: There are two libraries, both very popular, in Kasese and Nyamwamba. The one in Kasese offers computer training.

Community garden: this is a new project started in 2018.

Toilet block at St Peter's: A church in Kasese received a toilet block paid for from fund raising at St Mary's.

Two bicycles were given to the church brigade from 1st Ash Vale Scouts; they are being used to raise money for the brigade. So far £270 has been raised as they are used as taxis.

William's vicarage in Customs. With Rev William, the team leader being moved to Customs Parish, St Mary's and a parishioner gave £300 each to pay for building and decoration work on the Vicarage which was in urgent need of upgrading.

Neil's visit in 2018. The main purpose of the visit was to talk with the team about restructuring as Benjamin retired from leadership. To do this Neil took Ben, William and Job, the new leaders on a three-day retreat and then spent time with the whole team talking things through and praying. This ended with a one-day feast and celebration. While there we had a 'tea table' made, and with china brought from the UK we had a number of 'Tea Party' church missions. We also planned for the next mission later in the year from the UK. We have had to postpone that mission due to the outbreak of Ebola across the border in the Congo. This will now happen in late June 2019. This will be by coincidence on the 30th anniversary of Helen and Neil's first visit to Uganda when they met Benjamin and began their work there.

Ecumenical Action

Christians Together in Ash, Ash Vale and Tongham (CTAAT)

We have enjoyed another year of collaboration with our friends at other local churches, serving the community and celebrating Christ's love. Thank you to everyone who made it happen! If you would like more information or would like to get involved in 2019 please see Rev Neil or Alex Sanderson.

- 1) **CTAAT Afternoon teas:** Coordinated by Pauline Baxter (St Peter's) and hosted by the churches on a rota basis, this longstanding initiative provides a warm welcome and good company for people who are otherwise alone on a Sunday afternoon. (Please see Caroline Johnson if you can help this year when it is our turn to host!)
- 2) **World Women's Day of Prayer:** This was not well attended due to the heavy snow, but Rev Claire and team at St Pauls in Tongham hosted this event wonderfully. Those of us stranded elsewhere enjoyed the online resources and prayed from where we were. It is a joy to pray together.
- 3) **Good Friday Walk of Witness:** A wet start to the day meant that electronic equipment had to be set up indoors this year. The sun came out as the walk progressed though, and prayers were said at the Wharf before the joint service was held at the Chapel on Wharf Rd, followed by Hot cross buns. It was wonderful to use the Chapel again for this.
- 4) **CTAAT Homelessness Awareness Initiative:** In 2018 CTAAT focussed on highlighting homelessness in our community and what can be done to help. This started with an information and fundraising dinner in June, continued with publicity, magazine articles and information leaflets, and we ended the year with a stall for donations of gift vouchers and messages of hope at the St Peter's Fair. The churches also had their usual collections at Harvest and Christmas. The theme continues with a curry night in January, to start the Week of Christian Unity with fellowship and support the "Vine Dining" initiative.
- 5) **Thy Kingdom Come:** The CTAAT churches this year co-ordinated and shared resources so that there was a church open for a prayer session for each of the 10 days of "Thy Kingdom Come" in the run up to Pentecost. St Peter's held a 24-hour prayer event too.
- 6) **Pentecost:** Rather than run our own local event, CTAAT this year joined celebrations at the Cathedral. Rev Neil took "tablechurch" to the event, Rev Claire Holt and others did a pilgrimage walk from here to the Cathedral, and we all enjoyed the worship, praise and prayer opportunities on offer. The children particularly enjoyed the Messy Church demonstration of fire prayers (which we then took to our own session later in the year!)
- 7) **CTAAT stalls at the Ash Village Fete:** This year the team offered a Messy Church taster craft, a "Fizzy Forgiveness" prayer station and a chill out zone with bubbles, juice and biscuits. We aim to be a Christian presence each year, and to provide something free so as to make the day inclusive for those on a limited budget (including children who have spent all their pocket money in the first 5 minutes!) The Mothers Union team did a brilliant job in the kitchen too! Rev Neil's pancakes were sorely missed this year, but were enjoyed at the Chapel Fete instead. (See Alex if you can help in 2019!)

