

The Parish of Farlington

St. Andrew's, Farlington &

The Church of the Resurrection, Drayton

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
of the Parochial Church Council**

for the year ended 31st December 2015

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Parish of Farlington
Meeting of parishioners and
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 17th April 2016, Church of the Resurrection
following the 10:00 joint service

Agenda

Meeting of Parishioners

Minutes of the 2 Meetings of Parishioners 2015

Election of Churchwardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2015

Electoral Roll Report and Appointment of Roll Officer

Election of PCC members

Co-option of Treasurer to PCC

Appointment of Secretary to the PCC

Election of Sidespersons

Appointment of Independent Examiner

Appointment of Deputy Wardens

Agreement that Licensed Readers should serve as ex-officio members of PCC

Treasurer's Report on the 2015 accounts

Safeguarding Policy Statement

Report on the proceedings of the PCC by the Secretary

Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church by the Churchwarden

Report on the proceedings of Deanery Synod

Chair's remarks

Any questions about parochial church matters

Minutes of the Parish of Farlington Meeting of Parishioners held on Sunday 19 April 2015

Present: Rev Paul Gully (PG), in the chair, and 36 parishioners.

PG opened the meeting at 11:20 with a prayer.

Minutes of the Meeting of Parishioners 2014

These were presented in written format.

Election of Churchwardens

PG advised the meeting that no nominations had been received for the posts of churchwarden in the parish, so no election could take place. He will therefore call a further meeting of parishioners to take place following the Sunday morning service on 10 May 2015 so that we can revisit this matter.

There being no further business for the meeting of parishioners, the meeting closed at 11:25.

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Parishioners held on Sunday 10 May 2015 at the Church of the Resurrection

Present: Rev Paul Gully (PG) and 76 parishioners

The meeting took place towards the end of the joint Family Service, at approximately 10:40 a.m.

PG explained that the purpose of the meeting was to consider nominations for the posts of Churchwardens, since the meeting in April had failed to elect any wardens. He advised the meeting that he had received nominations for both posts, on the expectation of both nominees that the work would be shared amongst many people. If this did not happen, it was likely we would be seeking further nominations within a short time.

Nominations were received for John Twine and Ann Howells. By assent, these two people were elected as Churchwardens for the parish of Farlington.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10:45 a.m. and the service resumed with the dismissal.

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 19 April 2015

Present: Rev Paul Gully (PG), in the chair, and 36 parishioners.

Apologies were received from Margaret Doyle, Mary Howell, Sheena Day and Roger Day.

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2014

The minutes were presented in written format

Electoral Roll Report and Appointment of Roll Officer

In 2015 the Electoral Roll was revised. The number on the Roll for 2014 is 147.

Marcus Saunders was elected as Electoral Roll officer

Election of PCC Members (four for three years, one for two years)

PG explained that those who had served three years on the PCC were now required to stand down, and also that there is a casual vacancy arising from the resignation of Dale Boucher in the last year, which was also available to be filled. He thanked John Twine and Sarah Saunders for their work in the last three years.

There were 2 nominations for the posts and Anne Hooper and Chris Batstone were elected.

Co-option of Treasurer to the PCC

PG explained that the appointment of the Treasurer for the parish is a matter for the PCC, but he felt that the PCC would wish to be guided by a recommendation from the APCM. Margaret Heathcote (MH) has affirmed she is willing to continue in this role and the APCM so recommended. PG thanked MH and the other members of the finance team for their work in the last year.

Appointment of Secretary to the PCC

PG explained that the appointment of the Secretary to the PCC was a matter for the PCC, but again he thought that the PCC would wish to be guided by a recommendation from the APCM. He also explained that the current Secretary, John Upton (JU) had expressed the wish to be a servant to the PCC, rather than a voting member of the PCC. The APCM so recommended. PG expressed his thanks to Anne Hooper (Secretary to September 2014) and to JU (from November 2014) for their work as Secretary during this last year.

Election of Sidespersons

The following people, having served as Sidespersons during 2014, were elected to serve again in 2015:

St Andrew's: Joan Baker, Chantelle Bodsworth, Chris Brown, Rosemary Horsey, Fred Nicholls and Len Taylor.

Church of the Resurrection: Di Allen, Chris Batstone, Margaret Blatt, Martin Cairns, John Clifford, Sheena Day, Chris Gibbons, Andrew Heathcote, Margaret Heathcote, Jeremy Mather, Jean Nicholas, Christiana Okonkwo, Campbell Patrick, Linda Upton, Emma Walters and Vivien Walters.

Appointment of Independent Examiner

PG explained that last year we had changed our Independent Examiner, which was a prudent thing to do periodically, but the recommendation of the PCC was to stay

with the current IE this year. The PCC therefore recommended, and the meeting **agreed**, that we re-appoint Messrs Morris Crocker, of Station House, North Street Havant PO9 1QU to be our Independent Examiner for a further year.

Appointment of Deputy Wardens

Martin Cairns and Paul Harrison had both affirmed that they are willing to continue in the role of deputy churchwardens. Accordingly, the APCM appointed them for a further 12 months. PG thanked them both for their work in the last year.

Agreement that Licensed Readers should serve as ex-officio members of the PCC

The APCM **agreed** that the parish Readers, Simon Lemieux and Amber Vincent-Prior, should be ex-officio members of the PCC.

Treasurer's report on the 2014 Accounts

MH explained that following the change of Independent Examiner, Messrs Morris Crocker required sight of the full Annual Report and Financial Statements before they were able to issue the Independent Examiner's Certificate. Thus it was not possible to include the Certificate as part of the Annual Report, but she confirmed to the meeting that the Certificate had duly been received, and copies were available from the Secretary should anyone wish to see it.

She further explained that the PCC had developed a Reserves Policy, which, although omitted from the Annual Report, was available for those who wish to see the policy. The omission was acknowledged as an oversight by the Secretary.

The full accounts were published in the Annual Report and Financial Statements presented to the APCM. There were no questions on the accounts. PG thanked MH and the finance team for the comprehensive work done during the last year.

Safeguarding Policy Statement

The Safeguarding Policy Statement had been updated and published on page 26 of the Annual Report. The PCC would spend some time at the May 2015 PCC meeting checking and updating our safeguarding responsibilities.

A report on the proceedings of the PCC by the Secretary

The Secretary's report was included on page 11 of the Annual Report. There were no questions to the Secretary.

A report on the fabric and goods and ornaments of the church by the Churchwardens

The Churchwardens' report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church was included in the Churchwardens' report on pages 11-12 of the Annual Report. PG noted that the Archdeacon's questionnaire was imminent and he understands that this will be even more comprehensive than previously.

There were no questions to the Churchwardens. PG thanked Geoff Wilson and David Francis for their work in the last three years and noted that both have opted to have a well-earned break from membership of the PCC.

A report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod

No written report was presented. PG referred to the working group of Deanery Synod looking at the future for the Deanery, on which Simon Lemieux is a member

and which is doing some significant work, and in which he is now also involved in his new role of Assistant Area Dean. There were no questions to the Deanery Synod representatives.

Chair's Remarks

The Rector's remarks were published on page 8 of the Annual Report. There were no questions to the Rector.

Other reports

The following published reports were called and questions invited.

