

The Church of St Mary the Virgin Twyford, Hampshire

PARISH REVIEW

for the year ending 31st December 2017

An annual report to be presented at the

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 29th April 2018

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Jesus looked at them and said,
“With man this is impossible but
with God all things are
possible.”

Matthew 19:26

**Rooted in God, Growing
Together, Reaching out to the
Community**

Greetings!

Welcome to St Mary’s Twyford, Parish Review for 2017. In this booklet, you will find reports on the various activities that have taken place and are associated with our church community over the past year. Some are statutory, all are of interest we hope.

In addition, publishing this record provides anyone new to the church with an introduction to the presence of God in our community and the strength of the life of this church. Though the review looks back it also provides an indication of our journey forward this year and beyond.

Standing Committee

Agenda – Vestry Meeting

for the meeting of Parishioners (Vestry Meeting) to be held on
Sunday 29th April 2018 following Morning Prayer at 10.00am

1. Election of Churchwardens for the ensuing year
2. Re-appointment of Assistant Churchwardens

Agenda – Parochial Church Meeting

for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
to be held immediately afterwards.

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To approve the Minutes of the previous Annual Parochial Church Meeting
3. Matters arising from those Minutes
4. To receive the following Reports from the PCC:
 - a. The Churchwardens' Review of the year
 - b. The Churchwardens' Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the Church
 - c. The Electoral Roll Officer's Report
 - d. The Annual Report on the proceedings of the PCC and of the Deanery Synod
 - e. The Treasurer's Report, and to adopt the independently examined Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2017
5. Elections
 - a. To elect PCC Members
6. Appointments:
 - a. To appoint an Independent Examiner
 - b. To appoint/re-appoint Sides Persons (by list)
7. Any other business

1 Churchwardens' Reports

1.1 Churchwardens' Report

2017 has been a time of change in the life of this church community marked by the announcement of the retirement of Jonah Watts which was greeted by sadness at the loss of his wise leadership and ministry. His last months were spent in preparation of the community team, the members of the PCC and of course all the willing hands that make light work, for his absence. We pay tribute to all those who have taken on the additional load during the vacancy, particularly Val Corcoran, Peter Lippiett and Mike Jackson, who have all contributed to our worship, and especially Elaine Izard, as Benefice Administrator, who has arranged cover when local retired clergy have been unable to step in and provided immeasurable support which has greatly contributed to the seamless efficiency of services.

A considerable amount of work went into the preparation of the Benefice Profile (an essential document for recruiting a new vicar), which has demonstrated the achievements that Jonah made in drawing the Benefice together into a diverse but functioning whole. This, with the decision of the Diocese not to suspend the living again, has enabled us to go forward into 2018 with confidence that a new vicar will be able to take up the reins and continue to develop our mission.

As in recent years, our main festivals have been well attended, with the local schools using the church for their services over the Spring, Advent and Christmas period and good support from the community for our Carol Service, Christingle, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services. The number of people attending normal Sunday services has declined over the winter period due not only the absence of a vicar, but also the failure of the heating system.

With expert support of the Diocese, we were able to replace the boiler with a much more effective one, in time for the Christmas services. This has been very successful in increasing the warmth of the church but has exposed difficulties in the radiator system which is now leaking on a regular basis to the consternation of the congregation. This now needs urgent refurbishment, which will be a major task for 2018, and will require fundraising support.

Our events programme in 2017 was not as successful as previously, partly due to the launch of the Bells Appeal in January 2017, as some events were necessarily focussed on this. The Bells Appeal has raised over £5,000 due to the generosity of our local community, and it is our intention to seek national grants to supplement this, as the priority is now the heating system.

The Quinquennial Survey, conducted in April 2017, demonstrated the care with which the building has been maintained, and apart from a few slipped tiles, there was nothing urgent to repair, other than the heating system which broke down after the survey.

We are very grateful to our faithful band of organists for Sunday worship, particularly Christopher Tolley, Anthony Burns-Cox, David Hall and Andrew Smith, who usually play for our communion services. Graham Carton has made special appearances at key Christmas services and Simon Harcourt Williams has stepped in to play the piano at non-Eucharistic services.

It is with understanding, but regret, that we note the decision by Nigel and Celia Close, and Ian Wheeler, to withdraw from their leadership of lay led services and we thank them for their contribution and commitment over these past years. We also express our thanks to Ron Pont for his willingness to continue, especially as it involves additional time and training.

We contributed to the Graze Festival this year as part of our outreach into the community and ran a very successful maze event with the inspiration and support of Steve and Carol Pullen who also set up two Treasure Hunts during the year to support the Bells Appeal. We would like to thank Diane Oram, whose Bring-and-Buy Sale made a major contribution to the Bells Fund, and to Pat Davies, who initiated a reading by 'Chapter and Verse,' and all those who helped make the Church Fete a success. John Hibberd ran a very successful quiz in the Parish Hall, and all these made a good contribution to church funds.

We are extremely grateful to Rita Carton for taking up the pew sheet editorship and making such a professional job of it, especially during her recent health problems.

We would both like to acknowledge the enormous support we receive from Nigel Close and Judith Lathlean, the Assistant Churchwardens, without whom it would be difficult for us to carry out this role, particularly since neither of us lives in the parish. A special thank you to our verger, Dick Gray, and to Ian Wheeler who also assists at many of the special services (Christenings, weddings etc.) as their help in guiding our 'Clerical Registry' priests in 'how we do things here' has been essential.

A big thank you to all who turn up with keys to open or lock up at anti-social hours, to keep the church available to the community; their role has also been extended over the vacancy.

We thank Ros Medd for keeping us and the PCC so well organised and prepared, and we welcome any church members who would like to join the PCC or any of the Advisory Groups, as the PCC is not large. All contributions are much appreciated so please let either of us know if you are interested.

We are always looking for new events and activities to draw people into the church and make it a centre for community activity as well as worship, so any ideas are more than welcome.

We look forward to 2018 with expectancy and hope, as we prepare for a new vicar and for what can be achieved through God working in our church community in Twyford and beyond.

Jane Rogers and Juliet Hawkes

1.2 Church Building & Fabric Advisory Group Report

The churchyard continues to look well-tended thanks to Graham Fisk and the Grass Cutting Fund whose support has been essential, and to the work by kind parishioners within and beyond the Churchyard Working Parties. The Church Drive however has continued to deteriorate during the year, but the PCC has been offered a proposal by the Diocese and will be considering it shortly.

During the year the opportunity was taken to replace the high-level lighting in the church with LED lighting which has enabled light levels to be raised, and energy and maintenance costs to be lowered. Castors were put on the mobile altar, to facilitate its movement. Cushions have been made for the pews by local volunteers, and these have been well received and plans are in hand to increase these in 2018.

Unfortunately, damage was sustained in a vandalism incident, but this has all been rectified.

