

Annual Church Meetings

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ALL SAINTS HERTFORD PCC STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2013 £	Total 2012 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	3	17,391	6,383	23,774	20,660
Incoming resources from charitable Activities	4	90,420	4,593	95,013	91,275
Investment income	5	686	22	708	675
Other income	6	-	2,443	2,443	5,266
Total incoming resources		108,497	13,441	121,938	117,876
Resources expended					
Charitable activities:					
Grants and donations	7	64,809	3,386	68,195	66,478
Church services	8	35,845	5,679	41,524	54,514
Administration		7,637	-	7,637	8,426
Total resources expended		108,291	9,065	117,356	129,026
Net incoming resources before transfers		206	4,376	4,582	(11,150)
Gross transfers between funds		3,500	(3,500)	-	-
Net movement in funds		3,706	876	4,582	(11,150)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds at 1 January 2013		32,067	38,180	70,247	81,397
Total funds at 31 December 2013		35,773	39,056	74,829	70,247

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these accounts.

Vestry Meeting

The (short) Vestry Meeting heard that the Electoral Roll had grown from 157 to 181. This reflected 4 deaths and 28 additions. Janet Bird and Janet Oldham were re-elected as Churchwardens.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

A new PCC was elected. All those currently serving were re-elected. In addition Jonathan Bates was elected to serve as our third Deanery Synod representative.

A revised list of Sidespeople was presented with some 27 names. Anyone willing/able to join or help from time to time would be most welcome – please speak to Richard Toyn or Jo.

Colin presented the Financial Report. A top-level summary appears on the previous page and the full report is available at the back of church or on our website at <http://www.allsaintshertford.org/apcm.php>

Thanks were expressed to all who responded to last Autumn's appeals, to those involved in the Christmas Tree Festival, especially Dorothy Toyn and Wendell Newbold and lastly, but not leastly, to Colin.

After many years' service (and at well over 90) Charles Murkin has decided to relinquish the demanding role of Independent Auditor. Thanks were expressed to him and good wishes to his successor, Geoffrey Rice.

Reports were received from the various groups within the church. Paper copies are available at the back of church or they, like the other reports, can be found on our website at

<http://www.allsaintshertford.org/apcm.php>

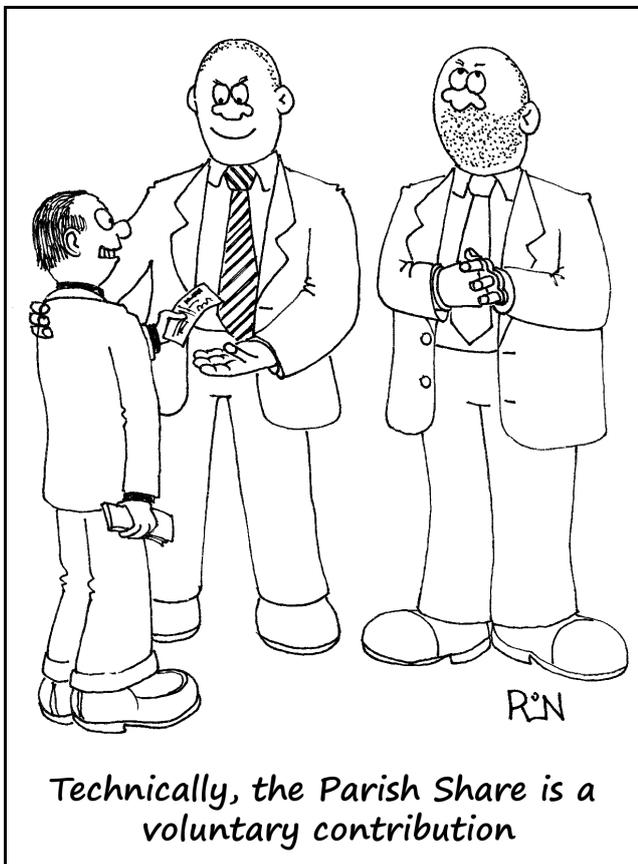
Churchwardens' Report

Fabric

We have been ticking over rather than having any large scale projects. We are still thinking about improving the lighting in the memorial Chapel, but in a year when we thought that we would have a large deficit we decided to put it on hold for a while. We did however replace all the bulbs in the chancel in time for Christmas which has made a tremendous difference.

We have not got any further with our faculty to remove pews at the back of the church, but the PCC and many others in the church agree that our present kitchen facilities are not really sufficient for our needs and we are hoping to organise a visit from the DAC to discuss what might be possible in the future as far as making the space in the church more usable.

We had yet another incidence of vandalism when the window in the memorial chapel was broken. As usual Chapel Studios dealt with the repair with as little delay as possible and our Insurers paid up. However we have recently had a visit from Ecclesiastical and they are about to reassess our insured sums so it is quite likely that our Insurance premium will be going up.



We purchased a new carpet for the vicar's vestry and also a rug for the Meeting Room to make it cosier and better for young children to play and crawl on, and with the left over carpet we now have a couple of small rugs available if we need them.

After discussion between the PCC and with the Diocesan Advisory Group and investigation of the areas involved, it was agreed that we would not pursue the question of Chancel repair liability relating to land around the Rush Green roundabout and on the Pinehurst estate and a PCC motion was agreed to that effect and a copy of it will be kept in the Terrier for future generations to see that we made the decision after consultation and discussion and in good faith.

As has been the case for many years we have been amazed by the tremendous work of Derek and his work parties. They save the church an absolute fortune and do many jobs which most of us know nothing about – but would soon notice if they were left undone! Thanks to all and please keep up the good work.

Pastoral

During the last year we have had a number of very special moments at All Saints. As well as all our normal services, Messy church has continued to thrive along with Prayers and Bears.

Last summer we were thrilled to welcome Ginni to All Saints and she really did seem to hit the ground running, bringing new ideas and generally wearing us all out. Any of you who were lucky enough to have been part of our recent Easter journey will I'm sure agree that you can't help but be motivated by her enthusiasm- no matter how hard you might try!

Last Christmas we had our stupendously successful Christmas Tree festival for which many thanks to everyone but most especially to Dorothy, Richard and Wendell, as well as my team of cooks and helpers and Diana the dishwasher- which brought in so many people from around the town and beyond as well as helping to allow our

treasurer to sleep nights rather than staying awake worrying about the deficit!

We had some lovely social occasions as well as welcoming the Bishop of Hertford and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Westminster to various services. At Christmas we held a number of carol services for local school children and also for the Fire Brigade. Over 5,500 came into the church for a service, many of them children.

There were the usual weddings, baptisms and of course funerals, including that of dear Stan Mansfield, but I like to think that the one thing that is true of all these events is that everybody attending is made to feel welcome. At the recent service to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the ordination of women the one comment that I heard time and again was thank you for making us all so welcome.

We have a number of events already planned for this year and look forward to having your continued support.

Throughout all that has been happening during the year our worship has been underpinned by the wonderful music. We are so lucky to have Martin as our Director of Music, as well being our Parish Administrator and Magazine Editor, so ably supported by Mary, James, Sam and all the choir members. It is a joy to hear how Michael's organ playing is getting better and better and we look forward to hearing more from him in the years to come.

Last but most definitely not least we are especially blessed at All Saints to have our lovely Vicar – soon to be Canon Jo, supported by Doug and Gerry, our crazy curate Ginni and so many other people who make up the winning Team All Saints.

Thank you to each and every one of you.

Vicar's report

Jo warmly endorsed all of the above, expressed thanks to all who work so hard to keep our church alive, welcoming and growing in faith, love and numbers.