

ST BOTOLPH'S SWYNCOMBE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2015

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 do not have a lavatory. 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.

Objectives

As a Parish Church we want to:

1. Develop a more balanced and inclusive congregation across the age-range and within families.
2. Establish an active church community so that St Botolph's is more relevant to the needs of those living in the wider community of the parish.
3. Be more engaged across the Benefice.
4. Bear witness to the gospel in how we live and in all that we do.
5. Do only a few things but do them well.

We do this by:

1. Demonstrating strong lay leadership within a PCC which aims to combine collective responsibility with team spirit and a shared vision.
2. Aiming for better communications and contacts within the parish community.
3. Strengthening our team of volunteers.
4. Supporting a wider range of services and events, such as family services, Evensong and discussion groups.

Despite reports of the Church of England having an ageing congregation and declining church attendances, we in St Botolph's, with our 30-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. So, how to describe ourselves?

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!

The Vision Statement on our web-site expands on this (www.st-botolphs-swyncombe.info).

Achievements and Performance

Snowdrop Teas 2015. Despite atrocious wet weather on our third Sunday, our intrepid bands of seasoned volunteers managed to raise £4,574, after expenses of £425. Our guest preacher at Snowdrop Evensong was Canon Judy French, Archdeacon of Dorchester.

A piano recital given by Felicity Burrell and Glynne Stackhouse in aid of the Music Therapy Programme at Helen and Douglas House took place at St Botolph's on Sunday 26th July, raising £557. Our thanks to Felix and Glynne.

A Garden Tea Party took place at Chears Farm, Park Corner, at the kind invitation of Peter and Shelagh Stevens on Sunday 16th August, in aid of the Oxfam Nepal Earthquake and St Botolph's Church. £760 was raised, an excellent sum. Warm thanks to Shelagh for her hard work.

Harvest Festival. This was attended by 50 worshippers, with all proceeds going to The Porch. This is the charity that runs the Steppin' Stones day centre in Cowley for the homeless and for people trying to move away from a negative lifestyle and away from addiction and dependency. A Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall at Russells Water was followed by a raffle and a very successful auction, raising over £1,230 for The Porch.

Swyncombe Singers. On bleak mid-winter nights in December, the singers travelled to homes in the parish singing carols under the inspiring hand of Carole Shorter. Their efforts raised from the community the splendid sum of £1,800 for two charities: The Royal Marsden Hospital and the Chiltern Centre for Disabled Children and Young Adults.

A Service of Dedication of Memorial Tablets placed in the South wall of the Chancel in memory of The Rev'd Donald Membury and The Rev'd John Furness and of a Garden Bench in memory of Dorothy Ackerman in the churchyard took place on Sunday December 6th, attended by 40 worshippers, led by the Rector.

Our link with St Paul's. Since 1996, the Icknield Benefice has enjoyed an active link with St Paul's, an Anglican church in the black township of Mothibistad, South Africa. The Church has a vital role supporting locals with HIV/ Aids, and seeking to strengthen communities threatened by its impact. The congregations of the Icknield benefice have helped to fund community projects to provide a small, but important level of support. One such project, supported by several individuals at St Botolph's, is the food-parcel service 'Valley of Hope'. Following the ending of the Food Parcel Project in Mothibistad on 22nd February, 2015, the trustees of the Valley of Hope (UK) Charity decided on 21st July, 2015 to close down the charity. The trustees would like to thank all those who gave their support to this excellent project over many years, especially the late Dorothy Ackerman, Pauline Verbe and the Rector, the Rev'd Christopher Evans.

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, 73 services were held (LY 74).

Our largest congregations were at the Carol Service: 124 (inc 18 under 16 years of age), Christmas Day:106 (inc 22 under 16 years), (LY 141, including 30 under 16 years) and on Easter Day: 80 (LY 90).

Attendance on Remembrance Sunday numbered 57 (LY 53).

Our Carol Service numbered 124 (inc 18 children) (LY 93, inc 14 children), some of whom provided a small choir, raised and nurtured by Carole Shorter. 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, Easter and Christmas:

Reported Church Attendance		2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
October Total	Attendees	107	153	135	123	211	199	144	154	139
(5 services)	Communicants	96	129	115	110	152	156	121	129	119
Easter Total	Attendees	88	90	86	95	98	72	95	104	81
(2 services)	Communicants	60	73	72	73	85	61	72	80	67
Christmas Total	Services	3	3	3	3	3	1	0	3	3
	Attendees	166	224	122	139	139	70	0	152	195
	Communicants	114	177	98	108	108	53	0	108	133

Four children were baptised in 2015. Five funeral services took place, including the Thanksgiving Service to Alec Rodwell Davey that drew one of the largest attendances at St Botolph's in recent years, numbering 371. The PCC records our gratitude to Sam Fielden for the use of his barn as an overflow and to John Sennett for arranging the church service to be relayed on monitor screens to those in the barn. There was one wedding.