- 8) **Picnic:** A wonderful time was had by all who attended the picnic in the rectory garden at St Peter's in Ash, a lovely occasion and we all enjoyed the fantastic hospitality.
- 9) **Red Wednesday:** Holy Angels hosted us for a CTAAT coffee morning, raising awareness of and aid for the church in need. St Paul's had a coffee morning too, a lovely occasion.
- 10) **Remembrance Day Parade:** The Clergy presence was much appreciated, there were lots of lovely comments on Facebook! The CTAAT team once again provided refreshments in the Ash Centre after the parade.
- 11) **Ash Christmas Fantasia:** Once again CTAAT provided a free nativity card making stall at this local Christmas event, adding a Christian presence to the festivities and providing a free activity to make the day inclusive for those on a tight budget. This year our carol singers sang in the crowd rather than behind the barriers around the tree, and it was great to be part of the throng.

Lutheran Congregation

We continued to offer the use of St Mary's to a German-speaking Lutheran congregation which has no building. They worshipped at St Mary's on the third Friday every two months, following their service with a fellowship tea in the small hall.

In the Community

- The Ash Vale Village Singers continued to thrive, enjoying a wide range of music on Wednesday evenings during school terms. The last Wednesday of each half-term is always an open session, where friends and family, former choir members and anyone who is curious to hear what the choir is like can join the singers for music, food and drink. The pre-Christmas event was a particularly well-attended and lively occasion. Several new singers have joined the choir during the year; it is a very relaxed and easy group to join, since it is not necessary to learn to read music. Singing is known to be very good for physical and mental health, and many of the Village Singers can attest to that.
- Shuffle Tunes Choir rehearsed regularly in church on Thursday evenings until September 2018
- Slimming World started to use the Church every week on Tuesdays from September 2018 for their classes.
- Maggie George used the church one Sunday afternoon for her pupils' recitals.
- St Mary's hosted the play 'Brilliance' run by Farnham Maltings. This was well attended
- Christmas gifts of toiletries were donated to Step by Step, a charity supporting young people in Aldershot. Harvest donations were also given to Step by Step.
- The Ash Vale Flood Action Group (AVFAG) continued to hold committee meetings every two months in the small hall at St Mary's, but various health and family problems meant that at most meetings during 2018 only three or four members were able to be present. There are funds in existence from which grants can be made to enable residents' associations to undertake preventive measures against flooding, although new applications for these funds cannot be made until 2019. AVFAG therefore contacted the residents' association of the section of Avondale most at risk to encourage them to apply in the New Year.
- Silver Circle: Sadly the time has come to say "Farewell" to the Silver Circle Club at St Mary's after many decades of providing a meeting-place for the over-60's to make new acquaintances and friends, to be entertained by singers and musicians, to listen to interesting speakers, to share meals, to talk over tea and refreshments and then to enjoy some short sessions of Bingo. Membership numbers have dwindled to less than 18 members over the past few years, with only a dozen people attending meetings at a time. The club's continuing has now become non-viable. Many possible members have been drawn away to attend U3A activities or grandchild-minding of the third generation; priorities of the over-60's have changed. The Club appears no longer to be able to provide the service to the Ash Vale Community that it was planned for. After a good year, ending with a Christmassy entertainment of songs and music in early December, the Club closed formally at its year-end, 31 December 2018. Thanks go to all those loyal members who contributed so much of their time, planning and energies to maintain the Club for so many years. For information about other clubs and meetings where members may be able to continue to meet and maintain friendships formed at the Club, please contact the Parish Office
- Voluntary groups continued to use our church buildings for various activities, including carol services and concerts and workshops for children.

In Conclusion: the Vicar's Report

Becoming a church for the 21st Century:

After a new carpet, new lighting and painting in the previous year, 2018 saw a new AV and CCTV system along with two sofas (donated by the family of Olive Grants in her memory) which changed the way we use the foyer and west end of church. With the dream team of Alex Sanderson (Project Manager) and Jackie Scott (Parish Administrator) we have seen the church used more and more for worship and for the community, as we follow our calling of 'Roots down into the gospel and Walls down as we serve and share with our community'. This happens in so many ways both collectively and individually as we follow Jesus, too many to mention, but the fruit of this struggle I can see all around us in the changed lives of the people who are touched by the love of God.