Juliet Hawkes

2 Governance

2.1 Parochial Church Council Secretary's Report

Membership

Members serving <i>ex officio</i>	
Jonah Watts (Vicar to September), Jane Rogers (Churchwarden).	
Members elected for three years	
2015-2018	2016-2019
Michael Biddle, Juliet Hawkes (Churchwarden)	Andrew Brooks, Nigel Close (Treasurer), Carol Pullen, Neil Richards, Victoria Russell, Ian Wheeler
Deanery and Diocesan Synod Representatives (PCC members <i>ex officio</i>)	
2017-2020 Ron Pont, Juliet Hawkes (Deanery), Peter Towler (Diocesan) (Deanery <i>ex officio</i>).	
Standing Committee	
The Vicar and Churchwardens (<i>ex officio</i>), the Treasurer, the Secretary and Andrew Brooks (all elected by the PCC).	

Meetings

Under the new PCC structure, initiated by Jonah, the Advisory Groups now develop and carry forward the visions and decisions of the ministry team and the worshipping community at St. Mary's. Their year's work is reported elsewhere in this Review.

Advisory Group members on PCC report fully at whole Council meetings and these are the most enjoyable elements of each meeting. But of necessity, in 2017, time was also spent on Safeguarding, Data Protection, and the interregnum and appointment process. The PCC adopted Policies and appointed Officers for both Data Protection and Safeguarding, details of which are displayed in St. Mary's and on the website. The PCC is required to acknowledge formally in this Review its duty to have due regard to the House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. Our Safeguarding Officer is Vanessa Eales.

The PCC enjoyed and profited from its time under Jonah Watts' chairmanship and wishes him well in retirement. When he left, a Diocesan consultation on suspending the living was announced. This was strongly criticised by our Patron, Emmanuel College Cambridge and quickly withdrawn. The Vacancy Process gave two useful opportunities to hold Benefice PCC meetings, where St Mary's PCC enjoyed both working with the other churches in the Benefice, and the hospitality offered by Colden Common. PCC members also enjoyed a visit from Hannah Beckett, Head Teacher at St. Mary's Primary School, and getting involved in the School Landscaping Project through Juliet Hawkes.

The important links between this parish and the wider structures of the church have been reported to the PCC by those attending Deanery and Diocesan Synod.

I am required to state the following: St Mary's Church is situated at Church Lane, Twyford, Hants SO21 1NT. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Main Road, Colden Common, Hampshire, SO21 1TL. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure and Church Representation Rules) and a charity currently exempted from registration with the Charity Commission.

Rosalind Medd, PCC Secretary

2.2 Electoral Roll Officer's Report

I am pleased to report that numbers have held up well through the year. We have 129 on Roll (of whom 31 are classed as Non-resident) representing 96 households.

Celia Close - Electoral Roll Officer

2.3 Deanery Synod Representative's Report

This is 'Where we are' and 'How we are':

Where we are:

St. Mary's Twyford is one of the churches of the Winchester Deanery, which consists of 26 parishes in 13 benefices across the city and nearby rural areas. This group is in turn one of 6 deaneries in the Northern Archdeaconry of the Winchester Diocese, having Richard Brand as Archdeacon, and David Williams as the Suffragan Bishop.

There are 44 Anglican dioceses in England, of which Winchester is one of the largest and oldest, with The Rt. Revd. Tim Dakin as our diocesan bishop.

Altogether this diocese has 401 churches, grouped into 267 parishes, and 177 benefices, divided into 13 deaneries, and 2 in the Channel Islands. The oversight of the southern part of the diocese is with the Archdeacon of Bournemouth, and the Suffragan Bishop of Southampton, Jonathan Frost.

Each PCC elect representatives to their Deanery Synod, which in turn elects to the Diocesan Synod, from where members are elected to the General Synod of the Church of England, which is the governing body of the whole show – thoroughly democratic, but to quote Churchill, 'the worst form of government except for all those others which have been tried.'

Twyford PCC has three representatives on the Deanery Synod, Juliet Hawkes, Peter Towler and me, of whom Peter Towler has been elected from the Deanery Synod onto the Diocesan Synod.

For the record, that's where we are: no one needs to remember or even understand it unless strangely interested.

How we are:

The Winchester Deanery seems to be in good health. We have a relatively new and excellent Bishop of Basingstoke, Bishop David, of whom Jonah thoroughly approved; and a brand-new Area Dean (aka Rural Dean in the old days), the Revd. Karen Kousseff.

There are three Deanery Synod meetings each year. Last year these were:

April 27th. A strategic profile of population and social trends for the whole area had been commissioned and was presented.

Achievable targets had been set and there are already encouraging signs of progress in:

- i) Rural mission,
- ii) New major development areas,
- iii) Further and higher education institutions

- iv) New churches in large conurbations
- v) 50% increase in lay and ordained ministries

The message taken away was:

‘The church that intends to grow – tends to grow’

‘The church that intends to flourish – tends to flourish’

How’s that for starters?!

July 6th. The synod had been invited for a delightful dinner hosted by the Lay Chairperson Mrs Ruth Guy, and Dr Donald Guy in their garden at Stoke Charity, followed by a walk across the fields to a service in their quintessentially rural church with no direct road access, at which Karen Kousseff was commissioned as Area Dean by Bishop David.

September 28th at South Wonston (Mark Bailey’s parish) where the Deanery was epitomised as ‘A diverse partnership of Anglican Christians working together to see the communities in and around Winchester transformed by the message of Jesus’. Synod members milled around huge flip charts scribbling frank comments, mostly helpful, on four church growth projects. Great ideas, and practical too, but which synod member could or would persuade their parish to put them into action?

Ron Pont

3 Music

3.1 Church Music

Another year has passed, and the music is as strong as ever at St. Mary’s. Members of the robed choir continue to sing for the Sung Eucharist services and we are ably supported by an ad hoc contingent for the major festivals throughout the year. When we are all together, we can number between fifteen to twenty singers.

We are still without a resident choirmaster which means we have not been able to prepare any new music again this year. We have though, been very pleased to have the assistance of Vicky Feldwick, who has prepared and conducted several services for us including Jonah’s final service and the carol service. This service is proving as popular as ever, and the congregation has been delighted to hear and sing many of their favourites carols as well as many of the traditional ones such as ‘Hark the Herald’ and ‘Oh Come All Ye Faithful.’

On the theme of Christmas, we were disappointed this year not to receive an invitation to sing carols at Orchard Close. For whatever reason, we hope an invitation will be forthcoming this December as it is one of our outreach highlights of the year.

It is pleasing that couples getting married in church are asking for a choir to sing at their wedding. Cynthia English organised the choir for several weddings and there are more in the diary.

St. Mary's has hosted a variety of musical events in the last twelve months for a wider audience. A highlight was the Barton Stacey Chamber choir who performed Will Todd's Mass in Blue for us last November. These events have been well supported and I hope will continue to be a feature in the calendar.

Annie Hibberd

4 Children and Young People

4.1 Messy Church

It's been another busy year for Messy Church.

Our new policy of not meeting when we coincide with Bank Holiday weekends works well, and although we only meet eight times a year, it's with enthusiasm and with a consequent buzz of activity from our committed families. We now have a range of children from babies to 12 years old, and many parents are just as engaged with the crafts as their children.