Page 12 – Report from the Use of Space and Resources group

Page 12 – Report from the Worship, Spirituality and Discipleship Committee

Page 13 – Stewardship Report

Page 13 – Report from the Communications Committee

Page 14 – Pastoral Care

Page 14 – Report on the Church of the Resurrection Hall

Page 15 – St Andrew's Hall

Page 15 – Friends of St. Andrew's Annual Report

Page 15 – The Church of the Resurrection Care and Fellowship Group

Page 16 – Report from Traidcraft

Addendum – St Andrew's Sunday School Report

There were no questions about any of these reports. PG thanked all the members involved in these groups and activities, particularly those who work quietly behind the scenes and are usually not recognised for the very valuable work which they do.

Any questions about parochial church matters

Jill Collings asked about progress towards replacement chairs at St. Andrew's church, as part of the on-going work of the Use of Space and Resources group. PG reported that the PCC would be meeting immediately following the APCM to take the views of St Andrew's congregation members as reported to the St Andrew's PCC members, in order to take this matter further forward.

Asked about the Reserves Policy, MH read the policy to the meeting.

There being no further questions, PG closed the meeting at 11:50.

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Administrative Information

The Parish of Farlington comprises two churches: St. Andrew's and the Church of the Resurrection. It is part of the Diocese of Portsmouth within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: Farlington Parish Office, Church of the Resurrection, Penrhyn Avenue, Cosham, Portsmouth PO6 2AW. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Measure: it is registered with the Charity Commission, charity number 1129921.

PCC members who have served from the date of the previous annual meeting are:-

<i>Incumbent:</i>	The Revd Paul Gully	Chair
<i>Associate Priest:</i>	The Revd Lyn Comerford	
<i>Assistant Curate:</i>	The Revd Alice Wood (to 17/01/16)	
<i>Deacon (PTO):</i>	The Revd John Fellows	
<i>Reader:</i>	Mr Simon Lemieux	
<i>Reader:</i>	Mrs Amber Vincent-Prior	
<i>Wardens:</i>	Mrs Ann Howells (from 10/05/15)	
	Mr John Twine (from 10/05/15 to 20/12/15)	
<i>Secretary:</i>	Mr John Upton (appointed and non-voting)	
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Mrs Margaret Heathcote (co-opted)	

Deanery Synod representatives:

Mr Mervyn Doyle – also PCC Vice chair
Mr Mark Emerton – now also ex-officio General Synod member
Dr Marcus Saunders

Elected members: Representing

2013/16

Mrs Liz Francis	SA
Mr Richard Jempson	SA
Mrs Chantal Bodsworth CV*	SA
Mr Michael Horner CV*	CR

2014/17

Mr Paul Harrison	SA
Mr Len Taylor	SA
Mrs Jackie Twine (now Ordinand)	SA

2015/18

Mrs Anne Hooper	CR
Mr Christopher Batstone	CR

**serving remaining term elected to a casual vacancy*

Co-opted members

Julie Minter (from 29/07/15) (Ordinand)

According to the parish constitution, those elected members who have served three years on the PCC will stand down and new members will be elected to take their place.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation rules and the parish constitution. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The Standing Committee of the PCC is comprised of the incumbent, the churchwardens, the parish treasurer and the PCC Vice-chair; it meets every two months in the months between the bi-monthly PCC meetings, with the exception of December. There are five sub-committees which oversee the business of the parish in the following areas: Fabric, Finance, Communications, Pastoral Care, and Spirituality, Worship and Discipleship. Separate reports from each of these committees are included below. The 'Use of Space and Resources' group, which was operational in the previous year, has now concluded its work and disbanded.

Objectives and Activities

Farlington PCC has responsibility to co-operate with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for St Andrew's church, the Church of the Resurrection and the two church halls within the curtilages of the churches.

In 2016 the **electoral roll** was revised. The number on the roll for 2015 was 147

Occasional offices

Over the year, there have been seven funerals in church, and thirty-one funerals conducted by the clergy team at the crematorium/ cemetery. There were twelve weddings, one service of Thanksgiving after marriage (for the Rector's daughter and son-in-law) and eleven baptisms. Six candidates were presented to the Bishop for confirmation.

Annual Report and Financial Statements

The Annual Report and Financial Statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council at a meeting held on 30 March 2016

Revd Paul Gully, Rector

Rector's remarks

Again this year I am delighted to report continuing progress.

I've been listening to the autobiography of The Rev Richard Coles – former pop star and radio presenter – who also is now a priest in a parish in Northamptonshire. Many, many things struck me in his account of discovering his call of God, but one thing he said about one of the parishes he attended on his journey was, that for a very eclectic group of people, it '*made faith possible*'.

Maybe that is how we might measure all that we have done and all that we will do in the name of God in our parish. Can we ask ourselves that question about every activity, process and action? Does this help in 'making faith possible . . .' for those yet to know about God?

Welcome to Farlington Parish

Making faith possible ...

We have seen many practical changes to the worship space at Church of the Resurrection, the hard work of a good many people, under the careful guidance of Mervyn Doyle. Thank you. The spadework at St Andrew's is, as I write, about to come to fruition. Thanks to the preparatory work of Ann Howells and Chantal Bodsworth a faculty has now been granted for the work there. Thank you to them. Much practical co-ordination work is still to come (I'm sure they will be asking soon for strong people to help with unloading the new chairs). How will these lovely facilities in both our church buildings help us in 'making faith possible . . .'?

The PCC will continue to consider the possibility of employing an individual to allow us to build capacity and develop work among unrepresented groups. How can we use this opportunity to help us in 'making faith possible . . .'?

And, excitingly, for the first time in over forty years, someone from our congregations has been chosen by the national church and the Bishop to begin training in preparation for ordination. I am delighted that Jackie Twine has responded to this particular call of God. Join me in continuing to pray for her training and formation and be ready to come to her ordination! However, please don't think I'm going to stop asking and challenging people about this particular calling – a parish like ours should be searching out and encouraging more people to consider vocation to ordained ministry. This really is 'making faith possible . . .'?

And then I was asked if Julie Minter could come and join us as an ordinand in our parish while she completed her training. Thank you Julie as you have sought to make Farlington Parish your spiritual home for the time of your training and for the way you have encouraged so many people and I know found encouragement yourself. This is 'making faith possible . . .'

Two exciting fresh expressions working with families have sprung into being this year. Build at Church has begun and a Messy Church team has been trained and the first session is booked for May. This really is 'making faith possible . . .' and helping us to reach people new to church.

My work as Associate Area Dean (North) for the Portsmouth Deanery has taken up a good deal of time. No one told me that many of my clergy colleagues would leave as soon as I was appointed. The continued generous support of the congregations, members of the Ministry Team, Churchwardens and PCC has meant that some appointments have/are being made to parishes and difficult decisions about buildings are ongoing. Even in the difficult decisions, this is really about 'making faith possible . . .'

We said our farewells to Alice Wood, as she moved at the end of her curacy, to the post of Associate Vicar in parishes including the village where she lives. Thank you Alice, for your contribution to our life here. I trust that God will bless your future ministry greatly.

Thanks to the gifts and skills of our Ministry Team. For Lyn and John. For Simon and Amber. For Jackie and Julie. I do hope you take the opportunity to thank them for their discipleship as I do for the breadth and depth of their offering in service and personally for their support of my ministry.

