



Annual Vestry Meeting
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 9 April 2017

Annual Report and Accounts

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All Saints Oakham



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Annual Meetings

Annual Vestry Meeting 2017

A meeting of Oakham parishioners will be held at 11:00am on Sunday 9 April 2017 in All Saints Church for the election of Churchwardens.

Agenda

- 1 Prayers
 - 2 Apologies
 - 3 Minutes of meeting of 24 April 2016
 - 4 Election of Churchwardens
 - 5 Election of Deputy Churchwardens
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Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2017

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting of members of the Church Electoral Roll will then follow

Agenda

- 1 Presentation of the Electoral Roll
 - 2 Minutes of meeting of 24 April 2016
 - 3 Election of Deanery Synod member
 - 4 Election of PCC members
 - 5 Finance: to receive Church Accounts and appoint an Examiner
 - 6 Vicar's Report
 - 7 PCC Secretary's Report and reports from other church groups (see booklet)
 - 8 Deanery Synod Report
 - 9 Election of Sidespersons
 - 10 Other matters
(items should have been notified, where possible, to the chairman or secretary in advance)
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Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting 2016

24 April 2016 at 11:15am

Present: Revd Canon L T Francis-Dehqani (Chair), approx 90 Parishioners.

Apologies: Mr J Pearce, Mrs A Hardy, Miss J Mallett and Mrs M Pattinson.

Prayers

Minutes: The Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held on 26th April 2015 were accepted as a true record of that meeting.

Election of Churchwardens: Having been correctly nominated and seconded Alison Long and Ann Blackett were duly elected as Churchwardens for Oakham All Saints Parish Church.

Election of Deputy Churchwardens: The Chairman asked that with the permission of the Meeting the election of Deputy Churchwardens should be considered by the PCC at its next meeting. This was agreed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:25am.

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Presentation of the Electoral Roll: Richard Davies (Electoral Roll Officer) presented and proposed the Roll, seconded by J Tomalin. Carried nem con.

Minutes: Proposed (D Ufton), seconded (P May), that the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 26th April 2015 were a true and accurate record of that meeting. Carried nem con.

Election of PCC Members: Having been duly proposed and seconded the following were elected to the PCC until the APCM in 2019: Mrs Robin Robson and Mr Gordon Woods. These appointments filled the vacancies created by Dr J Ince and Mrs P Munro standing down at the end of their three year terms of office.

Treasury Team's Report: The Treasurer (Peter Hill) presented the comprehensive Financial Review and Annual Accounts published in the Annual reports Booklet. There had been a large lump sum donation given to the Church during the year, together with the return of two years' tax from HMRC. Away/Mission giving continued at a level of 10% of our income (40% International, 30% National and £0% Local). Funding of the boiler project would continue to be the major item for the Treasury Team in 2016. Both Peter Hill and John King were standing down from the Team, and formal thanks were recorded by the Chair for their major contribution to the financial management of the Church. Proposed by P Hill and seconded by J King that the audited and examined accounts be accepted as a true statement of the financial position of the Church. Carried nem con.

Appointment of an Independent Examiner: With his agreement Mr Neil Lowther was reappointed to this position.

Vicar's Report: Activity over the past year was covered in the Annual Reports Booklet. The Vicar underlined some areas of improvement for the future, including additional members in the choir and more volunteers for Secretaries, Treasurers and Committee Members, as and when needed. Once the boiler project was completed by the end of the year, Church heating, lighting and decoration would become the areas of focus.

Thanks: On behalf of the congregation thanks were given to the Vicar by Alison (Churchwarden) for the work of the whole clergy team.

Other Reports: The PCC Secretary's Report and other Reports had been issued previously as part of the Annual Report Booklet.

John Tomalin (Deanery Synod Lay Chair) stressed the importance of support for the Deanery Synod and for Oakham's Synod Representatives.

Acceptance of the PCC Report and other Reports was proposed by P May and seconded by P Woods.

Election of Sidespersons: The following list was submitted by Andy Compton as sidespersons for 2016-2017: Audrey Austen, Richard Blythin, Stanley Bruce, Kathryn Collinson, Andy Compton, Dennis Corton, Richard Davies, Heather Day, Clare Dobbs, Gerry Duffy, Rebeca Falconer, Ken Gilman, Peter Hill, Jane Ince, Joan Jervis, Stephan Johnson, Peter Kinal, Jack Pearce, Sue Reilly, Elizabeth Smith, Ron Streeter, Michael Timms, John Tomalin, Marilyn Tomalin, Stuart Long, Jackie Vecqueray, Mike Vecqueray, Brenda Weatherhog and Patrick Wilson. Approved en bloc.

Final Prayers: There being no further business the meeting closed with prayers at 12.00 noon.

Electoral Roll

Richard Davies – Electoral Roll Officer

The total on the electoral roll in **March 2017 now stands at 294**. There are 270 residents and 24 non-residents.

Thirteen members have died during the year. Seven members have gone away. Twelve new members have joined.

The roll is compiled with the help of the Stewardship secretary.

Vicar's Annual Report

Canon Lee T Francis-Dehqani — Team Rector and Vicar of Oakham

In this, my thirteenth annual report as your vicar, I am very aware of the many blessing that come to us in this place and through our joint ministry of service and Christian witness. As always I am aware that my report is only a partial reflection of the busy and engaged parish of Oakham. The reports contained within this document show a vibrant parish with much to be thankful for.

I am also aware that I write this at a very pressured time in our common life. As both of our curates have moved on, and Revd Janet Tebby is due to retire and Canon Julie Hutchinson is currently been on an extended period of sick leave, I find myself for the first time the only ordained member of the Ministry Team. Clearly service cover is difficult and the pastoral workload is huge. In truth it would be impossible without the unstinting support of our lay minsters and the very generous offering of time and support from our retired clergy. I am deeply grateful to them all.

Every year I offer a report under the following headings. I do so again (albeit in rather shortened form) I want to share with you what excites me in each area and offer one challenge or encouragement to the parish

Worship

I always say that being a worshipping people is at the heart of all we do. Numbers at worship are encouraging and we offer a wide range of services which attract a cross section of our town. I am always excited to see newcomers and to hear of their journeys of faith. When Presiding at Parish Communion I feel a deep love and commitment to the people here which has only deepened the longer I have served here.

Last year I encouraged you to be more welcoming to newcomers, that still stands, but I would also want to ask what we can do to increase volunteers to undertake all the practical aspects of worship provision. We need more servers, choir members, vergers and much else. Can I challenge you to volunteer in these ways?

Pastoral Care

In 2016 there were 54 funerals from the Parish of Oakham. 11 weddings and 21 baptisms. All of these involved preparation and often follow up visits.

I greatly appreciate sharing this pastoral ministry with our readers and teams of visitors. It is a given in Parochial ministry that the Vicar will always be expected to do more pastoral visiting and at times I have experienced direct challenge in this area. I try not to be defensive but I am aware of the time limitations that are constantly upon us. We should always remember that caring for one another is a shared mutual commitment within our church community and we each need to play our part within that. I am excited and moved by the potential for building this sort of mutual support.

I want to challenge all Parishioners about how they can assist me and the Ministry Team in keeping a good eye out for those who are unwell or in need of increased pastoral attention.

Children & Young People

Recent figures from the National Church show that there continues to be decline in children attending church and very many churches report no children attending public worship. Against that background I am thrilled to see what it is possible to do with a small but committed team of volunteers. Our Sunday School leaders together staff three groups providing for children aged 3-16. I never tire of engaging with them.

A Challenge for us all: In a major piece of Research the Church of England shows that one of the most important roles of a local church is to include children in every aspect of their worshipping and parochial life. You can read the results here <https://www.churchofengland.org/media/3775547/rooted-in-the-church-summary-report-nov-2016.pdf> One of the examples given is how influential it is when older parishioners take a real and active interest in the lives of our children. How we can best work on this?



Adult Education

Home groups continue to meet; there are always people looking to join study groups and we should be open to forming additional groups. The Christian meditation group meets weekly at St John and St Anne Chapel.

In Lent over 120 people met in Lent groups organised by Churches Together in Oakham this was more than in previous years. We are beginning confirmation classes in the Autumn.

This year I have had the opportunity to work with several parishioners exploring a call to ordained ministry and this is for me one of the most exciting things in ordained life; seeing and marvelling at how God calls people often in surprising ways.

I would encourage all parishioners to consider joining some form of prayer or study group in the incoming year. It is only through these opportunities for shared reflection that we grow in faith.

The Team

In the separate Ministry Team Report you will see the range of ordained and Lay Ministers that provide ministry to the 10 parishes that make up the Oakham Team. I am always excited and encouraged by working with a range of ministers who come with differing perspectives. I am particularly encouraged at how strong a training environment we can offer to new ministers. Working with Dominic

was a great privilege and seeing him flourish has been a joy in this last year.

For all the reasons and others I am strongly committed to a Team that works well together for the wider ministry and mission in these parishes. And I offer a challenge to all Parishioners to encourage them to support Team events especially when held at other parishes.

Thanks

There are many people to thank. My team colleagues ordained and lay for

their commitment and support especially when things are busy and pressured. A particular thanks to our retired clergy for assisting so graciously in weekday and Sunday services. To Janine and Kevin for their administrative support and to the Churchwardens, Alison and Ann, for their hard work.

