

# St John's Community Church Annual Report 2015-16

## Welcome to the St John's Community Church Annual Report for 2015-16.

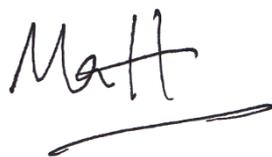
I hope you'll enjoy reading through this report, & that it will prompt you to join with me in giving thanks to God for all that he has done in and through us as a church over these last 12 months. There has certainly been a lot going on, and there is much to celebrate as God continues to grow his church!

It's been a year in which we've seen significant **numerical growth** - not just in our services, but in groups as diverse as the Drop Inn, Little Singers and YPC as we aim to reach our community with the good news of God's love. We've enjoyed growing in our **friendships with one another**, whether that's been at Men's Breakfasts, midweek Real Groups, our New Year's Eve party or the Church Weekend Away. We've seen our financial position and **regular giving improve**, which enables us to meet present needs and dream dreams about the future under God. We've welcomed a number of new people into roles of **ministry and leadership**, whether that's as musicians, youth leaders, prayer team or, in the case of Lottie, as our new part-time Children's Coordinator. We've joined with our neighbouring parishes in becoming part of the **Burntwood Chase Team**. We've grown in our understanding of **God's love and provision for us**, as we've tackled some difficult decisions and situations together. We've appreciated walking on a **new carpet** & worshipping in a newly decorated building too! And whilst there are too many other things to mention here, just for me personally, I've been both humbled and excited (and often stretched!) by having the privilege of being able to **serve as your vicar**. You are a brilliantly loving, committed and joyful church, and I genuinely **thank God** for you every day.

So please join me in **celebrating** the goodness of God over this past year. Please join me in **praying** for the year ahead, that God's kingdom will continue to come in Chase Terrace, Boney Hay and beyond. Please join me in **offering** yourself to God for his service and glory, that we might each play our part in what is sure to be another year in which God encourages, challenges, enriches and surprises us.

And may God continue to bless us so that we may be a blessing to others...

Yours in Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

**Revd Matt Wallace**

Team Vicar - St John's Community Church, Chase Terrace and Boney Hay

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## **Churchwardens' Report**

This year has seen many changes for the church building as well as the congregation. It was a great privilege to welcome Matt as our new vicar when he was licensed in July, and to have worked alongside him during the vacancy and his 4 years as curate. Les and I would like to thank everyone who supported us during the vacancy and made our role as Church Wardens so much easier. We say particular thanks to our Assistant Wardens, Margaret Nicholls, Nigel Procter, Gill Careless and Carolyne Williams. Our thanks also go to Kath Bradbury who helped out for a while with the 8.30am service. It has been such a thrill for all of us to have welcomed so many new people into St. John's over the last year, and Les and I are looking forward to getting to know all of you.

We have had a busy year with maintenance/improvement projects. We would like to thank Matty Sutton and his team of helpers who decorated the vicarage and tidied up the outside and inside in time for Matt, Gemma, Heidi and Bobby to move in. You all did a grand job and it now looks so fresh and clean. Our biggest project this year has been decorating the church and laying new carpets. In August this was completed and the church looks so much more welcoming. Our thanks go to everyone who donated money for the carpets and it was such a blessing to find out at the end of the project that the whole cost of the carpets had been covered by donations, fundraising and a grant from Burntwood District Council. Other smaller maintenance issues have been with the roof at both the church and church rooms and the re-laying of the slabs at the side of the church.

One of the biggest issues for the church has been the setting up of the new Benefice of Burntwood, Chase Terrace, Chasetown and Hammerwich, abbreviated to the Burntwood Chase Team. Les and I have been attending meetings with the Church Wardens from Christchurch, St. Anne's and St. John the Baptist for the last year, and have often been joined by the Ministers. This has enabled us to get to know each other and to start working as a team before the Benefice came into being. Les and I have both enjoyed these meetings and look forward to being part of many more.

Finally Les and I would like to thank everyone who has helped us to keep the buildings clean and the outside tidy, and to those who have faithfully supported us in all that we do at St. John's.

**Elaine Betts**

## **Community Care**

The Community Care events continue to be held four times a year for members of the Burntwood Town Community over 50's. Invitations are sent out 4 weeks before the event and new members are always welcome. Held on a Saturday afternoon, the events begin at about 12.30 when guests start arriving and enjoy a drink and chat with each other and with us. The two course meal is served at 1pm followed by many cups of tea and coffee, if desired, and chocolates. Our very popular husband and wife duo, John and Marg, church members, entertain with a mixture of songs with audience participation.

Numbers attending vary but can be up to the sixties. Our guests don't hurry to leave afterwards as there is lots to talk about with each other. It is sometimes hard work for the volunteers, preparing, serving and clearing up afterwards, but it is also heart-warming to see people enjoy themselves. God's love in action.

**Kath Bradbury**

## **The Drop Inn**

During 2015-16 the Drop Inn has gone from strength to strength. We now have 15 regular volunteers who help to serve drinks and cakes and who also spend time making people welcome, talking to them and listening. Prayer support is also offered if this is felt to be appropriate. We have twelve cake makers who provide an amazing range of confectionary to tantalize the taste buds. We praise God for the regulars from our church family and for His sending of many new people from the local community.

The Macmillan coffee morning held last October was a great success and we plan to hold two more fund raising events this year for The Pathway Project (in April) and Light for Children later in the year.

We have recently had a new sink installed that is more fit for purpose. This was made possible with a generous grant from Burntwood Town Council and support from the church to complete the payment.

A big thank you to all those who continue to make this work possible.

**Lesley Stanton**

## **The Food Bank**

A very big thank you to all church members who make regular contributions to the Cannock and District Foodbank that supports local people in crisis here in Burntwood. Our total contributions have exceeded 0.6 metric tonne since our last APCM. I have only been able to record 576.75kg donated but that did not include the huge donation made as part of our Harvest giving.

Cannock and District Foodbank received donations of 36.6 tonnes of food in 2015. They distributed 33.5 tonnes which provided 1688 adults and 844 children with emergency food. A further foodbank is now up and running among the Lichfield churches illustrating a continued need in this area for the service we help to provide.

You may continue to help by placing your donations in our box in the Foyer of church. Even nappies, talc powder and plastic carrier bags are needed urgently. And if you are able to donate your time around lunch on Wednesdays to assist the distribution here in Burntwood, please see David Stanton or call on 07709 711260 for further details.