Charitable Donations

In 2015, the PCC gave £4,809 to local or linked charities. Of this, £2,309 was specifically collected or raised; £2,024 (£653 as collections) for the Oxford Steppin' Stone Centre for the homeless (The Porch), and £285 collected for the British Legion on Remembrance Sunday, which was topped up to £500 cash donation.

The charities supported by the PCC in the year (the Wallingford Emergency Food Bank, Henley Citizens Advice Bureau, Thames Valley Air Ambulance and Henley Macmillan Nurses) were given £400 each. In addition, £500 was given to the Disasters Emergency Crisis for Nepal, and £150 was given to Age Concern in Barbara Williamson's memory. A subscription of £35 was also paid to the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Association.

Church Fabric

In April, the green chasuble (the vestment that the celebrant wears principally during the season of Trinity) was repaired at a cost of £150 by a team of embroidery experts at the St Mary's Convent in Wantage on the advice of the Diocesan Advisory Committee. The gold thread had come away. The embroidery method that was used on our repair is known as "couching". Our vestment is circa 1910.

A Quinquennial Inspection took place in November 2014 by our Church Architect (Christian Randall of Conservation Architects LLP of Wantage) accompanied by Len Ashby. The fabric of the church is in generally good condition, except for damp rising at the altar step and underneath the chancel carpet and damp affecting the walls of the porch. Repair work rated as high priority included the tiling to the Bellcote and the perimeter eaves gutter to the Apse. These matters are receiving attention.

The PCC

Following on from the 2014 'Action for Growth' Questionnaire and follow-up, three of the four sub-committees have continued their regular meetings, namely: Communications, Facilities and Services. Unfortunately, the Community sub-committee no longer meets as it lost two members due to PCC resignations. Consideration of the St Botolph's website, the possible provision of a lavatory and discussion of services occupy the minds of those attending these sub-committees. A commentary is provided below.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) of 29 March, 2015, Stuart Walsh sadly resigned from the PCC due to pressure of work. His dedicated, down-to-earth, energetic approach has been sorely missed. We thank him for his contribution, particularly in respect of the 'Action for Growth' Questionnaire which he and Ronnie Riley worked on so diligently, and its subsequent translation into active sub-committees that are trying to make a difference to a St Botolph of the future.

At the PCC Meeting of January, 2015, John Bayford resigned from the PCC after many years loyal service. His wise counsel and conciliatory approach are very much missed. He has, however, generously agreed to continue with his role as Assistant Treasurer, despite his wish to relinquish the role, should a successor be found.

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.

As Archbishop Temple once quipped: "*The Church is the only society on earth that exists for the benefit of those who are not its members*".

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** (FSC) met seven times in 2015.

There are four members (Helen Walsh (Chair), David Orpwood, Tim Lewis and Len Ashby (co-opted)).

The FSC appointed as Design Consultant Sam Shelton of Cholsey on advice of Len Ashby. We had visits from the Diocesan Advisory Board and Historic England, with no objections to the two sites under consideration, one site A within the curtilage of the Church: the alternative site C being outside. Prolonged discussions followed.

A special meeting of the PCC on 4 October approved the feasibility study, with unanimous agreement for the FSC to proceed to the implementation stage of their review.

On 27 January 2016, the PCC unanimously agreed to authorise the FSC to proceed with investigating site A alone. We have spent £800 to date on design fees. The next step is to ask for the design to be adapted to take into account concerns raised to date. The cost of the revised design will be included in the £800 already paid.

The FSC will arrange two opportunities in 2016 for members of the congregation to see the plans, designs and proposed location.

The **Services Sub-Committee** met five times (2015: 4 March, 20 August, 4 November and 7 January 2016). There are four members (Hilary Cox, Rev'd Christopher Evans, Jonathan Longley, Ronnie Riley). The introduction of the new family services have been well received by the members of the congregation that have attended them. The SSC listens to all the feedback about the services with a view to making appropriate changes to meet the needs of the congregation. These services have been publicised by the introduction of the new A board which is displayed the week before each family service. The first of the lay person led intercessions was in October and we hope to have more of them in the coming months. The SSC had a meeting with Ian McDonald, youth worker with the Diocese, to discuss ideas on how to work with young people. Members of the SSC attended a 'Mend the Gap' workshop which looked at churches, families and young people and exploring opportunities and ways of re-connecting. This is the one of the key areas that will be focused on in the spring.

