

ST BOTOLPH'S SWYNCOMBE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2016

Introduction

The functions of the **Parochial Church Council** (PCC) shall include co-operation with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. This mission includes the maintenance of our 1,000 year-old church building.

In the second decade of the 21st century, a rural parish Anglican church like ours continues to face significant challenges. Situated on the Ridgeway, St Botolph's is a spiritual place, with a tranquillity that inspires its visitors. The holiness of the setting, the simplicity of the historic architecture and the long tradition of Christian worship in such a seemingly isolated place affords us the potential and the opportunity to draw worshippers from far and wide, albeit to the depths of the Oxfordshire countryside.

Half of those on our Parish Roll live outside the parish. Our Parish is sparsely populated (about 250 households, with about 550 residents across 5 hamlets). There is no obvious vibrant village centre that might act as our focal point. We have no premises beyond the church building itself. We are currently awaiting Planning Permission for a disabled lavatory and small store-room to be sited within the Churchyard. We hope this will be built during 2017. We use the Village Hall at Russells Water for meetings.

In a fast-changing secular society, we are the reverse of evangelistic fashion. It follows that there is a cardinal regard for continuity, with the sung Eucharist celebrated every week and the Eucharist said from the 1662 prayer book on the second Sunday in every month.

Following the retirement of our Rector, the Rev'd Christopher Evans, (who had served in this area for 29 years and had been Rector of our Benefice for 16 years), we officially commenced an Interregnum on 1st December, 2016.

Objectives

We recognise the following future challenges:

1. We need to develop a more balanced congregation across the age-range, particularly by embracing families.
2. Establish an active outreach posture relevant to the needs of those living in the wider community of the parish, not least the sick and needy.
3. Be more active across the Benefice, both with our sister parishes but also with the other Christian churches.
4. Do only a few things, but do them well.

Our Vision is:

'To grow a vibrant and inclusive church community sustained by the warmth of our welcome, the spirituality of our worship and the tranquillity of our setting, so that St Botolph's might continue its discipleship to provide hope, comfort and peace for another thousand years.'

Despite reports of the Church of England having an ageing congregation and declining church attendances, we in St Botolph's, with our 26-strong regular congregation, are planning positively for the future, both through our worship and by our actions. We consider ourselves to be traditional, private Christians who are drawn to attend services at our ancient, hallowed church, seeking tranquillity in prayer, fulfilment and strength from traditional worship and fellowship. A church is about the people who attend, just as much as its history and its architecture.

As in most churches, we are a mixed group of people with a hope that, as we meet together and share both our gifts and our vulnerabilities, ever so discreetly, we will find the fullness of life and love that belief in Christ promises us.

We come, hopefully, with open minds and open hearts, doing our best to reflect honestly on the meaning of Jesus Christ for each of us and to welcome all who may want to join us, with the assurance of a warm Christian welcome. St Botolph's is a small, intimate, supportive community. If you are interested, come and see!

Achievements and Performance

Snowdrop Teas 2016: Despite three wet Saturdays, the better weather on the Sundays enabled us to raise a total of £4,416.00 over the three week-ends (net: £3,978.00). We are indebted to our huge team of bakers, stall-helpers on the day (sometimes braving appalling weather) and our stalwart car parking marshals out in the freezing cold for the success of this, our major fund-raising event of the year.

In addition, we offered hospitality to a coach-load of Dutch visitors outside our usual week-ends. The second Sunday continues to be our busiest, and subsequent attendance at our 'Snowdrop Evensong' on that late afternoon continues to be well-attended.

A Talk by Lord Jay of Ewelme GCMG (formerly: Michael Jay) was held on the evening of Friday, 22 April, 2016. His subject: 'The Poetry of Diplomacy' proved extremely popular. The fact that it was held on the eve of St George's Day was particularly significant to Lord Jay's theme. The rousing singing of 'I vow to thee my Country' at the end of the talk raised hairs on the back of our necks – a very moving moment in an evening of amusing, informative anecdotes. Donations were generously offered and a total of nearly £2,000 was raised. Its popularity was such that it is proposed that this should become an annual event, possibly to be entitled: 'The Annual Swyncombe Talk'.

