The Parochial Church Council

of the

Ecclesiastical Parish of North Abingdon

Registered Charity No. 1153844

Annual Report And Financial Statements

 $1^{\rm st}$ January to $31^{\rm st}$ December 2017

Administrative Information

The Parish of North Abingdon is part of the Diocese of Oxford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Christ Church, Northcourt Road, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 1PL.

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of North Abingdon is a charity registered with the Charity Commission, charity number 1153844.

Trustees

The following served as members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) during 2017.

| Incumbent | Revd Tim Davis | Chair of Trustees (suspended from office w.e.f. 29th July 2016) |
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| Clergy | Revd Keith Dunnett | Associate Vicar |
| | Revd Kath Cooke | |
| | Revd Phil Cooke | From May 2017 |
| | Revd Rebecca Peters | Peachcroft Christian Centre (from Nov 2016) |
| | Revd Simon Steer | |
| | Mrs Nessa Watts | From Sept 2017 (Lay Minister) |
| LLM Representative | Miss Anne Taylor | |
| Wardens | Mr Philip Bingham | Until April 2017 (Vice-chair) |
| | Mr Roland Knight | |
| | Mrs. Sue Gibbins | From April 2017 |
| Deanery Synod | Mr John Alcock | Until April 2017 |
| | Mr. Ron Clark | From April 2017 |
| | Mr. Ian de Villiers | From April 2017 |
| | Dr David Hancock | Re-elected April 2017 |
| | Mrs Leilani Jeevaratnam | Until April 2017 |
| | Mr. Emil Jeevaratnam | From April 2017 |
| | Mr Andy Jones | Until April 2017 |
| | Mr. Terry O'Neill | From April 2017 |
| | Mr. Tim Shipman | From April 2017 (Treasurer) |
| | Mr Mark Stavers | Until April 2017 (Treasurer) |
| | Mr Martin Steel | From April 2017 |
| | Prof Rachel Taylor | Until April 2017 |
| | Mr Andy Voyce | Re-elected April 2017 |
| Elected Members | Mr. Jaz Bance | From April 2017 |
| | Mr Philip Bingham | From April 2017 (Vice Chair)(Deputy Warden) |
| | Mr Paul Brombley | Deputy Warden |
| | Mrs Diana Bryan | Until April 2017 |
| | Mrs Val Challis | From April 2017 |
| | Dr Andrew J Dent | Secretary |
| | Mr Andrew Dubock | Deputy Warden |
| | Mr Simon Farres | Until April 2017 |
| | Mrs Sarah Fry | Until April 2017 (Deputy Warden) |
| | Mrs Janice Gordon | |
| | Mrs Rosemary Green | Until April 2017 |
| | Mr. Chris Hodgson | From April 2017 |

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Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish of North Abingdon is responsible for the activities at Christ Church, operating on two sites in North Abingdon (the church site on Northcourt Road, and within Long Furlong Primary School).

The Peachcroft Christian Centre is located within the Parish of North Abingdon. It is an ecumenical church, recognized by the Baptist Union, the Church of England, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church. The incumbent of Christ Church and a former churchwarden sit on the Joint Council of the Peachcroft Christian Centre. However, the Peachcroft Christian Centre is independent of the PCC and its activities and finances are not included in this report.

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England and registered with the Charity Commission. The governing documents for the PCC are the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure 1956 as amended and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).

Trustees of the PCC are either *ex officio* or lay members who are elected in accordance with the provisions of the Church Representation Rules. Lay members are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) held in April. Elected lay members serve for a three-year term, with approximately one-third retiring each year. All eligible church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. On appointment, PCC members receive a document which outlines their legal responsibilities as trustees. In addition, the Chairman provides an introduction to the structures of the Church of England and the role of the PCC during the first meeting following the APCM.

The *Standing Committee* (comprising the Incumbent (Vicar), Associate Vicar, church wardens, deputy wardens and treasurer) has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC.

The PCC operates through a number of Working Groups, which meet as required between full meetings of the PCC. The chair of each Group is responsible for reporting back to the PCC. Other members may also be from the PCC or from the church body.

- The *Mission Support Group* (MSG) manages the budget and other support given to mission partners working overseas and in the UK and short-term mission activities by church members. The MSG seeks to raise awareness of the world-wide church and to encourage every member of the church to participate through prayer, giving or direct involvement.
- The *Buildings Group* supports the wardens in their responsibility to maintain the fabric and contents of church buildings. The group works to identify, prioritise, and oversee/undertake the upkeep and maintenance of the church site at Northcourt Road and the curate's and youth pastor's houses. A master list of maintenance and repair tasks has been used to support a Five Year plan to assist in the phasing and budgeting of major expenditure.
- The *Human Resources Group* oversees the recruitment of staff and other personnel matters and supports the PCC in developing good personnel policies and practice in the church.
- The *Finance Committee* oversees the financial activities of the parish, prepares the annual budget and financial statements.
- The *Health and Safety Group* monitors all matters relating to health and safety and ensures that relevant policies are kept up to date and risk assessments carried out.

- The *IT Group* oversees the church's IT equipment (software and hardware) and develops the use of the church websites and social media.
- The *EcoChurch Group* was established during the year to guide the church in ways that our life together may be more sustainable.

The day-to-day operations of the church are delegated to the staff team employed by the PCC under the direction of the Incumbent or, in his absence, by the associate Vicar.

The PCC is exposed to risks associated with buildings, finance, legislative compliance and food safety.

