



St Nicholas' Church Burton, Parochial Church Council

Financial Statements & Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 December 2015

April 2016

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Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: St Nicholas' Church, Burton, Parochial Church Council

Principal Address: The Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, Burton, Neston. CH64 5TJ

Name:	Office (if any) & Elected Member
Catherine Helm	Vicar and Chair of PCC
Tony Carter	Churchwarden
John Vinson	Churchwarden
Bryan Blakeman	Treasurer
John Church	Secretary
John Morris-Best	Trustee and Lay Reader
Basil Keys	Trustee and Lay Reader
Nigel Griffiths	Trustee
Ruth Chesworth	Trustee
Amanda Ankers	Trustee
Barbara Morris	Trustee
Linda Jones	Trustee
David Rudd	Trustee
Jessica Mackie	Trustee
Ron Curnow	Trustee
Ruth Abbott	Trustee

Structure and Governance

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is constituted and governed by the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 as amended and the Church Representation Rules 2006.

The method of appointing members of the PCC is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll.

The PCC ensures compliance with laws and regulations by acting on advice received from Chester Diocesan Board of Finance, information and updates received from the Charities Commission, advice and guidance received from professional advisers e.g. Independent Examiner, attendance at courses and seminars relating to matters affecting compliance and by acting on information and specific directives issued direct to clergy.

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Standing Committee

Revd Catherine Helm, Tony Carter, John Vinson,
Bryan Blakeman, John Church

Objectives and Activities

The objectives and activities of the PCC are to assist the Vicar in promoting the parish and the mission of the church as well as the holding of regular services and the maintenance of the fabric of the church building and its environs.

Services

Church services are held weekly throughout the year.

Sunday

8.45am Holy Communion
10.00 am Morning Worship

First Sunday of Each Month

6.30pm Evensong

First Monday of Each Month

11.30am Holy Communion at Burton Sports & Social Club

Wednesday

10.15 Holy Communion

Visitors

The church is open all year round, seven days a week during daylight hours.

Visitors are encouraged to sit and reflect and to view the historic building. They also have the opportunity to take away information relating to St Nicholas' Church as a place of worship for many centuries and to learn about the church's current activities and opportunities for worship.

Activities

A short report on each of the activities undertaken by the church is included with this Trustees' Report.

Review of the financial year

The PCC continues to exercise responsible stewardship of funds placed at its disposal.

In 2015 the PCC experienced a significant annual deficit on its current account activities (the difference between its ordinary income and its ordinary expenditure).

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This deficit is consistent with the pattern of financial performance shown in the accounts in previous years. For 2015 this deficit was £18,511.87 as shown in the illustration below.

Total expenditure for year, general funds (after deducting 2013 parish share)	£92,144.74
Plus Outward Giving liability @ 10%	£6,400.00
 Total Expenditure 2015	 £98,544.74
Total income, general funds	£93,057.76
Less special donations received	£13,024.89
 Total Income 2015	 £80,032.87
 Deficit 2015	 <hr/> £18,511.87 <hr/>

It is unlikely that such a deficit can be sustained for much longer before the PCC will be required to take action to reduce the shortfall by either seeking a significant injection of funds from across the church membership or by reducing the expenditure on those items over which it is able to exercise discretion.

In 2015 as in previous years the major significant item of expenditure continues to be the 'Parish Share'. This amounted to £67,517.40 compared with £65,550.84 in 2014 an increase of 3% as 'collected' by Chester Diocese. The Parish Share is the amount paid by the parish to the Diocese to cover Burton's share of ministry costs (the remainder being paid by St Michael's Church, Shotwick).

At a time when parish voluntary income and overall income levels are in decline the financial model deployed by the Diocese, in which costs continue to increase annually (e.g. +3% in 2015), is considered by the PCC to be unsustainable. It should be noted that St Nicholas' Church is currently required to pay a levy 45.06% above what would be Burton's proportion of a Standard Parish Share. In 2015 this extra payment equated to an additional financial burden on the parish of £20,953.00.

