



St Nicholas' Church Burton, Parochial Church Council

Financial Statements & Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 December 2017

**ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH BURTON
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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
Ruth Chesworth	Churchwarden
Nigel Griffiths	Churchwarden
Bryan Blakeman	Treasurer
John Church	Secretary
John Morris-Best	Trustee and Lay Reader
Basil Keys	Trustee and Lay Reader
Ruth Abbott	Trustee and Lay Reader
Amanda Ankers	Trustee
Tony Carter	Trustee
Ron Curnow	Trustee
Mike Davies	Trustee
Catherine Jones	Trustee
Linda Jones	Trustee
Jessica Mackie	Trustee
Barbara Morris	Trustee
Ann Warr	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, Ruth Chesworth, Nigel Griffiths,
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.

Church Services - Weekly

Sundays	8.45am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesdays	10.15am	Holy Communion

Church Services - Monthly

1st Sunday	6.30pm	Evensong
1st Wednesday	10.15am	Holy Communion
1st Monday	11.30am	Holy Communion - Sports & Social Club
Messy Church	<i>(As Announced)</i>	For children & Adults during school term time

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.

The PCC wishes to place on record its grateful thanks to all those who support the church financially and in particular those who give regularly to the church through planned giving, those who support the church building and churchyard through the Friends of St Nicholas' Church, those who have made single sum donations during the year and those who attend fund-raising events.

The Surplus of income over expenditure for the year was £36,153. During the year the PCC received special donations totalling £21,021. Without this additional income and the reduction in Parish Share by £6,363 and in Outward giving of £7,337 the accounts of the PCC would show a small surplus of £1,432. An additional source of income during the year has been donations from The Friends of St Nicholas Church Burton.

The most significant item of expenditure for the church is the contribution of £50,114 made to Chester Diocese i.e. the 'Parish Share' for ministry (the Vicar) and related costs. The amount paid to the Diocese in 2017 was reduced in 2017 compared with 2016 (£56,477) due to a reapportionment of shared costs between Burton and Shotwick and the PCC's decision to contribute to the Diocese at a reduced rate.

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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

PCC REPORT

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at the church and to become part of the Parish Community. A key objective for the church is to attract and provide activities for the next generation who will become the stewards of the future.

The start of the year was dominated by the question of the apportionment of Parish Share between Burton and Shotwick. Agreement was arrived at during the year under the auspices of the Diocese. As a result the apportionment of ministry costs for Burton was reduced from 85% to 77.25%, effective from 1 January 2017.

During 2017 the PCC addressed the following Key areas:

- During 2017, the contribution towards the Parish Share was paid at the rate of 105% of Chester Diocese 'Standard Parish Share' instead of 145% which the Diocese had requested.
- Both the Events Committee and the Friends of St Nicholas' Church had an active year organising many events which have contributed significantly towards church finances.
- The Child Protection Policy was updated and approved by the PCC.
- In September the PCC held an 'Away Day' in order to focus on the effectiveness of the PCC and the life of the Church generally. This led to a number of agreed actions including the development a welcome booklet, the requirement for a nominated person(s) to welcome newcomers at services, the decision to change the venue for PCC meetings to make meeting more comfortable, new formats for the creation of PCC Agendas and Minutes and the decision to develop a Code of Conduct for PCC members. Priorities for each of the action points were agreed at the October PCC meeting.

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

Ruth Chesworth kindly returned to the role of Churchwarden to replace John Vinson who has needed to step down owing to other commitments. John Vinson has continued to assist with many of the tasks undertaken by the Churchwardens and along with Tony Carter and John Church, all three acted as Deputy Churchwardens during 2017.

Repairs to, and re-pointing of, the stonework in the upper parts of the tower were still outstanding from the list of recommended works in the most recent quinquennial inspection report. In addition, the timber louvres on the four sides of the bell chamber at the top of the tower were nearing the end of their useful life, and had started falling to the ground – with obvious safety implications for anyone below.

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This was the catalyst for the PCC's decision that scaffolding should be erected early in 2018 to enable all repair works to the tower to be done. The Friends of St Nicholas Church committee has channelled funds towards this work which enabled the project to proceed.

The outline proposals for upgrading the Vestry were effectively stalled during the year, awaiting a decision by the Diocesan Advisory Committee as to whether it would be necessary to provide wheelchair access (which would have been prohibitively expensive). A valid case was made to that committee that ramps would be architecturally and functionally damaging to the interior of the church, and that meetings etc. that might involve a wheelchair user can be held in the space at the back of the Nave, as at present. The project eventually received approval, and a detailed design has now been commissioned.

