

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Report

Our aims and purposes as a charity

The primary objective of Lavant PCC is our Mission Statement,

‘To lead the people of Lavant into the knowledge and love of God, and bring them into the life and worship of Christ’s church.’

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector, the Reverend Dr. David Jarratt in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England;
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and, ecumenical.
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known;
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need or, ability to pay;
- Providing financial support to those in need and to other organisations with similar objectives.

What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objectives

When planning our activities for the year, the Rector and the PCC considered the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on ‘charities for the advancement of religion’.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops’ guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

In 2018 the PCC continued with the objectives and activities planned in 2017 to fulfil the following aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community
- Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- Considering how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament
- Offering worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, in small group situations
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Providing assistance to the poor and needy of the parish
- Giving grants to missionary organisations
- Reaching out to non-churchgoers through assisting in the organisation of the village fete, and new activities at St Nicholas Church to create a community hub at the heart of the most populated part of the village
- Maintaining the fabric of the church buildings as historic centres and focuses of life in the village
- Ensuring the financial sustainability of two churches

What we achieved and how we affected beneficiaries' lives

Attendance at worship

The Lavant Churches welcome visitors from within as well as outside the parish boundary. Visitors attend by personal choice and, it is our great pleasure to welcome anyone from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church. Voluntary attendance to worship is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities. At the end of 2018 there were 309 members registered on the church electoral roll, a decrease of 7 since reported at the previous APCM. 31% of those on the roll live within the parish boundaries, however a further 62% live within a 7 mile radius of the parish.

The worshipping congregation has increased with an average of 163 including 12 children (up to 10) and 7 young people (11-17.) The worshipping community is defined as those who attend at least once monthly. There has been a reduction of people attending weekly but an increase of those who attend at least monthly.

Numbers attending all the Easter services including the Easter Vigil were 258 – slightly down on the previous year when Holy Baptisms were included. The worshipping congregation has increased but there are fewer attending weekly but do attend at least monthly. (Worshipping Congregation is defined as those you attend at least once monthly)

The Songs of Praise service ending in a barbecue held in September was well received and enjoyed by all.

A new All Hallows Eve Service of Light on 31 October was well attended by 25 children who after the service enjoyed a bonfire and refreshments in the Rectory garden.

Christmas is a very special time of celebration where many sections of the community come together to join in the services. Our Christingle Service was attended by 88 people, this service being in aid of the Children's Society. The following week a Carol Service was well attended by 143 persons and enjoyed by all. Our Crib Service on Christmas Eve at St Nicholas saw the church packed to capacity with particularly high attendance from local families with young children. On this occasion we welcomed 127 worshippers.

In May the Rector stated that he was conscious of the need to do something different for the service on the third Sunday of the month. To this end there have been alterations to the musical settings and alternative wording for The Gloria and Creed together with some amendments to the prayers. The PCC welcomed the changes and they were introduced at Pentecost. There has been positive feedback on this change and it will continue to be used. There is no intention to change the form of service at St Mary's.

The 'Let's Celebrate' service format on the first Sunday of the month will continue in order to reach out to non-churchgoers in an informal way to encourage them to take the first steps on their faith journey.

The mid-week, morning communion remained popular with a small but faithful group of mainly older members of the community, who appreciate the additional opportunity for group worship and fellowship.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

In 2018 there have been 12 (7) weddings, 11 (8) church funerals (sometimes followed by Cremation) 3 services taken by the Rector at the Crematorium and 14 (12) baptisms.

Note: Figures in brackets show numbers for the previous year.

Our worship continues to be led and informed by our Rector, Reverend Dr David Jarratt, assisted occasionally by retired priest the Reverend Geoff Barter. A faithful number of adults undertake to lead our junior church and we are always seeking to welcome new leaders and helpers. Encouragement is given to extend the number of people leading groups at Lent and Advent. We enjoy a very positive relationship with our local Church of England Primary School, where a weekly assembly is conducted by the Rector.