The likely consequences of the PCC electing to pay only the Standard Parish Share, should it choose to do so, would be that in future the level of ministry support (the vicar) the church receives from the Diocese (currently split circa 82% and St Michael's Church circa 18%) would be reduced and dissipated across other parishes.

Of significant risk to the parish finances is the PCC's reliance on a small number of generous donors. Planned Giving is an important element in managing parish finances. The records show that over 60 people make regular donations to the church by standing order (monthly, quarterly or annually) and the total contributed in this way amounts to some £46,392.00. However, just four households contribute 49% of the total (£22,720.00). These significant contributors donate in excess of £3,000 annually. A further five households contribute in excess of £1,000 annually.

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The loss of any of these significant contributors would place parish a major strain on the ability of the PCC to fulfil its financial obligations.

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The church received two 'special items' of income during the year. The first item included in the accounts is an amount of £10,000 from the Millward Trust. This donation will be used towards the estimated cost of some £24,000 required for repairs to the church (the balance being the likely subject of future fund raising and a general appeal) and the second item is an amount of £3,024.89 which was reclaimed in respect of VAT paid on works carried out in 2014 on the Massey Chapel.

During the year no charitable donations were made. It is the policy of the PCC to set aside 10% of its ordinary income received in the preceding year to charitable causes, as decided by the vicar's Outward Giving Committee. For administrative reasons it was not possible for the PCC to receive the committee's recommendations in 2015 and as a consequence a liability of £6,400.00 is carried forward to 2016.

Investment Policy

The trustees chosen investment policy utilises the services of investment fund managers CCLC Investment Management Ltd a firm that specialises in church and public sector finance. CCLA is one of the UK's largest charity fund managers and operates a code of practice based on sustainable long-term performance, fair pricing and responsible investment strategies.

Reserves

The trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately three months of unrestricted charitable expenditure.

Church Architect

The church's architect is Stephen Quicke of FSP Northern Architects Ltd., 41 Hamilton Square, Birkenhead, Wirral.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at the Church and to become part of our Parish Community at St Nicholas'. A key objective for the Church is to attract and provide activities for the next generation who will become the stewards of the future. To this end the PCC takes an active part in the Growth Action Planning Process introduced by the Diocese. The main goals for 2015 were:

1. To further develop the Pastoral Care Team and pastoral outreach to all ages.
2. To run an accessible discipleship course during Lent, especially encouraging those who have not participated in a course before.
3. To use the newly refurbished church to provide more opportunities to engage with the local community and the church school.

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Achievements and Performance

With regard to Goal 1 – Dementia Awareness training was conducted by Cathrina Moore, (Partner at the Chapel House care home) both after a 10.00 am service on a Sunday and on a week day. It was agreed that developments on Pastoral Care will be phased in during the year in order to show progression. With regard to Goal 2 – The Lent Course was arranged based on the York Course on "Praise Him". After Easter a study course on "Engage in Spiritual Discipleship" from the "Vital" series was arranged. Alongside this a series of sermons was arranged to deal with discipleship.

The PCC discussed the new report on trends in Church attendance entitled "From Evidence to Action" and action was focussed on how the church could be more welcoming. This resulted on some positive actions being agreed including:

- Having someone nominated to talk to visitors.
- Producing a "Who's Who" photo gallery of key officers and members.
- Welcome cards that visitors complete to be kept informed of church activities.
- Make contact with people who have not been to church for a while.
- Send baptism families a card for the 1st anniversary following the baptism.

In terms of support to older church members, the monthly Soup & Sandwich Communion now held in the Sports & Social Club continues to provide ongoing worship support to those members unable to access church easily. The monthly meeting of the "Hardy Perennials" (ladies who for whatever reason live largely on their own) at Pollards Inn at Willaston also provides fellowship.

