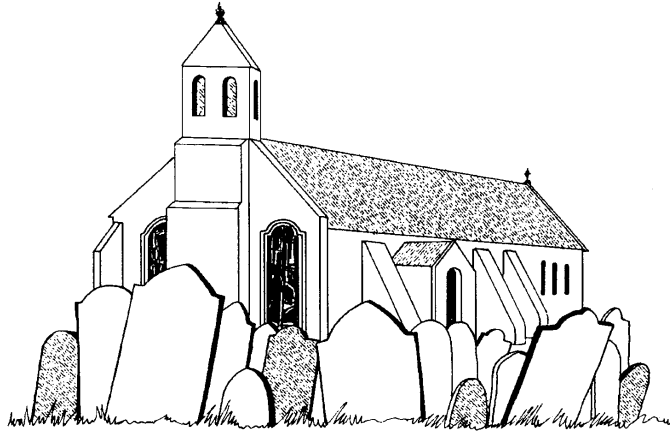


St Michael's Church

Bowness on Solway



Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
For the year ending
31st December 2018
Incumbent
The Revd Peter Blackett
The Rectory
Kirkbride
WIGTON
CA7 5HY

St. Michael's Church – Bowness on Solway Annual Report for 2018

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 Rector resigned from the Ministry with effect from 6 Jan 19, and the Parish is now in Interregnum.

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 74 . The pattern of services with Holy Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays was continued, with Evensong on the 1st Sunday and a lay led BCP service on the 3rd Sunday. The 5th Sunday was a combined service with the other churches in the Benefice. Usual Sunday attendance has remained constant at around 20 throughout the year. There was rise in the number of Baptisms , but a slight fall in the number of Funerals and Marriages .

General

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

A very successful Flower Festival was held in Jun with the participation of a wide range of Community Groups . The church looked lovely, and many complementary comments were made in the visitors book

Margaret Wills and Rosie Bryant continue to play the organ, with Rosie taking a greater load in the number of services. We are fortunate to have two very competent organists .

There has been further discussion on Diocesan initiatives including " Mission Communities ", but no specific proposals were made in 2018 that would affect this PCC.

There was only limited work done this year on the Fabric, as the Church remains in good condition. A new Architect ,Alastair McGregor has been appointed and he has made his initial visit to the church. Consideration is being made to re-pointing the west end .

Visitor numbers were similar to last years , with generous donations being made to the church. Visitors commented very favorably on the state of the churchyard.

The PCC is exploring the creation of a memorial garden in the churchyard , and also the installation of a sound system in the church.

Finance

From a financial viewpoint, St Michael's had an encouraging year in 2018. There was a rise of (9%) on 2017 figures for donations and collections. In addition , a special donation of £20,000 was received from Bowness PC to help the purchase of land for a churchyard extension. The PCC sent a donation of £11,250 to Carlisle Diocese, as a voluntary contribution towards the costs of maintaining the Rector in post, and this included an extra donation of £1000 on top of our original offer. The current account balance at the end of the year, was a healthy £5892.

St.Michael's Church , Bowness -on- Solway
Financial Statement for period 1 Jan –31 Dec 18

<u>Receipts</u>	2018	2017
Donations - Gift Aided	4700.00	(4005.00)
Donations - Other	22201.78	(2178.75)
Collections	3364.23	(3252.76)
Tax Refund	1929.65	(2884.01)
Invest Income	3267.32	(3897.15)
Fees	1517.00	(2443.05)
Magazine	3003.50	(2802.79)
Events	2814.28	(661.26)
Mission Charities	2156.33	(2686.61)
Total Receipts	44954.09	(24811.38)

<u>Payments</u>		
Parish Share	11250.00	(10000.00)
Rector Expenses	662.85	(802.17)
Running Expenses	3009.14	(1539.92)
Magazine	1162.72	(1284.86)
Investments	20000.00	(0)
Utilities	1586.44	(1869.65)
Mission Charities	2156.33	(2686.66)
Staff Grants	2544.00	(2544.50)
Fabric	632.00	(3449.00)
Insurance	0	(1783.97)
Total Payments	43003.48	(25960.23)

Excess of Receipts over Payments **1950.61**

CCLA Investments Accounts as at 31 Dec 18

Fabric (Restricted)	33920.92	
Organ (Restricted)	4937.76	
Churchyard (Restricted)	40011.41	
Total		78,870.09

Barclays Current Account as at 1 Jan 18	3896.39	
Cash in hand as at 1 Jan 18	58.96	
Barclays Current Account as at 31 Dec 18		5892.79
Cash in hand as at 31 Dec 18		13.11

I. Graham

Notes to Financial Statement for Period 1 Jan to 31 Dec 18

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 (£3028.45) , and interest from the Fabric, Organ and Deposit Funds (£238.87).

Tax Refunds A gift aid tax refund of £918.75 was received from HMRC for the period 1 Jan-31 Dec 17. A payment of £1009.13 was also received in respect of GASDS on the collections.

Mission Charities This was money collected for onward distribution to other charities. and church staff. Charitable donations were: North Cumbria Air Ambulance £ 150.21, Mission to Seafarers £ 64.50, Thursby PCC £ 154.73, Kirkbride Surgery £ 154.73, Port Carlisle Bowling Club £ 126.66 and British Heart Foundation £ 407.50. Clergy fees for funerals and weddings of £608 were collected, and forwarded to the Diocese.

Grants The following grants were paid to church staff :

M.Wills/R.Bryant - Organists- £770.00

B.Morton - Verger - £550.00

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

Churchyard Extension During 2018 a grant of £20,000 was received from Bowness PC for purchase of land for a Churchyard Extension. The money is now in the Churchyard Fund that is managed by CCLA.

Parish Offering to Diocese

The Parish Offering of £10250 to Carlisle Diocese was paid in full, plus an additional payment of £1000.

Running Expenses

Electricity	£390.27 (1% increase on 2017)
Oil	£950.25 (13% increase on 2017)
Water	£196.65 (2% increase on 2017)
Insurance	£1825.78 (1% increase on 2017)

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 2018 , 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

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.

In my opinion, attention should be drawn to the receipt of a grant of £20,000 from the Parish Council and its transfer to the Churchyard Fund managed by CCLA Investments. Also, referring to the Notes to the Financial Statement, a clearer breakdown of Investment Income (Mrs Nelson's legacy £3028.45 and CCLA fund interest £238.87) and Mission Charities payments to (charities £1058.33, church staff £490 and CDBF Fees £608) could be given.

Peter C Day

6th February 2019