# The Parish of St Mary the Virgin Silchester

(Part of the United Benefice of Tadley with Pamber Heath and Silchester, in the Diocese of Winchester)

# **ANNUAL REPORT for 2013**



# Develop in Faith Serve with Love

Presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 29th April 2014

# **Objectives and activities**

Silchester PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector and Resident Priest in the promotion within the ecclesiastical parish of the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC also has maintenance responsibilities for St. Mary's Church and the Mission Church.

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# Secretary's Report for 2013

**Electoral Roll**: The Roll for 2013 contained 104 names, 47 of these people residing within the Silchester Parish.

#### Proceedings of the Parochial Church Council:

There were 5 full meetings of the PCC during 2013, in addition to meetings of the Standing Committee, the Local Ministry Team, the Finance and Stewardship Committee, and other Committees and Groups that are subordinate to the PCC itself. In approximately chronological order, the main topics considered by the PCC were:

- 1. The retirement of Revd Canon Peter Cooper as Rector of the Benefice, with thanks for his service to Silchester, and his replacement as Chairman of the Silchester PCC by our resident priest, Canon Ken Batt.
- 2. Preparation and conduct of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April.
- 3. The resignation for family reasons of the Honorary Treasurer, Mrs Emily McEwan, and her replacement by Mr Richard Eldridge. (This created a further vacancy in the Secretary role, later filled by Mr Colin Hunt as interim Secretary.)
- 4. The creation of a new, enlarged, Benefice Tadley with Pamber Heath and Silchester – and the recruitment first of a Benefice Rector (Revd Richard Harlow), and then of an additional Resident Priest (Revd Jane Penn) for Tadley North. Silchester's churchwardens, Mr Richard Rand and Mrs Em Paddick Wilsdon acted as Silchester representatives for the recruitment process, an activity that called for much time-consuming involvement.
- 5. Throughout the year, guided and greatly assisted by our Fabric Manager Mr Mike Cole, review of fabric issues for the parish buildings, consideration of proposals for repair and/or improvement, and the development of faculty applications to Winchester Diocese to enable PCC plans to be fulfilled. Three of the main areas for consideration – the organ refurbishment, the chancel rearrangement, improvements to the Mission Church – are expected to produce results during 2014.
- 6. Also throughout the year, as prompted by the admirably active Missions and Charities Committee, functions and fundraising directed toward sending useful donations to charities engaged where we perceive the greatest need, e.g. Mercy Ships; Save the Children (Syria Emergency Fund); the Barnabas Fund.
- 7. Proposals for musical events were made by the Musical Events Committee, approved by the PCC, and successfully implemented.
- 8. Identification and appointment of Governors for Silchester School.
- 9. The initiation of a Benefice Council involving the Resident Priest and churchwardens, seen as a means of maintaining good liaison between the parishes within the Benefice.
- 10. A review of changes to the clearance mechanisms required for Safeguarding and a decision on how this should affect established practice for St Mary the Virgin.

- 11. The commencement of planning for an on-line version of the Silchester Magazine.
- 12. Consideration and approval of a budget for 2014, prepared by the Treasurer with assistance from the Finance and Stewardship Committee.

#### Local Ministry Team Report:

The Team held three formal meetings during 2013, in May, July and October, with a fourth meeting, in February, being cancelled.

Team members and portfolios for 2013 were:-

Co-ordinator:	Ken Batt (resident priest)
Administrator:	Richard Eldridge from May to October,
	but otherwise vacant
Prayer:	Ginny Duckett
Adult Christian Teaching:	Mel Bowring
Social Outreach:	Heather Cole
Children/Youth Work:	Em Paddick Wilsdon
Schools/Community:	Babs Rodgers
Home & Overseas Mission:	Marsden Jones
Pastoral Care:	Anita Withers
Ecumenical Affairs:	Richard Rand

Throughout the year this strong team worked very hard in pursuit of its brief to "cooperate with the incumbent/minister in promoting the whole mission of the churchpastoral, social, evangelistic and ecumenical."