**David and Lesley Stanton**

## **Hospitality**

The 'refreshment kitty' started the year with an opening balance of £196.08. Income was £325.10 - this includes £78.25 from visitors to the Christmas Schools Week, with the remaining income from donations for drinks at our 10.30am Sunday Services. Outgoings totalled £202.51. This was for the purchase of coffee, tea, sugar, hot chocolate and squash (all Fairtrade, wherever possible) plus extras of milk, biscuits, plastic cups etc for schools week, Good Friday/Christmas Workshops and some weekly events. Also £160.00 was paid into Church accounts. This leaves a balance carried forward of £160.67.

Many thanks indeed to all those who help out with the serving of refreshments week by week - your help is very much appreciated.

**Sue Southall**

## **Jay Gascoigne - Reaching New Generations Project Leader/Urban Saints Cluster Worker**

This year has seen some great things happen and snippets of what God has planned for this ministry. September 2015 we created a third YPC group (YPC#3) for the high school members. Although challenging at times, we are averaging 18-20 people each week with new members joining. Special thanks to Trish McElroy, Kay Gascoigne and Steve Richards for all their support with this new group. On Thursday lunchtimes I am now leading the 'Faith Matters' sessions at Chase Terrace Technology College with Amelia Elliot (Beacon Youth worker) and Gareth Williamson (YFC Burntwood). Our average attendance for this group is 16 young people and we use the YFC resource "Rock Solid". Urban Saints work is growing with the South Staffordshire Cluster Group being set up this term. Our Shropshire Youth Ministry Network hosted a youth workers retreat which I attended in February and we have set up a new "Spree" weekend residential in July. Please continue to pray for all the work and opportunities God has opened up for me in our community and the Midlands Region.

**Jay Gascoigne**

## **Light for Children**

The Trustees and Committee of Light for Children would like to thank St John's Community Church for their continued support throughout this past year. Members of St John's assist us greatly, either by their individual financial commitment, or their help in raising funds. Special thanks to Ian McKeown for his sponsored bike ride and John Nicholls and his team/band/choir in putting on quizzes, dances, concerts etc for us. All this together with free use of the building for our AGM and fundraising events makes us, on behalf of Helen and Costel and the youngsters of Dorhoi, express our gratitude to the church for their encouragement.

If anyone would like to know more about the work of Light for Children have a word with either Trish McElroy, Mike Emery, Brian Buckley or Mary Aplin (Committee members) and please continue to look out for forthcoming events and buy a ticket. *Next fundraiser will be John Nicholls 'Friends in Voice' choir presenting 'Rock & Romance' Saturday 21 May 7.30pm - Tickets £5.*

Helen has sent us this report about the work that your money supports:

During 2015, as a result of your kind generosity, we were able to help the children and young people living in state care in Dorhoi (north east Romania), by funding the following:

- school text books
- eye examinations and glasses
- dental examinations and dental work
- medication
- a prosthetic arm for a teenage boy
- speech therapy lessons and afternoon schooling
- summer activities and places on camps
- clothing, footwear and toiletries sent out in boxes from England

For those young adults now living independently in rented accommodation, we were able to:

- improve living conditions by cleaning, painting and decorating
- provide essential household appliances and basic furniture
- pay rent and household bills where incomes were very low or non-existent

- help with applications for disability benefits
- accompany young people with special needs to medical appointments
- provide practical and emotional support to those with chronic illnesses who spent months in hospital

For a number of young people living in local families, we were able to provide:

- sponsorship towards university expenses
- sponsorship towards medical expenses

Throughout the year, at weekends we were able to look after Costel (aged 8) in our own home and support our local church in Dorohoi by working with the church music group, expanding the range of instruments and repertoire of the children's orchestra.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

**Trish McElroy**

## **Little Friends**

Once again I can report that we have had a very successful year at Little Friends. Our group is such a well-oiled machine but operates so well because of our dedicated band of helpful, willing workers. It is such a joy to see the children come in so tiny and some so shy then watch them develop into happy, confident children... then sadly we say goodbye as they go on to nursery and hope one day to see them again either at YPC, Little Singers or even at our Sunday Stars groups.

Last year we thought that we would be saying goodbye to Gemma and the family as they were planning to move to pastures new but praise God, they are still here and am thankful to God that Gemma is still networking with young families and Matt operates the sound and visuals for our group in his expert way.

However, we will be saying "goodbye" at the end of the Summer term to Mike and Yvonne Emery who have made the decision to retire - for Yvonne after 20 years working alongside myself at Little Friends. We will greatly miss them both but they do deserve a well-earned rest from preparing craft, washing and dressing dolls, repairing toys and setting up our sessions for Thursday mornings. So if anyone feels that they could offer a couple of hours on Thursday mornings to help in some way... I for one would be most grateful for any help - even if it is just chatting to the mums - a very important job! Please continue to pray for us and for all the families who come through the doors on Thursday mornings.

**Jane Tennant**

## **Little Singers**

With Marie Hiley and Sue Southall stepping down from leading Little Singers in the summer, we re-opened in September with a new team of leaders consisting of Gemma Wallace, Lottie Backhouse, Jay Gascoigne, Elisha Gascoigne, Becks Louis and Meg Smith. We have an average of 17 children each week and have continued to sing and dance to worship songs.

We have introduced some new songs and performed them at the Christmas Fayre and the Mother's Day service. We also do a story and prayer time to which we have added a weekly challenge to help the children think about Christian living and what things we should be doing to show Christ's love for one another.

Over the next 12 months we hope to see a gradual increase in the number of children attending Little Singers, and to introduce some more songs for the children to enjoy and perform. We would like to thank all leaders and helpers for their support, commitment and hard work in these sessions. We hope that they will continue to be a joy to all involved.

**Lottie Backhouse**

## **Lottie Backhouse - Children's Coordinator**

Since taking on the role of Children's co-ordinator in November 2015, I have been co-ordinating supporting and resourcing the under 5's activities. The aim of the role is to attend our children's groups from our parent and toddler group Little Friends, our children's worship group Little Singers, our Sunday Stars groups and our Friday youth clubs YPC. I also aim to support the leaders, helpers, children and parents involved in these groups.