The Messy Church hub sends us a quarterly magazine which is really useful in helping us plan our sessions and suggest activities. We have had fun fishing for ping pong balls in wet tagliatelle (pearls without price), making a temple out of cardboard boxes, making a Lego marble maze (talking about journeys) and ladders out of strawberry bootlaces, with Jacob as a jelly baby resting his head on a jelly bean (stone) pillow. Food is always remarkably popular. All our themes are Bible based.

As usual this year we ran a couple of activities at the summer fete.

We couldn't run Messy Church without the wonderful band of helpers, organising and bringing the materials for the crafts and providing a nourishing meal. So, many thanks to you all.

And I don't think we could continue without the prayers that undergird our sessions, so thank you too, to all who pray for us.

Val Corcoran

4.2 Twyford St. Mary's Primary School

COURAGE JOY CARE RESPECT – OUR CHRISTIAN VALUES

A special assembly was held in July to say goodbye to Reverend Jonah. Special memories were shared, and Jonah was given three cheers and some beautiful cards made by the children. The school is so grateful for everything Jonah did in helping to develop the spirituality and Christian character of the school.

The same week saw the unveiling of the attractive artwork made by the children, from coloured glass to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the school that took place in 2011. Money from the Clark and Wool Trust was used to pay for the picture which can be seen displayed in the top playground.

We are now looking forward to welcoming our new incumbent playing an active role in our school and joining the two existing Foundation governors on the governing body.

The Foundation governors play an active part in the life of the school, attending meetings and training courses, and monitoring Collective Worship.

Sarah Hawkins retired from the board of governors in July. She had been a valued Foundation governor.

We also said goodbye to Wendy Sullivan who, after 40 years as a school governor, decided to retire. Many thanks and good wishes to both Sarah and Wendy.

Karen Bevis, School Business Manager, has left to take up a new post in another school and will be replaced by Sarah Wyatt in the middle of February.

At the end of last year's report, plans for an outdoor classroom were mentioned. In October, the Mayor of Winchester, David McLean, and MP Steve Brine were present at the opening of the outdoor classroom. This delightful addition to the school will be used in many ways to celebrate and enrich the learning of all pupils.

The school PTA, Twyford Parish Council and the Graze Festival fund contributed generously to enable the project to be achieved more quickly than hoped.

What a year it has been at our school! We are so proud of the children, the staff and all their achievements.

There was brilliant news following the release of league tables for school performance. Twyford St Mary's was number one in Hampshire on combined (reading, writing and maths) for 2017's overall Key Stage 2 performance.

Key Stage 1 results were above National and local figures for children reaching the expected level in Reading, Writing and Maths. However, the school is looking to increase the percentage of children reaching the Greater Depth Standard.

Teachers had planned a wide range of activities for the children during the year.

As part of Health and Wellbeing week, everyone visited the Twyford Methodist Chapel where Christian mindfulness and meditation were experienced.

Everyone enjoyed Countryside Day at Manor Farm, learning and appreciating our local working countryside. The children were asked to choose a name for a bulling heifer – Hazel was voted best name!

A mock general election was held in June to teach children about the democratic election process – the Liberal Democrats won!

Class visits included Longdown Activity Farm, Cadbury World, Hengistbury Head, and Gilbert White`s Study Centre.

There were residential visits to Avon Tyrrell for Years 4 and 5 and Calshot for Year 6.

Music and sport played an important part too. The children enjoyed a live brass performance, musical solos, duets and ensembles. The choir joined hundreds of other children to sing at the O2 in London. The summer music concert performed in church was enjoyed by a large appreciative congregation.

Netball, football, a relay event and the visit by a GB gymnast as well as the Golden Mile with children walking a mile around the village proved to be very popular.

Reaching out to the local community involved the school hosting the senior citizens` tea party in July. Year 6 pupils served refreshments, while children from across the school entertained the guests with songs, dances and musical performances. The school choir visited Abbeyfield in December to sing Christmas carols and chat with residents.

The chosen charities for fund raising during the year were the NSPCC, Save the Children and Epilepsy Action.

Christmas, Easter, Harvest and the Leavers service took place in church, while a special Passchendaele Remembrance was held in the school hall.

It is good to see the reports each month in the parish magazine written by Hannah Beckett our head teacher with photographs included. There is a lot to do as a head teacher, so thank you Hannah for making time to share news of our children with the parish.

Please remember in your prayers all who teach, learn and govern in our school.

*Cynthia English, Linda Snoswell
(Foundation Governors)*

5 Church Groups

5.1 Bell Ringers

This year we launched our Bell Appeal after a quinquennial inspection revealed that a fair amount of work needed to be carried out to maintain the bells in ringing condition. The cost of this is estimated at £20,000. We have asked for donations from the local community, and have started to raise funds ourselves, with the help of the congregation and church officials. So far, we have had a quiz hunt around the village in January, a sale in April followed by another quiz in the church yard in June.

A team of ringers wanted to ring a peal to commemorate the 70th wedding anniversary of the Queen and Prince Philip so, on the 20th November, a band of eight, mostly from the Winchester District, rang a full peal which was 5,024

changes of 'Bristol Surprise Major' in 2 hours and 52 minutes, conducted by Ed Colliss. The band of ringers paid to participate, and some were sponsored. People came to listen and to support the coffee morning. We raised just over £500 which was added to the fund which now stands at approximately £5,000.

We rang for 3 weddings, just managing to get a band together on each occasion.

There was only one group of visiting ringers this year when a group of ladies from the Guild rang a quarter peal.

We followed the tradition of ringing on the 7th October in memory of William Davies. The venue for our annual supper was the Bridge in Shawford, when 11 of us and Juliet Hawkes had a very enjoyable supper thanks to the legacy of William Davies.

Jennie Richardson

5.2 Bible Reading Fellowship

I took over as secretary for the Bible Reading Fellowship at St Mary's church in January this year. Mary Southam had previously been in this role for many years. Mary explained the role to me and has helped and encouraged me to understand this aspect of Christian life.

There are currently nine members in St Mary's church BRF group. Ten New Daylight booklets have been ordered for this year, so there is a spare one if anyone is interested. Each page offers a daily reading from the Bible, a simple explanation for each passage and a short reflection to finish. As Mary has said, this daily Bible Reading is invaluable. Past copies will be left in church so please do borrow one and let me know if you would like to subscribe to New Daylight. Booklets (priced £13.50) are ordered and paid for once a year in April. I can easily order more copies as it would be lovely to increase our membership.

Carol Anne Pullen

5.3 Brass Cleaners

The work done by the brass cleaners, led by Isobel Gray is always appreciated.

5.4 Church Cleaning

Church cleaning has carried on magnificently, week by week with a splendid team of approximately 50 noble volunteers who do the cleaning in teams of two or three, in other words only two or three times a year. A grand Spring Clean was carried out as usual on the Saturday before Palm Sunday, to have the church sparkling for Holy Week and Easter.

