

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

Registered Charity number 1138066

Annual Report 2018

An Account of Our Stewardship in 2017

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 2017 annual meetings)

Vicar and Chairman	The Very Rev'd Mark Warrick, Dean of Stamford
Licensed Clergy	The Rev'd Nikki Mann (until June 2017) The Rev'd Aran Beesley
Churchwardens	Mr James McIver Mrs Catherine Barlow
Lay Representatives in the Deanery Synod	Mrs Catherine Barlow Mr James McIver Mr Martin Fisher Mrs Rebecca Goff
Elected members	Mrs Morag Roberts (until 2018) Mrs Jan Marshall (until 2018) Mrs Elizabeth McIver (until 2019) Mrs Karen Baza (until 2019) Mrs Kathryn Longbone (until 2020) Mr Jerry Proffitt (until 2020)
Co-opted	Mrs Katrina Mitchell (Deputy Warden)

Meetings were also attended occasionally by Treasury Assistant, Alison Warrick

Electoral Roll: 203 reported at the Annual Parochial Church meeting in 2017, a rise of just 2 from 2016.

Sunday Attendance: 146 adults and 21 under-16s average attendance on the Sundays of October 2017, a considerable rise from the previous year's figures and probably reflecting the extra effort being made to match evening worship each month with community interests, as well as buoyant attendance at the monthly Saints Alive! all-age informal worship.

Report by the Vicar

2017 has been a remarkable year, beginning with the real hope that the stewardship campaign “Deo Gratias” would mark a change in the way we think about our whole way of life at All Saints' and turn round the financial situation as a result. This hope was not frustrated and the figures presented here by our hard-working Treasury Team demonstrate this. Stewardship principles (that all belongs to God and every spending decision we make needs to reflect that we are dealing with holy matters) are still being implemented across the life of All Saints' Church, and in the Parochial Church Council in particular, resulting in both increased giving and reduced and more effective expenditure. The figures presented in this report are, of course, for a year which began before the campaign and so do not reflect a complete year run on these principles.

During 2017 the PCC developed a “shadow budget” to gain an idea of its stewardship of the people's giving, and in 2018 it will operate, for the first time, to a budget and each meeting will compare the actual income and expenditure with that expected at the start of the year. As the years go by, this approach will be refined and should enable the PCC in the future to remain a good steward of the funds we've all given for God's mission.

As the figures show, church attendance seems to have grown in 2017, and once more the modest rise in Electoral Roll membership, despite the death and removal of some of our members during the year, is a sign that people are being drawn into “membership” as well as “attendance”. Our work with children continues to thrive: the choir and “TpoT” in particular. The tailoring of evening worship to community interests and invitations to the community to attend has given a great boost to Sunday evening attendances and our Director of Music and the choir have worked very hard on such services which have increased our presence in the town and brought many to hear the good news of Jesus Christ through our liturgy and preaching.

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 Rev'd Nikki Mann left us during the summer to take up her first post as a priest-in-charge in the Diocese of Ely. Her unique contribution to parish life is missed, but meanwhile the Rev'd Aran Beesley's contribution is growing, particularly in the area of funeral ministry. We continue to help out in neighbouring parishes in the deanery, serving the whole Church.

Work towards the repair and refurbishment of the Church Centre has continued to gain pace under the stewardship of Becky Goff, and the re-roofing project is now within our grasp, owing to generous grants offered by the District Council and the Skells Trust and the amazing response of many ordinary people to a “Sponsor a Slate” campaign. Once this work is done, then refurbishment of the building to provide a really useful community facility will be a very realistic prospect for the near future.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2017 £	2016 £
Incoming Resources						
Voluntary income	2a	87175	4995	-	92170	90873
Activities for generating funds	2b	16321	-	-	16321	18717
Investment income	2c	4940	370	-	5310	4412
Church activities	2d	6903	-	-	6903	7727
		115339	5365	-	120704	121729
Resources Expended						
Grants and donations	3a	434	4995	-	5429	8087
Church activities	3b	104730	-	-	104730	103927
Governance costs	3c	400	-	-	400	500
		105564	4995	-	110559	112514
Net Incoming Resources Before Other Recognized Gains And Losses		9775	370	-	10145	9215
Gains on investment assets on revaluation	4	14	877	12561	13452	17646
Investments transferred	4	-	-	-33278	-33278	-
Net Movement In Funds		9789	1247	-20717	-9681	26861
Total Funds at 1 January 2017		25981	31214	172430	229625	202764
Total Funds at 31 December 2017		35770	32461	151713	219944	229625

The Treasury Team is now claiming Gift Aid monthly and is in control of the PCC's cash flow to the extent that we should soon be able to move some funds into savings to rebuild some of the reserves that were expended in 2015 and 2016, and allowing some projects to move forward which had to be suspended last year. I look forward enormously to writing next year's report!