I've been involved with seasonal activities where schools and uniformed groups came into the church for an array of different activities, such as carol concerts and entertainment. I work alongside Jay Gascoigne with our Christmas and Good Friday Workshops for primary school children, which are very popular. It is hoped that we will work in partnership with Burntwood Town Council and WS7 Events this summer to provide play in the parks session in Chase Terrace Park for families in our community over the summer holidays - a main aim being to help us establish better links and relationships with our local community.

**Lottie Backhouse**

## **Men's Breakfast**

Numbers for Men's Breakfast can be anywhere from 6 to the most we've had at 18. We have had two where we had breakfast and then did jobs around the church - first one cleaning out the container and taking some of the contents to the tip; the second was gardening and taking the cuttings to the tip. However, most times it is just breakfast and then home!

We've had breakfast at the cafe and been on walk, or been to Dave's summer home and gone canoeing, whilst some visited a stately home. In general, though, it is a time of good fellowship and good food. All the men work well together and I get a lot of help from Brian, Steve and Dave. We made £50.00 profit in 2014/15, and this was sent to the Smile train fund as agreed by those that to the breakfast at Wychnor Hotel.

**Mike Emery**

## **Midweek Service**

This service is available for anyone who would like to join us from 10-11 am on Wednesdays. Currently we are a small gathering, with around 8 – 12 members. We sit in an informal setting (a semi-circle so we can easily see each other) and share such a close, intimate time of reflection and prayer. We follow a midweek service sheet which takes us through the service, hearing a Bible reading that can give rise to discussion, culminating with sharing bread and wine in thanksgiving for Jesus. Different people lead the service giving everyone the opportunity of participating.

Once a month we have been visiting St John the Baptist in Hammerwich to take communion there, giving us the opportunity of sharing with a church within the Burntwood Chase Team (Linda Hood is the Minister there). Notice will be given in the Newsletter to say if there isn't a midweek service at St John's Community Church. There is always room to attend the midweek service - we can have a HUGE semi-circle!!!!

**Angie Thomas**

## **Oscar's**

Oscar's is open from 7.30am every school day all day. We open on staff training days and during holiday time too. Healthy eating snacks are provided and a breakfast if needed. We look after children aged 3-11 and provide a huge variety of activities to suit all ages and needs. Our buildings are attractive and secure. There is plenty of room for vigorous physical games as well as comfortable space for quiet activities. All the time that they are there at Oscar's, children are able to choose what they would like to do. A walking bus runs from the church every day in term time. Oscar's work in very close partnership with Holly Grove Primary School and children from other schools are welcome to attend the all-day openings.

Oscars started the year with Mrs Cruxton - Manager, Mrs Ennis – Deputy Manager, Miss Ennis & Miss Green as Playworkers. We have 4 volunteers who we can call upon if we are short of help and we really appreciate their help.

Over the past 12 months it has been a very busy year at Oscars, Miss Green left to have her baby and we welcomed Miss Pinches as a new member of staff to our team to cover the maternity leave. We were really pleased that Miss Green had a son and she called him Harry. We held a competition with the children to guess the name of the baby as we didn't know whether it was going to pink/blue. Well done to Roman Carruthers for guessing the name correctly. Miss Green and Harry are doing really well and they have been to see us on a few occasions. We presented Miss Green with gifts and flowers for the new arrival.

Miss Ennis Graduated from University and is now a OSG for the prison service, we were really upset to loose Miss Ennis as she was a valuable member of our team, having worked at Oscars on and off for 5 years.

We still have Miss Cruxton and Mrs Weyham who help us out in the holidays when we need extra staff.

Our numbers have continued to grow as more and more parents want either more sessions or new people want a space. Our waiting list is excessive with the amount of places required and we have places booked for a year in advance, something we have never done before. Obviously we are restricted by places for each session and more so with 3 to 5 year olds, due to the practical considerations to do with the walking bus.

We have done a variety of different activities during the year, these are just a few that we did:-

**Easter Colouring Competition** – this we did in Oscar's time, we had different age groups and people from the church picked the winning pictures, all winners received an Easter egg and everyone who entered, received a small Easter treat.

**Chinese New Year** – children were shown how to make dragon masks using different materials and then a large dragon was made using paper plates – this was amazing and a good team effort by staff and children. They also made Chinese lanterns and cut out red envelopes, put chocolates inside and gave them to someone special.

**Cooking** – we've made various things; dough to made animal biscuits and then decorate them, flowers out of flower paste (a project made with the older children). Making and decorating cupcakes into a teddybears picnic or a sheep.

**Junk modelling** – children in groups, made dragons out of cardboard boxes and again they were all very good, using their fine motor skills and there imagination.

**Calendars** – as a request from a child, we did splash painting – including showing the children how to mix colours together to made a variety of special colours, this was good for the children to explore and enjoyed by young and old. The calendars were very creative and colourful.

**Our display boards** have been amazing over the year, all the staff at Oscars have been very creative and the children have given their ideas to them too. We have a main board and a smaller board and they always have something very imaginative on them. I think one of the nicest boards that I have liked is the penguin ski slope, to show the penguins skiing from 2015 into 2016.

**For all the activities** that we have done over the years, take a look at our Activity Book in the foyer.

The next part of my report is something sad; this is the last time that you will receive a report from Oscar's. We found out at a Management Committee on the 8<sup>th</sup> February that Oscar's would be closing for business on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016 and Holly Grove School would be starting up their own Out of School Care called Holly Berries. We hope that any parents wishing to take up the care from Holly Grove will find that their child's transition is quite smooth.

I found it quite sad that after 17 years of childcare, Oscar's will be closing and we will be unemployed as of 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016. So I thought I would make a list of all the staff and people connected to Oscars over the time, so I thank everyone in whatever capacity that they have contributed to help make Oscars the success it is today:-

**Staff that have worked at Oscars over the 17 years of opening:** Angela Dudley, Caroline Barrow, Ellen Nicholls, Emma Hames, Esther Wheeler, Jemma Ennis, Jo-Anna Fleetwood, Kay Gascoigne, Ken Whinray, Laura Young, Linda Hood, Lynette Crisp, Natasha Read, Rebecca Beeley, Rebecca Ennis, Rebecca Haire, Richard Dyke, Samantha, Sarah Power, Shirley Povey, Sue Southall, Tamsin Staples.

