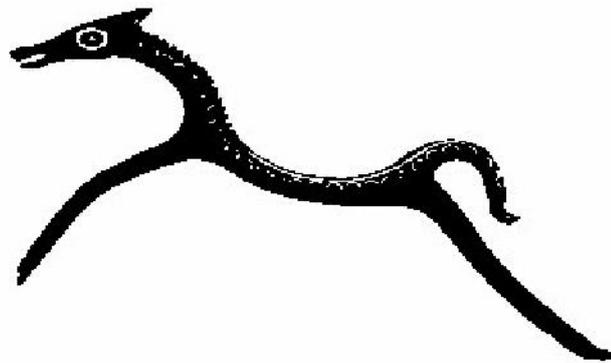


The Parish of St Mary the Virgin Silchester

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

ANNUAL REPORT for 2015



Develop in Faith
Serve with Love

Presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
18th April 2016

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 the Virgin Church and the Mission Church.

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Secretary's Report for 2015

Electoral Roll: The Roll for 2015 contained 108 names, 49 of these people residing within the Silchester Parish.

Proceedings of the Parochial Church Council:

There were 5 full meetings of the PCC during 2015, 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. Approval of Graveyard Regulations covering the churchyard of St Mary the Virgin.
2. Appointment of school Foundation Governors for Silchester Church of England Primary School.
3. The provision of contracted gardening support for the churchyard.
4. St Mary the Virgin policy for wedding photography.
5. The developing project for the restoration of the church bells.
6. The offer by Mr & Mrs N West to provide within the churchyard a memorial garden for the burial of cremated remains, followed by planning and construction.
7. Information and decisions concerning the amounts invited as parish share over the coming few years.
8. The completion of the organ refurbishment.
9. Receipt of the 2015 Quinquennial Report on the condition of the church, and preliminary decisions on how best to provide funds and gain faculties to undertake the required works.
10. The installation of new gates and fence at the churchyard entrance, generously given by Mr & Mrs N West.
11. Preparation for recruitment of a new Associate (Resident) Priest to serve in Silchester, in particular the production of a Parish Profile to support the recruitment advertisement.
12. The creation of a Parish Mission Action Plan (pMAP), for which progress and evolution will be overseen by the Local Ministry Team.
13. Review of parish Safeguarding arrangements and renewal of DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks as appropriate.
14. Policy on the conduct of baptism services in St Mary the Virgin for the period of the interregnum.
15. Preparation and conduct of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on the 27th of April.
16. 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 submission of faculty applications to Winchester Diocese to enable PCC plans to be fulfilled.

17. 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. Faith Christian Group; Mission Aviation Fellowship; Cyclone Pam (Vanuatu) emergency appeal; Challenge Ministries, Swaziland. A decision was that funds should in future be donated via the PCC Treasurer in order to be included in the record comprised by the Treasurer's annual statement.
18. Proposals for musical events were made by the Musical Events Committee, approved by the PCC, and successfully implemented.
19. Consideration and approval of a budget for 2016, prepared by the Treasurer with assistance from the Finance and Stewardship Committee.

Colin Hunt
(Honorary Secretary)

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Local Ministry Team Report:

Team membership and portfolio allocation for 2015 was:

Canon Ken	(Co-ordinator) – until retirement in November, whereupon Revd Richard Harlow took over
Heather Cole	Social Outreach
Em Paddick Wilson	Children/Youth
Ginny Duckett	Prayer
Anita Withers	Pastoral Care
Marsden Jones	Home/Overseas Mission
Colin Hunt	Lay Worship Leader (added to the Team in 2015)

The portfolios for: Adult Christian Teaching; School, Church and Community; and Ecumenical Affairs remained vacant, but:

- i. Mel Bowring is still very active in planning and sharing leadership of Monday Study Group, while Nicole Caldicott is doing excellent work in co-ordinating the Tuesday evening Bible Study Group.
- ii. Canon Ken Batt stood down from his rôle as school governor, replaced by the Rector, Revd Richard Harlow. In Addition Em Paddick Wilsdon's Youth Work leads to close involvement with Silchester School.
- iii. Ecumenical affairs are covered by CTAT and Silchester churches liaison group.

