

# THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST OSWALD, KING & MARTYR, OSWESTRY

The Parish Office, Church Street, Oswestry, SY11 2SY

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL 2018

The PCC cooperates with the Incumbent in the whole mission of the church according to the call of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. As part of the Synodical structure of the Church of England, the PCC makes known and puts into effect any provision made by the Diocesan or Deanery Synods and gives advice to these synods on any matters the PCC considers appropriate. The PCC is responsible for the financial affairs of the church; the PCC draws up a budget and has the responsibility with the Incumbent of appointing paying, and dismissing paid officers of the parish. The PCC is responsible for the care, maintenance, preservation, and insurance of the fabric of the Parish church and the adjacent Parish Centre; a house at 14 Lower Brook Street, Oswestry is in the beneficial ownership of the Parochial Church Council, vested in the Diocesan Trust and is normally let to tenants. The Vicar and Churchwardens are also trustees of the School House at Morda Church of England Primary School in the parish.

As a parish within the Diocese of Lichfield, it follows the Bishop's Three Primary Tasks of Discipleship, Evangelism and Vocation.

### Membership of the PCC is as follows:

#### (a) Ex-Officio

Incumbent *Vicar of St Oswald, King & Martyr, Oswestry – Rev'd H L Gibbons, M.A.*

Churchwardens      Mr D P Evison      Miss E J Williams      Mr M Clarke      Mr A Neale

Deanery Synod Representatives (elected in 2017 to serve until 2020)

*Includes ex-officio membership of the PCC*

Mr W E Bowen      Mrs J Chesworth      Mrs L Clarke      Mr I Davies

**(b) Elected Representatives** Under arrangements in force since the late 1980's and modified in 2002, three people are elected each year, for a term of three years.

To serve until 2019      Mrs L Adams      Mrs J Holderness

To serve until 2020      Mrs E Leek      Mrs F Major

To serve until 2021      Mr P Crosby      Mr M Donkin      Mr C Lewis

### Co-options

At the first meeting of the Council following the APCM on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Mrs S Tansley was re-appointed as Hon. Secretary and co-opted with full voting rights.

### Officers of the Council

The Vicar, as Incumbent is the legal Chairman of the Council

The Lay co-Chairman of the Council is Mr D P Evison

The Hon. Secretary to the Council is Mrs Susan Tansley

The Hon. Treasurer to the Council is Mr D P Evison

The Electoral Roll Officer is Mrs M C Crosby

## **Sub Committees of the Council**

The Vicar is ex officio on all sub committees listed below.

### **(a) Standing Committee** (the sole statutory Sub Committee)

**The Vicar, Four Churchwardens; Lay co-Chairman; Hon. Secretary; Hon. Treasurer – all ex-officio:**  
Mr P Crosby; Mr I Davies

Other sub committees include representatives appointed by the PCC from among their number, normally including one Churchwarden (at least) signified by\*

**Building and Fabric Committee** – the full terms of reference is available on request and the membership is as follows: **Mr P Crosby (Chair) Mr P Evison\* Mr C Tansley, Mr M Clarke\* Mr M Brennan Mr P Walley and Mr A Neale\***

**Finance Committee** – the full terms of reference are available on request and the membership is as follows: **Mr P Evison\* (Chair), Mr M Donkin, Cdr M Peters (Gift Aid), Mr D Karran, Mr A Clarke and Mrs L Adams**

**Parish Centre Management Committee** to manage the daily running of the Centre and its staff.  
**Mr A Neale\* (Chairman) Miss S West (Bookings Secretary) Mrs E Leek Mr W Bowen**

**Social Committee** to encourage activities and functions within the church to bring people together outside worship. **Mr C Lewis (Chairman) Mr P R Crosby, Mrs M Crosby, Mr W E Bowen Mrs M Bowen, Mr D Doggett, Mrs P Lewis, Ms G Lewis, Mr G Young and Miss M Jones agreed to help out when possible.**

**Mission and Giving Group**  
**Mr D Doggett, Mrs A Pilsbury, Mr H Jones**

**Mission and Ministry Team**  
**Mr W Bowen, Mrs J Chesworth, Mrs L Clarke, Mr B Evans, Mrs E Leek, Mrs G Evison, Mr I Davies Miss S Wright and Mrs F Stocking**

**Sick and Needy Fund**  
**Mr P Crosby Mrs M Jones**

The PCC appoints representatives to the local ecumenical body **Churches Together in Oswestry and District**. A total of two including the clergy are allowed according to the revised constitution of Churches Together adopted during 2012. Those nominated at the Annual Meeting were **The Vicar Mrs A Pilsbury and Mr I Davies** who agreed to fill in when called upon to do so.

### **The Parish**

The population of Oswestry according to the 2011 census was 18,700 of which 10,700 live in the parochial parish of St Oswald, King & Martyr. The Electoral Roll at 30 April 2018 stood at 300. Average Sunday Adult attendance for the year stood at 157 and in addition 13 under the age of 16 years. Thanks are due to Mrs Maureen Crosby for encouraging membership of the electoral roll.

### **Mission and Giving**

£4,000 was allocated for charitable giving over and above the various special collections and fundraising efforts supporting emergency appeals and those we traditionally support. The £4,000 was shared as follows:

Action Aid UK (Supporter Care Team)	£750
World Vision UK (International Tsunami Appeal)	£750
Hope UK (providing drug/alcohol awareness in schools)	£750
Emmaus UK (working to alleviate homelessness)	£750
Oswestry Rural Youth Church	£250
Oswestry & Borders Foodbank	£250
Morda C of E Primary School (for their Christian Principles Project)	£500
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<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,000</b>

### **Public Benefit**

The Trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that by promoting the work of the Church of England in the ecclesiastical Parish of St Oswald, King & Martyr, Oswestry it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:-

Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers: and promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

### **Health & Safety and Risk Management**

We are required to make adequate arrangements for Health and Safety and to carry some understanding of the risks that are perceived, together with a strategy for risk management.

In implementing these policies, it has proved to be effective in ensuring that we conduct all our activities in a safe manner whilst maintaining the dignity of our worship and protecting the fabric of our ancient grade II\* listed building.

The policies are reviewed, amended and discussed by the PCC on a regular basis. Our Health and Safety Officer is Mr M Donkin. Outside organisations using the Church, Parish Centre or Tower are provided with a statement of the procedures and their responsibilities when using the Church.

We will continue to be diligent in providing for the safety of our congregation, employees and visitors according to the policy and regulations which can be requested from the Parish Office.

The principal risks fall under the following headings:

**Accidents and First Aid, Fire safety, Electrical safety, Gas safety, Control of hazardous substances, Plant and machinery, Slips, trips and falls, Lighting, Falls from a height, Food hygiene, Manual handling, Display screen equipment, Hazardous buildings / glazing, Child protection, Personal safety, Activities and other hazards.**

We continue to develop understanding of, training in and adherence to these policies and take reasonable and necessary steps to prevent accidents occurring. The Health and Safety policy and Fire Safety policy were reviewed during 2016 and a copy is available on request from the Hon. Sec. to the PCC.

### **Safeguarding**

There has been considerable attention given to the Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults nationally and not least by the Church of England. During 2018 we reviewed our parish policies and procedures to make sure that we bring DBS checks up to date for those required to have them. We have adopted the Diocesan and Church of England policies in this regard.

The Parish Sick and Needy Fund: The fund was set up some years ago formerly known as the Vicar's Discretionary Fund to help people within the parish who are suffering with hardship and is administered by a small committee under the chairmanship of the Vicar. This year one family has been supported. If any member of the congregation is aware of any such case they should contact the Vicar for the case to be discussed with the committee.

### **Incumbents Review of the Year**

It should come as no surprise that this report, whilst thankfully brief, is full of 'first's': My first Sunday at St Oswald's followed closely by my first Oswestry Lent and Easter, St Oswald's Day (when the sun shone on all of us), Oswald's Tree, Remembrance Sunday, Advent and Christmas. In the blink of an eye, the first eleven months of my time here has passed; together with three quarters of the liturgical year.

During that time there have been lessons learnt and much to celebrate. Aware of the rich heritage and tradition I was inheriting, I intentionally chose to watch and observe before launching into any new initiatives. This also allowed me to invest my time learning the new systems and ways of working both at St Oswald's and in the diocese, and to build new relationships both within and outside church. Thank you to those who have educated me along the way and to all of you for your patience; a special thank you to the Church Wardens and to Frances and Diane.

Thank you also to Mike and the choir for putting up with my efforts at Evensong, it has been almost a decade since I led choral evensong and I fear I still have much to re-learn. It is reassuring to know that if you ask Mike, Gerry and the choir to do something 'it will be done'. Our Christmas services reminded me once again that whilst church may not be everyone's first priority, when it's needed it must be there: School end of term services, Christmas concerts, lessons and carols, Christingle and Midnight Mass each in their own way brought Christ into the hearts and minds of those who attended. This should be a real reminder to us all of the responsibility we face in keeping 'church' healthy and present for this, and future generations.

It has been wonderful to have had both Bishop Michael and Mark with us on several occasions during the year, especially for my licensing in February and in July when Michael was here to support us during a challenging time of pastoral concern. Challenges such as these can be opportunities for us to express our support and encouragement of each other.

All Age Worship, Messy Church, Baptism preparation and our link with the Under 5's group are all active engagement in mission to young people, central to which is our relationship with Morda Primary School. It is a relationship that I know the school values greatly and we have a firm foundation to build on in future years. Our relationships with the other schools in the parish are also developing positively, especially Oswestry School. I have learned that mission to our mature members is also considerable in its scope and energy; Pastoral Groups, the Monday Ladies Group, Place of Welcome, Lent course groups and our connection with the Mothers' Union have all provided important fellowship and pastoral support.

