



The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish  
of All Saints with St John the Baptist, Stamford  
Registered Charity number 1138066

Annual Report 2017

**An Account of Our Stewardship in 2016**

**Aims and Organisation**

The Parochial Church Council of All Saints with St John the Baptist aims to co-operate with the Vicar in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It meets several times per year to deliberate matters concerned with the Church's mission and worship and makes decisions in prayer and with the intent of discerning God's will and furthering his kingdom.

The Council is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

**Parochial Church Council Membership (as from 2016 annual meetings)**

Vicar and Chairman	The Very Rev Mark Warrick, Dean of Stamford
Licensed Clergy	The Revd Nikki Mann The Revd Aran Beesley
Churchwardens	Mr James McIver Mrs Catherine Barlow
Lay Representatives in the Deanery Synod	Mrs Catherine Barlow Mrs Susan Macey Mrs Rebecca Goff
Elected members	Mrs Elizabeth McIver (until 2019) Mrs Karen Baza (until 2019) Mrs Kathryn Longbone (until 2017) Mrs Joanna Mounter (until 2017) Mrs Morag Roberts (until 2018) Mr Michael Day (until 2018)
Co-opted	Miss Katrina Mitchell (Deputy Warden) Mrs Jan Marshall

Meetings were also attended by Deputy Warden Marilyn Bennett and Treasury Assistant Alison Warrick

**Electoral Roll:** 201 reported at the Annual Parochial Church meeting in 2016, a rise of nine from 2015.

**Sunday Attendance:** 130 adults and 15 under-16s average attendance on the Sundays of October 2016, very similar to the 2015 figures showing attendance holding steady at main services.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2016 £	2015 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>						
Voluntary income	2a	87266	3607	-	90873	85920
Activities for generating funds	2b	18717	-	-	18717	18290
Investment income	2c	4076	336	-	4412	5271
Church activities	2d	7727	-	-	7727	6091
		117786	3943	-	121729	115572
<b>Resources Expended</b>						
Grants and donations	3a	-	8087	-	8087	4380
Church activities	3b	103927	-	-	103927	138376
Governance costs	3c	500	-	-	500	500
		104427	8087	-	112514	143256
<b>Net Incoming Resources Before Other Recognized Gains And Losses</b>		13359	-4144	-	9215	-27684
Gains on investment assets on revaluation	6	15	971	16660	17646	1932
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>		13374	-3173	16660	26861	-25752
<b>Total Funds at 1 January 2016</b>		12607	34387	155770	202764	228516
<b>Total Funds at 31 December 2016</b>		25981	31214	172430	229625	202764

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016**

	Notes	Total Funds 2016 £	2015 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Investments	4	182295	164649
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	5	1786	32927
Bank current account		36870	7238
Scottish Widows charity deposit account		4078	4041
CBF deposit fund accounts		7477	7442
		<u>50211</u>	<u>51648</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	6	2881	13533
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>47330</u>	<u>38115</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<u>229625</u>	<u>202764</u>
<b>Parish Funds</b>			
Unrestricted	7	25981	12607
Restricted		31214	34387
Endowment		172430	155770
		<u>229625</u>	<u>202764</u>

The notes on pages 4 to 9 form part of the financial statements

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 6th March 2017  
and signed on its behalf by:

Rev'd Mark Warrick  
Vicar

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

## 1 Accounting Policies

### Basis of Accounting

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

### Funds

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Restricted funds represent those funds that the PCC are obliged to spend only on particular purposes.

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained.

### Incoming resources

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

### Resources expended

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

### Fixed assets

The original Church Land and Buildings are not included in the Statement of Assets as there is insufficient cost information available and therefore these assets are not valued in these accounts.