Summary of Ongoing Projects:

- i. Monthly "Friendship Circle" coffee mornings continue to attract good numbers.

- ii. Annual Fête: excellent work by fête committee to provide a wonderful day of social outreach.
- iii. Partnership between Parish and School recognised as strong in the 2015 statutory church schools inspection.
- iv. Impressive work in childrens' work at school (living Bible clubs and collective worship), joint summer holiday club at the Methodist Church and children involved in monthly all-age worship.
- v. Excellent work through Missions and Charities committee.
- vi. Social outreach through Musical Events at church organised by the committee.
- vii. Quiet, effective pastoral care through visiting, occasional offices of Baptism, Weddings and Funerals.
- viii. Very positive work and friendship through CTAT (Churches Together Around Tadley) and the Silchester group of churches.
- ix. Outreach through summer teas at Church, West Silchester Hall teas ('open garden project') and Harvest Festival celebrations, Advent and Lent lunches in Church, "Harvest Home" and Christmas carols at Calleva Arms.

New Projects:

- a. Prayer – Setting up of Prayer corner in church.
- b. Parish Mission Action Plan – (pMAP) – approved by the PCC in September and available on the parish web site.
- c. Development of Mission Church
- d. Church Website
- e. Building on relationship and partnership with our Church school.

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Benefice Overview for 2015

The Benefice of Tadley with Pamber Heath and Silchester was created in 2013, and consists of the Parishes of Tadley North (St Mary's), Tadley South (St Peter's, St Paul's and St Luke's, Pamber Heath), and Silchester (St Mary the Virgin).

Our Benefice clergy are: Ken Batt (retired in November), Pat Brown, Richard Harlow, Jane Penn and Cathy Pynn. Our Benefice licensed lay ministers are: Wendy Alder, Tony Flynn, and Charles Lewis.

Each parish is a separate legal and ecclesiastical entity but we share a common mission to this area, and we seek to encourage and support each other. Every month with a 5th Sunday, we worship together in one of the churches at 10am. However, our model for ministry is that each parish retains its unique characteristics and takes responsibility under its Associate Priest for mission to its local community.

Some additional events this year have been: safeguarding training, sharing the Palm Sunday walk, and planning the process for recruiting a new Associate Priest for

Silchester.

Many other links across the Benefice are served by our joint membership of CTAT (Churches Together around Tadley). CTAT has enabled joint activities including: Good Friday witness, Treacle Fair outreach, Christian Aid collecting, Unity service, Women's World Day of Prayer service, quiet days for Advent and Lent, and a 24 hour prayer event.

Looking ahead, the additional support from clergy across the Benefice during the vacancy here is adding to the sense of common mission, and the selection of a new priest for Silchester will bring new opportunities for developing our shared mission to and ministry in this community.

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Rector's Report

The retirement of Rev Canon Ken Batt in November was marked by the parish and community over a period of several weeks, and allowed us all to express our gratitude to Ken and Linda for their 7 years of ministry in this community. One of Ken's great achievements was to get to know almost everybody in the community by faithful ministry and a great memory. He led formal and informal worship with humour and energy. He encouraged the development of Alpha and home groups. He also helped to build a very strong relationship with Silchester School. Ken always knew that his ministry was built on the foundations of many other people's hard work, both in the past and continuing.

Silchester Voluntary Aided Church of England School equips and educates 194 children from this parish and further afield. Ken Batt and Em Paddick Wilsdon have taken a weekly assembly for several years, as part of the school's collective worship. Em has begun 3 Living Bible Clubs which nurture the children's interest in the Bible, and which they attend in their break times. This investment in sharing the good news of Jesus with the next generation is central to the parish Mission Action Plan, which was adopted towards the end of the year.