We are always on the lookout for new recruits, men or women, tall or short, young or old, church-goers or non-church-goers. Skills required are minimal!

Trish Mardon

5.5 Flower Arrangers

The St Mary's Church flower ladies received great praise for our Christmas flower decorations and it was great fun to do.

In February and March there are no flowers in Church so roll on Easter, the start of a spring and summer of colourful displays of flowers.

In 2017 we lost a couple of arrangers due to other commitments but have now been joined by Wini Meikle who we look forward to working with.

If any one fancies joining our band of merry ladies (or men), please do call.

Valerie Roberts (01962 711538)

5.6 House Group

Having completed the York Course 'Receiving Christ in Five Different Ways,' our group is now studying another of the York Courses 'Living in the Light.' There are four sessions in the booklet:

1. Luke's reporting of the coming of Christ
2. John's reflections on the coming of Christ
3. Mary's response to the coming of Christ
4. Paul rejoicing in the coming of Christ

There is a CD that comes with the booklet containing a conversation between two leading Church ministers, exploring and expanding on topics raised in the course. We also hear contributions from churchgoers of different denominations. Each of the four sessions ends with a range of questions designed to stimulate lively group discussion.

The group meets on the first Friday of each month and if you would like to join us you would be very welcome.

Cynthia English

5.7 Library

The reading habits of highly successful people – 'Some of the world's highest achievers have one thing in common. It isn't a high IQ, nor is it an incredible lucky streak but their appreciation for reading. Books were their most profitable investment.' Sandra Wu.

Might not this also apply to our Christian lives? The church library is here to help us succeed better in our Christian living.

Molly Pont

5.8 Mission Advisory Group

The Mission Advisory Group currently comprises six members (Ron Pont, Carol Pullen, Neil Richards, Jane Rogers, Torie Russell and Ian Wheeler) and has met five

times this year. Our overall aim is to reach out an 'arm' of St Mary's to the wider village community, inviting them to us or going out to be with them.

One of our main events was Twyford Sings, which was our own version of Songs of Praise. The village-wide ballot revealed favourite hymns that were sung with gusto by a large congregation, augmented by our ad hoc choir; a popular event that will be held again.

In August, the Graze Festival gave us the opportunity to erect the Maze-O (and the St Mary's gazebo) for a second year. This is orienteering for children, but a number of nimble grandparents were seen aiding and abetting their highly competitive charges. Prizes went to the quickest completer. It is a fun way of drawing the attention of young families to the existence of the church and our family and to talk about what we can offer throughout the year, such as Messy Church, baptisms and weddings.

In October, we organised the Newcomers' Lunch to coincide with our Harvest celebration. All newcomers to Twyford were invited to a Bring-and-Share lunch with our congregation after the morning service. We are always very grateful for the energy of the members of the Network, who welcome their newcomer neighbours with a pack of information from the church, enabling them to feel informed and welcomed from the start.

At Christmas, we organised carol singing, new posters for the church notice board and bookmarks for all who attended the main services. The bookmarks sent a greeting from St Mary's and invited the recipient to come back or stay in touch.

We have more plans for 2018 and are keen to involve more church members to see them through! We'd be delighted if you would like to join the group or be involved in any specific event - please speak to one of us.

Jane Rogers

6 Giving

6.1 Charities

The charities that are supported across the benefice on a regular and annual basis are

Christian Aid (May) (International)

Harvest charity (Basic's bank) (October) local temporarily/short -term needy

Poppy Appeal (November) (National/Heroes /Services etc)

Children's Society (boxes – see 6.2) (December) (Children – National)

In addition to these four charities, we are repeating a series of "Lent Lunches" (Fridays in February/March) across the benefice. Last year's Lent lunches raised a total of £631 (including Gift Aid) for Winchester Gold:

(www.winchestergold.org.uk). **This year's Lent Lunches** are currently being advertised in the parish magazine and in the pew sheets and we hope that they will prove to be popular ecumenical community events as well as both a fundraising and awareness raising success. Funds raised from the Lent lunches 2018 will go to support the work of **Home-Start Winchester** (www.home-startwinchester.org.uk). We look forward to suggestions from parishioners for local charities that might be chosen as Lent Lunches beneficiaries in the future. We also look forward to hearing from any volunteers who might like to offer hospitality for the Lent lunch programme, as we do not want to rely on the same hosts every year or even every alternate year.

As well as the Lent lunch programme 2017, there were three **Charity Sundays in 2017**. Gift Aid Small Donations were collected on each of these offerings by the charity concerned:

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/charities-detailed-guidance-notes/chapter-8-the-gift-aid-small-donations-scheme>). This is an excellent scheme and it means that we do not have to list the names and addresses of each donor.

- Winchester Street Pastors on 5th February 2017. This raised £154.65 and together with Gift Aid (GASD), this totalled £193.31
- Winchester Action on Climate Change (WINACC) on 30th April 2017. This raised £153.06 and together with Gift Aid (GASD) this amounted to £191.33
- Tear Fund on 23rd July 2017. This raised £266 and together with Gift Aid this came to £391

The Harvest Charity 2017, chosen by the PCC, was Winchester Basics Bank. We invited Brian and Suzette Matthews (long-term volunteers at WBB) to speak at this event and this raised a total of £196.65, which with Gift Aid (GASD) made a total of £245.81.

The PCC has chosen three 'Charity Sundays' for 2018. These will take place in January, April and July.

- Age UK on 28th January 2018, which raised £187.50, which together with Gift Aid made £234.37.
- Winchester Young Carers are scheduled for 15th April 2018 (two weeks after Easter).
- Emmaus Hampshire for 17th June 2018.

We hope that parishioners will come forward with their own suggestions for charities, particularly local ones, that the PCC might like to consider as future beneficiaries.

Susie Evershed

6.2 The Children's Society

As the Children's Society Box Coordinator, I am pleased to report that the collection from the 20 boxes amounted to £545.24 last year, which was a little up from 2016. I have new boxes if anyone would like to have one to support this worthy cause. All it needs is for you to put in your loose change, and for the box to be collected once a year. It's not a race to see who can fill their box first, but a little each week really does help.

Andy Spencer (01962 712238)

6.3 Christian Aid

We believe in life before death

Poverty is not a natural and inevitable state of affairs. It is a consequence of what we do, or what we fail to do. Millions of people around the world are united in the shared belief that it does not have to be this way, and that positive change is possible. Christian Aid, with our partners and supporters, is part of that movement. We stand alongside poor communities who work tirelessly to lift themselves out of poverty.

2017 activities in Twyford included:

February

On February 25th we held a coffee morning in the church rooms with homemade soups to take away. This was a combined event to support Snowdrop Saturday and Christian Aid and to mark the beginning of Fairtrade Fortnight. The event was well supported, and thanks are due to the team of soup-makers and helpers. £654.27 was raised for Christian Aid.

April

On Good Friday we responded to the DEC's Emergency Aid appeal (Disasters Emergency Committee) for the relief of famine in East Africa and collected £108 at the Three Hours service.