Particular mention must be made to the unique nature of the year in the marking of the one hundredth anniversary of the end of the First World War. There were numerous opportunities for us all to reflect on past achievements and future hope and it allowed me to experience first-hand the importance of St Oswald's civic role. From a personal perspective, it enabled me to create a good working relationship with the mayor and town council both as chaplain to the mayor and in my engagement with the blessing of a war memorial in Brynhafod Park, the unveiling of the Wilfred Owen Memorial statue in Cae Glas Park, and leading the town's Remembrance Sunday events.

When I was appointed, I made it clear that collaborative ministry is central to my theology and ecclesiology. Recognising and developing our skills and gifts, working together and encouraging one

another is the only way forward. Such an approach takes time to become embedded and I hope that you can recognise that approach in me; I know I have seen it in the people around me. In addition to watching and learning, it was my intention during this first year to spend much of my time and effort identifying and laying down the foundations for introducing this way of working more fully. This has taken time and again I am grateful for your patience, I believe that the approach is already bearing fruit, fruit that will continue to grow as we start to engage with some of the issues and opportunities raised during the Oswald's Tree day in September. This was your opportunity to put your points of view across, to let me and the PCC know your hopes and aspirations. I am delighted to say that a great number of you did so, some quite frankly!

I wish to end by saying thank you to my ministry colleagues; Brian, John and Keith, not forgetting Gordon and the two David's along with Bill, Bryan, and Wendy without whose help and support much of the work completed this year could not have been done. Also, to the members of the PCC and the Church Wardens who work so hard behind the scenes to keep St Oswald, King and Martyr running so smoothly.

I am looking forward to the next twelve months with great enthusiasm and hope.

*Rev'd Harvey Gibbons*

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT ON THE BUSINESS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

There were 16 members of the Parochial Church Council in January 2018 until February when we welcomed Rev'd Harvey Gibbons as our Vicar and we became seventeen. There were five meetings of the PCC with an average attendance of 12 at each meeting.

At the first meeting of the year Mrs Jan Chesworth thanked the PCC for the flowers received by the Assistant Clergy wives for supporting their husbands' during the vacancy, keeping the church functioning very well with no decline in numbers.

Our Treasurer gave thanks to Cdr M Peters for overseeing the decoration work and bathroom installation at the Vicarage.

The new 'Place of Welcome' in the Parish Centre on a Tuesday morning turned one year, providing chat, free tea, coffee, toast and biscuits and it is proving a success with regular visitors and church members alike.

Locking up of the church is still requires solving and by the time you read this it should have a permanent solution in place.

A letter of thanks was sent to Cdr Peters, Mr Tansley and Mr Walley for their time and contribution to the re-decoration of the Parish Office/Vestry, also to Mrs Ann Boulton and her team for their brilliant work on the church inventory.

The Yale Memorial renovation is still on the agenda to take place after the major priority projects are completed.

The Brass Plaques found in the Vestry with regard to Mary Fulcher have gone on loan to Oswestry Museum as they are preparing an exhibition on her life. A letter of thanks for this arrangement again went to Cdr Peters.

Oswestry School continue to use the church for their service and assemblies on a Friday afternoon. A list of their duties for tidying up afterwards, organised by the Prefects, is kept by the Secretary.

On Christmas day the Charity Chalk used the Parish Centre to host a Christmas Dinner for the homeless and lonely in the town and it was deemed a success, this has not been done at St Oswald's before so it opens up other possibilities. (Because of the room size it had to be limited to 50 people).

Congratulations go to a member of the PCC Mr W E Bowen who had the honour of receiving a BEM.

**Mrs Susan Tansley, Hon. Secretary**

## **SAFEGUARDING REPORT**

Progress had been made this year to comply with the Diocesan and National Safeguarding Guidelines. Everyone currently requiring a DBS check are compliant. Safeguarding Training is ongoing and those who haven't already completed their training are booked onto courses over the next couple of months.

There has been an historic safeguarding issue which was managed by Neil Spiring who is the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor. A minor issue was highlighted and resolved in late October 2018.

Please continue to report any concerns to either myself, Harvey or contact the helplines on the church website. Guidelines are also shown on the Safeguarding posters on display around the church.

**Lynne Adams, Safeguarding Coordinator**

## **CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT**

Routine contract servicing of installations within the Church and the Parish Centre has been completed as required, and also repairs and maintenance to the buildings and carried out. Further details of all work is given in the report of the Buildings and Fabric Committee.

We are not aware of any theft of personal or church property during the year.

Church yard parking is still problematic, especially at the 10.30 Sunday morning service.

We are grateful to those who fulfil the role of Deputy and Retired Churchwardens: Lynne Adams, Neil Brogden, Lindsay Clarke, Paul Crosby, Irene Gull, Cynthia Hawksley, Carole Joby, Muriel Jones, Elaine Leek, David Morgan, Mike Peters, Graham Roberts and Jenifer Chippett-Williams, and we appreciate the loyal teams of sides people who warmly welcome and ensure the smooth running of all of our services.

The on-going support from the congregation is welcomed by us. We feel very privileged to serve in the office of Churchwarden.

**June, Paul, Malcolm and Alan**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 has been a peculiar year, in that the P.C.C. took a former tenant of Lower Brook Street to court to obtain the arrears of rent. It was not a pleasant experience for the Church, myself or our agents, but we won the case. It cost £1,927.50 in professional fees, let alone the emotional drain and waste of my time pursuing the case over a ten month period. We are now receiving the arrears at £100 per month.

The drains around the church were very much in need of renovating. To see rain water cascading into the church was upsetting. At a cost of £47,106.74 we have made the church water tight, but more work is still required. The P.C.C. allowed me to use some of our restricted funds for this purpose, which together with donations, grants and a repayment of VAT reduced the net cost to the P.C.C. accounts to £16,631.19.

So to report a surplus on the accounts of £14,263 before losses on investments was in my opinion a successful year.

The volatile nature of the stock market gave rise to a loss on investments of £39,809 for the year. However, by mid February 2019 we had recovered £23,613 of this loss.

Our total expenditure for the year in respect of our P.C.C. unrestricted account was £186.273 which was covered by our income of £200,536.

All these figures are in the P.C.C. Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

As always I could not and would not attempt to act as Treasurer without the assistance of the staff from Garner Pugh and Sinclair, who are paid as outlined in the accounts for this service. In addition, I would like to thank Irene Gull and her Monday morning team of counters, together with the administrator Frances and her backroom helpers Diane Dawson and Ann Sagar.

I would finally wish to thank Viv Jones of Baldwins (Oswestry) Ltd for completing the Independent Examination at no cost to the P.C.C.

**Paul Evison**

## DEANERY SYNOD

The Deanery Synod met three times during the year. In March, Paul Darlington was commissioned as Rural Dean by Bishop Mark. The Bishop stayed for a question and answer session afterwards. The issue of Lay Training Courses always being held at the Lichfield end of the diocese was raised, since many good candidates were unable to travel such distances. Perfectly good resources were available from neighbouring dioceses of St Asaph and Chester, much nearer home, which we should be able to use. Other questions concerned Rural Church Development, the minster model and weaknesses in the Church of England.

At the July meeting the Rev Jeanette Hartwell, Director of Reader Training at Queen's Birmingham, and Lindsay Hall spoke about vocation and training. The synod members pursued the location of training issue. Bishop Michael had been informed of the problem and had stated that there was no reason not to use the resources of neighbouring dioceses provided they were equivalent to Lichfield's. The Deanery Synod passed a resolution asking the Diocesan Synod to consider this issue, there being some concern that nothing would actually get done otherwise.

The resolution begins:

*"Oswestry Deanery Synod, recognising the importance of vocations for the future of the Church, and aware that some fail to pursue their vocations because the training offered is too distant or unsuitable for their churchmanship ....."*

At the last meeting of the year Matt Barkley, Pioneer Minister, Oswestry Rural Youth Church (ORYC) gave a talk about his work since his appointment in August. He circulated a questionnaire which was discussed in small groups. There had been very little progress with the Diocese regarding our motion to Synod and the Rural Dean would continue to pursue this.

**Lindsay Clarke**

## ALTAR GUILD

Visitors to St Oswald's often remark on the brightness of the church brass. This is due to the efforts of the brass cleaners, small teams of women and men. Most of them are elderly so some new recruits would be very welcome (especially men!)

The work involved is not too onerous – an hour or so every month or so. If you feel you could help please ring 01691 652902.

**Angela Doggett**



## BELL RINGERS

Loyal attendance meant we could ring all 8 bells for most Sunday morning services and for civic and church festivals. Practices were well attended. Bells were rung for 10 weddings at St Oswald's and 2 at Whittington.

We were pleased to welcome the Rev Harvey Gibbons, after a short interregnum following Rev Simon Thorburn's retirement. A Quarter Peal was rung for his installation and within days of his arrival he met us all at our AGM – in at the deep end!!

**Quarter Peals** – Quarters were rung for all the national events to commemorate the end of the Great War including those for the unveiling of a town statue of Wilfred Owen, our very own war poet. Quarters were also rung for the latest royal wedding –

We rang our fortnightly Quarter Peals programme, managing frequently to use local Sunday service ringers but helped out by other SACBR members when necessary:-

Quarter peals were rung for:-

- Welcoming the Rev Harvey Gibbons on his taking up post here,
- All the national events to commemorate the end of the Great War and included those for the unveiling of a town statue of Wilfred Owen, our very own war poet.
- The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Royal Air Force and to welcome the Red Arrows to Oswestry,
- The Royal wedding of Prince Harry and Megan Markle,
- The Queen's 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday,
- The passing of Stephen Hawking
- The 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Stuart and Helena Evans and also to celebrate Stuart's 50 years as an Oswestry ringer,
- The 65<sup>th</sup> birthday of Tony Freemont, a local ringer and Training Officer for the Shropshire Association of Church Bell Ringers,
- The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his first Peal – Malcolm Clarke, Church Warden,
- The 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Richard and Frances Major,
- The wedding of Alex Ganley, our Treasurer's daughter, and Matt

Thanks go to Pete Neal and to Cordelia Warr for organising the fortnightly quarter peal programme.