- Buildings are insured and regularly inspected. The PCC continues to budget for and carry out a rolling programme of repairs and maintenance. The Long Furlong congregation meets weekly in Long Furlong Primary School (under a formal Transfer of Control Agreement entered into by the School and the PCC) with the children's work, Godzkidz, taking place in the nearby Long Furlong Community Centre. These arrangements have worked well for many years and appear to be of mutual benefit.
- Finances are managed by the parish treasurer within a budget approved by the PCC and performance is regularly reported to the PCC. The majority of our income comes, under God, from the regular giving of our current members, so the importance of prayer and also communication with donors is recognised. The church has an annual "Focus on Giving" early each financial year when the congregation is asked to review their financial support for the year. Information on financial performance is reported to the congregation at the autumn meeting and at the APCM. All regular donors are thanked at least annually.
- Legislative compliance. The PCC is committed to fully meeting its responsibilities relating to Health and Safety, Data Protection, Safeguarding, employment law and other pertinent legislation.
- Policies are in place for Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, Use of Social Media in Youth Work, Data Protection and Health & Safety.
- The Barns Café Ltd follows the "Safer Food, Better Business" food management system. The operations, systems and procedures of the Barns Café were inspected in June 2013 and awarded a five star rating this was renewed in December 2014, and again in Feb 2017. All staff and volunteers are appropriately trained in food safety and preparation, and receive training in health and safety procedures. Staff and supervisors are also trained in first aid. To mitigate risks to the PCC, the Barns Café Ltd is incorporated as a Private Limited Company (Company No. 08794014), with the PCC of the Parish of North Abingdon as the sole shareholder. The Vicar and wardens are *ex-officio* directors with up to three others appointed by the shareholder at PCC meetings.

The charity trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have reviewed those risks and established systems and procedures to manage those risks.

Objectives and Activities

The main objective of the PCC is (in accordance with the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 as amended) to co-operate with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The main areas of activity this includes are:

- Regular public worship open to all.
- The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation.
- Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved.
- Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- Taking of religious assemblies in schools.
- Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and meetings, and the distribution of literature.
- The provision of Christian youth activities.
- Promoting the whole mission of the Church through provision of activities for senior citizens, parents and toddlers and other groups.
- Supporting other Christian charities in the UK and overseas.
- To provide a service to the community by allowing local groups to hire rooms on the site for their legitimate activities.

Over the last few years, there has been a clear sense that God is calling the church to face outwards, engaging with and serving our local community. The Barns Café, the Foodbank (hosted by Christ Church), Street Pastors (under the auspices of the interdenominational Church in Abingdon) and hospitality activities such as 51 Fellowship and Friendly Cuppa are all examples of such engagement. A significant number of volunteers from the church serve in all these activities. In addition, as reported in the next section, this community focus is reflected throughout the life of the church, with many groups experiencing greater involvement with the wider community. This activity is led by the Holy Spirit and flows from a deepening dependence on God and the priority given to individual and corporate worship and prayer.

<u>Volunteers</u>

Since its inception, Christ Church has had a strong tradition of lay involvement and leadership in all areas of ministry. Members are actively encouraged to use the gifts, skills and passions that God has given them for service within and outside the church. The role of the church leadership is to provide oversight and to equip volunteers to fulfil their calling. The PCC recognises the essential contribution of volunteers in the giving of time and finance to the life of the church. An impressive number of volunteers are regularly involved in leading or supporting preaching, worship, children's work, youth work, Foodbank, the Barns Cafe, Prime Time, pastoral ministry, setting up Long Furlong School each week, hospitality, welcome and many other areas of church life.

Grant-making

The PCC believes that it is right to use part of our income to support people and projects engaged in Christian mission outside the church. Through the Church in Abingdon, we contribute to mission and social action projects around Abingdon. Through the Mission Support Group, we use approximately 15% of our disposable income to support several long-term mission partners, and church members undertaking short-term mission projects in UK or overseas.

Public Benefit

The PCC is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and have regard to it in their administration of the Parish. Examples of this public benefit can be found in the activities reported above and other parts of this report.

Achievements and Performance

Membership and Attendance

At April 2017, the electoral roll of Christ Church was 532 adults with a further 26 Anglican adult members based at the Peachcroft Christian Centre, giving a total of 558 adults for the Parish of North Abingdon.

PCC Meetings

The operational running of the church is largely delegated to the staff team and wardens, enabling the PCC to focus on matters of policy and strategic direction. PCC meetings also include time for reflecting on God's word and prayer for the life of the church.

At the first meeting of the year in January the PCC looked back to the difficult year concluded and forward with prayer to what God has in store for us. There was discussion on some buildings matters, and the terrier, inventory and maintenance log were presented (annual event). At the March meeting, the PCC approved the 2016 annual report and accounts; approved the setting up of an Eco-church group, and received annual reports from the Barns Café and the Health and Safety Group. The PCC also gave close consideration to the state of the church's prayer life. The church Annual Meeting (APCM) took place during all 4 regular services on Sunday 2nd April 2017, followed by a joint bringand-share lunch when questions could be asked of the staff and wardens. The May meeting welcomed new members of the PCC, elected PCC officers, appointed the PCC sub-groups and approved updated Safeguarding Policies & Social Media Policy. In June the PCC heard detailed reports from the Children's Department, the IT Group and about the Church in Abingdon (CiA). At the September meeting the main matters were an interim financial report and a consideration of proposals coming from the Deanery Synod for revised Parish Share allocations. Reports were received from the Buildings Group and the HR group. At the November meeting, the PCC discussed the church budget and received a report from the Mission Support Group.

At a half-yearly congregational meeting on Sunday November 12th, there was a report on the two Mums' and Toddlers' Groups (Link at Northcourt Road and Singing Circle at Long Furlong), and a report on the Worship Ministry. There were also reports on the proceedings of PCC meetings and the Church Finances.

Review of the Year

BEING DISCIPLES

At Northcourt Road there is a regular pattern of 3 or 4 services every Sunday. Long Furlong has a regular morning service and a monthly service in a more contemplative style, called Wellspring. A key theme for the year was Wisdom for Living and the Heart of the Gospel. These themes were expounded in the January and February sermon series drawn from Proverbs, and in March and April from Matthew and Romans. These were followed in May and June by a focus on Prayer, and the nature of the Church (1 Timothy) and Jesus' Authority (Mark). The Christmas carol services and

Christingles were once again packed, with overflows to the Hall at all 4 events. We were blessed to have Michael Green as preacher at the Carol Services.

