The arrival of our new part-time Children, Young People and Family Life Minister: Rosie Bjelland.

Messy Church events becoming monthly.

Introduction of the new children’s Explorers Club.

Additional new members joining the church.

Major improvements to our buildings: Completion of the disabled access into to the Church Centre.

Well attended Remembrance and Christmas services.

Bishop Paul’s Vision

In response to the vision of Bishop Paul that every parish in the Diocese should set out its own clear vision for growth under the banner headline of ‘Growing Disciples: Wider, Younger, Deeper’, we have recently undertaken the establishment of a detailed Mission Action Plan (MAP) identifying specific areas for development and growth. The four main committees of the PCC have each taken two specific projects into their remit to ensure the successful practical outworking of the MAP.

What is abundantly clear from our many discussions, is that congregations are growing older, increasingly failing to attract younger members - especially those under 30 - and that people are now less willing to contribute and far more ‘consumerist’ in how they approach the Church. We shall all need to work hard in order to to respond to this situation, and seek every possible opportunity to create a positive and welcoming environment.

Training Courses

During the past year we have been privileged to run a number of courses for a wide variety of ventures: Marriage preparation, Baptism preparation, Christian Basics and so on. Over 50 people attended these courses. On numerous occasions those participating have said just how much they enjoyed and appreciated the course material, and how it had helped them to further appreciate the Christian faith and how it related to their everyday lives.

The provision of fantastic meals and refreshments has been a constant feature of every course, and we are extremely grateful to Jonathan Marston, together with David and Anne Curnock, for all that they have done to make this possible.

We pray that each course will continue to prove beneficial, and encourage everyone to grow in their personal journey into faith in the months and years ahead.

Many thanks to all those who helped to lead these courses.

The Year in Summary

The focus of the past year has been seeking to develop our personal spiritual exploration into Christian discipleship, based upon our sermon series, the various home-group study groups and our new Christian Discipleship Course. As always, we are extremely grateful to all those who participate in these ventures, especially the retired associate clergy team, licensed lay ministers, pastoral assistants and home-group leaders.

Our recent work with children, young people and families was initiated by our former Children, Young People and Family Life Minister, Lisa Buckley, but has been greatly strengthened and expanded by her replacement Rosie Bjelland, who quickly settled into life at Saint Michael’s and has implemented many new ventures, including the extension of Messy Church to a monthly venture and the introduction of a weekly ‘Explorers Club’ for those at the top end of our local Primary Schools. Other exciting projects are already in the pipeline.

Rosie’s initial one year contract has recently been extended for a further three years. Do continue to pray for her as she brings her considerable skills and talents to bear in encouraging the church to engage with this very challenging, but rewarding, section of society.

We look forward to the challenges of 2018 with great expectations.
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Parish Staff Team

Vicar: Revd Paul Reynolds
Associate Ministers:
Revd Tony Cardwell
Revd David Edinborough
Revd Canon Lillian Heptinstall
Revd Michael Smith
Revd David Ward

Children and Family Life Minister:
Rosie Bjelland

LLM’s (Readers)
Alison Reynolds
Mike Ross
Jean Ward
David Ducker (In Training)

Principal Church Officers

Churchwardens:
David Jones
Wendy Willan

PCC Secretary:
Cindy Jones

PCC Minute Secretary:
Sarah Elbourne

PCC Treasurer:
Frank Mellon

PCC Lay Chair:
Dr Stan Heptinstall MBE
Ann Mellon

Parish Administrator:
Claire Morrell

Bookings Coordinator:
Claire Morrell

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Standing:
Revd Paul Reynolds

Mission:
Wendy Willan

Ministry:
Dr David Curnock

Worship:
Revd Paul Reynolds

Resources:
Dr John Hart

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Our Common Principles

Following a great deal of prayer and discussion by the Parochial Church Council (PCC), including three parish weekends at home, we have established the following five core principles upon which we seek to build a strong foundation for the future in obedience to the Great Commandment and Great Commission (Matthew 22:36-40; 28:18-20):

- **Evangelistic Outreach**
  By our sharing the love of Christ freely with all people.

- **Pastoral Care**
  Providing real help and support for people in their greatest areas of need.

- **Work with children, young people and their families**
  Seeking to establish and build future generations of active Christian Disciples.

- **Personal Spirituality**
  Helping every church member to develop and grow in the Christian faith.

