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FARNHAM PARISH CHURCH

St Andrew and St Francis



Annual Parochial Church Meeting
10am Sunday 29 April 2018
St Andrew's Church

Annual Meeting

Sunday 29 April 2018

Dear Friends

Please find herewith the Annual Report and Accounts for Farnham Parish Church for 2017.

The programme for the morning is as follows:

10.00am **Holy Communion Service incorporating
Annual Meeting of Parishioners and
Annual Parochial Church Meeting**
The meetings end at 11.45am
Please do stay for drinks and nibbles, followed
by Celebration Lunch at 12.30pm.
Children will meet for a treat:
"Mr Giant" will be our special guest.

In the context of worship, the meeting of parishioners will:
elect 2 Churchwardens (for 12 months)
and the APCM will:
receive reports and accounts for 2017;
elect up to 12 members to the PCC (for 12 months)

There will also be a chance to find out who has won the **unsung hero** awards this year.

If you have any questions arising out the reports, please contact David in the first instance or Matthew, re the accounts, ahead of the meeting, so that as full a reply as possible can be given by the person best placed to do so.

Yours sincerely,

David Uffindell

the poor weather conditions the financial return was small.

The Autumn Concert has evolved over the years and this year we took on a challenge by accepting an offer from Juliet Bothams, a local entrepreneur, to present a very different concert. She arranged for Brazilian Counter Tenor Joao Paulo Ferreira to perform along with young musicians from Farnborough Sixth form college. Claire Tester, their music tutor played piano accompaniment throughout the evening and several musicians also travelled from London to perform. During the interval everyone was entertained by two Fado musicians. It was a very successful event and will be a hard act to follow.

At the end of the year Mike Barter stood down as Chairman and Brian Martin, who has most ably filled the roll as Treasurer for several years, took over the position.

Brian Martin Chairman

positively for life in modern Britain. We ensure that British values are introduced, discussed and lived through the ethos, values and work of the school and that they form a significant part of our identity - the character of our school. All curriculum areas provide a vehicle for furthering understanding of these concepts and, in particular, our RE, SMSC, PSHE and Citizenship lessons provide excellent opportunities to deepen and develop understanding.

Our assemblies provide an opportunity for daily singing as well as the opportunity to reflect upon key events, historical figures and themes. Children embrace these concepts with enthusiasm and demonstrate a good understanding of their application to their own lives. In addition, the children delight in our traditional services; Harvest Festival, Remembrance, Advent, The Nativity, Mothering Sunday, Lent and Easter. In particular, it has been wonderful to welcome Reverend David Uffindell (A Trustee of South Farnham Educational Trust) into our school to lead worship and to continue our long-standing relationship with St Andrew's and the Church family.

Claire Donnachie
Headteacher

FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S

We continue to encourage both church members and those from the wider community to become members of The Friends of St Andrew's so that we can provide the finances necessary to give support to the Parish with the maintenance of the fabric of St Andrew's Church. FoStA have recently made a financial commitment to help undertake essential work that has become necessary within the Quinquennial Report.

We are now moving into our 21st year since our formation and, in general terms we have continued to follow the same pattern of fundraising events from year to year. The year began with the Quiz Evening in March, which was very well supported, although the Quiz Master was accused of making the questions too difficult. The Summer Outing was made to the Great Barn at Warnborough, a most interesting visit although not well supported. However, those who attended were rewarded with a Charles Bone print of the Barn.

The Summer Lunch held in the Pavilions is always well attended giving the opportunity for members and friends to meet in a convivial atmosphere and enjoy good food and a little wine. Tina Austin and family assisted by committee ladies make the event a most pleasurable afternoon not to be missed.

We were able to hold a Silent Auction Stall at the Parish Fayre, although due to

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FARNHAM PARISH CHURCH

St Andrew & St Francis

Sunday 29 APRIL 2018 10.00am Holy Communion and APCM

We will begin our Communion Service at 10.00am. Children are welcome in their groups from 9.45am. They will be able to enjoy a "Fun and Games" Party with Mr GIANT!

Welcome

Praise: 595 Be thou my vision

Confession

Praise: 732 My Jesus, my Saviour

Meeting of parishioners

Minutes displayed on the board in the porch

Election of Churchwardens

APCM

Minutes displayed on the board in the porch

Sidespeople delegated to PCC

Reports:

Electoral Roll and appt officer

Pat Goffin

Trustee Report

HDU

Finance/Accts and appt IE

Matthew Elliott

Deanery Synod

Geoff Riggs

Fabric goods and ornaments

HDU

Elections

PCC (up to 12)

N.B. First meeting Monday 30 April @ 7.30pm

Bible Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Bible Reading: John 15:1-8

Catching the Vision for 2018 and beyond ...

Looking at the past, the present and the future

Prayers

Unsung Hero Awards

The Peace

Praise: 805 There is a redeemer

Communion

CFN

Praise: 753 O praise ye the Lord

Blessing

SOUTH FARNHAM SCHOOL

With 814 children on roll, South Farnham School is always bustling with excitement, energy and enthusiasm and this year has been no exception. Our team of talented and dedicated staff work tirelessly to provide each and every child with innovative learning opportunities personalised to meet their individual needs. Acting in loco parentis is a real privilege and all adults in the school devote their energy to supporting the pastoral and academic needs of all children in their care, stimulating and engaging each child to foster a life-long love of learning. Underpinning our philosophy is the importance of each child's wellbeing and a recognition that, for a child to achieve their educational potential, they must feel safe, happy and valued at school.