Blessing of the Pets Family Service: This was held in a barn adjacent to the church on 10 July. It was a popular service that attracted many non-church-goers. We had 30 adults, 8 children and 18 dogs.

Barbecue Party: This was held on Saturday, 27 July, 2016 by kind invitation of Jean and David Orpwood, ably assisted by Helen and Stuart Walsh. This was to mark Tim Lewis' retirement as Churchwarden after 15 years. Tim has been a conscientious churchwarden of St Botolph's and will be hugely missed. A gift of a framed cartoon of Tim himself was presented in grateful thanks for his unfailing dedication and commitment over many years. Our thanks go to all four organisers.

Rev'd Christopher Evans' Last Service at St Botolph's Church: This was held on Sunday, 16 October, 2016. We had a full church for this very moving occasion, many attendees having only known Christopher as their Rector, given his 16-year period at our church. Wine and canapés were served; speeches were given. A gift of a photo-album reflecting Christopher's time at St Botolph's, was presented to Christopher and his wife, Jane.

Rev'd Christopher Evans' Final Farewell Benefice Tea Party: Held at St Leonard's Church, Watlington, this was a joint Benefice effort, with all churches providing food and drink. A joint Benefice cheque for £6,000.00 was presented to Christopher and Jane (of which St Botolph's had raised £2,500.00). Our warm thanks go to all parishioners who generously responded to our request for a donation.

The Choirs: The Adult Choir meets most weeks to rehearse and prepare to sing for major festivals in church and at special services. The Choir sings a Snowdrop Sunday Evensong once a year, and Maundy Thursday and the Holy Week services at Easter. In 2016, they sang at the special service in celebration of the 90th Birthday of the Queen and sang at Harvest Festival and a special farewell service for Christopher Evans. The Adult and Junior Choir led the singing in a traditional candle-lit Carol Service in December with readings by young people from the congregation. The enthusiastic Junior Choir meet once a week in church, and has sung at services with the Adult Choir as well as on Mothering Sunday. The Junior Choir has brought new people from within and outside the parish to church. Both choirs are trained and rehearsed by professional musician and teacher Carole Shorter whose energy, experience and enthusiasm are generously shared to benefit the musical life of the church and congregations. Swyncombe is indebted to Carole and to Alan Shorter the organist for their commitment and hard work, and for creating such wonderful music in this small church. Both Choirs welcome newcomers.

The Swyncombe Singers: During the pre-Christmas period, the Adult Choir transforms into *The Swyncombe Singers*, who raise money for two chosen charities. On two of the three nights, the junior singers joined the senior singers singing at various parties and in the local pub and they were a terrific success. It bodes well for the future of the choir as some of the present Adult Choir started singing with the Adult Choir when they were young. Over £1,400 was raised in 2016 shared between the Parkinson's Association UK local branch and for Helen and Douglas House.

Harvest Festival Lunch and Auction: Approximately 50 people attended the Lunch held at Russells Water Village Hall on 25 September. An auction of donated produce was held at the Lunch, led by a new Auctioneer, Sir Brian Burridge. The overall sum raised was: £1,000.00 and was divided equally between Wallingford Food Bank and 'The Porch Steppin' Stone Centre' in Oxford. Our thanks go to Brian Burridge for acting as our Auctioneer so effectively and for making the event so enjoyable.

Caring: We make small gifts/greetings/messages of support to the sick, new parents and bereaved, and tokens of welcome to newcomers to the Parish.

Christian commitment: Within the congregation, we are well represented in the voluntary work of local charities and charitable organisations.

Church Attendance and Worship

Throughout the year, 72 services were held (LY 73), of which two were Funeral/Memorial services (LY 5), and two were weddings (LY 1). During the year, two children were baptised at normal Sunday services (LY 4).

Our largest congregations were at the Carol Service: 145 including 32 under 16 years of age (LY: 124 including 18 under 16 yrs); Christmas Day: 127 including 16 under 16 yrs (LY 106 inc 22 under 16 years), On Easter Day – 2 services: 76 including 9 under 16 yrs (LY 76). Attendance on Remembrance Sunday numbered 52 including 3 under 16yrs (LY 57).

The Junior Choir sang at our Carol Service and, as in previous years, young children were invited to read five of the six lessons.