Church attendance on Sundays during 2015 has shown a slight decline particularly linked to the older members. Whilst the profile is changing to include more families, attendance by families is less frequent and numbers have not fully compensated for the decline in the number of older members. The challenge is to improve the general facilities for families. Messy Church has continued through the year with plans to increase frequency to three per term making use of the re-ordered front of church facility to have one Messy Church event held in church each term.

Churchwardens' Fabric and Maintenance Report 2014/15

Tony Carter was elected to replace Mike Davies who decided to step down as Churchwarden and we would like to thank Mike for his efforts during his 3 years in office including the changes to the choir area and Massey Chapel and some of the items in this report for 2015.

Our Architect, Steve Quicke, carried out a quinquennial survey of the church in February. He concluded that "The general condition of the church is reasonable for a building of its type and age" but that a range of relatively minor maintenance items were required.

Urgent work, such as repair or replacement of slipped roof slates on the church and vestry, has already been completed and other works are planned for the summer of

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2016. Some of this will be at height on the tower and so scaffolding will be required for a period. The estimated cost of all the items is approximately £24,000.

The Millwood Trust, which has made donations of £1,000 for the upkeep of the churchyard in the past, has provided £10,000 towards the remedial work and further funding for the remaining £14,000 will need to be addressed.

Following the survey, the Archdeacon carried out his Quinquennial Inspection. In addition, a review of the survey and changes to the church since his last visit, this included an inspection of church records all of which were available and no remedial action was required. The Archdeacon commented that all the records and files were extremely well ordered.

The projector and screen have been used weekly during services and the choir stalls are regularly moved to provide an open space for events such as school services and leavers' services, the successful Christmas tree festival and the Light Party, an alternative to Halloween.

General maintenance, checks and servicing of, for example, the heating boiler, organ and piano have been completed. Although a quote has been obtained for a replacement boiler it has been decided not to replace the existing boiler, for which parts are still available, at this time.

While the glass doors have significantly reduced heat loss through the porch, heat loss from the windows is noticeable and the PCC has received many complaints about the resulting cold draughts.

The church continues to attract visitors and the churchwardens have shown small groups around the building and outlined its history while giving invitations to attend our services.

In the churchyard, ivy has been removed from part of the wall adjoining Church Wood by members of the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme. This has, however, revealed the need for remedial work. The churchyard grass has been mown twice a month from spring to autumn by Tim Jones. A small number of volunteers mow the churchyard on the alternate weeks and the PCC would welcome additional volunteers to the team.

The churchwardens wish to thank all the volunteers who assist in the church services throughout the year and those who keep the church clean and so attractive. We also wish to thank those who led services during the vicar's sabbatical.

Events Committee Report

Last Easter, Good Friday was marked by a Walk of Witness to remember the passion of Christ. A short service was held at St Michael's Church Shotwick, followed by a very wet and muddy walk across the fields to Burton with someone carrying the cross. Refreshments were served at St. Nicholas' Church followed by a half hour service. The two services were well attended.

On Easter Saturday an Easter egg rolling event was held in the Vicarage garden with over 80 people in total attending, including lots of children. This was very enjoyable and we were blessed with good weather.

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A 'Gardeners' Question Time' was held in church on 12 June with a panel of local gardening experts chaired by Peter Cunnington from Ness Gardens. This was a very successful evening with over 70 people attending.

The panel fielded many interesting questions and a gardening quiz had also been organised by Gordale staff. The evening was light-hearted and fun and one that the PCC would hope to repeat in the future. Although this event was not a fund raiser, £170 was taken from the sale of refreshments and donations.

On 28 June a confirmation service was held at St Nicholas' Church with five candidates from our church and one from Wallasey. TBY provided and served the refreshments following the service.