Children are encouraged to think of themselves as part of the community. Aims of the school include understanding something of the world we live in with regard for our mutual dependence on others as individuals, groups and nations and to appreciate human achievements and aspirations.

We promote community cohesion at many different levels: within school, within the local community, across the UK and globally. Throughout the year the choir has sung at many venues including Waverley Grange Care Home, Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice and the Singing For The Mind Group at the Maltings as well as venturing to London's O2 as part of Young Voices. Children have taken part in Farnham In Bloom, Farnham Carnival, Farnham's Got Talent and Farnham Festival. They have raised money for Comic Relief, Children In Need, The British Legion, Shooting Star Chase Hospice, Diabetes UK, Cancer Research and Great Ormond Street Hospital. The school regularly makes donations to our neighbours at Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice and to Farnham Foodbank.

At South Farnham we take every opportunity to explore our local environment both within the school grounds and beyond. Educational activities and visits enrich our curriculum and offer the children opportunities for physical, social and emotional development. We also welcome a huge number of visitors to the school to talk to the children from Fire Fighters to Bee Keepers.

Our Infant children have visited Witley Common, Gilbert White's house in Selbourne and St Margaret's church in East Wellow. They have also visited St Martin's Church as part of their Christianity topic. Children at the Juniors have visited RHS Wisley, Butser Farm, Fishbourne Roman Palace, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, the Natural History and Victoria and Albert Museums. They have also walked to St Thomas on the Bourne Church to enrich their learning about the church within our community. Residential trips enrich and extend the school curriculum; the children in Years 4 to 6 gain enormously from new-found independence and a different learning environment.

At South Farnham we take very seriously our responsibility to prepare children

Please do stay at the end of the service for drinks, nibbles and lunch if you can!

high-order skills of negotiating, planning, problem solving and persevering. They go out whatever the weather, learning to be resilient and to enjoy an active lifestyle.

The children have entertained us enormously already this year with regular assemblies in church, class assemblies and a new addition to our performance schedule a Key Stage Two Christmas production. The audience was enthralled by their performance of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” in which every child had a starring role. We are extremely proud of the enthusiasm with which the children sing – listening to them really does fill our hearts with joy. We are so fortunate to have such strong links with St Andrew’s church. Our children look forward to worship led by David and Hannah in their fortnightly visits and all staff appreciate the time they take to stay for a chat over coffee afterwards. In addition, there is something very special about walking the children across the churchyard or along West Street to a service in church and this is certainly one of the highlights of our term.

We look forward to continuing to develop our schools where children are valued, respected and provided with a rich curriculum in which they can flourish. Our Christian values are entwined in all we do – as one pupil told visiting parents earlier in the year “God is all around us here, everywhere in our school”.

*Jayne Venables - Executive Headteacher
Carol Trottier - Executive Deputy Headteacher*

THE ABBEY SCHOOL

The Abbey School has a hundred-plus students aged 11-16, with learning and additional needs, including autistic spectrum disorders, speech, language and communication difficulties or other challenges such as physical disability, hearing or visual impairment.

Students work towards nationally accredited qualifications, including some GCSEs, and most go on to further education. The Abbey prides itself on the school’s life skills training, the wealth of opportunities offered to students both on and off-site, and widespread use of ICT across the curriculum. The excellence of the provision has been endorsed by three successive “outstanding” OFSTED inspections. There are opportunities for groups and individuals to work with mainstream peers and successes in sport, the creative and performing arts; winning Fearnhamme’s Got Talent in 2016, the CWSNF replica FA Cup last year, the Hedgehog’s Sponsored Swim trophy a record four times and annually competing in collaboration with students from The Ridgeway School in the Global Rock Challenge (this year they brought home three awards!)

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David Jackson

RECTOR’S REVIEW

2017 has been a very interesting and varied year in so many respects. We have experimented with our worship, to make it more accessible for a new generation; we have developed our pastoral care, been imaginative in our outreach, cared for our buildings and responded to the challenge of the latest quinquennial survey, attended to our finances in the new Parish Giving Scheme, and begun to think about our administration offices and parish communication.

We have seen new green shoots in our children’s work, have celebrated our young people and received from them. We have enjoyed a programme of social events where we have been able to invite friends and family. We have shared worship with other town centre congregations. Our Summer Gathering on Gostrey Meadow, in the glorious sunshine with Rico Tice, was a particular highlight!

I am sad to report the deaths of Stella Barter, of Edna Gould, of Evelyn O’Connell, of Richard Pink, of Dennis Stone and of Alastair Thorburn, faithful members of our church family. We remember their families in our prayers.

Rob Thain, one of our LLMS, has relocated to St Marks’ Bordon. And, during the year, we have been joined by Viv Picken, also an LLM.

I am hugely grateful to God for the work of our retired clergy, James Anderson and Patrick O’Ferrall, and our very many volunteer helpers, without whom so much of our ministry and mission would simply not be possible.

We have much to be thankful for and much to look forward to in the coming year. You will see in the reports which follow many aspects of church life. Please celebrate with us and continue to pray.

With all good wishes, as ever,

David

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting held at the 10.00am Holy Communion Service on Sunday, 2nd April 2017 St Andrew’s Parish Church, Farnham

Present:

Revd H David Uffindell, Rector and Chair
plus at least 90 members of the congregation

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1 Welcome

David welcomed everyone to the Holy Communion Service incorporating our Annual Meetings as part of worship.

2 Minutes of Vestry Meeting on 24th April 2016

The minutes of the meeting, as displayed on the church porch noticeboard, were accepted as an accurate record and signed accordingly. There were no matters arising.