As reported previously, the challenge is to fit a quart into a pint pot, in order to improve the lighting and the facilities within Vestry and to enable the Vestry to be more efficient and flexible with its own independent heating. These changes will enable the Vestry to be used for small meetings and by Junior Church. The PCC has funds to meet the cost of the architectural fees, but money needed for carrying out the works and completing the project will need to be raised separately.

General maintenance, checks and servicing have continued as normal.

The churchyard grass has been mown twice a month from spring to autumn. A small number of volunteers mow the churchyard on the alternate weeks and the PCC would welcome additional volunteers to the team.

The church continues to attract visitors, and an attractive new purpose-made Donations Point made from light oak, funded by anonymous donations from two of the congregation, is now at the back of the Nave. It incorporates a pin-board for a notice, a rack for leaflets and Gift Aid envelopes, a small flat surface for writing and a locked donations box with a slot that is adequately sized for posting the envelopes and cash.

The Churchwardens wish to thank all the volunteers who assist in the church services and special events throughout the year and those who keep the church clean and so attractive.

EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Coffee Mornings

The first event for 2017 was a coffee morning held on Shrove Tuesday (28 February). As well as serving hot drinks and homemade cakes, there were handicrafts and preserves on sale. The event raised £141.00. Another successful coffee morning was held on 14 August and raised £206.55. Also the Christmas coffee morning held on 18 December was well attended and raised £126.00.

Good Friday Walk of Witness

After a short service at St. Michael's Church Shotwick at 2pm on 14 April, the usual Good Friday walk of witness was taken across the fields to Burton church with refreshments being served in church before a 4pm service. The church services were well attended and despite the rain a good number of people undertook the walk.

Easter Egg Rolling

This took place on Saturday 15 April and was much enjoyed, helped by the fact that the sun was shining.

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Garden Opening

On 6 May the garden at Mole End, Mudhouse Lane was open for visitors. In spite of the cold weather the afternoon raised £124.00.

Outing to Lichfield

29 people went on the outing to Lichfield on 2 September. The weather was good and everyone had a very enjoyable day.

Harvest Gardeners' Question Time 30 September

It was decided to hold another Gardeners' question time but this time in the autumn as part of the Harvest Festival celebrations and to combine it with an afternoon tea. The event was very successful with a good number attending and plenty of questions offered up to the team of experts. The afternoon tea was much enjoyed and the total raised was £378.60.

Christmas Tree Festival

The third Christmas tree festival began on Saturday 2 December with the trees being lit for a combined Carol and Christingle service. The school choir sang carols and the handbell ringers played. The church service was very well attended.

Throughout the following week the trees were lit from 2pm to 6pm and volunteers were on duty to welcome visitors. The number of visitors this year was a bit disappointing. Nevertheless the PCC took the view that the event was very much worthwhile as it provided trees and decorations throughout the church during the month of December for services and other events. The festival raised £446.25.

It has been decided to have this event biennially, alternating with Advent Windows.

Film Night

This was held on St. Nicholas day 6 December. Quite a number of people attended the film night, including church members and others from the local community. Mulled wine and cake was served and everyone enjoyed the occasion. £121.83 was raised from donations.

Two further film nights are planned for next year.

Liverpool Renaissance Singers Concert

This event, which was due to take place on 10 December as part of our Christmas celebrations, had to be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions and was re-arranged for 6 January as an Epiphany concert. It was a very well attended ticketed event which included refreshments of mulled wine and cake. £934.48 was raised after expenses.

Book at Bedtime

This was a repeat of last year's popular event. It was held on the evening of 22 December and was a lovely occasion for children and their parents or grandparents or carers to come along and hear Christmas stories, sing carols and enjoy hot chocolate and sweet treats.

This was the last event for 2017.

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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S REPORT

TBY (The Burton Youth)

'TBY' is the church youth group for young people aged 11 to 14 years. The group meets on Sunday evenings at The Vicarage. This is currently the smallest of groups with 3 young people attending.

The group leaders, devise individual sessions for this group to ensure that it is dynamic yet accessible to each of the young people who currently attend. There is also a strong encouragement for our young people to participate in wider activities within the church and community. This has included their attendance at church services but also in supporting events such as the Walk of Witness, Safari Suppers and 'Ignite' a large youth event held on the Wirral.

All Stars

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.