We are required to report to the Diocese the number of people (including children) attending all services during the month of October, at Easter and Christmas:

Reported Church Attendance		2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
October Total	Attendees	187	107	153	135	123	211	199	144	154	139
(5 services)	Communicants	152	96	129	115	110	152	156	121	129	119
Easter Total	Attendees	86	88	90	86	95	98	72	95	104	81
(2 services)	Communicants	64	60	73	72	73	85	61	72	80	67
Christmas Total	Services	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	0	3	3
	Attendees	183	166	224	122	139	139	70	0	152	195
	Communicants	137	114	151	98	108	108	53	0	108	133

Charitable Donations

In 2016, the PCC gave £4,523 to local or linked charities. Of this, £1,925 was specifically collected or raised; £1,088 (£590 as collections) for the Oxford Steppin’ Stone Centre for the homeless (The Porch), £500 for the Wallingford Foodbank (half the proceeds from the Harvest festival event), £247 collected for the British Legion on Remembrance Sunday that was topped up to £500 cash donation, and £90 collected for Mission to Seafarers, topped up to £100.

The charities supported by the PCC in the year (the Alzheimer’s Society, Thames Valley Air Ambulance, Wyfold Riding for the Disabled, Style Acre) were given £450 each. In addition, £500 was given to the Disasters Emergency Crisis for Yemen. A subscription of £35 was also paid to the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Association.

Church Fabric

We continue to undertake minor works as required by the Quinquennial Inspection of November, 2014. The Porch has now been re-plastered by Len Ashby (of *Ashby Builders*); once fully dry, it will be re-painted in early summer. The tiling to the Bellcote has been repaired and the perimeter eaves guttering to the Apse has been cleared. We are also addressing the damp problem in the Chancel area and are seeking professional advice.

The PCC

The PCC met four times in 2016 (27 January, 25 May, 14 September, 30 November). As at 31 December, 2016, the number on the Electoral Roll was 79, of whom 35 reside outside the parish (44%). In 2015 the Electoral Roll was 83.

Given the resignation (on 17 April, 2016) of Tim Lewis as Deputy Chair of the PCC, his successor as Deputy Chair was selected: Sir Brian Burrridge, who joined the PCC on 17 April, 2016. Since we no longer have a Chairman of the PCC (this was the Rector), the Deputy Chair effectively becomes the Chairman of the PCC until a new incumbent is appointed. We are delighted to welcome Brian Burrridge to this important role.

Our aim on the PCC is to try harder, to be known for being a welcoming and generous Church in the eyes of those who live nearby and those who visit us.

For the record we continue to:

- Serve Snowdrop Teas for three weekends in February.

- Send out Emails and Christmas Cards to residents informing them of notable festivals such as Easter, Patronal, Harvest and Christmas.
- Post information, events and news on the website.
- Hold a retiring collection for The Porch, every month.

The Facilities Sub-Committee:

This sub-committee met ten times during 2016 to discuss the building of a Disabled Lavatory and a small Storage Room within the curtilage of the churchyard. The members were: Helen Walsh (Chair), David Orpwood, Tim Lewis and Len Ashby (co-opted). They had two site meetings with Sam Shelton (Design Consultant). Sam Fielden (of Swyncombe Farm) also attended one of the site meetings. Detailed drawings have been submitted, an advisory Planning Notice has been affixed to the church gate (during December 2016 and January 2017) and full Planning Approval is awaited. Once Planning Approval has been given and the final Construction Drawings have been received from Sam Shelton, a Faculty will be applied for from the Diocesan Advisory Committee. Once this has been granted, then construction work can start. It is hoped this will be built during 2017.

The Services Sub-Committee:

A meeting was held on Thursday, 7 January, 2016. There were four members (Ronnie Riley (Chair), Hilary Cox, Rev'd Christopher Evans and Jonathan Longley). Following the introduction of the new family services (well received by the members of the congregation that have attended them), the new A board, and the lay person-led intercessions, the majority of the areas on which the Services Sub-Committee has been engaged have been delivered. With the departure from the PCC of the Chair of the Services Sub-Committee (Ronne Riley) and the retirement of the Rector, the remaining business of the Services Sub-Committee (families and young people; exploring opportunities and ways of re-connecting) have been handed back to the PCC, although will not be progressed until the new Rector is appointed.

