



**The Parish of
St. James the Great, Haydock**



**Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council
and Financial Statement
for the year ended 31st December 2015**

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PARISH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT, HAYDOCK

Registered Charity No. 1153937

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2015

Reference and administrative information

The Parish Church of St. James the Great is situated on Church Road, Haydock, in the Borough of St. Helens (postcode WA11 0NJ). It is part of the Diocese of Liverpool within the Church of England.

The address for correspondence is:

The Vicarage, 169 Church Road, Haydock, St. Helens, Merseyside, WA11 0NJ.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2015 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent	The Reverend Canon Rodney Middleton	Chairman
Assistant Curate (SSM)	The Reverend Ian Wynne	
Hon. Assistant Priest	The Reverend Canon Robin Pettitt	
Reader	Dr. David Martlew	
Churchwardens	Mrs. N. Holloway Mr. Philip Peplow	Re-elected APCM 2015, Vice-Chair Re-elected APCM 2015
Treasurer	Mrs. Susan King	Co-opted 2015
Secretary	Mrs. Eileen Lee	Co-opted 2015
Gift Aid Secretary	Mrs. Dorothy Smith	Co-opted 2015
Electoral Roll Officer	Mrs. Jean White	Re-elected APCM 2015
Deanery Synod Representatives	Mrs. Jacqueline Cutler Mrs. Nancy Holloway Mr. James Robb	
Elected members	Miss Ann Black Mrs. Edna Clough Mrs. Ellen Crompton Mr. Edward George Mrs. Maureen Goodman Mr. William Haydock Mrs. Irene Jones Mrs Valerie Lock Mrs. Joan Nicholls Mr. Anthony Ormrod Mrs. Geraldine Peplow Mrs. Patricia Twiss Miss Debbie Williams Mrs. Eileen Wiswell Mr. William Wiswell	Re-elected APCM 2015 Churchwarden Emerita Re-elected APCM 2015 Re-elected APCM 2015 Re-elected APCM 2015 Elected APCM 2015 Re-elected APCM 2015
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc, 19 Church Street, St. Helens, Merseyside, WA10 1BG.	
Independent Examiner	Mrs. Gillian Oates, 32 Reddish Crescent, Lymm, Cheshire, WA13 9PT.	
Legal Advisors	The Bishop of Liverpool's Registry, 1 The Sanctuary, London, SW1P 3JT.	

Day to day management control is exercised by the Incumbent, the Reverend Canon Rodney Middleton, and the Churchwardens, presently Mrs. Nancy Holloway and Mr. Philip Peplow, who can be contacted via the Vicarage, as above, telephone 01942 727956.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

Related to the PCC is the Alice Watson Trust of which the Incumbent is the Trustee.

The method of appointing Parochial Church Council members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The elected members of the Council normally serve for a period of three years, the terms of office being staggered over a three year cycle to ensure administrative continuity. All church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the Council.

The Council operates two sub-committees: the Standing Committee and the Finance and Fabric Committee.

The Standing Committee has power to transact the business of the Council between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council under the Church Representation Rules. Its members are the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, the Secretary and the Treasurer. The Vice-Chair would also be a member if that office were not held by one of the Wardens.

The Finance and Fabric Committee is charged with considering any matters referred to it by the Council whilst taking an overview of any and all issues related to the finances of the Council and the maintenance of all buildings and equipment for which it responsible. It reports to, and makes recommendations to, the Standing Committee and the Council, as appropriate. Its members are the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, the Treasurer and four further members appointed by the Council, currently Mr. William Haydock, Dr. David Martlew (Secretary) the Reverend Canon Robin Pettitt and Mr. William Wiswell (Chair).

Objectives and Activities

The primary object of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Canon Rodney Middleton, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC has responsibilities relating to the Parish Church; the surrounding Churchyard; the Parish Room and Kitchen annexed to the Church; St. James' Parish Centre, Church Road, Haydock; and the Curate's House (currently let to tenants) at 27 Homestead Avenue, Haydock. The PCC acknowledges that these responsibilities relate not only to day to day management and the maintenance of the fabric of these buildings but also to ensuring compliance with all relevant legislation and the duties of care thereby imposed.