There must be a special thanks to my family who at times bear the brunt when my time is taken up with more work than usual. I was very proud indeed when the Bishop made Guli an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral in recognition of her substantial work in

curate training and women's ministry. The Vicarage saw some changes this, Gabriel went away to school in September and the twins started travelling to school in Peterborough. I am so grateful that Guli's mother was able to die peacefully at the Vicarage in October and we were very conscious of the outpouring of love for her from so many places, not least this parish in which she had lived for 12 years.

I offer this report with great thanks for all that this parish offers me as its ordained leader.

Thank you

Ministry, Worship & Outreach

Ministry Team

Canon Lee T Francis-Dehqani – Team Rector, Chair Ministry Team

In the last year the Ministry Team has included:

Revd Canon Lee T Francis-Dehqani (Team Rector since 2004)
Revd Hildred Crowther (Assistant Priest since 2008.)
Revd Janet Tebby (Team Vicar since 2012)
Revd Canon Julie Hutchinson (Team Vicar since September 2015)
Revd Dr Dominic Coad (Curate since 2012)
Revd Owen Williams (Curate since Feb 2016)
Mr Vyv Wainwright (Reader since 2000)
Mr Alan Rudge (Reader since 2007)
Mr David Pattinson (Reader since 2008)
Mrs Robin Robson (Reader since 2014)
Mr Michael Hinman (Reader since 2015)
Mr Phillip Hutchinson (Reader since 2015)
Mrs Gail Rudge (Licensed Evangelist since 2003)
Mrs Jenni Duffy (Licensed Evangelist since 2012)
Mrs Madeleine Morris (Lay Pastoral Minister since 2003)

Again 2016 saw some changes:

In February **Revd Owen Williams** joined us for a year's extension to his curacy, having previously served in Uppingham. This ended in January 2017 and Owen is currently discerning options for his future. We said farewell to him and his family at the February Family Service.

In May **Revd Hildred Crowther** moved to Sheffield to be nearer family. We were able to celebrate her 8 years of ministry in the Team at a leaving service on 1st May.

In September **Mrs Jenni Duffy** began her studies for ordained ministry at The Queens Foundation Birmingham. Jenni is still with us at weekends, but will soon begin a

parish placement elsewhere in the Diocese.

In October **Revd Dr Dominic Coad** left to be Team Vicar in the Benwell and Scottswood Team in Newcastle. Some parishioners travelled north for his licensing by Bishop Christine Hardman. Parishioners were greatly heartened to share Dominic and Frances's news about the expected new baby which is due any day!

In December **Revd Janet Tebby** announced her retirement from April 2017. On 30th April there will be a team service to thank her for her ministry here over the last 5 years.

During the year the Bishop asked us to be the training parishes for two newly ordained deacons. On 25th



Dominic's licensing in Benwell

June **Mr Iain Osborne** and **Mrs Charlotte Osborn** will be ordained at Peterborough Cathedral and we will have a Welcome Service at 6pm on Sunday 25th June at All Saints Oakham. Iain will serve a Stipendiary Curacy living at Trent Road; Charlotte will be SSM and continue living at the Methodist Manse as her husband, Canon Leo Osborn, continues his ministry as Methodist Minister.

The Ministry Team meets monthly for consultation and support and continues to meet weekly for Holy Communion on Thursdays at 9am. We have been well supported by our retired clergy especially during recent periods of clergy sick leave.

Pastoral Forum

Sian Cheverton

The Forum is a small group which met every two months to coordinate social needs for members of the congregation. It was led by Rev Dominic Coad.

One of its tasks was to ensure that church members who were house-bound or frail were visited and, if they wished, brought communion at home. Another was to encourage the church tea parties which offer the opportunity for people to socialise, enjoy delicious

food and appreciate the church buildings from another perspective.

Since Dominic left it was felt that the remaining clergy were too stretched to take this on, and that it was inappropriate to carry on without clergy supervision. We hope the Forum will

recommence once the two new curates are in place.

Meanwhile, if you are aware that a member of the congregation is unable to come to church and would like home communion and visiting, please let one of the Ministry Team know.

Bereavement Support Group

Sian Cheverton

This group was set up by Rev Hildred Crowther, to support those who were struggling after bereavement – whether recent or not. It was run as a drop-in session one afternoon a month in the Parish Hall.

There is no doubt that bereavement support is needed, particularly perhaps for those who are left alone and isolated after the death of a loved one. However it became apparent that this model was not the best way of providing the support. When Rev Hildred left, Sian Cheverton took over running the group and the numbers attending dropped from small to nearly zero. This I hope was more a tribute to the importance of Rev Hil-

dred's role than Dr Cheverton's incompetence!

By summer 2016, the numbers attending were so small that it was decided to stop the drop-in sessions and reconsider how best to provide this service. A questionnaire was issued to try and gauge what people felt would be most useful, but very few were returned.

The Group has been disbanded for

now. Where loneliness is an issue, people are signposted to pre-existing groups such as the Wednesday Drop-In at the Congregational Hall or the Oasis Group. Many thanks Rev Hildred for recognising the need and starting group, and to the small band of volunteers who gave their time and expertise to try and make it work.

Licensed Evangelist

Jenni Duffy

Due to the increased workload of my theological training, I have had to step back from all the activities and groups I have enjoyed over the years.

All Saints Church needs a Licensed Evangelist – if you have an interest in reaching out to those people on the fringes of church, if you enjoy chatting to people and sharing your faith with them, and if you have a heart for nurturing the spark of faith and bringing people to a relationship with God then this might be where He is calling you to.

Lee and I would be happy to discuss the training and the commitment this role involves. I pray that as you search your heart, the Spirit will guide you in your decision.

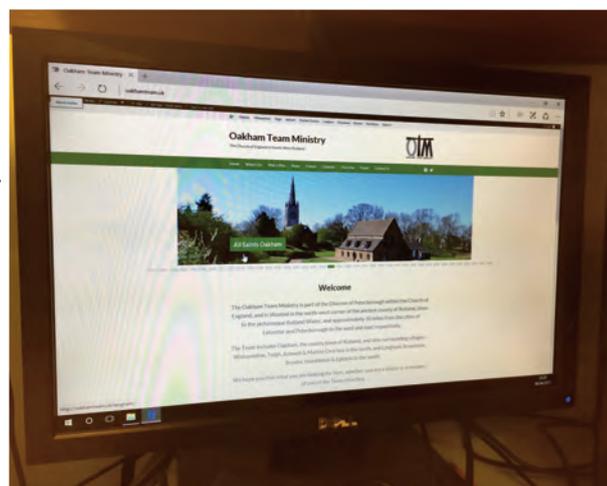
Communications Group

Kevin Slingsby

2016 has been a year of consolidation in many ways, and in particular has seen the Team Website expand and develop.

There is now information available there on pretty much all aspects of church life, and it is a good source of information for both regular church members and on-line visitors. Each of the Team churches have their own section on the site, including news published in the Good News magazine, and in the future I hope to encourage people from the villages to play a more active role in helping to maintain the site. The diary lists all the events across the Team, but each church section has the facility to list just the events in their patch.

The Welcome Leaflet has not progressed as quickly as we had hoped,



partly due to the integration of the project with the Churches Together initiative in the same direction, and partly due to other personnel constraints, but we hope to get this going again in the very near future..

Music

Kevin Slingsby, Director of Music

Music continues to play an important part in our worship at All Saints, as well as in the wider Team.

This is true whether we consider purely congregational music or input from the choir, and indeed, given the current small size of the choir, perhaps the former is especially important. I think we do pretty well with our congregational singing, both at the morning service and at evensong, but there is no doubt that the presence of the choir enhances the worship greatly, both for the congregation and the choir members, and I would encourage those of you out there with reasonable voices to consider whether you might join us.

We now have a well-established pattern of Team Choir practices at Whissendine on Tuesdays, and the larger numbers provides a much more enjoyable and beneficial experience, even if we might be singing some things that not everyone will be singing on Sunday. However, although we might be small in numbers week by week, the highlights of the year when we can sing as a Team Choir continue to thrive – Fifth Sunday Team Communions, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, the Advent Carol Service and the Christmas Nine Lessons and Carols, as well as Patronal or Harvest Evensongs at Teigh.

Two events further afield that always figure in the calendar are the Deanery Eucharist in July, and the Diocesan Choral Festival at Peterborough Cathedral in October, which is always a great chance to sing with a much bigger choir and enjoy some music that we might not otherwise tackle, under the inspiring leadership of Steven Grahl, the Cathedral's Director of Music.

On the social side, we always enjoy the annual Choir Dinner, and this February we visited the newly re-opened Wheatsheaf at Langham, where we were provided for in excellence. and the traditional quiz was also greatly enjoyed!

The music group has continued to play at Family Services on the third Sunday, and has grown in strength this year, with a good complement of violins, flutes, viola, clarinet and cello providing a good strong lead to the singing.

I am grateful as ever to the many people who support and encourage the music in many ways, especially the Team Rector and the Ministry Team, the Laudamus planning committee, our librarian Sandra Needham, and not least deputy organists Paul Butler, Peter Hitchcox and John and Linda Hall.