We have one new ringer Oliver Miller from the Oswestry School Extra-Curricular programme who is progressing very well and ringing for Sunday morning services now. The teacher who chaperoned in early visits, has also joined us on occasion to learn to ring. They have been taught by Richard Major, Pete Neil and Peter Woollam prior to Thursday evening practices. Ben Rothera, our tower captain's elder son (the next member of a ringing dynasty), recruited in the Ringing Remembers initiative, has advanced very quickly and is now ringing regularly for Sunday services and weddings and rang for Remembrance on 11<sup>th</sup> November – must be in the genes.

Richard Major and Pete Neal continued work on satisfying the second part of the Pullometer challenge – prototype mechanisms and software achieving a successful outcome by June 2018 with another £750 for the bell fund.

The town's Scouts came on a visit, we had a number of interested people at the Heritage Open Day and our usual Boxing Day Teddy Bear Zip-wire was attended by over 90 interested people and £150 of donations were received.

St Oswald's ringers continue to support church celebrations and weddings at St John's, Whittington and arrange cover for visiting ringers and Quarter Peal bands. Peter Woollam continues to advise on bell maintenance and carry out any required repairs and maintenance.

**SACBR Committee** – 3 out of the 10 Committee posts were still held by St Oswald's ringers in 2018 and 3 were returned to the Committee at the recent SACBR AGM (Peter Woollam holding the Librarian post and the Public Relation post ' Tony is the Association Training officer / Jan is the Safeguarding Officer).

**Jan Snowball, Secretary**

### **BIBLE GROUP**

Since the restart in September 2018 I have been missing owing to ill health. However it was decided that the group would continue to meet on a Monday during the afternoon instead of Tuesday evenings. I have to thank Anne Salway for continuing to host the meetings at her flat and to Sally, Julia and Natasha for taking up the baton of leading the sessions. I returned on January 14<sup>th</sup> to be part of the group again and to know that we are in good hands. We continue to study Matthew's Gospel using Tom Wright's Study Book. We are seven in number and we welcome Natasha back to the fold.

**Bryan E Evans**

## **BUILDING AND FABRIC COMMITTEE**

Following the urgent replacement of the flue lining within the church boiler chimney stack in 2017 all five boiler modules have worked well throughout the year.

The 2016 Quinquennial Inspection identified problems with the drains as the probable reason for ingress of water around the west door which had caused areas of wet rot in the floorboards and joists by the west door. Though urgent, the work was put on hold until we had resolved the problems with the boilers and flue lining.

Plans were developed to add additional drainage and replace some of the existing damaged drains but because of the anticipated cost of the work it was phased with 2018 being the first year of a two year project.

Work around the west and south doors was completed and the work was quality tested when He sent a severe storm with exceptional rainfall the weekend as the work was completed. There was no flooding and the new drains worked well.

Unfortunately drainage replacement around the north side of the church was less successful. When the church was extended with the addition of the North Transept it was built over the top of the drain which was laid only two years earlier. This drain has now collapsed somewhere under the North Transept. Repair was not practical. This work will be included as part of phase 2 of the project in 2019.

In addition to the £9,150 grants from Trusts and £1,000 from a member of the congregation mentioned in last year's report, another member of the congregation has generously given £1,000 towards this work.

Work identified in the Yale Memorial conservation report dated December 2015 and which was identified as urgent by the architect in the last Quinquennial Inspection has had to be deferred until work on the drains is completed. When funds permit we are planning to improve the lighting in this dark corner of the church and create a small library area. David Davies and Sons have generously agreed to build two bookcases in memory of their parents Bill and Gwen Richards.

We are in a three year gas contract with British Gas until February 2020. We are in a two year contract with Total Gas and Power until November 2019.

More than £9,700 of VAT, already paid on eligible work, has been reclaimed under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.

Contract servicing of the Fire Appliances, Organ and Clock have been completed and the boilers in the church and the parish centre have also been serviced.

Though thanks are due to the whole committee, particular thanks must go to Colin Tansley, Peter Walley and, though not on the committee, Gerry Howe who have undertaken 'self-help' works and on-going maintenance issues.

**Paul Crosby, Chairman**

## CHOIR

This has been a momentous year for the Junior Choir and Choral Scholars, Samantha Lewis left us to begin her studies for a Masters Degree in Music at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire and Hannah Boulton left to begin her studies in commercial photography at the University of Plymouth. Prior to that Samantha gained her Licentiate's Diploma from Trinity College of Music and Chelsea Morris, then Head Chorister gained her Associate's Diploma from Trinity College of Music. Lauren Williamson and Aoife Brennan both attained the Silver (Bishop's Chorister) Award of the Royal School of Church Music and Eleri Roberts attained the Bronze (Dean's Chorister) Award.

At Samantha's departure Chelsea has taken on the role of Assistant Choir Trainer where she is doing first class work with the Junior Choir. Chelsea has also secured an unconditional offer of a place to study Music at the University of Chichester from September 2019.

As I have said elsewhere because of the nature of the training that they receive choristers soon develop the ability to learn quickly and make the most of their time. I have found that these skills affect all other aspects of the chorister's life and most do well. During my choir training career several of our choristers have gone on to study music, some as choral scholars at Oxford and Cambridge, and most go on to some form of higher education. Congratulations to all the above choristers and I wish them well in their future music making.

With Chelsea's move Kim Burgess became Head Chorister.

This year nine choristers attended the annual RSCM Summer School at Bath. In addition to these Abbi Grainger, a previous Head Chorister, now studying Law at Birmingham University, was appointed Head Chorister of the whole course and Chelsea Morris was appointed as House Captain for the Junior Girls. I am grateful to those people who so generously responded to our 'Adopt a Chorister' appeal and helped fund the chorister's attendance.

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May, the Choir sang Choral Evensong in Lichfield Cathedral. A number of members of the congregation joined us on the coach to Lichfield and others made their own way. The occasion was a great success and we are grateful for the support that we received from the church family.

Having lost Samantha and Hannah and gained one more boy chorister, Ethan Cheetham, the numbers in the Junior Choir have dropped and we have vacancies for more young people.

The Choir currently comprises:-

- 11 Trebles / Sopranos
- 4 Altos
- 5 Tenors and
- 6 Bases.

We welcome applications in all parts of the choir. Children should be able readers but need not have any musical skills beyond being able to sing in tune. Adults should be competent singers with either good sight reading skills or the ability to learn quickly.

My special thanks to Gerry Howe, Samantha Lewis and Chelsea Morris who have worked with me to deliver the Royal School of Church Music 'Voice for Life' training scheme which does so much to maintain the high standard of musicianship which routinely enhances our liturgy.

The Choir was privileged to sing at the Induction and Installation service for our new Vicar, the Revd Harvey Gibbons and we have enjoyed a close relationship with him over the months that followed. During the next year we expect some changes and look forward to working with him to enhance the worship at St Oswald's through music.

**Mike Donkin, Director of Music**

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN OSWESTRY DISTRICT**

This year the chairmanship of CTOD has passed into the capable hands of Alan Braddock. The membership stands at 19 ½ as Albert Rd Church, hitherto an associate member, will become a full member at the AGM in the autumn.

The list of projects under the CTOD umbrella continues to grow. Latest is the Oswestry Rural Youth Church under the leadership of Matt Barkley, a young family man whose role is to encourage and support young isolated Christians.

The Schools Christian Worker Project has a new and enthusiastic leader, Jane Webber, who is already making her presence felt in 14 local schools including Oswestry College in the shape of assemblies, lessons, faith clubs, mentoring and more.

The Food Bank goes from strength to strength including the Job Club and Debt Counselling Service, helping those who find it difficult to feed themselves and their children. This is always generously supported by St Oswalds.

COG the Community Outreach Group associated with the Town Market, brings the good news of Jesus to children and adults at Easter and Christmas.

Other projects include Christian Aid, Kiwoko Hospital in Uganda, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and a Christian presence offering refreshments at Oswestry Show.

The Christian Aid house to house collection in 2018 at St Oswald's raised £2560 including the proceeds from the lunch, a worthy effort, thanks to our hard-working collectors and generous donors. The total for the town was £6200. There is gift-aid to be added to these totals.

I am pleased to say that Mrs Liz Gibbons has agreed to take over the organisation of the collection, with the same counting team.

## **CHURCH SOCIAL MEDIA**

Every time that a page is viewed on our site it generates one page impression. Our website's statistics show that up to February this year, the average monthly total of page impressions was 58088, a rise of 7000 on last year.

In purely monetary terms, more visitors mean more revenue. I wouldn't be surprised if our website pays for itself. In terms of new worshippers, outreach and communication, it is an invaluable tool.

**Anne Pilsbury**

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Finance Committee met four times in 2018. We welcomed our Vicar Harvey to his first meeting with us in February 2018, when we discussed the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017, before being submitted to our Independent Examiner for his review.

Each meeting we discuss the current management accounts, investment holdings and all matters financial pertaining to the P.C.C. This year that included the legal case brought against a former tenant, new technology for collecting donations by way of card readers, discussion on gift day and stewardship campaign, and a watchful eye on the finance for the drainage contract.

