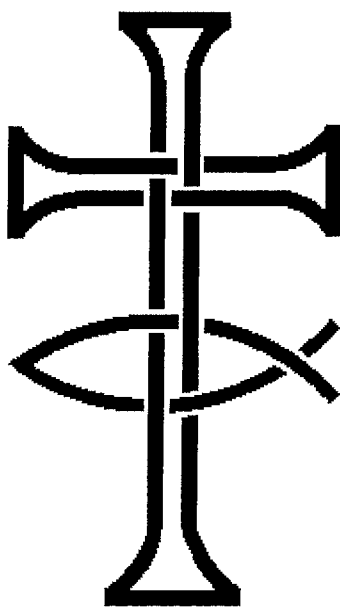


**Wylde Green United Reformed Church Charity  
Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2018**



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## **Trustees Report**

### **Reference and Administrative Details:**

Wylde Green United Reformed Church is situated within the West Midlands Synod of the United Reformed Church.

Wylde Green URC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (No. 1136135).

The correspondence address (Church Secretary in 2018) is: Miss Pat Lister, 3 Heathlands Crescent, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5EP.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

#### **Constitution**

The Church is a constituent part of the United Reformed Church which was formed by Act of Parliament in 1972, as amended in 1981 and 2000. The Governing document of the Wylde Green United Reformed Church Charity was adopted by the Church, at a Church Meeting on 15th July 2009 and registration with the Charity Commission was formally confirmed on 1st June 2010. The pastoral and financial oversight of the congregation is achieved through the local councils of the Church and the wider representative councils. These being the elected Elders that formally meet monthly both as Elders of the Church and as Trustees of the Charity and as part of the collective membership at the Church Meeting, consisting of all persons who have been formally admitted to membership of the Church and whose names are on the membership roll. The wider representative councils are the West Midlands Synod to which the Church is affiliated and the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church.

#### **Governance**

The Elders meet monthly both as Elders and where financial matters are concerned, as Trustees of the Church and are the principal management committee of the Church. The Elders Meeting consists of the Minister and of Elders elected by the collective church membership at Church Meeting. The Treasurer (formally known as the Convenor of the Finance Committee) and the Convenor of the Fabric Committee, if not elected Elders, can attend the Elders Meeting as ex-officio members. Elders serve for three years and are then eligible for re-election for a further three years, after which they must stand down for at least a year. The Financial management of the Church is regulated through the Financial Standing Instructions (or the Financial Constitution), which was adopted by the Church Meeting in 2000 and amended in 2003 and further revised and approved at the Church Meeting in November 2011. The detailed financial management is delegated to the Finance Committee, working within this Constitution. The membership of the Finance Committee is made up of officers with particular responsibilities and representatives of the Trustees and the Church Membership. Due to the size of the charity, the Trustees consider that an audit is not required for the 2018 year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that accordingly only an Independent Examination is needed.

The Church Meeting is held six times a year, one of which is an AGM. The Church Meeting endorses (or not) the decisions of the Trustees on Financial matters and regulates and approves (or not) all other

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matters associated with the running of the Church. Church Meetings can be attended by anyone connected with the Church, but voting is restricted to members of the Church.

During 2016 the Minister of the Church, Reverend Susan McCoan (who was both ordained and inducted to Wylde Green URC on 10th July 2010) responded to a calling from a pastorate in London; and as such, since July of 2016 the Church has been without a Minister. Since being declared vacant (awaiting a Minister to respond to a calling) the Eldership has continued to work hard during this period of interregnum awaiting expressions of interest from Ministers.

The eldership is committed to the objectives it set as part of the LMMR process under the guidance of Susan McCoan; and works tirelessly to maintain focus in order to achieve these objectives. However, the eldership sees the leadership of a minister an integral part in truly realising these objectives.

### Table of Elders

The Trustees of the Church during 2018 were:

Name	Date Elected	Date Stood Down	Office Held
Joan Cox	November 2016		
Alastair Frew	November 2016		
Jason Gardner	November 2013		
Steve Goring	November 2013		
Anne Horton	November 2016		
Sue Jones	November 2016		
Samara Knight	November 2014		
Pat Lister	November 2013		Church Secretary
Adrian Miles	November 2013		
Mark Miles	November 2012	December 2018	
Susan Miles	November 2016		
Elaine Siggers	November 2014		
Alex Wheadon	November 2015		

### Aims and Objectives

The Church operates within the Scheme of Union of the United Reformed Church and the Governing Document approved by the membership at Church Meeting.