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

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ( continued)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2016 £	2015 £
<b>2. Incoming Resources</b>					
<b>a. Voluntary receipts</b>					
Planned giving	39395	-	-	39395	38122
Collections and other giving	14266	-	-	14266	18352
Income tax recovered	11744	-	-	11744	7927
	<hr/> 65405	<hr/> -	<hr/> -	<hr/> 65405	<hr/> 64401
Donations	11772	3607	-	15379	12628
Bequests	10089	-	-	10089	8891
	<hr/> 87266	<hr/> 3607	<hr/> -	<hr/> 90873	<hr/> 85920
<b>b. Activities for generating funds</b>					
Fund raising events	3278	-	-	3278	6053
Creditors no longer required	5357	-	-	5357	-
Other income	10082	-	-	10082	12237
	<hr/> 18717	<hr/> -	<hr/> -	<hr/> 18717	<hr/> 18290
<b>c. Investment income</b>					
Interest received and trust fund income	4076	336	-	4412	5271
<b>d. Church activities</b>					
Wedding & funeral fees	7727	-	-	7727	6091
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<hr/> <hr/> 117786	<hr/> <hr/> 3943	<hr/> <hr/> -	<hr/> <hr/> 121729	<hr/> <hr/> 115572

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ( continued)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2016 £	2015 £
<b>3. Resources expended</b>					
<b>a. Grants and donations</b>					
Charitable donations	-	8087	-	8087	4380
	-	8087	-	8087	4380
<b>b. Church activities</b>					
Parish share	61390	-	-	61390	64400
Wages	6703	-	-	6703	7172
Church running expenses					
Insurance	6001	-	-	6001	5888
Light, heating and power	2778	-	-	2778	3999
Repairs and maintenance	458	-	-	458	2016
Clergy expenses	5266	-	-	5266	4447
Church Centre	180	-	-	180	180
Children' Mission	1942	-	-	1942	1500
Cost of services					
Upkeep of services	878	-	-	878	3319
Organist choir and music expenses	11793	-	-	11793	14338
Printing and stationery	2926	-	-	2926	2238
Major repairs	-	-	-	-	22545
Other expenses	3612	-	-	3612	6334
	103927	-	-	103927	138376
<b>c. Governance costs</b>					
Independent examination fee	500	-	-	500	500
<b>Total resources expended</b>	104427	8087	-	112514	143256

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ( continued)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

**4. Investment Assets ( Market Value)**

				<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>	
				<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
				<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Trust Funds held by Lincoln Diocesan Trust</b>								
C Fields Trust	PT008980	474	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	7128	-	7128	6416
Sandall Trust	PT009000	172	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	2586	-	2586	2328
Church site sale	PT009020	10	CBF Investment Fund Shares	150	-	-	150	135
Church estate	PT009040	9170	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	-	137889	137889	124112
Sale of land	PT009060	84	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	-	1263	1263	1137
St Gilbert of Sempringham School - (note 1)	PT009070	610	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	-	9173	9173	8256
St Gilbert of Sempringham School - (note 1)	PT009070	557	Charifund Income Units	-	-	8552	8552	7987
Religious Education Fund - (note 2)	PT061180	485	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	-	7293	7293	6564
Religious Education Fund - (note 2)	PT061180	538	Charifund Income Units	-	-	8261	8261	7714
				150	9714	172431	182295	164649

Note 1 The dividends from these investments are paid directly to the St Gilbert of Sempringham Church School Charity.

Note 2 The dividends from these investments are paid directly to the All Saints and St John's Parish Religious Education Fund.

The income from the last four funds listed above does not appear in the Parochial Church Council's own accounts because although they are related to the parish of All Saints with St John, the accounts into which they are paid are not under the control of the PCC but of separate charity trusts. Nonetheless in the interests of transparency it is hoped to include these two charities, the St Gilbert of Sempringham Church School Charity and the All Saints' and St John's Parish Religious Education Fund in the annual report from next year in order give a better picture of the work of the parish church as a whole.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ( continued)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

**4. Fixed assets**

<b>Investments - continued</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Market value at 1 January 2015	164649	162717
Revaluation gain	17646	1932
Market value at 31 December 2015	<u>182295</u>	<u>164649</u>

**5. Debtors**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Tax recoverable		
2016	1500	-
2015	-	10500
2014	-	11000
2013	-	11427
Other debtors	286	-
	<u>1786</u>	<u>32927</u>

**6. Liabilities**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals for utilities and other costs	552	500
Other creditors	2329	13033
	<u>2881</u>	<u>13533</u>



**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ( continued)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

**7. Funds**

The restricted funds comprise the Fabric Fund and Charity Collections. The latter represent funeral and other collections specifically for various charities.