Healing Prayer Group

Patrick Wilson

The Healing Prayer Group meets for prayer and Bible study on the third Thursday afternoon of each month. These meetings are held in the various homes of members of the Group. Prayer requests are received and prayers offered. Confidentiality within the Group is strictly observed. These meetings and the prayers offered are not linked directly with the Prayer Chain, but are supportive of it.

On the first Wednesday of each month, at 12.00 pm, there has been a short service in the church, for healing and prayer, with laying-on of hands if requested.

Membership of the group has been fairly small and new members are always welcome.

It is to be hoped that the Ministry Team will be able to arrange one or two services in the morning or the evening on a Sunday, at which prayer and the laying-on of hands will be offered. One such service was arranged during the year.

Flower Guild

Anna Oliver

A big thank you to all the volunteers of the All Saints Flower Guild who have decorated the church at festival times and for those who have arranged and looked after the altar pedestals throughout the year .

We are grateful to John Tomalin for the larger arrangements he does at the altar for Easter and Christmas .

A warm welcome to Brenda Blandford for joining our team.

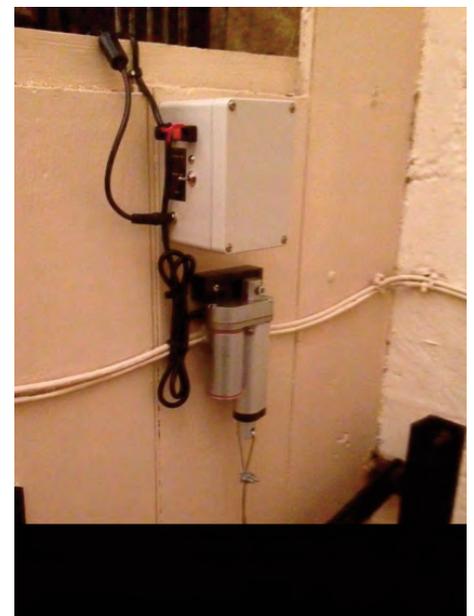
We are very sorry that our long standing member and treasurer Betty Tidd passed away recently. Members were pleased to be able to do 2 pedestals and a basket of flowers for her funeral.



Some other members have had to retire this year due to ill health, so we are looking for new members to join our group of volunteers. Few of us are trained we just like flowers.

The Flower Guild is largely self financing and so we welcome donations to support the decoration of the windows during the church festivals and the altar pedestal flowers throughout the year.

If you would like to do a small arrangement at festival time or join the altar flower rota please give me a call on 01572 756845 or via email oliveranna101@gmail.com



Bell Ringers

Louis Totaro – Tower Captain

2016 was expected to have the same familiar regularity of ringing at Oakham for weddings, funerals and visiting teams to ring our fine Peal of Bells. However, one should always expect the unexpected and 2016 proved not to disappoint!

We have continued to support notable annual events to include; St Georges Day ringing, Proms in the Park with the Rutland Concert Band, Remembrance Sunday and the NSPCC Charity Christmas Fundraising Concert.

Last April, I took the decision as Tower Captain to enter a team of our local ringers to compete in the Rutland Branch 6 Bell Striking Competition at North Luffenham, as I thought it would provide a good opportunity for some of our learners to try different handling bells and develop some good striking. Deciding to keep our entry piece simple with some good rounds and call changes I felt that we had done ourselves proud with our efforts.



In fact of the 8 teams that competed against ringers of accomplished ability, we did in fact do very well.....we came 1st! This is the first time in the long history of this competition and that of ringing at Oakham that we had won and I still feel very proud of all my ringers and our Tower to have led them to this achievement. This year's competition will be held next month at Caldecott and I will be entering another local team to defend the trophy!



More recently, this January saw Oakham host the Annual General Meeting for the Rutland Branch of Bell Ringers of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. We first had some excellent ringing at Oakham from members representing all areas of the county and the Guild, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving led by Reverend Lee. Members were then ushered to our Church Hall where several ladies of our Oakham team were on hand to make sure our visitors were fed and watered with a variety of hearty soups! An excellent and constructive meeting was held and I myself was elected as Branch Ringing Master for 2017. I am thoroughly enjoying this post and have already been very busy helping to organise events with my branch colleagues and to lead ringing for the year ahead. I shall be getting out and about to towers across Rutland, which gives me the opportunity to meet new and old faces and promote ringing across the county.

For Oakham practice nights on Tuesdays also remain well attended by local members and visitor numbers have been increasing recently and we continue to press on with developing ringers of all abilities. Of course all of this hard work, time and commitment by the ringers and their families should never be taken for granted and as I say every year, I am most grateful of their continued support. I would also like to extend a warm invitation and encourage anyone who is interested to join us and come to have a go. Our practice night is held every Tuesday 7.30pm – 9.00pm and our Sunday morning ringing commences at 9.55am.



Our peal of bells remain in a good ringable condition. The last inspection

carried out by John Taylor Bell-founders of Loughborough recently identified several items that will require minor repairs, some of which will need to be addressed before next year.



As I mentioned in last year's report 2016 would be focussed on converting the clock to automatic winding. Having now raised the required funds and gained DAC approval I am pleased to report that installation of the new system has just been completed, after spending most evenings in the tower during the last 2 weeks. We are now in a period of commissioning the system and 'fine tuning'.



The new system not only provides automatic winding to the clock but also for the quarter and hour chimes, which themselves can now be disabled on a timer during night time curfew hours. Using radio technology the clock will now also be able to maintain better keeping going forward.

My heartfelt thanks goes to all those individuals and bodies who donated funds, lobbied for approvals/permissions, to Richard White for designing and constructing the system and most of all, to Nigel Campion, who has been our resident winder for the last 8-10+ years – your efforts and selfless dedication has been very much appreciated. Thank you.

Children & Young People

Sunday School

Robin Robson

As the academic year started in September so did the Sunday Schools with the annual Barbecue in the garden of the Vicarage. There were lots of people and the weather held. The food was delicious with not just healthy barbecue food but also not so healthy puddings provided by the teachers and helpers at Sunday School.

September was the time when those starting Secondary School graduated to ASH and those in ASH graduated to ASK. Because the numbers have increased and each group has different needs we needed three venues, the Sunday School continues to meet in the Church Hall, ASK meets in the Mayhew Room and ASH in a room kindly loaned to us by Oakham School.

The frequency of the groups has altered. Sunday School is every Week except the third, when we have family worship. ASK and ASH meet separately on the second and together on the fourth Sunday. They do not meet on the 5th Sunday of the month.

We went to a Pantomime in Peterborough, thank you to Beryl Kirkland for arranging this. Thank you to the church for subsidising the children's tickets.

I would like to thank Guli Francis Dehqani and Rebecca Falconer for leading ASK and ASH respectively. So



much work goes on behind the scenes and they are both working mothers, yet they give the young people a instructive and challenging pro-

gramme as they grow in faith.

I would like to thank all those who lead the various Sundays I know how much preparation this entails and for the helpers, we could not do without you. Each leader does things differently and everyone does it well.

Thank you to the congregation who appreciate what the children do week by week.

For the children who are engaging, interesting and always fun, we really care about you and your journey in faith.



Young People's Groups – ASH and ASK

Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani & Rebecca Falconer

It was agreed that the Ash and Ask groups should meet more regularly each month and as a result they now have 2 sessions a month.

On the 2nd Sunday of the month, the ASH and ASK groups meet separately and are led by a member of the congregation; on the 4th Sunday, they meet jointly with the session taken from the 'Roots' magazine and led by members of the Sunday School team. It was intended that the children would be present in church and join in with the services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.



We are once again ever so grateful for the members of the congregation who have willingly given up some of their worship time to spend it with our children, whether it was to discuss topics such as migration and immigration; the meaning of Christmas; the



relevance and usefulness of 'holding' crosses; the importance of quiet time to reflect and pray; or to pay a visit to the bells in the bell tower to hear about their history. We as leaders, have been very impressed and pleased by the way in which the young people have listened, engaged and involved themselves in purposeful conversation regarding the subject being discussed that morning – a credit to themselves.

Once again both groups jointly wrote and delivered prayers for the Nativity Service and were also keen to be involved with the actual (Sunday School) Nativity Tableau and also play instruments in the ever growing orchestra!



As mentioned earlier, none of the above would be possible without the help of our congregation, to whom a big thank you goes out to.

Tiny Tots

Denise McDonald, Alice Clarke & Liz Nicholls

The end of the year seems to come around with ever increasing rapidity! Certainly we do not, I think, change very much but we do acquire a steady new clientele "new comrades ever bringing, in comrades' steps to tread".

The only difference seems to be that the age range gets steadily younger because of government policy to extend nursery provision to more age groups. On the other hand, since in Oakham the range of available provision changes as other groups cease or are set up, we seem to be able to offer opportunities which are widely appreciated. One mother wrote "Thank you for your super group. Our favourite outing of the week". In fact, of course, the chemistry between the accompanying parents is crucial. In the past we had a few who contributed very little and correspondingly did not gain much,

Our yearly programme remains broadly seasonal with simple craft and stories linked to other events in the children's lives. As the group becomes younger, we have to plan simpler activities to meet their capacities but quite a number of sub-two year olds seem to derive considerable pleasure from a finished picture or the like which they can display at home. We raised £26.75 Jumping for Pudsey in November. Father Christmas once again made time in his



busy schedule for a much-appreciated visit. The summer session ended with our usual Teddy Bears' Picnic and amazingly, for the second year running, we were allowed fine weather to celebrate outside. When we have special occasions like these it is always a particular pleasure to welcome back former members of the group, now in their teens, who are happy to come and lend a helping hand if they happen to have broken up from school themselves.