3 Churchwardens

Richard Haines was unanimously elected to serve for a third year and Caroline Walker was proposed, seconded and elected as a new warden. Andrew Partridge stood down after three years of outstanding service and a presentation was made to him and Morna by Alison Jones with heartfelt thanks on behalf of the entire congregation.

This concluded the business of the first meeting.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

1 Minutes of the APCM on 24th April 2016

The minutes of the meeting, as displayed on the church porch noticeboard, were accepted as an accurate record and signed accordingly. There were no matters arising.

2 Sidespeople/Welcome Team

The recruitment and maintaining of this team has been delegated to the PCC.

3 Report on Electoral Roll

Pat Goffin reported that at the beginning of the year there were 229 on the electoral roll. Following five deaths and seven people moving away and twelve new names being added, the number remains at 229. Pat kindly agreed to continue for another year as Electoral Roll Officer.

4 Trustee Reports

The reports of the PCC, Deanery & Diocesan Synods, Schools, Pastoral Care, Children's Church and all other groups which contribute so much to the vitality of church life (pp 8-22 in 02.04.17 programme) were received and accepted. David thanked everyone involved for their hard work and dedication.

5 Finance and Treasurer's Report

Matthew Elliott summarised the main features of the Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31 December 2016 as given on pages 5-8 in the 02.04.17 APCM programme. He drew attention to the new Parish Giving Scheme about to be launched, which many in the PCC have trialled and which members of the congregation are encouraged to join. This will greatly simplify gift aid collection.

A question was raised regarding the terms of the Church Cottages Trust

stunning, so well done to the choir!

Looking ahead, we have booked to sing choral evensong again at Winchester Cathedral on 10th October. This is hard work for us but richly rewarded by the privilege of singing in such a wonderful building.

During the re-ordering of St Andrews in 2005, the choir stalls that were directly below the organ pipes were disposed of, and the choir was re-sited in its current position in the crossing, minus anything to place their music on. Since that time various discussions have taken place about a music stand of some kind, but hopes have been raised - then dashed. However, I can report that David Cooper has realised a wonderful design for a double music stand. This is now in the prototype stage which is nearing completion. It is hoped it will be on display to the PCC shortly for discussion.

Finally I would like to put out an appeal for new members to join the choir whatever your age or musical ability. Enthusiasm and loyalty are key to a successful choir. We have a wonderful dedicated, hardworking and loyal choir at St Andrew's, which I've had the honour, for the last 20 years to direct. I would like that to grow and continue well in to the future. So please join us – we won't bite.

Stephen Lacey

POTTERS GATE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL & ST ANDREW'S C of E INFANT SCHOOL

As always, our two church schools are busy places filled with keen learners and dedicated staff who really do go above and beyond to ensure our children fulfil their potential and feel secure and valued. It is an absolute pleasure to work with our families, children and staff and there is certainly never a dull moment!

From September 2017, there has been shared leadership across both St Andrew's and Potters Gate schools ensuring a clear Key Stage Two path in a local church school for St Andrew's pupils. Both schools are now part of the Good Shepherd Trust; Potters Gate school having joined the Trust on the 1st of December 2017.

This joint working provides staff in both schools with increased opportunities for professional development and a wider range of expertise to draw upon. We have benefitted from shared staff meetings and training. In addition to benefits for staff, of course, the children too have access to a wider range of facilities, opportunities and expertise. One example of this is Forest School, which pupils in both schools now attend every year for a series of lessons. With the support of our fabulous "Friends" at Potters Gate and PTA at St Andrew's, a Forest School area has been developed at Potters Gate for Key Stage One pupils from both schools while the Key Stage Two children are fortunate to attend their sessions in the garden of one of our families. During Forest School, pupils develop the

TOWER, BELLS AND CLOCK

Over the last year we rang the bells for almost all the Sunday Morning services. We rang half-muffled for Remembrance Day. We frequently ring all ten bells towards the end of the morning ringing.

We opened the tower to visitors for the Parish Fair and continue to teach new ringers on Tuesday evenings, 7-8pm. Brigitte Gillespie, James Hetherington and Jonty Woodbridge are three ringers who have made exceptional progress over the last year and are now helping us with our regular ringing.

We managed to ring for eight out of the ten weddings that asked for bells. We cannot always make up a band even with volunteers from other towers, especially for weekday weddings.

We run a ten-bell Advanced Practice on the third Tuesday in the month. This attracts ten bell ringers from all over the dioceses and helps local ringers develop their ten-bell ringing skills.

A proposal to augment the bells was presented to the Rector and PCC by Mark Place, the Tower Keeper, supported by Jon Hetherington the Tower Captain. This was well received and will be discussed with the Church Architect who is currently carrying out the church quinquennial review.

The church clock has continued to run reliably though its time keeping is still affected by the ambient temperature. During the recent cold spell I adjusted the pendulum because it was running fast, now it is running slow because we have a warm spell. I hope we will get the regulator re-installed this year.

Paul Whewell, Tower Secretary

MUSIC

Over the past year, the choir has continued to provide vocal support to the worship at St Andrew's to a high standard. In that time, there has been a major change to the 1st Sunday service for which the robed choir are now not required, thereby giving those who wish, a well-earned day off!

On July 14th, our organ builder, Geoffrey Coffin, gave a concert of French organ music, supplemented by the choir's singing the Cantique de Jean Racine and Viernes Mass for organ and choir. This wonderful music, along with superb French cuisine, was enjoyed by nearly 100 people. Please do make a note in your diary for the next French concert on 14th July 2018 – not to be missed!