**Fund movements**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Fabric</b>	<b>Charity Fund Collections</b>
Balance at 1 January 2016	34387	29907	4480
Incoming resources	3943	336	3607
Resources expended	-8087		-8087
Investment gains	971	971	
Balance at 31 December 2016	31214	31214	-00

**8. Analysis of Net Assets**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Investment fixed assets	150	9715	172430	182295
Current assets				
Debtors	1786			1786
Bank current account	22711	14159		36870
Scottish Widows charity deposit account		4078		4078
CBF deposit fund accounts	4005	3472		7477
Current liabilities - creditors	-2671	-210		-2881
	25981	31214	172430	229625

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2016 which are set out on pages 2 to 9.

## Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

## Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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

## Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;have not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

S E Marshall  
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## Treasury Team Statement

The total incoming resources for 2016 were £121,729 which is an increase of £6,157 from 2015, of which £117,786 was unrestricted and £3,943 restricted. The decrease in unpledged service collections (excluding funerals) of £1971.60 was not outweighed by an increase in regular giving of £1273.92 (reflecting an increase of commitment due to highlighting membership issues during Lent 2016) as several members of the Planned Giving Scheme either moved away or sadly passed away during 2016.

Gift Aid from Jan 2013 – Dec 2015, amounting to £1358.44, restricted to Music, and £32,350.75 for the General fund was claimed but much of this has already been accounted for in accounts from 2013 – 2015, hence an increase for 2016 of only £3816.81 over 2015's figure for 2016.

There was an increase of £1,475.95 in monies collected via the All Saints wallsafe. The monthly coffee mornings, sale of calendars & cards, Sunday Coffee and the Market Day Coffee Bar continued to generate funds for All Saints, but less than in 2015 due to the coffee bar not running between February and June and the lack of Tower Tours and Sponsored Cycle ride income. Magazine advertising income of £813.30 applies to 2015 as well as 2016.

The CBF Investment Funds have decreased, hence a reduction of £859 compared with last year. This now results in the addition of just over £1,000 per quarter to the general account. Gift Aid is now claimed on a quarterly basis and we shall be eligible to claim under GASDS (Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme) from April 2017 which will result under current legislation in an additional £2,000 p.a.

The total resources expended for 2016 was £112,514 ( a decrease of £30,742 from 2015) of which £104,427 was unrestricted and £8087 restricted. All Saints contribution to the Parish Share was £61,390 and full payment was made.

The net result of the year was an increase of receipts over payments of £9,215. The total funds carried forward as of 31 December 2016, including the value of the CBF Investment Funds, has increased by £26,861, giving a total of funds carried forward of £229,625.

2016 was a year when the transition from a single Treasurer to a Team continued, payments from previous years were made, monies due to AS (particularly GA 2013 - 2015) was claimed, regular payments were made on a monthly basis where possible and reduction in costs was actively pursued (eg by registering for Parish Buying). The Parish Share is now paid on a monthly basis, attracting a 1% discount of approx £583 p.a., and Gift Aid is claimed quarterly.

In October 2016 a shortfall of approx. £1,400 per month was identified of regular income over regular outgoings and a satisfactory financial outcome achieved only by unexpected bequests and one-off donations. Stewardship issues were immediately highlighted and a campaign planned for February 2017.

NB The Churches Conservation Trust has now made alternative arrangements for the banking of the contents of the St John's Wallsafe so this will no longer feature in the All Saints accounts.

Alison Warrick, Assistant Treasurer

## Remarks by the Vicar

As the figures show, church attendance seems to have held steady in 2016, although the rise in Electoral Roll membership despite the death of some of our members during the year is one sign that people are being drawn into “membership” rather than just “attendance”. Our work with children in particular continues to thrive: the choir, “Sunday Saints” and “TPoT” all working solidly.