The Very Revd Mark Warrick, Vicar

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Notes	Total Funds	
		2017	2016
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Investments	4	162468	182295
Current Assets			
Debtors	5	1307	1786
Bank current account		27822	36870
Scottish Widows charity deposit account		-	4078
CBF deposit fund accounts		30015	7477
Cash in hand		300	-
		<u>59444</u>	<u>50211</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	6	1969	2881
Net Current Assets		<u>57475</u>	<u>47330</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>219943</u>	<u>229625</u>
Parish Funds	7		
Unrestricted		35770	25981
Restricted		32461	31214
Endowment		151713	172430
		<u>219944</u>	<u>229625</u>

Adopted by the Parochial Church Council at its meeting on 12th March 2018
and signed on its behalf by

The Very Revd Mark Warrick, Vicar

Fay Brooks, Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2017 £	2016 £	
2. Incoming Resources						
a. Voluntary receipts						
Planned giving	47311	-	-	47311	39395	
Collections and other giving	14182	-	-	14182	14266	
Income tax recovered	16226	-	-	16226	11744	
	<hr/> 77719	-	-	<hr/> 77719	65405	
Donations	8956	4995	-	13951	15379	
Bequests	500	-	-	500	10089	
	<hr/> 87175	4995	-	<hr/> 92170	90873	
b. Activities for generating funds						
Fund raising events	5606	-	-	5606	3278	
Creditors no longer required	-	-	-	-	5357	
Other income	10715	-	-	10715	10082	
	<hr/> 16321	-	-	<hr/> 16321	18717	
c. Investment income						
Interest received and trust fund income	4940	370	-	5310	4412	
d. Church activities						
Wedding & funeral fees	6903	-	-	6903	7727	
Total incoming resources	<hr/> <hr/> 115339	5365	-	<hr/> <hr/> 120704	121729	120704

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2017 £	2016 £
3. Resources expended					
a. Grants and donations					
Charitable donations	434	4995	-	5429	8087
	<u>434</u>	<u>4995</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5429</u>	<u>8087</u>
b. Church activities					
Parish share	57798	-	-	57798	61390
Wages	7573	-	-	7573	6703
Church running expenses					
Insurance	6048	-	-	6048	6001
Light, heating and power	3071	-	-	3071	2778
Repairs and maintenance	7962	-	-	7962	458
Clergy expenses	4046	-	-	4046	5266
Church Centre	-	-	-	-00	180
Children' Mission	1994	-	-	1994	1942
Cost of services					
Upkeep of services	555	-	-	555	878
Organist choir and music expenses	10756	-	-	10756	11793
Printing and stationery	2059	-	-	2059	2926
Other expenses	2868	-	-	2868	3612
	<u>104730</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>104730</u>	<u>103927</u>
c. Governance costs					
Independent examination fee	400	-	-	400	500
	<u>400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>500</u>
Total resources expended	<u>105564</u>	<u>4995</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>110559</u>	<u>112514</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
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4. Investment Assets (Market Value)

				Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	
				£	£	£	2017	2016
				£	£	£	£	£
Trust Funds held by Lincoln Diocesan Trust								
C Fields Trust	PT008980	474	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	7771	-	7771	7128
Sandall Trust	PT009000	172	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	2820	-	2820	2586
Church site sale	PT009020	10	CBF Investment Fund Shares	164	-	-	164	150
Church estate	PT009040	9170	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	-	150336	150336	137889
Sale of land	PT009060	84	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	-	1377	1377	1263
St Gilbert of Semperingham School - (note 1)	PT009070	610	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	-	-	-00	9173
St Gilbert of Semperingham School - (note 1)	PT009070	557	Charifund Income Units	-	-	-	-00	8552
Religious Education Fund - (note 2)	PT061180	485	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	-	-	-00	7293
Religious Education Fund - (note 2)	PT061180	538	Charifund Income Units	-	-	-	-00	8261
				<u>164</u>	<u>10591</u>	<u>151713</u>	<u>162468</u>	<u>182295</u>

Note 1 These investments are now shown in the accounts of the St Gilbert of Semperingham Church School Charity.

Note 2 These investments are now shown in the accounts of the All Saints and St John's Parish Religious Education Fund.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

4. Fixed assets

Investments - continued	2017	2016
	£	£
Market value at 1 January 2017	182295	164649
Transferred to St Gilbert of Semperingham Church School Charity	-17725	-
Transferred to All Saints and St John's Parish Religious Education Fund	-15553	-
Revaluation gain	13452	17646
Market value at 31 December 2017	<u>162469</u>	<u>182295</u>

5. Debtors

	2017	2016
	£	£
Tax recoverable	939	1500
Other debtors	368	286
	<u>1307</u>	<u>1786</u>

6. Liabilities

	2017	2016
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals for utilities and other costs	453	552
Other creditors	1515	2329
	<u>1968</u>	<u>2881</u>