Thank you to Ann Howells and John Twine as Churchwardens. We are sorry, John, that circumstances made it necessary for you to stand down. Thank you both for your practical and prayerful support – and for your personal support of my ministry. You will become aware of work in progress building a warden team – a bit like our finance team to make the increasingly complex role of the Churchwarden possible.

Thank you too to Margaret Heathcote as our Parish Treasurer and her finance team colleagues. Thanks to John Upton as PCC Secretary. Thanks to Deputy Wardens, Martin Cairns, Paul Harrison, Chantal Bodsworth, and Sidespersons. To those who have served on the Parochial Church Council and Deanery Synod and who now wish to stand down or have come to the end of their term of office - thank you for your contribution. To those who remain or have just been elected to join us - thank you too.

How do we continue to make changes in the life of our five, no, six, no, seven congregations intentional? This is 'making faith possible . . .'

Thank you to you all for the kind and generous way you have continued to support my ministry. May God bless you all as we work together for the Kingdom in the coming year.

The Rector

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2015

Parish Finances

The Parish Finances are managed by a team of people consisting of:

Margaret Heathcote	Parish Treasurer
Jill Collings	Deputy Treasurer
Jenny & Chris Gibbons	COR Assistant Treasurers
John Romney	SA Assistant Treasurer
Di Allen	COR Hall Manager
Maretta Nelson	COR Hall Booking Clerk
Robin Sweetman	SA Hall Treasurer
John Upton	Stewardship Recorder
Amber Vincent-Prior	Parish Clerk

Summary

The amalgamated receipts and payments accounts show an overall decrease in funds of £70,553 with total cash funds available at the end of the year of £199,822 of which £196,348 are unrestricted funds and £3,474 restricted. The large decrease in funds is due mainly to the planned expenditure on repairs and equipment for the Church of the Resurrection. In the notes to the accounts, the amalgamated receipts and payments accounts are broken down into receipts and payments accounts for the individual funds.

Parish Accounts

The Parish accounts had a net decrease in cash funds of £64,735 compared to a gain of £15,819 in the previous year. This is due to just over £69,000 being spent on new equipment and repairs at the Church of the Resurrection.

Parish Accounts Receipts

Total planned giving has decreased by over £3,000 when compared to the year 2014 and consequently the income tax recovered has reduced. Collection and donations have remained about the same. The final legacy payment was received from Jill King's estate and a second, small legacy was also received. The Parish Reserves policy, detailed later in the report, outlines the proposed allocation of the significant funds held in the CBF deposit account. Receipts from fundraising events appear to have increased but this is due to all monies received for the 100 Club being included and all prizes paid out by the 100 Club being included as a payment. Church lettings and fees received from weddings and funerals have also both decreased. Bank interest has decreased slightly due to the decrease in funds held in the CBF deposit account. The £11,800 transferred between funds was the monies transferred from the 2 Hall accounts at the start of 2015.

Parish Accounts Payments

Total payments have increased by just over £4,000, when major expenditure of £74,400 has been deducted, and the average monthly running costs are £8,760. Our Parish quota continues to decrease; fewer fees were received from weddings and funerals and therefore fewer fees were paid out. Several parts of the refurbishment project for Church of the Resurrection were carried out in 2015:

£16,890 on the overhaul of the organ; £6,500 in 2015 on the floor refurbishment (£9,377 in total including the deposit paid in 2014); £32,064 on new chairs and tables with £5,250 being gained from the sale of the old chairs; £18,961 on the audio visual system. Church utilities continue to increase as fuel costs continue to rise. Parish office costs and running costs have also increased. The Parish Mission and training costs include a nearly £1,000 donation given to Bishop Mathias for the Diocese of Ho.

Restricted Funds

The only restricted fund is the SA Churchyard fund which had no movement in 2015 except the transfer of its proportion of the interest received on the CBF Deposit account. The Organ Fund was closed at the end of 2014 with a transfer of £524.35 from the general funds to allow for more being spent than was donated.

Church Hall Funds

The COR Church Hall increased its funds by £2,092.71 in 2015, which is nearly £4,000 less than in 2014. Over £13,800 was collected in hall fees, about the same as in 2014, but there was a significant expenditure of over £5,600 on new chairs. However, as £6,800 was transferred to the Parish General Fund, the COR Hall bank account balance at the end of the year was £8,139.81 and £3,000 will be transferred to the Parish current account in 2016, leaving a reserve balance of £5,000, as agreed by the PCC.

The St Andrew's Church Hall increased its funds by £3,456.35 in 2015. Income received from hall fees remained about the same but expenditure was nearly £2,000 less than in 2015, despite £2,640 being spent on the soak away. As the SA Hall bank account balance was £9,514.20 at the end of the year, £4,500 will be transferred to the Parish current account in 2016 to leave a reserve balance of £5,000 as agreed by the PCC.

Small Funds

The COR Care and Fellowship Group increased its funds by £2.30 in 2015. The Friends of SA increased their funds by £120.45. The Traidcraft stall decreased their funds by £51.57 and made a donation to the National Traidcraft organisation of £165.

Conclusion

The Finance committee continues to monitor Parish expenditure on behalf of the PCC and report to the PCC. The Parish met all its financial commitments in 2015 and although it ended the year with a net decrease in cash funds this was due to significant, planned major expenditure on new equipment and repairs.

Summary

- Overall decrease in amalgamated funds of £70,553 to give total funds of £199,822
- Significant expenditure:
 - Organ overhaul at COR - £16,890
 - Floor refurbishment at COR- £9,377 (£6,500 in 2015)

- o New chairs, tables & other furniture at COR £32,064
- o Audio visual equipment for COR - £18,961
- o Income from sale of chairs - £5,250

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC to invest its reserve funds with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund and to retain sufficient funds to cover 3 months of unrestricted running costs. This equates to approximately £26,100 based on 2015 costs. The balance in the deposit account at the end of 2015 was £148,649 of which £145,175 is unrestricted funds and £3,474 restricted funds. The proposed allocation of these funds is:

3 months running costs	£26,280
Chairs and other furniture for St Andrews	£13,800
Audio visual equipment at St Andrews	£3,500
Employment of mission worker	£80,000
Contingency	£21,595



Charity Name Farlington PCC	No (if any) 1129921
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01-Jan-15	To	Period end date 31-Dec-15
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary income	87,234	-	-	87,234	99,432
Fundraising income	3,376	-	-	3,376	4,167
Investment income	898	15	-	913	1,064
Income from church activities	30,749	-	-	30,749	33,297
Other income	5,695	-	-	5,695	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	127,952	15	-	127,967	137,960
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	127,952	15	-	127,967	137,960
A3 Payments					
Cost of generating voluntary income	-	-	-	-	51
Fundraising trading costs	3,326	-	-	3,326	2,188
Church activities costs	194,594	-	-	194,594	115,455
Governance costs	600	-	-	600	600
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	198,520	-	-	198,520	118,294
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	198,520	-	-	198,520	118,294
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 70,568	15	-	- 70,553	19,666
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	266,916	3,459	-	270,375	250,709
Cash funds this year end	196,348	3,474	-	199,822	270,375

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Parish current account	29,989	-	-
	No 3 account	742	-	-
	CBF Deposit account	145,175	3,474	-
	COR Hall account	8,140	-	-
	SA Hall account	9,514	-	-
	Resurrection Care & Fellowship Group	1,125	-	-
	Friends of St Andrew's	783	-	-
	Traidcraft	519	-	-
	Owed to PDBoF	361	-	-
		Total cash funds	196,348	3,474
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Farlington Parish Parochial Church Council
Notes To The Amalgamated Financial Statements
For Year Ended 31 December 2015

- 1. Accounting Policies.** The financial statements have been prepared using the Receipts & Payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Charities Commission SORP

- 2. Cash Funds.** All funds listed at Section B1, except for the Churchyard Fund which is held in the CBF Deposit account, are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for the general purposes of the Parochial Church Council (PCC).