Several new projects were approved including an Easter mini-holiday club with our local Methodist church partners, a post-Alpha study group, and a "Harvest Festival Day" of worship and outreach with a luncheon served in the barn of the Old Manor House, courtesy of Mr. Nick and Mrs. Biddy West.

The Team also endorsed an initiative by the Missions & Charities Committee to hold an exhibition of "Gifts and Talents" during the Patronal Festival weekend in September. Both the Harvest Festival Day and the Exhibition were highly successful and well received by both the church family and the wider community.

Children's work continued to expand in church worship and the local school. In early November the first of the Living Bible morning-break clubs was established.

Across the portfolios existing projects continued to flourish, including:

- Prayer meetings were introduced and developed into an essential underpinning of the church's ministry and mission;
- In social outreach the monthly coffee mornings, the annual fête, summer teas at the church all thrived;
- Home & Overseas Mission was again very active in fund raising through summer teas, lent and advent lunches;

- Another highly successful summer holiday club, fully subscribed, in partnership with the Methodist church;
- A year of growth in ecumenical activity and friendship between churches in and around Tadley (CTAT);
- Relationships with our local church school growing ever stronger;
- Bible study groups on Monday/Tuesday evenings continuing to be an integral part of our teaching and fellowship opportunities; and
- Faithful, calm and deeply committed pastoral care and support through visiting, occasional offices and prayer.

Canon Batt reports that he finds it a privilege and a humbling experience to be coordinator of a very special group of deeply committed Christians. He thanks his fellow team members for their partnership in the Gospel, and comments that although we face many challenges to faith in today's world, we have the words of the Lord to Joshua to encourage and sustain us:

"BE BOLD, BE STRONG, FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU."

# **Resident Priest's Report**

Canon Batt will deliver this at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, with written copies available on request afterwards.

# Churchwardens' Report

#### Fabric of the Parish Church:

Appropriate running maintenance continued through the year, much assisted by funds raised thanks to the continuing administration of the Bonus Ball Scheme by Nancy & Marsden Jones, to whom we are very grateful. The fabric of our 12<sup>th</sup> century Grade I Listed building is in good order.

Planning for modest chancel changes has continued, including receipt of a DAC Certificate and preparation of a faculty petition.

An Organ Refurbishment Group met many times during the year. Again, a DAC certificate was obtained and a faculty petition lodged, following advice and guidance from the Diocesan Organ Adviser. By the end of 2013, funding of £33,000 was in place to enable the work to go ahead.

The Captain of the Tower, Ian Roulstone, obtained a report and quotation of approx.  $\pm 35,000$  for a major overhaul of the Bells and their fittings. This has the approval of the Bell-ringing team, but has not yet been put to the Parochial Church Council for its approval.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the immense amount of time and work that Michael Cole continues to offer in connection with all aspects of the maintenance of the fabric of our Parish Church.

#### **Churchyard:**

The churchyard was maintained well by Geoff Willmott, with help given, from time to time, by a small number of volunteers.

Throughout the year, Robina Rand has supervised the availability of burial plots and made reservations as requested. Appropriate consultations were made, with faculty applications being lodged as appropriate.

The church car park has been carefully maintained and a large dead tree removed. The church pond, not a PCC responsibility, but that of Hampshire County Council, has been renovated, largely at our instigation. The result is a significant improvement to the vicinity of the car park.

#### **Mission Church and Grounds:**

Work was undertaken by a small group on plans to re-order and re-vitalise the interior of the Mission Church. Much time was spent with the Diocese of Winchester and with the Planning Department at Basingstoke & Deane to develop a proposal for vehicular access to a parking area behind the Mission Church. A full report, with costs, was being prepared for presentation to the Parochial Church Council.

#### **Goods and Ornaments:**

All items were maintained in good order, both at the Parish Church and The Mission Church. In particular new blue chairs have been purchased to replace the old red ones at the back of the church. Additional gazebos were purchased for the Fête. The smaller of the two Richard Hyde Charity Deed panels was repaired, paid for by that Charity's Trustees.