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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

	Total	Fabric	Charity Fund Collections
Balance at 1 January 2017	31214	31214	-
Incoming resources	5365	370	4995
Resources expended	-4995	-	-4995
Investment gains	877	877	-
Balance at 31 December 2016	<u>32461</u>	<u>32461</u>	<u>-</u>

8. Analysis of Net Assets

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Investment fixed assets	164	10591	151713	162468
Current assets				
Debtors	1307	-	-	1307
Bank current account	31602	-3780	-	27822
CBF deposit fund accounts	4017	25999	-	30016
Cash in hand	300	-	-	300
Current liabilities - creditors	-1620	-349	-	-1969
	<u>35770</u>	<u>32461</u>	<u>151713</u>	<u>219944</u>

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2017 which are set out on pages 3 to 10.

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 for 2017

The total incoming resources for 2017 were £120,704 which is a decrease of £1,025 from 2016, of which £115,339 was unrestricted and £5,365 restricted. The decrease in unpledged service collections (excluding funerals) of £84 was more than outweighed by an increase in pledged giving of £7,916 (reflecting the very successful Deo Gratias Stewardship Campaign during February 2017) in spite of several members of the Planned Giving Scheme either moving away or sadly passing away during 2017. Income from Bequests in 2017 was £9,589 less than in 2016.

Gift Aid for 2017, amounting to £510.60, restricted to Music, and £16,226.02 for the General fund was successfully claimed. This included £2,000 under the GASDS (Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme) for the tax year beginning April 2017 and also £2,000 for the tax year 16/17 and £1,250 for tax year 15/16 which was the earliest date from which we were entitled to claim.

For the second year running monies collected via the All Saints wallsafe exceeded £5,000 although there was a small decrease of £103.39 in 2017 compared with 2016. Social and Fund-raising events such as monthly coffee mornings, sale of calendars & cards, Sunday Coffee and the Market Day Coffee Bar continued to generate welcome funds for All Saints. With the addition of income from Tower Tours, the Sponsored Cycle ride and the Sponsored walk, which took place this year, the total figure of £5,606.40 for income from all the above sources was an increase of £2,328.94 over that of 2016. Many thanks for all those involved.

The CBF Investment Funds have shown an increase of £931.56 over last year, resulting in the addition of over £1,250 per quarter to the general account. In October 2017 the PCC took the decision to move our two savings accounts from Scottish Widows to CCLA as the interest rate was so much better but even so, interest from savings accounts remains negligible.

The total resources expended for 2017 was £110,559 (a decrease of £1,955 from 2016) of which £105,564 was unrestricted and £4,995 restricted. All Saints' contribution to the Parish Share was £57,798 (a reduction of £3,592) and full payment was made.

Major expenditure in 2017 focussed on the maintenance of the Church building: Internal redecoration £4,560, CCTV upgrade £1,317.60 and 3 year maintenance contract for the replacement of the high level lights £1,200.

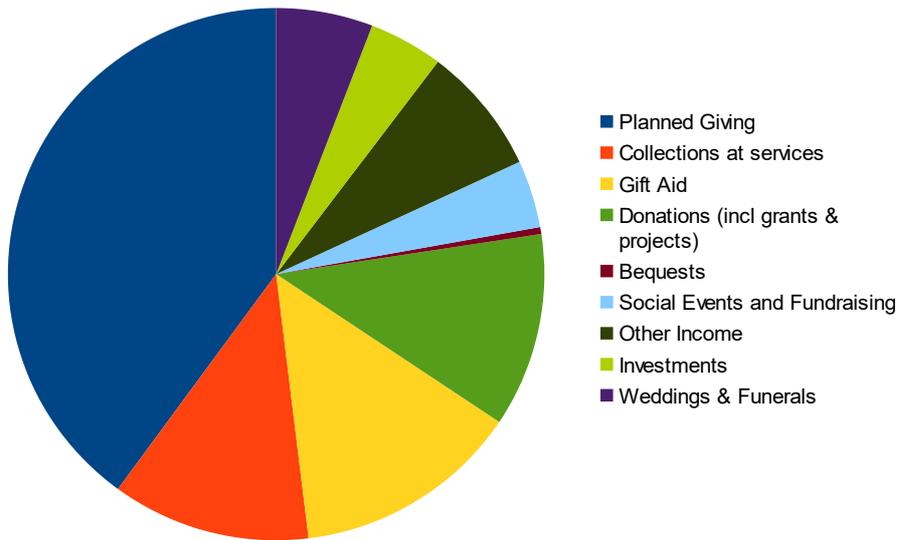
The net result of the year was an increase of receipts over payments of £10,145, a modest increase of £930 from 2016. The total funds carried forward as of 31 December 2017, including the value of the CBF Investment Funds, has, however, decreased by £9,681, giving a total of funds carried forward of £219,944. This is because £33,279 of CBF Investment Fund Shares and Charifund Income units are now shown in the accounts of St Gilbert of Sempringham Church School Charity and All Saints and St John's Parish Religious Education Fund