The Mission Action Plan also commended the work that Mike Cole has invested in creating a website, and therefore promoting our church to a wider community. Data from this website demonstrates that younger people depend on this medium to connect with our church. The website builds on the excellent work that The Parish Magazine has undertaken for many years in connecting church and community. Marsden and Nancy Jones are to be thanked for their investment in this work. They have indicated a desire to begin to hand over some of this task, which raises the question of succession.

Derek and Veronica took on a significant challenge in succeeding Richard and Em as churchwardens. They have managed the demanding task with patience, courage and joy, and I am personally in their debt. As the vacancy lingers on a little longer than we hoped, they deserve our gratitude and support.

Richard Eldridge with support from both the church and community of Silchester has run the Church Village Fete for several years with great success, both financial and in community building. He has surrendered his role as Chair to focus on his role as treasurer of the Parish. We acknowledge his work, and that of all the committees which carry through the mission of the church: LMT, Missions & Charities, Musical events, etc. The members of these committees achieve so much through unseen hard work and generosity.

The process of identifying a successor for Ken has demanded that we review our life as a parish. The Parish Profile (available on the website) is a significant piece of work, and paints a picture of a vibrant, diverse, cheerful church, with excellent links to its community. I have no doubt that we will find a priest soon, and that he or she will love living and working here. For this parish is a delight, and I expect to see growth in numbers and depth of ministry in the next few years.

Revd Richard Harlow

(Rector of the Benefice of Tadley with Pamber Heath and Silchester)

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Churchwardens' Report

Fabric of the Parish Church:

Careful attention and regular maintenance mean that St Mary the Virgin Church is in generally good condition. Nevertheless the 2015 Quinquennial Inspection revealed a number of matters requiring attention within 5 years. More detail is given below.

During 2015 the following actions relating to the church were undertaken:

1. Intermediate Repairs were made to the shingles of the Pigeon Tower (sufficient to last until later in the quinquennial period when significant attention will be needed). It will be necessary to look around for a Grant for this work as there will be insufficient funds to do this and other required work.
2. The entrance gate posts collapsed and following consultations with Natural England and Reading University the all clear was given to replace the gates and fencing. Thanks to the generosity of Mr & Mrs West, the entrance gate and section of fence has been replaced.

Mission Church:

- minor repairs were needed to the electrical supply;
- some of the external paintwork was made good to protect the fabric while the PCC comes to a decision over the future use of the building;
- The external gate with railing was replaced.

- There has been much discussion about the future of the Mission Church and these discussions will be widened in 2016 to seek the views of the local community.

Organ:

A grant has been applied for to cover the remaining work, which includes the final finish to the organ stool.

Chancel Space:

- The altar rail has been moved forward to the edge of the step, creating a little more space in front of the altar. Kneeling arrangements in front of the rail have yet to be finalised.
- The previous Prayer Board was given up in favour of a Prayer Corner. The latter has been trialled in several configurations. It would appear that the present position offers the best all round acceptance.

Bells:

The Duke of Wellington has generously agreed to act as project Sponsor for the refurbishment project. Information gathering and fundraising continue apace.

Church Digital Presence:

- The website (www.silchesterchurch.co.uk) is maintained and updated to attract attention to our worship and to encourage newcomers to join with us. Palm Sunday is specifically marketed and an online flyer with directions is available.
- St Mary the Virgin now has its own Facebook page and is a useful vehicle to publicise Palm Sunday, the Fête, and other activities.
- There is now a link to the Tadley Calendar.

The Screen:

Repair is required. A quotation has been given and accepted, with the work to be carried out during 2016.

2015 Quinquennial Report:

All work required by the 2010 report was completed in a timely manner. The new, 2015, report sets out a further list of maintenance tasks. Many of these are relatively minor, but three are significant:

1. Replacement of the roof tiles covering the South elevation of the Chancel and Nave roofs – to be carried out within 2 years. It is expected that there will be grant aid toward this work. A Grant of £60,000 has been applied for but we will not know whether we have been successful until the end of June 2016. We should be able to recover all VAT (£10,000) leaving us to provide £10,000 from the Fabric Account.
2. Full repair to the Pigeon Tower – to be carried out before the next quinquennial inspection in 2020. It will be necessary to look around for a Grant for this work as there will be insufficient funds to do this and other required work.