The role of the committee is to support the Treasurer and assist the Churchwardens in their financial duties. This they do successfully.

I am grateful as always to our secretary Mike Peters for his work in preparing papers for our meetings and David Karran for his watchful eye and sound advice on our investments.

As always we have much to discuss and recommend during the year.

**Paul Evison, Chairman**

## **LADIES' GROUP**

The Group continues to thrive sharing fellowship and prayer together usually on the first Monday evening of the month.

Members help with many functions – Place of Welcome, Sunday morning coffee rota and providing refreshments at special services etc.

New members are always welcome. Please speak to June 652544 or Ann 657903 for details.

**June Williams, Honorary Chairman**

## **MESSY CHURCH**

Messy Church at St Oswald's is a small but growing community/church group. It has been going for quite some years with numbers going up and down during that time. During 2018 the numbers were approximately 15 children and 10 adults/parents at each monthly event. There are also quite a number of loyal church volunteers who give up their time to prepare activities and a friendly tea time for volunteers and attendees.

Attempts are now being made to grow the numbers who attend, with a session being held this month at Morda school to show children what we do and the fun/learning that can be had at Messy Church.

A new signing in sheet is being introduced which will allow for more efficient numbers being collected in the future.

**Gaynor Bowen Jones**

## **MINISTRY OF HOME COMMUNION**

The Holy Sacraments have been distributed on a monthly basis to members of the church who are unable to attend worship due to old age, infirmity or illness including residents of the four residential homes in the parish. This ministry is carried out as a practical demonstration of the love of Christ for all his people whatever their circumstances. The current team comprises Wendy Groom, Bill Bowen, Michael Jones and Pam and Keith Musson. If members of the congregation become aware of a need for someone to receive home communion they should inform the Vicar or a member of the team. **Keith Musson**

## **MINISTRY OF WELCOME & CHURCH STEWARDING**

During the summer, a group of volunteers welcome visitors to our beautiful church. The visitors can be from all parts of the country, or indeed, the world. Many are just visiting the town for the first time but some have family connections with St Oswald's.

Unfortunately we had a decline in the number of volunteers available last year and were unable to cover all the sessions. We are most grateful to all the volunteers who have given their time again to this valuable part of our Church life.

If you feel you can help us with this extremely interesting and rewarding role, please join us. It only involves an hour and a half of your time each week, and runs through June to the end of September.

For more details please contact Dilys Lloyd – telephone 01691657244 or Ann Sagar – telephone – 01691657903. We look forward to welcoming you to our friendly team.

**Dilys Lloyd and Ann Sagar**

## **MISSION AND MINISTRY TEAM**

The year began with the exciting new initiative of the Place of Welcome coffee drop-in, which quickly established itself and has attracted a steady number of guests each week. We have made some new friends from the community who come regularly, and members of our church family are also finding it a valuable opportunity for companionship. We would like to reach more people and word of mouth is very important; all church members could help by telling any friends or neighbours whom they think might enjoy some social contact. Costs have easily been covered from the small donations that many guests leave each week, and from the surplus we were able to make donations at Christmas to the Food Bank, New Century Court, which provides accommodation and support for young people, and Angel Tree at HMP Berwyn, which buys Christmas presents for prisoners' children.

The Team arranged and helped deliver a programme of Lent groups, using the Diocesan course 'Steps in Discipleship'. Five groups met at different times and venues.

With the arrival of our new Vicar, John Chesworth stepped down from his role as Chaplain to the Team. His support during the Vacancy had been invaluable.

In May the Team organised a prayer day as part of the Archbishops' global call to prayer between Pentecost and Ascension, under the title 'Thy Kingdom Come.' The church was open for prayer from 8 til 8, and there were prayer stations with interactive resources, each focusing on a section of the Lord's Prayer.

In September we organised and helped deliver Oswald's Tree, a teaching and consultation day focusing on Discipleship, Vocation and Relationship. Many ideas were shared on the day, creating 'leaves' on three large trees, and these were all subsequently reviewed and common themes identified. By the end of the year a revised Mission Action Plan was being developed, drawing on these themes and this will provide the impetus for future MMT activity.

As part of our outreach, we again sent invitations to the Crib service to the families of children baptised in the last three years, along with a small book for the children. We also give every child baptised in church a prayer book.

We have begun to explore what it means to become a Dementia-Friendly Church and have met with a diocesan advisor; we have also had contact from the local Alzheimer's Society representative, we have identified areas for development, such as signage, liturgy and service books, and will move forward with this in 2019.

Prayer is a major focus of the Team. An Advent programme of weekly lunchtime reflection and prayer was devised. The bi-monthly Prayer Breakfasts explore praying in different ways, with good use of silence. Team members continue to lead intercessions in the Sunday morning service. The Chapel of St Catherine has been tidied, the seating rearranged and some plants introduced, to make it a more prayerful space.

**Elaine Leek**

## **MOTHERS' UNION**

The Mothers' Union now meets mainly in Gobowen, a monthly basis and we have had another good year.

We have had a variety of speakers and talks, always starting our meetings with prayer and finishing with afternoon tea. In September I organised one meeting in St Oswald's for our members "old" and "present" along with the Gobowen ladies when our speaker was Helen Palfrey, a Mothers' Union trustee. Helen told us about her visit with Bishop Michael to one of our linked Diocese.

The annual outing this year was to St Asaph Cathedral and I arranged a coffee break in our old church in Caerwys, where the Mothers' Union Branch made us most welcome.

Most members enjoyed fellowship at Christmas lunch in December. In February we held our annual Wave of Prayer in St Catherine's Chapel for the Oswestry ladies.

The decision was made that we would host two meetings in St Oswald's in 2019, March and October, thanks to the Vicar's kind permission.

**Pam Musson**



## **PARISH CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

In the interest of not holding committee meetings for the sake of them, no full meeting has been held this year. However, discussions with individuals have taken place as and when required.

- 1) Over the year, since the central heating timers have been replaced, the system has worked satisfactorily. The boilers, radiators and fans have received their annual service.
- 2) Repairs to the roof were completed and to date, no further leaks have been reported.
- 3) 10 rectangular tables have been provided to complement the large round ones.
- 4) 60 chairs have been provided together with 4 storage/moving racks. The old chairs were 'upcycled' to local causes.
- 5) Following prolonged discussions, the cups and saucers were replaced with two sizes of mugs. The kitchen crockery has been consolidated.
- 6) The 2 redundant wall fixed electric grills have been disposed of.
- 7) The failed hot water boiler has been replaced.
- 8) During the year, after a considerable period of illness, Ellis resigned from his responsibilities of opening and closing the Parish Centre. Alternative arrangements are working satisfactorily.
- 9) Systems of administering the booking process are being reviewed, and Sylvia is pleased to carry on with arranging bookings until an IT system is established.

A review of the Parish Centre facilities, its usage and letting fees will be undertaken now Rev'd Harvey Gibbons has settled in and further recommendations will be brought to the PCC.

**Alan Neale, Chairman**

## **PRAYER AND CARE**

A Christian is someone who prays – and as we grow in faith we are called to pray more. Some value the time when we pray together – as in Prayer and Care;

We meet on the first Monday afternoon of each month in each other's houses, and take turns to lead the meeting. We have a short office, and then report, in confidence, on those for whom we pray, then a cup of tea and return home to pray by ourselves every day for those on our list.

It is a quiet ministry that we give to Jesus, the Church and the sick.

There is a box at the back of the church into which people put requests for prayer, and these requests are taken to the altar in the Sunday service. Sometimes these requests are not for the sick, but also for domestic and other problems, and we pray for them.

If you would like us to pray for someone, contact one of us, and why not come to one of our meetings!

**Gordon Hodson**

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

I am pleased to report that the Social Committee has had another highly successful year. The committee began life organising the social scene of the church but this has slipped into a mainly fundraising role.

Our activities have included:

a very pleasant Pancake Party and Beetle Drive was held as a purely social occasion;

Lent Lunches – three lunches were held fortnightly throughout Lent and the Social Committee hosted one. We would like to thank the Ladies Group and the 'Fellowship Friends' team who hosted the other two. The three lunches raised £406 which was shared between three charities – Church Army, CMS and the Bishop's Lent Appeal.

a cheese and wine evening which followed the APCM;

a Christian Aid Lunch was well supported and resulted in a donation of £300 being sent to Christian Aid;

everyone had an enjoyable afternoon in the Parish Centre at the Summer Fair which raised £1,116 for church funds;

a Strawberry Tea, held in July, was well attended. Proceeds from the day (£385) went towards the church expenses;

a Bring and Share lunch to mark the St Oswald Patronal Festival was held in the Vicarage Garden when the sun shone throughout the day and attracted around 80 people, the largest number for some years. Our grateful thanks must go to Harvey and Liz for making the garden available for a most enjoyable afternoon;

a Harvest Lunch in October resulted in £481 being raised for Church Army.

a Revue Evening with entertainment provided by very talented members of the congregation was enjoyed by those who attended; and finally

we opened the Parish Centre for coffee and mince pies during the Christmas Parade. Additionally free hot chocolate and flyers for Messy Church and Christmas Services were distributed by costumed members of the committee to parade spectators. Coffee and Mince Pies and Mair's Produce Stall raised £372 for Church funds.

The St Oswald's Bonus Ball draw generated a useful £1,500 for church funds.

The committee has enjoyed fun and fellowship as we have planned and organised these events. We would like to say a sincere thank you to everyone who has assisted our humble efforts – no names here, you are aware "who has done what."