Mission and outreach have always been a key part of what we do at St Mary's and 'the chapel' is a big part of it. 2018 saw the sound studio building well on its way by prayer and the grace of God...and the tenacity of Alex the Project Manager. Long-standing outreach goes on through the Thursday cafe lead by Irene and the team, always a happy place to be and the parishioner that continues to be produced by an army of volunteers.

As part of our overseas mission 'Table Church' was taken to Serbia where we took part in the European Congress of Churches. It was well used and appreciated by the delegates, including the archbishop of Canterbury and others, as we travelled through Europe. It also travelled to Uganda, where I met with the team we work with, leading a retreat and a mission on the border with Congo. Both missions were wonderfully supported with prayer by the home team.

We are very blessed by our church wardens, Nikki Glover and Martin Lindsay, our treasurer Patrick Brown and our PCC. Nikki and Brian's quiz nights at St Mary's are now legendary in Ash Vale, and Martin began heading up a new team of Sunday School leaders. This is all just a sample of how we are church at St Mary's. I feel very blessed to be part of a church that is trying to walk with and witness to Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit as we study the word of God. After ten years at St Mary's I did wonder if it was time to move on, I even had a look around but I can honestly say that there is nowhere as cutting edge, exciting and with a team like the one here at St Mary's Ash Vale and so it will continue to be my privilege to serve God and you until.....

Love and blessings,
Neil.

ASH VALE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of the parish of Ash Vale

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2018 which are set out on pages 19 to 30.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

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

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



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19th March 2019

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST.MARY'S, ASH VALE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ending 31 December 2018

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	TOTAL 2018	TOTAL 2017
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Incoming resources	Notes					
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income	2(a)	84,628	35,542	—	120,170	116,722
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	20,294	777	—	21,071	20,729
Investment income	2(c)	4	1,891	—	1,895	1,882
Incoming resources from charitable activities	2(d)	2,211	—	—	2,211	2,820
Total incoming resources		107,138	38,210	—	145,348	142,153
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Resources used						
Cost of generating funds						
Cost of generating voluntary income	3(a)	597	15	—	612	438
Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other...	3(b)	451	—	—	451	571
Charitable activities	3(c)	106,367	36,609	—	142,976	149,154
Governance costs	3(d)	225	—	—	225	253
Total resources used		107,640	36,623	—	144,263	150,416
Net incoming / outgoing resources before transfer		(502)	1,587	—	1,085	(8,263)
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Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds	5	—	—	—	—	—
Net incoming / outgoing before other gains /		(502)	1,587	—	1,085	(8,263)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains / losses on investment assets	6(b)	—	(845)	—	(845)	4,711
Net movement in funds		(502)	742	—	240	(3,552)
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Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		7,045	70,159	—	77,204	80,756
Total funds carried forward		6,544	70,901	—	77,444	77,204
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The notes on pages 21 to 30 form part of this account

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST.MARY'S, ASH VALE

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2018

	Notes	2018 £	2017 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6 (a)	3,899	4,679
Investments	6 (b)	54,333	56,289
		<u>58,232</u>	<u>60,968</u>
Current assets			
Stocks and work in progress		126	161
Debtors	7(a)	5,015	7,285
Cash at bank and in hand	7(b)	21,112	18,030
		<u>26,252</u>	<u>25,477</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	8	7,040	9,240
Net current assets less current liabilities		<u>19,213</u>	<u>16,236</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>77,444</u>	<u>77,204</u>
Total net assets less liabilities		<u>77,444</u>	<u>77,204</u>
Represented by			
Unrestricted			
Unrestricted - General fund		5,609	6,109
Designated			
Designated - Administrators Float		50	50
Designated - Bookstall Fund		395	390
Designated - Community Development		420	420
Designated - Thursday cafe		70	76
Restricted			
Restricted - Abbeywood Minibus Training		320	—
Restricted - Chapel Fund		—	30
Restricted - Flood Forum		40	40
Restricted - Haslemere		1,400	2,548
Restricted - Maintenance Fund		150	—
Restricted - PCC Investment Fund		59,465	61,923
Restricted - PCC Memorial Fund		464	462
Restricted - Postcode Community Trust Fund		3,500	—
Restricted - Project Manager		464	281
Restricted - Refugee Project		2,882	—
Restricted - Roof Appeal		239	203
Restricted - Supporting Refugees		—	704
Restricted - Table Church		235	—
Restricted - Uganda Project		1,741	3,967
Funds of the church		<u>77,444</u>	<u>77,204</u>