#### **Risk Management:**

Active safeguarding policies for the Parish were maintained through Colin Hunt as Safeguarding Administrator, with Anita Withers as Child Protection Officer and Richard Fletcher as Vulnerable Adults Office.

All major events are subject to very careful and thorough risk management assessments.

Parish insurances with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office are reviewed regularly by our Hon. Treasurer.

All safety and security features at our Parish Church, including CCTV and Smartwater are monitored by our Fabric Manager (Michael Cole).

Parish practice is to divide cash funds between accounts so that all funds are protected by the Government's compensation scheme from potential bank insolvencies.

#### And, finally .....

We record, once again, our immense gratitude to the Reverend Canon Ken Batt for his leadership of our Parish of Silchester, and in particular for his unfailing enthusiasm, his energy, and his whole-hearted support for everything that parishioners do for our church.

As Bishops' Officers in this parish we congratulate the Bishop of Basingstoke, The Rt. Rev. Peter Hancock, on the announcement of his advancement to be Bishop of Bath and Wells. We also thank him and the Archdeacon of Winchester for the input into the care of our two associated Benefice parishes during the year.

Richard Rand and Em Paddick Wilsdon (Churchwardens)

### **Basingstoke Deanery Synod Report**

"Serving the parishes who serve the people of God in this Deanery"

Basingstoke Deanery Synod includes representation from sixteen parishes in and around Basingstoke. The Synod is led by the Area Dean, the Revd. Arthur Botham from St. Gabriel's Church, Popley and Lay Chairman, John Davies, from Christ Church, Ramsdell. 2013 was another active year for the Synod.

Each parish is entitled to representation in proportion to the size of its Church Electoral Roll. Silchester PCC was represented by Em Paddick Wilsdon, Veronica Picton, and Richard Rand who acted through the year as the Deanery Synod Treasurer. Christine Watson at Pamber Heath served as Secretary.

It is always interesting to meet at other churches around the Deanery, to worship together and hear news of their parishes. We note that our neighbouring parish of Bramley moved into the Odiham Deanery in November, following its merger with Sherfield-on-Loddon into a new United Benefice.

At the February meeting, hosted by the Church of Christ the King, Brighton Hill, the Deanery said farewell to The Revd. Canon Peter Cooper on his retirement. We were told about plans for house building and expansion in Basingstoke and surrounding areas. Deanery Synod continues to pray and consider the part the Church can play in building community and faith amongst this substantial planned increase in local population.

In May, at the Town Chaplaincy offices in Festival Place, Basingstoke, there was a very inspiring presentation by several of the growing group of Town Chaplains, who spend time ministering to people in their places of work and in local shops.

The September meeting, at St. Mary's Church, Old Basing, dealt with finance, a report from the Diocesan Synod, and further discussion on urban expansion and the mission of the churches in the Deanery.

At the November meeting, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Winklebury, there was an entertaining and inspiring talk by a Diocesan Youth Worker about the discipleship of children and young people.

Throughout the year we received pastoral news from around the Deanery, and were pleased to report on the recruitment and eventual appointment of new clergy to our own extended Benefice.

Veronica Picton, Em Paddick Wilsdon and Richard Rand

## **Treasurer's Report**

#### (For the year ending 31 December 2013)

I begin by offering my sincere gratitude to Sheila and Richard Fletcher for their tireless administration of the Gift Aid claims submitted to HMRC and the setting up and publicising of the newly formed Parish Giving Scheme, to Derek Jones for the diligent recording of cash receipts which of course helps us to maintain accurate records of the levels of designated funds held, and finally to Emily McEwan who stood down as Treasurer in late 2013 for the detailed handover and continued encouragement.

The 2013 year end accounts show a gross surplus of just over £6,000, including net income from the summer fête of circa £5,000 (in spite of the wild weather on the day) and the magazine of in excess of £3,500. Income through collections remained strong, with planned costs under control. The parish share paid to the Winchester Diocese stayed at £24,750 with a further payment of £250 being approved by the PCC to mirror the contribution made in 2012. As a direct result of this encouraging performance, the PCC was able to add to £2,000 to both the Fabric and Organ refurbishment funds, and £1,000 each to the Mission Church and Bell funds.