- 3. Assets Retained For The Church's Own Use.** Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by section 10(2) of the Charities Act 2011. This includes both church halls. No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 30 March 2016 and signed on its behalf by the PCC Chairman

Parish Accounts Receipts and Payments 2015

Receipts	2015	2014	Payments	2015	2014
Planned giving - gift aided	51661.74	53924.24	Stewardship envelopes		51.00
Planned giving - other	4007.00	4996.00	Cost of fundraising events	2011.91	700.00
Income tax recovered	15810.13	16942.64	Charitable giving	4817.86	1063.16
Collections	6703.18	6740.59	Clergy expenses	2448.08	1287.71
Donations	1914.32	2053.11	Organist	1907.20	2367.28
Special appeals	3690.36	1764.06	Repairs & maintenance	10309.99	9374.12
Legacies	1947.54	12000.00	Equipment	58792.03	2436.24
Fundraising events	3375.58	1957.05	Rectory expenses	969.31	895.85
Church letting fees	210.00	810.00	Church utilities	6635.18	5771.44
PCC fees from weddings and funerals	7002.00	10486.00	Church insurance	4446.96	4365.35
Interest from bank accounts	907.15	1057.22	Parish running expenses	2820.84	1840.43
Grant from Mission Fund	500.00		Youth work	229.95	52.50
Sale of church chairs	5250.00		Parish quota	59134.78	61486.00
Receipts into Organ, Social & SA Font		1112.55	Office running expenses	3383.68	3112.50
Transfer between funds	11800.00	3000.00	PCC fees	1702.00	5621.00
Total receipts	114779.00	116843.46	Independent examiners fee	600.00	600.00
Opening Bank Balances - Parish Funds			Organ repairs	17041.20	
PCC account	32352.04	20702.53	Parish mission & training costs	1901.98	
No 3 account	800.81	679.67	Stipend fees owed to PDBoF	360.90	
CBF deposit account	210962.16	206913.93	Total payments	179513.85	101024.58
Opening cash balance	244115.01	228296.13			
Closing Bank Balances					
PCC account	31115.85	32352.04			
Less uncashed cheques	1126.89				
No 3 account	742.47	800.81			
CBF deposit account	148648.73	210962.16			
Closing cash balance	179380.16	244115.01			
Net change in cash funds	-64734.85	15818.88	Net of receipts/(payments)	-64734.85	15818.88

Restricted Funds

Churchyard Fund - 2015

	£
Opening balance in Churchyard Fund	3458.99
Transfer deposit interest for 2015	14.54
Closing balance in Churchyard Fund	3473.53

Organ Fund - 2015

Opening balance in Organ Fund	-524.35
Transfer from General Funds	524.35
Tax recovered from Gift Aid	0.00
Closing balance in Organ Fund	0.00

Restricted Income

	£
Voluntary Income:	
Churchyard Fund	
Interest for 2015 from General Fund to Churchyard Fund	14.54
Organ Fund	
Donations	0.00
Tax Recovered	0.00
	<hr/> 14.54 <hr/>

Restricted Expenditure

Church Activities Costs:	
Churchyard Fund	0.00
Organ Fund	0.00
	<hr/> 0.00 <hr/>

Designated Funds

Social Fund - 2015

Opening balance as at 01.01.2015	954.05
Less cost of Sunday Carvery lunches	341.92
Less cost of Murder Mystery script	49.99
Less cost of fireworks for Roving Supper	55.00
Closing balance as at 31.12.2015	507.14

St Andrews' Font Cover - 2015

Opening balance as at 01.01.2015	1000.00
Donation	0.00
Closing balance as at 31.12.15	1000.00

COR Church Hall R&P accounts 2015	2015	2014	2013	2012
Opening bank balance	12847.10	6934.35	5711.12	10757.17
COR Hall Receipts:				
Hall fees	13868.21	13643.57	10696.77	11654.17
Interest				17.32
Donations				
Total Receipts	13868.21	13643.57	10696.77	11671.49
COR Hall Payments:				
Repairs & Maintenance	5703.39	2333.38	675.89	1894.63
Electricity	1403.85	1519.15	1572.17	1340.82
Water & Sewage	876.44	457.72	391.30	383.67
Refuse collection	1199.35	1182.13	1086.00	1003.24
Running expenses	526.50	401.19	275.12	166.68
Cleaners	2065.97	1837.25	1768.80	1938.92
Total Payments	11775.50	7730.82	5769.28	6727.96
Net Receipts/(payments)	2092.71	5912.75	4927.49	4943.53
Transfer COR Hall reserve to Parish reserve			4.26	1989.58
Transfer to Parish general fund	6800.00		3700.00	8000.00
Closing bank balance	8139.81	12847.10	6934.35	5711.12
St Andrews Church Hall R&P accounts 2015	2015	2014	2013	2012
Opening bank balance	11057.85	13541.83	11731.71	11174.88
SA Hall Receipts:				
Hall fees	8223.14	8356.93	7074.78	5420.00
Legacy	1000.00			1861.76
Interest	4.06	5.57	6.14	5.18
Total Receipts	9227.20	8362.50	7080.92	7286.94
SA Hall Payments:				
Repairs & Maintenance	3105.00	4424.27	2398.85	4147.35
Insurance	865.52	859.28	701.04	694.26
Gas	353.00	958.00	1281.68	1339.00
Electricity		52.20	55.20	282.00
Water & Sewage		97.29	164.66	156.50
Cleaners	1377.33	1455.44	1531.65	111.00
Hall fees refunds	70.00			
Total Payments	5770.85	7846.48	6133.08	6730.11
Net Receipts/(payments)	3456.35	516.02	947.84	556.83
Transfer from Building Fund account			1042.28	
Transfer to Parish account	5000.00	3000.00	180.00	
Closing bank balance	9514.20	11057.85	13541.83	11731.71

<u>COR Care and Fellowship Group R&P Accounts 2015</u>	£
Bank balance as at 01.01.2015	794.61
Petty cash as at 01.01.2015	327.62
Cash funds as at 01.01.2015	1,122.23
Receipts 2015	325.02
Payments 2015	322.72
Net receipts/(payments)	2.30
Cash funds as at 31.12.2015	1,124.53
Made up of:	
Bank balance as at 31.12.2015	864.61
Petty cash as at 31.12.2015	259.92
<u>Friends of SA R&P Accounts 2015</u>	
Bank balance as at 01.01.2015	662.81
Receipts 2015	120.45
Payments 2015	
Net receipts/(payments)	120.45
Fund balance as at 31.12.2015	783.26
<u>Traidcraft R&P Accounts 2015</u>	
Bank balance as at 01.01.2015	474.16
Cash in hand at 01.01.2015	95.96
Opening cash balance as at 01.01.2015	570.12
Sales income during 2015	1,445.85
Bank account interest	0.89
Total receipts	1,446.74
Purchases in 2015	1,333.31
Donations made in 2015	165.00
Total payments	1,498.31
Net receipts/(payments)	-51.57
Closing cash balance at 31.12.2015	518.55
Made up of:	
Bank balance as at 31.12.2015	454.19
Cash in hand at 31.12.2015	64.36

Churchwardens' Report

The fabric of St Andrew's Church has been well maintained during the last year and all essential work carried out. All health and safety aspects have been addressed and checks have been made as appropriate on all the electrical equipment, the fire extinguishers have been checked and replaced where necessary.