The **Communications Sub-Committee** met 4 times over the year, and worked on the update of the website www.st-botolphs-swyncombe.info.

The Parish News edited by a member of the sub-committee appears every 2 months, and the advertising supports this very popular journal. There has been some discussion of a Welcome leaflet. Discussions have been held about how the PCC communicates with the congregation we serve and how the PCC needs to share information with the congregation and the wider parish.

Thank You

We wish to record our gratitude to the Rector and his ministerial 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. The Rector and the Benefice team are supported occasionally by visiting clergy, notably Prebendary John Osborn, Rev. Julian Dunn; also, for the first time, Rev. Malcolm Surman, who stepped in at short notice on 28 June when Angie Paterson had the great misfortune to break her ankle. The choir continued to sing at all our major festivals, except Christmas. Their singing and enthusiasm enrich our worship. It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Barbara Williamson on 4 December, 2015, after a long illness, bravely borne by her, and with the unfailing support of her husband Canon Tony Williamson – surely an example to us all.

Our thanks also go to Alan Shorter, our principal organist, who, to our great good fortune, continues to play at all our services, save the 5th Sunday in the month when James Anderson - Besant delights us with his playing. On leaving Abingdon School in July 2016, James plans a gap year before going up to St John's College, Cambridge to read Music on an Organ Scholarship.

The PCC met five times in 2015 (28 January, 21 May, 10 September, 14 October, 11 November). In March 2015, the number on the Electoral Roll was 83, with 38 residing outside the parish. The usual work was undertaken to make sure that the fabric of the church was maintained, special events organised, and fundraising achieved.

The choir contributed by singing at major festivals during the year under the direction of Carole Shorter. The PCC records thanks to the singers, the conductor and the organist, Alan Shorter. There was a Christmas Children's Choir which delighted the congregation at the candle-lit Carol Service. We wish Carole well with her newly-formed Children's Choir.

The PCC would like to express grateful thanks to the various teams of people who bake cakes, organise coffees and other social events, who make sure the church is clean, well-maintained and decorated with beautiful flowers – an essential task for a well-visited building. Our thanks also 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 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 facilitating the use of the field by removing the sheep to a neighbouring field in February 2015.

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.

Financial Review

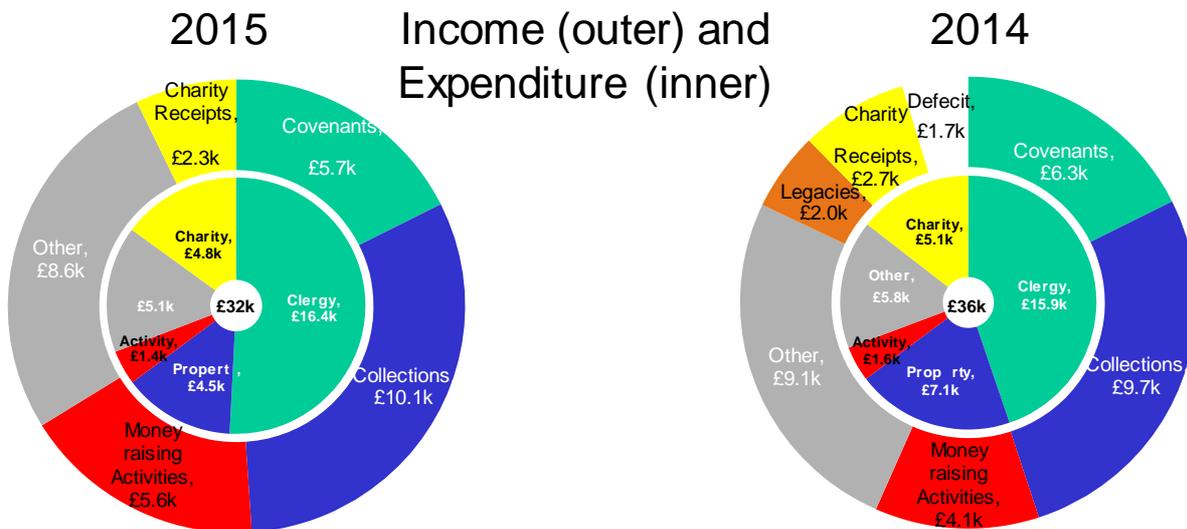
General Fund

The Accounts for 2015 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 £15,759 (down £0.2k) which were slightly less than clergy costs of £16,378 (up £0.4k). Property costs were £4,509, down 2.6k from 2014, and Other costs of running the church were £5,139 (down from £5.8k in 2014) and therefore £10,267 (down from £12,897 in 2014) was required to meet the remaining operating costs of St Botolph's from fund raising and other income sources; which at £12,734 net (up £1.1k in 2014) generating a surplus of £2,468 before any charitable giving (up from £728 in 2014). Despite this, the PCC considered its balance sheet strong enough to continue with Charitable Giving (net of receipts) of £2,500 (£0.1k up from 2014), and therefore total General Fund income was £32 (£1,659 in 2014) less than total expenses.