Approved by the PCC on **13th March 2019** and signed on their behalf by:

The Revd Neil Lambert (PCC chairman) and Mr Patrick Brown (PCC Treasurer)

Patrick Brown
Neil Lambert

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Notes to the Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2018

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

FUND ACCOUNTING

General or unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that may be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and the restrictions are provided in note 9,

INCOMING RESOURCES

Voluntary income and capital sources

Planned giving collections and similar donations are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Tax received under Gift Aided giving is recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain. Funds raised by fetes and special events are accounted for gross. Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other Income

Rental income from lettings of the Community Centre and church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

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

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31st December.

RESOURCES USED

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these financial statements as an operational (although not a legal liability) and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

FIXED ASSETS

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by s.10 (2) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalized and depreciated in the financial statements over their current anticipated useful economic life (initially over ten years) on a straight line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items under £1,000 are written off when the asset is acquired.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis for purchases at purchase price of	over £4,999	-	over ten years
	£1001 - £4,999	-	over five years

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

INVESTMENTS

Investments are valued at market value at 31st December.

CURRENT ASSETS

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Amounts owed by the PCC at 31st December in respect of church fees and suppliers of goods or services to the 31st December for which accounts have not been received. They include unfulfilled commitments made by the PCC in respect of Christmas and outward giving.

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2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2018 £	TOTAL 2017 £
2(a) Voluntary income						
Gift Aid - Bank	37,423	—	474	—	37,897	34,617
Gift Aid planned giving	520	—	280	—	800	—
Gift Aid - Envelopes	13,318	—	—	—	13,318	17,849
Other planned giving	10,008	—	—	—	10,008	14,645
Other planned giving - Envelopes	1,421	—	—	—	1,421	847
Loose plate collections	2,983	—	449	—	3,432	2,549
One-off Gift Aid gifts	882	—	9,676	—	10,558	4,992
G. Aid Donations - Chapel Building Works	—	—	—	—	—	11,000
Donations appeals etc	889	—	2,425	—	3,314	3,353
Sundry Donations - Churches Together	162	—	—	—	162	274
Sundry Donations - Summer Creativity	—	—	—	—	—	405
Sundry Donations - Table Church	—	—	150	—	150	19
Sundry Donations - Lent Books	—	—	—	—	—	25
Sundry Donations - Messy Church	222	—	—	—	222	265
Sundry Donations - Little Lambs	543	—	—	—	543	233
Sundry Donations - Stir Up Sunday	74	—	—	—	74	98
Sundry Donations - Advent Books	35	—	—	—	35	—
Chapel - Friday Cafe	—	—	344	—	344	—
Chapel Arts	—	—	22	—	22	—
Chapel Filmshare	—	—	516	—	516	—
Chapel Kids	—	—	477	—	477	—
Uganda 2018	—	—	789	—	789	—
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	13,144	—	2,520	—	15,664	17,110
GASDS	2,203	—	554	—	2,757	891
Recurring grants	—	—	—	—	—	3,000
Non-recurring one-off grants	—	—	16,868	—	16,868	4,548
Church Events	802	—	—	—	802	—
	84,628	—	35,542	—	120,170	116,722
2(b) Activities for generating funds						
Quiz Nights	2,382	—	—	—	2,382	1,089
Strawberry Tea	—	—	137	—	137	—
Churches Together Fund Raising	—	—	640	—	640	—
General Fund Raising	—	—	—	—	—	28
Church hall lettings - fund raising	—	13,628	—	—	13,628	14,934
Magazine income - advertising	—	3,220	—	—	3,220	3,584
Sunday Coffee Money	435	—	—	—	435	492
Thursday Cafe	—	629	—	—	629	603
	2,817	17,477	777	—	21,071	20,729
2(c) Investment income						
Dividends	—	—	1,889	—	1,889	1,879
Bank and building society interest	2	2	2	—	6	3
	2	2	1,891	—	1,895	1882
2(d) Incoming resources from charitable activities						
Fees for weddings and funerals	861	—	—	—	861	1,420
Organist & Verger fees	—	—	—	—	—	235
Bookstall sales to promote objectives	—	121	—	—	121	284
Hire of Church	1,229	—	—	—	1,229	881
	2,090	121	—	—	2,211	2,820
Total incoming resources	89,537	17,601	38,210	—	145,348	142,153