A Faculty has been granted for the replacement of the Church chairs and the order for both wooden and metal stackable chairs has been placed. The Faculty also covered the fitting of a new sound and audio visual system and it is planned for this work to be completed early March 2016.

In January the severe weather caused damage to the Ridge tiles and the roof tiles on the north side of the building. A claim has been submitted to the Ecclesiastical Insurance Company but at the time of writing this report this matter is ongoing.

During 2016 it is anticipated that the appointed Architect will undertake an inspection for the quinquennial report and the Archdeacon will be carrying out a visitation of the premises to inspect all the work undertaken meets the Diocesan Advisory Board requirements.

Ann Howells, Churchwarden

PCC Secretary's report

The PCC met six times during the year, with business between meetings being dealt with by the Standing Committee. The PCC received regular reports from its sub-committees, as reported below, and considered a number of recommendations from those sub-committees.

The PCC considered a recommendation from the Worship, Spirituality and Discipleship committee concerning admission to Communion before Confirmation. After much prayerful consideration, the PCC chose to move forward in accordance with the Bishop's recommendations on this issue. That sub-committee is now working out the practical issues in order to bring this into effect in our parish.

Finance Committee brought forward a recommendation that we should adopt the Parish Giving Scheme within the Parish of Farlington. PCC was given a presentation on this scheme and unanimously agreed the recommendation. The scheme will be launched in the parish later in 2016.

After much consultation with the congregation of St Andrew's, the PCC was finally able to seek a faculty from the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) for the replacement of the chairs in the church, and for the installation of an Audio Visual (AV) system. The faculty has been granted and the work will be proceeding shortly, and indeed may already have taken place by the time of the APCM.

The register of PCC members as trustees of the charity has been brought up to date, with former members no longer serving being removed from the register and more recent additions to the PCC being entered on the register.

The PCC received a report from Rev Lyn Comerford, following interviews she had conducted with congregation members about the nature of our mission. Whilst this had provided some useful perspectives, it did not enable the PCC to clarify its mission, and so that work goes on.

The year has seen a number of initiatives in the parish, Gravetalk and Build@Church amongst them, see below. In addition, it is anticipated that a form of Messy Church will be launched in the parish in 2016.

John Upton

Committee Reports

Worship Spirituality and Discipleship Committee

Membership: Jackie Twine (recent convenor- in place of Revd Alice Wood), Anne Hooper (minutes), Revd Lyn Comerford, Marina Horner, Len Taylor, David Francis, Sheena Day.

The group has continued with responsibility for hymn choosing, and has looked at, and begun to introduce, new hymns to the congregations.

The group has taken over responsibility for Fresh Expressions, following the PCC prayer meeting in 2014. It supported the introduction of Grave Talk, and we are delighted with the new initiatives taking place within the church. We will be looking at ways of making the prayer boards more relevant to both churches and will be working with the Communications Team on this. Watch this space!

The group was given the responsibility of making a recommendation to the PCC regarding the opening out of Holy Communion to those who have not been confirmed. The group, after much debate, and not unanimously, offered a recommendation of 'Open Table' where all might receive Holy Communion who would like to do so. The PCC considered the recommendation, and voted against an Open Table policy, but voted to offer the opportunity for children to take Holy Communion who have been baptised, but not confirmed. Children who express a desire for this (with the backing of their parents) will be given the opportunity to reflect on the significance of the Eucharist by engaging with a short course, using material recommended by the Church of England. The group will explore the different materials available, and talk through the options with Revd. Paul Gully and Sunday School teachers.

Jackie Twine

Pastoral Committee

Membership: Richard Jempson, Liz Francis, Rev. Paul Gully, Amanda Wells, Margaret Blatt, John Fellows, & Sarah Saunders.

The Pastoral Care Sub-Committee has continued to review the parish safeguarding process along with individual DBS certification. The committee will seek opportunities to arrange a local child and vulnerable adult refresher training in the autumn as many certificate holders completed their training in 2013.

Informal arrangements for pastoral care provided in this parish by people for their friends remains under consideration as does how we manage personal information.

The possibility of introducing outreach opportunities for the bereaved will be explored and it is anticipated that recommendations will be presented to the PCC in the autumn. In addition, and to minimise overlap with other parish sub committees, the PCC is currently reviewing the terms of reference of the committee.

Richard Jempson

Fabric Committee

Membership: Ann Howells, John Twine, Di Allen, Chris Batstone, Paul Harrison, Rev. Paul Gully, Mervyn Doyle.

The Fabric Committee met 4 times during the year to review ongoing work and to identify new work required.

Finance Committee

Membership: Mark Emerton, Margaret Heathcote, Rev. Paul Gully, Chris Gibbons, Jenny Gibbons, Robin Sweetman, Marcus Saunders, Jill Collings, John Upton.

The Committee has met on 3 occasions in the last year. In addition to receiving regular reports from the Parish Treasurer, keeping an eye on income and expenditure and setting the budget for the coming year, the Committee has been exercised on a number of other fronts.

Much time has been spent in bringing the employment of the hall cleaners on to a proper footing. This is now in place and working satisfactorily for all concerned.

The Committee considered the Archbishop's pronouncements on the Living Wage and recommended to the PCC that as a parish we should pay the Living Wage to all our employees. The PCC agreed and all our employees are now paid accordingly.

Portsmouth Diocese is rolling out the Parish Giving Scheme. The Treasurer and Stewardship Officer attended the diocesan launch of the scheme and then introduced this to the Finance Committee. The Committee readily agreed that the scheme has a number of advantages and that we should adopt this as a parish. A

recommendation to this effect has been made to the PCC and the scheme will be launched in the parish later this year.

Communications Committee

Membership: John Upton, Revd Paul Gully, Simon Lemieux, Linda Upton, Maz Coles, Simon Maple, Chrissie Barrow. Also invited; Kathryn Gunns, Julie Minter and Paul Wells.

The Committee met 4 times during this year and has been following Neil Pugmire's advice on getting our church noticed. Amongst other things, we have introduced several ways of publicising our parish life both for our own congregations and the wider area.

We have produced a monthly email Newsletter using a programme called Mailchimp. The February 2016 Newsletter was sent to 79 subscribers, was opened by 64 of them (81%) and this compares with an industry average (religion) of 26.7%. Apparently as well as UK readers, we also have readers in USA, France and Japan!

A photo display screen has been installed in the entrance of the Church of the Resurrection hall for users to view, which gives information about bookings contacts, and what's on in the parish. Serious consideration was given to installing something similar in St. Andrew's hall but there are a number of practical reasons why this cannot be done.