3. Refurbishment of the bells. A project team has been established and planning and fundraising are already well underway. It will be necessary to look around for a Grant for this work as although splendid work is being carried out by the fundraising team, and £12,300 had been raised by the end of 2015, the total required is estimated to be in the range £30,000-£40,000 and this will not be reached without outside help. We will be looking for a grant in the region of £20,000 - £30,000. We have a number of sources for the required Grant and are hopeful of accessing the money needed.

It is planned to carry out all of the required works within the scope of three Faculty applications – for the roof repair, for the bells, and for all other works.

Churchyard:

The churchyard has had a new firm maintaining the site in 2015. Ian Philip's firm 'Farm and Garden Services' have done a good job throughout the year and have been retained for 2016.

Robina Rand passed on her supervisory duties concerning the availability of burial plots on her retirement to Worcester. The church continues to check records and inspect the site as burial places available are becoming more difficult to identify precisely because their number is now much reduced. Plans will need to be made afresh for new burial plots in the years ahead. The initiative in establishing a 'memorial garden' for the burial of ashes following cremation has proved successful following the appropriate faculty procedures. It has guaranteed places for many years ahead and reflects the style of some crematoria. The materials used in its construction sit comfortably with the roman surroundings.

Goods and Ornaments:

All items were maintained in good order at the Parish Church and at the Mission Church. The chairs in the Mission Church have been replaced.

Management:

The hazard strips on the porch steps have been replaced. Active safeguarding policies for the Parish were maintained through the Parish Secretary as Safeguarding Officer, with Anita Withers as Child Protection Officer and Richard Fletcher as Vulnerable Adults Officer.

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

The Treasurer reviews the Parish insurances with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office appropriately. All funds are protected by the Government's compensation scheme.

Safety and security features are managed by the Fabric manager.

All goods and ornaments are maintained in good order.

And, finally.....

Congratulations to Reverend Canon Kenneth Batt, who retired on 30th November and has been offered and accepted the title of Canon Emeritus. This enables him to

maintain his links with Winchester Cathedral and is a fitting tribute for his forty-five years of service in the Church. It is hoped that 2016 will see his successor in place.

Derek Jones and Veronica Picton

(Churchwardens)

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Basingstoke Deanery Synod Report

The Deanery Synod met on 4 occasions in 2015. At each venue the host Vicar led a short act of worship and gave a summary of his/her parish's work.

In February the meeting was held at Immanuel Church, Hatch Warren. An interactive presentation was given about Fairtrade to encourage churches to become accredited.

In May the Synod met at St. Mary's Tadley. A presentation was given on 'Care for the family'. This gave a comprehensive outline of all the training 'Care for the Family' can offer to churches to help in their mission to children and families.

September at St Peter's South Ham was an Open Meeting where Bishop Tim reviewed his charge to the diocese and consulted members on their feelings concerning the direction the diocese is taking. He gave copies of the charge he himself was given by the Archbishop of Canterbury when he came to office. He answered questions put to him by clergy and laity.

November at St. Mary's Eastrop was attended by the Bishop of Basingstoke. After a short address he licensed The Revd Richard Harlow as the New Area Dean and The Revd Alison Bennett and The Revd Michael Smith as assistants. The Archdeacon for Mission Development, The Ven. Paul Moore, then gave a presentation on ministry needs and training.

Dr Philip Hiorns was elected as new Deanery Lay Chair.

A deanery web site is now up and running

Deanery Mission Action Plan: "Open the Book" has been well received by children, but more volunteers are needed to take the initiative further.

Veronica Picton

Churchwarden and Deanery Synod Representative

Treasurer's Report

for the year ending December 2015

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 continued roll-out of the Parish Giving Scheme; the Churchwardens for their continued encouragement; Sue Willmott 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; the Finance and Stewardship Committee for its continued encouragement and support.