The objectives of the church can be summarised as 'the advancement of religion' but specifically quantified by the following:

- To provide regular public worship for all
- To promote the Christian faith
- To teach the faith to all ages
- To provide training, nurture and activities for children and young people
- To serve the community

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- To give pastoral care and support to members and others in need, particularly those in sickness, distress or poverty
- To provide premises and resources for community groups and activities.

## **The Church's Mission Statement is:**

'Making the love of Jesus a reality in the community seven days a week. Reaching out, welcoming in'

## **Activities and Performance**

The number of church members as at 31st December 2018 was: 137

The number of Junior Church children and young people at the same date was: 37

The average weekly attendance for morning services is 78 adults and 14 Children; and evening services average an attendance of 21.

During 2018, 4 of our Members died. We welcomed 4 people into church membership and conducted 2 infant baptisms, 1 adult baptism and 1 blessing.

During the year, the Church continued with its forward-thinking plan under the close monitoring of the 'Forward Planning Group' which was born out of the LMMR consultation. The group is responsible for the careful monitoring of key Church and fellowship activities; as a direct result of this the Church has a focal point of idea generation, activity planning and co-ordination. Many of the activities which the Church values are now a foundation to Church life such as the 'Season of Invitation' or 'Culture of Invitation', which is continually promoted and embraced; and as a result during the course of the year there have been new, regular people attending Church. Activities that the church organised include: Harvest supper and quiz, Line Dance in aid of the Leprosy Mission, Flower Festival, 'Come and Meet Everyone' (CAMEO) lunches for church members and a Stage show of 'An Impossible God'. The church has worked hard to actively promote worship through providing a Lent course, posting Sunday morning service sermons on its website, Community Carol singing and Church 'Visioning' days. All these events have provided memorable fellowship opportunities for everyone involved or visiting the church.

Our commitment to providing youth activities such as the Good Friday 'Fun Day' have been combined with the activities of Junior Church which has a group of twelve volunteers that support the varying age groups and activities. The Junior Church is run and co-ordinated by Alastair Frew. Junior Church is active on Sundays and runs three departments catering for babies through to 17-year olds. There is an active Toddler Group which meets three mornings a week for children up to the age of 2½, and a Play Group that meets Wednesday to Friday in the mornings during term time for children from the age of 2½ + to school age. There is a group of young people aged 11+ that frequent the church on an irregular basis making it hard for the Junior Church to establish a regular youth group, which the church would very much like to do. To this end the Junior church volunteers are actively talking to this group of young people to try and work out an ideal time to meet.

The Church also has 7 uniformed organisations:

A Guide Unit, two Brownie packs, one Rainbow Unit, a Scout Troop, a Cub Scout pack and a Beaver Colony.

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Adult Groups and activities which are part of the Church include:

A Badminton club, the Boldmere Recorded Music Society, a book group, the Britwell Circle, the Church Choir, the Friday Friendship Club, Pop-in Coffee, Prayer Groups, a Walking Group, two regular and two occasional House Groups that provide fellowship and bible study and an annual Lent course. A variety of other organisations not directly connected with the Church use the Church premises each week and pay a rental for their use of the facilities.

The Church hosts a Traidcraft shop that is open on Friday and Saturday mornings and after the morning and evening services on Sunday. The Traidcraft shop also supplies similar operations in other churches in the district.

The Church plays an active part in the Churches Together organisation in Boldmere, Banners Gate and Wylde Green and has a representative who keeps in touch with the Bible Society and URC Retreat facilities. The Church is represented at West Midlands Synod meetings and participates in Christian Aid and Leprosy Mission collections.

### **Church Premises**

The condition of the Church, the Manse and other associated buildings is of constant concern and a large part of our uncommitted annual expenditure budget is devoted to maintenance and upkeep of the church fabric and its associated buildings and facilities.