We are blessed in our Sunday services to have a number of gifted church members who lead services, lead the music and preach. A number of young people are involved in the music and are encouraged to lead services. Behind the scenes, many more church members are involved in welcoming people, serving refreshments, sound and projection, setting up and clearing away (Long Furlong) and driving people to church (Northcourt Road).

Prayer is central to our life as a church. There is a regular time of contemplative prayer called "Meeting God in Silence" and monthly "Hungry for God" worship evenings, in addition to an intercessors group. Intercession is offered to anyone who wants it during communion services at Northcourt Road and at the end of all services at Long Furlong. During the week leading up to Easter, we organised a week of 24/7 prayer: many members of the church joined in and the prayer room was occupied at all times by people spending time in prayer.

Many adults are involved in a midweek Life Group: these are places of belonging, learning together from God's word, fellowship and prayer. As ever New Wine was an opportunity to gather as a whole church from both sites and all 5 regular services - with over 100 attending this year. This gives the opportunity to become a different kind of community during a week of worship, workshops, prayer, and socialising – all as part of God's family.

MWM activities for retired men has flourished over the year - deepening fellowship, friendship and support over meals, walks, visits and discussions - meeting monthly to develop an honest and refreshing discipleship. Our "51 Fellowship" seniors group meets fortnightly on Thursdays, drawing in many members from both within and outside the church, with a focus on offering love and friendship and to help each one to come to know Jesus as their personal Saviour at regular times of fellowship, teaching and worship.

In addition to the natural personal support offered by members of the fellowship to each other, Pastoral Care Teams (visiting newcomers, pastoral prayer, prayer ministry, care home, bereavement support and intercessory prayer) have provided a backbone structure of additional support. Long Furlong also took steps to establish a Pastoral Care Team.

MAKING DISCIPLES

Alpha continues to be a key way we reach out to those with a spiritual hunger to come to know God. Once again the launch in January was popular, with the speaker this time being Anne Wafula-Strike, a Paralympic athlete. It was followed by two Alpha groups being held weekly, where people could explore the essentials of Christian faith and come to their own commitment to Christ. One Alpha Group was held on Wednesday evenings and the other was held on Monday mornings at a restaurant in town, designed for ladies. Many thanks must go to the serving team, those who prepared meals, and the table leaders who led discussion and sought to encourage those on their tables, and to Kath and Phil Cooke who led the teams.

The children's work has continued to flourish under Heather Hughes' leadership, with Anne Taylor coordinating at Long Furlong. Over 150 volunteers are involved in this work across both sites, either regularly or occasionally, each of whom is recruited safely in accordance with Parish Guidelines, including a DBS check. At Northcourt Road the under 5s meet in the Hall at 9:20am as a group called

Sparks, enjoying play, craft, story, refreshments, singing and prayer. Children of primary school age meet in the Barn at the same time, known as **Ignite**. The children enjoy regular biblical teaching, worship and fun each week and usually split off into age-appropriate groups for teaching. We have 100 children on the various registers.

The annual holiday club in August 2017 saw 112 children (plus 53 adult leaders and 29 teenage helpers) attending with the theme of "Deep Sea Quest". There are occasional special events, such as "light party", "sleepovers", "YemenAid" fundraising event, etc. Members of the children's team lead assemblies in four primary schools twice per term, and hold week-long Prayer Space events. They also host occasional school visits to church. James Elward works half of each week with children and half with youth. A new venture during the year is Apprentice, a mid-week life group for children in Years 5 and 6."

The Youth ministry continued to flourish under the leadership of Matt Luscombe and James Elward, until Matt departed in August to start training for ordination. From September, Matt's place was Genesis (for 11-14s) is the umbrella name for the activities of this age taken by Bea Ellaby. group. Young people from both sites meet on Thursday evenings for Genesis games, social and bible teaching activities. On Sundays they meet as Pathfinders at Northcourt Road, and as Lazers at Long Furlong. Many teenagers assist the adult leaders with the younger children's groups at 9.30. Older teenagers (15-18) meet on Sunday evenings for Space, and during the week for Space Band, RAW (a group for girls), and Forge (for boys) and Equip, a mid-week monthly bible study for youth in the sixth form. These activities provide important spaces for learning, fun, worship and growth. There are 94 young people on the register (48 in Genesis age group and 46 in Space), and 20 adults are regularly or occasionally involved as volunteer leaders, assisting the staff leaders. As for the Children's Groups, all leaders are safely recruited in accordance with Parish Safeguarding policies, including Enhanced DBSs. The Genesis and Space weekends away have again been significant for our teenagers' journey in faith. Matt Luscombe and other members of the Desire network have enjoyed opportunities in most of the secondary schools in Abingdon, leading assemblies, teaching classes, holding lunch clubs, and creating prayer spaces. An annual event is the visit from teams of young people from Youth For Christ who come for a School's Week, organised by Desire and including combined youth outreach activities. This year their visit was to John Mason School. Annually at New Wine, the youth camp and share activities together, but many are heavily involved in the various ministry teams. A clash of priorities meant that there was no opportunity for youth to attend Soul Survivor this year. Many of the teenagers also help with our annual Holiday Club in August.

Christ Church continued to offer support for parents in a variety of ways. LINK (Northcourt Road) meets weekly for parents and carers of babies and toddlers to share the journey of parenting together whilst the little ones enjoy a play, a snack and a singsong. Numbers have increased significantly since the closure of the Children's Centre at Dunmore School (following funding cuts). Singing Circle (Long Furlong) for pre-school children and their carers also meets weekly. In addition there are a number of support networks - "Home for Good" for those involved in foster care and adoption, "Shift" (which we host) for parents with children with additional needs and "Food Ministry" to provide support at times of crisis. During the year a marriage course was run.