When planning its activities for the year the PCC gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

The advancement of religion is of itself a charitable purpose recognized as being of public benefit within the meaning of the Charities Act 2006. The PCC affirms its understanding that all its responsibilities are exercised not simply within a gathered congregation but within the context of the community as a whole.

Achievements and performance

Electoral Roll

A complete renewal of the Roll was required before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in 2013. The Roll must now be revised on an annual basis prior to each such Meeting until the next full renewal. At the time of the 2015 meeting there were 225 parishioners on the Electoral Roll, of whom 102 did not live in the parish. However, of these 29 lived just beyond the parish boundaries in other parts of Haydock. There was little change to the Roll during the course of the year.

Worship and Prayer

The Eucharist is at the heart of the worshiping life of St. James's. Most services are according to Common Worship, but the Book of Common Prayer is used at the 8.00 am. Eucharist on the first Sunday of the month. It is also used each Sunday evening for Evensong, usually attended by upwards of a dozen people, more on the first Sunday of the month when it is combined with Benediction.

During 2015 there were on average 208 communions a week, many parishioners attending on both Sundays and weekdays.

There are three celebrations of the Eucharist on Sunday morning. Taking all Sundays into account there were on average:

at 8.00am.	11 communicants, the greatest number being 16
at 10.00am.	101 communicants, the greatest number being 128
at 11.45am.	19 communicants, the greatest number being 28

There was an average of 23 communicants on Tuesday evening. This celebration often precedes meetings (in the Parish Room) of Church organisations or of the PCC itself. It is attended on the first Tuesday of the month by Mothers' Union members; on the third Tuesday by members of the Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham; and on the fourth by members of the Guild of St. Raphael, when the Ministry of Healing forms an integral part of the service. Prayer for the sick is seen as an important part of the vocation not only of the Guild of St. Raphael but of the whole Church community. So great is the number of requests for prayer that they are divided across the three Sunday morning services and the Eucharists on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Wednesday morning Eucharist averaged 16 communicants.

The Eucharist is celebrated monthly on a Thursday afternoon for St. James's Women's Guild. The Eucharist is also celebrated on all principal feasts, holy days and festivals. Holy Communion is taken to household church members and those in residential care on a regular basis.

It is the custom of the Parish that there should also be a celebration of the Eucharist on the Thursdays of Lent. In 2015 this was not possible on all those occasions as St. James's had been asked to host a Deanery Study Group which it had been previously planned to hold elsewhere.

There is a School Eucharist on Fridays in term time. This is celebrated in Church on the first Friday of the month and attended by the whole of Key Stage 2. On the other Fridays, in the earlier part of the year, the Eucharist was celebrated in classrooms with each of the KS2 classes in turn. Subsequently it was decided to revert to what had been done a few years previously so that on the other Fridays the Eucharist was celebrated in the School Hall and attended by KS2 and staff members.

Key Stage 2 was not able to attend the Eucharist in Church on Ash Wednesday as it coincided with Half Term. However they were able to attend on Maundy Thursday, Ascension Day and Corpus Christi.

Outside of the school term, the Friday Eucharist is celebrated in St. Alban's Chapel in Church.

During Holy Week, from Palm Sunday to Good Friday, there were 403 communions; and from the Easter Vigil to the following Saturday there were 285 communions, compared to 372 and 263 in 2014. On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day there were 192 communions, only slightly less than in 2014. The informal Crib service on Christmas Eve yet again attracted a higher attendance than in the previous year.

Morning and Evening prayer are said publicly on weekdays and the work and witness of prayer is further supported by St. James's Rosary Group, meeting on Thursday evenings.

Statistics such as these are always difficult to interpret, but, despite some fluctuations, the overall picture can be said to be one of reasonable stability, with a worshipping community that is lively, confident and faithful and larger than many churches serving parishes of a similar size.

Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage

Holy Baptism is most often administered during the principal Eucharist on the first Sunday of the month, at which the usual organ accompaniment is augmented by a small music group. During 2015 there were 40 baptisms. This included including 6 children who were baptised at the service at which they and a further 9 children were confirmed by the Bishop of Beverley.

Six couples celebrated their marriages at St. James's during the year.

Ministry in Bereavement

During the course of the year the Clergy conducted 44 funerals of parishioners and others having a connection with St. James' either at the Church or at one of the Crematoria, compared to 38 in 2014. The Clergy have also responded to requests for this ministry from parishes in interregnum and in other particular circumstances. They have also officiated at the interment of ashes, sometimes following a funeral elsewhere, and this is usually preceded by a short time of prayer in the Lady Chapel. Maureen Goodman, an experienced bereavement visitor, is still available for on-going pastoral care on a voluntary basis. A significant number of burials and internments of ashes in St. James's churchyard follow the funerals elsewhere of people who were resident in the parish but members of other Christian denominations.

As in previous years, bereaved families were invited to an Annual Memorial Service at All Souls-tide. The PCC continued its policy of making either the Parish Centre or the Parish Room available free of charge to bereaved families as a venue for their hospitality to family and friends.

Children and Young People

Changing social patterns and attitudes appear to have resulted in there being little demand for Sunday School provision at present. However, the Council recognizes that the strong links between Church and School mean that, for many of the children at our School, “church” now happens on a Thursday or Friday and a large number of children have regular contact with the church, its worship, its teaching and its clergy as a result. St. James’ Church of England School has Voluntary Aided status, the PCC nominating a majority of the governors. During 2014 the Incumbent continued to serve as Chair of the Governing Body.

In addition to School’s participation in celebrations of the Eucharist, links between Church, School and the wider community continued to be strengthened by the Church being used as the venue for events too large to be accommodated in the School itself, such as the Harvest and Christingle Services and the School’s Nativity Plays; as well as end of term whole School assemblies, all of which are attended by family and friends.

Once again Church and School worked together in responding to the Christmas Shoe Box appeal organized by the Rotary Club of Great Britain. Church and School also co-operated in the run up to Christmas to support the Children’s Society through the Christingle Service, retiring collections and a “Card Tree” in Church.

Preparation for Confirmation again took place in School, involving Fr. Rodney teaching as part of the curriculum for the duration of the course. The participation of Key Stage Two children in celebrations of the Eucharist has been mentioned above. Fr. Robin usually attends and assists at these services. Members of the wider church family are welcome to participate at Church or in School. In addition Fr. Rodney conducted weekly assemblies for the children of Key Stage 1.

Beaver, Cub and Scout groups continued to meet in the Parish Centre on Thursdays, during the School term. They were represented at Church on Mothering Sunday, at Harvest Thanksgiving and on Remembrance Sunday.

The Church sponsors the “Tiddlers” parent and child group, facilitated by Church members and open to anyone. The group was first established in the Parish Room, but due to increasing demand moved in 2013 to the Parish Centre. It meets on Wednesday afternoons and remains almost fully subscribed. The opportunities this group provides are evidently much appreciated by those involved.

Young people from Valley Brass group of brass bands once again provided the music for Walking Day.

Parish Room and Parish Centre

In addition to the Church and community activities mentioned above, for which the PCC provided a venue free of charge, other non-commercial uses included, in the Parish Centre, a monthly afternoon tea and monthly Saturday lunches (both with attendance gathered from a wider area than just the parish); and Parish fund-raising and social activities and meetings. Other non-commercial uses in the Parish Room included a Monday afternoon social group organized by Church members but open to all. The Haydock Ladies Choir continued to rehearse in the Parish Room on Monday evenings. Refreshments are served in the parish room after the Sung Eucharist on Sundays and after the Eucharist on Wednesday mornings, which is also a time when the clergy can be available, especially for those arranging baptisms. The Parish Room is used for meetings of the Walsingham Cell, Mother’s Union, Guild of St. Raphael, Women’s Guild and Church Council, and for Lent Study Groups. It has also been used for committee meetings by the North West Ward of The Society of Mary and by the Council of the Guild of St. Raphael.