May

Christian Aid Week is the single biggest act of Christian witness in Britain and Ireland and is characterised by house-to-house collections. 2017 was the 50th anniversary of Christian Aid and the focus, as in 1947, was refugees. Throughout Britain and Northern Ireland, £9 million was raised; Winchester and District contributed £29,800, of which £4,271.52 came from Twyford and Colden Common. Before the Week we held a reception in the Church Rooms with a specially tailored DVD and an opportunity to comment and discuss ideas with volunteer collectors and supporters.

And for 2018 ...

Snowdrop Saturday and coffee morning on Sat Feb 24th – Soups (to take away), Fairtrade homemade goodies, and marmalade made from Fairtrade sugar will be on offer. No charge but donations to Christian Aid. From 10am in the Church Rooms.

Christian Aid Week 2018 - May 13th – 19th – The emphasis of the campaign this year is on the effects of the devastating earthquakes and hurricanes of recent years, particularly in Haiti. The Christian Aid commissioning service will be held at the United Church in Winchester on Sunday May 13th at 6.30pm to which we are all invited.

Other events will be publicised in the Parish magazine and church pewsheets.

Thanks to all our supporters for acting, giving and praying!

*Maggie Lippiett (magslippiett@yahoo.co.uk),
Cathy Pope (catherinealexanderson@gmail.com)*

7 Finance

7.1 Freewill Offering Scheme

Once again, I want to thank all those who contribute so generously to the Freewill Offering Scheme. Through this we are able to maintain the Church building, including a new boiler, and contribute fully our share to the Diocese who support all clergy salaries, training and pensions. As the accounts show, we have had to make cuts and dip into capital to balance our budget. Other parishes would be envious of our position, but it would be encouraging to increase our income so more exciting plans and dreams could be considered.

On your behalf, I take full advantage of claiming gift aid on all eligible giving including collections at Church services.

If anyone would like to join the 80+ regular committed givers, I would be pleased to explain the scheme. Also, please let me know if you can increase your giving or if your circumstances change regarding gift aid or your address.

With thanks from all who care about St Mary's.

Sheila Lees 01962 713164 (sheila.lees@btinternet.com)

7.2 Treasurer's Report

Last year I reported that in 2016 we had a surplus of almost £6k in the General Fund and £13k overall. You will see from this year's accounts that in 2017 there was a loss of £9k in the General Fund and almost £20k overall. What happened?

Well, we had some big outgoings: the old boiler died, and we spent £15k to replace it; new LED lights for the chancel, lady chapel and balcony cost £1.4k; tree surgery around the churchyard came to £1.7k and material for the new pew cushions was

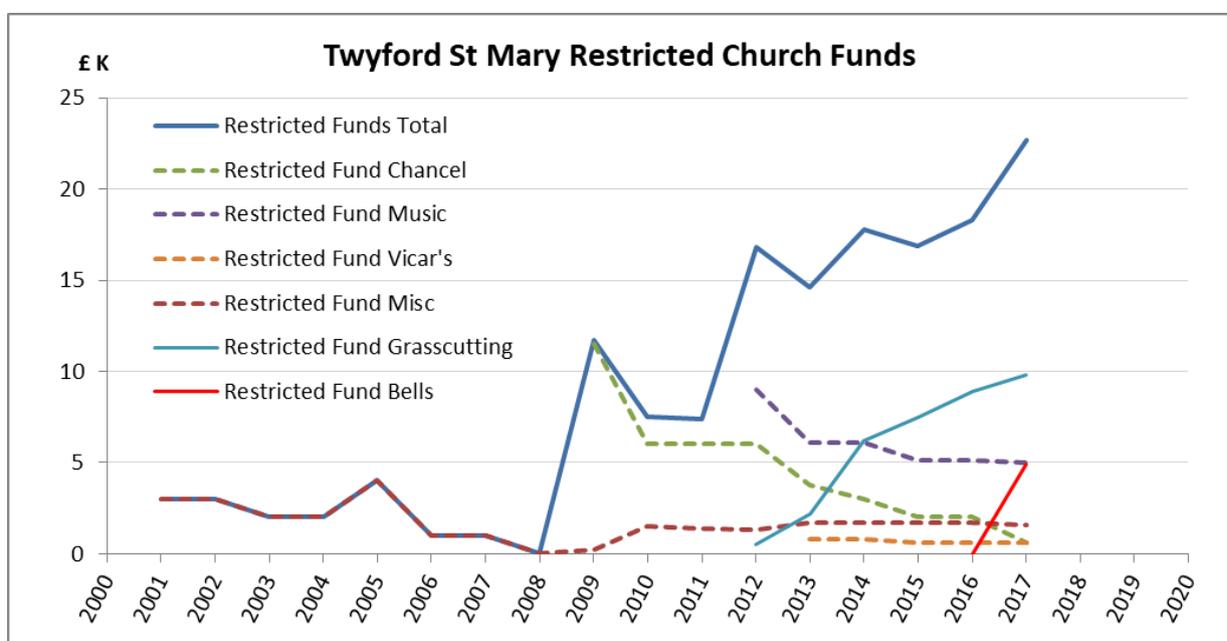
£1.3k. We paid in full our Common Mission Fund (Parish Share) contribution in order to train and support clergy throughout the diocese and beyond. This was £5k more than in 2016 and £15k more than 2014. The transition period to the new (fairer) method for apportioning CMF is now complete and there will be no increase for 2018.

Our receipts were a little below expectation – in particular, the regular (and mostly Gift Aided) Freewill Offerings which are by far our biggest source of income were disappointingly lower than in 2016. An analysis of actual and budgeted receipts and payments in 2017 for the (Unrestricted) General Fund shows clearly that what makes a real impact is the overwhelming dominance of Freewill Offerings (income) and CMF (expenditure).

Note that we did not budget to pay the full CMF, but the PCC decided to do so even though this increased our deficit.