The Communications Sub-Committee

The main business of this Committee was to ensure the website is regularly updated and the magazine is produced. The St Botolph's Church website is now very efficiently and regularly updated by Shelagh Stevens. Elly Crossman continues to edit the Parish journal: 'The News', a bi-monthly magazine which is hand-delivered free to each house in the parish and outlying districts. Our grateful thanks go to Shelagh and to Elly. We especially congratulate Elly – this is her 20th year of editing the magazine! This sub-committee has not met officially during this year as any queries have been dealt with outside of a meeting.

Thank You

We wish to record our warmest thanks to the Ministry Team of Rev. Lucy Austin, Rev. Angie Paterson and Canon Tony Williamson, for the warmth and care they bring to the celebration of our services and the preparation they give to their sermons. We particularly thank Angie and Lucy for their extra workload during this Interregnum period. We warmly congratulate Canon Tony Williamson on his recent marriage to Jill and wish them every happiness for the future.

Our thanks go to Alan Shorter, our principal organist, who, to our great good fortune, continues to play at all our services. We also thank Carole Shorter for her unending patience with the Junior Choir and her enthusiasm when leading the Adult Choir.

The PCC would also like to express grateful thanks to the various teams of people who bake cakes/make canapés for special events, organise coffees, who make sure the church is clean, well-maintained and decorated with beautiful flowers – an essential task for a well-visited building. As mentioned above, our thanks also go to Elly Crossman, who continues to create and edit 'The News', a magazine which makes a great contribution to the life of the Church within the parish community; our thanks also to those who ensure it is hand-delivered to all homes and posted to those further afield. The PCC would like to record their thanks to both Shelagh Stevens and Mark Alliston for their hard work in not only keeping the web-site up-to-date – an unending, thankless task, but in constantly developing and improving it, to make it an attractive and useful means of attracting visitors to St Botolph's Church .

The PCC also wishes to record our gratitude to Sam Fielden of Swyncombe Farm for the use of his field on Church Hill for car parking during the Snowdrop afternoons (always depending on weather conditions) and to Graham Ryves-Webb, for regularly facilitating the use of the field by removing the sheep to a neighbouring field.

The PCC and the Treasurer in particular would also like to thank the Treasury Team, John Bayford and Peter Willis Fleming for doing all the hard work in running the cash book and gift aid records so diligently. Although no longer on the PCC, John Bayford is still kindly undertaking the role of Hon Assistant Treasurer, while we actively seek a replacement for him, as he has requested. Our warm thanks go to John for continuing with this

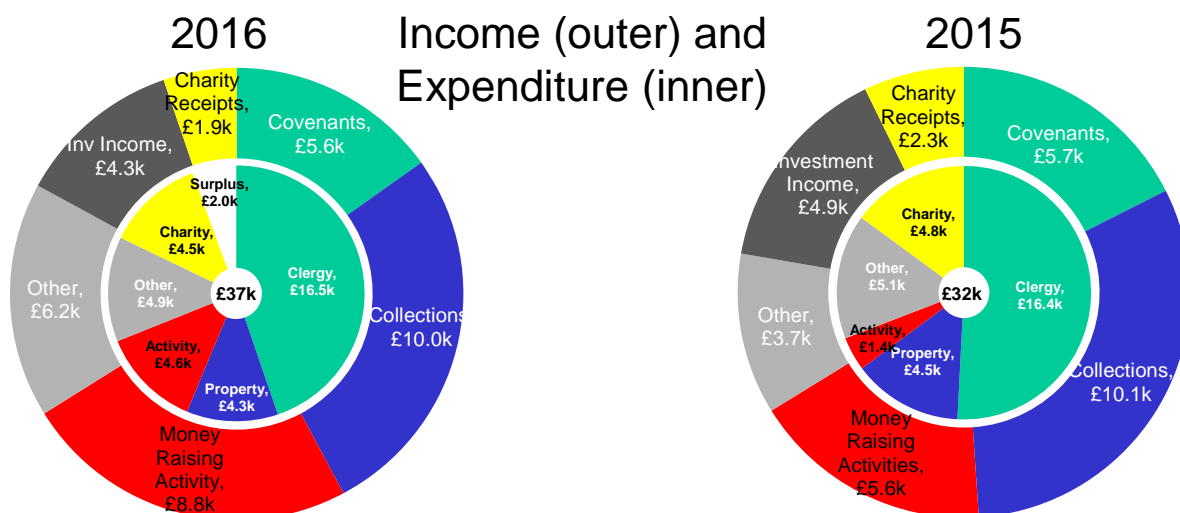
essential role. The PCC would like to thank Jonathan Longley for being such an efficient Hon Treasurer; we are lucky to have him.