Another incidental pleasure on a Thursday morning is the occasional appearance of musicians who come in to practice for recitals which they will give in the church. One lady who did so not only gave us great pleasure but commented on the fact that the presence of a number of people gave her a much better impression of the acoustics than she would have gained from an empty building.

One last thank you must go to the kind souls, Alison in particular, who have struggled with the increasingly temperamental boiler to keep us warm each Thursday in winter!



Pram and Toddler Services

Jenni Duffy

It is with sadness that we have to tell you that as from the end of this Spring Term we are resting Pram Service for a while.

After some soul searching and prayer we have come to the conclusion that a pause is what is needed so that we can see a way forward. Since Jenni finished last summer, to take up a place at Theological College, we have been without a committed leader, so sadly attendance has dropped. With the increasing age of some of the 'alternative granny'

helpers they have decided to retire to leave the way open for some younger volunteers.

At the beginning of July we welcome two new Deacons to the parish, and it is hoped with their fresh enthusiasm this group will be reformed, probably on the first Monday after the Autumn half term. During this time hopefully a

younger member of the congregation or one of the present Mums would be keen to take over with the full support of the clergy team.

Many thanks for your wonderful support over the years we hope that we will see you again when we reform, if you still have under school age children, or even as a helper!

Adult Education

Home Groups

Home Groups are an integral part of church life here in Oakham. The leaders of the four groups led by members of *All Saints* have submitted the following reports:

Monday Evening Home Group

Michael Hinman

This group meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month 7:30-9:00pm, normally at Monica Compton's. From April until the autumn we were studying the book of Hebrews, but have spent most of our time since then following the Life and Times of King David. Our usual attendance of seven was augmented during Lent when we used the York Course booklet "Receiving Christ." Members' varied experiences of Christ and his church have proved fruitful bases for our discussions.

Willow Crescent Bible Study Group

Douglas & Catriona Drye.

This group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 10am at 25 Willow Crescent.

We have had an interesting and challenging study in Joshua and the next study is on The Prayers of the New Testament. We would welcome new folk to join us.

As well as these studies we have joined in the Advent and Lent courses. There have also been two lunches together at The Lodge, Market Overton and also at Helen and Alf Bush's home.

We will resume on 25th April. Contact: Catriona Drye 770429

Ashwell Road Home Group

Stan and Gill Bruce

During the past year our group has continued to meet fortnightly on Wednesday evenings, except during July and August, and during Lent when members were able to join one of the Lent Groups. We have continued to work our way through the Gospel of Mark, and are now within sight of the final chapters. It has been good to look closely at the ministry of Jesus, and gain fresh insights from a part of the New Testament that in theory we know so well! We are grateful for the regular support and commitment of the members of our group, with ten or eleven in attendance at most meetings.

As a group, we have continued to contribute towards the support of a family in Uganda through 'Send a Cow', and followed with interest their progress in their journey towards self-sufficiency. We pray regularly for them, and for other situations that arise, whether personal, national or international.

On the social side, we enjoyed a picnic together in the grounds of Burghley House during the summer, and in January, as last year, we had an excellent lunch at The Barn restaurant in Burley Road. And, at the end of our meetings, when appropriate, we celebrate one another's birthdays with home-made cakes, and coffee!

Peterborough Avenue Home Group

Patrick and Marjorie Wilson

Except during major holiday periods or Lent, our Home Group meetings were held fortnightly, on alternate Thursday afternoons, with attendance that included members from two of the other churches in Oakham.

It has been a pleasure to have two or three members of the Group leading, on a subject of their choice. Ron Curtis spoke about Jackie Pullinger and, in early November, gave an appropriately-timed talk about the beginnings and development of memorials to those who died in the service of their country in the wars of the 20th century. Stephan led a carefully prepared series on the first letter of Timothy. Marjorie led a study of Jonah and we undertook a major study of Revelation. This gave us insights into prophecy in general, and had, as well, much that challenged our thinking and expectations.

As usual, everyone benefited from the opportunities that our meetings gave for fellowship and learning and praying together.

Good News Van

Catriona Drye

This is a mobile Christian Lending Library that meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:30pm alternatively at 25 Willow Crescent or the Common Room of St John and St Anne in South Street.

At the moment it looks as though it will be closing in June if no new drivers can be found. This due to changed circumstances as previous drivers have had to give up. Please contact Catriona if you are able to help, on 01572 770429

Finance & Stewardship

Please see pages 3-9 in Part 2 of this document for the full Financial Review and Statement of Accounts for 2015

Financial Stewardship

Gordon Woods

Stewardship recognises God's goodness by making regular gifts to the church. This style of giving provides about 65% of our income. Unlike some churches we do not have frequent fundraising events, our main one is the autumn sale which produces income, involves more helpers and also interacts with townspeople, three positive effects.

There are 3 main ways of **regular giving**, (i) by weekly numbered envelopes put in the offertory (ii) by an annual cheque, and (iii) by a bankers order via the Diocese, easily the most popular way. A few people use more than one way. For all these giving methods, if you are a tax payer, 25% can be added to your donation by 'Gift Aiding'. There has been a net **decrease of seven** in the number using the first method as the pair of new donors were less than those lost through death or movement from

Oakham. This is the main reason for giving by this method being over £5,000 less than in the previous year. These figures are for the year March 2016-February 2017.

Every year some people who have been using envelopes change to the more convenient use of a bankers order. No more envelopes to fill and remember to bring with you!

Two church members have told me that they have left some money for All Saints in their will. Whatever your

Mission Giving

Canon Michael Wilson

The Mission Giving Proposals for this year were carefully discussed at a meeting of the Mission Giving Sub-committee and approved by the PCC. Full details can be found on page 9 of the second part of this document, and as in previous years, a balance was retained between International, National and Local causes.

age, would you consider leaving a legacy to your church. I have some helpful leaflets and will discuss relevant ideas with you, of course in confidence.

Confidentiality. Please contact me at All Saints or by phone (01572 755371) if you wish to talk confidentially about starting or changing your giving method. Thank you!

Fairtrade

Denise McDonald

Since its formation in 1979 Traidcraft has been fighting poverty through trade in many ways.

One of them doesn't even involve making a fairly traded purchase. For a number of years now they have offered a recycling scheme in order to raise funds to take their valuable work forward. They are able to accept items of jewellery which can be gold, silver, costume, watches and it makes no difference if they are broken or there is only one of a pair of earrings. When I first became aware of the scheme Traidcraft had already raised a healthy figure of £9000 and now that figure stands at approaching £31000!

Because of schemes such as this Traidcraft has been able to help tens of thousands of families in Bangladesh. Before Traidcraft's support was in place these families would struggle to grow the food needed to

survive. Traidcraft's work gives hope by providing them with skills, confidence and saplings they need to harvest tea. With this support each family can produce 800kg of tea a month giving them an income that will feed their malnourished children all year round and for years to come.

If you have already given to the scheme a huge thank you.

Traidcraft produces a catalogue twice a year to showcase all the wonderful food, fashion and gift items they sell and last year once again produced a very healthy crop of orders, my thanks to everyone who placed an order or made purchases at any of the stalls. The total sales for Christmas amounted to just over £910.00. During the year the stall made its annual appearance at the Lent Lunches,

I also visited Market Overton for their Christmas fayre and Langham for their Christmas tree festival. Lin Rider from Market Overton also sold goods at the Lent Lunches she hosted. My grateful thanks to her and as ever John Ainsley for their help in contributing to the year's total sales of £3162.52.

Due to everyone's generosity I have also been able to send a donation of £60.00 to Triadcraft exchange, which helps some of the world's poorest farmers and artisans work their way out of poverty

As ever my grateful thanks to everyone who continues to support the stall in whatever way they are able to and as I always say YOUR SUPPORT REALLY DOES MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE.

Fabric, Furniture, Fixtures & Fittings

Alison Long & Ann Blackett – Churchwardens

We have seen lots of progress this year on the fabric front and we are extremely grateful to Des Cook who has taken on a lot of this work and is now overseeing the boiler project (see separate report)

This year has seen the beginning of the new scheme for the memorial garden, designed and overseen by Oakham in Bloom. The initial planting was carried out on 29th October, with more planned for the coming weeks. The border is a work in progress and by the summer we look forward to some beautiful flowers. Signage and explanation of the scheme itself will follow in due course. The next phase will be to explore a way of screening the bin area.

The last few weeks have seen the commencement of the clock refurbishment and we are grateful to Louis Totaro for his work in this area.

The noticeboards have been re-varnished and continue to be an asset to the church. We were also very pleased to welcome back the sanctuary lamp which has been repaired and is back to its former glory. All the fire extinguishers have been serviced during this last year and the PAT testing carried out. There have been some ongoing electrical issues within the tower and these have been dealt with. The refurbishment of the clock

should highlight anything else that may come up.

We will have completed the annual check of the contents of the church against the inventory of the terrier by the time you read this report.

Over the last few months we have seen several acts of criminal damage and theft take place in the church. This has led us to review our security and to this end we have taken advice from the community safety officer from Rutland County Council.