Services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month are all age and our children are encouraged to remain in the service to participate with the wider congregation. All Stars is designed to provide teaching which is Bible and faith-based and accessible for children who are of primary school age. Some older children who have made the transition to high school also continue to contribute to this group by learning to take their first steps in a leadership role.

Group leaders 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. It is the aim of group leaders that all children are allowed to explore the same issues, age appropriately, as their parents and families in the larger church congregation. It is positive that we have seen growth in the faith and in numbers for the children in this group.

Little Stars

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

The children have an array of toys with which to play but there is also 'special time'. This gives the children an opportunity from an early age to hear bible stories and explore Jesus' life and to participate in a craft activity to help remember the stories. This is an opportunity for children to engage with a specifically designed 'church service' from a young age.

Messy Church

Messy Church has taken a big step forward recently by changing from meeting bi-monthly to meeting monthly. This is a vibrant group which is growing and evolving with contributors for the planning emerging from the families who attend. A calendar of dates and venues is available on both the church website and the Messy Church Facebook page.

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Light Party

The lighter side of Halloween was celebrated with a party in church with crafts, apple bobbing and sparklers. 'Patch the Pumpkin' put in an appearance to tell a story. This was a great event giving everyone an opportunity to celebrate the 'Light of Christ'.

Christmas Events

The Christmas services and celebrations involving Messy Church and Christmas Book at Bedtime were attended by both existing families and a number of new families as well as visitors.

The Advent Sleepout Challenge

The Advent Sleepout Challenge was a new venture which proved to be very successful. £1,457.29 was raised for homeless people with the money being channelled via Church Urban Fund. For participants it was a fun evening but more importantly was the awareness it created amongst those taking part of the plight of homeless people.

The leaders of the youth church continue to seek ways for the activities and work of the children to have a higher profile amongst the wider church. To continue to promote the vision of church as a collective family, input and encouragement from the congregation is vitally important to the youth and young children

MOTHERS' UNION REPORT

The Burton Branch of the Mothers' Union has been a distinct praying and working presence in the Parish for over one hundred years: a fact of which the branch is proud.

Mission Statement

The Mothers' Union is a Christian organisation which promotes the well-being of families worldwide which is achieved by:

- developing prayer and spiritual growth in families
- studying and reflecting on family and marriage and its place in society
- resourcing our members to take practical action to improve conditions for families, both nationally and in the communities in which they live.

This is our aim: "love and service" is our "watchword".

At a time when many branches are decreasing numerically, the Burton branch is showing a small but steady growth. The branch has had the pleasure of welcoming a new member, Pamela Graham, on Mothering Sunday and interest in joining us has been shown by several people. Our register at present stands at 24.

Over the past year there have been many interesting and informative activities. The committee meets regularly to plan the programme which has always been a balance of spiritual activity (e.g. the Lenten Meditation in Church, the Wave of Prayer) and entertainment (e.g. 'Sharing Something We Treasure', the singing duo 'Vitality', 'A Minister's Musings'). The branch enjoys the occasional outing e.g. Speke Hall, and going out for lunch together. The fundraising activities, such as the 'Murder Mystery Whodunit' presented by the Phoenix Players, the Christmas Stall at the Village Fayre, has enabled the branch to send £700 to MU charities.

MU members are encouraged to attend Communion at 10.15am in church on the first Wednesday of each month.

The branch has also been involved in meetings both at Deanery and Diocesan level.

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The branch encourages anyone (men or women, single or married) to consider joining Mothers' Union.

FRIENDS OF ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH REPORTS

Launched in 2017, the Friends of St Nicholas' Church (FSNC) had a successful inaugural year reaching into the Church and local communities.

FSNC held a 'Music Evening' in church, a 'Pie and Pint' afternoon in the Vicarage garden, an 'Organ Recital', a 'Wine Tasting and Dinner' and, together with Gladstone Village Hall hosted the Burton Buskers in the Sports Club bar.

Total Income raised through events, subscriptions and donations was £7,404. This has enabled the church to receive a significant contribution towards the cost of repairs to the Church Tower. The sum raised during the financial year will be enhanced once Gift Aid has been reclaimed on eligible contributions.

The FSNC committee wish to place formally on record its sincere appreciation for the financial contributions received from members and those attending events and for their considerable generosity.

Appreciation is also expressed to those who kindly supported the events by giving freely of their time and skills to ensure the smooth running of the committee and its projects throughout the year.

WIRRAL SOUTH DEANERY REPORT

During 2016 Wirral South Deanery had three meetings during 2017 and the Diocesan Synod met on two occasions.