Financial Review

General Fund

The Accounts for 2016 and the Report of our Independent Examiner are attached. They are prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 on a Receipts and Payments basis.

The annulus charts below give a pictorial analysis of our General Fund receipts against payments, and are useful for obtaining a high-level view of how the various income streams cover different types of expenses. Starting at “noon”, the most dependable income is shown against the highest priority expenditure, decreasing clockwise; the most consistent source of income is regular pledged giving and collections at services for retention of £15,532 (down £0.2k) which were slightly less than clergy costs of £16,477 (up £0.1k). Property costs were £4,250 (down from £4.5k in 2015) and therefore £10,089 (down from £10,267 in 2015) was required to meet the remaining operating costs of St Botolph’s from fund raising and other income sources. Net fund raising, fees and donations amounted generated 10,378 (up £2.5k), and investment income generated £4,348 (down £0.5k) resulting in a surplus before charitable giving of £4,638, up £2.2k from 2015. The PCC considered its surplus of income over expenditure and balance sheet strong enough to continue with Charitable Giving (net of receipts) of £2,598 (£0.1k up from 2015), leaving General Fund income £2,039 more (£32 less in 2015) than expenses.



Money Raising Activities from Snowdrop Teas, Lord Jay’s talk and the News (net of costs) at £4,183 was in line with 2015, despite income of £1,932 from Lord Jay’s talk, which was offset by poor weather at Snowdrop teas, no repeat of 2015 Cream Teas, and with the News making a bigger deficit than 2015 due to a further deferral of income to 2017. Other income, including Donations, and Fees was £6,195, up £2.5k from last year, entirely from an increase in donations, with a very generous £2k donation from a single donor. Investment income was down £0.6k as a result of a re-phasing of the dividends from the Investment Fund.

Other Funds and Reserves

The General Fund is used for normal income and running costs, and the Reserve Fund (designated) is for the preservation of worship at St Botolph’s, intended as a growing fund for the long term, funded out of wall box receipts and earning investment income; net income of the Reserve Fund in 2016 was £3,239.

At the end of 2016 the General Fund balance was £109,981, and the Reserve Fund balance was £47,860. The PCC has debated its policy on reserves in 2016. The PCC currently faces two generalised threats that are unquantifiable, with overlapping priorities and potential purposes with the Fabric Fund (balance of £47,617 at 31 December 2016):

- Fabric. St Botolph’s is a very old church with a fair degree of likelihood of an unforeseen problem with a high cost impact. A scenario of substantial costs is not that remote, and the PCC wish to continue accumulating the fabric fund to meet the costs when they occur.
- Facilities. There are currently no facilities nearby that St Botolph’s can draw upon for toilets, kitchen, meetings, or a Sunday school. This has been identified by the PCC as a threat to the continued worship at St Botolph’s in the medium term. Potential opportunities to create such a facility are being investigated again currently, and the PCC aim to keep sufficient reserves to capitalise on any opportunity that might arise to obtain these facilities.

It is the policy of the PCC to maintain overall reserves at current levels for the purpose of covering these threats without formally designating them.

The PCC aim to maintain sufficient free cash reserves equivalent to 5 months' routine expenditure (£13k) to cover unforeseen failure of money raising activities exacerbated by unforeseen running costs, and general cash flow requirements. As at the year-end, the PCC had cash balances on funds not formally restricted of c£36k; the excess cash balances will not be invested until the position on facilities becomes more certain.