The Parish Centre is used on a rental basis by The Pilkington Trust for a monthly meeting of their pensioners and there is a twice weekly Zumba exercise class. The smaller room in the Centre is used by the local authority as a polling station as and when necessary. It is also available to be used for children's parties and other social occasions. The Parish Room was used on a rental basis for weekly meetings of a Slimming World Group. It is also used once a month by a support group for those caring for relatives with a mental illness.

The Year in Brief

St. James's has continued to benefit from the ministries of not only its fulltime incumbent, Fr. Rodney Middleton, its non-stipendiary curate, Fr. Ian Wynne and Parish Reader, Dr. David Martlew; but also the retirement ministries of Fr. Denis Hall, Fr. Robin Pettitt and Fr. Norman Price, welcoming also the participation of Fr. Alan Heaton from time to time.

As in previous years the team have been responding to calls to provide cover in other parishes, although Fr. Robin's involvement in this and other aspects of ministry has been somewhat restricted following eye surgery in the summer. Otherwise, in the parish itself, it has been very much "business as usual," although not without new challenges and opportunities.

On Palm Sunday the congregation of English Martyrs Roman Catholic Church joined us in the Parish Centre for the Blessing of Palms. In Holy Week we again held the Seder Meal after the Eucharist on the Wednesday. On Easter Sunday clergy and members of St. James's attended Vespers and Benediction at English Martyrs. '

It was a significant year for two of our church Servers. Sarah Finney, was chosen to represent St. Helens at the World Scouting Jamboree in Japan in 2015; whilst in September Jenni Shaw joined the Year For God team sharing to share for twelve months in the life and ministry of the Shrine at Walsingham.

The Parish again held a May Festival and in August a large group enjoyed the Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham, welcoming the involvement of friends from other areas and the participation of some of our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters. In June Fr. Rodney and Fr. Robin led a group of 28 to Spain, staying in Barcelona but also travelling to enjoy the great privilege of celebrating the Eucharist at the shrines of Our Lady at both Monserrat and Vinyet.

Walking Day in June was again well supported, beginning as usual at English Martyrs, going through the eastern part of the parish and culminating in United Service at St. James's. Music for the procession was again provided by Valley Brass who also accompanied some of the hymns during the service.

This year the Summer Fair once again took the form of a Family Fun Day. This and other fund raising and social events during the year have been generally well supported, in many cases raising record sums. The Church Council very much appreciates the time and effort given by all those groups and individuals who contributed to the success of these occasions and for the contributions these events have made both to the Church's own finance and to the other causes which we seek to support.

St. James's was host to the Society of Mary's October Devotion. Later in the same month a large group travelled to Chester Cathedral for the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Guild of St. Raphael and the inauguration of the new charity merging the objects of the Guild of Health and the Guild of St. Raphael. This merger does not affect or alter the Guild's ministry in the parish.

The latter parts of both 2013 and 2014 had both presented St. James's with significant challenges, firstly in repairs to the Parish Room and then in the replacement of the church's heating system. In his sermon on Advent Sunday Fr. Robin – speaking on behalf of the ministry team and church council had the task of laying before church members the challenges and opportunities which had by then been identified.

The principal challenge, he reported, was that work in preparation for the exterior redecoration of the church had identified structural problems in the lower part of the wall of the south aisle, requiring replacement of a significant part of the oak structure. This would clearly involve considerable expenditure in the next financial year.

In terms of opportunities, the Church Council had agreed to invite and promote participation in the Parish Giving Scheme as a means of encouraging consistency of parishioners planned giving and improving cash flow by an improved time scale for Gift Aid returns. It was also felt that, in the light of developments in the wider Church of England, it would be timely for the congregation as a whole to reflect upon the future of St; James's in terms of it's ethos and tradition and how best they might be maintained and encouraged in future years.