Sunday 5 July saw the ordination of Mark Turner, our new curate at Chester Cathedral. To follow, a "bring and share" lunch in the Vicarage garden was arranged and due to a torrential rain storm people decamped into the Vicarage. Despite the weather it was a very pleasant afternoon. Mark was presented with two celebration cakes, one with a picture of St. Nicholas church and the other depicting an open Bible. We were delighted to be able to welcome Mark as curate to both parishes.

A harvest supper was held on Saturday 3 October in Gladstone Village Hall. The theme was WW1 with some excellent entertainment organised by Ann Warr. The village hall was decorated with bunting and the food that was served reflected the era. This raised £313.00 for the Christian Aid Refugee Appeal.

Throughout December an Advent Calendar event was held in the village. Each evening during Advent a householder on the main street decorated and lit a window. On 24 December the last window to be lit in the Church tower, was a beautiful depiction of the nativity. This was a social event, as people were encouraged to invite neighbours and friends to their lighting up ceremony and offer refreshments. We have discussed the idea of repeating the event this year.

For the second year running a Christmas tree Festival was held in church organised by Maureen Liddell. Each tree was decorated with the theme of a Christmas carol. On the first Saturday in December the trees were lit, refreshments were served and at 4pm there was an informal carol service and handbell ringing which was very well attended. The trees were lit throughout the following week and refreshments served for visitors to the Church. This was a fund raising event with sponsors being charged £30 for a tree and there were 20 Christmas trees in total. There was also a basket at the back of Church for donations. The total amount raised by the event over the Christmas and New Year period was £935.80 and banked in January 2016.

Young People's Report

The PCC wish to thank the hard work and acknowledge the personal investment and commitment of all Youth Workers. These included Teresa Ellison, Margaret Dennison and Amy Helm who deliver "All-Stars" during Sunday morning services teaching Primary years children. Cath Jones continues to work and develop the provision for young people at both the earlier and older age groups (Little Stars and TBY). Cath is continuing to study for her Christian College Certificate in Youth Work. She is supported at TBY by Nicky Dennison and Ruth Abbott and they provide a full and varied curriculum. Ruth Abbott has also continued to develop the vision for Messy Church.

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1. TBY (The Burton Youth)

TBY is the church's youth group for young people aged 11 to 14 years. They meet on Sunday evenings at The Vicarage and this is currently the smallest of groups with 3 young people from 2 families attending.

The young people recently invited another of their friends to attend and it is hoped that he will soon be a regular attender. The young people have been exploring other ways in which they may be able to encourage more to join their group. This includes engaging with the current year 6 group, which is the final year at Bishop Wilson Primary School. We hope to invite them to participate in aspects of the group towards the end of the summer term and in anticipation of them becoming fully integrated in the group from September onwards.

Although this group has a strong identity as a church youth group and there is a strong emphasis on exploring Christian themes there is lots of opportunity for play, fun activity and social outings (food usually features at such events!) Activities this year have included the Manley Mere adventure trail and bowling and we are planning a cinema trip and our next Safari Supper. The Safari Supper is one of the highlights of the year for our young people and host families alike!

Currently this group has been exploring the teaching of "The Good Samaritan" and considering how this applies to their modern day lives. Together they are exploring different media and medium to express their modern day interpretation of the story and hope to present this to our wider church congregation at a point in the future. Stand-alone sessions have also been taking place in church so that our young people can become more familiar with the patterns of worship, history, and wider works within their own church.

There is also a strong encouragement for our young people to participate in wider activities within the church. This has included their attendance at church services but also in supporting events such as the Harvest Supper and the upcoming Seder meal.

Each year our young people are given the opportunity to attend the diocese's youth weekend "Blestival" which takes place at Quinta, North Shropshire.

2. TOBY (The Older Burton Youth)

Due to the departure of a number of this group to their respective university courses the decision was taken to close the older TBY group. However, we are hoping to draw this group together from time to time for "keeping in touch" and "catch up" events. We will leave it at the discretion of the group members as to the frequency, structure and content of these events.