**Maureen Crosby, Secretary**

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

In 2018, donations to St Oswald's are slightly higher than in 2017 (by 2.1%). Receipts from stewardship envelopes have shown a decrease while other sources – through the bank, blue envelopes and "loose cash" – were higher. Total income from these four sources was £81,388. (£79,651 in 2017).

Stewardship envelopes. 70 members started the year using the coloured envelopes, reducing to 54 in December. (67 in 2017). The total donated this way was £37,635 (£38,135 in 2017), an average of £617 from each donor. (£544 in 2017), and £723 per week (£733 in 2017).

Payments through the bank. At 31 Dec 2018, 54 gave this way (54 in 2017) and the total given for the year was £26,574 (£25,647 in 2017) and over 93% was "tax-efficient". This is an average of £492 per donor (£475 in 2017).

"Casual" Donors. Donations made in the blue envelopes totalled £6,616 in 2018 (£5,768 in 2017). Some of these are from members of the congregation who make regular donations. Others are visitors or who attend occasionally on Sundays and for weddings, funerals or special services.

Anonymous donations. Under the scheme introduced in 2013, the equivalent of gift aid can be recovered from anonymous donations up to a maximum of £8,000 in any financial year, giving a return to the church of £2,000. In 2018 the total donated was £10,563, easily exceeding the maximum on which we can claim Gift Aid. In 2017 we received £10,101. If some of these donors were to declare their donation for Gift Aid return to the church would increase at no cost to individual donors.

General. The total tax recovered from HMRC was £20,237, (£19,826 in 2017) maintaining previous good figures. This is some 10.8% of the church's total income (excluding legacies) (was 12.1% in 2017). While this is a very satisfactory result, there are indications that some donations are gradually reducing; this may call for a Stewardship campaign, echoing the similar successful event in 2011.

Nevertheless, sincere thanks must go to all those who make their gift via St Oswald's and to those who take the trouble to complete the minimal paperwork required for the Gift Aid scheme. There is always space for more donors; anyone who would like to make their gift "tax efficient" should contact the Gift Aid Secretary, Mike Peters 01691 676091 or [mike.aylestone@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mike.aylestone@tiscali.co.uk) or simply approach him in church.

**D C Banks, Chairman**



**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1133346**

**Report of the Parochial Church Council and  
Unaudited Financial Statements For The Year Ended  
31st December 2018  
for**

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST OSWALD, KING  
AND MARTYR, OSWESTRY**

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
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for the Year Ended 31st December 2018**

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST OSWALD, KING  
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**Report of the Parochial Church Council  
for the Year Ended 31st December 2018**

The Parochial Church Council present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2018. The Parochial Church Council have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in 2015.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

1133346

**Principal address**

The Parish Church of St Oswald, King and Martyr  
Church Street  
Oswestry  
Shropshire  
SY11 2SY

**Parochial Church Council**

Rev H Gibbons (Chairman)

Appointed Feb 2018

Mr D P Evison

Miss E J Williams

Mr C W J Lewis

Mrs S Tansley

Mr W E Bowen

Mr M Clarke

Mr P R Crosby

Mr M W Donkin

Mrs E J Leek

Mrs L Clarke

Mrs F Major

Mr I Davies

Mrs L Adams

Mrs J Holderness

Mr A Neale

Mrs J Chesworth

Appointed May 2018

**Independent Examiner**

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

Parochial Church Council powers measure (1956) as amended and church representation rules.

**Risk management**

The Parochial Church Council have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

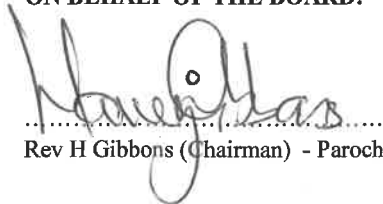
**Safeguarding**

The Parochial Church Council has adopted the Diocesan and Church of England policies in this regard.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
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**Report of the Parochial Church Council  
for the Year Ended 31st December 2018**

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H Gibbons', written over a dotted line.

Rev H Gibbons (Chairman) - Parochial Church Council member

25th March 2019



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE P.C.C. OF ST OSWALD, KING AND MARTYR, OSWESTRY**

This report on the financial statements of the P.C.C. for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018, which are set out on pages 4 to 15 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and s.43 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE P.C.C. AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

The members of the P.C.C. are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and 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 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 P.C.C. 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 management committee 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 next statement.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

- 1) which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
  - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.



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25th March 2019

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
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**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31st December 2018**


	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2018 Total funds £	2017 Total funds £	* See note 10 for full comparatives
<b>Incoming Resources</b>						
Donations and Legacies	2a	133,372	1,890	135,262	139,687	
Charitable Activities	2b	21,902	14,947	36,849	30,614	
Other Trading Activities	2c	17,181	-	17,181	9,406	
Investments	2d	17,356	-	17,356	12,931	
<b>Total</b>		<u>189,811</u>	<u>16,837</u>	<u>206,648</u>	<u>192,638</u>	
<b>Resources Expended</b>						
Raising Funds	3a	-	7,464	7,464	9,418	
Charitable Activities	3b	<u>186,273</u>	<u>5,748</u>	<u>192,021</u>	<u>164,430</u>	
<b>Total</b>		<u>186,273</u>	<u>13,212</u>	<u>199,485</u>	<u>173,848</u>	
Net gain/(losses) on investment		<u>(39,809)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(39,809)</u>	<u>15,157</u>	
Net Income/(Expenditure)		<u>(36,271)</u>	<u>3,625</u>	<u>(32,646)</u>	<u>33,947</u>	
Transfer between funds		<u>10,725</u>	<u>(10,725)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(25,546)</u>	<u>(7,100)</u>	<u>(32,646)</u>	<u>33,947</u>	
<b>Total funds brought forward (1st Jan)</b>		<u>568,050</u>	<u>63,338</u>	<u>631,388</u>	<u>597,441</u>	
<b>Total funds carried forward (31st Dec)</b>		<u>542,504</u>	<u>56,238</u>	<u>598,742</u>	<u>631,388</u>	


**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
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**Balance Sheet  
At 31st December 2018**

	Notes	2018 Total funds £	2017 Total funds £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Assets	5a	-	-
Investment Assets	5b	<u>529,558</u>	<u>582,427</u>
		529,558	582,427
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Bank current accounts		10,444	10,061
Bank deposit accounts		56,663	28,584
CBF deposit fund		3,216	11,873
Cash		346	147
Stocks		155	195
Debtors		<u>9,488</u>	<u>10,343</u>
		80,312	61,203
<b>Liabilities due in one year</b>	6		
Creditors		<u>(11,128)</u>	<u>(12,242)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)</b>		69,184	48,961
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<u>598,742</u>	<u>631,388</u>
<b>Parish Funds</b>	8		
Unrestricted funds		542,504	568,050
Restricted funds		<u>56,238</u>	<u>63,338</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>598,742</u>	<u>631,388</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 25th March 2019 and were signed on it's behalf by:

  
.....  
Rev H Gibbons (Chairman) - Parochial Church Council member

  
.....  
D P Evison FCA - Chairman of Finance Committee and Treasurer

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
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**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31st December 2018**

**1 Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP) and applicable accounting standard FRS102.

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 accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

**Cash Flow Statement**

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that the income does not exceed £500,000.

**Description of Funds**

**Restricted funds** comprise of two elements:-

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
- b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

**Unrestricted funds** are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purpose.

**Incoming Resources**

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

**Resources Expended**

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

**Fixed Assets**

Consecrated and Benefice Property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10 (2) (a) & (C) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

**Investments**

Investments are valued at market value on 31st December.

**Investment property**

Investment property is shown at the most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in the market value is transferred to a revaluation reserve.

**Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31st December 2018**

**INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2018 Total funds £	2017 Total funds £
<b>2a Donations and Legacies</b>				
<i>Voluntary Income/Receipts</i>				
1 Tax efficient planned giving	61,661	488	62,149	60,055
Other planned giving	3,584	-	3,584	4,216
2 Collections at services	20,295	-	20,295	19,198
3 All other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals	25,595	1,402	26,997	19,365
Gift Aid Recovered	20,237	-	20,237	19,826
Legacies received	2,000	-	2,000	17,027
	<u>133,372</u>	<u>1,890</u>	<u>135,262</u>	<u>139,687</u>
<b>1) Analysis of Tax efficient planned giving</b>				£
Bank Donations				24,862
Regular Envelopes				36,799
Collections - USPG				<u>488</u>
				<u>62,149</u>
<b>2) Analysis of Collections at services</b>				£
White Envelopes				6,616
Loose plate collections				10,620
Collections - Baptisms				994
Collections - Home Communion				452
Collections - Weddings				473
Collections - Special				<u>1,140</u>
				<u>20,295</u>
<b>3) Analysis of all other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals</b>				£
Donations - Church				12,161
Donations - Charities				5,065
Donations - Organ Fund - Restricted				187
Donations - Organ Fund - Unrestricted				1,605
Donations - Flower Fund				615
Wall safes				2,865
Donations - Bell Training - Restricted				-
Donations - Funerals				2,485
Donations - Open Door				360
Donations - Place of Worship				439
Donations - Christmas Day Lunch - Restricted				<u>1,215</u>
				<u>26,997</u>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31st December 2018**

**INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS CONTINUED:**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2018 Total funds £	2017 Total funds £
<b>2b Charitable Activities</b>				
<i>Church Activities</i>				
Statutory Fees (retained by PCC)	12,641	1,545	14,186	12,064
Summer Fete	1,101	-	1,101	768
Fundraising Activities	8,160	13,402	21,562	17,782
	<u>21,902</u>	<u>14,947</u>	<u>36,849</u>	<u>30,614</u>
<b>2c Other Trading Activities</b>				
<i>Activities for Generating Funds</i>				
Church Hall Hire	3,713	-	3,713	4,287
Church Lettings	1,400	-	1,400	-
Lower Brook Street Rent	7,400	-	7,400	2,600
Lichfield Diocesan - Decorator's Scheme	2,350	-	2,350	-
Parish Magazine & Bookstall	2,318	-	2,318	2,519
	<u>17,181</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,181</u>	<u>9,406</u>
<b>2d Investments</b>				
Dividends	17,265	-	17,265	12,892
Bank Interest	91	-	91	39
	<u>17,356</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,356</u>	<u>12,931</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>189,811</u>	<u>16,837</u>	<u>206,648</u>	<u>192,638</u>

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**EXPENDITURE ON:**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2018 Total funds £	2017 Total funds £
<b>3a Raising Funds</b>				
<i>Costs of Generating Income</i>				
Fetes & Fundraising	-	7,464	7,464	9,418
	<u>-</u>	<u>7,464</u>	<u>7,464</u>	<u>9,418</u>
<b>3b Charitable Activities</b>				
<i>Church Activities</i>				
Mission giving and donations	9,192	435	9,627	13,082
Diocesan Parish Share	59,021	-	59,021	58,451
Salaries/Wages	12,162	875	13,037	12,732
Clergy and Staff Expenses	8,393	-	8,393	5,674
<i>Church Expenses</i>				
Church running expenses	16,665	-	16,665	11,688
Church utility bills	19,171	-	19,171	18,453
Cost of trading	22,472	4,438	26,910	25,752
<i>Major Capital Expenditure</i>				
Major Repairs to the Church	37,397	-	37,397	16,923
<i>Governance Costs</i>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,675</u>
	<u>186,273</u>	<u>5,748</u>	<u>192,021</u>	<u>164,430</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>186,273</u>	<u>13,212</u>	<u>199,485</u>	<u>173,848</u>

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**4a STAFF COSTS**

	2018	2017
	£	£
Salaries	<u>13,037</u>	<u>12,732</u>

During the year the PCC employed the following members of the PCC:

	31.12.18	31.12.17
	£	£
Mrs F Major	3,345	3,264
Mr M Donkin	<u>4,895</u>	<u>4,775</u>
	<u>8,240</u>	<u>8,039</u>

There were no other transactions made in respect of PCC Members, no PCC Member received benefit, or reimbursement of travelling or other expenses.

**5a FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold Buildings £	Church Equipment £	Total £
<b>At Cost</b>			
As at 1st January 2018	-	27,836	27,836
Additions in the Year	-	-	-
Disposals in the Year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Value at 31st December 2018	<u>-</u>	<u>27,836</u>	<u>27,836</u>
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>			
As at 1st January 2018	-	27,836	27,836
Charge for the Year	-	-	-
Disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
As at 31st December 2018	<u>-</u>	<u>27,836</u>	<u>27,836</u>
<b>Net Book Value at 31st December 2018</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Book Value at 1st January 2018</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>



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**5b INVESTMENT ASSETS**

	At 1.1.18 £	Additions £	Disposals £	Transfers £	Change in Market Value £	At 31.12.18 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>						
Investments	356,146	-	(15,000)	960	(34,442)	307,664
Investment Property - 14 Lower Brook Street	170,779	1,940	-	-	-	172,719
<b>Restricted funds</b>						
Investments	55,502	-	-	(960)	(5,367)	49,175
<b>Total</b>	<u>582,427</u>	<u>1,940</u>	<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(39,809)</u>	<u>529,558</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

The unlisted investments are made up of the following:

	31.12.18 £	31.12.17 £
Church of England Investment Fund	96,071	112,157
Church of England Fixed Interest Fund	8,370	8,766
M&G Charifund	163,087	188,127
Lichfield Diocesan Trust	89,311	102,598
	<u>356,839</u>	<u>411,648</u>

**INVESTMENT PROPERTY**

**MARKET VALUE**

At 1st January 2018	170,779
Additional Expenditure	1,940
At 31st December 2018	<u>172,719</u>

**NET BOOK VALUE**

At 31st December 2018	<u>172,719</u>
At 31st December 2017	<u>170,779</u>

During 2011 the deeds at 14 Lower Brook Street were discovered to have been transferred into The PCC's name.  
In light of this, the property has been brought into the accounts in 2011 at the then current market value of £160,000.00.

**6 LIABILITIES**

*Amounts falling due in one year*

	2018 £	2017 £
Accruals of Utilities	3,075	4,100
Other Creditors	8,053	8,142
	<u>11,128</u>	<u>12,242</u>

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**7 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS**

	General Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Investments Assets	480,383	49,175	529,558
Current Assets	73,249	7,063	80,312
Current Liabilities	(11,128)	-	(11,128)
	<u>542,504</u>	<u>56,238</u>	<u>598,742</u>

**STOCKS**

	2018 £	2017 £
Stocks (Prayer Cards & Notelets etc)	<u>155</u>	<u>195</u>

**DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2018 £	2017 £
Prepayments	1,480	1,157
Dividend Income	851	2,638
Gift Aid	5,445	4,581
Other debtors	1,712	1,967
	<u>9,488</u>	<u>10,343</u>

**8 FUNDS RECONCILIATION**

	Reserves at 1.1.18 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Investment Gain/Losses £	Transfer between funds £	Reserves at 31.12.18 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
General Fund	568,050	189,811	(186,273)	(39,809)	10,725	542,504
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Organ Fund	1 3,027	187	-	-	118	3,332
Flower Fund	2 895	-	-	-	35	930
Morris Fund	3 145	-	-	-	-	145
Wilfred Owen Fund	4 631	-	-	-	25	656
Church House Fund	5 1,914	-	-	-	(1,914)	-
For the Assistance of the Sick or Needy						
Parishioners Fund	6 8,907	-	(294)	-	346	8,959
Oswestry St Ann's Fund	7 20,742	-	-	-	(9,936)	10,806
Sunday School Fund	8 492	-	-	-	-	492
Vicar's Discretionary Beautification Fund	9 2,577	-	-	-	100	2,677
Boulton Trust Fund	10 12,914	-	-	-	501	13,415
Friends of Music / Choral Foundation	11 1,237	10,259	(5,749)	-	-	5,747
Bellringers	12 3,158	1,921	(1,257)	-	-	3,822
Bellringers - Bell Training	13 937	-	-	-	-	937
Men's Breakfast	14 3,629	-	(3,629)	-	-	-
Ladies Group	15 1,654	2,767	(2,143)	-	-	2,278
USPG	16 479	488	-	-	-	967
Christmas Day Lunch	17 -	1,215	(140)	-	-	1,075
	<u>63,338</u>	<u>16,837</u>	<u>(13,212)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,725)</u>	<u>56,238</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>631,388</u>	<u>206,648</u>	<u>(199,485)</u>	<u>(39,809)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>598,742</u>

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Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Gains and Losses £	Movement in Funds £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
General Fund	189,811	(186,273)	(39,809)	(36,271)
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
Organ Fund	187	-	-	187
Flower Fund	-	-	-	-
Morris Fund	-	-	-	-
Wilfred Owen Fund	-	-	-	-
Church House Fund	-	-	-	-
For the Assistance of the Sick or Needy				
Parishioners Fund	-	(294)	-	(294)
Oswestry St Ann's Fund	-	-	-	-
Sunday School Fund	-	-	-	-
Vicar's Discretionary Beautification Fund	-	-	-	-
Boulton Trust Fund	-	-	-	-
Friends of Music/Choral Foundation	10,259	(5,749)	-	4,510
Bellringers	1,921	(1,257)	-	664
Bellringers - Bell Training	-	-	-	-
Men's Breakfast	-	(3,629)	-	(3,629)
Ladies Group	2,767	(2,143)	-	624
USPG	488	-	-	488
Christmas Day Lunch	1,215	(140)	-	1,075
	<u>16,837</u>	<u>(13,212)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,625</u>
<b>TOTAL NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	<u>206,648</u>	<u>(199,485)</u>	<u>(39,809)</u>	<u>(32,646)</u>

**NOTES TO THE FUNDS**

***Restricted Funds***

**1) Organ Fund**

This is used to restore the organ in St Oswald's church.

**2) Flower Fund**

This fund is held to enable flowers to be purchased for the church throughout the year.

**3) Morris Fund**

This fund is used for the upkeep of a memorial.

**4) Wilfred Owen Fund**

This fund is held for the upkeep of the Wilfred Owen memorial.

**5) Church House Fund**

This fund is held for capital projects.

**6) Sick or Needy Parishioners Fund**

This fund is to be used to assist parishioners of St Oswald's in times of poor health and hardship. The funds were given to St Oswald's in a fellow parishioner's will.

**7) Oswestry St Ann's Fund**

This was generated from the sale of St Ann's chapel at Morda and is held to be used for capital projects.

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**8) Sunday School Fund**

This fund is held to support the Sunday School at St Oswald's church.

**9) Vicar's Discretionary Beautification Fund**

This fund is held for capital projects.

**10) Boulton Trust Fund**

This fund is held for capital projects.

**11) Friends of Music / Choral Foundation Fund**

This fund is used for the Friends of Music Group.

**12) Bellringers Fund**

This fund is used for the Bellringers group.

**13) Bellringers - Bell Training Fund**

This fund was established to assist Bellringers training.

**14) Mens Breakfast Fund**

This is the residual fund after Mens Breakfast finished. The fund is to be used for Parish Centre and kitchen expenditure.

**15) Ladies Group**

This fund is used for the ladies fellowship group.