During the course of 2018 the church has experienced a number of regular maintenance issues and a few significant changes which have been aimed at safeguarding the church and also making the experience of visiting and taking part in church services and activities more comfortable.

Routine repairs and maintenance to the fabric of the church buildings remain a key focus and financial commitment to the church and during 2018 we continued our policy to invest in the fabric of our church for the benefit of those using the facilities.

During 2018 there was continued investment in the church facilities with an emphasis on Britwell Hall which over the course of the year has required some significant remedial works to be carried out including the replacement of decayed joists to a portion of the hall floor, replacement of Vinyl flooring and emergency work to restore the heating circulation (with further work planned for 2019). We also committed further investment into the area of the church that accommodates the audio system with the construction of a new raised platform to improve the operator experience of services in order to enhance the inclusiveness and enjoyment for all regular and occasional church visitors. Other work to the church includes the re-roofing of the Ministers Vestry and the replacement of the water heater, maintenance to the fire alarm system and lightning conductors as well as continued maintenance to the church surroundings, including cutting the grass on the field used by the Scouts, tree maintenance, replacement of damaged signage and some required improvements to the Manse including replacement floorboards, central heating boiler and carpet in the front reception room.

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Such investments have been made possible through the continued regular giving of the church congregation and in part by the considerable legacy funds that the church has been bequeathed. It is the duty of the Eldership to ensure the responsible investment of these funds and as such the Elders have met with the Fabric and Finance Committees in order to discuss and plan how these funds should be invested to support the objectives of the church.

## Risk Assessment

There are two principal risks that face the Charity on an on-going basis:

- The reliability of 'Congregational Giving' as its major income
- A fabric 'disaster'

The congregation and the membership have and continue to support the church through 'Congregational Giving' which is a significant contributor to the income of the church. However, this number has for the last two years reported reductions year on year. The eldership has however decided that no further appeal to ask the congregation for an increase in their giving is appropriate in 2019. Elders have met with representatives from the Synod to review the contributions the church makes to the Ministry and Mission fund, as a result this expenditure in 2019 will reduce.

The Church has a group whose particular responsibilities are being aware of and implementing the Health and Safety requirements on the premises; as part of this we are fully aware of the varying needs of our members and visitors and print the details of the provisions we have for those with disabilities or special needs on the back cover of the Church Handbook.

We are constantly trying to improve our General Reserves by urging consistent giving commitments and by reviewing and monitoring our expenditure. In the Finance Committee, we formally review our performance against budget each month and in the last quarter of the year make a forecast of our eventual financial position, which then provides the basis for the next year's budget.


Prepared on behalf of the Trustees by Jason Gardner

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Trustee



Trustee



Date: 19th June 2019

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## Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018

### Finance Committee Convenor's Report

I am pleased to present the Accounts for the year that ended on 31st December 2018. Firstly I'd like to extend a great deal of gratitude to the Finance Committee for their diligence and patience while I have been "finding my feet". With special mention of Kay, Robin and Andrew whose long standing commitment and knowledge made it possible for me to play my part, thank you. I'm also grateful to Kate for joining the committee.

The Budget for 2018 was set in the context of the 2017 Congregational Giving Appeal of 2.5% not being realised, following a slump in the pace of Giving in the second half of that year, as we continued in our Ministerial vacancy. This deficit of £4,500 (6.5%) was however modestly recovered by the 2017 Christmas Fayre and Donations exceeding Budget, however coupled with a smaller excess in total Expenditure, we finished that year £2,000 adrift of Budget overall. Despite this disappointing outcome, our solvency was strengthened during that year by three unconditional Legacies amounting to over £108,000 in total. The continued vacancy and the consequential Manse Rental income allowed the Trustees to establish a 'Manse & Minister Fund' to provide for the refurbishment of the Manse and our share of the relocation expenses on the appointment of a new Minister, which stood at £9,000 at the start of 2018, after sufficient funds still being available to spend £6,000 on Fabric Projects in 2017. Accordingly, after the disappointment of 2017, the Trustees agreed to seek a 3% increase in Congregational Giving for 2018, in order to limit the Budgeted deficit for this year to close to £4,500, on the assumption that a Minister would not be joining until July 2018.