Moving on to Christmas 2017, the choir sang Kenneth Leighton's "Lully Lulla thou little tiny child". This is a very beautiful, but difficult, piece to sing well. It was heard during the communion the Late Night Service, and, I must say it sounded

which administers the two cottages adjacent to St Andrew's School and Matthew explained that the rental income could only be used by the church for educational purposes. The board of trustees, who decide on expenditure, is headed by the Rector, assisted by the clergy team and church wardens – it is outside the remit of the PCC.

The accounts were formally adopted by the congregation and the Independent Examiner, A J Bennewith, was approved and appointed for the following year. Matthew thanked the whole finance team for their hard work.

6 PCC Elections

David confirmed that members would now be elected for a one year period, serving a maximum term of six years. There would be up to 15 members elected for 2017, reducing to a maximum of 12 in 2018.

Those proposed, seconded and elected for the year till April 2018 were: Darryl Blunden, Alan Butler, Paul Clifford, Meg Daniels, Helen Ewens, Matthew Elliott, Mary Haines, Barbara Haworth, Mary Hollocks, Lucy Jacob, Janet Lacey, Jeremy Ricketts, Jonathan Seale, Will Smythe and Linda Tolmie.

David thanked those retiring: Geoffrey Riggs, Ian Jacob, Richard Poppe and Lesley Whympier for their dedication and hard work.

7 Deanery Synod

Deanery Synod members are elected every three years, election falling due this year. They also serve on the PCC as ex-officio members.

Those proposed, seconded and elected were:

Roy Picken, Geoffrey Riggs and Trevor Walker.

David thanked those retiring, Elise Marlow and Rob Thorburn, for representing the parish on

Deanery Synod - particularly Elise who had served on Deanery and the PCC for many years.

This concluded the business of the second meeting and the communion service resumed.

Barbara Haworth, PCC Secretary

TREASURERS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2016

BACKGROUND

This report covers the Financial Year ending 31 December 2017.

Our income and expenditure is divided into Restricted and Unrestricted Funds. 'Restricted' money can only be used for certain activities, such as for the Conservation and Development (C&D) work. 'Unrestricted' relates to our day to day working expenses (our general or operational account) which pays for the day to day running of the ministry of St Andrew's church.

Statement of Financial Activities

Income

During 2017 our total income was £172,971 against £157,251 in 2016. The key changes in the regular giving by the congregation are as follows:

	2017	2016	Difference
Giving by Bankers Order & envelope scheme	£65,317	£61,938	+£3,379
Cash collections (in the plate)	£15,510	£15,235	+£275
Gift Day	£6,685	£5,365	+£1,320
Gift Aid recovery	£19,428	£17,907	+£1,521

The new format of the Parish Fair resulted in a reduced income but the amazing Christmas Tree Festival produced £5,125, up on the £4,500 in 2015.

Total income from investments was £5,232, almost exactly the same as in 2016. The CCLA continue to manage most of our financial investments.

In 2017 we received £21,798 in letting income, most of which was from 6 High Park Road. We need to remember that we will lose this when we have our curate later this year.

Expenditure

In 2017 our total expenditure was £180,353 (£175,484 in 2016). The increases arose in several areas. Our Parish Share increased by £2,972, our cost of lay salaries and fees increased by £3,360 to £27,579 (partly due to salary increases

WORSHIP SUPPORT

Flower Guild

What goes around comes around, and so it is with the church flowers. As we don't have a flower rota I am always looking for ways to cut down on the work load and the flower fund has enabled me to invest in some good quality artificial flowers so cutting down on the need to change the flowers each week.

Last Christmas, after the Christmas Tree Festival, it was decided to keep some of the trees in the church till Christmas. This proved very successful and meant the church looked very festive for all the school and carol concerts.

If anyone would like to do "church flowers" or have an arrangement done for a special occasion or in memory of someone please, contact Sue Aston phone number 01252 716888 or email Graham.aston@btinternet.com.

Sue Aston

St Andrew's Cleaning Team

ADOPTION - how would you like to adopt a small area of this lovely building? St George's Chapel, St James' Chapel, The Lady Chapel, the loos, some of the glass, the Pulpit and some of the screens and the floors are adopted.

There are a lot of areas not accounted for, which are done from time to time by the regular cleaners BUT WE NEED HELP PLEASE!

Most of the pavilions cry out to have the ledges dusted and door jambs have visiting spiders.

The tower area needs a cleaner. This area has just had a thorough clean but needs a regular person to keep it shining. One of the bigger jobs is cleaning the upstairs of the pavilions but this can be done two or three times a year.

The large doors gather spider webs, window ledges gather dust and webs, round the pillars need regular cleaning. Hymn books shelves gather dust and a lot of wooden furniture needs polishing.

How about adopting the porch? What about job sharing? If you could offer to do any of these tasks please contact me on landwwhymper@btinternet.com or sign your name with your e mail address on the table at the back of the Church. Most of these tasks can be done in about 30/40 minutes and need doing every few weeks.

This sounds awfully daunting, but with few extra helpers our Church will continue to look good.

I shall look forward to seeing you!!!!

Lesley Whympers

Do also consider bringing along a friend to the meeting even if they are not St Andrew's attenders - or even, for that matter, just irregular attenders or interested parties! See you at the next Meeting!

Richard Haines

St Andrew's Book Club

Another enjoyable year for the Book Club. We meet on a Monday evening in the Parish Rooms, starting at 7.45pm with light refreshments, aiming to finish by 9.15pm. We welcomed new members during the year.