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3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2018 £	TOTAL 2017 £
3(a) Cost of generating voluntary income						
Costs of stewardship campaign	157	—	—	—	157	168
Costs of fetes & other events	440	—	5	—	445	217
Cost of Fund Raising - Table Church	—	—	1	—	1	—
Cost of Fund Raising - Summer Creativity	—	—	—	—	—	39
Cost of Fund Raising - Chapel Building	—	—	—	—	—	13
Cost of Fund Raising - Uganda 2018	—	—	9	—	9	—
	597	—	15	—	612	438
3(b) Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs						
Sunday Coffee Money	116	—	—	—	116	240
Thursday Cafe	—	335	—	—	335	331
	116	335	—	—	451	571
Cost of generating funds						
3(c) Charitable activities						
Giving to missionary societies	2,260	—	—	—	2,260	2,430
Giving - relief and development agencies	2,290	—	—	—	2,290	3,170
Home mission	2,355	—	—	—	2,355	2,530
Secular charities	—	—	640	—	640	—
Ministry parish share etc	63,908	—	—	—	63,908	63,177
Salary of parish administrator	6,917	—	—	—	6,917	6,176
Salary of Project Manager	2,722	—	7,723	—	10,444	9,979
Vicar's telephone	624	—	—	—	624	627
Hospitality	21	—	150	—	171	100
Health & Safety	362	—	1,137	—	1,499	34
Youth & Families Work	155	—	115	—	270	207
Outreach	361	—	—	—	361	164
Churches Together	32	—	—	—	32	449
Pastoral	204	—	—	—	204	753
Burger Budget	1,474	—	—	—	1,474	745
Houseware	—	—	185	—	185	—
Clothes & Food	—	—	160	—	160	—
Church running - insurance	—	926	—	—	926	896
Computer Equipment / Consumables	677	—	449	—	1,126	665
Audio Visual	167	—	209	—	376	176
Organ & Choir	211	—	—	—	211	321
Church maintenance	1,378	921	100	—	2,399	4,800
Upkeep of services	1,125	—	—	—	1,125	1,864
Flowers	237	—	—	—	237	262
Baptism & Confirmation	—	—	—	—	—	31
Organist & Verger Fees	—	—	—	—	—	235
Messy Church	136	—	—	—	136	195
Little Lambs	42	—	—	—	42	5
Table Church	—	—	—	—	—	356
Sofa Church	180	—	425	—	605	—
Administration	681	11	—	—	692	850
Presentations	129	—	—	—	129	—
Visiting speakers / locums	102	—	—	—	102	39
Social Events	873	—	—	—	873	77
Study Groups	426	—	—	—	426	104
Haselmere Costs	—	—	1,148	—	1,148	70

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3 RESOURCES EXPENDED (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2018 £	TOTAL 2017 £
3(c) Charitable activities (continued)						
Prayer Ministry	42	—	—	—	42	—
Utilities - Refugee Project	—	—	100	—	100	—
Church running - electric	—	365	—	—	365	680
Church running - gas	—	1,308	—	—	1,308	1,641
Church Running - Boiler	—	178	—	—	178	84
Church running - water	—	517	—	—	517	314
Magazine expenses	—	3,714	512	—	4,225	4,423
Bookstall costs	—	116	—	—	116	236
Chapel - Building Works	—	—	—	—	—	13,737
Chapel - Summer Creativity	—	—	—	—	—	402
Chapel	—	—	15,292	—	15,292	100
Uganda	—	—	6,093	—	6,093	2,686
Hall running - electricity	—	365	—	—	365	680
Hall running - gas	—	1,308	—	—	1,308	1,641
Hall Running - Boiler	—	178	—	—	178	84
Hall running - insurance	—	397	—	—	397	384
Hall running - maintenance	—	4,709	—	—	4,709	3,092
Hall running - water	—	517	—	—	517	314
Hall Running - Supplies	—	746	—	—	746	1,257
Quinquennial	—	—	1,180	—	1,180	—
Equipment Depreciation	—	—	780	—	780	955
Church major repairs - installation	—	—	97	—	97	7,870
New Church Carpets	—	—	—	—	—	7,000
Church repairs - miscellaneous	—	—	114	—	114	85
	90,091	16,276	36,609	—	142,976	149,154
Governance costs						
3(d) Governance costs examination/audit fee	225	—	—	—	225	253
	225	—	—	—	225	253
Total resources expended	91,029	16,611	36,623	—	144,263	150,416