Fabric fund	37,534
Mission church fund	1,526
Churchyard fund	2,899
Goddard memorial fund	4,259
Ministry Team fund	500
Music Fund	906
Organ Fund	33,207
Bell Fund	1,924
General fund (unrestricted)	22,710
Total Funds	105,465

The total fund balances at 31 December 2013 are noted in the table below, with detailed accounts appearing in the following pages.

As a church family, we should take the opportunity to remind ourselves of the fortunate position that we find ourselves in, namely that through the efforts of all involved, the Church has in excess of £100,000 of reserve funds – almost all raised with a view to supporting a specific cause or project. Notable funds include the Organ refurbishment fund (£33,000) which is now at a level to enable work to proceed, the Fabric Fund – to support and maintain the fabric of our beautiful 12th century St. Mary's Church and the general fund – a fund specifically held to support the day to day running of the Church and its work and to act as a safety net in the event of an unexpected event or a complete failure of a key fundraising event (e.g. a washout on fête day).

As the focus now moves to the work and events of 2014, we must comfort ourselves with the enthusiasm of our members in promoting new projects in the parish. Outline plans have been drafted to carry out renovation and improvement works to the Mission Church and the Bells: our challenge is to ensure this work complements and enhances both the fabric of St. Mary's and the outreach of our church congregation to the wider community.

Richard Eldridge

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			r ended 31 December								
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i age i	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Fun				
				2013			2012				
		£	£	£	£	£	£				
INCOMING RESOURCES											
Incoming resources from donors	2(a)	35,449	12,340	47,789	32,251	9,399	41,65				
Other voluntary incoming resources	2(b)	8,223	2,263	10,486	6,975	6,579	13,55				
Income from charitable and operating activities	2(c)	12,738	-	12,738	14,520	-	14,52				
Income from investments	2(d)	122	-	122	40	-	4				
Other ordinary incoming resources	2(e)		-	-		-					
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		56,532	14,603	71,135	53,786	15,978	69,76				
RESOURCES EXPENDED											
Missionary and charitable giving:	3(a)	-	-	-	501	1,875	2,37				
Activities directly relating to the work of the Church	3(b)	47,295	11,272	58,567	43,202	11,272	54,47				
Church Management and administration	3(c)	125	-	125	266	-	26				
Fund Raising and Publicity	3(d)	2,993	-	2,993	1,912	-	1,91				
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		50,413	11,272	61,685	45,881	13,147	59,02				
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		6,119	3,331	9,450	7,905	2,831	10,73				
Gross Transfers		(5,995)	5,995	-	(6,000)	6,000					
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		124	9,326	9,450	1,905	8,831	10,73				
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY	<b>,</b>	22,586	73,430	96,016	20,681	64,599	85,28				
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEME	SFR10	22,710	82,756	105,466	22,586	73,430	96,0				

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Page 2		Balance Sh	leet as at 51 Decembe	1 2013			
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS
				2013			2012
		£	£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS							
Tangible fixed assets	5	605	-	605	840	-	840
CURRENT ASSETS							
Debtors	8	1,322	1,011	2,333	5,386	1,872	7,258
Stocks	8	857	-	857	997	-	997
Cash at Bank and in Hand	6	21,294	82,756	104,050	16,398	76,819	93,217
LIABILITIES							
Amounts falling within one year	9	(1,368)	(1,011)	(2,379)	(1,035)	(5,261)	(6,296)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		22,105	82,756	104,861	21,746	73,430	95,176
NET ASSETS	7	22,710	82,756	105,466	22,586	73,430	96,016

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Representing:-							
FUNDS							
Unrestricted		22,710	-	22,710	22,586	-	22,586
Designated & Restricted		-	82,756	82,756	-	73,430	73,430
	10	22,710	82,756	105,465	22,586	73,430	96,016
	-	0					
Approved by the Parochial Church Council on: 15 April	2014 a	nd signed on its beh	alf by:-				
	Ken Batt	(Chairman)					
	Richard E	Idridge (Treasurer)					
The notes on pages 3 to 5 form part of these accounts							