Setting God's People Free – is a Church of England initiative for Renewal and Reform. It was suggested that we have a Lay Champion to oversee this work. Mrs Blades kindly agreed to take on the role of finding new ways to reach out to the community and encourage people to "dip their toes" in the life and worship of our church in Lavant

Evangelism and outreach

Lavant churchgoers are the lifeblood of many regular village events as well as new initiatives. A highlight of the year is the annual Village Fete which is a wonderful community event, bringing together hundreds of families to enjoy stalls and sideshows many of which are run by or supported by members of the Lavant churches. The local Church of England Primary school is also very much at the heart of the church community and is supported in its fundraising activities by members of the church who run stalls at or attend its regular Fairs and Jumble Sales. This year saw the introduction of a Community Activities leaflet to inform everyone of what events are held at St Nic's together with a note on service times and how to hire Church premises. This was distributed to all within the parish and leaflets are available in both Churches. The Lavant Churches offer a number of well attended outreach activities including a monthly Lunch House attended regularly by over 35 villagers and church members; and a monthly Tea and Chat, mainly for elderly villagers although all are welcome; and a thriving Toddler Group which meets weekly in term time and welcomes up to 20 pre-school children and their parent or carer. The monthly Saturday Brunch has proved very popular and welcomes villagers and churchgoers alike, around 50 – 60 breakfasts are served each month, including parents or grandparents with children who come to enjoy a relaxed brunch while their children are occupied at the craft tables. The monthly Pizza and Film night in St Nicholas Church for primary school aged children ran for a few months at the beginning of the year as initially attendance had been high but as there was no one willing to take on the responsibility of running it, and attendance was dropping off, the decision was made not to continue.

Lavant News is the monthly Parish Magazine prepared by a small team which has the objective of uniting the interests of the Church and the village, promoting community spirit. Publicity in the magazine encourages villagers who may not be churchgoers to join in events organised by the church. 11 issues were distributed in 2018 (one magazine for December/January). The December magazine was distributed free of charge to every household (750) in the parish (normal subscription 50p.) In November the PCC discussed as to whether it was possible to distribute it free to everyone in the parish plus those of our worshipping community outside of Lavant Church. Part of our mission is to reach out to everyone and this is one step towards that goal. After considering all aspects the PCC agreed that from May 2019 it would be free to everyone with additional copies available in both churches.

During the period January to March an Alpha Course, led by The Rector, was held at Lavant Primary School. This was very successful with 20+ people attending and attracted those beginning their knowledge of Jesus as well as more regular worshippers seeking to deepen their understanding. The highlight was an "Away Day" at the Sherbourne Room in the Bishop's Palace.

(Please see more detailed reports in the Parish Reports section.)

Provision of the church building for people to enjoy

We celebrated baptisms and weddings and funerals in our churches during the year. Our churches continue to be appreciated by our parishioners and many others, as spaces where life events are celebrated with joy and thanksgiving. The focus continues to find ways in which the St Nicholas church building can be used for events in addition to services. Its position at the heart of the most populated part of the village together with its lack of fixed pews and well equipped kitchen make it an ideal venue for community events. It is currently used twice a week by the Post Office as well as being the venue for our outreach activities: Lunch House, Tea & Chat, Toddler group, and Saturday Brunch.

This year has seen the church used for fund raising events, meetings of village groups, one being the History Group who organised a very successful weekend which included the opening of the vault for many to take a look at, together with public consultation events hosted by the Parish Council and, a community choir meeting once a week. The Parish Clerk uses St Nic's twice a week as a Parish Office to facilitate her work as the Parish Clerk.

It is important to us that the church is available for private prayer not just to the church family but to the wider visiting community. To this end St Mary's church is always open during daylight hours and the entries in the Visitors' Book testify to this.

Spatial reordering of the church building and future projects

Ongoing decisions are made in faith, to adopt and encourage the Diocesan Strategy of re-imagining of ministry and, to modernise our church building, pointing to a hopeful future. However, such improvements will require the continued spiritual and financial commitment from all of us, to see it realised. The increased use of St Nicholas by community groups has highlighted some of its shortcomings, particularly with regard to access to the church, heating, lighting and sound. Plans are being drawn up but the processes and procedures that are required all take time and progress has not been as swift as would have liked. It had been hoped fund raising would commence in 2018 but until consultation with both the church and wider community has taken place this cannot happen. It is hoped that this consultation will take place in the spring of 2019.

