

St Michael's Church

Bowness on Solway



Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
For the year ending
31st December 2016
Incumbent
The Revd Peter Blackett
The Rectory
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St. Michael's Church – Bowness on Solway Annual Report for 2016

St. Michael's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector, the Revd Peter Blackett, in promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for St. Michael's Church building and furnishings in Bowness on Solway. The PCC is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission. The Revd Peter Blackett is also Rector of the parishes of Kirkbride and Newton Arlosh.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church presentation rules. The Vestry Meeting held immediately prior to the Annual Meeting elects Church Wardens.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

<i>Incumbent</i>	Revd P Blackett	Chairman
<i>Church Wardens</i>	Mr R H Wills Miss A M Little	
<i>Deanery Synod Reps</i>	Vacant Vacant	
<i>Elected Members</i>	Mrs C Bartlett Mr I Graham Mr C R Wills Mr R H Wills Mr M. Abbs Mrs B Morton Ms Diane Ellis-Jones	Vice Chair Treasurer Secretary
<i>Co-Opted</i>	Revd I Black	

Bankers etc.

Current account	Barclays Bank Carlisle Branch The North & West Cumbria Group PO Box No 115 Carlisle CA3 8JS
Invested Funds	CCLA Investment Management Ltd CBF Funds 80 Cheapside London EC2V 6DZ

Standing Committee

The officers and churchwarden transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the council

Church membership, services and attendance

The Church Electoral Roll for this year stands at 73 . Attendance at services has been consistent. Service times in the Parish are 11.00 am at St. Michael's, Bowness, with on the 5th Sunday in the month a United Service for the Benefice held on a rotation basis.

General

Attendance at church has been steady throughout the year, with a small but loyal following . During the year there have signs of an increase in attendance. There has recently been more interest in baptisms in the church, which bodes well for the future.

Tim Hazard retired from lay ministry at the end of 2016 . St Michael's is indebted to Tim for his faithful ministry amongst us , and gifts were presented at his final service with us. Rob Cook continues his lay ministry here , and this has been much appreciated. PCC Worship Teams continued to take morning services, on the third Sunday of each month .

Our involvement with Bowness Primary School continues, with the school participating in several church events throughout the year.

Margaret Wills has played the organ on most Sundays and for special services. Rosie Bryant has recently started to play .

There has been further discussions on Diocesan initiatives including "God for All" and "Mission Communities .The Archdeacon West is to brief the PCC on proposals for our area, at a meeting at Kirkbride Institute on 14 Mar 17.

Most works noted in the Architect's Inspection of 2015 are now completed . The restoration off the south door arch by stonemasons was completed at a cost of £2530. The PCC has plans in 2017 , to re-point with lime mortar, the outside west end of the church

Visitor numbers to the church again rose, with many favorable comments in the visitors book. Visitor donations also showed a marked rise. The high standard of work by the grass-cutter Harold Rochester in the churchyard , received particular praise from both residents and visitors.

St Michael's was able to exceed its offer to Diocesan Funds to cover the cost of ministry .

Finance

From a financial viewpoint, St Michael's had an encouraging year in 2016. There was slight rise (6%) on 2015 figures for donations and collections. The PCC sent a donation of £11 000 to Carlisle Diocese, as a voluntary contribution towards the costs of maintaining the Rector in post, and this included a supplement of £1000 on our original offer. The current account balance at the end of the year, was a healthy £5075.

St. Michael's Church , Bowness -on- Solway
Financial Statement for period 1 Jan –31 Dec 16

Receipts	2016	2015
Donations - Gift Aided	4507.90	(5150.60)
Donations - Other	3649.05	(1502.86)
Collections	3162.71	(3907.28)
Tax Refund	2171.97	(2512.93)
Invest Income	4142.03	(3436.17)
Fees	3379.00	(3429.00)
Magazine	2343.40	(2165.50)
Events	589.10	(658.98)
Mission Charities	2831.39	(3898.42)
Total Receipts	26776.55	(26661.74)

<u>Payments</u>		
Parish Share	11000.00	(11000.00)
Rector Expenses	809.55	(798.17)
Running Expenses	982.63	(2506.30)
Magazine	1732.36	(1119.76)
Utilities	1275.88	(1116.84)
Mission Charities	2961.39	(3810.42)
Staff Grants	2544.50	(1200.00)
Fabric	3544.74	0
Insurance	2013.36	(1984.42)
Total Payments	30864.40	(23535.91)

Excess of Payments over Receipts - 4087.85

CCLA Investments Accounts as at 31 Dec16

Fabric (Restricted)	35415.92	
Organ (Restricted)	4937.76	
Churchyard (Restricted)	20011.41	
Total		60365.09

Barclays Current Account as at 1 Jan 16	8025.08	
Cash in hand as at 1 Jan 16	1166.91	
Barclays Current Account as at 31 Dec 16		5075.83
Cash in hand as at 31 Dec 16		28.31

I. Graham

RP Blackett

Notes to Financial Statement for Period 1 Jan to 31 Dec 16

Investment Income This is made up of a legacy from the late Mrs Nelson of a half share in the rent of High House Farm Fingland , and interest from the Fabric, Organ and Deposit Funds (managed by CCLA Investments). The net payment from the Nelson Trust for 2016 was £1363.17, after a reduction by the agents for a legal bill for advice to the trustees.

Tax Refunds A gift aid tax refund of £1266.52 was received from HMRC for the period 1 Jan-31 Dec 15. A grant of £905.45 was also received in respect of a special payment (GASDS) on the collections.

Mission Charities This was money collected for onward distribution to other charities. and church staff. Charitable donations in 2016 were: Jones Animal Hospice £53.22 , Parkinson's UK £344.00 and Bishop's Harvest Appeal £50.00.

Grants The following grants were paid to church staff :

M.Wills - Organist- £770.00

B.Morton - Verger - £550.00

H.Rochester - Grass cutting - £1224.50 (£613.00 grant received from Bowness PC)

Parish Offering to Diocese

£11,000.00 was paid as Parish Offering, which included an extra £1000.00 on top of our original offer.

Running Expenses

Electricity £251.60 (13% increase on 2015)

Oil £691.06 (38 % decrease on 2015)

Water £162.45 (14 % increase on 2015)

Insurance £1984.42 (1% decrease on 2015)

Independent examiners report to the PCC St Michael's Church , Bowness on Solway

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 Dec 2016 , is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (" the Regulations") and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations .

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7) (b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance , 2006 Edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishop's Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequentially I do not express an adult opinion on the view given by the accounts .

Independent examiners statement

1. In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act, and to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met.
2. In my opinion, it should be pointed out that the Total Assets of the PCC have reduced by £2617.85 during 2016 and NOT by £4087.85 which is shown as the Excess of Payments over Receipts. The difference is £1470 which is the net amount transferred into the Fabric Fund during the year..

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