		Notes to t	the Financial Stateme	ents								
	For the year ended 31 December 2013											
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1	ACCOUNTING POLICIES											
	In so far as it is appropriate for the needs of the PCC, these a on Accounts, reports and scrutiny", including the Church Committeee of the General Synod. Since the gross income in	Accounting Regulation n 2012 falls below £50	ns 1997 and the Church	n Accounting (Amen atements do not rec	dment) Regulation	ns 2001 prescribed by t	he Business					
2	INCOMING RESOURCES											
		Unrestricted	Designated and		Unrestricted	Designated and						
		Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS					
				2013			2012					
		£	£	£	£	£	£					
2(a)	Incoming resources from donors											
	Planned Giving:											
	- Gift Aided donations	19,428	10,790	30,218	17,837	6,200	24,037					
	- Tax Recoverable	6,422	1,550	7,972	5,031	1,550	6,581					
	- Other ordinary incoming resources	-	-	-	-	-	-					
	Collections at all services	4,491	-	4,491	4,896	-	4,896					
	Sundry donations	5,108		5,108	4,487	1,649	6,136					
		35,449	12,340	47,789	32,251	9,399	41,650					
2(b)	Other voluntary incoming resources											
	Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-					
	Donations, Appeals etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-					
	Fetes and other fund-raising events	8,223	2,263	10,486	6,975	6,579	13,554					
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-					
		8,223	2,263	10,486	6,975	6,579	13,554					
2(c)	Incoming from charitable and operating activities											
	Magazine Advertisements	6,040	-	6,040	5,392	-	5,392					
	Magazine subscriptions	1,641	-	1,641	1,617	-	1,617					
	Printing	9	-	9	136	-	136					
	Sale of publications	-	-	-	-	-	-					
	Fees	5,048	-	5,048	7,375	-	7,375					
		12,738	-	12,738	14.520		14,520					

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2(d)	Income from investments								
	Bank Cash Management Interest	122	-	1	22	40	-		40
		122	-	1	22	40	-		40
2(e)	Other ordinary incoming resources								
	Petty Cash	-	-		-	-	-		-
	Church fees	-	-		-	-	-		-
	Asset surplus	-	-		-	-	-		-
		-	-		-	-	 -		-
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	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	56,532	14,603	71,1	35	53,786	15,978		69,764

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		Notes to the Financial Statements										
	For the year ended 31 December 2013											
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3	RESOURCES EXPENDED											
		Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS					
				2013			2012					
		£	£	£	£	£	£					
3(a)	Grants											
3(a)	Missionary and charitable giving											
	Church Overseas:											
	- Missionary societies	-	-	0	-	-	0					
	- Relief and development agencies	-	-	0	-	-	0					
	Home mission & church societies			-	501	1,875	2,376					
		-	-	-	501	1,875	2,376					
3(b)	Activities directly relating to the work of the church											
	Ministry: Parish Share	25,000	-	25,000	25,000	-	25,000					
	Expenses of office	2,094	-	2,094	2,069	-	2,069					
	Upkeep of Services	555	-	555	499	-	499					
	Sub & Membership	68	-	68	96	-	96					
	General Expenses	130	-	130	122	-	122					
	Heat, Light & Water	2,209	_	2,209	805	-	805					
	Insurance	1,736	-	1,736	1,729	-	1,729					
	Ref Books & Literature	-	-	-	-	-	-					
	Church Maintenance	1,309	9,777	11,086	265	9,777	10,042					
	Expenditure on Magazine	3,782	-	3,782	2,561	-	2,561					
	Upkeep of Churchyard	2,766	720	3,486	1,433	720	2,153					