This is a selection of books we have recently discussed:-

The Illegal Gardener, Birdcage Walk, Stoner, Shtum, The Secret River, The Dry, The Music Shop and A Girl is a Half Formed Thing. There is often a mixed reaction to the book, leading to lively and informed discussion on the themes, writing style and issues raised in the book. To ring the changes, at our March meeting we each choose a poem about Spring to read and discuss, an eclectic mix ranging from Gerald Manley Hopkins to Roger McGough.

If you enjoy books, want to be challenged reading something different then please join us. For further information contact the Parish Office.

Barbara Milam

FABRIC

The quinquennial inspection report 23 January 2017 stated - "*In summary, Saint Andrew's church is in good condition, due to substantial work over the last 10 – 15 years as well as the energy and commitment of the parish*".

It did list 82 defects, minor and major, needing attention. Major tasks involve refurbishing the Middle Church Lane wall, developing a review and repair programme for all the stone work and completing a comprehensive safety audit of the churchyard.

Our Church Lane Wall refurbishment plan has been approved by the DAC and work will commence in April 2018, fully funded by Friends Of Saint Andrew's.

Working with a Structural Engineer and Stonemason approved by the Diocese, we have developed a three year plan to address all the other defects and work will also commence late April 2018.

Finally, the team is paying regular attention to keeping things fully functional and safe throughout the year.

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Alan Butler and Richard Haines

and extra hours worked) and we refurbished St Francis Hall. However we were able to make savings on other costs, including a reduction in the Parish Office running costs, so limiting the overall increase in expenditure.

Our largest expenditure is our Parish Share which was £79,716 in 2017. Note that in 2016 the Diocese had reduced our contribution to account for the challenging position we had been in previously. In 2018 the Parish Share is £79,721, almost exactly the same as in 2017. However the system is changing over the next year or so and it may increase.

One of the areas of which we should be most proud is our mission and outreach which included donations to local, national and international charities, demonstrating our commitment to support people in great need. During 2017 this amounted to £11,007 much of which was given to smaller local charities. Some of this was raised from collections at our Christmas services. We may not be able to give at the same level in 2018 but the PCC's ambition is to continue our mission and outreach programme.

In summary, in 2017 we had a small surplus of £2,480 (Total Funds) against a deficit of £6,211 in 2016. This is good news.

Balance Sheet

Fixed Assets

These comprise 6 High Park Road and our investments held with and managed by the CBF. Our total fixed assets are noted as being £162,606, up from £148,542 in 2016. Within this figure is 6 High Park Road. Its 'book' value is £18,096 but in the opinion of the PCC the value is actually estimated at just over £600,000 in December 2017. This remains the Parish's largest realisable asset.

Current Assets

At year end our total net current assets (largely held in various interest earning accounts) amounted to £282,481 down slightly on 2016 (£289,925). Much of this represents the proceeds of the sale of St Mary's in 2015.

Restricted Funds

The PCC has responsibility for some 'Restricted' funds, of which the key ones are:

Grahame Nash Will Trust: The parish is the beneficiary of one third of the income from this trust for which the Diocese is the custodial trustee. Part of the capital of the trust rests with the PCC although we are not permitted to spend this. At the year end this amounted to £137,338 (£129,010 in 2016).

Curate's Residence Fund: In 1967 the Charity Commissioners agreed that

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capital from the charity could be used to defray costs for clergy house improvements. We had £5,946 in this account as at the end of 2017. Some of this may be required to prepare the house for our new curate.

Conservation & Development fund: As at the end of 2017 this fund amounted to £26,409 which be used during 2018 to assist with the major Quinquennial repair works planned.

All monies in our 'Restricted' funds and the bulk of our general 'Unrestricted' fund is held and managed by the CCLA.

2017 was a busy year for our Finance team with some of our larger initiatives being as follows:

- Moved our various bank accounts from NatWest to CAF Bank, saving several hundred pounds a year in bank fees.
- Set up the Parish Giving Scheme. Nearly all regular givers now give via this excellent scheme which enables us to recover Gift Aid tax back from HMRC more efficiently and more quickly.
- Ran a review of regular giving (Stewardship review) with the congregation. This resulted in an increase in our regular giving with more people giving regularly. We also had a successful Gift Day in the summer.
- Paul Clifford led a review of all our utilities and has changed providers, saving around 20% on these costs.
- Refurbished St Francis Hall as part of our investment in our daughter church.

In 2018 we have some major investments ahead as we continue to grow and develop our church and our mission.

We are delighted that we have a curate joining in the summer. Although our Parish Share remains unchanged we will lose the rental income from 6 High Park Road. We hope to transform our sound and vision facilities which is a major investment. Finally, we must spend some £60,000 on repairs including those to our stonework, identified within the recent Quinquennial Report. We are very grateful to Alan Butler who is coordinating this so effectively and working hard to minimise the costs whilst ensuring the work is completed properly.

So, financially, 2018 will be a challenging year. Unfortunately we expect to be forced to use some of our reserves to make ends meet. We are looking for everyone to help. I hope as many as possible will support our Gift Day in the summer but also to help to raise funds. For example we are asking people to help to identify organisations that may offer grants towards the major repair works of our wonderful Grade I Listed building. Let's try to minimise the extent to which we have to draw on our limited savings.

So 2018 can be regarded to be quite an exceptional financial year, and for clarity

Very sadly, our box numbers were dramatically down. This was a national pattern. The reasons could be many: the transport costs going up to £5, Franklin Graham's stance on various issues, other charities filling boxes for similar areas, schools doing boxes for the elderly or homeless etc. However, we know that each box brings a huge amount of joy to the child that receives it. At St Andrew's the number this year was approximately 65.

We will need a new location for 2018, preferably somewhere between Farnham & Guildford so please be on the lookout for us.