2017 was a year for the Treasury Team where the principle of making regular payments on a monthly basis was built on, and that Gift Aid, which had previously been claimed quarterly, was claimed monthly, thus avoiding possible cash flow problems. Stewardship Issues remained a high priority with reduction in costs continuing to be actively pursued. The Parish Share, now that it is paid on a monthly basis, attracts a 1% discount. Membership of the CofE Parish Buying scheme has already resulted in savings in areas such as oil, copy paper, stationery and Church requisites (eg wafers) and we look forward to extending this further in 2018 for refreshment supplies amongst other things. Our current electricity contract ends in May 2018 and steps have already been taken to ensure that it is replaced with one from Parish Buying.

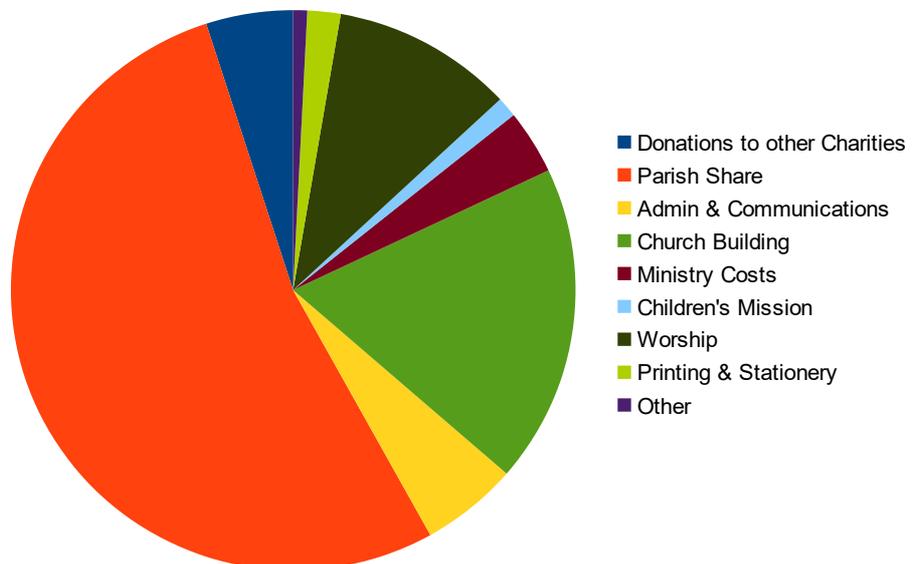
Alison Warrick, Assistant Treasurer. 09.03.2018

Sources of Income and Purpose of Expenditure

Source	£
Planned Giving	£47,311.00
Collections at services	£14,182.00
Gift Aid	£16,226.00
Donations (incl grants & projects)	£13,951.00
Bequests	£500.00
Social Events and Fundraising	£4,846.51
Other Income	£9,189.54
Investments	£5,310.00
Weddings & Funerals	£6,903.00



Purpose	£
Donations to other Charities	£5,429.00
Parish Share	£57,798.00
Admin & Communications	£6,071.73
Church Building	£20,030.45
Ministry Costs	£4,046.00
Children's Mission	£1,271.95
Worship	£11,311.00
Printing & Stationery	£2,059.00
Other	£871.55



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

Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

2017 was a quiet year for major repairs just routine maintenance. We had the internal walls repainted and given a good clean, and we investigated 'bleeding' from the fixing of a memorial and are in the process of solving the problem.

Jim McIver, Churchwarden

Appendix I: Reports from Church Organisations

Readers and Intercessors

At the start of 2018, Erica Burt stood down from coordinating the readers and intercessors rota after ably handling the task for five years – thank-you Erica!

Having now taken on the role myself, it has been particularly encouraging to see the willingness with which regular helpers in this important ministry have continued, as well as to welcome others who have joined the rota. Thank-you one and all!!

There is always room to accommodate more readers and intercessors and, with a number of our congregation moving away during the course of this year, we are a little stretched for intercessors. If anyone does feel that this is something that they would like to find out more about (there is plenty of material to provide a good structure to get you started, if you need it), please do have a word with me at any time.

Paul Middleton

Market Day Coffee Shop

The second year of running the coffee shop in its present format offering coffee, tea, chocolate cakes and biscuits between 10.00am and 12 noon, from March through to November has been very satisfactory. Despite some changes in the rota as volunteers moved or found they couldn't continue, this ministry served our elder parisoners and visitors without too many blips! On average some £30 per week was raised for Church funds after basic costs being deducted.

This March (2018) has started well and the response for more volunteers has been gratifying. Janet Johnson and Jenny Tily will be taking over the organisation of the Coffee Shop when I move to Beverley at the end of April. I would like to thank all those who have helped over the last two years in enabling this ministry to reach out to our community.