Archivist

In February it was resolved to appoint a person who was not on the PCC to take on the position. The PCC duly appointed Barbara Treverton to fulfil this role. Barbara has now recorded the resolutions and listed and catalogued all the papers held in the Church. She has also researched information we have needed and regularly uses the County Archives in Chichester to copy particular papers we have required. The PCC are extremely grateful to Barbara for undertaking this work.

Rector's Role

Rector's role – description. There is now a requirement under the new common tenure for this document to be completed. The PCC unanimously agreed acceptance.

Fairtrade

In May a decision was taken not to become registered as a Fairtrade Church but to purchase supplies from Traidcraft. Unfortunately Traidcraft went out of business towards the end of the year and therefore fairtrade items are now purchased where possible, often via the fairtrade stall at the Brunch Cafe.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

Lavant is a relatively small community with a strong sense of neighbourliness. Members of the church offer support and keep an eye on more vulnerable members, be it to assist with short term practical help or longer term needs. Those requesting spiritual support are held in prayer weekly, and according to their wishes, their reasons for asking for prayer support remain confidential. The Rector regularly makes home and hospital visits and a small team delivers home communions to those too frail to attend church.

In 2017 prayer trees were introduced in each church and these are overseen by our Healing Ministry Team who respond in prayer to the requests on the prayer trees before passing them to the Rector. The Healing Ministry offers to pray with and for those in need as part of the main service on the fourth Sunday of the month. The Memorial Chapel is made available for those who wish to join the Healing Ministry team at this time.

Provision of tangible support to the poor and needy

It has been our custom in recent years that the Harvest festival gifts of tinned, packeted and dried foods are donated to the Food Bank in Chichester. Up to 35 smaller bags of mixed produce are delivered to those people in the village who are considered to be in need, or elderly folk who appreciate the kindness at this time of year. Many of the donations come from the local primary school whose children also take part in the distribution of the Harvest gifts.

Lunch House provides an excellent three course meal, once a month, for only £4 – available to anyone in the community.

No charge is made for the Brunch Cafe enabling those with young families to enjoy refreshment without the pressure of payment.

Other charitable giving

The Outreach Group has overseen our charitable giving to groups and others. During the year group collections and individual donations raised a total of £4687 Fundraising included £534 divided equally between the Barnabas Fund and Cancer Wise from our Lent Appeal; £907 in aid of Mary's Meals from the Harvest Appeal ,and the sum of £1894 was divided equally between the charities for the homeless, Chichester Churches Homeless Support and Safe in Sussex from the Christmas Appeal. The Christian Aid Cake Sale in May raised £636 the collections for the Royal British Legion's poppy appeal raised £391 and the Children's Society Christingle collection raised a total of £325 of which £187 was raised by us with the balance raised by the Primary School

Those who took part in the Ride and Stride event in September raised approximately £1264 of which half goes to the Sussex Historic Churches Trust and half to Lavant Churches.

In previous years the PCC has been committed, by resolution, to giving 5% on its annual income from planned giving and normal collections to charitable causes. In July discussion took place as to whether we were in a position to donate this amount given that we were fully committed to our current income level. It was therefore resolved that we should not be tied to an annual review of this policy and it was unanimously agreed not to continue with the outward giving policy as we struggle to pay our annual parish share of £72588(2019)

As can be seen from above the Outreach Group representing the church is continuing to donate to many charitable purposes throughout the year.

Financial Review 2018

Unrestricted funds

This fund relates to everyday trading.

The total income for the year £106,251 exceeded expenditure £102,208 by £4,043. This result was an improvement on the previous year when a loss of £8,390 was reported.

Income. The general income was £9,825 greater (10%) than 2017. The Parish Giving Scheme (increase 13%), rejuvenated in 2017, partially reflects the improvement in income with the small inflationary increase in January 2018 and new members. In addition Fees from Weddings and Funerals held up £5,681 (£4,712) and reflects our Rector's approach to encourage people to be married in Church. There was an improvement in activities generating funds £12,682 (£10,430) as the church community continues to be active and grows.