Property costs in 2014 included one off costs of £3,800 for tree surgery in the church yard, which could not be covered from the Fabric Fund, offset by paying the £1,900 for buildings insurance from the Fabric Fund as a departure from normal practice (through the General Fund, resumed in 2015).

Money Raising Activities from Snowdrop (and other) Teas and the News (net of costs) at £4,155 was £1.6k more than 2014 mainly because Snowdrop Teas achieved a full schedule of three weekends, helped by Cream Teas (£380) in the summer, although the News made a net deficit of £862 due to a timing difference in invoicing between 2014 and 2015 (although this should reverse in 2016). Other income, including Donations, Fees and Investment Income was £8,579 (down £0.5k from last year) mainly from a drop in donations (£0.9k less than 2014) and a drop in investment income (down £0.2k) due to a dividend reduction in the Property Fund, partially offset by an increase in fees (up £0.7k). The legacy of £2,000 in 2014 was not repeated in 2015.



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.

At the end of 2015 the General Fund balance was £107,941, and the Reserve Fund balance was £44,620. The PCC has debated its policy on reserves in 2015. The PCC currently faces two generalised threats that are currently unquantifiable, with overlapping priorities and potential purposes with the Fabric Fund (balance of £48,012 at 31 December 2015):

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 as part of the Action for Growth, 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£31k; 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 2015, the Fabric Fund paid £300 to have the Icon framed, £450 quinquennial survey fee, £720 for some electrical work, £800 for the masonry tables, and £730 for draft plans for facilities. During the year, there were no funds expended from the Kath Christie Miller Music Fund and the Wine Fund. However, the Project Fund spent £105 on new microphones for the sound system. 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 2015									
Current Account	13,095	9,157	4,263	58	453	257	5,031	27,283	24,602
CAF Gold account	2,624	981	1,210	0	63	0	1,274	4,879	4,871
Deposit Fund	4,016	1,502	1,852	0	97	0	1,949	7,467	7,467
Investment Fund	58,087	21,719	26,793	0	1,401	0	28,194	108,000	108,000
Property Fund	30,119	11,262	13,893	0	726	0	14,619	56,000	56,000
Total cash & Investments	107,941	44,620	48,012	58	2,740	257	51,067	203,628	200,940

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 £2.0k, complimented by a £4.7k rise in the value of the Property Fund, which now comfortably (by £5.0k) exceeds the cost of the purchase. The yield projected from the Investment Fund at the end of the year is 3.8 % (in line with 3.8% at the end of 2014), whilst that on the Property Fund is 5.4% (down from 6.5% 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 2015 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent: The Revd Christopher Evans Chairman
Wardens: Miss Hilary Cox
 Mr Tim Lewis Vice Chairman

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

Elected members: Mr John Bayford (resigned 29 March 2015)
 Mrs Felicity Bazell
 Mrs Lizzie Christie-Miller (elected 29 March 2015)
 Mrs Elly Crossman (elected 29 March 2015)

Mr Jonathan Longley	Treasurer
Mr David Orpwood	
Mrs Sarah Jane Rees	Secretary
Mrs Ronnie Riley	
Mrs Shelagh Stevens	(elected 29 March 2015)
Mrs Helen Walsh	
Mr Stuart Walsh	(resigned 29 March 2015)

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 8 April 2016 and signed on their behalf by Revd Christopher Evans (PCC Chairman)

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 2015, which are set out on pages 8-9.

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 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.