There are four restricted funds; The Fabric Fund, The Wine Fund, the Kath Christie-Miller Music Fund and the Project Fund, the balances on which are stated in the attached Receipts and Payments accounts under Other Funds. In 2016, the Fabric Fund paid £2,022 to renew the guttering around the apse, £300 to polish the chandelier and £231 to repair the organ. During the year, there were no funds expended from the Kath Christie Miller Music Fund, the Wine Fund or the Project Fund, although the Wine Fund received a £25 donation. Surplus funds across the Fabric Fund, KCM Music Fund, Reserve Fund and General Fund are aggregated together and invested, receiving an allocation of interest earned based on average fund balances in the previous year. The effective split of cash accounts and investments at the year-end is shown below;

Allocation of Funds to cash accounts and investments	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted					Total	Total
	General Fund £	Reserve Fund £	Fabric Fund £	Wine Fund £	Music Fund £	Project Fund £	Total Restricted £	Current Year End £	Last Year End £
At 31 December 2016									
Current Account	7,209	6,752	591	83	286	257	1,218	15,179	27,283
CAF Gold account	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,879
Deposit Fund	15,653	6,261	7,163	0	390	0	7,553	29,467	7,467
Investment Fund	57,371	22,948	26,252	0	1,430	0	27,682	108,000	108,000
Property Fund	29,748	11,899	13,612	0	742	0	14,354	56,000	56,000
Total cash & Investments	109,981	47,860	47,617	83	2,848	257	50,806	208,646	203,628

Assets and Investments

The PCC aims to conservatively manage its capital and to provide an income, using the Church Of England Central Board of Finance range of funds managed by CCLA as the primary investment vehicle. The PCC has held its investments in the Investment Fund and the Property Fund throughout the year. During the year, the Investment Fund value has risen by £16.2k, although the value of the Property Fund declined by £1.9k; both funds exceed the cost of original investment. The yield projected from the Investment Fund at the end of the year is 3.5 % (3.8% at the end of 2015), whilst that on the Property Fund is 5.6% (5.4% at the end of last year).

Administrative Information

St. Botolph's Church is situated in Rectory Hill, Swyncombe, Henley on Thames, Oxon, RG9 6EA. It is part of the Benefice of Icknield in Diocese of Oxford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Honorary Secretary, Sarah Jane Rees, The Old Farm House, Russells Water, Henley on Thames, Oxon, RG9 6ER.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2016 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent: The Revd Christopher Evans Chairman (retired 30 November 2016)
Wardens: Miss Hilary Cox
 Mr Tim Lewis Vice Chairman (resigned 17 April 2016)

Representatives on the Deanery Synod (ex officio member of the PCC):
 Mr John Sennett

Elected members: Mrs Felicity Bazell
 Sir Brian Burridge Vice Chairman (elected 17 April 2016)
 Mrs Lizzie Christie-Miller
 Mrs Elly Crossman
 Mr Jonathan Longley Treasurer
 Mr David Orpwood
 Mrs Sarah Jane Rees Secretary
 Mrs Ronnie Riley (resigned 17 April 2016)
 Mrs Shelagh Stevens
 Mrs Helen Walsh

Structure, governance and management

The method of election of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Approved by the PCC on 17 March 2017 and signed on their behalf by Hilary Cox (Church Warden)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST BOTOLPH'S CHURCH, SWYNCOMBE

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2016, which are set out on pages 9-10.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as 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 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the 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.

Mrs Karen Regent
10 Coates Lane, Swyncombe, Henley on Thames, Oxon RG9 6EE
18 March 2016

ST BOTOLPH'S SWYNCOMBE
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2016
Unrestricted Funds; General Fund