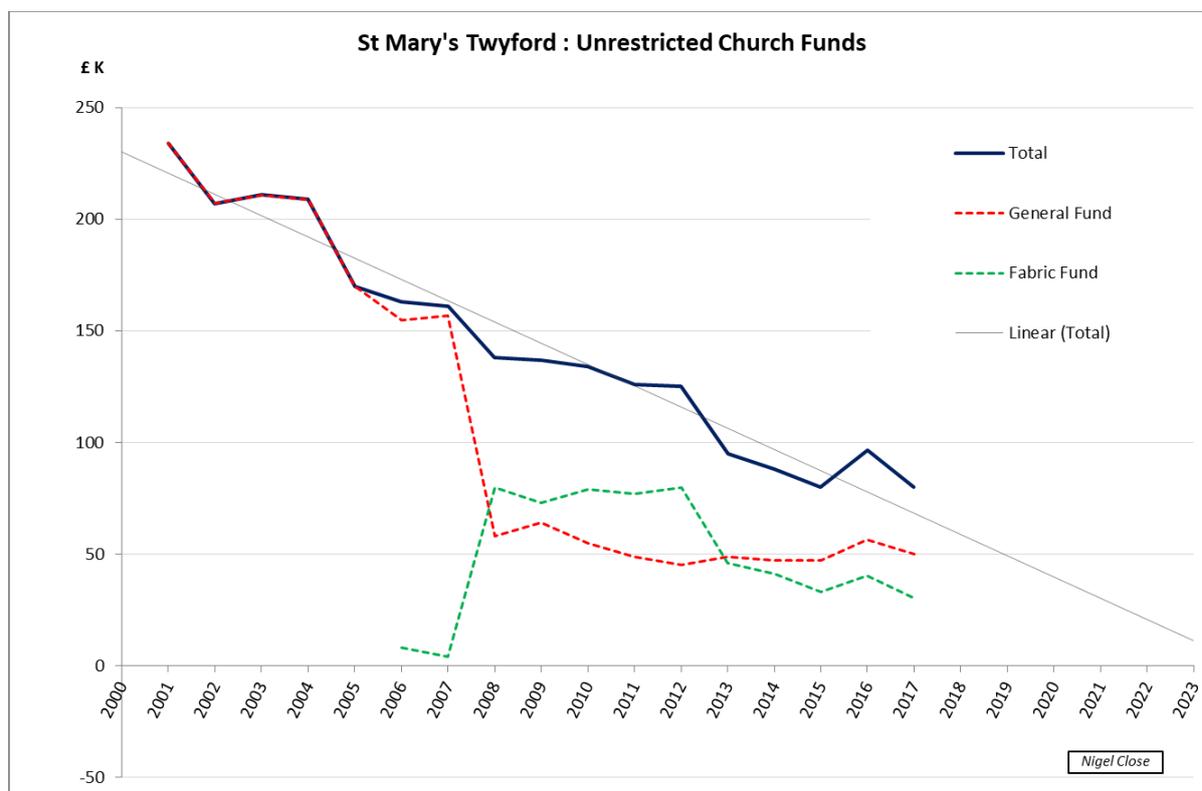
All is not gloom and doom however. We now have a warmer, better lit and more comfortable building set in a safer churchyard. The appeal for necessary repairs to the bells has raised £5k in its first year. And the Quinquennial Survey did not reveal anything too expensive. Our overall financial position was helped by the – Brexit-related? – rise in the stock market. The paper value of our investments rose by £11.5k, offsetting some of that £20k loss.

Here are the values of our Restricted funds:



Most are static or decreasing. The Bell Appeal fund is new, and the Grass cutting Fund continues to receive each year, more than can be spent on grass cutting alone.

Our main Unrestricted Funds continue to decrease, driven mainly by unreplenished spending on the fabric.



Nigel Close, PCC Treasurer

7.3 Finance and Advisory Group

The Finance Advisory Group (FINAG) met several times to oversee the budget and discuss various topics, including the driveway, charitable giving, magazine advertising and fundraising. A draft constitution for a putative 'Friends of St Mary's' has been prepared but put on hold (a) during the interregnum and (b) until suitable trustees might be found. The Reserves Policy was reviewed, and the levels kept at their previous values: Working Capital reserve on the General Fund of £35k, and an Emergency Building Work Reserve of £30k on the Fabric Fund.

Nigel Close, PCC Treasurer

7.4 Accounts for the Year 2017

The accounts for 2017 are shown in the following pages. The Section that follows them, 'Notes to the Financial Statements,' forms part of these accounts.

Income and Expenditure

Description	General	Fabric	Bell	Chancel	Churchyd	Grasscut
	Unrestrict	Designated	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted
Gift Aid - Bank FWO	39,845					75
Loose plate collections	4,593					
Giving through church boxes	460					
Donations appeals etc	1,499		2,198			2,917
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	10,432		633			384
Legacies						
Recurring grants					80	
Non-recurring one-off grants	520	889				
Fund-raising	4,802		2,071			
Fees for weddings and funerals	4,576					
Church room lettings - objectives	130					
Bookstall sales - fund raising	19					
Church room lettings - fund raising	10					
Magazine income - advertising	1,390					
Parish magazine sales	2,121					
Insurance claims						
Surplus - sale of fixed assets						
Contributions from benefice						
Dividends	1,312	1,184				
Bank and building society interest	1	1				
Total	71,710	2,074	4,901		80	3,375
Costs of fetes & other events	- 550					
Charitable Giving	- 20					
Common Mission Fund (parish share)	- 59,629					
Organist fees	- 1,500					
Clerical Registry	- 211					
Honoraria	- 414					
Working expenses of incumbent	- 1,371					
Office costs	- 1,475					
Parish training and mission	- 849					
Messy Church	- 203					
Church running - insurance	- 4,213					
Organ / piano tuning & maintenance	- 1,514					
Church maintenance	- 1,459	- 921		- 281		
Supplies	- 3,302		- 75			
Upkeep of churchyard					- 2,734	
Grasscutting						- 2,465
Church running - electric	- 949					
Church running - gas	- 991					
Church running - water	- 72					
Magazine expenses	- 950					
Bookstall costs	- 174					
Governance costs	- 95					
Church major repairs		- 14,484		- 1,140		
Church decorating						
Total	- 79,942	- 15,405	- 75	- 1,421	- 2,734	- 2,465
		1,000	120		887	
	- 1,000	- 887				
RESULT	-£9,232	-£13,218	£4,946	-£1,421	-£1,767	£910

Jonah bye Restricted	Other Restricted	Endowmnt Endowment	TOTAL 2017	TOTAL 2016	TOTAL 2015	TOTAL 2014
			39,920	44,382	36,329	33,732
			4,593	5,423	5,202	4,141
			460	-		
2,115			8,728	2,728	4,188	4,580
			11,448	13,643	7,820	9,284
			-	2,000	1,400	1,000
			80	80		80
			1,409	-	1,325	7,498
			6,873	8,502	6,888	5,551
			4,576	5,655	5,756	7,150
			130	-		100
			19	-		-
			10	39	34	108
			1,390	1,760	1,570	2,051
			2,121	2,124	2,096	2,149
			-	-		-
			-	-		-
			-	511	509	-
			2,496	2,206	2,429	2,383
			2	-		
2,115			84,255	89,054	75,547	79,808
			- 550	- 1,774	- 1,150	- 1,510
			- 20	- 251	- 1,020	- 1,090
			- 59,629	- 54,421	- 49,474	- 44,979
			- 1,500	- 1,849	- 2,599	- 2,496
			- 211	- 130		- 777
- 2,115			- 2,529	- 312	- 352	- 352
			- 1,371	- 1,621	- 1,919	- 1,732
			- 1,475	- 80	- 162	- 532
			- 849	- 433	- 495	- 691
			- 203	- 297	- 331	- 597
			- 4,213	- 4,216	- 4,123	- 3,996
			- 1,514	- 1,000	- 1,000	- 1,000
			- 2,660	- 1,779	- 2,151	- 2,041
			- 3,377	- 1,366	- 1,507	- 1,938
			- 2,734	-	- 1,260	-
			- 2,465	- 2,992	- 2,200	- 1,800
			- 949	- 914	- 1,000	- 1,000
			- 991	- 1,236	- 1,510	- 1,474
			- 72	- 42	- 50	- 40
			- 950	- 1,235	- 1,145	- 1,055
			- 174	-		- 19
			- 95	- 31	- 13	- 48
			- 15,624	-	- 12,504	- 15,185
			-			-
- 2,115			- 104,156	- 75,977	- 85,967	- 84,351
			2,007			
	- 120		- 2,007			
			-			
£0	-£120	£0	-£19,901	13,077	-£10,420	-£4,543