Turning to more practical matters, church cleaning and churchyard maintenance continued to be carried out entirely by volunteers, to whom the Council is very grateful indeed. Routine maintenance of all buildings for which the Council is responsible has been carried out. Repairs required to the Lych Gate proved to be more extensive than anticipated and have at last been completed all bar minor adjustments to the guttering and downspouts.

Financial Review

Treasurer's Comments

The main source of income for 2015 was direct giving of £36,037. This is a drop of £1,470 compared to the previous year. Collections and other giving of £6,255 were up £864. Income Tax recovered of £13,932 was up from the 2014 figure of £7,740 but this was due to the payment of arrears. Sundry donations of £20,036 were again up on the previous year by £1,036. No grants were received and no insurance claims were made. No legacies were received during 2015.

Fees of £14,999 were up just £362, but this element of our income is inevitably prone to unpredictable fluctuations. The various forms of fundraising, including Magazine sales, were up down by £1,510 to £12,656. Contributions for the use of the Parish Centre and Parish Room of £3,350 were up £815, going some way to redress the significant loss the previous year mostly attributable to the termination by the Borough Council of their use of the building. Interest received and rent on the Homestead Avenue property achieved £5,324, down £1,590 on the previous year.

Total General Fund receipts for 2015 were £111,689, falling by £947 compared to the previous year. The Parish Centre Fund ended the year £1,398 down at £5,898. Donations to the Churchyard Fund of £715 were almost double those of 2014, slightly reducing the deficit from previous years

As in previous years the church's greatest financial commitment was meeting the Parish Share, which rose a further £1,754 to £54,315. This equates to £149.00 for every day of 2015 and an expenditure of £1,042 each week before any other costs are taken into account. Church and Parish Room running expenses were up £892 at £11,094. Church and Parish Room maintenance costs of £9,383 were dramatically lower than in the previous two years as no major projects had to be funded in 2015.

Mission giving of £1,390 was almost double that in 2014. Church members continue to give direct support to a number of charities and to our Link Diocese in Ghana.

Total General Fund payments for the year were £92,534 in 2015, compared £128,226 in 2014. This means that at the end of the year total unrestricted funds amounted to £46,118, an increase of £17,165. After the considerable additional but essential expenditure of the previous two year this means that

2015 represents a welcome year of consolidation and recovery and the parish has reached the end of the year in a position which many others would consider enviable.

We are indeed thankful that we have been able meet the demands made on our resources during 2014 and grateful to the hard work and generosity that has made this possible. Nevertheless, all church members need to acknowledge that the financial outlook for 2016 - and the years ahead - remains seriously challenging, both in terms of meeting day-to-day expenditure and providing for increasingly necessary, and some cases urgent, repair, maintenance and improvement. Chief of these will, of course, be the essential works on the structure of the South Aisle which it is already clear will represent a considerable financial challenge.

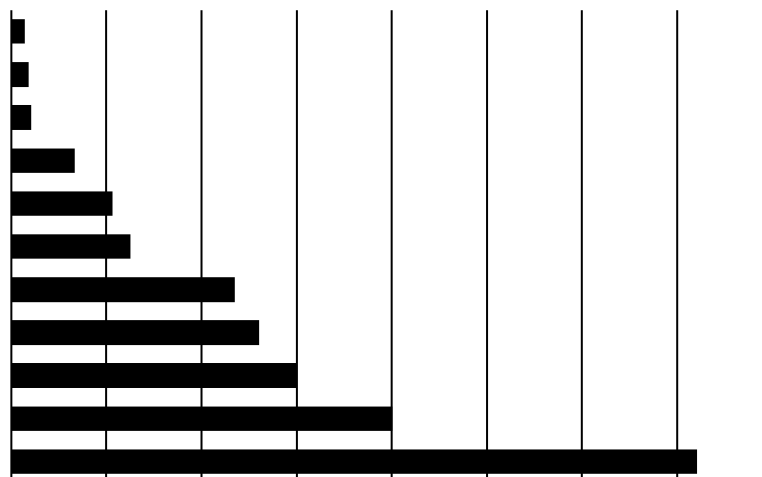
It remains essential to continue to raise awareness of the need to provide the Church with a secure financial base, encouraging Church members to review their giving prayerfully and realistically, and to ensure that their giving is regular and consistent. Promotion of the Parish Giving Scheme will be very important whilst continuing to encourage existing patterns of giving through the envelope scheme and by Standing Order. It is also essential to ensure that wherever possible both regular giving and occasional donations are made taking full advantage of Gift Aid.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible) of £10,000, which equates approximately to two months normal running costs, as a contingency against unexpected expenditure.