Erica Burt

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 hymn books and service sheets. Their welcome smiles are often the first point of contact for visitors to our services. We do need more volunteers however, particularly for the 8am Sunday service and would like to provide Sidesmen for the Evensong too. If anyone would like to know more or would like to volunteer, then please see one of the Wardens.

The 2017/18 Sidesmen have been:

Mr N Norris
Mrs M Pring
Mr D Nalson
Mr M Lee
Dr & Mrs Mitchell
Mr & Mrs I Bennett
Mrs M Mitchell
Mrs P Dixon
Mrs P Baker
Mr M Bluff
Mrs G Lebrock
Mrs Pues
Mr D Crump
Mr L Marshall
Mrs Bamford
Mr M Walmsley
Mr & Mrs C Walden
Mrs E McIver

Catherine Barlow, Churchwarden

Saints Alive!

Saints Alive! informal worship, takes place at 11.15am on the third Sunday of each month. Fr Mark, and Fr Aran lead the service assisted by Clare Camp and Sarah Harrington.

Attendance is gradually increasing. The junior choir members lead the music led by Fergus Black our Director of Music. Caroline Harley kindly provides the words for our hymns. The Saints Alive! service includes worship, prayer, reflections and fellowship. Please come and join us.

Clare Camp 2018

Sunday Saints

We meet at The Church Centre at 9.20am on the Sundays that aren't Saints Alive! Sunday Saints (SS) currently has 7 leaders and 6 helpers. 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.

The annual Good Friday Workshop took place once again. We built the Easter Garden, had a nails in the cross activity along with 6 other workshops run by the SS leaders and helpers. Fr Aran talked to

the children about the significance of the Easter Garden before we enjoyed hot cross buns and juice, before the Good Friday Service at 11.00am.

We have 2 children being prepared for Confirmation in 2018 by Fr Aran and Clare Camp. They will be travelling to Lincoln on Easter Eve 31st March for the The Paschal Vigil and Confirmation. We are very excited to be part of this very special celebration. The Paschal Vigil (at 8pm) is the celebration of the whole mystery of redemption. It falls into four main parts:

- The Service of Light with the blessing and lighting of the Paschal Candle. The theme of light links both creation and the resurrection and looks forward to Christ's second coming.
- The Vigil of Readings, in which we listen again to the story of creation, the liberation of God's people from slavery and the promise of further redemption.
- The Liturgy of Initiation sees the triumph of Christ and the triumph of the individual Christian in baptism and confirmation.
- The First Eucharist of Easter

Thank you to everyone who helps with the Children's Ministry at All Saints'.

Clare Camp

Pilgrimages and Youth Work

During 2017 we made two pilgrimages. Both of these were to Walsingham. Seven adults made a day pilgrimage led by Fr Aran. We joined a weekend pilgrimage group from St Mary's and St Martin's, Stamford. Apart from the benefit of time together away from the parish it was an opportunity to investigate a weekend Parish Pilgrimage in 2018. The day pilgrimage was successful in that 10 pilgrims have booked to go on a weekend pilgrimage from the 13th to the 15th July 2018.

In developing our youth work we collaborated with St Mary and St Nicolas, Spalding to join the National Youth Pilgrimage (Walsingham). 6 children from T-Pot (All Saints' youth group) camped in a field in Little Walsingham. For the children this was a wild experience that included daily mass, worship bands, services in circus style big top tent, daily bible study and gusting 45 mile-an-hour winds sufficient to blow tents away. We all made it back safely. 2 Children are daring to return this year, with interest from others for 2019. Once again we are joining with St Mary and St Nicolas, Spalding as well as being joined by St Guthlac, Crowland. We are grateful for those who made the banner for our pilgrims.

The latest "Talking Jesus" research (Talking Jesus, 2015, © Copyright 2018 Evangelical Alliance, Church of England and Hope Together) suggests that the two critical times to give/grow faith are pre-school years and early teenage years. It is during the teens that children are most likely to withdraw from formal religion. The factors are complicated but relevant worship, authentic Christian action and self-confidence in their faith are all cited. It was with this in mind that the T-Pot helps and Fr Aran have started the Youth Alpha programme on Sunday Evenings. For the 18 Children who regularly attend (22 T-Pot members) we start with food and the Alpha Video then discussion, games and we end with Compline. For these children this is definitely their Church. They worship and learn. We are trying to give them enough information and opportunity to enquire so they stand a chance of remaining strong in the faith, or feel able to return in the future. Clare Camp (ALM) is preparing 2 children from this group for confirmation at the Lincoln Cathedral Easter Eve Service.

The Rev'd Fr Aran P. Beesley

Music

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

The best way to find out what is happening with music and the choir, is to read the church magazine and to come to a Friday choir practice (Children 6-7, Adults 7-8). You would be welcome.