Receipts	2016		2015	
<i>Voluntary Receipts</i>	£	£	£	£
Planned Giving				
Pledged Receipts	4,462		4,462	
Gift Aid Refund on Pledges	1,112		1,198	
	<u>5,574</u>		<u>5,660</u>	
Collections at Services				
Specified for Charities	927		938	
For retention	8,027		7,468	
Income Tax Refund re Porch	263		331	
Gift Aid Refund on Collections	1,932		2,631	
	<u>11,149</u>		<u>11,369</u>	
Other Voluntary Receipts				
Donations	3,666		1,209	
Legacies	0		0	
Gift Aid Refund on Donations	94		96	
	<u>3,760</u>	20,483	<u>1,305</u>	18,334
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>				
Parish Magazine - Advertising	86		494	
- Donations	45		45	
	<u>131</u>		<u>539</u>	
Fund-raising (Snowdrop and Talks)	6,349		4,954	
Fund-raising Tax Refund	11		63	
Rector's Leaving Appeal	2,335		0	
Lunch, Auction & Raffle for The Porch/ Wallingford FB	734	9,560	<u>1,040</u>	6,596
<i>Church activities</i>				
Fees for Weddings and Funerals		2,435		2,418
<i>Investment Income</i>				
Interest & dividends	4,335		4,845	
Interest on income tax refund	13	4,348	10	4,856
		<u>36,827</u>		<u>32,204</u>
Payments				
<i>Church Activities</i>				
Parish Share		15,557		15,413
Working Expenses of Clergy		920		965
Church Running costs				
Lighting & Heating	302		974	
Upkeep of Churchyard	2,276		1,887	
Insurance	1,540		1,630	
Fire equipment maintenance	133	4,250	18	4,509
Cost of fund raising:				
Parish Magazine costs	1,361		1,401	
Fund-Raising costs	782		0	
Rector's leaving gift	2500	4,643	0	1,401
Cost of Services:				
Printing & Stationery	0		0	
Elements & Candles	314		354	
Organist & Choir	2,000		1,890	
General expenses	2,580	4,894	<u>2,895</u>	5,139
Charity Donations		4,523		4,809
		<u>34,787</u>		<u>32,236</u>
Excess of General Fund Receipts over Payments		<u>2,039</u>		<u>(32)</u>
Balance in cash & investments at 1 January		107,941		107,973
Balance in cash & investments at 31 December		<u>109,981</u>		<u>107,941</u>

ST BOTOLPH'S SWYNCOMBE

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2016

Designated Funds	2016		2015	
	£	£	£	£
Reserve Fund				
Balance in cash & investments at 1 January		44,620		41,401
<i>Receipts:</i> Investment Income	1,734		1,812	
Wall Box Collections	1,505		1,408	
Tax Relief	0		0	
		<u>3,239</u>		<u>3,220</u>
Balance in cash & investments at 31 December		<u>47,860</u>		<u>44,620</u>
Total balances on Unrestricted & Designated Funds at 31 December		<u>157,840</u>		<u>152,562</u>

Restricted Funds

Fabric Fund				
Balance in cash & investments at 1 January		48,012		48,548
<i>Receipts:</i> Donations	150		100	
Gift Aid tax relief	25		1,025	
Dividends and Interest	1,984		2,235	
<i>Payments:</i> Insurance & Repairs to fabric of church	-2,553		-3,896	
		<u>-394</u>		<u>-536</u>
Balance in cash & investments at 31 December		<u>47,617</u>		<u>48,012</u>
Wine Fund				
Balance in cash & investments at 1 January		58		33
<i>Receipts:</i> Donations	25		25	
<i>Payments:</i> Provision of Wine	0		0	
		<u>25</u>		<u>25</u>
Balance in cash & investments at 31 December		<u>83</u>		<u>58</u>
Kath Christie-Miller Music Fund				
Balance in cash & investments at 1 January		2,740		2,623
<i>Receipts:</i> Interest and Dividends	108		117	
<i>Payments:</i> Music Expenditure	0		0	
		<u>108</u>		<u>117</u>
Balance in cash & investments at 31 December		<u>2,848</u>		<u>2,740</u>
Project Fund				
Balance in cash & investments at 1 January		257		257
<i>Receipts:</i> Donations	0		0	
<i>Payments:</i> Equipment Purchases	0		-105	
		<u>0</u>		<u>-105</u>
Balance in cash & investments at 31 December		<u>257</u>		<u>257</u>
Total balances on Restricted Funds at 31 December		<u>50,806</u>		<u>51,067</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December

CURRENT ASSETS	2016		2015	
	£	£	£	£
Cash at Bank				
Current Account		15,179		27,283
Church of England CBF Deposit Fund		29,467		7,467
CAF Gold a/c		0		4,879
		<u>44,646</u>		<u>39,628</u>
Investments				
C of E CBF Investment Fund (10,809.33 shares) at cost		108,000		108,000
Market Value at 31 December (For information)	£162,540		£146,301	
C of E CBF Property Fund (45,157.65 shares) at cost		56,000		56,000
Market Value at 31 December (For information)	£59,152		£61,008	
Total Assets		<u>208,646</u>		<u>203,628</u>