As the church building is open during the day, it is always going to be vulnerable to this kind of activity. All of us have a role to play in being vigilant and popping in when out and about. It is also important that you let us know if you see anything untoward as we are working closely with RCC and the police to minimise any future problems.

As always, we are grateful for your support and prayers for us as churchwardens. There are so many people who help us and who work hard to take care of this beautiful building and surrounding church yard. Thank you.

Boiler Project

Des Cook

The existing heating system remains manageable, although it now requires regular (sometimes daily) re-pressurisation. This has recently meant that heating is often unavailable first thing in the morning.

Additionally, the damp underground location makes the boiler unreliable and it is not a suitable enduring arrangement for a modern system controlled by printed circuit boards. A project to replace the boiler and relocate it to the office above the Mayhew Room has therefore been evolving for some time.

The Mechanical & Electrical design spec was agreed in 2016, augmented in December 2016 by a structural report which identified the need for two supporting steel beams under the existing mezzanine floor. We have also had to develop a plan to route exter-

nal pipework in a way which minimises disturbance to the Garden of Remembrance. The Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) has considered all these works and approved our combined proposal in February 2017.

The plans for boiler replacement and relocation, structural strengthening and external pipework now form the basis of our application for Faculty and Invitation to Tender (ITT) to potential contractors. Bid evaluation and down-selection of a preferred contractor is planned for May, with a recommendation to PCC expected in

Church Hall

Peter Kinal

The Hall has continued to provide for regular and occasional hirers. Thanks to various capital improvements last year, we have been able to provide value for money for hirers. The new heating system has performed excellently and appears to have reduced our electricity bills.

We have been fortunate indeed to have been able to enlist Helen Totaro as Treasurer, to replace John Denny, who retired last year. In addition to her accounting skills, she has updated payment and receipting methods (internet based) and, working with Janine Weaver, who arranges bookings, has made things easier for hirers as well as for Janine herself. The major capital outlay this year has been imposed by the need for a new barrier to the car park. The cost of this was shared with the flats

The Committee met on five occasions. Cleaning and maintenance work has been regularly undertaken by Stephan Johnson, with help on what might be termed 'domestic' matters (in the kitchen, for example) from Pat Munro and Carol Scothern. At some point during the Spring, a "spring clean" of the Hall was organized amongst Committee members, and we took an audit of cutlery and other equipment. The contribution of other Committee members, in meetings and at other times, has been of considerable value

Amongst contributors to another successful year for the Church Hall, the name of All Saints Church Team Administrator, Janine Weaver, should figure prominently. Her arrangement of bookings and her handling of complaints, or of unexpected happenings, has been exemplary, and I am very grateful.

June. Work on-site is therefore not expected to start until July, when initial activity will include a recommendation investigation of the cause of our current loss of water pressure. Commissioning of the new system is anticipated in late-summer, just ahead of the heating season, although this depends on the extent of any emergent work.

The Wider Church

Deanery Synod

John Tomalin – Lay Chair, Rutland Deanery Synod

There were four synod meetings and the deanery eucharist in the past year.

On 19th May 2016 Dr Tim Williams, director of music at St Wulframs, Grantham, spoke on his work in developing and maintaining church music in that place.

An extra deanery meeting in Oakham on 9th May was addressed by Revd Canon Miles Baker (Mission Enabler) and Paul Adams (Stewardship and Funding Officer) on stewardship. On 7th July 2016 the deanery eucharist was held at Greetham. The preacher was Revd Canon Tim Alban Jones, Bishop's Chaplain.

On 22nd September at Morcott Revd Charlie Nobbs explained that he worked for the diocese in the capacity of pioneering and new initiatives and trying to connect with those who did not attend ordinary church. The meeting on 9th February 2017 was ad-

dressed by Sally van der Sterren, secretary to the DAC. She explained how the DAC worked – giving advice to PCCs when applying for faculties and, in relation to church mission, helping churches to make worship more suitable to provide appropriate worship.

Deanery organisation has not been easy this past year. In addition to some clergy long term sickness the South Water benefice vacancy has not been filled, although interviews will take place on 24th March 2017.

Revd Jo Saunders retired on 31st December 2016 from Casterton and the opportunity was taken to place Tinwell parish with Ketton. Revd Helen Rayment has taken on responsibility for this parish. We welcomed the Very Revd Christopher Armstrong to Bar-

rowden on 18th June 2016. We continue to work towards Ketton, Tinwell and the Barrowden parishes forming a new benefice in the future.

Revd Janet Tebby will be retiring at the end of April 2017. We wish her and Jo Saunders long and happy retirements.

Thistleton and Tickencote churches have both agreed to cease as parish churches and become chapels of ease. The process is ongoing.

On 26th February 2017 the High Sheriff hosted a celebration of Rutland at Peterborough cathedral. This was very well supported. The cathedral was full, and those there experienced a joyful occasion.

Finally, my thanks to Lee as Rural Dean for all his hard work and commitment over the past year.

Mothers' Union

Pamela Woods

The Mothers' Union branch continues to meet each month, sometimes locally in the Church Hall with speakers or with other branches in the Rutland Deanery. We also have a Corporate Communion every month held at the Chapel at St. John & St. Anne.

The year started with the AGM, taken by Meg Dyer, after an enjoyable meal for members and friends. Kevin Slingsby spoke at one meeting about the church organ and enabled us to see the complicated system of pipes etc. at Peterborough Cathedral through his computer. Sian Cheverton told us of her visit to Uganda with Mission Direct making use of her medical expertise. Another local speaker was Helen Bush with the topic of Reflections. We were able to have Dominic Coad just before he went to his parish in Newcastle. He agreed to a question and answer session which ranged over how he first met Frances, his wife, to his call to be a minister and information about his new parish.

There were two communion services, in Lent Julie Hutchison took the service and spoke about her life, and in Advent we were pleased to have Brian Nicholls take the service for us. The Deanery Festival was at Ketton last year and the Quiet Morning at Uppingham and this gave us a chance to join with the other local branches. Members enjoyed a Strawberry tea in the summer with some people giving Summer Readings. Mary Sumner Day saw a service at a local church followed by lunch at a nearby pub. The outing, again with The Friends, was to Bury St Edmunds on a bright sunny day. A Fundraising event that proved to be very successful was a wine tasting evening when all profits went to the

recently started Frances Lunch Project in Kettering. This enables children who normally have free school lunches to have meals at holiday times as well.

The membership remains at 29 but with some changes due to deaths of elderly people and new people joining us. We still have two men and one indoor member. Those who can manage it continue to knit the sheep for the Advent cribs and Chicks for Easter, the latter being a fundraising exercise. All meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend and we would be pleased to welcome you.

Diocesan Synod

John Tomalin – Diocesan Synod Representative

There have been only two diocesan synods this past year, 10th September 2016 and 25th March 2017. The synod of 19th March 2016 was reported at last year's APCM. Full details of all Synod activity, including Bishop Donald's addresses can be found at <http://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/finance-and-administration/synods>

10 September 2016

September 10th 2016. The presidential address was given by +John In which he talked about 'connecting'; the disparate parts of the diocese, rural & urban, the rich and poor, the decision-makers and those impacted by those decisions, the Church and Young People, different Church communities – denominations and traditions within denominations, of connecting power and powerlessness. He talked of connecting with everyone everywhere. +John stated that we are here for everyone everywhere.

Synod was addressed by the Children's Society. The scope and nature of their work was outlined in an excellent presentation. (One of the speakers, Jane Foster, will be at our deanery synod meeting on 4th May 2017).

The annual accounts and report for 2015 and the budget for 2017 were adopted. Paul Adams, Stewardship, gave a presentation on the next steps in the 'Giving for Life' campaign. The main points were regular teaching about giving in the context of discipleship, communication with givers, to

give thanks, hold annual review, agree a legacy policy, use gift aid and use the parish buying service.

The Rev Guli Francis Dehqani reported on the General Synod meeting including an update on shared conversations.

25 March 2017

+Donald, on the 7th anniversary of his being made bishop, gave the presidential address. He reflected on the conception of Jesus which is largely forgotten, unlike conceptions today which are rejoiced. This must say something about the attitude of the church to the vulnerable today. The gospels teach about care for the vulnerable; Jesus himself was a refugee and was vulnerable. Work in this area is also central to our diocese and should be a high priority.

There was a presentation from Mary Hawes, National Youth & Children's Adviser, who outlined the national decline in attendance at church by young people. A survey of young church-going young people identified four key areas; inclusion, equality, a secure safe base and leadership. The church's response should include an

inter-generational culture, all age inclusiveness, recognition of young people, pre-confirmation communion, unconditional welcoming of the young and leaders and youth worker support.

Synod was addressed by Beverly Huff on the work being done in respect of safeguarding and outlining the long term vision and strategy. Four objectives were stated; to deal with past legacy, implement the national approach, effective engagement and embedding safeguarding.

The chair of the DBF, Paul Buckingham, outlined the diocesan finances. While income from parish share had risen the % given by parishes had declined against budget. This represented a £700K funding gap which is likely to increase. A 25% reduction in central running costs was planned and parishes not paying 100% of parish share were to be supported, while the DBF would undertake to have a better understanding of parish finances.