The Welcome Pack now has a new glossy cover and the contents have been updated. We have put together a 3-fold leaflet for outside both churches with details of service times and how to arrange bookings for weddings, Christenings and funerals as well as contact numbers. Both of these have proved worthwhile.

The new screens at the rear of the Church of the Resurrection have been put to good use and we have a section with photos of parish life (people having fun and friendship as well as food and faith).

An information bookmark has been produced for people coming to our churches for the first time, to help guide them through the service, and a handout was printed for friends and neighbours with a list of Christmas Services.

We have improved our publicity of events for the local media and produced a Hints and Tips Guide to publicity for all our events and services.

We hope that in the next year we will have a parish logo and we can have some new outside notice boards. We still have more ideas for 'Getting Our Church Noticed'.

Linda Upton

- **Parish website**

The website is working extremely well, since the transition to the 'Weebly' website host a couple of years ago. The new platform allows the website to be updated very easily by multiple authors (currently just Simon Maple & Paul Gully). The ease of use has meant that the website is now updated very often. Unlike the previous system, web pages now automatically scale to fit virtually all computing form factors i.e Desktop, laptop, tablet, mobile phones etc.

Historically the website was primarily focused on publishing information for people who do not attend our church, e.g information on Baptisms, wedding, and funerals. During the past year the communications committee has implemented many news pages and features that are designed to be informative to our parishioners. We now have pages displaying the latest 'Parish news', 'Parish events', and 'Christian events in our neighbouring areas'.

A 'Members area' has also been included that provides password protected pages for storing documents not intended for public viewing. Examples of such documents include PCC meeting agendas and minutes. Three separate members' areas exist so far: Parish member, PCC, and office. These document stores provide a number of advantages over distributing documents via Email, namely that the documents are all in one place, and only the latest version of the document is stored on the website.

The communications committee is aware that following an audit by Neil Pugmire, the parish is seeking to produce a logo, a common 'Look-and-feel' (Font, colour etc), and a mission statement. When these have been decided upon, the website will be updated to incorporate the new branding.

Simon Maple

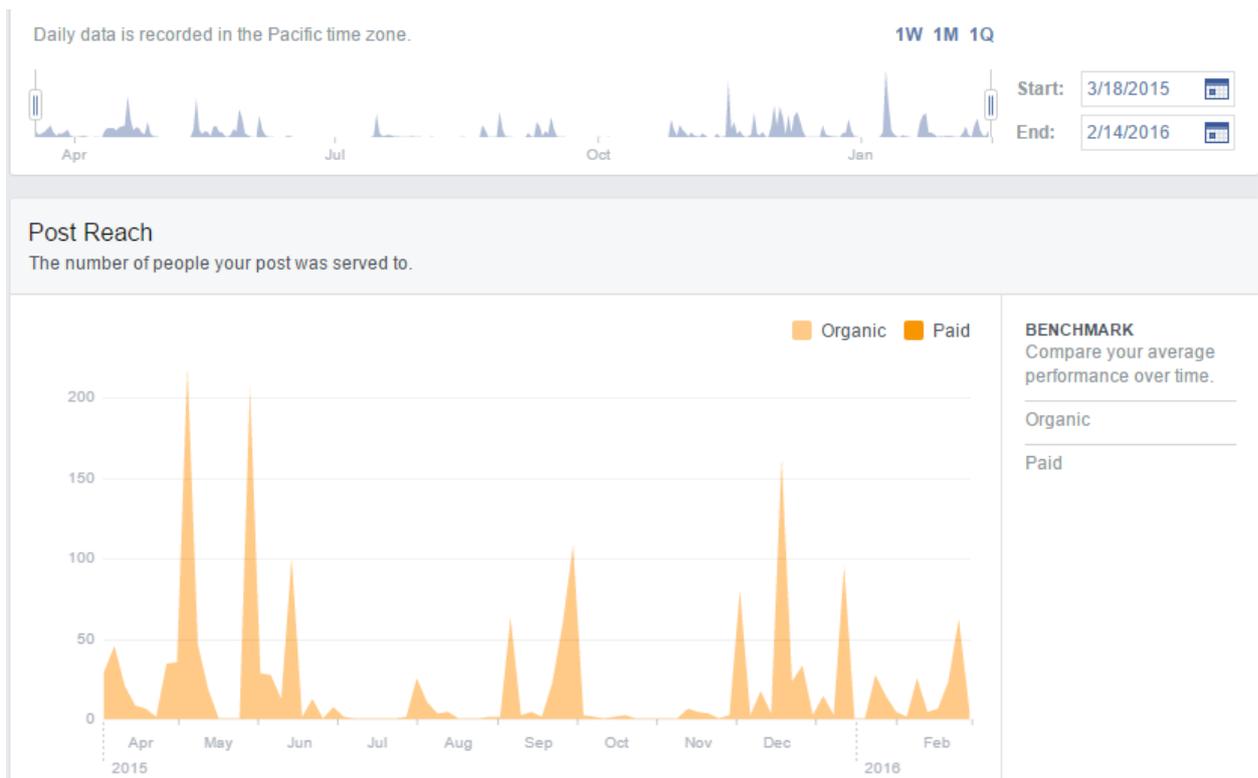
- **Social Media**

The Farlington Parish Social Media sites (Facebook and Twitter) were established on 18th March 2015, after a vacancy was advertised in the Pew Sheet.

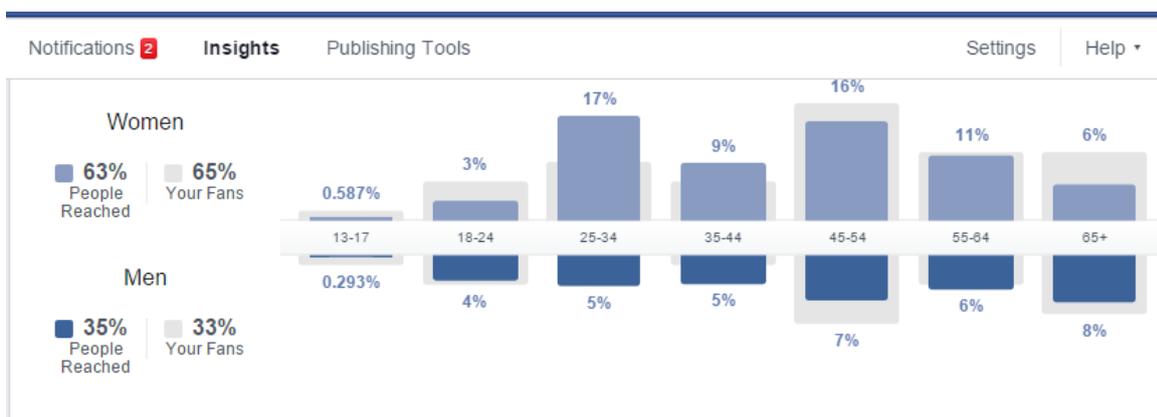
Maz Coles took up the mantle as co-ordinator, and recently Julie Minter, our new ordinant, who also has experience in journalism, has been added to the administration staff.

We started to have 'followers' almost immediately, and now have a significant amount of 'friends' and 'followers' in this country and across the world!

SOME STATISTICS



This shows how many people have received the posts.