**16) USPG**

This fund is used for the society for the propagation of the gospel.

**17) Christmas Day Lunch**

This fund was established to provide funds for the Christmas Day Lunch Project.

**9 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

Mr D. P. Evison, F.C.A. is a partner in Garner Pugh & Sinclair who are paid £1,500.00 plus VAT (£1,800.00) for Accounting and Administration services.

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**10 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES COMPARATIVES (PREVIOUS YEAR)**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2017 Total funds £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Donations and Legacies	137,477	2,210	139,687
Charitable Activities	19,630	10,984	30,614
Other Trading Activities	9,406	-	9,406
Investments	12,931	-	12,931
<b>Total</b>	179,444	13,194	192,638
<b>Resources Expended</b>			
Raising Funds	-	9,418	9,418
Charitable Activities	158,696	5,734	164,430
<b>Total</b>	158,696	15,152	173,848
Net gain/(losses) on investment	15,157	-	15,157
Net Income/(Expenditure)	35,905	(1,958)	33,947
Transfer between funds	(1,527)	1,527	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	34,378	(431)	33,947
<b>Total funds brought forward (1st Jan)</b>	533,672	63,769	597,441
<b>Total funds carried forward (31st Dec)</b>	568,050	63,338	631,388



**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1133346**

**Report of the Parochial Church Council and  
Unaudited Financial Statements For The Year Ended  
31st December 2018  
for**

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST OSWALD, KING  
AND MARTYR, OSWESTRY**

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
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**Report of the Parochial Church Council  
for the Year Ended 31st December 2018**

The Parochial Church Council present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2018. The Parochial Church Council have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in 2015.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

1133346

**Principal address**

The Parish Church of St Oswald, King and Martyr  
Church Street  
Oswestry  
Shropshire  
SY11 2SY

**Parochial Church Council**

Rev H Gibbons (Chairman)

Appointed Feb 2018

Mr D P Evison

Miss E J Williams

Mr C W J Lewis

Mrs S Tansley

Mr W E Bowen

Mr M Clarke

Mr P R Crosby

Mr M W Donkin

Mrs E J Leek

Mrs L Clarke

Mrs F Major

Mr I Davies

Mrs L Adams

Mrs J Holderness

Mr A Neale

Mrs J Chesworth

Appointed May 2018

**Independent Examiner**

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

Parochial Church Council powers measure (1956) as amended and church representation rules.

**Risk management**

The Parochial Church Council have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

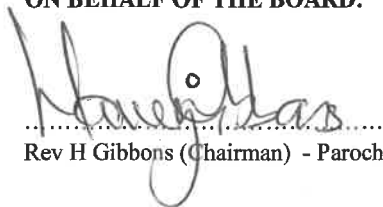
**Safeguarding**

The Parochial Church Council has adopted the Diocesan and Church of England policies in this regard.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
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**Report of the Parochial Church Council  
for the Year Ended 31st December 2018**

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H Gibbons', is written over a dotted line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Rev H Gibbons (Chairman) - Parochial Church Council member

25th March 2019

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE P.C.C. OF ST OSWALD, KING AND MARTYR, OSWESTRY**

This report on the financial statements of the P.C.C. for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018, which are set out on pages 4 to 15 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and s.43 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE P.C.C. AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

The members of the P.C.C. are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and 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 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 P.C.C. 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 management committee 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 next statement.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

- 1) which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
  - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.



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25th March 2019

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST OSWALD, KING  
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**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31st December 2018**


	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2018 Total funds £	2017 Total funds £	* See note 10 for full comparatives
<b>Incoming Resources</b>						
Donations and Legacies	2a	133,372	1,890	135,262	139,687	
Charitable Activities	2b	21,902	14,947	36,849	30,614	
Other Trading Activities	2c	17,181	-	17,181	9,406	
Investments	2d	17,356	-	17,356	12,931	
<b>Total</b>		<b>189,811</b>	<b>16,837</b>	<b>206,648</b>	<b>192,638</b>	
<b>Resources Expended</b>						
Raising Funds	3a	-	7,464	7,464	9,418	
Charitable Activities	3b	186,273	5,748	192,021	164,430	
<b>Total</b>		<b>186,273</b>	<b>13,212</b>	<b>199,485</b>	<b>173,848</b>	
Net gain/(losses) on investment		(39,809)	-	(39,809)	15,157	
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(36,271)	3,625	(32,646)	33,947	
Transfer between funds		10,725	(10,725)	-	-	
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(25,546)</b>	<b>(7,100)</b>	<b>(32,646)</b>	<b>33,947</b>	
<b>Total funds brought forward (1st Jan)</b>		<b>568,050</b>	<b>63,338</b>	<b>631,388</b>	<b>597,441</b>	
<b>Total funds carried forward (31st Dec)</b>		<b>542,504</b>	<b>56,238</b>	<b>598,742</b>	<b>631,388</b>	


**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
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**Balance Sheet  
At 31st December 2018**

	Notes	2018 Total funds £	2017 Total funds £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Assets	5a	-	-
Investment Assets	5b	<u>529,558</u>	<u>582,427</u>
		529,558	582,427
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Bank current accounts		10,444	10,061
Bank deposit accounts		56,663	28,584
CBF deposit fund		3,216	11,873
Cash		346	147
Stocks		155	195
Debtors		<u>9,488</u>	<u>10,343</u>
		80,312	61,203
<b>Liabilities due in one year</b>	6		
Creditors		<u>(11,128)</u>	<u>(12,242)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)</b>		69,184	48,961
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<u>598,742</u>	<u>631,388</u>
<b>Parish Funds</b>	8		
Unrestricted funds		542,504	568,050
Restricted funds		<u>56,238</u>	<u>63,338</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>598,742</u>	<u>631,388</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 25th March 2019 and were signed on it's behalf by:

  
.....  
Rev H Gibbons (Chairman) - Parochial Church Council member

  
.....  
D P Evison FCA - Chairman of Finance Committee and Treasurer

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
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**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31st December 2018**

**1 Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP) and applicable accounting standard FRS102.

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 accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

**Cash Flow Statement**

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that the income does not exceed £500,000.

**Description of Funds**

**Restricted funds** comprise of two elements:-

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
- b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

**Unrestricted funds** are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purpose.

**Incoming Resources**

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

**Resources Expended**

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

**Fixed Assets**

Consecrated and Benefice Property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10 (2) (a) & (C) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

**Investments**

Investments are valued at market value on 31st December.

**Investment property**

Investment property is shown at the most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in the market value is transferred to a revaluation reserve.

**Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

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**INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2018 Total funds £	2017 Total funds £
<b>2a Donations and Legacies</b>				
<i>Voluntary Income/Receipts</i>				
1 Tax efficient planned giving	61,661	488	62,149	60,055
Other planned giving	3,584	-	3,584	4,216
2 Collections at services	20,295	-	20,295	19,198
3 All other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals	25,595	1,402	26,997	19,365
Gift Aid Recovered	20,237	-	20,237	19,826
Legacies received	2,000	-	2,000	17,027
	<u>133,372</u>	<u>1,890</u>	<u>135,262</u>	<u>139,687</u>
<b>1) Analysis of Tax efficient planned giving</b>				£
Bank Donations				24,862
Regular Envelopes				36,799
Collections - USPG				<u>488</u>
				<u>62,149</u>
<b>2) Analysis of Collections at services</b>				£
White Envelopes				6,616
Loose plate collections				10,620
Collections - Baptisms				994
Collections - Home Communion				452
Collections - Weddings				473
Collections - Special				<u>1,140</u>
				<u>20,295</u>
<b>3) Analysis of all other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals</b>				£
Donations - Church				12,161
Donations - Charities				5,065
Donations - Organ Fund - Restricted				187
Donations - Organ Fund - Unrestricted				1,605
Donations - Flower Fund				615
Wall safes				2,865
Donations - Bell Training - Restricted				-
Donations - Funerals				2,485
Donations - Open Door				360
Donations - Place of Worship				439
Donations - Christmas Day Lunch - Restricted				<u>1,215</u>
				<u>26,997</u>

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**INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS CONTINUED:**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2018 Total funds £	2017 Total funds £
<b>2b Charitable Activities</b>				
<i>Church Activities</i>				
Statutory Fees (retained by PCC)	12,641	1,545	14,186	12,064
Summer Fete	1,101	-	1,101	768
Fundraising Activities	8,160	13,402	21,562	17,782
	<u>21,902</u>	<u>14,947</u>	<u>36,849</u>	<u>30,614</u>
<b>2c Other Trading Activities</b>				
<i>Activities for Generating Funds</i>				
Church Hall Hire	3,713	-	3,713	4,287
Church Lettings	1,400	-	1,400	-
Lower Brook Street Rent	7,400	-	7,400	2,600
Lichfield Diocesan - Decorator's Scheme	2,350	-	2,350	-
Parish Magazine & Bookstall	2,318	-	2,318	2,519
	<u>17,181</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,181</u>	<u>9,406</u>
<b>2d Investments</b>				
Dividends	17,265	-	17,265	12,892
Bank Interest	91	-	91	39
	<u>17,356</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,356</u>	<u>12,931</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>189,811</u>	<u>16,837</u>	<u>206,648</u>	<u>192,638</u>



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**EXPENDITURE ON:**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2018 Total funds £	2017 Total funds £
<b>3a Raising Funds</b>				
<i>Costs of Generating Income</i>				
Fetes & Fundraising	-	7,464	7,464	9,418
	<u>-</u>	<u>7,464</u>	<u>7,464</u>	<u>9,418</u>
<b>3b Charitable Activities</b>				
<i>Church Activities</i>				
Mission giving and donations	9,192	435	9,627	13,082
Diocesan Parish Share	59,021	-	59,021	58,451
Salaries/Wages	12,162	875	13,037	12,732
Clergy and Staff Expenses	8,393	-	8,393	5,674
<i>Church Expenses</i>				
Church running expenses	16,665	-	16,665	11,688
Church utility bills	19,171	-	19,171	18,453
Cost of trading	22,472	4,438	26,910	25,752
<i>Major Capital Expenditure</i>				
Major Repairs to the Church	37,397	-	37,397	16,923
<i>Governance Costs</i>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,675</u>
	<u>186,273</u>	<u>5,748</u>	<u>192,021</u>	<u>164,430</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>186,273</u>	<u>13,212</u>	<u>199,485</u>	<u>173,848</u>

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**4a STAFF COSTS**

	2018	2017
	£	£
Salaries	<u>13,037</u>	<u>12,732</u>

During the year the PCC employed the following members of the PCC:

	31.12.18	31.12.17
	£	£
Mrs F Major	3,345	3,264
Mr M Donkin	<u>4,895</u>	<u>4,775</u>
	<u>8,240</u>	<u>8,039</u>

There were no other transactions made in respect of PCC Members, no PCC Member received benefit, or reimbursement of travelling or other expenses.