3. THE "EVENT"

It is recognised that there is a need for our young people to have opportunity to come together with the support of the church for the sole purpose of having fun, meeting up, sharing food and inviting friends for fellowship and outreach.

A successful event was hosted at the Gladstone Village Hall and we are hoping to repeat the success of this by offering an "event" a couple of times each year. Our young people will plan this themselves, with the support of the youth leaders, and take on the responsibility for advertising and inviting others to participate.

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4. ALL-STARS

All-Stars is designed to provide teaching which is Bible and faith-based and accessible for our children who are of primary school age. All Stars is our "Sunday school" style group that meets during the 10 am services on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday of each month. These are the services that are not specifically designated as all age services so we provide age-appropriate teaching outside of the morning worship service.

Margaret, Teresa and Amy use the resources of Susan Sayers which follows the liturgy and therefore mirrors the teaching of the church calendar and of the wider church congregation. Children explore the same issues, age appropriately, as their parents and families in the larger church congregation.

5. LITTLE STARS

Little Stars is the church's pre-school group within church. It meets every Monday during term time from 1pm until 2.45pm in church. The group is for all children who are under statutory school age and it's a time for parents and carers to talk, share experiences.

The children have an array of toys to play with but there is also 'special time' this gives the children an opportunity from an early age to hear Bible stories and explore Jesus' life we will then do a craft activity to help remember the stories we hear. We also light a candle as part of our praise and there is a lot of excitement about who gets to blow it out at the end of the session!

2015 saw a change in leadership for Little Stars with Sue Church stepping down in July. Sue helped establish Little Stars over 5 years ago. We thank Sue for all her hard work over the years and the commitment she showed. Cath Jones took over leadership in September as group leader.

Currently the church has six children who attend regularly but other children and parents also attend less frequently depending on their commitments.

6. MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church has now moved from bi-monthly to monthly meetings and the newly introduced alternate gatherings take place in church and make use of the technology and equipment that is available to us there.

Ruth Abbott, supported by the Messy Church team, has taken a step of faith in committing to the more regular gatherings and introducing Messy Church into the church building.

7. LIGHT PARTY

The lighter side of Halloween was celebrated with a party in church with crafts, paper plane throwing competitions, cake decorating, lantern making, apple bobbing and sparklers.

Thanks were given to Mark and Sarah Turner for hosting this event and giving an opportunity to celebrate the "Light of Christ" at a time when so many people are focusing on things of evil origin.

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Mothers' Union Report

As branch members, the Mothers' Union meets monthly, in a social environment, working to a varied programme. There are interesting speakers, outings, lunches and of course tea and cake. Belonging to the Mothers' Union means support and encouragement and we give to each other in our hour of need, i.e. a good chat to put the world to rights.

Mothers' Union had a full programme of meetings during 2015 when in February Penny Allen's talk "The Mothers' Union in Simnel Cake" went down well. Later in April Jane Jones from Chester Cathedral spoke about "Russia Today" when she represented St Gregory's Foundation that helps hundreds of disable or neglected children.

One of the highlights of the year was the Diocesan Festival in Chester Cathedral when the new Bishop of Stockport, Bishop Libby Lane, officiated and Lynne Tenby, the World Wide President was the guest speaker. In May a local historian, Irene Hardisty talked about Elizabeth Fry who helped reform prisons in the 19th Century. The Mothers' Union outing in 2015 was to Tweed Mill near St Asaph for an enjoyable shopping experience followed by a guided tour of the Marble Church near St Asaph.

Wirral South Deanery Report 2015

The Diocesan Deanery Synod and the General Synod both started a new three year cycle in 2015. Over the past twelve months Wirral South Deanery has met on the 20th May, 29 October 2015 and the 2nd March 2016. Following 3 very busy years at both Synods, the Deanery have not had any radical topics to discuss.