Prime Time's ministry to those over 50 continues to develop, The Prime Time Holiday in Paignton in June attracted 42 guests, and the popular Activity Week in August drew about 240 attendees, many of them not members of the Church. Friendly Cuppa at Long Furlong provides a monthly space for members of the local community to meet, enjoy a drink and games and make friends. Several activities

have grown out of the Prime Time summer activity week - Alpha, Life Groups and Bible study groups, as well as outings, socials, walks and table tennis afternoons.

The Barns Café, now in its fourth year, continued to flourish as a welcoming place for the local community and the setting for a wide range of groups to meet. Over 40 volunteers offer a warm welcome and serve wonderful food and drink (with a 5* food safety rating), and the café is often full. The Café has 2 paid staff members and provided a place for an apprentice during the year (Sept 2016 to Aug 2017). The apprentice was replaced by an Intern for the year 2017/18, who works 3 days per week in the Café and 2 days with the rest of the church.

The church hosts or is involved in a range of projects in and for the community. The Abingdon Emergency Foodbank is based at Northcourt Road and provides emergency food for people in real need; a group visits a local prison and holds monthly services there (but this ministry came to an end at the end of 2017); several of our members are involved in Archway which ministers to those hurt by loneliness; Street Pastors (organised by the Church in Abingdon) are out in the town centre every Saturday night and have Prayer Pastors praying for our town at the same time; Fishy Music provides resources for Primary Schools.

Our connection with and support of the Church in Abingdon includes shared events (Good Friday Procession, Fun in the Park, Bereavement Service, Prayer Spaces in our Primary Schools) and support of a number of projects (the Desire Youth Network, the Abingdon Bridge, Street Pastors, 35 Ock Street, Twinning), and is a key witness to the unity we enjoy in Christ. Our involvement with the local Deanery includes having our members Martin Steel as Deanery Treasurer and Karen Landon as Deanery Secretary. We also elect 8 members of our PCC to sit on the Deanery Synod.

Staffing

Our incumbent, Rev. Tim Davis, was absent throughout the year, partly due to ill health, but mainly because his role as incumbent was suspended by our Bishop with effect from July 2016. In his absence the staff team has been ably led by Associate Vicar Rev. Keith Dunnett. The staff team has been augmented by Kath and Phil Cooke who have had responsibility for the Long Furlong Congregation and provided wider ministry at Northcourt Road. In September Nessa Watts joined the team as a full time Lay Minister awaiting ordination at the right time.

In December, the Clergy Disciplinary Measure raised against Rev. Tim Davis came to a head with a full CofE Tribunal hearing in London. An announcement was made on 28th December that he had been found guilty of the spiritual abuse of a young person, on all five counts raised in the CDM. The announcement of the penalty appropriate to this judgement will be made early in 2018.

The staffing of the Barns Café became more settled during the year. After a year as Acting Café Manager, Hannah Kitchener, was appointed in February as Manager following a fully advertised appointment process. Subsequently, Alex Lister was appointed as part-time Deputy Manager. Jacob Edwards continued as Apprentice until September, and was replaced by Chris Ellaby, appointed as an Intern, working 3 days for the Café and 2 days for the rest of the church, plus some training. Jacob's apprenticeship was financially supported by the Government Apprenticeship Scheme through City of Oxford College.

Several other individuals form part of the staff team in a part-time or honorary capacity. These include: Ros Steel (Pastoral Coordinator); Sarah Fry (Communities); Ed Wiles (Worship Coordinator).

Our thanks, as ever, go to those who have continued to serve faithfully behind the scenes, notably Christine Talbot and Andy Walker, our administrators, Stuart Twinn, Mark Chapman and Naomi Challis, our cleaning staff who keep the premises clean and welcoming for regular users and visitors, and Simon Powdrill who ensures security of the premises each evening. Andy Walker resigned in August with a move to USA, and his place was taken by Alison Grieve as Facilities Administrator. Since October, Jackie Sheppard, has augmented the admin staff for one day per week, while Christine has reduced her hours to, effectively, 4 days per week.

The leadership of the Church concluded during the year that we should actively look for an Operations Manager who would oversee all aspects of the practical running of the church and release the ordained staff to their spiritual ministries. The Operations Manager would take over some aspects of Christine Talbot's role as she approaches retirement, and some aspects of the Facilities Administrator role, plus other communications and property development tasks, with support from one or more full- or part-time assistants. Advertisements in the summer did not produce a suitable candidate, and the project was postponed through the winter due to budgetary considerations, but we hope to resurrect the search in 2018.

The staff team meets weekly for prayer and discussion and has at various points in the year taken time out together, all of which is important in building the team.

The Human Resources Group of the PCC is working to produce policies to harmonise the employment contracts and conditions for all staff. Staff appraisals are carried out annually.

We want to give our sincere thanks to God for all He is doing among and through us, and to thank our staff team, the leaders and members of our ministries, those who preach and lead services, our cleaning staff, the network of volunteers who help as unsung heroes in so many ways and the members and officers of the PCC and the various PCC sub-groups for their dedicated service.

Fabric

Northcourt Road Site

The buildings available across the site are varied and we seek to maximise the use of rooms, both for regular and occasional individual and community groups, as well as church groups. The premises are a valuable community asset and rental charges, when appropriate, contribute to our financial revenue. We have updated the hire agreement documents including Terms and Conditions in line with best practice. Supervision of the room bookings is carried out by Facilities Administrator. There are often four or five separate groups meeting at the same time in various rooms around the site, both daytime and evening.