Maureen Grew

SOCIAL

Women's Breakfast

We had another good year - five breakfasts followed by excellent and very varied talks. In April, Heather Golding talked to us about opening our eyes to the joys of colour in *Colour is our Healing Gift*. Zoë Paine returned in July to give us an inspirational talk on her second visit to Tanzania with the charity *GoMad* and how she and her family got really involved with village life, with particular reference to women's health. In October, Sally Wooding gave us a presentation on *The Therapy Garden* – a local horticulture and education charity based in Normandy using gardening to generate positive change for people with learning or physical disabilities. We had a lovely "in house" pre-Christmas breakfast, when Kathryn Uffindell talked to us about prayer and we had fun making decorative crosses. Finally, in February, we had an exceptionally inspirational talk from Marceline Hoyle on the educational foundation she is setting up in the Cameroons in memory of her husband, David, with whom she lived in Crondall.

From our collection bowl during the year we were able to make donations to Farnham Assist, Creative Response, GoMad, The Therapy Garden, and the David Hoyle Foundation. Many thanks to all our speakers – and to those who prepared and cleared away the breakfasts, which is more or less everyone! And a special thank-you to Elise for opening up the church at 8.00am. Do join us at forthcoming breakfasts – 7th July, 6th October and 1st December this year.

Barbara Haworth

St Andrew's Pub Night

The group met five times in 2017 at a selection of town centre pubs; where we spent an enjoyable evening talking about a variety topics.

New attenders are always welcome, so look out for a notice of where the venue is for the next event and join us!

A big thank you to Madeleine Goddard who has just retired after many years of volunteering.

Maureen Grew

Festive Refreshments

The Festive services were accompanied by seasonal refreshments - Gaelic coffee and shortbread, hot apple juice and winter Pimms with stollen and mince pies - and all well received. We had a great turn out to make up 500 Christingle oranges including a family from Saudi visiting Farnham! Thank you to everyone for helping and offering a hand.

Jenny de Quervain

Farnham Assist - Knit & Natter Group

For many years the group has had a small number of participants but over the past year numbers have increased and we are up to 20. If everyone came each week it would be difficult to fit them all into the Parish Rooms. This means for the moment I have to say we cannot take any more participants.

A lot more nattering than knitting goes on. We discuss the weather, films, television programmes, families etc. have a laugh and enjoy a coffee and a biscuits.

Over the year we have knitted hats, scarves, mittens, bags, pencil cases, hand puppets for Operation Christmas Child. Cardigans for 0 - 3 month babies for the UK charity Baby Basics. Angels for Angel-bombing in Aldershot. Taken part in a project for a student's thesis at UCA. Members also knit for themselves or their own favourite charity.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent at Tilford School where we attempted to teach some of the pupils how to knit and they served us a lovely afternoon tea, great fun.

We were also very proud of our completely knitted tree for the Christmas Tree Festival.

Maureen Grew

Operation Christmas Child

Fortunately in 2017 we did not have to spend hours searching for a new processing centre as the one we had in 2016 was still available. The boxes went to Central Asia and Albania and maybe two other countries, but as we did not have enough boxes to fill a container and a lorry, we had to take some to a central centre. We are not aware of their final destination.

if we were to exclude the large one off costs of 2018, our balance of income against expenditure would show a shortfall of c £20k pa We have worked hard to reduce our regular overheads as much as possible including no salary increases but going forward we have to increase our income to balance our books.

After 16 years I am stepping down as Honorary Treasurer and am delighted to be handing over to Paul Clifford who I know will be excellent. Thank you for supporting me over all these years and putting up with my regular letters and pleas!

Finally, can I again thank the whole finance team, in particular Anne Mellow for her diligent and thorough work to maintain and prepare the accounts, Lynn Hutchings for faithfully counting and banking all the cash every week, and Richard Haines for his work as Planned Giving Officer, dealing with donations and Gift Aid recovery.

*Matthew Elliott
Honorary Treasurer
April 2018*

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) REPORT

This has been our first full year with an incumbent since 2012 and it has been great to have David's strong leadership and inspiration! We are, in the main, enthusiastically embracing change! We have had 10 PCC meetings this year and a second *Awayday* and have covered a lot of ground. We are still working on the long-term Diocesan initiative *Transforming Church, Transforming Lives*, started last year, and have already carried out many changes to update our church services. Our website has been relaunched, the parish magazine is in the process of being revamped and the church Sound and Vision scheme is awaiting Faculty approval which, all going well, means that it should be up and running in time for Christmas.

Alan Butler and the Fabric Committee have embarked on a thorough analysis and fully costed repair programme for the church and churchyard fabric in response to the Quinquennial Report, which will take place over the next four years. The hall and kitchen at St Francis' has had a makeover, increasing its potential for meetings and small functions.

We have also met and approved the appointment of a curate who will join us in June this year. Hannah Lacey's appointment as part-time Children's Worker, funded by the proceeds of the Church Cottages Trust, is proving a great success. We will greatly miss Matthew Elliott, who has resigned as PCC Treasurer after 14 years of keeping our finances in excellent order, but welcome Paul Clifford, who is bravely stepping into his shoes.

There were many small and large events throughout the year – from prayer groups, quiet days and Alpha courses to the Christmas Tree Festival, undoubtedly the highlight, which was beautiful and welcoming to the whole town - and visitors from beyond. We are continuously reaching out to the schools, UCA, local institutions and businesses within the town in an effort to make St Andrew's an all-embracing parish church.

Finally, the PCC is keen to involve the whole congregation in its thoughts and plans for change, so do not hesitate to ask questions and make your views known to members - or put your own name forward for election at the APCM.