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

St Botolph's Church, Swyncombe

Receipts and Payment Accounts for the year to 31 December 2015 Unrestricted Funds; General Fund

Receipts	2015		2014	
<i>Voluntary Receipts</i>	£	£	£	£
Planned Giving				
Pledged Receipts	4,462		5,007	
Gift Aid Refund on Pledges	1,198		1,273	
	<u>5,660</u>		6,280	
Collections at Services				
Specified for Charities	938		929	
For retention	7,468		8,265	
Income Tax Refund re Porch	331		357	
Gift Aid Refund on Collections	2,631		1,434	
	<u>11,369</u>		10,985	
Other Voluntary Receipts				
Donations	1,209		1,999	
Legacies	0		2,000	
Gift Aid Refund on Donations	96		243	
	<u>1,305</u>	18,334	<u>4,242</u>	21,507
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>				
Parish Magazine - Advertising	494		1,667	
- Donations	45		80	
	<u>539</u>		<u>1,747</u>	
Fund-raising (Snowdrop and fetes)	4,954		2,335	
Fund-raising Tax Refund	63		63	
VoH Gift Aid Refund	0		15	
Concert, Lunch, Auction & Raffle for The Porch	<u>1,040</u>	6,596	<u>1,460</u>	5,620
<i>Church activities</i>				
Fees for Weddings and Funerals		2,418		1,753
<i>Investment Income</i>				
Interest & dividends	4,845		5,081	
Interest on income tax refund	<u>10</u>		<u>0</u>	
		4,856		5,081
Total Receipts		<u>32,204</u>		<u>33,961</u>
Payments				
<i>Church Activities</i>				
Parish Share		15,413		14,902
Working Expenses of Clergy		965		1,045
Church Running costs				
Lighting & Heating	974		1,364	
Upkeep of Churchyard	1,887		5,630	
Insurance	1,630		0	
Fire equipment maintenance	<u>18</u>	4,509	<u>111</u>	7,105
Cost of fund raising:				
Parish Magazine costs	1,401		1,423	
Fund-Raising costs	<u>0</u>	1,401	<u>173</u>	1,596
Cost of Services:				
Printing & Stationery	0		113	
Elements & Candles	354		631	
Organist & Choir	1,890		1,940	
General expenses	<u>2,895</u>	5,139	<u>3,140</u>	5,824
Charity Donations		4,809		5,148
Total Payments		<u>32,236</u>		<u>35,620</u>
Excess of General Fund Receipts over Payments		<u>(32)</u>		<u>(1,659)</u>
Balance in cash & investments at 1 January		107,973		109,632
Balance in cash & investments at 31 December		<u>107,941</u>		<u>107,973</u>

St Botolph's Church, Swyncombe

Receipts and Payment Accounts for the year to 31 December 2015

	2015		2014	
	£	£	£	£
Designated Funds				
Reserve Fund				
Balance in cash & investments at 1 January		41,401		37,998
<i>Receipts:</i> Investment Income	1,812		1,720	
Wall Box Collections	1,408		1,682	
Tax Relief	0		0	
		<u>3,220</u>		<u>3,402</u>
Balance in cash & investments at 31 December		<u>44,620</u>		<u>41,401</u>
Total balances on Unrestricted & Designated Funds at 31 December		<u>152,562</u>		<u>149,374</u>
Restricted Funds				
Fabric Fund				
Balance in cash & investments at 1 January		48,548		48,080
<i>Receipts:</i> Donations	100		100	
Gift Aid tax relief	1,025		25	
Dividends and Interest	2,235		2,243	
<i>Payments:</i> Insurance & Repairs to fabric of church	<u>-3,896</u>	<u>-536</u>	<u>-1,900</u>	<u>468</u>
Balance in cash & investments at 31 December		<u>48,012</u>		<u>48,548</u>
Wine Fund				
Balance in cash & investments at 1 January		33		85
<i>Receipts:</i> Donations	25		25	
<i>Payments:</i> Provision of Wine	<u>0</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>-76</u>	<u>-51</u>
Balance in cash & investments at 31 December		<u>58</u>		<u>33</u>
Kath Christie-Miller Music Fund				
Balance in cash & investments at 1 January		2,623		2,527
<i>Receipts:</i> Interest and Dividends	117		116	
<i>Payments:</i> Music Expenditure	<u>0</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>-21</u>	<u>96</u>
Balance in cash & investments at 31 December		<u>2,740</u>		<u>2,623</u>
Project Fund				
Balance in cash & investments at 1 January		362		362
<i>Receipts:</i> Donations	0		0	
<i>Payments:</i> Equipment Purchases	<u>-105</u>	<u>-105</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Balance in cash & investments at 31 December		<u>257</u>		<u>362</u>
Total balances on Restricted Funds at 31 December		<u>51,067</u>		<u>51,566</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December

	2015	2014
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at Bank		
Current Account	27,283	24,602
Church of England CBF Deposit Fund	7,467	7,467
CAF Gold a/c	4,879	4,871
	<u>39,628</u>	<u>36,940</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)	£146,301	£144,337
C of E CBF Property Fund (45,157.65 shares) at cost	56,000	56,000
Market Value at 31 December (For information)	£61,008	£56,280
Total Assets	<u>203,628</u>	<u>200,940</u>