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4 STAFF COSTS

	2018	2017
	£	£
Wages and salaries	20,827	20,455
Pension	725	284
Social security costs	751	408
Total staff costs	<u>22,303</u>	<u>21,147</u>

During the year we employed on a part-time basis a parish administrator, a project manager and a cleaner/caretaker.

5 TRANSERS BETWEEN FUNDS

During 2018 there were no transfers between restricted and unrestricted funds.

6 FIXED ASSETS

6(a) TANGIBLE ASSETS

EQUIPMENT

	Unrestricted Funds 2018 £	Restricted Funds 2018 £	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
Market value as at 1st January	—	4,679	4,679	5,634
Acquisitions at cost	—	—	—	—
Depreciation	—	(780)	(780)	(955)
Sale of Equipment	—	—	—	—
Market value as at 31st December	<u>—</u>	<u>3,899</u>	<u>3,899</u>	<u>4,679</u>

During 2014 a digital printer was purchased at a capital cost of £6,800 from proceeds from the sale of shares held with the CBF Church of England Investment Fund

During 2016 we purchased high capacity paper trays for the digital printer at a capital cost of £999

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6(b) INVESTMENTS

Income shares held with the CBF Church of England Investment Fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2018	2018	2018	2017
	£	£	£	£
Market value as at 1st January	—	56,289	56,289	61,199
Acquisitions at cost (reinvested dividends)	—	1,889	1,889	1,879
Net unrealised gain / (loss)	—	(845)	(845)	4,711
Sale of Shares (Transfer to funds)	—	(3,000)	(3,000)	(11,500)
Market value as at 31st December	<u>—</u>	<u>54,333</u>	<u>54,333</u>	<u>56,289</u>

Original value of the investment was £20,000. The market value quoted includes the revaluation of shares and dividends reinvested at the year end

7 CURRENT ASSETS

7(a) DEBTORS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2018	2018	2018	2017
	£	£	£	£
Tax recoverable	2,850	198	3,048	5,378
GASDS	1,043	378	1,421	—
Paid in advance	(192)	—	(192)	(361)
Parishioner advertising	210	—	210	425
Hall Hire - Marine Cadets	—	—	—	464
Hall Hire - Sunflower Nursery	—	—	—	926
Aged debtors	200	—	200	200
Other debtors	267	61	328	253
	<u>4,378</u>	<u>637</u>	<u>5,015</u>	<u>7,285</u>

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7(b) CASH IN BANK AND IN HAND

		Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
CCLA Deposit Accounts (4)		1,290	1,284
Co-op Current Account		9,319	9,373
Lloyds Current Account		4,931	4,914
Lloyds Community Centre Account		2,481	1,305
Lloyds Refugee Project Account		1,620	704
Lloyds Bookstall Account		247	207
Cash in hand	General	—	95
	Refugee Project	1,060	—
	Bookstall	44	22
	Thursday Café	70	76
	Admin Float	50	50
		<hr/> 1,224	<hr/> 243
		<hr/> 21,112	<hr/> 18,030

8 LIABILITIES

CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds 2018 £	Restricted Funds 2018 £	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
Annual outward giving (current year)	6,780	-	6,780	7,290
British Gas	900	-	900	1,200
Castle Water	(1,200)	-	(1,200)	-
Southern Electric	(1,225)	-	(1,225)	-
Farnham Maltings	420	-	420	-
Nye Saunders	-	1,180	1,180	-
Other creditors	145	40	185	750
	<hr/> 5,820	<hr/> 1,220	<hr/> 7,040	<hr/> 9,240

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9 FUNDS

Designated funds

Designated funds are funds held by the PCC to capture the cost of specific activities and, with the exception of the Bookstall, Thursday Café, Community Development Fund and the Administrators float, their net surpluses/deficits transferred back to the general fund at year end.