Expenditure. There was a reduction of expenditure compared to the previous year by £2,608. The PCC paid its parish share in full £69,656 (£68,864). The Rectors expense increased due to travel costs as he is more active within the parish £6,018 (£5,300) and inflationary costs. Energy costs was higher £7,899 (£4,495) due to electricity prices, which have risen steeply and last year we did not buy any heating oil. It would cost about £4,000 to fill the tank and we use between 25% to 50% of tank capacity each year.

Restricted Funds- namely Building fund and specific collections.

There was little general movement in this fund. The churchwardens continue to address points raised in the quinquennial review but we have to be cautious and understand that costs associated with two old buildings can be hidden. Income £11,594 (£6756) was in excess of Expenditure £8,434 (£7,860) by £3160. We have paid the architect cost as and when they arise for work associated with the refurbishment of St Nicholas. We are grateful for several donations to meet these costs. Charitable giving was £4688 (£5534)

Staff Costs

The PCC pays for the organists but volunteers do the graveyard maintenance. The salary of the organist was reviewed in January 2019

Trustee payments

No payment were made to PCC members in the year other than for the reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC

Reserve Policy

The PCC continues to maintain a reserve policy of £20,000 or 3 months turnover. Last year the financial commentary assumed an improved financial position and that the accounts would move to a balanced position, which has been reflected in this year's results.

Legacy Policy.

The PCC resolved to implement a legacy policy. Information leaflets will be made available in Church encouraging people to remember that Lavant Churches is a charity and it is largely through legacies that substantial maintenance and improvement works have been possible.

Structure, governance and management of the charity

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Ex Officio member

Incumbent:	The Revd Dr David Jarratt	Chairman
Elected Wardens:	Mrs Cynthia Blades Mr Ben Smith	Vice Chairman
Elected Members:	Mr James Pickford Mrs Lindsay Campbell Mrs Sheila Sims	Treasurer Secretary until April 2018 Secretary from May 2018
	Mrs Sophie Elsdon Mrs Caroline Loten Mrs Zoe Mann Mrs Margaret Rhodes Mr Richard Ryder Mrs Jean Sherrington Mr Barry Tester Mrs Shirley Whincop Mr Jonathan Hooker	from April 2018 from April 2018 from April 2018 stood down July 2018
	Mr Andrew Dicker Mr Greg Dorey Mrs Pat Riches	retiring from April 2018 retiring from April 2018 retiring from April 2018
Deanery Synod	Mr Phil Binns Mrs Karen Crossley Mrs Jo Heather Mrs Deecie Tester Mrs Elizabeth Woodford	

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent), the churchwardens (elected annually and who by resolution of the PCC may serve for a maximum of 5 years in succession) and members of the Deanery Synod (elected to serve for 3 years) and 12 members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) to serve for a period of 3 years before seeking re-election for a further 3 year period only. Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

This Trustees' Annual Report was **approved** by the PCC and signed on their behalf by The Reverend Dr. David Jarratt, PCC Chairman

Annual Financial Report

of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Lavant

St Mary with St Nicholas Church, Lavant

Pook Lane, East Lavant, PO18 0AH

Registered Charity no. 1131684

For the year ended 31st December 2018

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Summary of Financial Receipts and Payments

The financial effect of our activities during the year can be summarised as follows:

	<i>Unrestricted</i>		<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Endowed</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Notes</i>
	<i>General</i>	<i>Designated</i>	<i>Fund/s</i>	<i>Fund/s</i>	<i>All Funds</i>	<i>All Funds</i>	
	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Funds</i>			<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	87,881	-	11,031	-	98,912	87,905	
Charitable activities	5,681	-	-	-	5,681	4,712	
Other trading activities	12,682	-	400	-	13,082	10,430	
Investments	7	-	163	-	170	134	
Total received	106,251	-	11,594	-	117,845	103,181	3
Expenditure on:							
Cost of raising funds	837	-	-	-	837	140	
Charitable costs	97,071	-	8,321	-	105,392	109,594	
Trading costs	4,300	-	113	-	4,413	5,248	
Other payments	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total paid	102,208	-	8,434	-	110,642	114,982	5
<i>Reconciliation of funds:</i>							
Net income or (net expenditure)	4,043	-	3,160	-	7,203	(11,801)	
Transfer between funds	14,743	-13,460	-1283		-	-	11
Net movement in funds	14,743	-13460	-1,283		-		
Bank accounts at 1 January	14,889	13,460	27,680		56,029	67,029	
Bank accounts at 31 December	33,675	-	29,557	-	63,232	56,029	A&L