I am pleased to be able to report on 2017 in a positive light: the musical achievements of both choirs, and the range of services and concerts speak of lively and active music-making at our church. Looking back, there were many highlights:

- a workshop on singing in tune in January
- a choir dinner in February (who can forget our rendition of the Gospel classic “Come and Dine”, which they had never heard before at Melbourn Bros).
- singing at the launch of the Deo Gratias campaign in February
- an Easter Carol Service in May. An experiment well worth repeating
- a “para-evensong” later in May: recognizably an evensong, but with non-traditional music, such as Taizé and modern Catholic music – we called it Taizé-Song. Ditto
- a service to mark the 50th anniversary of the death of Sir Malcolm Sargent in October
- a performance of Karl Jenkins “The Armed Man” Mass for Peace in November
- Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve

There were seven Choral Evensongs for the Adult Choir throughout the year, some to mark external events like the Stamford Georgian Festival and the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, others to mark red-letter days. In July we had an exchange of Choral Evensongs with the choir of Uppingham Parish Church.

The choirs get through a wide range of music. In 2016, the adult choir sang 69 anthems, and led the congregation at 82 services in both the liturgical music, and in 208 hymns (35 of which had descants). It is impressive.

The children sang at 30 services in 2017, including Saints Alive!, weddings, Easter and Christmas Day. In March they sang at the Peterborough Music Festival and retained the Elizabeth Henderson Memorial Trophy. The Advent Service of Light was memorable.

There was a series of four organ concerts at the church, in July, and a number of other chamber music concerts during the year.

Many thanks are due to the choir members and families, for the unstinting service and support.

On the negative side, there are a number of issues which I have raised previously, but which are still in need of attention:–

Recruitment for the Adult Choir:

Adult choir recruitment is a serious problem, which needs a collective response. We are one step away from not having a four-part choir. In particular we are short of tenors. It will not do to say “We always have been”, even although it is true. It doesn’t take account of increasing age and infirmity. The current strategy seems to be crossed fingers!

Light, heat and comfort:

There has been no progress on improving the heating, lighting, or the comfort of the seating for the choir. If anyone has sat in the front choir stalls for a service, you will appreciate that they are VERY uncomfortable, because they were built for small boys.

Fergus Black, Director of Music

All Saints' with St John's Company of Church Bellringers

We have a band of ten ringers, most of whom are able to come and ring on Sunday mornings for Parish Communion. Two of the band are also in the choir, and special thanks must go to Mick and Becky who come up the tower after choir rehearsal so that we can ring as many bells as possible.

In 2017 we rang to celebrate the Platinum Wedding Anniversary of HM the Queen and Prince Philip, and for weddings in All Saints', and hosted groups of visitors from the Peterborough Guild, Repton, Hinckley, and Maidstone. A regular 'developmental' practice was held on the last Thursdays of most months, with members of Lincoln and Peterborough guilds who wanted to improve their technique and learn new methods, something for which our bells are very well-suited.

The Churches Together Schools Festival in June again saw two groups of Y4 children come up the tower and see the bells, have a go at chiming our smallest bell, and then design a message to go on their own bell.

Ringers and friends opened the tower for non-ringing visitors for four months on summer Saturdays, in co-operation with Stamford Tourist Information Centre who handled the bookings, and raised over £1,400 for church funds.

We are always happy to hear from anyone who wants to know about ringing, and we can train potential new ringers either in All Saints', where we try to have a practice most Saturday afternoons, or in our partner tower at Great Casterton on Thursday evenings.

Many thanks to our ringers, our Steeplekeeper Norman Norris, our Treasurer Mick Allman, all the church members who help to look after visitors, and the clergy and PCC who encourage us to keep doing what we love doing.

Kate Riley, Tower Captain

**Appendix 2: The Annual Report of the
Stamford St Gilbert of Sempringham Church School Charity
“The Church Centre Trust”**

The St Gilbert of Sempringham Church School Charity, Stamford
Registered Charity number 527704

Annual Report 2018

An Account of Our Stewardship in 2017

Aims and Organisation

The St Gilbert of Sempringham Church School Charity is regulated by a Charity Commission Scheme of 3rd May 1990. There is one ex-officio trustee, being the incumbent or priest in charge of the Parish of All Saints with St John the Baptist, Stamford, and four nominated trustees: one appointed by Lincolnshire Council and three by the Parochial Church Council of All Saints with St John the Baptist.

The Charity's first call on its income is the maintenance of its property. After these expenses the Charity is to apply its income to provide special benefits for St Gilbert of Sempringham School, Stamford; to promote religious education within the parish; further religious and charitable work in the parish.