The 2015 year end accounts show once again a relatively healthy position reflective of a parish with a strong core and often limitless enthusiasm in organising events to benefit the fabric of the church itself whilst also supporting wider outreach to those in need. In addition to supporting the Ministries of Cannon Ken and Reverend Richard, the church managed to support external charities with donations in excess of £1,700.

The PCC successfully closed the Organ refurbishment project in early 2015 and attention now moves to other projects including the refurbishment of Bells and the Mission Church.

[The total fund balances at 31 December '15 are noted below.]

Fabric fund	24,656
Mission church fund	6,526
Churchyard fund	2,899
Goddard memorial fund	4,259
Ministry Team fund	500
Music Fund	906
Missions and charities fund	420
Organ Fund	-
Bell Fund	12,360
General fund (unrestricted)	20,739

We must remind ourselves of the fortunate position that we find ourselves in. We have cash reserves in order to support the church fabric and ministry, and have depth of resources to draw upon in our church family. 2016 poses new challenges - in addition to the projects noted above, the roof at St Mary's is in need of professional repair - to be overseen by Fabric Manager Jeff Baldock (who bravely takes on the role previously [and expertly] undertaken by Mike Cole) – we should not underestimate the financial and administrative burden that this will bring. It should also be noted that towards the end of 2015 the absence of a Resident Priest at Silchester had a mild (but noticeable) effect on donations at services thus adding additional urgency to the search for a formal successor to Canon Ken to support our Rector.

The elements noted above demonstrate that the PCC of Silchester enters 2016 on a sound platform. The challenge is to ensure that any work to enhance the fabric of St. Mary's is used to extend the outreach of the church to the wider community.

Richard Eldridge

(Honorary Treasurer)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, SILCHESTER

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2015

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Funds
			2015			2014
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>						
Incoming resources from donors	32,785	9,061	41,846	31,281	17,250	48,531
Other voluntary incoming resources	11,458	-	11,458	10,145	-	10,145
Income from charitable and operating activities	10,489	-	10,489	13,525	-	13,525
Income from investments	200	-	200	120	-	120
Other ordinary incoming resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	54,931	9,061	63,993	55,071	17,250	72,321
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>						
Missionary and charitable giving:	-	1,707	1,707	-	-	-
Activities directly relating to the work of the Church	48,589	7,845	56,434	47,889	10,463	58,352
Church Management and administration	178	-	178	125	-	125
Fund Raising and Publicity	2,498	-	2,498	2,993	-	2,993
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	51,265	9,552	60,817	51,007	10,463	61,470
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES	3,667	(491)	3,176	4,064	6,787	10,851
Gross Transfers	(5,637)	(2,811)	(8,448)	(4,064)	(33,714)	(37,778)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	(1,970)	(3,302)	(5,272)	-	(26,927)	(26,927)
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY	22,710	55,829	78,539	22,710	82,756	105,466
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER	20,739	52,527	73,266	22,710	55,829	78,539

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, SILCHESTER

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2015

3	RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
				2015			2014
3(a)	Grants						
3(a)	Missionary and charitable giving						
	Church Overseas:						
	Home mission & church societies		1,707	1,707			-
		-	1,707	1,707	-	-	-
3(b)	Activities directly relating to the work of the church						
	Ministry: Parish Share	27,225	-	27,225	25,000	-	25,000
	Expenses of office	2,597	-	2,597	2,367	-	2,367
	Upkeep of Services	379	-	379	313	-	313
	Sub & Membership	452	-	452	215	-	215
	General Expenses	327	-	327	421	-	421
	Heat, Light & Water	2,338	-	2,338	1,831	-	1,831
	Insurance	2,188	-	2,188	2,146	-	2,146
	WDBF -Diocesan Fees (Weddings & funerals)	4,297	-	4,297	5,176	-	5,176
	Depreciation	-	-	-	605	-	605
	Wedding/Funeral Fees Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Ref Books & Literature	258	-	258	979	-	979
	Church Maintenance	1,463	7,845	9,308	1,178	9,822	11,000
	Expenditure on Magazine	3,027	-	3,027	3,419	-	3,419
	Upkeep of Churchyard	2,587	-	2,587	2,766	541	3,307
	Mission Church Running Costs	464	-	464	595	-	595
	Organists' Honorarium & other music costs	327	-	327	450	-	450
	Organ/Piano Tuning/Repairs	560	-	560	328	100	428
	Flower Expenses	100	-	100	100	-	100
		48,589	7,845	56,434	47,889	10,463	58,352
3(c)	Church Management and administration						
	Post, Telephone & Stationery, Miscellaneous	178	-	178	125	-	125
				-			-
3(d)	Fund Raising and Publicity						
	Cost of fetes, etc	2,498	-	2,498	2,993	-	2,993
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	51,265	9,552	60,817	51,007	10,463	61,470