At the October meeting in Bromborough Parish Church, Dr Elly McBeath, said she would like to re-constitute the team from across the Deanery that worked so hard to produce our 'Banner', which continues to make its way around the Deanery'. Producing the Deanery Banner forged many friendships across the Deanery and we are currently looking at other ways to repeat such projects. The Deanery Standing Committee would welcome fresh ideas from parishes to extend this type of working across churches. The Rural Dean has expressed a wish to arrange another 'Deanery Pilgrimage' during the summer months of 2016.

The Deanery now has Rev Jenny Gillies (Vicar of Bromborough) as a representative on General Synod and this means we have now have a more direct link with 'General Synod'. Jenny will report to the Deanery after each General Synod and Deanery Representatives can report back to their PCCs.

Volunteers

The PCC would like to record its thanks to all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church a lively and vibrant community in the Parish. From members of the PCC, the churchwardens, members of our subcommittees and especially people who just turn up to help with the many tasks that are needed to make the church function.

Outward Giving

Through a programme of Outward Giving St Nicholas' Church intends to support several charitable organisations in this country and abroad including in the recent past:

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Home

Save the Family; Ark Project; Charles Thompson Mission; Chester Clergy; The Bible Society; Chester Diocesan Board for Social Responsibility; Church Army; Church Pastoral Aid Society.

Abroad

Crosslinks; CTBI Christians Abroad (Link Missionaries – Finnies), Christian Mission Society; Melanesian Brothers; The Mango Tree;

Approved on behalf of the committee on _____

Rev. CM Helm - Incumbent

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST NICHOLAS CHURCH BURTON

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I report on the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of St Nicholas Church Burton for the year ended 31 December 2015 which are set out on pages 14 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for the year ended 31 December 2015 under Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down under the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner 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 Commissioner. An examination includes a review of accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 represent 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 proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the 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.

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Receipts and Payments Accounts 2015

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	Unrestricted General Funds	Unrestricted Contingency Fund	Restricted Churchyard Fund	Restricted Fabric Fund	Total 2015	Total 2014
Receipts						
Voluntary Income						
Collections	6,060.05				6,060.05	10,570.37
Envelopes	8,519.50				8,519.50	9,889.00
Bank Receipts	46,392.00				46,392.00	43,316.00
Income						
Interest		12.51	8.91	97.52	118.94	109.16
Dividends			487.68		487.68	1,620.45
Events						
Received	170.66				170.66	911.66
Other Income						
Tax Refund	12,486.84				12,486.84	17,196.72
Shotwick Contribution	1,200.00				1,200.00	1,200.00
Weddings & Funerals	3,854.00				3,854.00	7,069.00
Magazine Income	964.20				964.20	1,229.00
Sundry Income	385.62				385.62	
Special Receipts	13,024.89				13,024.89	0.00
Legacies	0.00				0.00	0.00
Total	93,057.76	12.51	496.59	97.52	93,664.38	93,111.36
Sale of Investments						33,616.42
Total Receipts	93,057.76	12.51	496.59	97.52	93,664.38	126,727.78