The pace of Giving throughout this year was unsupportive of this 3% Appeal, with a final deficit of £1,000 (1.5%) resulting, however this was more than offset by a welcome surplus in Donations of some £3,000 arising from Traidcraft and Mothers & Toddlers, which both significantly exceeded Budget expectations. It also proved not to be the case that a Minister was appointed during the year, so an expenditure saving of £2,500 resulted (mainly in Manse costs), with all other costs being overall close to Budget. Accordingly, the General Fund was near to being balanced for this year. With the Manse let for the whole year and a revision of the Budget delayed from the Spring to the Autumn (so only Church works of less than £3,000 could be completed in the timescale), a surplus in available Fabric funds resulted, which together with an allocation of £20,000 from Legacy Funds for essential other Fabric work, resulted in the (now) 'Fabric & Minister Fund' amounting to over £35,000 at the year-end, despite the Manse central heating boiler having to be replaced at a cost of £2,500.

The Budget for 2019 assumes a drop in Regular Giving & Tax Recoveries of some £2,000, and more modest Donation expectations, together with a 'light' Christmas Fayre, giving anticipated receipts of £5,000 less than in 2018. A Minister was again budgeted to join mid-year, but the Trustees were able to make substantial inroads on the size of Synod Ministry & Mission contribution, avoiding the consequential large Budget deficit, with a £7,500 reduction being confirmed for the 2019 Levy. The effect of this saving made overall 2019 budgeted costs £4,000 less than 2018, despite it now being the case that a Minister has thankfully been appointed and is expected to join us in late summer 2019. Overall the 2019 Budget showed a deficit of around £1,000, although this will actually be a little lower due to the slightly later than budgeted start date of the Minister. This is a much more satisfactory position than in recent years, with no consumption of General Funds anticipated and substantial other reserves available to support Fabric Projects in 2019. As previously, the continued funding of Fabric Projects, as long as we are sufficiently solvent, is essential in reducing the likelihood of future fabric 'disasters', so minimising the risk of disruption to the finances and life of the Church posed by such events. The Trustees, the Congregation and their representatives, are considering what to apply the remaining Legacy Funds (£87,500) may be applied to, particularly with the appointment of a Minister and that fresh challenge.

In 2018 I was appointed as Finance Committee Convenor after some months of vacancy, and I wish to express my particular thanks to all who served on the Finance Committee at that demanding time for their work and commitment 'behind the scenes', to ensure that the Charity continued to be well managed. I am also grateful for Brian Leather for succeeding Sue Harrison as our Independent Examiner, following her planned retirement.

Presented by:  .....

Date: 19th June 2019

Dave Evans Finance Committee Convenor

## Wylde Green United Reformed Church Charity Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018

### Independent Examiner's report to the members of Wylde Green URC

I report on the accounts of Wylde Green United Reformed Church Charity for the year ended 31 December 2018, which are set out on pages 9 to 16.

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

#### Basis of independent examiner's statement

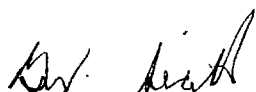
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

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

Signed on 19th June 2019 by:



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Brian Leather  
Independent Examiner



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## Wylde Green United Reformed Church Charity

### Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2018

		General Funds	Legacy Fund	People & Outreach Funds	Fabric & Minister Fund	Total Funds	Total Funds
						2018	2017
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming resources</b>							
Congregational giving		63,635	-	-	-	<b>63,635</b>	64,037
Tax recovered		14,077	-	-	-	<b>14,077</b>	14,896
Lettings		24,047	-	-	-	<b>24,047</b>	23,942
Donations and grants	2	7,325	-	375	-	<b>7,700</b>	7,072
Investment income		1,042	-	-	-	<b>1,042</b>	179
Other income		1,869	-	-	-	<b>1,869</b>	3,649
Legacies		-	-	-	-	-	108,640
Manse Rental		-	-	-	13,800	<b>13,800</b>	14,045
Total incoming resources		<u>111,995</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>375</u>	<u>13,800</u>	<u><b>126,170</b></u>	<u>236,460</u>
<b>Resources expended</b>							
URC disbursements		63,252	-	-	-	<b>63,252</b>	62,316
Salaries, fees & grants	3	21,154	-	5,000	-	<b>26,154</b>	19,950
Manse expenses	4	282	-	-	4,618	<b>4,900</b>	2,362
Church expenses	5	13,344	-	-	-	<b>13,344</b>	12,265
Fabric committee	6	8,012	-	-	2,905	<b>10,917</b>	20,661
General expenses		3,128	-	-	-	<b>3,128</b>	2,158
Subscriptions and donations	7	940	-	-	-	<b>940</b>	1,227
Church life	8	1,899	-	883	-	<b>2,782</b>	3,530
Legacy allocations	9	-	20,000	-	(20,000)	-	-
Total resources expended		<u>112,011</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>5,883</u>	<u>(12,477)</u>	<u><b>125,417</b></u>	<u>124,469</u>
Net (outgoing) / incoming resources		(16)	(20,000)	(5,508)	26,277	<b>753</b>	111,991
Fund balances at 1 January		38,933	107,640	14,007	9,000	<b>169,580</b>	57,589
Fund balances at 31 December		<u><u>38,917</u></u>	<u><u>87,640</u></u>	<u><u>8,499</u></u>	<u><u>35,277</u></u>	<u><u><b>170,333</b></u></u>	<u><u>169,580</u></u>

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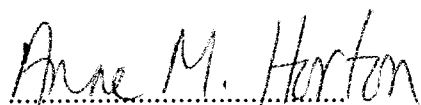
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## Wylde Green United Reformed Church Charity Balance sheet as at 31 December 2018

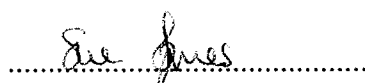
		Total funds	Total funds
		2018	2017
	Notes	£	£
Fixed assets			
Investments	10	-	-
Current assets			
Debtors	11	899	2,628
Cash on deposit	12	160,716	110,425
Cash at bank		17,401	62,022
		<u>179,016</u>	<u>175,075</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	8,683	5,495
Net current assets		<u>170,333</u>	<u>169,580</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-
<b>Net total assets</b>		<u><b>170,333</b></u>	<u><b>169,580</b></u>
Reserves			
General Funds		38,917	38,933
Legacy Fund	9	87,640	107,640
People & Outreach Funds		8,499	14,007
Fabric & Minister Fund		35,277	9,000
<b>Total reserves</b>		<u><b>170,333</b></u>	<u><b>169,580</b></u>

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form part of these Accounts.

Approved by the Trustees on 19th June 2019 and authorised to be signed on their behalf by:



Trustee



Trustee

## Wylde Green United Reformed Church Charity Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018

### 1 Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting by Charities' issued by the Charity Commissioners and with applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom.

The accounts have been prepared on the basis of accruals accounting. Therefore income is matched with associated expenditure. In summary, accruals accounting requires that:

income is recognised at the point when it is due to the charity, regardless of whether any cash associated with the transaction has actually been received and  
expenditure is recognised at the point when the relevant goods and services are supplied, regardless of whether or not an invoice has been received or payment has actually been made.

A summary follows of the more important accounting policies, which have been applied consistently.

#### **Tangible fixed assets**

Property associated with the charity is vested in URC (W.Midlands) Trust Ltd, the Synod trust body, and cannot be disposed of without the consent of the Synod Finance Committee. This property is therefore considered inalienable and no useful purpose would be gained by the inclusion of an amount in the accounts for land and buildings.

Equipment, furniture and fittings purchased by the charity are treated as outgoing resources in the year of purchase and therefore no amount is shown in the balance sheet for such items.

#### **Fixed asset investments**

Investments in government stocks and similar items which are intended to be held for more than one year are treated as fixed assets. The initial cost of investments is their purchase cost. Investments are valued at market value at the balance sheet date. Changes in value during the year are reported in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Income from investments is included, together with any recoverable tax element, as an incoming resource to the general fund on an accruals basis.

#### **Legacies**

Legacies are treated as income in the year in which they are received. Where a donor has placed conditions on the use of a legacy it is set apart from the general funds of the charity and used only for the specific purpose intended. Legacies over £500 received without conditions should be designated to particular reserves in accordance with the charity's Standing Financial Instructions and reserves policy.