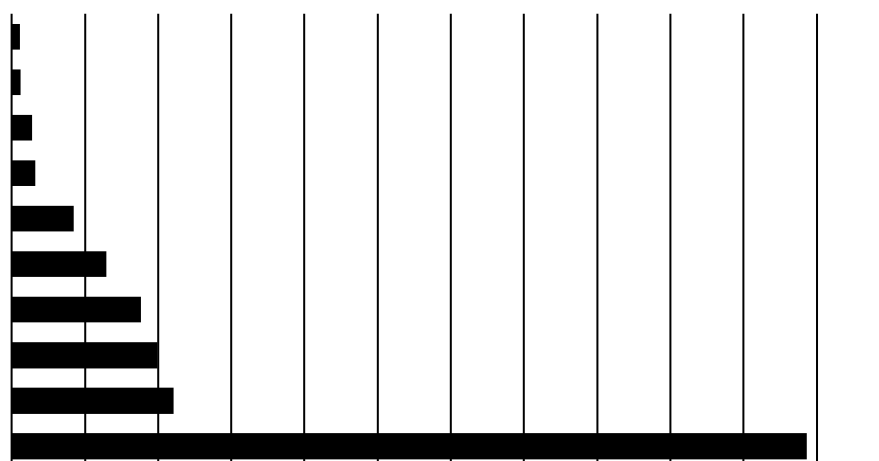
Where the money came from in 2015

in thousands of pounds



How the money was spent in 2015

in thousands of pounds



These bar charts are included to highlight in a very dramatic way the importance of planned giving in the overall scheme of parish finance; together with the fact that the parish must still rely on other forms of giving to meet its principal item of expenditure - the Parish Share.

In preparing these illustrations account was taken of all the Cash Funds shown on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities on page 13 of this report. In some instances, for example the expenditure on "what our worship costs us" items from more than one fund have been aggregated for illustrative purposes. Funds shown under Other Monetary Assets, further details of which appear on pages 15 and 16, are not included.

Charitable Activities by Church Members

In addition to the donations to charities made by the PCC from its own resources, and the customary Lent Box appeal for US(formerly USPG) which raised £500 the Council continued to support and encourage charitable activities undertaken by Church members. The following are some examples during 2015:

Additional Curates Society: £410 was contributed from the Advent to Candlemass Appeal collecting boxes and donations

Chernobyl Christian Care: At Epiphany church members once again donated toiletries and other items to be sent to disadvantaged families in Eastern European communities.

Children's Society: £835 was raised by Church and School during the Christmas period and many Church members continued to support the Society through collecting boxes.

Disasters Emergency Committee: The proceeds of special retiring collections and other donation were contributed to the appeal following the Nepal earthquake.

Harvest Gifts: Gifts of tinned foods were donated to those in need and the proceeds of the Harvest Supper, amounting to £895, were donated to Christian Aid.

Lent Lunches: These raised £1180 for distribution to a variety of charitable causes.

The Leprosy Mission: a number of church members take collecting boxes for this charity.

Mission Link – Diocese of Wiaoso, Ghana: The aim is for fundraising at special social events to contribute at least £2,000 to the Diocese each year.