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	General Funds	Contingency Fund	Churchyard Fund	Fabric Fund	Total 2015	Total 2014
Payments						
Diocesan Expenses						
Parish Share	67,517.40				67,517.40	65,550.84
Parish Share 2013 Adj	5,046.06				5,046.06	0.00
Chester DBF	963.20				963.20	2,309.00
Vicarage - PCC Proportion						
Council Tax	2,493.06				2,493.06	2,484.22
Water Rates	567.73				567.73	562.10
Light & Heat	345.48				345.48	471.33
Gardening	1,151.00				1,151.00	1,063.50
Telecoms	506.42				506.42	533.95
Other Expenses						
Resources	1,066.69				1,066.69	969.36
Travel	1,167.07				1,167.07	1,484.43
Locum Vicar Costs	734.90				734.90	510.10
Refund to Shotwick	64.76				64.76	
Building & Maintenance						
Water Rates	86.00				86.00	72.96
Oil	692.21				692.21	2,940.00
Electricity	626.00				626.00	756.00
Insurance	3,183.81				3,183.81	3,235.30
Maintenance Costs	2,360.67				2,360.67	1,910.79
Churchyard						
Gardening	600.00				600.00	921.00
Sundry	145.45				145.45	313.00
Professional Fees	2,736.00				2,736.00	240.00
Church Administration						
Verger	100.00				100.00	400.00
General Upkeep	184.37				184.37	152.36
Training	300.00				300.00	0.00
Youth					0.00	240.00
Magazine	1,871.60				1,871.60	1,162.80
Stationery & Copying	194.58				194.58	310.12
Books	416.01				416.01	232.42
Flowers & Refreshments	0.00				0.00	419.49
GVH Hire	62.00				62.00	276.00
Licenses & Subscriptions	312.00				312.00	322.00
Other Admin						
Resources	171.00				171.00	369.59
Off Site Communion	220.00				220.00	100.00
Website & IT	215.00				215.00	304.80
Organist Fees	715.00				715.00	950.00
Diocesan Publications	93.24				93.24	107.55
Other Items	282.00				282.00	0.00
Charitable Giving						
Charities	0.00				0.00	7,400.00
Bld. Project Suppliers	0.00				0.00	45,028.10
	97,190.71				97,190.71	144,103.11
Purchase of Investments - Divs Reinvested			487.68		487.68	1,620.45
	97,190.71		487.68		97,678.39	145,723.56

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Receipts and Payments Accounts 2015 Cont.

	General Funds	Contingency Fund	Churchyard Fund	Fabric Fund	Total 2015	Total 2014
Receipts	93,057.76	12.51	496.59	97.52	93,664.38	126,727.78
Payments	-97,190.71		-487.68	0.00	-97,678.39	-145,723.56
Net	-4,132.95	12.51	8.91	97.52	-4,014.01	-18,995.78
Transf. between funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash 1 Jan 15	32,836.67	2,302.00	1,641.52	17,958.66	54,738.85	73,734.63
Cash 31 Dec 15	28,703.72	2,314.51	1,650.43	18,056.18	50,724.84	54,738.85

	General Funds	Contingency Fund	Churchyard Fund	Fabric Fund	Total 2015	Total 2014
Statement of Assets & Liabilities						
Current Accounts	28,703.72				28,703.72	32,836.67
OCLA Fabric Fund				18,056.18	18,056.18	17,958.66
OCLA Contingency		2,314.51			2,314.51	2,302.00
OCLA Ch'yard Fund			1,650.43		1,650.43	1,641.52
	28,703.72	2,314.51	1,650.43	18,056.18	50,724.84	54,738.85

Investment Assets at Valuation					Total 2015	Total 2014
CBF Church of England Investment Fund Income shares						
Contingency Fund		0.00			0.00	0.00
Churchyard repair fund			16,064.49		16,064.49	15,372.39
	0.00	0.00	16,064.49	0.00	16,064.49	15,372.39

Approved by the PCC on

and signed on its behalf:

Rev. CM Helm - Incumbent

B Blakeman – Treasurer

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Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of preparation of accounts

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

2. Receipts

Voluntary income, excluding special donations and was £60,911.55 compared with £63,775.37 in 2014 (-4.5%).

In 2015 the PCC received a tax refund of £12,486.84 through Gift Aid. This figure represents 20.5% of total income for the year, emphasising once again the importance to PCC finances of regular planned giving by church members.

3. Investments

Funds are held on deposit with Barclays Bank and CCLA and investments are held and managed in designated funds by CCLA.

4. Contingency fund

Following the necessity to draw on the Contingency funds in 2014 the available funds to meet contingencies stands at just £2,314.51.

5. Trustees remuneration

The PCC had no employees during the year.