#### **Income Tax recovered**

Receipts in respect of Tax claims for Gift Aid donations are treated as relating to the calendar year in which the tax year ends i.e. those relating to the tax year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018 are included as income in 2018. Similarly, with regard to claims under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme these are treated as income quarterly in arrears i.e. tax recoverable in this respect up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018, is included as income in 2018.

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## Donations passing through the charity

The charity bank account is used as a means of collecting money and then passing it on to other organisations at various times during the year. Such donations are treated as neither income nor expenditure of the charity on the grounds of immateriality. The amounts are reported in Note 14 to the accounts.

## Reserves

The charity has no endowment or restricted funds at present. Funds apart from the charity's general fund are established by the Trustees and Reserves may be designated to those funds in accordance with the charity's current reserves policy.

## 2 Donations and grants received

	2018	2017
	£	£
<b>General Funds</b>		
HSBC Bank PLC Charity Funding	1,000	0
Mothers & Toddlers Group	2,480	2,400
Visual system donations	0	737
Britwell Circle	150	150
Book Group	45	0
Friday Friendship	100	100
Boldmere Recorded Music Society	0	80
Music Events	700	810
Traidcraft	2,000	1,000
Badminton	380	230
Baptism, wedding & funeral donations	0	200
Fees donated	190	30
Uniformed Organisations	262	60
Others	18	0
Others in 2017	0	500
	<u>7,325</u>	<u>6,297</u>
<b>People &amp; Outreach Fund</b>		
Congregational donations	375	375
West Midlands Synod grant (Night shelter)	0	400
	<u>375</u>	<u>775</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>7,700</u>	<u>7,072</u>

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## 3 Salaries, fees & grants

	2018	2017
	£	£
Wages and salaries		
Minister's car and book allowances	0	0
Pulpit & Organist supply	184	8
Caretakers, cleaners and others	20,804	19,942
Employers' NIC and Pension provision	0	0
Training Grant (ex. People & Outreach)	5,000	0
Recruitment advertising	166	0
	<u>26,154</u>	<u>19,950</u>

## 4 Manse expenses

	2018	2017
	£	£
Council tax	0	0
Insurance and water	282	277
Telephone and internet	0	0
Sundry repairs and renewals	0	0
	<u>282</u>	<u>277</u>
Rental Costs (Fabric & Minister fund)	<u>4,618</u>	<u>2,085</u>
	<u>4,900</u>	<u>2,362</u>

## 5 Church expenses

	2018	2017
	£	£
Gas	5,345	4,965
Insurance	4,689	4,211
Electricity	2,336	2,172
Water	346	274
Rates	195	194
Sundry	433	449
	<u>13,344</u>	<u>12,265</u>

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## 6 Fabric Committee

	2018	2017
	£	£
Church, halls and manse	8,012	6,690
Fabric Projects (see Note 10)	2,905	13,286
Other	-	685
	<u>10,917</u>	<u>20,661</u>

## 7 Subscriptions & donations made

	2018	2017
	£	£
Levenson Foundation	7	8
DEC: Indonesia Appeal (Note 14)	100	0
URC Silence & Retreats network	20	20
Christmas Appeals (Note 14)	723	470
CTBBGWG (subscription)	90	90
Banners Gate Counselling Centre	0	0
URC Peace Fellowship	0	30
Cord: Toilet Twinning	0	300
Red Cross: Grenfell Tower Appeal	0	101
Others made in 2017	0	208
	<u>940</u>	<u>1,227</u>

## 8 Church life

	2018	2017
	£	£
Annual Copyright Licence	494	470
People & Outreach (incl. Night Shelter)	883	0
Junior Church	167	474
Flower fund	300	300
LMMR (2018 in People & Outreach)	72	417
Cradle Roll	109	158
Sundry	757	711
	<u>2,782</u>	<u>2,530</u>
Legacy allocation: 2018 Flower Festival	0	1,000
	<u>2,782</u>	<u>3,530</u>

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## 9 Legacy Fund

	2018 £	2017 £
Total brought-forward	<u>107,640</u>	<u>0</u>
Received from Executors	0	108,640
Allocations	(20,000)	(1,000)
	<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>107,640</u>
Total carried-forward	<u>87,640</u>	<u>107,640</u>

During 2017, the Legacy Fund was credited with the proceeds received from the estates of the late Mrs. Edith Hannan (£1,000), Miss Dorothy Holder (£20,000) and Mrs. Sue McKnight (£87,640), these legacies were unconditional. During 2018 the Trustees allocated £20,000 towards urgent Fabric projects. The Legacy Fund is used to segregate these funds from the General Funds of the Charity, pending allocation by the Trustees.