FUND MOVEMENT SUMMARY						
Fund	Balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Balances carried forward
General - General fund	56,260	71,710	79,942	-1,000	3,021	50,049
Fabric - Fabric Fund	40,333	2,074	15,405	113	3,021	30,137
Bell - Bell Appeal Fund	0	4,901	75	120	0	4,946
Chancel - Chancel Fund	2,007	0	1,421	0	0	586
Churchyd - Churchyard Fund	1,847	80	2,734	887	0	80
Grass - Grasscutting Fund	8,913	3,375	2,465	0	0	9,824
Jonah - Jonah Watts leaving	0	2,115	2,115	0	0	0
Music - Music Fund	5,010	0	0	0	0	5,010
Other - Other Fund	1,744	0	0	-120	0	1,624
Vicars - Vicar's Fund	623	0	0	0	0	623
Endowment - Endowment Fund	13,621	0	0	0	5,461	19,083
Totals	130,359	84,255	104,156	0	11,504	121,962
<i>There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown</i>						16-Jan-18

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES						
Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed assets						
6440 : CBF CoE Inv Fund Income Shares	36,489	36,489			72,978	
6450 : Scottish Mortgage Inv Trust				19,083	19,083	
Total	36,489	36,489		19,083	92,061	
Current assets						
6501 : Bank current account 73311324	12,837	-6,352	22,693		29,178	49,357
6510 : FWO current account 73345547	100				100	100
6520 : CCLA (CBF) deposit account	497				497	497
6530 : CCLA Investment Fund						66,936
6540 : Scottish Mortgage Investment						13,621
6590 : Cash in hand	127				127	103
Total	13,560	-6,352	22,693	—	29,901	130,613
Liabilities						
6699 : Agency collections						38
Z04 : Accounts Payable						216
Total						254
Net total assets	50,049	30,137	22,693	19,083	121,962	130,359
						16-Jan-18

7.5 Independent Examiner's Report

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH, TWYFORD

This report is on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended **31 December 2017**. The financial statement has been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, on the **Receipts and Payments (R & P)** basis. The reporting requirement is for an Account of Receipts and Payments together with a Statement of Assets and Liabilities (SOAL). This broadly follows the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2015.

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner.

As a member of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission Act 2011. Charities (including Churches) may use this basis if their gross income is below £250,000.

That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

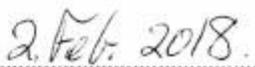
(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

* To keep accounting records in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, and

* To prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the regulations, 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 be reached.

Signed..........

Date..........

Mr Michael H Watson. CEng. M.I.Mech. E.

Littlebourne Lodge, Hazeley Road, Twyford. Winchester. SO21 1PZ.

7.6 Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ending 31st December 2017

1 ACCOUNTING POLICY

This financial statement has been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 on the Receipts and Payments (R & P) basis. Charities (including churches) may use this basis if their gross income is below a threshold, which is currently £250,000. R & P deals with receipts, when the money actually arrives, and payments, when the cheque is sent. It trades a more concrete day-to-day picture against a less comprehensive strategic overview, and the bookkeeping is simpler.

The reporting requirement is for an Account of Receipts and Payments together with a Statement of Assets and Liabilities (SOAL). The format of these reports is not defined, although they broadly follow the Statement of Recommended Practice SORP 2015.

The accounts have been prepared using Data Developments software, Finance Co-ordinator V4.19 with reports output to Excel and formatted.

2 FUNDS

Charities must clearly distinguish between, and account separately for, various types of fund:

UNRESTRICTED: The church will have ordinary funds, which are for general use in promoting the church's usual purposes; these are unrestricted funds.

DESIGNATED: The church may have decided to set aside sums in respect of specific projects; these are designated funds. They can always be redirected back to unrestricted funds if the church so chooses.

RESTRICTED: There may be special funds for specific purposes: appeals, which the church has made for special and specific objectives; funds or grants given to the church by donors who have specified that they should only be used for specific objectives. These are restricted funds and can only be used in respect of the purposes for which they were given. They cannot be added to unrestricted funds without the consent of the donor.

ENDOWMENTS: are those funds, which are held on trust, to be retained as 'capital' funds (i.e. the income from the funds can be spent on either unrestricted or restricted purposes, depending upon the directions of the donor), but the capital must be retained; it cannot be spent.

In addition to St Mary's GENERAL Fund, which is Unrestricted, we have a:

<i>Designated FABRIC Fund:</i>	The PCC set aside £80K to cover major works – principally those identified during Quinquennial Inspections.
<i>Restricted BELL APPEAL:</i>	To renovate the bells.
<i>Restricted CHANCEL Fund:</i>	To preserve and enhance the chancel, including the mural and wall paintings.
<i>Restricted CHURCHYARD Fund:</i>	To preserve and enhance the church grounds, including the yew tree, graves, paths, benches, walls etc.
<i>Restricted GRASSCUTTING Fund:</i>	Set up after a public appeal to pay the cost of mowing the churchyard.
<i>Restricted JONAH LEAVING Fund:</i>	For donations to a farewell gift for our departing vicar, Jonah Watts. All money collected was paid out this year.
<i>Restricted MUSIC Fund:</i>	Originated by a legacy 'for the music in church.' Our new hymn books were purchased from this fund.
<i>Restricted OTHER Funds:</i>	Inherited from previous years. I hope to discover their origins and purpose, but at present they must lie dormant.
<i>Restricted VICAR'S Fund:</i>	Set up by a donation 'for use at the Vicar's discretion.' The vicar can offer immediate charitable assistance without question.
<i>Endowment (Capital) Fund:</i>	A legacy of shares, the income from which is treated as unrestricted, but we may not dispose of the capital.
<i>AGENCY or 'POSTBOX' Funds:</i>	In-and-out monies held briefly, then passed on: funeral collections for a charity, Christingle, leaving gifts etc.

The opening and closing value of each fund is shown in the FUND MOVEMENT SUMMARY table.

3 FREEWILL OFFERING (FWO)

Regular giving provides a stable, vital base of funding and most of it attracts a 25% bonus through Gift Aid. I am very grateful to Sheila Lees for the not inconsiderable task of administering the scheme, tracking donations and claiming tax.

4 GRANTS

We received a refund of the Quinquennial Inspection fee from the Diocese into the Fabric Fund. The Parish Council paid £500 towards tree maintenance into the General Fund. This was transferred to the Fabric Fund and thence to the Churchyard Fund. We also received a grant (shown in the Churchyard Fund) towards the upkeep of war graves. A compensation of £20 from NatWest Bank was also treated as a grant.