At the meeting on 11 March under the heading Bishop's Council, a question was raised about 'Parish Share Collection Rate'. The reply was:

"The reason a Parish may default were numerous and varied in their justifiability, making the situation far from black and white. The Diocesan finance department has contacted parishes to clarify their shortfalls and contact is being made with Rural Deans and Lay Chairs, to ensure they are aware of the circumstances, of Parishes in their Deaneries. An exercise has also been undertaken to look at 250 sets of Parish Accounts (out of a total of 273)."

At the meeting on 11 November under the heading Bishop's Council it was reported that:

"The Bishop's Council having considered again the Parish Share Banding's, it did not feel a change should take place at the present time, despite the difficulties, some lower banded Parishes are facing, owing to grants and other funding being less available. Firstly to re-balance the banding's, would mean a significant increase for the larger number of Parishes in the middle band and secondly it is not only Parishes in the lower banding, who are sometimes finding the payment of Parish share difficult".

Church Schools continue to remain very much on the agenda and the Diocese continues the policy of reaching those children and young people, who have little or no contact with any form of religious teaching or support.

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OTHER CHURCH GROUPS

Other church groups within which church members participate include:

Home Group	a study group meets alternate weeks for discussion and fellowship
Hardy Perennials	lunch-time meetings for ladies and their friends and who largely live independently, meets most months throughout the year
Music Group & Singers Handbell Ringers	musicians and singers who support church services a group of church members interested in learning the art of handbell ringing
Campanology	the ringing of church bells in the tower for services, festivals, weddings and special occasions

PARISH VOLUNTEERS

The PCC would like to record its thanks to all the volunteers who work so hard to make St Nicholas' Church a lively and vibrant church community.

St Nicholas' Church is indebted to all members of the PCC, the churchwardens, members of the subcommittees, each of the various church groups and especially the many people who just turn up to help with the numerous tasks that are needed to be undertaken in order to make the church function.

OUTWARD GIVING

St Nicholas' Church support several charitable organisations.

Home

Save the Family
Ark Project
Charles Thompson
Chester Clergy
Bible Society
Church Army
Church Pastoral Aid Society

Abroad

Christian Mission Society
Melanesian Brothers
Mango Tree

Approved on behalf of the committee on 10th April 2018

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 2017 which are set out on pages 11 to 14.

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 2017 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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Janet Jones
Phillip Bates & Co Limited
Chartered Accountants
1/3 Chester Road
Neston
CH64 9PA

13th April 2018

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Receipts and Payments Accounts 2017

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	Unrestricted General Funds	Unrestricted Contingency Fund	Restricted Churchyard Fund	Restricted Fabric Fund	Total 2017	Total 2016
Receipts						
Voluntary Income						
Collections	4,188.76				4,188.76	8,734.61
Envelopes	9,065.00				9,065.00	8,739.10
Bank Receipts	52,546.00				52,546.00	48,607.00
Friends of St Nicholas' Church	7,404.60				7,404.60	70.00
Income						
Interest		6.55	4.67	51.05	62.27	103.56
Dividends			664.21		664.21	645.23
Events						
Received	2,546.13				2,546.13	2,385.84
Other Income						
Tax Refund	14,367.53				14,367.53	12,379.53
Shotwick Contribution	1,582.04				1,582.04	700.00
Weddings & Funerals	8,578.50				8,578.50	10,225.70
Magazine Income	1,621.00				1,621.00	1,016.00
Sundry Income	384.66				384.66	1,875.00
Special Donations	21,021.52				21,021.52	
VAT Ref						1,519.00
Total Receipts	123,305.74	6.55	668.88	51.05	124,032.22	97,000.57