**Various other roles at Oscars, including Committee and Church:** Duncan & Pam Leake, Norma Humphries, Joanne Woodcock, Emma Carruthers, Jayne Hollingshead, Sue Wright, Dawn O'Hare, Miss Taylor, Mr Bennett, Elaine Betts, Les Carless, Andy Pointon, Joanne Service.

**Administration staff:** Carol Whinray, Ron Hart and Kay Gascoigne

**Staff employed at present:** Karen Cruxton, Nancy Ennis, Emily Pinches, Ellyn Cruxton, Becky Green

**Casual staff at present:** Kerrie Weyham

On a more positive note as it is the last time to report anything, on behalf of the staff and children at Oscar's we would like to congratulate Mrs Ennis on her surprise marriage in the Easter holidays at Gretna Green, to Mr Wilkes.

Lastly, may I take this opportunity to thank all the staff at Oscars this last year, but a **BIG THANKS** to Mrs Ennis for all the years we have worked together. Mrs Ennis has worked for 9 years at Oscars and I have been here for 8 years. I personally do not know what I would have done without her as my Deputy, she has been a star, helping and encouraging me along the way. When things have been tough at Oscar's she has always been there to support the downside of the job. I would like to wish her all the very best for the future, with whatever job that she does next.

**Karen Cruxton - Oscar's Manager**

## **Parish Administrator**

We have seen a busy year in the Parish Office this year and some significant changes have taken place, with Matt taking over as Team Vicar, Ken stepping down as Treasurer and the implementation of Sage, a new computerised Finance package. Sage will provide greater detail on financial information, enabling Wardens, PCC, Standing Committee, etc to make

informed decisions on future spend. Despite the changes, it is business as usual in the office and I am still here for any day to day queries that may arise.

**Marie Hiley**

## **Pastoral Care**

As we follow the example that Jesus taught to love one another as He loved us, Pastoral Care is of utmost importance in the life of St. John's. From the moment that someone walks through the door of our church we have the responsibility of making sure that people have a warm welcome into our church and hopefully feel at home enough to eventually become a fully committed member of our church community. New members are encouraged to attend a Welcome Lunch and eventually to become part of a Real Group or Nurture Group. At the moment we have 8 Real Groups and 1 Nurture Group for adults. We are excited to say that due to the increase in church attendance this number may change this year. Most people attend a mid-week group or are 'attached' to a group of some kind.

Our Real Group Leaders share a great deal of responsibility regarding pastoral issues within the church. Being part of one of these groups also helps people to grow through Bible Study, join others in prayer and praise in a home situation, and enjoy social activities while getting to know one another better. If you have yet to join a group and would like to know more do please let me know.

If people are unable to come to church due to illness or mobility problems we do offer home communion and we have a number of church members who do home visits.

**Jane Tennant**

## **Pathway Project**

When I wrote the last report for St John's we were still shocked and hurting from the cuts we had undergone and the team members that we had lost. Slowly we have adapted and changed to fit the capacity we have. We recognise that we really need to double in size to meet the current demand but we know that we have the best service we could possibly have with the team that we now have.

The closure and sale of our Burntwood Refuge was really difficult, but the financial 'cushion' that gave us has protected us to some extent. Of course, it is a finite amount and we don't really want to use it all just to keep the organisation going. However, the picture would be really different if we hadn't had that money. As always God had a plan.

We constantly battle for sustainable funding but the real key to doing a brilliant job is in the people who are part of Pathway. Everyone from the Trustees, the volunteers, the staff members and the people who raise money for us or support us in prayer, are part of our Pathway family. We all work really well together and that certainly showed this year when we gained the Women's Aid Quality Standards recognition. That shows that our service is excellent in every respect and we are all really proud of achieving recognition. Especially when a letter of congratulation from the Tamworth MP Chris Pincher arrived!

In July 2015 I was invited to attend a special event at the House of Lords, hosted by Restored and where I was able to meet up with my colleagues from Faith Action and also hear the wonderful speaker Baroness Scotland. She spoke very passionately and talked about how, if domestic abuse were an illness, we would be up in arms about the impact and the amount of people who had their lives damaged. Somehow domestic abuse fails to get that sort of response. Despite having a taxi driver who had no idea where the House of Lords was it was a really brilliant event and great to be with like-minded people who wanted to make a difference. The event celebrated a group of leaders from various faiths signing up

to the Declaration on Domestic Abuse. You can read more by visiting:

<http://www.restoredrelationships.org/news/2015/07/16/press-release-house-lords-interfaith-meeting-stop-domestic-violence-uk/>

We have been busier than ever with high risk victim numbers doubling over recent weeks and people at all level of risk continuing to rise. Partnership working is crucial but we have seen a steady decline in all services as further cuts are taking place from April 2016. That is set to continue and is a worrying prospect.

During the last full year – April 14 – March 15, we worked with a total of 116 women and their children in our refuges. We had to turn away 243 women and their children as we had no space. We also worked with 587 women, 66 men, and 180 children in the community. Our helpline supported just under 2000 people. During an average week we will be supporting more than 200 people across our services. Our Peer Mentor service is developing well, with former service users accessing high quality training and experience. In fact it is so good that as quickly as we train them they find work and have to stop volunteering. Our legal clinics and McKenzie Friends service also provides brilliant experience thanks to Derby University Law School. We also take placements doing social work degrees and counselling Masters level degrees.

We still face many challenges and in April 2018 the government plans to reduce supported housing rents to the local reference rent for comparable domestic dwellings will effectively close every supported housing project, refuge, young people's hostel, homeless hostel and sheltered housing scheme in the country. Our fight goes on and there is always another challenge.

We very much value your prayers so please join us in praying for sustainable funding – not just for one or two years but for as long as we are needed. Also for the many people who need our help and the very overburdened staff who are trying to support them.

**Kathy Coe**

## **PCC Secretary's Report**

Taking on the role of PCC Secretary has been a real blessing for me and, although at times quite challenging, I am thoroughly enjoying this post within our Church. Here are some examples of our meetings, beginning for me in March 2015.

**MARCH 2015:** March saw the profile and advert for the post of Team Vicar being made available. Plans were put in place to upgrade the Vicarage in Chapel Street, whilst the redecoration of our church complete with new carpets was considered.

**APRIL 2015:** At April's APCM, Elaine Betts & Les Careless were again elected as Church Wardens. A detailed Treasurers Report/Financial Statement was wonderfully presented by Lisa McKeown, and appointment of new PCC members was made: Jay Gascoigne, Mark Tennant, Ellen Nicholls and Ian McKeown.