Barbara Haworth, PCC Secretary

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

As a result of Revd Canon Anne Gell stepping down early in the year from her role as Area Dean (on her move to the Diocese of Bath and Wells), and the election of new parish representatives at APCMs, the Synod met only twice during 2017. Revd Jane Walker (Vicar of Frensham) was subsequently appointed Area Dean and Geoff Riggs was elected Lay Chair.

The June synod meeting held at St Thomas-on-the-Bourne considered the progress made within the parishes with their plans responding to the diocesan "Transforming Church, Transforming Lives (TCTL)" initiative, and debated the potential for the Deanery to produce its own strategy to support parishes in meeting this challenge.

In October at St Alban's Hindhead the synod discussion of the TCTL work and the Deanery's role continued. While Rev Jane Walker affirmed the value of the diversity of tradition across the deanery, she also drew attention to the difficulty which could arise from this when discussing change and trying to build consensus. As an aid to the Synod's future work she introduced members to the psychological theory known as "Spiral Dynamics".

Geoffrey Riggs

DIOCESAN SYNOD REPORT

As usual this report is in line with St Andrew's year in that it covers the 3 meetings between April 2017 and March 2018 even though the diocesan year runs from August to July.

The June 2017 meeting took place in Frimley Green with the Dean leading the worship. The "Be Inspired" item about a 2 day event entitled "Preach", for those who do occasional preaching, was led by Canon Hazel Whitehead who

Our regular Small Groups have grown further after our Lenten Series, using the Pilgrim Course. We have also run The Alpha Course for a mixed group (daytime) and for men (evening).

David Uffindell

COMMUNICATION

We have made some significant changes this year in the ways we communicate with the parish.

In common with the diocese, we have moved away from a monthly parish publication. Having trialled a double-sided A4 flyer for a few months as an interim measure, we are now exploring a three-times per year more substantial publication. The first edition has been well received.

We have also made some upgrades to our website. We hope it is now, hopefully, more easy to navigate and to use. Please do contact the office for any items you would like us to be aware of or pictures you may have taken of church activities or events.

We are looking to re-activate our Facebook presence with up to date news and information.

David Uffindell

EVENTS

Following the success of the Christmas Tree Festival in 2015 the second in November was even bigger and better. Sue Aston was overwhelmed with folk wanting to take part and decorate trees, 106 in total, and Liz Lee put together a marvellous programme of music. The pop-up café offered delicious homemade refreshments thanks to the generosity of the Parish bakers. The festival attracted more than 3,800 visitors and in total raised over £4,700 for the Church coffers. The Town Council supported the festival as a major community event which was free of charge.

Maureen and Meg regularly provide refreshments for the lunchtime organ recitals and organised a cake sale after morning service for Farnham ASSIST as part of their awareness week last April.

Each May St Andrew's supplies and help serves tea for the Williams Blind Club. Many thanks to Patricia and her small team

Meg Daniels

CATERING

Sunday Coffee

Sunday morning coffee is supported by a willing group of volunteers whose turn comes around about once a quarter. The donations we receive on a Sunday help us support various other events that go on during the church year.

of Bible study, future projects or a variety of topics are discussed. They meet alternate Thursdays 7:30-9pm.

Linda Tolmie

Child Protection

Over the last year I have begun working with David Uffindell to ensure that the correct documentation and procedures are in place to ensure that our parish promotes a safe environment and culture. Safe recruiting of those with any with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults in the church is an important part of this so I have been working to ensure the DBS checks are up to date.

In June I attended a workshop to consider how we can welcome those in our church who have been sexually abused and, importantly those who have been abusers. The day reflected about methods to maintain safety in the church whilst offering welcome and forgiveness. This day was also a good opportunity to meet with the diocese safeguarding team and others in our area responsible for safeguarding.

Things to consider for the year ahead include:

- Information to be displayed on the noticeboard with details of:
 - the safeguarding officer and diocesan safeguarding advisor,
 - numbers of local specialist support agencies in the community.
- Ensure that the recruitment process is robust, with job descriptions and references
- Safe recording of incidents in a confidential way, following data protection protocol
- Up to date registration forms for children who attend church activities, kept safely as above

Sally Loader

NURTURE AND LEARNING

During the week, we have a firm and varied pattern of worship on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. In addition to the readings set for each week on a Sunday morning, we have also developed a pattern of Lectio Divina in the quiet and reflective evening service. We have held a series of sermons and interviews on the subject of healing, reinforcing and encouraging the work of our prayer ministry team.

We have introduced a monthly All Age Service and an Informal Communion (1st Sunday). We have delivered a programme of occasional Quiet Days and Lent and Advent meditations.

frequently helped us out at St Andrew's during the vacancies. This was followed by Bishop Andrew's Presidential address in which he gave us the statistics in relation to new ordinands. Later there were updates on the Safeguarding Audit, the Draft Budget, the Parish Share and Bishop Jo reported on the "Thy Kingdom Come" event held at Guildford Cathedral last summer.

The November 2017 meeting held in Woking started as usual with worship, followed by the "Be Inspired" item which was about a new youth project in Leatherhead and Bookham. Bishop Andrew's Presidential address talked about his visits to Chennai (formerly Madras) and Denmark where he participated in the Reformation 500 celebrations. In the UK the clergy age profile is increasing, and whilst the number of ordinands is also increasing, the number of applications to go into full-time ministry is decreasing. Budget and Parish Share proposals were approved, as were membership numbers for the next triennium. There was an update on Transforming Church, Transforming Lives followed by "Setting God's People Free" which was about encouraging the Church and Laity to work together more closely.