**5a FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold Buildings £	Church Equipment £	Total £
<b>At Cost</b>			
As at 1st January 2018	-	27,836	27,836
Additions in the Year	-	-	-
Disposals in the Year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Value at 31st December 2018	<u>-</u>	<u>27,836</u>	<u>27,836</u>
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>			
As at 1st January 2018	-	27,836	27,836
Charge for the Year	-	-	-
Disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
As at 31st December 2018	<u>-</u>	<u>27,836</u>	<u>27,836</u>
<b>Net Book Value at 31st December 2018</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Book Value at 1st January 2018</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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**5b INVESTMENT ASSETS**

	At 1.1.18 £	Additions £	Disposals £	Transfers £	Change in Market Value £	At 31.12.18 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>						
Investments	356,146	-	(15,000)	960	(34,442)	307,664
Investment Property - 14 Lower Brook Street	170,779	1,940	-	-	-	172,719
<b>Restricted funds</b>						
Investments	55,502	-	-	(960)	(5,367)	49,175
<b>Total</b>	<u>582,427</u>	<u>1,940</u>	<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(39,809)</u>	<u>529,558</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

The unlisted investments are made up of the following:

	31.12.18 £	31.12.17 £
Church of England Investment Fund	96,071	112,157
Church of England Fixed Interest Fund	8,370	8,766
M&G Charifund	163,087	188,127
Lichfield Diocesan Trust	89,311	102,598
	<u>356,839</u>	<u>411,648</u>

**INVESTMENT PROPERTY**

**MARKET VALUE**

At 1st January 2018	170,779
Additional Expenditure	1,940
At 31st December 2018	<u>172,719</u>

**NET BOOK VALUE**

At 31st December 2018	<u>172,719</u>
At 31st December 2017	<u>170,779</u>

During 2011 the deeds at 14 Lower Brook Street were discovered to have been transferred into The PCC's name. In light of this, the property has been brought into the accounts in 2011 at the then current market value of £160,000.00.

**6 LIABILITIES**

*Amounts falling due in one year*

	2018 £	2017 £
Accruals of Utilities	3,075	4,100
Other Creditors	8,053	8,142
	<u>11,128</u>	<u>12,242</u>

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**7 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS**

	General Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Investments Assets	480,383	49,175	529,558
Current Assets	73,249	7,063	80,312
Current Liabilities	(11,128)	-	(11,128)
	<u>542,504</u>	<u>56,238</u>	<u>598,742</u>

**STOCKS**

	2018 £	2017 £
Stocks (Prayer Cards & Notelets etc)	<u>155</u>	<u>195</u>

**DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2018 £	2017 £
Prepayments	1,480	1,157
Dividend Income	851	2,638
Gift Aid	5,445	4,581
Other debtors	1,712	1,967
	<u>9,488</u>	<u>10,343</u>

**8 FUNDS RECONCILIATION**

	Reserves at 1.1.18 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Investment Gain/Losses £	Transfer between funds £	Reserves at 31.12.18 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
General Fund	568,050	189,811	(186,273)	(39,809)	10,725	542,504
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Organ Fund	1 3,027	187	-	-	118	3,332
Flower Fund	2 895	-	-	-	35	930
Morris Fund	3 145	-	-	-	-	145
Wilfred Owen Fund	4 631	-	-	-	25	656
Church House Fund	5 1,914	-	-	-	(1,914)	-
For the Assistance of the Sick or Needy						
Parishioners Fund	6 8,907	-	(294)	-	346	8,959
Oswestry St Ann's Fund	7 20,742	-	-	-	(9,936)	10,806
Sunday School Fund	8 492	-	-	-	-	492
Vicar's Discretionary Beautification Fund	9 2,577	-	-	-	100	2,677
Boulton Trust Fund	10 12,914	-	-	-	501	13,415
Friends of Music / Choral Foundation	11 1,237	10,259	(5,749)	-	-	5,747
Bellringers	12 3,158	1,921	(1,257)	-	-	3,822
Bellringers - Bell Training	13 937	-	-	-	-	937
Men's Breakfast	14 3,629	-	(3,629)	-	-	-
Ladies Group	15 1,654	2,767	(2,143)	-	-	2,278
USPG	16 479	488	-	-	-	967
Christmas Day Lunch	17 -	1,215	(140)	-	-	1,075
	<u>63,338</u>	<u>16,837</u>	<u>(13,212)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,725)</u>	<u>56,238</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>631,388</u>	<u>206,648</u>	<u>(199,485)</u>	<u>(39,809)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>598,742</u>

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Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Gains and Losses £	Movement in Funds £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
General Fund	189,811	(186,273)	(39,809)	(36,271)
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
Organ Fund	187	-	-	187
Flower Fund	-	-	-	-
Morris Fund	-	-	-	-
Wilfred Owen Fund	-	-	-	-
Church House Fund	-	-	-	-
For the Assistance of the Sick or Needy				
Parishioners Fund	-	(294)	-	(294)
Oswestry St Ann's Fund	-	-	-	-
Sunday School Fund	-	-	-	-
Vicar's Discretionary Beautification Fund	-	-	-	-
Boulton Trust Fund	-	-	-	-
Friends of Music/Choral Foundation	10,259	(5,749)	-	4,510
Bellringers	1,921	(1,257)	-	664
Bellringers - Bell Training	-	-	-	-
Men's Breakfast	-	(3,629)	-	(3,629)
Ladies Group	2,767	(2,143)	-	624
USPG	488	-	-	488
Christmas Day Lunch	1,215	(140)	-	1,075
	<u>16,837</u>	<u>(13,212)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,625</u>
<b>TOTAL NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	<u>206,648</u>	<u>(199,485)</u>	<u>(39,809)</u>	<u>(32,646)</u>

**NOTES TO THE FUNDS**

***Restricted Funds***

**1) Organ Fund**

This is used to restore the organ in St Oswald's church.

**2) Flower Fund**

This fund is held to enable flowers to be purchased for the church throughout the year.

**3) Morris Fund**

This fund is used for the upkeep of a memorial.

**4) Wilfred Owen Fund**

This fund is held for the upkeep of the Wilfred Owen memorial.

**5) Church House Fund**

This fund is held for capital projects.

**6) Sick or Needy Parishioners Fund**

This fund is to be used to assist parishioners of St Oswald's in times of poor health and hardship. The funds were given to St Oswald's in a fellow parishioner's will.

**7) Oswestry St Ann's Fund**

This was generated from the sale of St Ann's chapel at Morda and is held to be used for capital projects.

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**8) Sunday School Fund**

This fund is held to support the Sunday School at St Oswald's church.

**9) Vicar's Discretionary Beautification Fund**

This fund is held for capital projects.

**10) Boulton Trust Fund**

This fund is held for capital projects.

**11) Friends of Music / Choral Foundation Fund**

This fund is used for the Friends of Music Group.

**12) Bellringers Fund**

This fund is used for the Bellringers group.

**13) Bellringers - Bell Training Fund**

This fund was established to assist Bellringers training.

**14) Mens Breakfast Fund**

This is the residual fund after Mens Breakfast finished. The fund is to be used for Parish Centre and kitchen expenditure.

**15) Ladies Group**

This fund is used for the ladies fellowship group.

**16) USPG**

This fund is used for the society for the propagation of the gospel.

**17) Christmas Day Lunch**

This fund was established to provide funds for the Christmas Day Lunch Project.

**9 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

Mr D. P. Evison, F.C.A. is a partner in Garner Pugh & Sinclair who are paid £1,500.00 plus VAT (£1,800.00) for Accounting and Administration services.

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**10 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES COMPARATIVES (PREVIOUS YEAR)**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2017 Total funds £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Donations and Legacies	137,477	2,210	139,687
Charitable Activities	19,630	10,984	30,614
Other Trading Activities	9,406	-	9,406
Investments	12,931	-	12,931
<b>Total</b>	179,444	13,194	192,638
<b>Resources Expended</b>			
Raising Funds	-	9,418	9,418
Charitable Activities	158,696	5,734	164,430
<b>Total</b>	158,696	15,152	173,848
Net gain/(losses) on investment	15,157	-	15,157
Net Income/(Expenditure)	35,905	(1,958)	33,947
Transfer between funds	(1,527)	1,527	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	34,378	(431)	33,947
<b>Total funds brought forward (1st Jan)</b>	533,672	63,769	597,441
<b>Total funds carried forward (31st Dec)</b>	568,050	63,338	631,388