This shows that more women than men are interacting with Facebook.

Country	People Reached	City	People Reached	Language	People Reached
United Kingdom	329	Portsmouth, England, ...	110	English (UK)	240
Australia	3	London, England, Unit...	13	English (US)	100
New Zealand	2	Havant, England, Unit...	11	Dutch	1
United States of America	2	Waterlooville, England...	9		
France	1	Birmingham, England, ...	6		
United Arab Emirates	1	Hill Head, England, U...	5		
Nigeria	1	Bristol, England, Unite...	5		
Sweden	1	Hayling, England, Unit...	5		
Netherlands	1	Fareham, England, Un...	4		
		Gosport, England, Unit...	4		

These details show where in the country and the world, people are following our Social Media.

Facebook and Twitter has been used to promote our message as a Parish, Parish events and other Christian events throughout Portsmouth and further afield.

- Some of our highlights include Dabble Day, the Pet Service, Build@Church and #AdventMeans (the latter two being co-ordinated by Julie Minter, and assisted by the communication Team)
- Whenever children are involved, the Social Media sites consider the Child Protection Act, and act accordingly within the regulations, and discuss with all parents if their child can be included in any Social Media or advertising.

We hope this will continue to gain more 'followers' and allow us to promote our Parish further.

Here are some images highlighting our events.



Build@Church



Pet Service



#AdventMeans

Mrs Marion Coles

Deanery Synod

The main focus of the work of Deanery Synod has been:

The future of the Portsmouth Deanery Youth Work and Further Education Chaplaincy projects and the subsequent appointment of the two Portsmouth Deanery Youth Chaplains – Sue Whitelock as Volunteer Co-Ordinator and Sharon Court as Creative Engagement Practitioner

The Diocesan strategy for the future - *Live, Pray, Serve*. Synod received a presentation by Archdeacon Joanne and Canon Nick Ralph. The Archdeacon explained this was about the Diocese reconsidering its mission context to enable engagement with local communities. Living, praying and serving are seen as the key components of a good Christian life and the challenge is how we can grow as a Diocese. If the church is to re-engage with the wider society, we need to have an attractive way of presenting the Gospel that is accessible and relevant to those we are attempting to serve. The *Live, Pray, Serve* strategy has identified four ways of doing this:

- Making disciples
- Growing churches
- Learning for life
- Transforming society

Portsmouth Deanery Plan - The Area Dean told Synod that the Plan continues to evolve. Short term issues need to be addressed whilst also looking ahead.

The four primary points are:

- To remove half-time posts
- To reach out to sections of population where we have failed to engage
- To seek to engage with those in the new development housing
- To share resources and expertise across Parish boundaries.

The Portsmouth Deanery has had to deal with an unprecedented number of clergy vacancies, some of which presented significant difficulties. This has placed considerable burdens on many, including the Area Dean and his two associates, (Paul being one of them).

The Diocese of Ho - The Deanery continues to support the Diocese of Ho and David Power has taken over from Tom Kennar as the Deanery Link Officer. Both visited Ho last October and a Deanery youth visit is planned for later this year

Mervyn Doyle

Other reports

Children at the Church of the Resurrection

The Sunday School group continues to meet having merged under the umbrella of Beam o' Light. We have a regular core of about 6 or 7 children (ranging from School Year Groups 4 to 9/10) and some others have moved on to take up roles in the main Sunday service, for example singing in the choir or altar serving. It was a pleasure to see two of our older members Confirmed in a ceremony at St Mary's in April.

We have continued to do a couple of social outings together and have enjoyed both a country walk in Finchdean and a summer BBQ at Queen Elizabeth Country Park. We also enjoyed a fabulous evening together at the Riding Lights performance of 'Baked Alaska' in October. Our contribution to the Nativity was again well received and the Group hope to play a more active role in the occasional Family Services with prayers and drama.

The leadership team of the Beam o' Light would welcome any additional support or guidance for the way ahead for the group. In a recent poll of the children who regularly attend Beam o' Light they were very happy to continue the Group as they enjoy meeting together in an informal way to learn more about God and to discuss His relevance to their lives.

Rachel Duffy

Children at St. Andrew's

This was another low key year for us, weekly Sunday attendance has gradually tailed off in recent years and with a child protection policy requiring at least two adults to supervise activities it would be intimidating for the youngsters to join a group unless they outnumbered the helpers. There are always a few themed leaflets on

clipboards at the back of the church to give to young people to use during services if not enough are present for group activities.

We made and delivered Christmas cards for senior and sick congregation members and hosted a crib service on Christmas Eve. Those attending were asked to come dressed as the character they wished to be in the story by issuing posters and flyers that included "If you would like a non-speaking part please come dressed up as Mary or Joseph or an Angel or a Shepherd or a King or a Wise Man or a Wise Lady."

Paul Wells was at the door to photograph likely participants as they arrived and when they processed up the aisle or joined the nativity scene. The two young narrators were taking part in the St Andrews crib service for the 9th year in a row. A small group of helpers waited at the door to give costumes to those not already dressed to take part. Some attendees enthusiastically took part as Mary, Joseph, shepherds, angels and a star, plus a well behaved baby sat in a makeshift crib looking fascinated throughout. Three gifts were brought from the east by Amanda and some small helpers. There are photographs on the parish website.

Amber V-P, Amanda Wells and Paul Wells

Church of the Resurrection hall

The COR Hall has enjoyed another good year with both evening and day bookings running at a good level of usage.

The Hall continues to run at a profit which enables the hall to contribute to the Parish funds.

New groups are being formed and continue to keep us busy. There seems to be an increase in the number and variety of childrens' groups, mainly slanted towards arts and craft.

However, despite this, we are not fully utilised during the summer holidays although we do have some casual bookings through this period.,

Halls (Fabric)

The Committee room again developed a leak during the heavy rain storms in January. We have monitored the situation and as there has not been a repeat of this, we have to assume that the ingress was due to a combination of wind and rain blowing in the "wrong direction". The Committee Room will be repainted during the Easter holidays together with the office and the kitchen. The main hall was repainted in 2014 and is still looking good.

New chairs have been purchased for the main hall which was planned as part of ongoing maintenance.

Halls (General)

We have had some complaints about noise from one or two of the neighbours. This has been mainly at the weekends when there are childrens parties in the hall. We have taken some measures, as far as is reasonable, to help alleviate the aggravation.

A slatted wooden gate has been made and is in place across the double doors. This enables the doors (adjacent to the church) to be open during the summer months to give ventilation and to funnel the noise towards the church and not the neighbours. Another measure has been to ban the use of the grassed areas for any parties. Not ideal but deemed necessary in order to have a peaceful existence with the neighbours.. There have been no more complaints since these steps were taken ... but then we didn't have much of a summer last year! We will continue to monitor the situation.

Finances

We started 2015 with a bank balance of £12847 and ended with £8140.

Income for 2015 (£13868) derived from hire fees from both regular and casual hirers.

Hall hire fees are reviewed with the Finance Committee and will increase by approx 5% with effect from January 2016.

Hall expenditure was around £11775. This increased expenditure is due in part to the purchase of 80 new chairs for the main hall.

For a detailed breakdown of expenditure please see the Treasurer's report, but we are in a healthy position, and again this year have been able to contribute £6800 to the Parish Funds, leaving a year-end balance of £8140.