**MAY 2015:** Amongst other items, our May meeting considered our Safeguarding policy, with updates received on the interview process for the post of Team Vicar.

Following the interviews we had an additional meeting in May officially welcoming our new Team Vicar, Reverend Matt Wallace and his family to St John's Community Church which was a real pleasure and blessing to us.

**JULY 2015:** It was reported during this meeting that our Churchyard was now full and only the re-opening of graves were taking place. A varied agenda included further discussions regarding Safeguarding, Matt's licensing service on July 16<sup>th</sup>, and tree cutting around church.

SEPTEMBER 2015: The issue of unsafe paving slabs was discussed and prioritised as work to be done, whilst charity links and the church tithe were considered.

NOVEMBER 2015: It was a pleasure to welcome the appointment of Lottie Backhouse as Children's Co-ordinator, whilst discussions took place regarding the access road to the side of church. A decision was taken to change the early service time from 9.00am to 8.30am, whilst we agreed to install a defibrillator on the outside wall of our premises.

JANUARY 2016: Maintenance issues were discussed during this meeting with Les highlighting various jobs which needed to be carried out, whilst we were delighted to appoint Jay Haywood as our new Treasurer. The meeting was largely devoted to some challenging, emotional and sensitive discussions regarding the future of Oscar's Out of School Care.

FEBRUARY 2016: This meeting was specifically for the discussion of Oscar's Out of School Care and Rev Matt provided a full report for the PCC to consider. It was decided that, with significant regret, but due primarily to Ofsted and financial considerations, Oscar's would close on July 22nd 2016.

MARCH 2016: March brought many items on the Agenda, some of which were very challenging. For example, the PCC decided to include gift aid reclaimed in the church tithe which is given to external charities such as Pathway, Light for Children and other projects. It was agreed to raise the level of Parish Share that we give to the Diocese each year, whilst the future of the sound and visuals in church were discussed.

I do hope this gives you an insight to our PCC meetings, which I have to say, on the whole, all things considered are GREAT. Every blessing to each and everyone

**Marg Nicholls**

## **Planned Giving**

As Planned Giving Secretary it's my responsibility to keep accurate records of all giving through standing order, the envelope scheme whether gift aided or not plus the offertory bag to ensure a good audit trail. We now have 35 gift aid Standing Orders, 8 non gift aid Standing Orders, 10 gift aid Envelope Scheme and 6 non gift aid Envelope Scheme. A total of 59 regular givers plus 1 who use the 'one-off' envelopes.

This is an increase of regular giving, reflecting the increase in Church growth. Having a regular amount of money coming into the church accounts enables our treasurer to set a budget and helps the PCC with planning for the future.

On the 'offertory bag' giving we are able to claim tax back on up to £5000 per year. The criteria is that accurate accounts are kept, cheques and any individual giving of £50+ are not included and at least 10 people attend the service. Our 'offertory bag' giving for this year totalled £10937.01. We therefore couldn't claim tax relief on £5937.01. As you can see it is important if you are a tax payer and place your giving regularly in the offertory bag to either use the envelope scheme or the 'one-off envelope' (these are available just inside Church on the small table) and still place it in the bag or alternatively consider set up a standing order. If you wish to do this and enable us to claim 25% back please speak or ring me on 01543 687706. Maybe you are a tax payer but are unable to give regularly then please do use the 'one-off' gift aid envelopes.

Please could I remind all envelope users to discard out of date envelopes and to use those with the correct date, this helps to provide an accurate audit trail – thanks. I submit our tax claim direct to HMRC on line. This speeds up our claim (our April – September claim was paid into our account within a week of being submitted). This totalled £5308.90 and our next claim will be for October – March. Church accounts work January-December whereas I work April- March for tax claims.

My thanks go to Elaine Betts, who as Churchwarden, opens and counts the envelope money with me each month (it's still confidential), and the wardens who keep the accurate service records for the offertory bag giving. If anyone would like to know more or start regular giving either by envelope or standing order, please do see me.

A reminder to those who already give: if you are gift aiding and your circumstances change let me know asap as under new rules it is now your responsibility to ensure you pay sufficient tax and you are now liable for any shortfall, also any change of address.

Thank you all for your faithful giving and support.

**Sue Southall**

## **Prayer**

In all that we have done together over the last 12 months, we have continued to seek God's guidance and direction and have witnessed first-hand the truth of Jesus words that those who seek will indeed find.

Our prayer life has focused not on what we may do for God in order that *we* may build, grow and prosper *our* church here at St. Johns, but rather on what God may do through *us* as he builds, grows and prospers *his* church here at St. Johns. And we can give testimony that through his faithfulness we have seen a wonderful wave of the Holy Spirit sweeping through our fellowship and like a surfer riding the big one, it is imperative that we continue to stay connected to all that God is doing. That means that because there is always more where God is concerned, our prayer life must not remain static, but continue to grow in vibrancy, intimacy and desire for more.

The Prayer Team continues to meet before each Sunday service and offers confidential prayer ministry to those who need it during and after the service. We're always pleased to welcome new members who would like to share in the privilege of praying with others. A number of folk have also made use of our Deeper Healings Ministry which operates in tandem with our Pastoral Care Team in providing extra support for those who need more than can be given during our Sunday services.

Paul in 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:23 describes people as a trinity of spirit, soul and body. Due to our fallen state we can be less than whole (*sick*) in any one or more of these three dimensions. The Deeper Healings Ministry seeks the Holy Spirit's guidance for the root cause of all aspects of sickness in spirit, soul and body in order for healing not simply to be applied to the manifest symptoms, but also into the root cause from which the symptoms are manifest.

A time of reflective prayer which is focuses on listening rather than speaking takes place in the lounge at 7.30am each Saturday morning. And Morning Prayer also takes place in the lounge at 9.00am on a Monday morning. All are welcome to join with both of these groups. The only prayer group that is closed to anyone other than its members is the Intercessory Prayer Group that meets on a Tuesday afternoon. This group is closed because it is a safe place where people can ask for prayers especially in situations that they want to be kept private in every sense, knowing that confidentiality is assured.

In September 2015 we held a Saturday morning Prophecy Workshop which proved very encouraging for those who attended, so if there is support for another session, perhaps that can be arranged for a later date.