Synod adopted revised Articles of Association of the Board of Finance. A report on the proceedings of General Synod was given by Canon Liz Holdsworth.

Churches Together in Oakham and District

Patrick Wilson

Meetings of the Churches Together Committee were held in March, May, July, September and November, 2016, and in January 2017.

CTO involvements during 2016-17 included:

- Christian Corner and service details in the Rutland Times
- Lent lunches. Responsibility for these was taken, a week at a time, by different churches as well as, on one occasion, by the clergy.
- Weekly Prayer Meeting and short service, on Wednesdays at 12.00 pm, in the Congregational Church. [For this greater support would be welcomed.]

- Support for the Drop-in Centre in the Congregational Church Hall. It is pleasing to report that, thanks to active involvement of the Chairman, both with the CTIO Committee and Rutland County Council, several church leaders have been able to show better support, by means of occasional visits and in other ways.
- Publicity for Christmas Services.
- Good Friday Walk of Witness.
- Lent House Groups and Palm Sunday Joint Worship.
- Christian Aid Collection.

- Women's World Day of Prayer.
- Support for the Rutland Food Bank.
- A Prayer Breakfast, to mark the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was held in the Victoria Hall on 21st January 2017, and was attended by upwards of ninety people. The speaker this year was Br. Nicholas Palmer, a Cistercian monk from Mount St. Bernard Abbey, near Colville. He spoke about the monastic observance of prayer, giving an insight into the disciplines, order and practice of prayer – very illuminating of spiritual ritual and custom, new to many or most of those present.

Rutland Foodbank

Suzanne Johnson

Foodbank is now well settled into a strong pattern of service provision. We continue to enjoy our premises, which our volunteers ensure are well kept and welcoming. In the financial year 2016-17 we have fed 546 people, and have collected around 6 tonnes of food.

We open three times a week, in Oakham, and are able to offer people a cup of tea and a friendly ear, as well as their food parcel. Volunteers listen to peoples' experiences of joblessness, benefit delay and their struggles to get by on low pay, or they simply chat and make the client feel at home.

We have 60 volunteers at the Distri-

bution Centre in Oakham, a good number of whom are from All Saints, where they welcome clients and pack their food. In addition we have a good squad at Uppingham, and half a dozen at the warehouse, ensuring that food is sorted properly so that it does not pass its sell-by date and we don't run out of the less donated items. We probably total 80 to 90, but can always use more, as many of

them only volunteers once a month and we have lots of slots to fill. If you would like to volunteer for the Foodbank please speak to Peter Hart from the 10:30 congregation, phone us on 07582 783363, or visit the website. Donations continue to be welcome and can be left in the box in the south transept, please check the website to find out in which items we are short.

Social Activities

Concert Society

Kevin Slingsby

The regular programme of lunchtime concerts at All Saints has continued during the year, and we are grateful to Peter Davis and his colleagues and the pupils at Oakham School for giving us such a variety of excellent performances during term-time.

Catmose College have continued to give a lunchtime concert on the day of their evening Christmas concert, and during the school holidays we have been fortunate to engage the services of many talented musicians, some regular contributors and some performing for us for the first time. We also had a short themed Friday series this February, when John Dobson presented the piano sonatas of Weber. We have a good regular core audience at these concerts, and they provide an excellent short and inspiring break in the middle of the day (1:30pm) every Wednesday throughout the year except immediately after Christmas. If you haven't been to one, do consider coming.

We also continue to promote our regular Bank Holiday Organ Recitals, in 2016 given by James Speakman (Oakham School), Jeremy Lloyd (Peterborough Cathedral), Thomas Keogh (Holy Cross Leicester) and William Fox (Magdalen College Oxford). In 2017 we look forward to Ivan Linford at Easter, Paul Greally and Nicholas Edwards (London Organ

Competition prize winners) on May Day, and James Thomas (St Edmundsbury Cathedral) and David Price (Thailand) for the last Spring and Summer Bank Holiday Mondays respectively. We are extremely lucky to have such a splendid organ at All Saints, and there is no better way to spend the late morning (11:15am) on a Bank Holiday Monday than to enjoy a varied and accessible programme of organ music followed by a convivial lunch in the Church Hall afterwards. In September we celebrated the 21st birthday of the organ with an excellent Celebrity Recital given by James Lancelot, Organist of Durham Cathedral. We also hosted the National Organ Club's AGM at Oakham in March, with a recital by Henry Fairs, and in July we welcomed three young Australian organists for an excellent recital as part of their UK visit. We plan to mark the birthday event further this year by investing in an upgrade to the organ's piston capture system.

We organise the occasional evening concert, and the Wednesday of Holy

Week saw the return of the Tudor Choir of Leicester and the Cantus Choir, directed by Barry Collett, performing Stainer's Crucifixion. Other concerts in 2016 included two extra lunchtime concerts at the end of June as part of the Oakham Festival, evening concerts by the Rutland Choral Society in April, July and December, and Rutland Concert Band in November as well as the usual Christmas concerts by the NSPCC and Catmose College in December.

The programme of concerts is organised by a small committee, and I am very grateful to them all for their unstinting support and encouragement, without which the various concerts could not happen.

Finally, a plea for volunteers to help with Bank Holiday lunches after the organ recitals. They are enjoyed greatly by those attending, and also help to offset the expenditure of the recital. It is usually a simple cold lunch, so is fairly straightforward to arrange. Please have a word with me if you can help.

Walking Group

Dennis Corton

Each year since the Group's formation in 2010 I have been able to report on the happy occasions we have had each month, when a great variety of walks have been undertaken. This year has been no different in this respect with lively chatter on so many subjects and topics

Time clouds the memory a little, but I'm sure the weather has been exceedingly kind to us, perhaps with the exception of storm Doris, and we have enjoyed some memorable walks in our county and our neighbouring ones too.

Our numbers have increased again this year with a number of new walkers, welcome to Darrel, Richard and Sue, and our pew sheet notice always states that new walkers are always made to feel welcome. Leaders have been Anne, Gordon, Stephan, Russell and Brenda, and Dennis some have led on more than one occasion.

Our walks, which are always on the fourth Thursday of each month, have been from Ryhall, Easton on the Hill, Launde Abbey, Kings Cliffe, Lyddington, Nassington, Braunston Exton Park, and Rathby. During the summer months our walks are around 6 miles and we enjoy a picnic lunch en-route, the winter ones are approximately 5 miles and we enjoy a convivial lunch around the fire of some of the local hostelrys.

Our walks have taken in places of interest including the rivers Welland and Nene, Thornton Reservoir and Blatherwycke Lake



Our New Year's day walk this year was held on the second day of the new year! This has established itself as part of the group's traditions and was around Hambleton Peninsula. Everyone brought some bring and share food to our home before the walk with Sally very kindly laying it all out together with some warming soup and drinks upon our return. We had 25 people to lunch that day!

If you are new to Rutland, or even if you are not, what better way is there to explore and appreciate what we have in our local area. If you enjoy any of the following activities do come and join us, you will not be disappointed, they are - chattering (lots), topical conversation, countryside, wildlife, rural activities, socialising, local history and architecture. Remember also, walking is very good for you!

Planning for this year's walks is already under way and a number of volunteers have come forward to lead them, thank you very much, it is greatly appreciated.



Catering Committee

Marilyn Tomalin

My sincere thanks to all who week by week organise the teas/coffees after Church, and especially to Gill Welsh who tirelessly sorts out the rotas and bridges any gaps.

This simple activity gives so much pleasure and purpose to our regular worship, and gives so many people the opportunity to have a chat and meet up with or make friends. Visitors to our Church too are always made welcome.

The Catering Committee don't spend a lot of time in meetings and discussion, but hopefully meet the requirements requested for fun and fellowship throughout the year. We are a very small group, relying heavily on your support, when asked, to provide the cake, or the biscuits, or the cottage

pie, or... This year we stretched our comfort zones by providing a full scale lunch in Church after the 10.30 service for Dominic as he left us for pastures new. About 140 of us came together to celebrate the time he spent with us, and to wish him well on his next venture. It was time well spent, and all seemed to enjoy the occasion. So - we plan to hold the Harvest Lunch (Sunday 1 October) in much the same way, providing we receive the help and support from you all.

Our small group has diminished with the loss of Rebecca's contributions

and advice re the younger section in the Church. We really valued her input, but pressure of work and home commitments etc must come first for her and her family. But maybe someone else reading this has that enthusiasm to make a similar contribution - no endless meetings, just your ideas and contacts! Similarly, if you are new to our congregation and would like to go on "Marilyn's list of helpers", I would definitely be keen to hear from you 01572 723184 email john.tomalin1943@btinternet.com . So I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Friends of All Saints

Beryl Kirtland, Chairman

The varied programme of events of The Friends for 2016 was well supported.

Andrew Swift, Author of *The Complete Guide to Rutland Churches*, showed us round four Rutland Churches pointing out many interesting features; The Visit to Little Gidding and was especially moving, surrounding us with peace and tranquillity while learning of the links with Charles 1, George Herbert, T.S. Eliot and Nicholas Ferrar; The coach trip with The Mothers' Union to Bury St Edmunds on a beautiful summer's day showed the Cathedral and The Abbey Gardens at their best. The Theatre Royal, the last surviving Regency playhouse in the country, was extremely interesting tour; Rainbow's Children's' Hospice were most appreciative of the donation made to them. Money raised at the coffee morning was presented at the annual Tide lunch, again at the Harbour Bar and Restaurant. A group visited Tolethorpe to see *The Tempest* which celebrated 400 years of Shakespeare and 40 years of Tolethorpe. There was a Summer Lunch with John Stacey as speaker, an Organ recital (in conjunction with the Concert Committee), a visit to the Pantomime and, of course, the well-attended annual Shrovetide party.