Another satisfactory year, and I would like to thank all of the people who have made this possible by helping (some on an occasional basis). My particular thanks go to Maretta whose contribution with the Bookings and in other areas is fantastic, and also to Margaret who keeps us on the straight and narrow where the money is concerned.

Diana Allen – Hall Manager

St Andrew's hall

I am pleased to report that St Andrew's Hall continues to provide a very good facility for all types of bookings. There are 21 regular users, 14 on a weekly basis and 7 others using the hall once or twice a month. There is an average of 16 ad hoc bookings for children's parties, meetings etc. each month.

Ongoing maintenance has been addressed over the past year and this will continue to be essential as the extensive use of the facilities will take its toll and this has been

budgeted for by the Finance Committee with the approval of the PCC. A donation towards improvements in the hall was made and it was agreed by the Fabric Committee that three Dyson Blade hand dryers would be purchased and fitted and these are awaiting the electrician to carry out the work.

The online calendar is being used by prospective hall hirers and this has helped to increase the variety of events held.

The bookings for 2016 are looking very positive.

Ann Howells, Hall Manager

Friends of St. Andrew's

We did not hold any coffee mornings in St Andrew's Hall in 2015 as attendances had been declining. We, however, held two at Joan Baker's home last year which were great social occasions.

We hosted 6 Sunday meals, mostly in the hall, adjacent to services. The most spectacular was a lunch following a morning service that ended with a sing-along of sea shanties and a visit to Thomas Atkinson's grave at a service for Trafalgar day. Thomas Atkinson was the sailing master on some of Admiral Lord Nelson's ships including The Victory at the Battle of Trafalgar.

Some of our members have been cleaning brass, arranging flowers and providing refreshments after Sunday morning services (using the vestry boiler and coffee machine we bought in previous years).

Shortly we will be spending money we raised last year on silver plated flagons for Chrism Oil storage that are being specially made for us.

Amber V-P

Care and Fellowship Group

The group continues to be well supported with many members taking an active part in our affairs. The group continues to help with caring for the church, cleaning, silver cleaning, flower arranging etc .

As usual we have had a wide range of speakers to interest us at our monthly meetings. Brian Kidd entertained us with his lovely pictures and gardening tips. Alan Martin told us of his visits to Jerusalem and the Botanical gardens there. Dave Yaldren told us about the Mid-Hants railway – a very special local heritage line. Brian Barratt told us about Conan Doyle and Bruce Nichols interested us in Nelson and the Battle of Trafalgar

Colin Chambers came to us in January and we heard about the time when he was Chaplain to Nelson Mandela. Colin has promised to come again next year to tell us more. In February Carol Gully kindly joined us and spoke of her work at the Rowans

Di and Jenny gave us an illustrated talk about the time they spent in Turkey last year with Ann Leonard

Last summer we enjoyed a delicious tea in interesting surroundings in Port Solent and we held a strawberry tea in the hall for members of local churches where Lyn Comerford kept us interested and well entertained

Jan Grinham continues to do an invaluable job with the church flowers and, once again, she gave us a demonstration of Christmas floral displays at our December meeting

We were invited to help to with the Flower Festivals at St Cuthbert's and St Peters, Hayling, which was most enjoyable

Next year we have planned another programme so please join us in the hall on the second Wednesday afternoon of the month

Many thanks to all our generous and helpful members, to Allison our treasurer and to Mavis who sends all the birthday cards

Sadly Carol Clifford died last month –we shall miss her cheerful presence

Margaret Blatt

Traidcraft

Traidcraft Sales for 2015 amounted to £1445.85, much the same as the previous two years. Sales are mainly from our regular fortnightly stall in the Church of the Resurrection and the monthly stall run by the Drayton United Church. However, this is boosted by catalogue purchases during the year, especially at Christmas, and with extra stalls held at two of the Friday Lent Lunches and also at the Coffee Morning held for the Diocese of Ho.

A surplus of £150 was generated for the year and this will be passed on to projects which help communities to work their way out of poverty. From our 2014 surplus we gave £75 back to Traidcraft Exchange and £75 to Christian Aid.

Our arrangement with Drayton United Church continues to work well, as not only does it give a chance for the Drayton United congregation to support Traidcraft but it also helps to regularly turnover the stock and to maintain our annual surplus.

Traidcraft coffee, tea and sugar is regularly used for refreshments after church, for Café Church and other events.

Our thanks go to all those who regularly buy from Traidcraft and we hope that more people will do so in the coming year so that it remains viable to keep the stall going.

Jill, Jenny and Sue

#AdventMeans

A social media campaign to help raise awareness of what Advent is really all about. It ran for the four weeks of Advent in 2015. Each week we focused on one of the four seasonal themes: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, and asked people to join us in sharing images or words which demonstrated that theme on social media. The theme of peace and love attracted the most activity with people sharing all kinds of images. The other themes proved to be more tricky but perhaps it is because the words 'joy' and 'hope' are not used so frequently in the everyday. We used a selection of the images to create a #ChristmasMeans video to the hymn 'Let there be love shared among us' which was recorded by some of our music group. That video was posted to YouTube on Christmas Day and shown on the big screen at church too. It was also shared on social media. The video had been viewed 193 views at time of writing.

Julie Minter

Build@Church

It's a space for families to hear stories from the Bible, respond to them creatively using Lego and Duplo bricks, pray using the bricks and share tea and coffee, soft drinks and cake together. The first meeting was on Saturday 9 January 2016 between 2pm-4pm. It meets every Second Saturday of the month, with a break in August for the summer holidays. So far, we have explored the story of Noah and the parable of the Good Samaritan. The first event attracted around 50 people and the second 33, many of whom don't normally come to church on Sunday. There has been positive feedback from those who come. We received a £500 Mission Opportunities Fund grant from the diocese towards start-up costs and generous financial donations from individuals in the parish and generous practical donations of Lego bricks too. Excited about seeing how it develops.

Julie Minter

Gravetalk

In October, 2015 we held a Gravetalk event in the Church of the Resurrection. It was well attended and people engaged with the subject of death and dying whilst enjoying a buffet lunch. The feedback I had was encouraging and suggestions were made to hold a similar event in the future. This could have a different emphasis but use the same format. I have recently discussed the idea of starting Table Talk. This uses cards to initiate conversations in the same way as the Gravetalk event, but is on more general topics in the form of a game. Whatever we use in the future, I certainly think it's of great benefit to the congregation to get together and air their views on a variety of topics and I will be thinking of fun ideas once my degree course is finished in the summer.

Lyn Comerford

Care Homes

I have been taking services in care homes for the last five years and am greatly uplifted by the response I get from the residents and staff. A core of people from the Church regularly supports this ministry, for which I am grateful, and I know this is much appreciated by the residents and staff.

The statistics of people with dementia are shocking: 1 in 6 people over the age of 80 have dementia. There are 850,000 people with dementia in the UK, with numbers set to rise to over 1 million by 2025.

St. Paul compared the Church to the Body of Christ and said in his letter to the Corinthians "The members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable". My dissertation in University will argue that people with dementia are indispensable, as spending time with them will help the rest of the Church to grow spiritually.

Once my degree is finished I hope to put my theory into practice and I look forward to hearing your views on this subject.

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