## 10 Fixed assets

The church currently has no fixed asset investments, holding all its reserves as cash in hand, at bank or cash deposits of less than one year to maturity.

Property associated with the church is vested in URC (W. Midlands) Trust Ltd, the Synod trust body. For information, the current (2019) valuations for insurance purposes are shown below:-

Britwell Road, Sutton Coldfield, Church premises & all associated assets	£7,799,995
Manse at 45 Beacon Road, Sutton Coldfield	£385,416

During the period 1999 to 2004 inclusive the church incurred major expenditure on improvements and repairs to its buildings as part of the Centenary & Millennium projects, totalling £290,357, including new sanctuary heating and access-for-all alterations to the church vestibule, together with extending and refurbishing Britwell Hall and its rooms, together with repairing and improving the Organ. Subsequently, smaller specific Fabric projects have been completed, as follows:-

£8,080 in 2005 for improvements to the Highbridge Hall kitchen  
£4,933 was spent during 2004 & 2005 improving the fencing of the Church field  
£4,528 in 2006 for new Church lighting, £6,347 in 2007 for improvements to the fabric of Room 1  
£5,250 in 2008 for Parapet and roof improvements  
£3,110 (£2,110 after Traidcraft donation) in 2008 for alterations to the Vestry, toilet & store  
£6,683 (£4,183 after a donation from the Joseph Scott Trust) for refurbishment of the corridor toilets  
£12,790 (£8,806 after West Midlands Synod grant) for Manse renovation prior to Minister appointment  
£2,779 (£1,484 after a donation & carbon offset grant) for Room 1 double-glazed replacement windows  
£37,684 (£2,194 after a Grant of £35,490 from Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust) for a replacement Boiler and installation of further fuel-efficient double-glazing and insulation in 2013  
£2,170 for renovation and new seating in the Church Lounge in 2014  
£6,356 (£2,168 after donations) for enhancements to the Church audio capability from 2013 to 2016  
£11,556 for replacement uPVC Doors & Windows in 2015, 2016 & 2017  
£3,600 (£nil after a Legacy allocation) for replacement Cladding & Soffits in the Halls in 2015  
£14,100 for the installation of Fire Alarm and Gas safety systems during 2015 & 2016  
£11,694 (£nil after donations & a £6,000 Legacy allocation) for the Visual system from 2015 to 2017  
£2,000 for new Pew Runners in the Church (£nil after a Legacy allocation)  
£5,844 to renovate and / or redecorate the Choir Vestry, Paint Store & Britwell Corridor 2016 to 2018  
£7,825 for Britwell Hall 2017 & 2018 renovations, and £1,684 for CCTV Security in 2017

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## 11 Debtors

	2018 £	2017 £
Lettings	0	1,591
Prepayments	381	381
Other debtors	518	656
	<u>899</u>	<u>2,628</u>

## 12 Investments

A Charities' Deposit Account with CCLA Investment Management Limited is held, the amount deposited in this account was £50,716 at the year-end (2017: £85,425). During the year a 90 day Charity deposit account was opened with the Teachers Building Society, this stood at credit of £85,000 at the end of the year. The Churches' Mutual Credit Union account remained £25,000 in credit all year.

## 13 Creditors

	2018 £	2017 £
Commitment for Life	622	487
Utilities	1,089	1,067
Other creditors & accruals	1,470	2,312
Amounts held for Church Organisations:		
Choir gown fund	58	58
Flower Fund (ex. Legacy)	0	1,000
Visual Project	444	571
Training Grant (ex. People & Outreach)	5,000	0
	<u>8,683</u>	<u>5,495</u>

## 14 Donations passing through church funds

	2018 £
Commitment for Life	4,425
Christmas Appeals (Note 7)	
- Traidcraft Exchange	213
- Alzheimer's Society	213
- St Basil's	151
DEC: Indonesia Appeal (Note 7)	153