The Buildings Team, led by Andrew Turner, has continued to oversee the management of the upkeep and maintenance of the church site at Northcourt Road and other properties for which Christ Church is responsible (in Mattock Way and Geoffrey Barbour Road) - including regular testing of electrical equipment, fire extinguishers, boilers etc. Regular review and prioritisation of any work or repairs, purchases that may be required to maintain the site and properties are undertaken within budget guidelines supplied by the Treasurer.

An important initiative during the year was the organising of four Saturday work parties, drawing in a number of people outside the regular Buildings Team and enabling a wide range of maintenance tasks to be completed.

The more significant tasks undertaken to church buildings during the year include:

- 1) The refurbishment of the Ladies and Gents Toilets in the church link building.
- 2) Redecorating the Vestibule and Corridor, and installing a new Welcome Banner above the doors on the South wall.
- 3) Completion of the project to replace all doors with approved fire doors where appropriate, including in the corridor and the front entrance
- 4) Installing some draft-proofing measures in the Tithe Barn
- 5) Installing new insulation material and new wooden cladding along the whole length of the West wall of Barn 4 (facing the courtyard of Northcourt Farm)
- 6) Installing a new ceiling and inset lighting in the Lounge, and repainting walls and windows. (replacement of the Servery Area and carpet is pending)
- 7) Replaced electric consumer unit at 34 Geoffrey Barbour Road (GBR) and tested wiring
- 8) Removed planter unit beside front door, old front gates and old pergola at 34 GBR
- 9) Installed new electric radiator/ towel rail in shower room at 34 GBR

Long Furlong

Long Furlong Primary School continues to be used as an established place of worship every Sunday. In addition, we are able to use the school for additional courses or events on some weekday evenings. The children's work, Godzkidz, takes place in the nearby Community Centre. Whilst we are freed from the responsibilities of property maintenance, a heavier burden falls on the teams of volunteers needed to ensure that both buildings are prepared and cleared for each service and event.

Financial Review

Unrestricted income in 2017 was £555,017 of which £449,500 came, under God, from giving by members and the Gift Aid that can be reclaimed on these donations. This is a £5,600 increase in unrestricted income from 2016.

Unrestricted expenditure totalled £548,227. The majority of unrestricted expenditure relates to Parish Share, staff salaries and Mission Support grants. Unrestricted expenditure also includes £20,494 of depreciation. Unrestricted expenditure decreased by £4,261 compared with 2016.

Overall, the accounts show a surplus of £6,790 of unrestricted funds which includes the £20,494 of depreciation. On a cash basis the church generated a surplus which was as per the intention of the PCC for the year. Future years' budgets are intended to "break even".

The Barns Café Ltd commenced trading on 24th November 2014. The PCC is the sole shareholder, with a share value of £1. It is the intention of the café to pay some profits to the church for 2017.

A total of £30,803 was donated for restricted purposes.

Reserves Policy

The PCC is required to operate on a going concern basis, and aims to maintain a minimum reserve of two month's expenditure in hand against contingencies. The accounts show that reserves remain above that minimum.

Future Plans

The future leadership of the church will depend significantly upon the penalty announcement relating to the Tim Davis tribunal due in early 2018. While the church has continued to function unchecked in many ways throughout the last three years, there has also been an inevitable brake on some aspects of church life without an incumbent.

We continue to look to God for His leading and endeavour to keep in step with His Spirit. That means being ready to rise to new challenges and being prepared to close existing areas of ministry if necessary.

The planned new housing development to the north of Abingdon does present us with fresh opportunities. We are in discussions with the developer, with neighbouring parishes and with the Diocese over how best we can support the growth of community on the new estate and the possibility of a church school there. We continue to pray and seek the Lord's leading as to how He desires that Christ Church be involved on the estate.

As a church community, we want to develop further the opportunities for outreach into the community and to encourage growth in every member ministry and confidence in evangelism.

As a Church Council, we will continue during the coming year to think through the next steps for the church and to seek the Lord's leading. We will aim to:

- continue to take time in the PCC to consider prayerfully the season we are in, what we should be learning from the Lord and what steps we should take to lead the church forward;
- continue to develop good policies and practice in our employment of staff and volunteers, in our use of our facilities and in all our ministries;
- invest in our existing facilities by setting aside budgeted expenditure, with particular focus on the five-year plan for repairs and renewals to the church buildings.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibility

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then applying them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and trust deed.

The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other risks to the charity. As the Clergy Disciplinary Measure raised against Tim Davis is seen as a possible risk to the charity in the loss of public confidence and respect, the Church Wardens have submitted an interim report to the Charity Commissioners on the situation. A full report will be submitted after the penalty decision has been assessed. The interim report is attached as Appendix 1.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 2018 and signed on their behalf by

Philip Bingham

Vice-Chair of Trustees

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees and Members of North Abingdon PCC, Christ Church on the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2017, Charity No 1153844

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2017 which are set out on pages 15 to 27.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Stuart Bates FCA Wenn Townsend 10 Broad Street Abingdon OX14 3LH

.... April 2018

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2017

| | | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total | Total |
|---------------------------------|-------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | Note | 2017 | 2017 | 2017 | 2016 |
| | Note | 2017 | 2017 | 2017 | 2016 |
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS | | | | | |
| Voluntary income | 2 (a) | 449,448 | 30,803 | 480,251 | 468,739 |
| Activities for generating funds | 2 (b) | - | - | - | - |
| Income from investments | 2 (c) | 15,925 | - | 15,925 | 14,281 |
| Church activities | 2 (d) | 75,644 | - | 75,644 | 83,114 |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL INCOME | | 541,017 | 30,803 | 571,820 | 566,134 |
| | | | | | |
| EXPENDITURE | | | | | |
| Church activities | 3 (a) | 548,227 | 35,761 | 583,988 | 560,228 |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | | 548,227 | 35,761 | 583,988 | 560,228 |
| | | | | | |
| NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) | | (7,210) | (4,958) | (12,168) | 5,906 |
| | | | | | |
| TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS | | 140 | (140) | - | - |
| | | | | | |
| NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS | | (7,070) | (5,098) | (12,168) | 5,906 |
| | | | | | |
| Balances at 1st January | | 2,655,928 | 39,167 | 2,695,095 | 2,689,189 |
| | | | | | |
| Balances at 31st December | | 2,648,858 | 34,069 | 2,682,927 | 2,695,095 |