The notes from the March 2018 meeting in Egham I am writing solely from the Agenda as I was unable to attend due to the weather, and the minutes have not yet been released. As usual there was worship followed by a Presidential address by Bishop Andrew, and a "Be inspired" topic this time entitled "Leading your church into growth" (now referred to as LYCIG), updates on the Growth Fund, the Parish Share system, the National Church, General Synod, Clergy and Lay conferences.

This will be my last Diocesan Synod report as I have already advised the Area Dean and the Lay Chair that after 9 years at the end of the current triennium this summer I will not be standing for re-election as a Diocesan Synod Lay representative. In view of this I thought it might be useful to explain the membership process, as from my experience it is not widely known. If a Deanery Synod Lay member puts him or herself forward for election and receives the signed support of 2 fellow Lay members, it will then be for the Deanery membership to decide whose names go forward to the Diocese for approval as Diocesan Synod Lay members for the following 3 years; if there are too many nominations there is a vote. Individual churches, including St Andrew's, cannot nominate Diocesan Synod Lay members. There are 23 churches in the Deanery and only 5 Lay places, so it is not guaranteed that St Andrew's will have a diocesan representative even if one of our current 3 Deanery representatives volunteers to stand for election. Diocesan staff have the final word as to which of the nominees will become the next 5 Farnham Deanery Lay representatives for Guildford Diocese.

Further information about most of the aforementioned can be found on the diocesan website at <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk>

Jenny Grant - Diocesan Synod Representative

PASTORAL CARE REPORT

The Pastoral Team comprises the Rector, Mary Haines, Mary Hollocks, Patrick O'Ferrall, Andrew Partridge, Morna Partridge, Viv Picken, Mary Riggs, Linda Tolmie and Caroline Walker. It meets monthly to review pastoral needs in the parish and coordinate responses. Its bread-and-butter work comprises monthly communions at four Care Homes in the parish - Hatch Mill, Riverside, Waverley Grange and Wey Valley and at four parishioners' own homes. Between 30 and 40 people receive communion in this way each month. Additional visits, including the taking of communion where appropriate, are carried out on an as-and-when basis to those unwell at home or in hospital, to those who are bereaved or who are coping with illness or other trouble in their families. We appreciate that many other mutually supporting visits are carried out within the parish, and are grateful to those involved; and we always appreciate any notification of needs or requests for support, to help us organise our pattern of visits.

Andrew Partridge

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Children, Students and Families

It has been a year of change for the children's team of St Andrew's as I was appointed in September into the new role of Children's and Families Coordinator. My job being to provide support, resources and guidance to the children's groups we have in church and to help guide us into the new weeks, months and years to come!

Back in the Spring and Summer of 2017 we saw the introduction of our monthly children's parties, Fourth Friday Fun. These have been a success and continue to evolve and adapt as we learn more about our local families and connections. We hope to continue these further throughout 2018/19, and we can't thank our team of helpers enough for being there to ensure their success.

We started the 2017 September term in Children's Church by looking at well-known characters in the bible, including Moses, Noah, Joshua and Joseph. We ended the term on a high with a wonderful Nativity complete with script, rehearsals and brilliant costumes provided by our children's families. It was a great turn out and we had some wonderful feedback. Let's see what we can do next time!

My role also includes making connections with our thriving Toddler Group, our local schools and also the students in the local University. This is an ongoing process, and we hope that new initiatives throughout the year will encourage our local students to become closely linked with us here at St Andrews.

I just wanted to finish by saying how grateful I am for all the support given to me in these last 6 months -where has the time gone! Thanks also to the great

children's team I have around me. If anyone would like more information on how to get involved with Children's Ministry at St Andrews please contact me at kosta.hannah@gmail.com or through the Parish Office.

Hannah Lacey

Baby & Toddler Group

Monday mornings between 9:45 and 11:30 continue to be lively, happy and often quite noisy in the church pavilion! Numbers have gone from strength to strength over the past year and some weeks we have had over 30 children attending the baby and toddler group.

We continue to follow our usual structure of free play and craft followed by snack time and singing and we have introduced a story time some weeks before the singing depending on the number and age of children there. It's great to have Hannah as a support, working alongside us and helping us out and we continue to be grateful to our tea ladies for giving us their time.

A real mix of families attend the group, some with older siblings at school, some preparing for baptism, others new to Farnham and just recently, many brand new mummies with tiny babies so hopefully the future of the group is bright

Marjorie Carrington

Youth Groups

In February 2017 David and I attended 'Cracking Youthwork', a half-day series of talks on the importance of youth work within our church community. Following this, David began to canvas church families and local families who had children aged 10 years and over and in May 2017 David and Kathryn hosted the first session of our lively junior youth group at the rectory. The format is usually that we play a game or have a quiz with them around the table until supper, then we all eat together (pizza or pasta) when the children talk about school, holidays, pets, etc. and then there is a short period of Bible study. Recently they have enthusiastically put together the posies to be distributed on Mothering Sunday and written and read short prayers for the Family Service. We currently have six regular attendees and occasionally they will bring a friend along. They meet alternate Thursdays from 6:30-8pm.

The senior youth group started in September 2017 and currently has six members aged 16 and over. They are keen to make the rectory basement their own meeting space and have already raised over £300 towards this through a cake sale after a Sunday service, and through their well-attended Christmas concert, where a third of the proceeds will go towards this. The remaining two thirds of the proceeds were donated to Farnham Assist and Creative Response. Recently some of the group played at the Family service and were well received. The format of meetings is similar to that for the junior group except that instead