Charitable Trust Membership

Vicar and Chairman	The Very Rev Mark Warrick, Dean of Stamford
Appointed by the PCC	Mrs Janet Marshall Mrs Rebecca Goff Mrs Catherine Barlow
Appointed by LCC	(Vacancy)
Clerk to the Trustees	The Revd Aran Beesley

Meetings were also occasionally attended by others when particular knowledge or expertise was required. Only Trustees vote on decisions.

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**St GILBERT OF SEMPERINGHAM
CHURCH SCHOOL CHARITY**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBERED

527704

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2017

Trustees	Reverend Mark Warrick Mrs Catherine Barlow Mrs Rebecca Goff Mrs Janet Marshall
Charity number	527704
Charity Address	All Saints' Vicarage Casterton Road Stamford Lincolnshire PE9 2YL
Independent Examiner	S E Marshall 135C Eastgate Deeping St James Peterborough PE6 8RB
Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc 46-49 Broad Street Stamford Lincolnshire PE9 1PZ

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: Very Rev'd Mark Warrick, Catherine Barlow, Jan Marshall and Becky Goff. The charity is still seeking a County Council Trustee as required by its constitution and is in touch with the Governance Department at the County Council on this matter.

Charity Commission reporting has now been transferred from Lincoln Diocese as Custodian Trustee to the Centre Trustees and from 1st January 2018 all income relating to the centre will be channelled via the Charity Bank Account.

Historically Hire Income and day to day running costs have been managed outside of the Charity account. This income has been below the threshold of formal Charity Commission reporting, however, the Trustees are keen to ensure full transparency of income and expenditure for the future. Whilst there has not been a requirement to formally report details to the Charities Commission as the income has not exceeded £10,000 per annum, following an update of Hire fees over the past two years and a more robust invoicing system, along with fundraising, combined income has risen to over £25,000 and therefore it is now a requirement that formal accounts are submitted to the Commission on an annual basis.

Combined accounts for both the Centre and the Trust for 2017 are attached and accounts for individual organisations from 2012-2016 are available on request.

The Principal correspondence address for the charity is c/o All Saints Vicarage, Casterton Road, Stamford, PE9 2YL. Fr Aran Beasley continues to act as Trust Secretary and Becky Goff has again worked tirelessly in her role as Volunteer Business Manager during the past year.

Mick Allman continues to assist the trustees in a voluntary capacity with general maintenance works and Kate Riley is employed for 8 hours a week as Bookings Manager/Caretaker at a living wage pay rate. Income has again increased this year with a number of new hirers being welcomed to the Centre including the Alzheimers Society Dementia Support Group, an unemployment support group, Add- Action and a baby signing group. We now have over 20 groups from a cross section of society using the centre each week involving over 300 children and 50 adults. A leaflet detailing the Hirers of the Centre is attached. Income for the centre is currently running at around £2000 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 2017.

Trustees continue to work on supporting policy and other documentation as required by the Charity Commission and to support grant aid applications and these are available on request.

Fundraising

Our fundraising focus for 2017 has been on securing the funds to repair the south elevation roof, this has now been achieved by a combination of the success of the Charity's Sponsor a Slate Fundraising Campaign, Fundraising events and two grants received from the Skells Trust and South Kesteven District Council Community Fund as follows:

Source	Amount	Notes
Skells Trust	£15,000.00	Subject to Match Funding
SKDC Community Grants	£10,000.00	
Centre Funds	£5,000.00	
Fundraising Events	£883.00	
Sponsor A Slate	£10,000.00	
Total	£40,883.00	

We are delighted with this achievement and are currently finalising details for repair works to start in February 2018. Our thanks go to the congregation of All Saints, the local community and our existing hirers for their continued support with the campaign.

Our focus for 2018 will be to secure further funding for Phase 2 renovations which will include essential window repairs and works to improve the lower level Edward Wells Room and kitchen facilities along the lines of the plans drawn up in 2015.

Property

Day to day hire income has been extensively used again for essential internal repairs this year which include:

- Updating electrical systems and lighting to meet current legal requirements
- Replacing damaged toilet doors
- Replacement of faulty toilet cisterns and broken toilet bowls
- Replacement of water heaters to meet Health and Safety requirements
- Replacing the flat roof and roof lights over the kitchen and toilets in the main entrance
- Replacing the curtain rails with proper safety approved closers
- General painting and decoration works

Marketing

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

Events planned for 2018 include our annual Fish and Chip Quiz following on from this year's success and a Fashion Show in April.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Simon Marshall who has kindly examined the accounts along with Martin Fisher who has assisted us with grant aid applications. Finally our thanks to Kate Riley for her assistance in her role as Caretaker and Bookings Manager, to Mick Allman who has invested an enormous amount of volunteer time as our Handyman and finally 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.