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2017

| | Note | Unrestricted Funds 2017 | Restricted Funds 2017 | Total 2017 | Total 201 6 |
|--|--------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| FIXED ASSETS | | | | | |
| Tangible Fixed Assets | 5 | 2,417,248 | - | 2,417,248 | 2,437,742 |
| Investments | 6 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| | | 2,417,249 | <u>-</u> | 2,417,249 | 2,437,743 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | |
| Debtors | 7 | 80,576 | 1,746 | 82,322 | 83,435 |
| Short Term Deposits | | 113,694 | 18,181 | 131,875 | 88,121 |
| Cash at bank & in hand | | 38,839 | 14,142 | 52,981 | 89,729 |
| | | 233,109 | 34,069 | 267,178 | 261,285 |
| LIABILITIES | | | | | |
| Amounts due within one year | 8 | 1,500 | - | 1,500 | 3,933 |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | 231,609 | 34,069 | 265,678 | 257,352 |
| NET ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | 2,648,858 | 34,069 | 2,682,927 | 2,695,095 |
| LIABILITIES | | | | | |
| Amounts due after | | | | | |
| one year | 8 | - | - | - | - |
| NET ASSETS | | 2,648,858 | 34,069 | 2,682,927 | 2,695,095 |
| | | | | | |
| FUNDS | | | | | |
| Unrestricted | 9, 10 | 2,648,858 | - | 2,648,858 | 2,655,928 |
| Restricted | 11, 12 | - | 34,069 | 34,069 | 39,167 |
| | | 2,648,858 | 34,069 | 2,682,927 | 2,695,095 |
| | | | | | |

The Financial Statements on pages 15 to 28 were approved by the PCC of North Abingdon on 19th March 2018 and signed on its behalf by:

Timothy Shipman Treasurer

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The Parish is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared under The Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and with the Regulations "true and fair view" provisions, together with FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standard and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP (FRS102)).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown as fair value.

The parish adopted SORP(FRS) for the first time in the previous financial year.

The transition date to SORP(FRS 102) is therefore 1 January 2015. No adjustment has been made to comparative financial information in respect of the Parish's transition to SORP(FRS 102).

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the Parish that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the Parish. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the Parish are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with special restrictions imposed by the donor

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Parish is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups which owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal church members.

Income

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections and planned giving are recognised when received by or on behalf of the Parish.

Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the church are accounted for as soon as the Parish is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Funds raised by fund-raising events are accounted for as gross.

Sales of books and magazines are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from letting church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal and constructive obligation and settlement is probable and quantifiable.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded.

Activities directly related to the work of the Parish

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable.

Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets

As of 1st January 2015 only items costing more than £1,000 are capitalised as assets. Items are depreciated on the following basis:

| Category | <u>Basis</u> | <u>Period</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Office Equipment | Straight Line | 3 Years |
| Fixtures and Fittings | Straight Line | 3 Years |
| Plant and Machinery | Straight Line | 5 Years |
| Cost of Buildings | Straight Line | 100 Years |

The parish owns various freehold properties, the majority of which were acquired prior to the requirement to capitalise such expenditure. These properties have therefore not been included in cost. Freehold property acquired more recently is included at cost.

Fixed Asset Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at historical cost less provision for any diminution in value.

Current Assets

Amounts owed to the Parish at 31st December in respect of fees, rents and other income are shown as debtors.

Short term deposits include cash on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

2. INCOMING RESOURCES

| | Unrestricted Funds 2017 | Restricted Funds 2017 | Total 2017 | Total 2016 |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| (a) Voluntary income | | | | |
| Planned Giving: | | | | |
| Covenants and Gift Aid | $265,\!355$ | 6,515 | 271,870 | 266,210 |
| Income Tax Recoverable | 69,098 | 2,386 | 71,484 | 73,197 |
| Other Giving | 68,428 | - | 68,428 | 76,988 |
| Collections (open plate) | 15,336 | - | 15,336 | 16,871 |
| Sundry donations | 31,231 | 21,902 | 53,133 | 35,473 |
| Grants | - | - | - | - |
| Legacies | - | - | - | - |
| | 449,448 | 30,803 | 480,251 | 468,739 |
| (b) Activities for generating funds Fetes & other fund-raising activities | - | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | |
| (c) Income from investments Dividends & Interest including any reclaimed tax Rental Income - Temporary let | 311 15,614 | - - | 311 15,614 | 447 13,834 |
| | 10,011 | | 10,011 | 10,001 |
| | 15,925 | - | 15,925 | 14,281 |
| (d) Income from church activities | | | | |
| Events, Conferences, Courses etc | 39,077 | - | 39,077 | 36,602 |
| Bookstall | 769 | - | 769 | 1,686 |
| Church Hall Lettings | 25,106 | - | 25,106 | 33,551 |
| The Barns Café | 7,200 | - | 7,200 | 7,200 |
| Fees | 3,492 | - | 3,492 | 4,075 |
| | 75,644 | <u> </u> | 75,644 | 83,114 |
| TOTAL | 541,017 | 30,803 | 571,820 | 566,134 |