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	Contribution to Silchester C of E (Aided) Primary School		-	-		-	-
	Spending on Youth projects		-	-		-	-
	Mission Church Running Costs	340	-	340	797	-	797
	Organists' Honorarium & other music costs	450	-	450	1,068	-	1,068
	Organ/Piano Tuning/Repairs	328	775	1,103	293	775	1,068
	Church Extension		-	-		-	-
	Flower Expenses	100	-	100	200	-	200
	Petty Cash	-	-	-	-	-	-
		47,295	11,272	58,567	43,202	11,272	54,474
3(c)	Church Management and administration						
	Post, Telephone & Stationery, Miscellaneous	125	-	125	266	-	266
3(d)	Fund Raising and Publicity			-			-
	Cost of fetes, etc	2,993	-	2,993	1,912	-	1,912
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	50,413	11,272	61,685	45,881	13,147	59,028
	STAFF COSTS						

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FIXED ASSETS						
re-instatement costs in the event of fire or other major disast	er, but not against terro	orist attack.		• •		•
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	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUND
			2013			2012
5	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost						
1 January 2013	3,267	-	3,267	3,143	-	3,143
Additions	1,017	-	1,017	124	-	124
31 December 2013	4,284	-	4,284	3,267	-	3,267
Accumulated Depreciation						
1 January 2013	2,427	-	2,427	1,338	-	1,338
Depreciation	1,252	-	1,252	1,089	-	1,089
31 December 2013	3,679	-	3,679	2,427	-	2,427
Net Book Value at 31 December 2013	605	-	605	840	-	840
Net Book Value at 31 December 2012	840	-	840	1,805	-	1,805
CASH AT BANK						
The balance earned £122 of interest in the year (2012: £40).						
The PCC holds no stocks or shares.						

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7 Fixed Assets	605		605	840		84
Cash at Bank and in Hand	21,294	82,756	104,050	16,398	76,819	93,217
Debtors	1,322	1,011	2,333	5,386	1,872	7,25
Stock	857	-	857	997	-	99
Current Liabilities	(1,368)	(1,011)	(2,379)	(1,035)	(5,261)	(6,29
	22,710	82,756	105,466	22,586	73,430	96,01
DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUN
			2013			2012
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable	1,322	1,011	2,333	4,876	1,550	6,42
Stocks	857	-	857	997	-	99
8 Other Debtors			-	510	322	83
	2,179	1,011	3,190	6,383	1,872	8,25
LIABILITIES	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUN
			2013			2012
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year						
Accruals	(1,368)	(1,011)	(2,379)	(1,035)	(4,423)	(5,45
9 Other creditors	-		0	-	(838)	(83
	(1,368)	(1,011)	(2,379)	(1,035)	(5,261)	(6,29

# Parochial Church Council of St Mary the Virgin, Silchester Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2013, which are set out on pages 1 to 5.

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales.

#### It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in 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 consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

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.

James Sinclair

10 The Paddock Guildford, Surrey GU1 2RQ

#### THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, SILCHESTER

#### ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING &

#### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

# AGENDA FOR THE MEETINGS AT THE MISSION CHURCH, SILCHESTER, ON TUESDAY APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> 2014 AT 7.30PM

Coffee from 7.15pm

#### ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

- 1. Opening Prayers
- 2. Apologies for absence
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting on 29th April 2013
- 4. Election of Churchwardens for 2014/5

#### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

- 1. Welcome and Benefice Overview The Rector
- 2. Presentation of the Church Electoral Roll
- 3. Approval of minutes from last PCC meeting of 29th April 2013
- 4. Presentation of Annual Report containing:
  - Secretary's Report of proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the Parish generally (including report of the Local Ministry Team)
  - o Treasurer's Report and presentation of 2013 accounts
  - o Churchwardens' Report (including Fabric, Goods and Ornaments)
  - Deanery Synod Report
- 5. Election of Officers
  - Deanery Synod representatives (3 required)
  - Members of the PCC for 2014/5
    6 required (3 for 3 years, 2 for 2 years, 1 for 1 year)
  - $\circ$  Sidesmen for 2014/15
- 6. Appointment of Independent Examiner
- 7. Resident Priest's Report and address
- 8. Matters of general Parochial and general church interest
- 9. Closing Prayers