Alongside our brothers and sisters in the other churches of the town, we have continued to serve the community in a wide variety of ways, with All Saints' members making a particular contribution to the Foodbank as well as helping with other ecumenical endeavours. Our choir is growing in confidence and in numbers, but more men, as always, are still needed. Our pastoral visitors, as well as clergy, keep in touch with the housebound and those in particular need, and with the Blessed Sacrament now reserved in church, Holy Communion can easily be administered in home or hospital when required.

The highlight of the year was the Revd Aran Beesley's ordination as priest and his first Eucharistic Presidency in which he involved the children in every aspect, including one of the extra Eucharistic Prayers written for when children are present. We also held our first Pet Service, at St John's, led by the Revd Nikki Mann: this was hugely successful in terms of attendance both by our usual members and people attending for the first time, with their pets.

With three priests now on our staff we are able to help out in neighbouring parishes in the deanery and require less help ourselves, becoming a resource for other local churches. This also widens the experience of the Curates in training, so serving the whole Church.

Work towards the repair and refurbishment of the Church Centre has gained pace under the stewardship of Becky Goff, with decent fee income enabling minor works to be undertaken during the year with more planned and with proper statements of accounts which, with the establishment of proper annual meetings and records will enable the St Gilbert of Sempringham Church School Charity trust to apply for grant-aid for major works such as re-roofing and, hopefully, large-scale improvements.

The Treasury Team has made huge strides during the year in claiming Gift-Aid payments from the previous three years and is now up-to-date and claiming quarterly for the current year. With a clearer day-to-day view of the financial situation the Parochial Church Council became aware in the autumn that hoped-for spending projects would have to be suspended because the legacy income which was to have been used had been completely eroded by normal mission and ministry costs which had risen while income from giving had fallen, leaving a monthly deficit by October of around £1400.

This deficit was clearly unsustainable with almost all of the legacies (other than those restricted to Fabric) expended and no other reserves, so the PCC immediately began to plan and implement a Stewardship Campaign emphasising not the spending needs of the PCC but the need of Christians to be good stewards both of their individual resources (which would include giving to God through his Church) and of those resources given to God for which the PCC is responsible. By the end of the year a sufficient response to the early stages of the campaign enabled all payments to be made and the accounts to be closed with a small positive balance, and with further work to do through January and February of 2017 it is hoped that the PCC will be able to rebuild some of the reserves and start planning to do some of the work that had to be suspended in 2016, or at least to pay its way through the coming year. The usual spin-off of increased fellowship and sense of shared purpose is already becoming apparent alongside the financial benefits as the sacrificial essence of Christian Discipleship is given a greater emphasis.

The Very Revd Mark Warrick, Vicar

## **Safeguarding**

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults) and reviews its safeguarding policy from time to time. The safeguarding officer is Catherine Barlow and the safeguarding policy is displayed in church.

The Very Revd Mark Warrick, Vicar

## **Friday Coffee Shop**

After some 9 months absence we were able to reopen the Friday Coffee Shop. We reopened at the beginning of June and from the very start it was obvious that its presence had been missed. Many visitors to Stamford welcomed its hospitality especially in the summer months, as did of course many of our church regulars. It seemed to be perfectly sufficient to provide a simpler menu ie. coffee, tea, chocolate, juice, biscuits and cakes. The shorter opening times of 10 til 12.15 also proved quite acceptable.

It was very pleasing that 17 people came forward to help with not too much arm twisting. Thus enabling a rota where 3 people covered a week (thus a 5 week rota) with 2 people acting as reserves. It soon settled into a steady rhythm with not too many hitches for me to iron out. It was a great help that Michael and Erica Ahlman helped to put the tables and chairs away at 12.15.

After minimal expenses takings averaged between £25-£30 per week, thus a reasonable revenue for Church Funds.

Erica Burt, Co-ordinator

## **Readers and Intercessors**

During the last year we have welcomed some new people to read and lead our Intercessions at Parish Communion which is good. Especially gratifying was the inclusion of some of our children from TPOT to read a lesson on the first Sunday of each month. It is wonderful that they can take a proactive part in the service and thus bring their parents too. There is always room for more readers and Intercessors and it would be lovely to have people come forward without having to be asked.

Erica Burt, Co-ordinator

## **Fabric, Goods and Ornaments**

2016 was a quiet year for major repairs just routine maintenance.