A very interesting outing was The Leicester Temple Visit. Listening to the representatives of the Hindu Temple,



Visiting Morcott - one of four Rutland churches

the Orthodox Jewish Synagogue, the Sikh Temple and the Muslim Mosque brought greater understanding of their faiths.

Our treasurer, John King sadly died in November and his contribution to The Friends has been sorely missed. As no-one came forward to be treasurer the committee decided that the end of year balance of accounts should be professionally done. As such an audi-

tor is not required and a book keeper could then look after day to day matters.

At the recent AGM it was unanimously agreed that £15,000 should be donated to the boiler fund as required; that the maintenance and preservation of the notice boards now in progress should be paid for by The Friends. In principle it was agreed that The Friends could be approached to finance the resolve of a secure place for money for purchases and donations after the recent spate of vandalism and theft in the church.

Alan Oliver kindly painted an attractive picture of the church which has been reproduced to make greeting cards and notelets. When sold they will raise about £2000.

This year Mike Vecqueray, an inaugural committee member of the Friends, is stepping down and we thank him for his input throughout the 24 years of The Friends existence.

Brenda Blandford, our new secretary, presents the agendas and minutes in a very professional way and has been very helpful with the AGM paperwork.

The planning and helping with events is cheerfully undertaken by Patsy Clifton, Janet Higgins, David Kirtland, Liz Plummer, Kevin Slingsby and Gordon Woods as Committee members.



The Shrovetide Party

Their commitment and support of The Friends is much appreciated.

Another varied programme is available. Membership remains at £5. New members, church members and supporters, friends and families are very welcome to join our events and activities.

After Chairing The Friends for 10 years I have decided to step down at the AGM in 2018. I have thoroughly enjoyed leading The Friends, helping to plan and organise our many events and trust that someone will come forward to take my place.

The Friends are a vibrant organisation in The Church and through our outings help to spread the word of the good work and Christian fellowship that exists within it.



Alan Oliver's painting for the new cards

Open House

Beryl Waites

These popular monthly gatherings are flourishing. People look forward to meeting each other for coffee & a chat, especially if it is in someone's home that we haven't been to before. I am pleased to say that there are eight new places to go to in 2017. It's very good for getting to know new people who may have been to church. So thank you all the welcoming hosts, & enjoy the rest of the year! .



Poetry at Little Gidding



Section 2: Annual Report for the Charities Commission

All Saints' Church Oakham – Annual Report of the Parochial

Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2016

Administrative Information

All Saints' Church is situated in Church Street, Oakham, Rutland. It is the central church of the Oakham Team Ministry, a group of parishes within the Deanery of Rutland in the Diocese of Peterborough, of the Church of England.

A Pastoral Scheme approved by the Church Commissioners established the Team Ministry with effect from 1st January 2011.

Bankers are HSBC at 1 High Street, Stamford, Lincolnshire. The independent Examiner of Accounts is Mr Neil Lowther. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is charity no. 1129880.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2016 or commenced serving during 2016 until the end of the year were:-:

Incumbent	Revd Canon L T Francis-Dehqani, (Chairman)
Assistant Priest	Revd H A Crowther (to March 2016)
Curates	Revd Dr D Coad (to October 2016), Revd O Williams (from July 2016)
Wardens	, Mrs A Long, and Ms A Blackett
Readers/Parish Evangelist	Mr AV Wainwright, Mr D Pattinson Mrs J Duffy and Mrs R Robson (from April 2016)
Representatives on Diocesan & Deanery Synods)	Mr J Tomalin, Mrs M Tomalin, Mrs Y Nicolle-Anderiesz, Mr K P Andrews, Ms A Mathias, and Dr S Cheverton
Elected members	Mrs H Bush, Mr J King (co-opted to April 2016)., Mr P Kinal, Dr J Ince (to April 2016), Mrs P Munro (to April 2016), Mr K Slingsby (co-opted), Mr R Morris, Mrs S Blythin, Mrs S Page, Mr M Churchill, Mr M Nicholls, Mr P S Hill (Treasurer, to April 2016, and from Sept 2016), Mr G Woods (from April 2016) and Mr D J Ufton (Secretary)

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules, All church attendees are encouraged to join the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC or Deanery Synod. The Standing Committee is made up of the incumbent, churchwardens, treasurer, secretary and two or three PCC appointed members. The Standing Committee meets about two weeks ahead of each PCC meeting. In addition the PCC receives reports from forums or groups which oversee worship, pastoral care, communications and children and young people in the parish. A Fabric Advisory Group has been appointed with responsibility for oversight of the Church fabric, and this Group gives regular updates to the PCC on areas of work requiring attention.

Objectives and activities

All Saints' PCC has responsibility for working with the incumbent, the Revd Canon Lee Francis-Dehqani, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibility for All Saints' Church Hall, Oakham.

Achievements and performance

Church Attendance: In March there were 304 parishioners on the Electoral Roll. Six names were added during the year and ten were removed either through death or moving away from the parish. The average weekly church attendance for all services during the year, including festivals and baptisms, was 260. When the "highs and lows" are omitted from this calculation the average weekly attendance figure is 210 adults and 25 children.

Review of the year

PCC Secretary's Report

During the year the Parochial Church Council met on six occasions, with an average attendance of 17 members. Normally meetings are held every alternate month. The Standing Committee membership is made up of the incumbent, churchwardens and deputy warden, secretary and treasurer, with the addition of PCC members Mr M Churchill and Mr K P Andrews. The Standing Committee has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC. Prior to each PCC meeting members received an up to date financial report, and the treasurer comments as needed on any specific aspects which require to be brought to the PCC's attention. From time to time other documents and reports as necessary were given to PCC members prior to the meeting date. These documents could, for example, deal with specific church fabric issues, wedding and funeral fees or Deanery Synod activities. Deanery Lay Chair John Tomalin is a member of Oakham PCC.

Fabric problems, particularly the continued deterioration of the Church boiler due to the damp conditions of its location. However during the year much progress was made to formulate the scheme for boiler replacement. There was involvement and advice given by the DAC as well as the church architect and possible sources of grant aid and other funding provision have been identified. At the time of writing the plan to commission a new boiler in the autumn of 2016 was delayed whilst final issues of the siting of pipework and other installation details were addressed. The plan is now to install during the summer of 2017. During the year approval was given for "Oakham in Bloom" to redevelop the Garden of Remembrance with new planting and layout. The DAC gave approval for the Church clock to be upgraded. The work takes place in early 2017.

The Minutes of the latest PCC meeting are displayed on the notice-board by the north door, and remain there until the following some two months later.

Derek Ufton (PCC Secretary), March 2017

Risk Management

Major risks have been identified, and where found procedures are in place to manage those risks.

Financial Review

The year 2016 has been a difficult one, not only with reference to changes to the Treasurers team, but also with respect to a challenging financial climate. The retirements of Peter Hill and the late John King early in the year, with the ensuing personnel changes, has resulted in unforeseen delays in completion of the Annual Accounts. As a result, we ask for your indulgence in accepting the following Interim accounts. These represent the true data for both Church and Church Hall, but are not yet in the new format required. However, they are in the format used in last year's Financial Report.

In 2016 the combined Church and Church Hall accounts show total Receipts of £171467 and Expenditure of £162,659 as detailed in the Financial Statements. The net result for Income over Expenditure for 2016 was £8808.

The Church General Fund

The focus of income generation is through Stewardship. This resulted in total gifts, donations and tax recovery of £163,611 (2015 £164,023) including a one-off legacy of £20,000, subsequently designated for the Fabric Fund., and donations from the Church Hall. Disappointingly, Gifted-aided donations are lower than in 2015. In general we have managed to keep expenditure within budget, though much of our major expenditure is beyond our control, including Parish Share, Mission Giving (a fixed percentage of previous year's planned giving) and Insurance. Before the transfer of the Legacy to the Fabric Fund, Income less Expenditure was £8081.

The Church Fabric Fund

The Fabric Fund balance was boosted by the transfer of the £20000 legacy from the General Fund. All major expenses during the year (£7741) were related to the new boiler project,

The Vicar and Wardens Fund

Little activity other than Leaving Gifts.

The Church Hall achieved a surplus of £727 (2015 a deficit of £5885). No transfer was made to the Church General Funds, though proposals are to do so in 2017 to support the Boiler project.

The Church Hall has been Valued in line with Diocesan requirements, and current market value has been assessed at £275.000. There is no proposal to depreciate this value since any subsequent sale would be for property development.

Church Funds.