There is no doubt that we have seen wonderful answers to prayer. We have testimonies of people, especially of infants, who have been healed. We have seen people set free from bondages and of course we have also seen people who have not been healed in the way that we would have hoped. But we also acknowledge that in the wisdom of God healing and recovery from sickness are not necessarily the same. A person may completely recover from sickness but still die unhealed (*unsaved*). Alternatively a person may die of a physical condition, but die fully healed (*saved*).

A wise and loving Father who seeks to bless his children will, when his child makes a request, give his child whatever he or she would have asked for if they knew everything he knows. And God is our wise and loving Father.

**Bill Humphries**

## **Projects and Events**

Our role in the Ministry Team is to organise some of the larger events at St John's. These can range from fundraising activities, such as the Spring and Christmas Fayres, to events for the Church family, e.g. Weekends Away. We don't arrange all the events that take place, but are usually a 'sounding board' if folk are thinking of putting on something, either in church or outside, just to make sure there are not too many clashes on the Church calendar.

Some of the 'major' events of 2015 were:-

A Church Weekend Away over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend. A group of 70+ with ages ranging from 1 - 92 went to Whitemoor Lakes Residential Centre, Alrewas, for a time of teaching/learning, fellowship, food and fun! Our speaker was Jonathan Conrathe, evangelist and founder of Valley Life Trust. Jonathan led on the theme of "What does it mean to be blessed and how do we bless others?" The talks were challenging and exciting and these, together with great worship from Steve Graham of Create Church, Cannock, and 'fun' times together as a church, the weekend was really something special.

This weekend was quickly followed by the first of our fund-raising events, a 'Sunny Sing-a-long Spring Fayre' in May, where we invited local folk in the community to 'rent a table' to display their Crafts etc. as well as offering tables to charities to help them raise money for their causes. As a church we run our own toy, cake, and gift stalls, as well as a café. Excellent 'Sing-a-long' tunes were provided by Phil Tennant and a group of our talented musicians/vocalists.

The next fundraiser for the year was the 'Cracker of a Christmas Fayre' held in November. This event was a great success with lots of folk coming through the doors and enjoying Santa's Grotto, side stalls, games, an excellent cafe and wonderful entertainment with Phil and team again, plus a special appearance from our resident illusionist Russell Leeds and his act 'Slightly Unusual'.

Let us not forget the most important event of last year in July, the Licensing of our new Minister Matt Wallace. The church came together to celebrate this special occasion and, hopefully, did Matt, Gemma, Heidi and Bobby proud by producing enough food to feed the whole of Chase Terrace and putting on a 'good spread'!

Upcoming events at present in the diary for 2016/17 are:

2016:

April 23rd                Bryn Haworth in Concert  
May 14th                A Right Royal Spring Fayre  
May 21st                Friends In Voice Rock & Romance Night  
September 24<sup>th</sup>        Slightly Unusual Show  
November 19th        Christmas Fayre

2017:

April 28-30<sup>th</sup>        Church Weekend Away

These projects call for a lot of support from the members of St John's and we thank the dedicated folk who are willing to 'lend a hand'. Please make sure that you keep informed by checking the Newsletter for the latest events.

**Paul and Mary**

## **Safeguarding**

During 2015-16 we have continued to complete and update DBS forms for our youth and children's work volunteer leaders. We require all our volunteers to attend an annual update to ensure that everyone is fully aware of issues that may arise and the procedures to follow. Last year we ran our own Safeguarding update training with visiting speaker Sarah Taylor from Urban Saints. Lesley Stanton attended the Diocese training for Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators. This year our church will be hosting two update sessions run by the Diocese for church volunteer workers and co-ordinators.

**Lesley Stanton**

## **Sunday Stars - Little Stars, Shooting Stars and Super Stars**

We have three Sunday morning groups: Little Stars is our 0-3 year's old group which is currently unstaffed so parents or carers stay and play with little ones during the service. We do try to use the speaker system most weeks so that the adults can hear the service whilst in this session. We plan to have an allocated parent/carer each week on a rota basis to welcome and talk to any new adults who may join this session so that they can be made aware of the facilities we have available during the Sunday service, and to help them to settle into this group.

Our Shooting Stars group is for children from age 3-7. We still have three teams of leaders who work on a rota basis who teach, create, worship and pray with these children using the Urban Saints Energize syllabus which is going well. All children seem to be growing in faith which is brilliant to see. The average number of children in these sessions is 12 which is a considerable increase from last year. We have also received an increase in young leaders joining us to help with the children in this group. This has been invaluable to all the leaders involved. We hope that this and all children's groups continue to grow over the next 12 months.

Super Stars is our 7-12 years old group which has also seen an increase in numbers recently averaging at 4 each week rather than 1 last year. We have recently taken on two new helpers who are enjoying their roles - a warm welcome to them, and a big thank you to all Sunday Stars leaders for their continued hard work, commitment and dedication to our children's ministry. We hope that all our children's groups will continue to inspire and help our youngsters to grow over the next 12 months.

**Lottie Backhouse**

## **Youth**

Wednesday night Youth group has gone through some big changes since last year's APCM. This year has seen a change in the Youth leadership team, which now consists of Jay Gascoigne, Kay Gascoigne, Anji Haywood, Jon Biddle and Ellie Sutton. During the first term we looked at a Soul Survivor resource book called "StoryLines" exploring Jesus' characteristics throughout the Old and New Testament, whilst we have recently been focusing on Discipleship and day to day living with Jesus, following the pattern of the Sunday services.

Numbers of youth group have increased to an average of 18 per week, with ages ranging from 13-21. Friendships continue to develop and remain strong between the members, who regularly support each other and look to the leaders when required.

After the amazing Soul Survivor event in 2015, we have booked to go again in July 2016 and 15 young people are attending. Some additional members are joining us for odd days over the weekend. Most of them have been before and are excited to experience the music, fellowship and teaching as they continue their journey of faith. It is such a pleasure to see Jesus enriching their lives and this has led to 3 of them choosing to be baptised or reaffirm their faith.

Many of our youth group continue to attend church regularly on Sunday mornings and they are learning how to serve through various jobs in church. Our girls are involved in helping with projector, singing or with Shooting Stars, whilst the lads are being encouraged to join the band as many of them are gifted musicians. All of them are keen to contribute in some way and many of them assist with additional groups in the week, such as YPC and little Singers.