In 2017 we hope to have the internal walls repainted and a good clean. We are also in the process of obtaining quotes for the roof replacement and restoring the reredos behind the Altar. We will also carry on doing routine maintenance.

Mike Day,  
For the churchwardens

## All Saints and St John's Centre – Annual Report 2016/17

### • Management

Trustees are delighted with the continued progress being made at the Church Centre this year and continue to work hard towards the formal re-launch of the Saint Gilbert of Sempringham Church Trust. Current Trustees are: the Very Rev'd Mark Warrick, Catherine Barlow, Jan Marshall and Becky Goff. Fr Aran Beasley has taken over from the Rev'd Nikki Mann as the Trust Secretary. The trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank Nikki for her hard work and support over the past 2 years. Mick Allman is assisting the trustees in a voluntary capacity with general maintenance works.

Accounts for both the Saint Gilbert of Sempringham Church School Charity and the All Saint's and St John's Centre income and expenditure accounts are now completely up to date. The latter is shown on page 15.

Income for the centre is currently running at around £1000 per month based on current hirers. All Hirers are now invoiced on a monthly or termly basis with the only outstanding debts reported at the end of the year being invoices issued in December 2016.

Taking account of both the charity and income and expenditure accounts we currently have approximately £15,000 saved for future building repairs (see below). This income is made up of existing balances, donations, fundraising events and the balance of monies saved from increased hire fees. Trustees continue to work on supporting policy and other documentation for grant aid applications which we hope to be able to make this year.

### • Property

Pricing for major repairs and renovations is now in progress with the help of Messenger Construction and John Holroyd, Structural Surveyor who are both working free of charge. Once this information is received, we are in a position to make grant applications and are looking at The Skells Trust (specifically for roof repairs) and the Heritage Lottery Fund (for more major alternations). Essential internal repairs have been undertaken from day to day income received from Hirers this year and include:

- Sanding and re-varnishing St Peter's room floor
- Replacing the damaged concertina divider between St Clement's and St Peter's Room
- Replacement of faulty water heaters and other plumbing repairs
- Repairs to Lead Roof over the cupboard to St Peter's Room
- General painting and decoration works

### • Marketing and Fundraising

The centre has its own Facebook and Twitter pages and a presence on the church website. These are both generating regular new hire enquiries.

Our first fundraising event in January in the form of a Fish and Chip Quiz which a great success and enjoyed by over 80 people from across the church community and beyond, raising a total of £648.00 for the Centre. Further events are being planned.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank David Heeley, our architect for this continued support, Martin Grimes who has kindly examined the accounts along with Messenger Construction and John Holroyd for their help with pricing our plans. Finally our thanks to Kate Riley for her assistance in her role as Caretaker and Bookings Manager and to Becky Goff who continues to invest an enormous amount of her time in a voluntary capacity as the Church Centre Business Manager for which we are very grateful.

Mark Warrick, Trustee

**All Saints and St John's Centre - Receipts and Payment Account  
for year ending 31st December 2016**

	£
Current Account Balance 01/01/2016	2333.03
Investment Account Balance	512.57
<b>Total</b>	<b>2845.6</b>

**Income**

Regular Hire	12703
Church Hire	4250
Interest	0.68
<b>Total</b>	<b>16953.68</b>

**Expenditure**

Centre Management	2373.6
Centre Running Costs	2145.86
Insurance	1171.31
Building Maintenance	3408.93
Miscellaneous	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>9149.7</b>

**Net Increase in bank for the Year** **7803.98**

**Bank Balance Carried Forward** **10649.58**

The amount of hiring fees unpaid at 31.12.16 were £1679

**Sidesmen**

Thank you to all of those who over the past year have volunteered to do this, we are very grateful for your continued support. We are very lucky with our team of Sidesmen, they arrive early in church for their allocated duty slots and greet everyone with the required hymnbooks and service sheets. Their welcome smiles are often the first point of contact for visitors to our services.