It is clear that the Church General Fund has a major problem. Levels of income are low and insufficient to meet current expenses. A Stewardship campaign is planned for 2017, but the fund will have reached a critical point, that is to say a negative status, long before then. We therefore encourage Church members to consider their annual contributions to the Church before the Stewardship campaign where possible.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS OAKHAM

Statement of financial activities for the year ending 31 December 2016

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary income	2(a)	134872	2400	23224	160496	161191
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	7793	-	-	7793	10143
Income from investments	2(c)	11	-	-	11	11
Income from church activities	2(d)	6889	-	-	6889	11041
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		149565	2400	23224	175189	182386
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Costs of generating voluntary income	3(a)	75	-	-	75	-
Fund raising costs	3(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Church activities	3(c)	160881	3636	5965	170482	164766
Governance costs	3(d)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		160956	3636	5965	170557	164766
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS						
		-11391	-1236	17259	4632	17620
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS						
		-11391	-1236	17259	4632	17620
Balances brought forward at 1 Jan 2016	7	315609	6143	36052	357804	65184
Add value of church hall	1	-	-	-	-	275000
Balances carried forward at 31 Dec 2016	7	304218	4907	53311	362436	357804

Notes on pages 3 to 7 and the Balance Sheet form part of these accounts

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS OAKHAM

Balance sheet as at 31st December 2016

	Note	2016 £	2015 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Freehold Land & Buildings	1	<u>275000</u>	<u>275000</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash in Bank		76903	70129
short term deposits		18435	17824
Debtors and prepayments	4	<u>7817</u>	<u>4705</u>
		<u>103155</u>	<u>92658</u>
less LIABILITIES			
creditors - amount falling due in one year	5	15719	9854
		<u>15719</u>	<u>9854</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
Current assets less current liabilities		<u>87436</u>	<u>82804</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>362436</u>	<u>357804</u>
Represented by:			
PARISH FUNDS			
UNRESTRICTED		304218	315609
DESIGNATED		4907	6143
RESTRICTED		<u>53311</u>	<u>36052</u>
		<u>362436</u>	<u>357804</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on
and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Canon Lee Francis-Dehqani (PCC Chairman)



22nd May 2017

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS OAKHAM

Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 31 December 2016

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and SORP 2005.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from a trust which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust, and Designated Funds (b) donations or funds raising for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The fund may only be expended on the specific object for which they are given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance of the fund.

Incoming resources

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

Resources expended

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

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

The ownership of the church hall is vested in the council. Accordingly the hall has been independently valued, and that valuation is included in these accounts. The corresponding figures for 2015 have been restated. The council has decided that it is not necessary for the value of the hall to be depreciated.

Moveable church furnishings - anything acquired prior to 2006 has been written off in the year of acquisition. From 2007 items of £1000 or less will be written off in the year of acquisition. More expensive items will be depreciated.

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
2(a) Voluntary Income					
Planned direct giving					
Gifts by Gift Aid	88000	-	-	88000	91615
Gifts not under Gift Aid	3518	-	-	3518	6229
	<u>91518</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91518</u>	<u>97844</u>
Other direct giving					
One-off donations by Gift Aid	2360	-	-	2360	5000
Plate collections not by Gift Aid	11775	-	-	11775	11653
Other sundry donations not by Gift Aid	2521	-	1793	4314	961
	<u>16656</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1793</u>	<u>18449</u>	<u>17614</u>
Income tax recoverable	24598	-	-	24598	30003
Other voluntary income					
8 Grants	2100	2400	1431	5931	14230
9 Legacies	-	-	20000	20000	1500
	<u>2100</u>	<u>2400</u>	<u>21431</u>	<u>25931</u>	<u>15730</u>
Total voluntary income	<u>134872</u>	<u>2400</u>	<u>23224</u>	<u>160496</u>	<u>161191</u>
2(b) Activities for generating funds					
Fund Raising events	<u>7793</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7793</u>	<u>10143</u>
2(c) Income from investments					
Interest	<u>11</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>
2(d) Income from church activities					
Fees (for funerals weddings etc)	6469	-	-	6469	8521
Hire of church / hall	225	-	-	225	2505
Other	195	-	-	195	15
	<u>6889</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6889</u>	<u>11041</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>149565</u>	<u>2400</u>	<u>23224</u>	<u>175189</u>	<u>182386</u>

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
3(c) Church activities					
Ministry					
Parish Share & Deanery Quota	100000	-	-	100000	98600
Ministry Team expenses	7676	-	-	7676	6408
	<u>107676</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>107676</u>	<u>105008</u>
Worship					
Organist, choir and music	7306	-	-	7306	7310
Altar requisites	2358	-	-	2358	2507
Other	533	-	-	533	794
	<u>10197</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10197</u>	<u>10611</u>
Faith Development					
Children's groups and youth work	821	-	-	821	769
Other	867	-	-	867	0
	<u>1688</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1688</u>	<u>769</u>
Outreach					
Donations	-	-	1860	1860	-
10 Evangelism and mission	9289	-	-	9289	8392
Baptism, marriage, bereavement groups	165	-	-	165	127
	<u>9454</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1860</u>	<u>11314</u>	<u>8519</u>
Church running expenses					
Gas	5078	-	-	5078	5185
Electricity	3965	-	-	3965	2984
Water	98	-	-	98	95
Insurance	7299	-	-	7299	7211
	<u>16440</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16440</u>	<u>15475</u>
Church buildings and land					
New building & other major works	-	-	-	0	0
Moveable furnishings and equipment	1750	-	-	1750	0
Building maintenance, minor equipment	5969	3636	4105	13710	18958
	<u>7719</u>	<u>3636</u>	<u>4105</u>	<u>15460</u>	<u>18958</u>
Administration					
photocopying	1631	-	-	1631	1601
bank charges	-	-	-	-	4
other	6076	-	-	6076	3821
	<u>7707</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7707</u>	<u>5426</u>
3C Total cost of church activities	160881	3636	5965	170482	164766
3(a) Costs of generating voluntary income					
Stewardship expenses	75	-	-	75	-
3(b) Fundraising trading costs	-	-	-	-	-
3(d) Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-
Fees of independent examiner	-	-	-	-	-
Total resources expended	<u>160956</u>	<u>3636</u>	<u>5965</u>	<u>170557</u>	<u>164766</u>

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016

4 DEBTORS

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
Prepayments	346	-	-	346	345
other debtors	7471	-	-	7471	4360
	<u>7817</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7817</u>	<u>4705</u>

5 CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accruals for utility and other costs	4722	-	-	4722	285
other creditors	10997	-	-	10997	9569
	<u>15719</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15719</u>	<u>9854</u>

6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

Fixed assets	275000	-	-	275000	275000
Debtors	7817	-	-	7817	4705
Cash and short term deposits	37120	4907	53311	95338	87953
	<u>319937</u>	<u>4907</u>	<u>53311</u>	<u>378155</u>	<u>367658</u>
Current liabilities	15719	-	-	15719	9854
	<u>304218</u>	<u>4907</u>	<u>53311</u>	<u>362436</u>	<u>357804</u>

7 SUMMARY OF FUND BALANCES

	Balance 31.12.15 £	Transfers £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Balance 31.12.16 £
Unrestricted funds	315609	-	149565	160956	304218
Designated funds	6143	-	2400	3636	4907
Restricted funds	36052	-	23224	5965	53311
Total funds	<u>357804</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>175189</u>	<u>170557</u>	<u>362436</u>

8 OTHER VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
Grant from Church Estates	-	2400	-	2400	2400
Grant from Church Estates for Music	2100	-	-	2100	2100
Grants from Friends of All Saints Church	-	-	-	-	2000
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	-	-	1431	1431	730
Grant from Rutland Historic Churches	-	-	-	-	7000
	<u>2100</u>	<u>2400</u>	<u>1431</u>	<u>5931</u>	<u>14230</u>

Church Estates Charity was formed from the sale of Church land over the years and a bequest from Royce for Church music. All revenue from investments is committed to the Fabric of the Church and to Church music.

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9 LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
Anonymous	-	-	20000	20000	1500
	-	-	20000	20000	1500

10 MISSION GIVING

<u>INTERNATIONAL</u>	2016 £	2015 £
CMS (Canon Waller to South Sudan)	400	500
US Anglicans in World Mission General Fund	800	700
Julian Lott	400	400
Bungoma Link / Nurse	-	600
Diocesan Missionary Fund	30	30
DEC Appeal for Nepal	-	500
Sherpa Appeal for Nepal	-	250
Christian Aid Refugee Support	500	400
MU Overseas Fund	500	-
Leprosy Mission	400	-
Open Doors	400	-
Oxfam	500	-
 <u>NATIONAL</u>		
SSAFA	400	300
Church Urban Fund	400	400
Parish Nursing	200	250
Bible Society	300	300
Farm Crisis Network	-	400
Childrens Society	500	300
British Red Cross (Grantham HQ)	-	550
British Red Cross (Refugee Help)	500	-
Kanos Community	250	-
 <u>LOCAL</u>		
Launde Abbey	350	300
Churches Together in Oakham	400	400
Drop in Centre	250	250
Scouts	200	200
Guides	200	200
Rutland Reminders	200	150
Rutland Foodbank	250	300
Leicestershire & Rutland Emmaus	300	250
MU Local Projects	-	400
HOPE for Cancer	300	-
Oppurtunity Chalet	250	-
	<u>9180</u>	<u>8330</u>

Note: The sum on Note3 (page5) includes £109 evangelism expenses (2015 £62)

Independent Examiner's Report to the members of All Saints Church, Oakham, Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2016 which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Independent Examiner

The PCC considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the 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 management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have 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; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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