The Community Development Fund was set up in 2015 to encourage engagement with the community in supporting local, short-term community projects.

Restricted funds

The main restricted funds are:

The PCC Investment fund which may be used for religious purposes only

The Uganda Project fund which may be used to support our work with our partners in Uganda (including the cost of visits to and from Uganda)

The Chapel fund, which during previous years was used to support the work and costs associated with the upkeep of the Chapel, was transferred to the Chapel's own bank account during 2014. From 2015 onwards the balance of income and expenditure through St. Mary's books are transferred to the Chapel's own bank account.

The Roof Appeal fund was created in 2013 to help provide for the costs of the repair work to the roof of the church buildings.

The Maintenance fund was created in 2014 to help provide for the costs of structural improvements and for fixtures and fittings.

The Supporting Refugees fund was created in 2015 and may be used for costs associated with our mission to support refugees both in this country and abroad. At the start of 2018 the PCC agreed to transfer this fund into a new fund called Refugee Project fund.

The Project Manager fund was created in 2016 to partly provide for the costs of employing a part-time project manager from a re-occurring but reducing grant from the dioceses.

The Haslemere fund was originally created in 2014 to provide support for our young people attending Haslemere Ventures during 2014 and 2015. During 2016 it remained dormant but has now been reactivated as a result of Co-op Local Community Funding received during the latter part of 2017 specifically for this purpose.

The Abbeywood Minibus Training fund was set up in 2018 to raise money to provide for the training of an Abbeywood employee to drive their minibus so that more residents will be able to attend our church services and functions.

The Postcode Community Trust fund was created in 2018 as a result of a successful bid for funding for the Project Manager costs (50%) and specific arts & crafts equipment (50%).

The Refugee Project was set up in 2018 to support a Syrian refugee family to settle in Ash Vale under the Government scheme run through Guildford Borough Council.

The Table Church fund was set up in 2018 to provide for the transport costs during Table Church activities.

The other restricted funds are normally raised for their specific purposes and expended during the same year with the exception of the Memorial Fund which was set up to support local churches in need.

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Balances as at 1st January 2018 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Gains and Losses £	Balances as at 31st December 2018 £
Unrestricted						
General fund	6,109	89,537	91,029	991	—	5,609
	6,109	89,537	91,029	991	—	5,609
Designated						
Administrators Float	50	—	—	—	—	50
Bookstall Fund	390	121	116	—	—	395
Community Development Fund	420	—	—	—	—	420
Community Centre Fund	—	13,630	12,446	(1,185)	—	—
Parishioner	—	3,220	3,714	494	—	—
Thursday cafe	76	629	335	(300)	—	70
	936	17,601	16,611	(991)	—	935
Total (non restricted funds)	7,045	107,138	107,640	—	—	6,544
Restricted						
Abbeywood Minibus Training	—	322	2	—	—	320
Chapel Fund	30	13,764	13,794	—	—	—
Flood Forum	40	—	—	—	—	40
Haslemere	2,548	—	1,148	—	—	1,400
Maintenance Fund	—	150	—	—	—	150
PCC Investment Fund	61,923	1,889	3,502	—	(845)	59,465
PCC Memorial Fund	462	2	—	—	—	464
Parishioner	—	512	512	—	—	—
Postcode Community Trust Fund	—	10,000	6,500	—	—	3,500
Project Manager	281	2,688	2,505	—	—	464
Refugee Project	—	3,557	1,379	704	—	2,882
Roof Appeal	203	150	114	—	—	239
Sofa Church	—	425	425	—	—	—
Special Collections	—	640	640	—	—	—
Supporting Refugees	704	—	—	(704)	—	—
Table Church	—	236	1	—	—	235
Uganda Project	3,967	3,875	6,101	—	—	1,741
Sub total	70,159	38,210	36,623	—	(845)	70,901
Total funds	77,204	145,348	144,263	—	(845)	77,444