The 2016/17 Sidesmen have been:

Mrs S Macey	Mrs P Baker	Mr L Marshall
Mrs M Pring	Mr M Bluff	Mr J Proffit
Mr D Nalson	Mrs G Lebrock	Mr M Napier
Mr M Lee	Mrs Pues	Mr & Mrs C Walden
Drs J & V Mitchell	Mr D Crump	Mrs E McIver
Mr & Mrs I Bennett	Mrs C Rippington	Mrs P Dixon
Mrs M Mitchell	Mrs Bamford	Mr M Walmsley

Sadly Mrs Rippington has decided to step down, and we thank her for giving her time. We also would like to acknowledge the continued support of the remaining Sidesmen.

Catherine Barlow, Churchwarden

## Children's Work

- **Saints Alive! All-age worship**

Saints Alive! all age worship, takes place at 11.15am on the third Sunday of each month. Fr Mark, Revd Nikki and Fr Aran lead the service on a rota basis, assisted by Clare Camp and Sarah Harrington. Attendance is increasing; the exact numbers can be found in the church records. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts join us when they can.

The junior choir members lead the music led by Fergus Black our Director of Music. Caroline Hartley kindly provides the words for our hymns. Fergus also now displays a very colourful banner outside the church each month advertising this service.

At Saints Alive! we endeavor to worship, inspire and have fun.  
Thank you to everyone who attends and supports us.

Clare Camp, Authorised Lay Minister

- **Sunday Saints**

There are currently 11 leaders and helpers of Sunday Saints.

We never know many children will turn up, but there are 28 children altogether who regularly attend. There is a rota at the back of church showing who is leading and helping at Sunday Saints.

Chris Leach from the diocese came to talk to the SS leaders and helpers at the church Centre in October. This gave us all lots to think about for the group going forward. It also gave us a chance, as a group, to talk about what is going well and what we would like to do in the future. We continue to follow the Living Stones all age resource for Sunday Saints (SS). This scheme is split into Pebbles (pre-school age children), Rocks (6-10 year olds) and Boulders (11-14 years). The resources are now printed out and kept in the SS bag. The Living Stones resources include the readings for that Sunday, activities and a prayer.

Catherine Barlow (Churchwarden) continues to coordinate the safeguarding checks.

I'm hoping that The Good Friday Workshop is now firmly embedded as an annual event. The attendance is increasing year by year and some of our young children helped to run the workshops this year. Everyone was very busy and after a break for hot cross buns and juice, many families stayed for the Good Friday Service at 11.00.

Thank you to all leaders, helpers and attendees who help with the Children's' Ministry at All Saints'. Also thank you to the All Saints' congregation for your support and encouragement of all that we do.

Clare Camp, leader



## Music and Choir

The choirs met weekly throughout the year. At the end of the 2016, we had 14 adult and 13 children who attend weekly choir practices.

You would be welcome to come to a Friday choir practice (Children 6-7, Adults 7-8). And reports in the parish magazine will tell you more than I can include in this brief report.

I am pleased to be able to report on 2016 in a positive light: the musical achievements of both choirs, the music competition in June, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat performed at the Rec Ground, Songs of Praise, Diocesan events, etc.; all these speak of lively and active music-making at our church.

Our current singers are an inspiration: they are an enthusiastic, friendly and committed group of saints, that it is a pleasure to work with. Our choir members have literally been stopped in the street to be thanked and applauded. Hear! Hear!

The choirs get through a wide range of music. In 2016, the adult choir sang 74 anthems, and led the congregation at 83 services in both the liturgical music, and in 212 hymns (28 of which had descants). It is impressive.

The children sang at 37 services in 2016, including Saints Alive!, weddings, Easter and Christmas Day, and their first Choral Evensong.

The promotion of concerts at the church, took a back seat in 2016 and we are hoping to do more of this in 2017.

There are some issues which are still in need of attention, although one can point to some improvements:—

- The church as a whole needs to give more attention to evening services and special occasions.
- Adult choir recruitment also needs a collective response if we are to retain a four-part choir. In particular we are short of men. Ted does a really amazing job of singing the tenor line alone and doesn't complain, but it is a demanding thing to expect him to do week after week.
- There has been some progress on heating in the choir stalls and much more to do when funds become available.

Fergus Black, Director of Music