I'm very grateful to have a committed team of leaders, who can help support me. They all possess different qualities which has contributed to the strength of this group. I would ask the church to pray for the continued strength of this group, for wisdom for our leaders and that our young people continue to develop a deep relationship with God.

**Jay Gascoigne**

## **YPC**

YPC continues to thrive and we were running 2 groups in 2014/2015: YPC#1 at 4.30-5.30pm for Key Stage 1, which was co-ordinated by Yvonne and Mike Emery, and YPC#2 at 6.00-7.30pm for Key Stage 2/3 which is co-ordinated by Kay and Jay Gascoigne. Both have been supported by a dedicated group of volunteers, including some young assistants from our youth group, and their energy and enthusiasm (with some coming straight from work) is very much appreciated.

YPC#1 welcomes between 7-12 children each week. Lottie Backhouse has also been assisting with this group, and she will take over the leadership from Easter 2016. There is room for growth in this group, so Lottie will be looking at ways to increase numbers in the future.

YPC#2 is thriving and we were welcoming up to 70 young people in this group in 2015. During the session they have time to play team games, do a variety of crafts, play sports and then they come together as a group at the end for some teaching led by Jay Gascoigne. Every room in the church is used for YPC 2 and it's an energetic group!

In September 2015, YPC#3 at 7.45-9.00pm was formed to focus on young people from year 8 upwards. This has been a challenge but there was obviously a need for it, as we have now have around 15-20 young people attending each week.

In addition to these weekly term time groups, we also co-ordinate Good Friday workshops and Christmas workshops, where we welcome up to 50 primary school children from 9.30am-12.30pm. The children choose 3 workshops out of 7 and then they all take part in a 4th workshop, which gives us an opportunity to read them a story from the Bible, while they complete a craft. During these mornings all of the children contribute towards a group activity which is then displayed in church. These workshops are advertised in the local primary schools and are sometimes the first step the young people take into church.

I would ask the church to continue to pray for these groups - the growth we are experiencing is very exciting but brings with it some challenges. Please pray for continued inspiration and energy for our leaders, and that the church can continue to provide the services required by our local community - thank you.

**Kay Gascoigne**

## **St John's Community Church, Chase Terrace and Boney Hay Finance Report for Year Ending 31 December 2015**

The overall result this year is a surplus of £6,504 compared to a surplus of £9,623 last year. Pages 2 and 3 of this report give a detailed breakdown of income and expenses for the year, and the balance sheet is shown on Page 4. Finally, the Statement of Financial Activity (SOFA) from the published accounts is on Page 5.

Looking at the detailed breakdown on pages 2 and 3, it can be seen that total income has gone up by almost £18,000 compared to 2014, whilst there has been around £21,000 more expenditure in 2015 than in the previous year. Looking at the key components of these changes:

**Income** – carpet fund income is up by £3,000; Grants of £3,000 have been received this year (2014: Nil), Planned giving and the tax reclaimed on it has increased by a total of £3,000 [6%]; Church Rooms hire has gone up by £1,500 and Little Friends have made £1,000 more surplus than in 2014. Also, Oscar's income has increased by £5,600 compared to 2014. In December, Burntwood Town Council made a grant of £600 [included in the £3,000 above] towards the cost of a bespoke sink unit for the Drop-Inn; this money had not been spent at the year-end, and is shown as a restricted fund at 31 December 2015.

**Expenditure** - £11,750 was spent on replacing the carpet in 2015, with a further £2,700 paid to re-decorate the Church and £1,100 to re-lay the slabs at the back of the Church. In addition, almost £700 was spent on re-decorating the Vicarage before the new minister took up post. No comparable expenses were incurred in 2014. This year saw the re-implementation of the tithing policy, which meant that a higher proportion of the Church's general income was given away or set aside to be given away soon, resulting in £4,500 more expense in the accounts than in the preceding year. Additionally Parish share increased by £1,300 compared to 2014. The Youth Work expense is £3,300 more than in 2014 as this is the first full year of employment. However, a Diocesan grant of £2,400 has been received to subsidise the cost to the Church. Most of the additional £5,600 Oscar's income had to be used to pay £4,800 more running costs [mainly staff salaries]. During the year, our Parish Administrator discovered that our utility provider had been collecting high monthly payments since the change of supplier in 2013, which had resulted in large credit balances.

These were repaid back to the Church and have resulted in negative expenses this year [i.e. we paid too much in 2014 and the monies repaid were higher than the actual expense incurred in 2015]. However, next year's expenses will revert to a normal level.

### Other Key Facts

**Planned giving:** this has only increased by about 6% on last year's figures. Regular committed giving is needed to continue to meet all obligations and extend the Church's ministry.

**Carpet:** Although the carpet cost £11,750, donations of £4,541 had already been received before the beginning of 2015. When the £4,541 was added to the £7,164 raised during the year this meant that the total income of £11,705 was only £45 short of the actual cost!

**Oscars:** Total fee income for the year was £48,287, whilst the expenditure was £44,630 [over £43,000 of the expenditure was spent on staff salaries]. This means there was a surplus of £3,657; £2,950 was transferred to the Church's bank account during the year as a contribution towards 10 months' room rental, which left a remaining small surplus of £707. Oscar's is therefore operating at about break-even level.

**Cash at Bank & in Hand:** in recent years, there has been concern as Bank balances have reduced from £58,000 in 2011, down to a minimum of £26,000 in 2013. However, last year's improving trend has continued and at 31 December 2015 there was just over £48,000 in cash and bank balances.

**Accounting administration:** this year's accounts have had to be presented to the Diocese in an updated format to comply with the new Charity Accounting regulations which took effect from 1 January 2015. The PCC approved the purchase of Sage accounting software to replace the existing accounting package from 2016 onwards so that it will be easier to produce interim accounts in the prescribed format and give the PCC more regular updates on the Church's financial position, to aid planning and governance.