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Our financial position at the year-end was

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	<i>Unrestricted</i>		<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Endowed</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Notes</i>
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowed	Total	Total	
	Fund	Funds	Fund/s	Fund/s	All Funds	All Funds	
	2018				2018	2017	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Assets:							
Bank current accounts	32,881		29,557		62,438	18,061	
Cash	794				794	-	
CBF Deposit Fund					-	37,968	
	33,675	-	29,557	-	63,232	56,029	
				-	-	-	
Total bank, cash & deposit accounts	33,675	-	29,557	-	63,232	56,029	
Gift Aid recoverable	2,250	-	550	-	2,800	2,590	
Debtors	2,250	-	550	-	2,800		
424 CBF Investment Fund							
Income shares				6,847	6,847	6,951	
Chancel Trust income held by the Diocese		-	-	2,894	2,894	2,662	
Investment assets at market value	-	-	-	9,741	9,741	9,613	
Total assets	35,925	-	30,107	9,741	75,773	68,232	
Liabilities:							
Magazine sales & adverts received in advance	3,600				3,600	1,900	
Electricity est.	950				950	730	
Total liabilities	4,550	-	-	-	4,550	2,630	

This Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2018, including the notes following, was approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by the Revd. Dr David Jarratt, PCC Chairman:

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Notes to the Financial Report

1 The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and Current Church Accounting Regulations, using Receipts and Payments basis.

2 The following assets are recognised but not valued in the Statement of Assets and liabilities: Movable Church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, which require a faculty for disposal.

3 Analysis of total received

	Unrestricted		Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total All Funds 2018	Total All Funds 2017	Notes
	General Fund	Designated Funds					
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Planned giving (excl. tax refunds)	55,754	-	-	-	55,754	51,109	
Loose cash collections	7,297	-	2,448	-	9,745	8,151	
Donations & special appeals	5,290	-	7,040	-	12,330	6,686	
Gift Aid recovered	15,136	-	1,115	-	16,251	15,431	
Fund raising	3,404	-	317	-	3,721	1,238	
Bookstall sales		-	111	-	111	-	
Legacies	1,000	-	-	-	1,000	4,000	4
Grants		-	-	-	-	1,290	
Donations and legacies	87,881	-	11,031	-	98,912	87,905	
Fees for weddings & funerals	5,681	-	-	-	5,681	4,712	
Charitable activities	5,681	-	-	-	5,681	4,712	
Village fete	800	-	400	-	1,200	850	
Magazine sales	1,593	-	-	-	1,593	1,589	
Magazine advertising	6,434	-	-	-	6,434	5,351	
Hall lettings	3,445	-	-	-	3,445	1,930	
Post Office - St Nicholas	410	-	-	-	410	710	
Other trading activities	12,682	-	400	-	13,082	10,430	
Bank & CBF deposit interest	7		163	-	170	134	
Investments	7	-	163	-	170	134	
Other receipts	-				-	-	
Total received on all funds	106,251	-	11,594	-	117,845	103,181	

4. A legacy of £1000 was received from the late Elizabeth Burness

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5. Analysis of total paid:

	Unrestricted		<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Endowed</i>	Total	<i>Total</i>
	General	Designated			All Funds	All Funds
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Fund/s</u>	<u>Fund/s</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Stewardship costs	143	-	-	-	143	124
Fundraising expenses	694	-	-	-	694	16
Cost of raising funds	837	-	-	-	837	140
Charitable grants & donations:		-	-	-		
Barnabas Fund		-	267	-	267	
Cancerwise		-	267	-	267	
Christian Aid		-	636	-	636	
Mary's Meals		-	907	-	907	
Royal British Legion		-	391	-	391	
Safe in Sussex		-	947	-	947	
Chichester Homeless Project		-	947	-	947	
Children's Society		-	325	-	325	
Total charitable grants & donations			4,687		4,687	6,344
Parish share	69,656				69,656	68,864
Other clergy costs	6,018	-	-	-	6,018	5,300
Salaries & honoraria	2,760	-	-	-	2,760	2,760
Training, conferences etc	1,005	-	-	-	1,005	1,152
Mission & evangelism costs	-	-	-	-		663
Upkeep of services (inc choir)	5,073				5,073	3,921
Major church maintenance			2,948		2,948	4,817
Other church maintenance	925				925	4,166
Insurance	2,933	-	-	-	2,933	3,593
Electricity, water & oil	7,899	-	-	-	7,899	4,955
Upkeep of churchyards	64				64	1,304
Engraving of Stelae			685		685	757
Administration	738	-	-	-	738	998
Charitable costs	97,071	-	8,320	-	105,392	109,594
Magazine printing & distribution	4,300	-	-	-	4,300	5,248
Bookstall costs		-	113	-	113	-
Trading costs	4,300	-	113	-	4,413	5,248
Total paid on all funds	102,208	-	8,433	-	110,642	114,982

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Notes to the Financial Report

6 The Parish share to the Chichester Diocese is for the Payment of Clergy and other central costs. The full cost Parish ministry amounts to approximately £76,000

7 Gift Aid on all donations collected under the Diocese's Parish Giving Scheme has been received. Gift Aid on other qualifying donations received since 30th September is outstanding.

8 Payments to PCC employees:

	2018	2017
	£	£
Wages, salaries and honoraria	2,760	2,760
	2,760	2,760

9 Payments to PCC members:

No payments were made to PCC members in the year other than for the reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC. Three members received reimbursements totalling £6995

10 Transactions with persons related to PCC members:

The wives of two PCC members received £311 in reimbursement of expenses.

11 Statement of funds:

	Balances b/fwd 1 Jan 2018	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, and revaluation	Balances c/fwd 31 Dec 2018
	£	£	£	£	£
St Nicholas Chancel Trust	6951			-104	6847
Total of endowed funds	6951	0	0	-104	6847
Outreach	-624	4695	4688		-617
Friends of Lavant Churches	0	311	113		198
Toddlers Group	334			-334	0
Youth Group	948			-948	0
St Mary's Garden of Remembrance	2099	680	685		2094
Lavant Church Building Fund	24923	5908	2948		27,882
Total of all restricted funds	27680	11593	8434	-1283	29,557
General fund	14889	106252	102209	14,743	33675
Designated Legacy Fund	13460			-13460	0
Total of all unrestricted funds	28349	106252	102209	1,283	33,675
Total funds	62981	117845	110643	-104	70079

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11 Statement of Funds (cont.)

The Diocesan Board of Finance maintains the Lavant St Nicholas Chancel trust as a permanent endowment fund under the Tithe Act on behalf of Lavant Parish. The Fund is invested in 424 Income shares in the CBF Central Board of Finance Investment Fund with market value at 31st December 2018 of £6,847. At that date the Diocesan Board of Finance were holding income received of £2896 which sum is available for repairs to the chancel fabric.

The Legacies Fund included legacies received between 2008 and 2015 which the PCC set aside from general funds

pending decisions as to the appropriate use of these bequests. Legacies received since 1st January 2016 have been credited to the General Fund. During the year the PCC agreed that the balance of £13,460 should be transferred to the Lavant Churches General Fund.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Mary with St Nicholas Church, Lavant for the Year Ended 31st December, 2018

This is my report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish (PCC) of St Mary with St Nicholas, Lavant, on the annual report for the year ended 31st December 2018 set out on pages 10 to 12 

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the annual reports. The PCC members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
2. to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
3. to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below in Section B *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
 have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the (brackets) if they do not apply

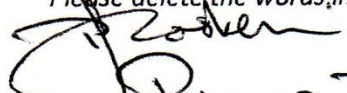
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