3. EXPENDITURE

| | Unrestricted Funds 2017 | Restricted Funds 2017 | Total 2017 | Total 2016 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| (a) Church Activities | | | | |
| Church Overseas | 67,689 | 4,024 | 71,713 | 56,482 |
| Home Mission | $46,\!472$ | 5,982 | $52,\!454$ | 51,225 |
| "Opening the Doors" Tithe | - | - | - | - |
| Secular Charities | - | 3,398 | 3,398 | 248 |
| Ministry | | | | |
| Diocesan Quota/Parish Share | 159,927 | - | 159,927 | 147,958 |
| Incumbent Working Expenses | 262 | - | 262 | 639 |
| Assistant Staff | 14,339 | - | 14,339 | 13,527 |
| Church Running Expenses | 25,899 | - | 25,899 | 32,504 |
| Church Maintenance | 16,462 | - | 16,462 | 8,252 |
| Upkeep of Services | $20,\!254$ | - | $20,\!254$ | 19,785 |
| Bookstall | 976 | - | 976 | 2,261 |
| Support Costs | - | - | - | 1,920 |
| Property Rental | 11,302 | - | 11,302 | - |
| Other PCC Property Upkeep | 20,149 | - | 20,149 | 29,780 |
| The Barns Café | 5,271 | - | 5,271 | 1,973 |
| Salaries, wages and Honoraria: | | | | |
| Associate Minister | - | - | - | - |
| Youth & Children's Work | 65,017 | - | 65,017 | $65,\!652$ |
| Parish Administrators | 45,539 | - | 45,539 | 50,760 |
| Cleaners | 11,350 | - | 11,350 | 11,496 |
| Staff Recruitment | 1,977 | - | 1,977 | 746 |
| General administration | 8,807 | - | 8,807 | 10,125 |
| Equipment & Replacements | 3,513 | $22,\!357$ | 25,870 | 8,466 |
| Depreciation | 20,494 | - | 20,494 | 43,349 |
| Management fee | 1,500 | | 1,500 | 2,174 |
| Bank charges | 1,028 | - | 1,028 | 906 |
| | 548,227 | 35,761 | 583,988 | 560,228 |
| TOTAL | 548,227 | 35,761 | 583,988 | 560,228 |

3(b). ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COST EXPENDITURE

| | Unrestricted Funds 2017 | Restricted Funds 2017 | Total 2017 | Total 2016 |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Independent examiner's fees | 1,920 | - | 1,920 | 1,920 |
| Other Support cost | - | - | - | 0 |
| | | | | |
| | 1,920 | | 1,920 | 1,920 |

4. STAFF COSTS

During the year the church employed an average of 11 members of staff (approximately 8 full-time equivalent staff): a full-time youth pastor, a full-time children's minister, a full-time manager and deputy manager for the Barns Café, two full-time administrators, a full-time parish assistant and three cleaners. No staff member earned more than £60,000.

| | 2017 | 2016 |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|
| | £ | £ |
| Salaries, wages & honaria | 113,282 | 119,284 |
| Social security costs | 8,372 | 8,372 |
| Pension cost | 252 | 252 |
| | 121,906 | 127,908 |

None of the Trustees received any remuneration or employee benefit during the year, where applicable the lay trustees, acting as agents to the Parish, made approved expenses in accordance with Church of England guidelines. These are shown in note 3.

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

| | Freehold Property | Plant & Machinery | $\begin{array}{c} \text{Office} \\ \text{Equipment} \end{array}$ | Fixtures & Fittings | Total |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|------------------------|-----------|
| Cost | | | | | |
| At 1st January 2017 | 2,491,951 | 6,747 | 7,730 | 76,374 | 2,582,802 |
| Additions in the year | - | - | - | - | - |
| Disposals in the year | | | | | |
| At 31st December 2017 | 2,491,951 | 6,747 | 7,730 | 76,374 | 2,582,802 |
| <u>Depreciation</u> | | | | | |
| At 1st January 2017 | 58,228 | 6,747 | 6,816 | 73,269 | 145,060 |
| Additions in the year | - | - | - | - | - |
| Disposals in the year | - | - | - | - | - |
| Charge for the Year | 18,250 | | 914 | 1,330 | 20,494 |
| At 31st December 2017 | 76,478 | 6,747 | 7,730 | 74,599 | 165,554 |
| Net Book Value | | | | | |
| At 31st December 2017 | 2,415,473 | | | 1,775 | 2,417,248 |
| At 31st December 2016 | 2,433,723 | | 914 | 3,105 | 2,437,742 |

Freehold property includes land of £712,318 which is not depreciated.

The Market Value of the Freehold Property is considered to be in excess of the above carrying value, however it is not considered practicable or cost effective to quantify the difference.

6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total | Total |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|
| | 2017 | 2017 | 2017 | 2016 |
| | | £ | | £ |
| Shares in subsidiary undertaking | 1 | | 1 | 1 |

The Parish of North Abingdon owns the whole of the ordinary share capital of The Barns Café Limited, a company registered in England which operates as a café.

The profit for the financial period of The Barns Café Limited was £1,090 and the aggregate capital and reserves at the period end was £5,440.

7. DEBTORS

| | Unrestricted Funds 2017 £ | Restricted Funds 2017 £ | Total 2017 £ | Total 2016 £ |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Income Tax Recoverable Sundry Debtors and Prepayments | 69,043 4,337 | 1,746 | 70,789 4,337 | 71,306 4,431 |
| Amount owed by Subsidiary Undertaking | 7,196 | - | 7,196 | 7,698 |
| · | 80,576 | 1,746 | 82,322 | 83,435 |
| 8. LIABILITIES | | | | |
| | Unrestricted Funds 2017 £ | Restricted Funds 2017 £ | Total 2017 £ | Total 2016 £ |
| Amounts falling due within one year | æ | æ | æ | æ |
| Sundry Creditors and Accruals Loans | 1,500 | - | 1,500 | 3,933 |
| - | 1,500 | - | 1,500 | 3,933 |
| Amounts falling due after more than one year | | | | |
| Loans | - | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | |

9. ANALYSIS OF UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

The Barns Café - Equipment

Tithe Barn Refurbishment

| | | Fixed Assets ${\mathfrak L}$ | $\begin{array}{c} \text{Current} \\ \text{Assets} \\ \pmb{\pounds} \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c} \text{Current} \\ \text{Liabilities} \\ \mathfrak{\pounds} \end{array}$ | Total £ |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------|
| General Funds | | 2,417,249 | 184,750 | (1,500) | 2,600,499 |
| Designated Funds | | | | | |
| The Barns Café - Surplus The Barns Café - Equipment Tithe Barn Refurbishment | | - - - | 5,931 22,428 20,000 | - - - | 5,931 22,428 20,000 |
| | | 2,417,249 | 233,109 | (1,500) | 2,648,858 |
| 10. MOVEMENT ON UNRES | STRICTED FUN | DS | | | |
| | Brought Forward £ | Transfers £ | $\begin{matrix} \textbf{Income} \\ \boldsymbol{\pounds} \end{matrix}$ | $\mathbf{Expenses} \\ \mathbf{\pounds}$ | Carried Forward £ |
| General Funds | 2,627,098 | (19,860) | 536,217 | (542,956) | 2,600,499 |
| Designated Funds | | | | | |
| The Barns Café - Surplus | 11,202 | - | - | (5,271) | 5,931 |

20,000

140

4,800

541,017

22,428

20,000

2,648,858

(548,227)

17,628

2,655,928

11. ANALYSIS OF RESTRICTED FUNDS

| | $\begin{array}{c} \text{Current} \\ \text{Assets} \end{array}$ | Current Liabilities | Long-term Liabilities | Total |
|---------------------------|--|------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Centre Project | - | - | - | - |
| Children's Society | - | - | - | - |
| Charity Collections | (2) | - | - | (2) |
| Equipment | (1,091) | - | - | (1,091) |
| Foodbank | 9,021 | - | - | 9,021 |
| GodZone | 205 | - | - | 205 |
| Home Mission | (76) | - | - | (76) |
| Link | 1,640 | - | - | 1,640 |
| Overseas Mission | 776 | - | - | 776 |
| Pastoral | 135 | - | - | 135 |
| Refurbishment | 21,094 | - | - | 21,094 |
| Vicars Discretionary Fund | 2,367 | - | - | 2,367 |
| Youth Work | - | - | - | - |
| | 34,069 | - | - | 34,069 |

12. MOVEMENT ON RESTRICTED FUNDS

| | Brought Forward | Transfers | Income | Expenses | Carried Forward |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------|----------|--------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Centre Project | 2,391 | - | - | (2,391) | - |
| Children's Society | 397 | - | 213 | (610) | - |
| Charity Collections | - | - | 500 | (502) | (2) |
| Equipment | - | - | 1,984 | (3,075) | (1,091) |
| Foodbank | 5,583 | - | 4,760 | (1,322) | 9,021 |
| $\operatorname{GodZone}$ | 205 | - | - | - | 205 |
| Home Mission | 225 | (140) | 1,084 | (1,245) | (76) |
| Link | 1,633 | - | 431 | (424) | 1,640 |
| Overseas Mission | 2,202 | - | 4,252 | (5,678) | 776 |
| Pastoral | 106 | - | 2,026 | (1,997) | 135 |
| Refurbishment | 23,391 | - | 14,594 | (16,891) | 21,094 |
| Vicars Discretionary Fund | 2,382 | - | - | (15) | 2,367 |
| Youth Work | 651 | - | 960 | (1,611) | - |
| | 39,166 | (140) | 30,804 | (35,761) | 34,069 |

13. DESCRIPTION OF FUNDS

Designated Funds - Set aside by the PCC

The Barns Café - Surplus

The café bar was set up with the express intention to serve the local community and not to make a profit from it. During the first year of operation there has been a surplus due to unique conditions that are unlikely to be repeated. This fund includes the surplus from the cafe and will be reinvested in community work in the future.

The Barns Café - Equipment

This designated funds has been set up for the replacement of equipment in the Barns Café. The intention is to have a total fund after five years of £25,000.

Tithe Barn Refurbishment

This designated fund has been set up for future refurbishment of the tithe barn at Northcourt Road site. The intention is that in 2019 there will be a major overhaul of internal (heating, layout) and possibly the external (roofing).

Restricted Funds - Given with a particular purpose

Centre Project

To fund the redevelopment of the Northcourt Barns and Dairy Yard.

Children's Society

A special collection for this charity.

Charity Collections

Special collections by Christ Church for various charities

Equipment

Donations used to replace/improve equipment at Christ Church

Foodbank

Donations to the Abingdon Emergency Foodbank.

GodZone

Donations to support children's work at Christ Church.

Home Mission

Funds raised for mission opportunities in the parish and the diocese.

Link

Funds raised by the Christ Church Link group and used to support ongoing work.

Overseas Mission

Donations made to support Christ Church mission partners and other Christian mission organisations working overseas.

<u>Pastoral</u>

Donations made to support specific pastoral situations within the church

Refurbishment

Donations to be used for improvements to buildings.

Vicar's Discretionary Fund

Donations to be used at the Vicar's discretion.

Youth Work

Donations to be used for youth work.

14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Philip Bingham (a trustee and churchwarden of the church) is also an employee of CMS. During the year the church made donations to CMS totalling £5,000 (2016: £2,000).

The PCC pays 'Parish Share' to the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance. Our clergy are PCC trustees and employees of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance.

Donations received from the PCC trustees totalled £60,766 during the reporting period of which an additional £14,252 was recoverable through gift aid.

During the year the Barns Cafe Limited paid £XXXX to the Parish of North Abingdon in respect of donations £XXXX (2016 - £7,200), £4,800 repairs cost (2016 - £4,800) and £2,400 heat and light (2016 - £2,400). At the balance sheet date the amount due from the Barns Cafe Limited was £XXXX. [awaiting figures from the accountants]

There were no unclaimed expenses by trustees