**Lisa McKeown, Finance Ministry Team,  
7 April 2016**

**St. John's Community Church**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

		For year ended 31st December 2015	For year ended 31st December 2014
<b><u>Income</u></b>			
Planned Giving (Gift Aid)		40,936	38,700
Tax Reclaimed on general giving & donations		12,375	11,459
Planned Giving (non-Gift Aid)		4,915	4,740
Freewill Giving		10,937	10,635
Donations – General		2,707	2,813
Donations – Carpet Fund		6,517	3,541
Grant for Drop-Inn sink unit		600	0
Fees for Weddings, Funerals, Burials and Memorial stones.	12,225		10,025
Less			
Assigned fees (wedding, funeral etc)	(5,313)		(3,626)
Verger (Wedding or funeral)	(228)		(215)
Organist (Wedding or funeral)	(473)		(330)
	Net Fees	6,211	5,854
Young peoples ministry – Grant		2,400	0
Young peoples ministry - Other income		276	1,146
Church – Hire		4,507	3,861
The Rooms - Hire		7,978	6,421
Oscar Income		48,279	42,601
Little Singers income		260	158
Fund Raising – Fayres		1,923	1,719
Little Friends	Income	3,697	2,950
	Less running costs	(2,001)	(2,302)
	Net	1,696	648
Young Peoples Church	Income	2,929	3,128
	Less running costs	(1,872)	(1,669)
	Net	1,057	1,459
Drop Inn	Income	1,559	1,327
	Less running costs	(338)	(265)
	Net	1,221	1,062
Interest on Deposit Accounts		48	48
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>154,843</b>	<b>136,865</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
Charitable Giving		6,839	2,312
Parish Share		48,339	46,931
Vicar's expenses		572	229
Other Ministers expenses		0	494
Church Co-ordinator		2,159	1,226
Parish Administrator		7,800	6,064
Salary cost of Youth worker/Children's worker		992	141
Young People's Ministry Leader –Urban Saints exp		5,724	2,482
Youth Work	income	84	162
	Expenditure	(0)	(132)
	Net	(84)	(30)
Soul Survivor		787	163
Gifts		0	64
Oscar Expenses		44,630	39,765

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Church - Cleaners & Caretakers		4,047		3,857
The Rooms - Cleaners & Caretakers		1,110		1,081
Church - Cleaning & Consumables		771		564
The Rooms - Cleaning & Consumables		0		22
Church - Heat / Light / Water / Refuse		(199)		7,211
The Rooms - Heat / Light / Water / Refuse		(533)		2,487
Churchyard - Water / Refuse		306		264
The Rooms - Maintenance, Parts & Repairs		71		464
Churchyard - Maintenance, Parts & Repairs		6		720
Church - Maintenance, Parts & Repairs		879		1,657
Church – new carpet		11,750		0
Church – redecoration expense		2,690		0
Church – slabs relaying		1,100		0
Vicarage – Maintenance, Parts & Repairs		674		0
Church - Insurance		879		914
The Rooms - Insurance		662		653
Children's Insurance		272		272
Worship Consumables		849		1,010
Community Care	Income	258		395
	Less running costs	<u>(210)</u>		<u>(354)</u>
	Net	(48)		(41)
Burntwood Churches United subscription		75		75
Parish weekend away		(136)		0
Conferences and Retreats		335		0
Function in park		0		0
Hospitality		137		198
Training Courses and Activities		0		125
Church Telephone		442		488
Internet & Vicarage Telephone		135		327
Parish Office Telephone		570		528
Postage		54		112
Office Consumables & Sundries		112		287
Paper & Ink Supplies		284		322
Photocopier charges & supplies		1,746		1,859
Computer software		600		0
APCM costs		0		0
Deanery Synod		53		0
Church website		355		347
Christian Copyright Licence		336		330
Audit Fee		150		500
Miscellaneous		(143)		(5)
Depreciation for the year		<u>190</u>		<u>773</u>
Total Expenses			148,339	127,242
Surplus/(deficit) for the year			<u>6,504</u>	<u>9,623</u>

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CHASE TERRACE  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2015**

	2015 £	2014 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Tangible Fixed Assets	116,106	116,296
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Debtors	1,727	980
Cash at bank and in hand	48,271	36,629
	<u>49,998</u>	<u>37,609</u>
<b>LIABILITIES: AMOUNT FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	9,856	4,161
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<u>40,142</u>	<u>33,448</u>
<b>LIABILITIES: AMOUNT FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR</b>	0	0
<b>NET ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)</b>	<u>156,248</u>	<u>149,744</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>		
<b>Restricted</b>		
Carpet	0	4,541
Drop-Inn Fund	600	0
Young People's Ministry	0	0
Total Restricted Funds	<u>600</u>	<u>4,541</u>
<b>Unrestricted</b>	70,648	60,203
<b>Revaluation Reserve</b>	85,000	85,000
	<u>156,248</u>	<u>149,744</u>

St John's Community Church, Chase Terrace  
SOFA summary for 2015

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Carpet</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Drop-Inn</u>	<u>Total Restr.</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
						<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>	<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>
<b>INCOME</b>							
Tax efficient planned giving	40,936		276		276	41,212	39,783
Other planned giving	4,915					4,915	4,740
Collections at services	10,937					10,937	10,635
All other giving, incl. special appeals	2,707	5,410			5,410	8,117	6,354
Gift Aid recovered	11,652	1,060	75		1,135	12,787	11,589
Grants	-		2,400	600	3,000	3,000	-
Fund-raising	1,923	694			694	2,617	1,719
Interest income	48					48	48
Statutory fees	6,212					6,212	5,854
Other trading activities incl. group membership	69,553					69,553	60,870
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>148,883</b>	<b>7,164</b>	<b>2,751</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>10,515</b>	<b>159,399</b>	<b>141,592</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>							
Mission giving and donations	6,840					6,840	2,379
Parish share	48,339					48,339	46,931
Salaries/wages	58,158		5,724		5,724	63,882	52,523
Clergy & staff expenses	1,581		992		992	2,572	989
Church running expenses	5,338					5,338	5,026
Church expenses	8,372					8,372	10,561
Church utility bills	-	199				199	7,211
Cost of trading	2,061					2,061	5,849
Governance costs (audit)	150					150	500
Major repairs to Church	3,790				11,750	15,540	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>134,428</b>	<b>11,750</b>	<b>6,716</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,466</b>	<b>152,894</b>	<b>131,969</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR</b>	<b>14,455</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,965</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>7,951</b>	<b>6,504</b>	<b>9,623</b>
<b>BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD 1 JAN</b>	<b>145,203</b>	<b>4,541</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,541</b>	<b>149,744</b>	<b>140,121</b>
<b>TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>3,965</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,010</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>BALANCES C/FWD @ 31 DECEMBER</b>	<b>155,648</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>156,248</b>	<b>149,744</b>