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, SILCHESTER

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2015

4 STAFF COSTS

The PCC does not have any salaried employees. Volunteers undertake the cleaning and security of the church.

5 FIXED ASSETS

Neither the Parish Church nor the Mission Church, both buildings being licensed for public worship, are required to be valued for purposes of these accounts. Both are fully insured for re-instatement costs in the event of fire or other major disaster, but not against terrorist attack.

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
			2015			2014
Cost						
1 January 2015	4,284	-	4,284	4,284	-	4,284
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-
31 December 2015	4,284	-	4,284	4,284	-	4,284
Accumulated Depreciation						
1 January 2015	4,284	-	4,284	3,679	-	3,679
Depreciation	-	-	-	605	-	605
31 December 2015	4,284	-	4,284	4,284	-	4,284
Net Book Value at 31 December 2015	-	0	-	0	-	0
Net Book Value at 31 December 2015	-	0	-	605	-	605

6 CASH AT BANK

The balance earned £200 of interest in the year (2014: £120).
The PCC holds no stocks or shares.

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
			2015			2014
Fixed Assets	-	-	-	605	-	605
Cash at Bank and in Hand	30,391	52,527	82,918	36,729	43,810	80,539
Debtors	1,500	-	1,500	500	-	500
Stock	-	-	-	-	-	-
Current Liabilities	(10,152)	0	(10,152)	(2,500)	0	(2,500)
	21,739	52,527	74,266	35,334	43,810	79,144

8 DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
			2015			2014
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable	1,500	-	1,500	500	-	500
Stocks	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Debtors	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1,500	-	1,500	500	-	500

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Funds
9 LIABILITIES			2015			2014
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year						
Accruals	(10,152)	0	(10,152)	(2,500)	0	(2,500)
Other creditors	-		0	-		0
	(10,152)	0	(10,152)	(2,500)	0	(2,500)
10 FUND DETAILS						
The designated and restricted funds comprise:						
Fabric fund	24,656			30,279		
Mission church fund	6,526			4,526		
Churchyard fund	2,899			2,899		
Goddard memorial fund	4,259			4,259		
Ministry Team fund	500			500		
Music Fund	906			906		
Missions and charities fund	420					
Organ Fund				6,536		
Bell Fund	12,360			5,924		
General fund (unrestricted)	20,739			22,710		

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 2015, 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 Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

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.

Scott Broadhead (FCCA)
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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
MONDAY APRIL 18th 2016 AT 7.30PM

Coffee from 7.15pm

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

1. Opening Prayers
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the previous meeting on 27th April 2015
4. Election of Churchwardens for 2016/2017

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. Welcome – The Rector
2. Presentation of the Church Electoral Roll
3. Approval of minutes from last APCM of 27th April 2015
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)
 - Benefice Overview for 2015
 - Rector's Report
 - Treasurer's Report and presentation of 2015 accounts
 - Churchwardens' Report (including Fabric, Goods and Ornaments)
 - Deanery Synod Report
5. Election of Officers
 - Deanery Synod representatives (1 required)
 - Members of the PCC for 2016/7
3 required (1 for 2 years, 2 for 3 years)
 - Sidesmen for 2016/7
6. Appointment of Independent Examiner
7. Closing Prayers

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