**St GILBERT OF SEMPERINGHAM
CHURCH SCHOOL CHARITY**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

	2017 £	2016 £
Receipts		
Regular hire	14,113	12,703
Church hire	4,852	4,250
Donations	8,164	1,000
Grants received	7,500	-
Fundraising income	1,123	-
Investment income	740	663
Bank interest	1	1
Total Incoming Resources	<u>36,493</u>	<u>18,617</u>
Payments		
Centre management costs	3,156	2,374
Centre running costs	1,695	2,146
Insurance	889	1,171
Building maintenance	16,441	3,409
Quiz expenses	250	-
Sundry expenses	10	50
Total resources expended	<u>22,441</u>	<u>9,150</u>
Net movement in funds	14,052	9,467
Total funds brought forward	16,557	7,090
Total funds carried forward	<u>30,609</u>	<u>16,557</u>

**St GILBERT OF SEMPERINGHAM
CHURCH SCHOOL CHARITY**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017**

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Monetary Assets			
Bank current accounts		29,411	15,359
Bank business saver account		<u>1,198</u>	<u>1,198</u>
		<u>30,609</u>	<u>16,557</u>
Other monetary assets			
Debtors		<u>1,275</u>	<u>1,679</u>
Investment assets			
at Market Value (see Schedule)		<u>19,150</u>	<u>33,279</u>
Liabilities			
Amounts falling due within one year		<u>921</u>	<u>2,738</u>

The accounts were approved by the Board of Trustees on

) Trustee

) Trustee

St GILBERT OF SEMPERINGHAM CHURCH SCHOOL CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements are prepared using the Receipts and Payments basis.

1.1 Accounting convention

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

1.2 Funds

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

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

1.3 Fixed Assets

The original 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.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

2 Grants Received

	2017 £	2016 £
South Kesteven District Council	<u>7,500</u>	<u>-</u>

2 Centre Management Costs

	2017 £	2016 £
Wages	2,850	2,205
Other expenses	307	169
	<u>3,157</u>	<u>2,374</u>

3 Centre Running Costs

	2017 £	2016 £
Electricity	982	1,347
Water	368	379
Other expenses	345	420
	<u>1,695</u>	<u>2,146</u>

**St GILBERT OF SEMPERINGHAM
CHURCH SCHOOL CHARITY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

4. Investment Assets (Market Value)

Total Funds
2017 2016
£ £

Endowment Funds

Trust Funds held by Lincoln Diocesan Trust

St Gilbert of Semperingham School	PT009070	610	CBF Investment Fund Shares	10,000	9,173
St Gilbert of Semperingham School	PT009070	557	Charifund Income Units	9,150	8,552
				<u>19,150</u>	<u>17,725</u>

St GILBERT OF SEMPERINGHAM CHURCH SCHOOL CHARITY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF St GILBERT OF SEMPERINGHAM CHURCH SCHOOL CHARITY

I report on the accounts of St Gilbert of Semperingham Church School Charity for the year ended 31 December 2017 which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

This report is made solely to the trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 154 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees, as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the 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 matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

i 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

ii 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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Appendix 3: The Annual Report of the Stamford All Saints with St John Parish Religious Education Fund

Annual Report 2018

An Account of Our Stewardship in 2017

Aims and Organisation

The charity exists to promote religious education within the parish of All Saints with St John the Baptist, Stamford, and beyond, according to the teaching of the Church of England.

Its trustees are the Vicar and Churchwardens of the parish for the time being.

Charitable Trust Membership

Vicar	The Very Rev Mark Warrick, Dean of Stamford
Churchwardens	Mr James McIver Mrs Catherine Barlow

Meetings are held when necessary to distribute benefactions.

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Income as follows is received from investment funds, and benefactions have been made during the year to support the youth and children's work at All Saints' Church: paying the hire fees for the Church Centre and subsidising the cost of the youth pilgrimage to Walsingham.

Balance 31 Dec 2016	£	£
Barclays Community Account	7198.11	
Barclays Premium Account	719.61	<u>7917.72</u>
Income	£	£
CCLA CBF Investment Fund	258.03	
M&G Charifund	402.16	
Bank Interest	0.13	<u>660.32</u>
Expenditure	£	£
Youth and children's work subsidy	916.2	<u>916.2</u>
Balance 31 Dec 2017	£	£
Barclays Community Account	6942.1	
Barclays Premium Account	719.74	<u>7661.84</u>
Surplus/deficit for 2017		<u>-255.88</u>

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Parish 999999999 Deanery 99 Miscellaneous

Treasurer Trusts Miscellaneous

Trust No.	Trust Name	Type Of Investment	Capital Invested	Number Shares	Retained Interest	Income	Market Value	Share/Stock Reference
PT061180	STAMFORD ALL STS W ST JOHN REL. EDC FUND							
Capital			5052.53					
Retained Interest			0.00					
Income			0.00					
	CBF Inv Fund		2526.27	485.00	0.00	0.00	7951.28	121001946S
	Charifund		2526.26	538.00	0.00	0.00	8837.62	0024010163

