

St Michael's Church

Bowness on Solway



Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
For the year ending
31st December 2017
Incumbent
The Revd Peter Blackett
The Rectory
Kirkbride
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St. Michael's Church – Bowness on Solway Annual Report for 2017

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 Mrs B Morton Mr R Irving Mrs C Servantes Ms Diane Ellis-Jones	Vice Chair Treasurer Secretary

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 68 . 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. Baptisms, weddings and funerals numbers have been similar to previous years.

With the retirement of Mr Tim Hazard from regular ministry, we have moved to an Evensong on the first Sundays. Numbers are lower than for morning services, but some appreciate an evening service. 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 .Compline has been introduced on third Sunday evenings. Plough Sunday was celebrated on the third Sunday in January, with a restored plough displayed in the church.

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

Margaret Wills and Rosie Bryant continue to play the organ. Rosie has introduced choir practice, and anthems are sometimes are sung at the services.

There has been further discussion on Diocesan activities including " God for All" and " Mission Communities "

The PCC has re-pointed the roof ridge tiles and part of the bellcote. Maintenance work has also been done on the main door and churchyard gate .The high standards of churchyard maintenance has been commented on by visitors. The church architect has retired, and we have begun the process of seeking a new architect.

Visitor numbers were similar to last years. Most visitors enjoy the experience, but a tiny handful cause concern. In separate incidents, a Breeches Bible was stolen, and an offertory box forced open. The PCC is exploring improvements to security measures.

Finance

From a financial viewpoint, St Michael's had an encouraging year in 2017. There was a fall of (17%) on 2016 figures for donations and collections, however, in 2016 there was a one of donation of £1500 in memory of a former Churchwarden, so the real figures are roughly the same. The PCC sent a donation of £10 000 to Carlisle Diocese, as a voluntary contribution towards the costs of maintaining the Rector in post. The current account balance at the end of the year, was a healthy £3896.

St.Michael's Church , Bowness -on- Solway
Financial Statement for period 1 Jan –31 Dec 17

<u>Receipts</u>	2017	2016
Donations - Gift Aided	4005.00	(4507.90)
Donations - Other	2178.75	(3649.05)
Collections	3252.76	(3162.71)
Tax Refund	2884.01	(2171.97)
Invest Income	3897.15	(4142.03)
Fees	2443.05	(3379.00)
Magazine	2802.79	(2343.40)
Events	661.26	(589.10)
Mission Charities	2686.61	(2831.39)
Total Receipts	24811.38	(26776.55)

<u>Payments</u>		
Parish Share	10000.00	(11000.00)
Rector Expenses	802.17	(809.55)
Running Expenses	1539.92	(982.63)
Magazine	1284.86	(1732.36)
Utilities	1869.65	(1275.88)
Mission Charities	2686.66	(2961.39)
Staff Grants	2544.00	(2544.50)
Fabric	3449.00	(3544.74)
Insurance	1783.97	(2013.36)
Total Payments	25960.23	(30864.40)

Excess of Payments over Receipts **- 1148.85**

CCLA Investments Accounts as at 31 Dec 17

Fabric (Restricted)	33920.92	
Organ (Restricted)	4937.76	
Churchyard (Restricted)	20011.41	
Total		58,870.09

Barclays Current Account as at 1 Jan 17	5075.83	
Cash in hand as at 1 Jan 17	28.31	
Barclays Current Account as at 31 Dec 17		3896.39
Cash in hand as at 31 Dec 17		58.90

I. Graham

RP Blackett

Notes to Financial Statement for Period 1 Jan to 31 Dec 17

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).

Tax Refunds A gift aid tax refund of £1128.56 was received in Jun 17 from HMRC for the period 1 Jan-31 Dec 16. A payment of £950.45 was also received in respect of GASDS on the collections. Vat refunds of £805.00 were received under the Listed Churches Vat Refund Scheme

Mission Charities This was money collected for onward distribution to other charities. and church staff. Charitable donations were: Church Mission Society £ 39.79, Sarcoma UK £ 144.61, Hospice at Home £94.96, and Mission to Seafarers £217.94.

Grants The following grants were paid to church staff :

M.Wills - Organist- £770.00

B.Morton - Verger - £550.00

H.Rochester - Grass cutting - £1224.00 (£612.00 grant received from Bowness PC)

Parish Offering to Diocese

The Parish Offering of £10,000 to Carlisle Diocese was paid in full.

Running Expenses

Electricity	£389.70 (22% increase on 2016)
Oil	£833.05 (5% increase on 2016)
Water	£191.20 (8% increase on 2016)
Insurance	£1783.97 (11% decrease on 2016)

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 2017 , 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, or
2. to which , in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Peter C Day

1 st February 2018