5 FEES

Statutory and other fees for weddings and funerals. Other disbursements (to the Diocese, organists, vergers and bellringers) are Agency payments.

6 CONTRIBUTIONS FROM AND TO THE BENEFICE

Twyford pays for the Vicar's expenses and clergy from the Clerical Registry on behalf of the whole Benefice and then claims from the other parishes in agreed proportion. The contribution shown relates to the expenses for 2016, which were calculated and paid in 2017. Twyford pays its proportion of the costs of the Benefice Office in Colden Common.

7 COMMON MISSION FUND – CMF (or PARISH SHARE)

Our contribution pays for the costs of clergy – their salaries, accommodation, pensions and training – together with Mission funding and diocesan services. It is calculated on a basis which means that our relatively affluent village and its reasonably well-attended church paid significantly more than in 2015 and 2016 but will see no significant increase next year.

8 MESSY CHURCH

We continue to support Messy Church by paying for the hire of premises. They fund their running expenses from contributions and hold a small amount of petty cash for this.

9 FIXED ASSETS

The value of the CBF CoE Investment Fund shares has been allocated 50% to the General Fund and 50% to the Fabric Fund.

10 BANK CURRENT ACCOUNT

The total shown in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities (SOAL) for our main account - £29,178 – includes unreconciled payments by seven cheques (totalling £2,715) which had not been presented at year-end. The actual bank balance on 31st December was therefore £31,8933.

Nigel Close, PCC Treasurer

**Approved by the PCC of St Mary the Virgin, Twyford
and signed on its behalf**

Juliet Hawker (signed)

30/1/2018 (date)

8 Minutes of the Annual Parish Church Meeting 2017

Held in church following part of Compline on Wednesday 5th April 2017

Vestry meeting

1. Welcome and Apologies

Jonah Watts welcomed 42 members of the congregation to the meeting.

2. Election of Churchwardens

There were two nominations for the two posts of Churchwarden. Jane Rogers was proposed by Beverly Elliott and seconded by George Medd. Juliet Hawkes was proposed by Rita Carton and seconded by Anthony Bateman. They were elected unanimously, to applause. Jonah noted that this will be Jane's last year as Churchwarden and asked everyone to think about a successor.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for absence were received from twelve people.

2. Minutes of the APCM held on 21st April 2016

A proposal that the Minutes be adopted as a true record was made by Peter Towler, seconded by Nigel Close and passed unanimously. They were signed by the Chair.

3. There were no Matters Arising

4. Reports

a. The Vicar's Review

The Vicar described the year as having been challenging, but there had been several high points, and in particular, the acceptance of Helen O'Sullivan as an ordinand, the development of Sat@5, the successful re-structuring of the PCC and dedicated support for the Lent courses, the Quiet Day, and Confirmation. Jonah gave especial thanks to some of those who work less visibly in the parish: Dick Gray (and Isobel), the cleaners and flower arrangers, and Theo Johnson as Magazine Editor. He described Theo's work as a burden brilliantly carried out with no complaint. Likewise, he thanked the retired clergy, Valerie Corcoran and Peter Lippiett, who support him both personally and liturgically, and the third Sunday and Eucharist by extension teams who make it possible for the parishes to enjoy a pattern of services they appreciate.

This being his final APCM before retiring, Jonah spoke also about the shape of things to come in terms of pastoral re-organisation and the provision of services in the interregnum. He called on the parish to look forward hopefully, valuing the strength and blessing we derive from being such a harmonious Christian community, and to be strong in making our own

decisions, reflecting on whether the latest fashion in church thinking detracts from the essential purpose of Christian life here.

b. Churchwardens' Reports

Jane Rogers added to her Report by saying that everyone present at the meeting helps to make the Churchwardens' roles easier and thanking them for that.

Juliet Hawkes took the opportunity to report on the development of the proposed Friends of St. Mary's Group. This will be a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, whose Trustees will be both PCC nominees and those elected from the local community, with membership open to all. The Friends will hopefully address amongst other things the two issues of making sure the church remains standing, and, as the largest building in the area, is used to its full potential. She spoke of the minimum aim that by 2028, the building's 150th anniversary, heating lighting and decoration will be much improved for those attending concerts, lectures and meetings.

Following questions from the floor, there was a discussion about how to provide for the most flexible use of the building's interior, a discussion that highlighted the diversity of views on seating for both services and events.

c. Electoral Roll Officer's Report

Celia Close confirmed that the number on Roll has changed little since 2013.

d. The Annual Report

The meeting received, in a formal sense, the Annual Report, which had been published and circulated in advance. The Chair asked if the contributors wished to add anything to their reports, and an addendum to the Christian Aid Report by Mags Lippiett was read out. Parishioners were encouraged to pop into Messy Church to see what's going on, and Cynthia English, Foundation Governor, commented on how much the staff and children at the School enjoyed and valued the Vicar's visits.

e. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer offered to answer questions on the published accounts. He described the year as better than anticipated, largely due to parish generosity, especially in planned giving, and the combined successes of the fundraisers and those who had kept expenditure low. He read out a letter of thanks from Bishop Tim for our contribution to the Common Mission Fund. The need remains to do as well in 2017, especially as there will be a Quinquennial Building Inspection shortly.

Adoption of the Accounts

A motion to adopt the approved Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2016 was proposed by Michael Biddle, seconded by Peter Towler, and passed unanimously. Nigel was thanked warmly for his work as Treasurer.

5. Elections

a. PCC Members

There were no new nominations.

b. Representatives to Deanery Synod

Two nominations had been received. Ron Pont was proposed by Judith Lathlean and Juliet Hawkes. Juliet Hawkes was proposed by Rita Carton and seconded by Anthony Bateman. Both were elected unanimously.

6. Appointments

a. Independent Examiner

Mike Watson, who is the Independent Examiner of our Accounts, has kindly confirmed that he is willing to continue in this role. His re-appointment was proposed by Ron Pont and seconded by Celia Close. He was thanked for his kindness in undertaking this task.

b. Sides Persons

There was a proposal to reappoint those currently on the Sides persons' Rota: Andrew Brooks, Eunice Clarke, Celia and Nigel Close, Jade Cornwall, Angela Craig, Vanessa Eales, Beverly Elliott, Juliet Hawkes, Chris Hill, Carol Kennedy, Judith Lathlean, Judith Lea, Cathy Pope, Linda Snoswell and Ian Wheeler. One further name was added, Carol Pullen, and this motion was unanimously supported.

The re-appointment of our Assistant Churchwardens was raised, and it was reported that whilst this item of business has so far been on the PCC's agenda, it will from next year be transferred to the Annual Meeting.

7. Any Other Business

George Medd received the full support of those attending in thanking Jonah Watts for his ministry in this place, and his continuing good nature in a challenging job.

The meeting closed with a reminder that refreshments would be served after the completion of Compline, when a short meeting of PCC members would also take place.

Ros Medd, PCC Secretary