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	General Funds	Contingency Fund	Churchyard Fund	Fabric Fund	Total 2017	Total 2016
Payments						
Diocesan Expenses						
Parish Share	50,114.16				50,114.16	56,477.88
Chester DBF	3,217.40				3,217.40	3,660.00
Vicarage - PCC Proportion						
Council Tax	2,682.94				2,682.94	2,581.16
Water Rates	587.26				587.29	577.82
Light & Heat	504.82				504.82	428.34
Gardening	1,122.00				1,122.00	1,089.00
Telecoms	350.98				350.98	351.00
Other Expenses						
Resources	1,166.89				1,166.89	900.25
Travel	1,372.85				1,372.85	1,286.00
Locum Vicar Costs	427.50				427.50	446.80
Refund to Shotwick	-				-	105.38
Building & Maintenance						
Water Rates	50.18				50.18	56.15
Oil	2,142.74				2,142.74	2,387.23
Electricity	461.16				461.16	520.00
Insurance	3,245.80				3,245.80	3,223.16
Maintenance Costs	812.68				812.68	7,641.00
Churchyard	525.00				525.00	3,407.68
Sundry	255.72				255.72	551.04
Professional Fees	1,374.00				1,374.00	1,332.00
Church Administration						
Verger	550.00				550.00	500.00
General Upkeep	-				-	252.00
Training	-				-	-
Youth	240.00				240.00	100.00
Magazine	1,675.00				1,675.00	600.00
Stationery & Copying	658.19				658.19	670.65
Books	97.25				97.25	225.18
Flowers & Refreshments	190.50				190.50	902.78
GVH Hire	112.00				112.00	32.00
Licenses & Subscriptions	223.00				223.00	217.17
Other Admin Resources	-				-	232.00
Off Site Communion	100.00				100.00	100.00
Website & IT	215.00				215.00	231.00
Organist Fees	1,050.00				1,050.00	1,295.00
Diocesan Publications	95.40				95.40	95.40
Other Items	289.18				289.18	230.00
Events	532.12				532.12	180.00
Other	2,880.00				2,880.00	-
Friends of St Nicholas Church	1,430.46				1,430.46	-
Charitable Giving						
Charities	6,462.50				6,462.50	13,800.00
	87,214.68				87,214.68	106,685.07
Dividends Reinvested			664.21		664.21	645.23
	87,214.68		664.21		87,878.89	107,330.30

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Receipts	123,305.74	6.55	668.88	51.05	124,032.22	97,000.57
Payments	-87,214.68		-664.21		-87,878.89	-107,330.30
Net	36,091.06	6.55	4.67	51.05	36,153.33	-10,329.73
Cash 1 Jan 17	18,249.14	2,325.39	1,658.19	18,141.10	40,373.82	50,703.55
Cash 31 Dec 17	54,340.20	2,331.94	1,662.86	18,192.15	76,527.15	40,373.82

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	General Funds	Contingency Fund	Churchyard Fund	Fabric Fund	Total 2017	Total 2016
Statement of Assets & Liabilities						
Current Accounts	54,340.20				54,340.20	18,249.14
CCLA Fabric Fund				18,192.15	18,192.15	18,141.10
CCLA Contingency		2,331.94			2,331.94	2,325.39
CCLA Churchyard Fund			1,662.86		1,662.86	1,658.19
	54,340.20	2,331.94	1,662.86	18,192.15	76,527.15	40,373.82

					Total 2017	Total 2016
Investment Assets at Valuation						
CBF Church of England Investment Fund Income shares						
Contingency Fund						
Churchyard repair fund			20,889.91		20,889.91	18,539.42
	0.00	0.00	20,889.91	0.00	20,889.91	18,539.42

Date:

Approved by the PCC on 10th April 2018 and signed on its behalf:

Rev. CM Helm - Incumbent

B Blakeman – Treasurer

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH BURTON
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

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 for 2017, excluding special donations and was £73,204 compared with £66,150 (+10.6%) in 2016. Planned Giving (donations made by bank transfer and church envelopes), the majority of which attracts Gift Aid, increased in the year from £57,346 in 2016 to £61,611 in 2017 (+7.4%).

In addition, in 2017 the PCC received a tax refund of £14,368 through Gift Aid. This figure represents 11.7% of total income for the year, emphasising once again the importance to PCC finances of regular planned giving by church members using Gift Aid where appropriate.

3. Investments

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

4. Payments

No significant items of expenditure were incurred during the year relating to the upkeep of the church or in relation to any major projects.

5. Contingency fund

The Contingency fund was not drawn upon in 2017 and stands at just £2,332 at the year end.

6. Parish Share

In May 2016 it was agreed with the Diocese that the PCC would pay only the standard Parish Share for the 2017 year. In 2017 a standard Parish Share, with the adjustment agreed with PCC of Shotwick in respect of apportionment of Clergy, would amount to £69,205. This is £20,696 less than the sum agreed with the Diocese of £48,509. The amount paid to the Diocese during the year was £50,114, an overpayment of £1,605. The Diocese has agreed to deduct this from payments to be made in 2018.

7. Outward Giving

There is an amount of £6463 shown in the 2017 accounts.

8. Trustees Remuneration

There were no employees during the year.