Shoe Box Appeal: School and Church again co-operated in responding to the appeal organized by the Rotary Club which received a good response.

Walsingham Cell: A donation of £500 was made to support the Year For God scheme, £500 was given towards refurbishing The College buildings and £150 given in support of the Youth Pilgrimage Godparent Scheme

This list is by no means exhaustive. During the year all Church groups and organizations have made their own contributions to a range of charities as well as giving support to the Church's funds and projects. Where possible these activities have been acknowledged in the Parish Magazine. However, the Council records its appreciation of all that so many of our Church members, as groups and as individuals, have achieved in this area.

Future Plans

The Council will:

- continue by all available means to support and maintain the mission of St. James' to the community.
- continue by all available means to maintain the profile of St. James within the community.
- continue to pursue the implications of legislation protecting the vulnerable.
- continue to review all current statutory obligations with a view to ensuring compliance.
- continue to work towards formulating a programme of works to facilitate the scheduling of the maintenance of all buildings together with other likely calls upon the Council's finances.
- respond appropriately to the outcome of the Quinquennial Inspection, pursuing the need for appropriate professional advice concerning buildings maintenance from other sources.
- continue to use the magazine and all other appropriate means to maintain awareness of the Church's task and needs and encourage all Church members to make their giving thoughtful, prayerful, proportionate and realistic.
- continue to encourage all Church members in giving practical and financial support not only to the local church and community but also to the wider community and all who are in need.

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GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	2015		2014
	£	£	£
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary Receipts			
Planned Giving	36,037		37,507
Collections and other Giving	6,255		5,391
Income Tax recovered	<u>13,032</u>	55,324	<u>7,740</u>
Other voluntary receipts			
Sundry donations	20,036		19,000
Grants	0		3,750
Insurance claim	<u>0</u>		<u>1,005</u>
		20,036	
Activities for generating funds			
Various - magazines	899		850
Fund raising	<u>11,757</u>	12,656	<u>13,307</u>
Receipts from investments			
Interest received	74		89
Homestead rent	<u>5,250</u>	5,324	<u>6,825</u>
Receipts from charitable activities			
Wedding and Funeral fees	14,999		14,637
Contributions for PC and parish room	<u>3,350</u>	<u>18,349</u>	<u>2,535</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>111,689</u>	
PAYMENTS			
Donations to Other Charities			
Mission Giving		1,390	
Charitable Activities			
Parish share	54,315		52,561
Church Running Expenses	11,049		10,157
Clergy expenses	544		505
Upkeep of services	5,164		4,883
Salaries & Support costs	2,604		2,290
Homestead Ave Costs	3,458		1,825
Vicarage costs	3,006		2,634
Assistant staff expenses	0		0
Church maintenance & parish room	<u>9,383</u>		<u>51,250</u>
		89,523	
Cost of Generating Funds			
Ancillary trading costs	1,346		864
Administration	<u>275</u>	<u>1,621</u>	<u>477</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>92,534</u>	
Excess of Receipts over payments		19,155	
Transfer to Parish Centre Fund		<u>1,990</u>	
		17,165	
Total Unrestricted Funds at 1 January 2015		28,953	
Total Unrestricted Funds at 31 December 2015		<u>46,118</u>	

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OTHER FUNDS

FLOWER FUND

Restricted	2015
	£
<u>Voluntary Receipts</u>	
Restricted Donations	1,044
<u>Payments</u>	
Various costs	1,057
Excess of payments over receipts	-13
Total Fund at 1 January 2015	576
Total Fund at 31 December 2015	563

PARISH CENTRE FUND

Restricted	2015		2014
	£	£	£
<u>Voluntary Receipts</u>			
Restricted donations	174		159
Fund raising	<u>672</u>	846	<u>672</u>
<u>Payments</u>			
All running costs and building materials		<u>4,234</u>	
Excess of payments over receipts		3,388	
<u>Transfers</u>			
From general fund		1,990	
Total Fund at 1 January 2015		7,296	
Total Fund at 31 December 2015		5,898	

CHURCHYARD FUND

Restricted to expenditure maintaining the Churchyard	2015
	£
<u>Voluntary Receipts</u>	
Restricted donations	715
<u>Payments</u>	
Running costs	590
Excess of receipts over payments	<u>125</u>
Total Fund at 1 January 2015	-993
Total Fund at 31 December 2015	-868

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Churchyard Fund £	General Fund £	Flower Fund £	Parish Centre Fund £	TOTALS 2015 £
<u>Cash Funds</u>					
Bank Current Account					40,831
High Interest Account					10,938
Total Cash	<u>-868</u>	<u>46,118</u>	<u>563</u>	<u>5,898</u>	<u>51,711</u>
				Bank Difference	51,769 58
<u>Other monetary assets</u>					
Guild of St Raphael and Women's Guild					893
Walsingham Cell & ACS					1,565
<u>Investment Assets</u>					
Alice Watson Trust (Market Value)					1,642
<u>Assets retained for use of the church</u>					
27 Homestead Ave (Purchase price on 4 Feb 2002)					54,000

Liabilities

Notes

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
2. For further details concerning the items listed above under Other Monetary Assets please refer to the Appendix to this Report.

Approved by the PCC on 3 February 2016 and signed on their behalf:

The Revd. Rodney Middleton
PCC Chairman

Mrs. Sue King
PCC Treasurer

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *G. L. Oates*

Date: *31st. March 2016*

**Parochial Church Council of St. James the Great, Haydock
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APPENDIX: OTHER MONETARY ASSETS - 1

Explanatory Note

On page 13 of this Report are included under Other Monetary Assets the totals of funds held at 31st December 2015 in connection with certain activities within the life of the Church whose funds are administered independently of the PCC and are not recorded by the PCC Treasurer.

Included here, for information, are further details of these activities and funds.

	£
<u>GUILD OF ST. RAPHAEL</u>	
Balance brought forward 1 January 2015	272.14
Income 2015	319.74
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	591.88
Less expenditure	350.00
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Balance as at 31st December 2015	<u>241.88</u>
<u>WOMEN'S GUILD</u>	
Balance brought forward 1 January 2015	568.72
Income 2015	449.25
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	1,017.97
Less Donations	340.00
Less general expenses	26.50
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Balance as at 31st December 2015	<u>651.47</u>

Walsingham Cell Treasurer's Report

01.01.2015	Balance brought forward		1,528.01
	Plus income:		
	Fundraising	2,221.00	
	Donations	68.50	
	Interest	5.79	
		<u>2,295.29</u>	2,295.29
			<u>3,823.30</u>
	Less expenditure:		
	Administration	0.00	
	Contribution to Bishop Lindsey's farewell gift	50.00	
	Hospitality and catering	118.00	
	Subscription for the Holy House Lamp	40.00	
	Donation : Year For God scheme	500.00	
	Donation : College refurbishment scheme	500.00	
	Youth Pilgrimage Godparent Scheme	150.00	
	Parish Pilgrimage Subsidy	800.00	
	Donation : Priory of Our Lady of Walsingham	100.00	
		<u>2,258.00</u>	2,258.00
31.12.2015	Balance carried forward		<u><u>1,565.30</u></u>

Additional Curates Society Parish Secretary's Report

01.01.2015	Balance brought forward		0.24
	Plus income:		
	Advent Appeal boxes	358.54	
	Donations	51.00	
	Interest	0.29	
		<u>409.83</u>	409.83
			<u>410.07</u>
	Less expenditure		
	Total of all amounts forwarded to the Society		<u>410.00</u>
31.12.2015	Balance carried forward		<u><u>0.07</u></u>

Total of Walsingham Cell and ACS Funds included under Other Monetary Assets rounded to £1,565.

Robin A. Pettitt
 Honorary Treasurer, Walsingham Cell
 Parish Secretary, Additional Curates Society