- **Resources**
  By the ongoing development of our buildings, that they might provide the greatest possible versatility of use, and be truly ‘Fit for Purpose’ well into the future.

Through concerted prayer, faithful obedience to reflecting the love of God for all people, and active proclamation of the gospel of good news and salvation, we seek to both know God and make Him known at every possible opportunity.
The Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Introduction

The Church Representation Rules (Rule 9 (1)(b)) requires "an annual report on the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally” to be received by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). The contents of the report may be subject to discussion.

Aims of the Organization

The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 directs that the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Saint Michael’s, Bramcote has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar, Revd Paul Reynolds, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for all church buildings and grounds. Thus the prime purpose of the church is to maintain and develop the community of Christian believers and to use the strength of that community to promote the beliefs of and in Christ through outreach, care for those in need, and by contributing in practical and Christian ways to the whole of our local community.

Naturally, this will involve our engagement in such issues as Mission, Pastoral Care, Teaching, Nurture and Christian Stewardship - the giving of our time, talents and financial resources. All of this should be seen as part of our common Christian discipleship, and not just for those who are particularly keen, willing, and able.

In addition, our support of missionary activities (both at home and overseas) should form a clear and integral part of our communal life as the family of God in the ecclesiastical parish of Bramcote.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the APCM.

In accordance with the Church Representation Rules (Rules 10(1) and 54(1)) membership is open to all those who fulfil the following requirements: are (a) over 16, (b) on the electoral roll, (c) who consent to being appointed, (d) who have been confirmed, (e) who have received Communion at least three times in the previous year, and (f) are not otherwise legally prohibited from serving.

During the past year, the following individuals have served, or been eligible to serve, as members of the PCC:

**Ex-officio members:**

**Vicar:** Revd Paul Reynolds (Chairman)

**Wardens:** David Jones

Wendy Willan

* For example, their ineligibility to serve as a charity trustee.
Synod Members:

Cindy Jones ② Diocesan/Deanery Synod
Liz Cardwell Deanery Synod
David Ducker Deanery Synod

(Elected Members of the PCC):

Michael Bellamy ⑤
Lawrence Belcher ⑤ (From April 2016 until November 31st, 2017)
Dr Karen Cole ⑤ (Until December 31st, 2017)
Dr Stan Heptinstall ① ⑤ (From April 2017)
Dr David Curnock
Sarah Elbourne ④
Dr John Hart
Jonathan Portwood
Richard Portwood
Kate Prayle (From April 2016)
Heide Stafford (From April 2016)
Daniel Stevenson (From April 2017)
Alan Windsor (From April 2016)
Frank Mellon ③ (Co-opted 2016)

Youth Minister:

Lisa Buckley ⑥ (Until December 2016)
Rosie Bjelland ⑥ (From May 2017)
('In-Attendance')

Head Teacher:

Sarah Meredith ⑥ ('In-Attendance')

Warden Emeriti:

Dr David Curnock
Martin Plackett
Victor Smithson

KEY:

① PCC Lay vice-chair
② PCC Secretary
③ PCC Treasurer
④ PCC Minute Secretary
⑤ Deputy Churchwarden
⑥ Attend meetings without voting rights, but may, on occasion, be invited by the chair to contribute to discussions with PCC approval
PCC Committees

Standing Committee
This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. It also serves to establish the agenda of the PCC.

During the past year, the following have served as members:

**Ex-officio members:**
- Revd Paul Reynolds *(Chairman)*
- Dr Stan Heptinstall *(Lay Vice-Chairman)*
- David Jones *(Churchwarden)*
- Wendy Willan *(Churchwarden)*

**Elected Members:**
- Frank Mellon *(Treasurer)*
- Cindy Jones *(PCC Secretary)*

Mission Committee
Responsible for the mission of the Church within our own local community, together with the support of missions overseas and at home. During the past year, the following individual served as chair:

- Wendy Willan *(Chair)*

Ministry Committee
Responsible for the development of faith within its people and their pastoral care. During the past year, the following individual has served as chairman:

- Dr David Curnock *(Chair)*

Worship Committee
Responsible for the worshipping life of the church. During the past year, the following individual served as chairman:

- Revd Paul Reynolds *(Chair)*

Resources Committee
Responsible for resourcing the mission and ministry of the church through the regular maintenance and development of our premises, properties and equipment by means of an on-going programme of Christian Stewardship. During the past year, the following individual served as chairman:

- Dr John Hart *(Chair)*

*In accordance with the Church Representation Rules (Rule 15) the Incumbent is an ex-officio member of all committees.*
Membership and Attendance Statistics

During the past year overall membership and attendance levels have remained broadly constant, albeit with a slight overall dip, but with discernable dips in February, May, August and November due to inclement weather and annual holidays. Mid-week services, however, have held their own compared to last year. Whilst an increased number continue to attend Saint Michael’s, they do so far less frequently - typically, once a fortnight or monthly rather than weekly. The overall attendance figures reflect an adjustment for those individuals who attend more than once each Sunday. It should be borne in mind that the 8:00am service only takes place on the first Sunday of each month, and that there are no 9:00am services throughout August.

Electoral Roll 2017 2016
Nett Total (inclusive of joiners and leavers) 290 293
Note that a completely new electoral roll was formed in April of 2013.

Average Attendance (Overall) 2017 2016
Wednesday - Holy Communion 10 11
Thursday - Holy Communion 10 8
Sunday - All Services 142 161

Overall Sunday Attendance (All Services by Month)

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Overall Sunday Attendance (10:45am Service Only by Month)

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Festival Statistics

Festivals and attendances during the past year have varied somewhat compared to the previous year. Whilst Christmas attendance figures were higher than the previous year, Easter attendance figures remained similar overall, whereas other special services were down on the previous year.

Festival 2017 2016
Education Sunday 113 210
Mothering Sunday 68 86
Ash Wednesday (7:30) 25 47
Maundy Thursday (7:30) 51 54
Good Friday (All) 115 134
Easter Day (8:00) 44 27
Easter Day (10:45) 145 144
Easter Day (6:30) 34 41
Ascension Day (8:00) 43 39
Bereavement Service 104 194
Remembrance Sunday 213 312
Carol Service (5:30) 140 153
Carol Service (7:30) 106 97
Children’s Carols (4:00) 267 179
Midnight Communion 79 47
Christmas Day (8:00) 19 21
Christmas Day (10:45) 87 104
Christmas Day (12:00) 8 10

October Attendance (All Services) 2017 2016
Week - 1 157 157
Week - 2 119 140
Week - 3 121 155
Week - 4 121 125
Week - 5 103 119

Occasional Offices 2017 2016
Weddings 4 9
Blessings 1 0
Baptisms 7 11
Thanksgivings 0 0
Funerals (Inc. Memorial) 31 35
Confirmations 4 0
Review of the Year 2017

The focus for this year has been on the Mission Action Plan (MAP), drawn up and finalised by the PCC and members of the congregation. This illustrates our strategies for implementing the Bishop’s vision for growing disciples wider, deeper and younger. Throughout the year we have endeavoured to allocate responsibilities via our Mission, Ministry, Worship and Resources Committees to further these plans. It was agreed at a PCC meeting that each committee should take ownership of the MAP and report back on planning and progress. Each committee is made up of PCC members and representatives from the congregation. Ministry would look into deepening our Christian faith, Mission would seek to widen our outreach, and Worship seek to develop our liturgical life and encourage the Youth Minister and her team to grow our work with children and young people. Resources would seek to encompass all three. A great deal of hard work has been done, but there is much more to do if we are to fulfil our hopes and vision. Spreading the gospel and showing the love of Jesus is always at the heart of planning and all PCC members have been encouraged to deepen their personal faith by praying together and studying the Bible.

Whilst regular church attendance has not increased overall, services at Christmas and Easter, together with special service for our annual Bereavement and Remembrance Sundays, have been well attended. There have been a number of baptisms during our Family and All Age services, and it has been pleasing to welcome guests to these special services. A number of new families have become regular attenders during this year, but sadly a number of prominent and long-standing members have died, and we have also lost members who have moved away or chosen to worship elsewhere.

The PCC have met bi-monthly to conduct the business of the church and to consider and ratify recommendations from each of the five committees. All PCC meetings begin with Bible study and prayer which helps us to focus on our life as Christian disciples, as we discuss the business and management of the church. The Standing Committee meet in between PCC meetings to consider finance and urgent church matters. The minutes from these meetings and all committee meetings are sent to PCC members.

Pastoral Care is now part of the House Group system. Every member of the congregation is linked to a House Group. All groups share responsibility for the care and nurture of their members, and although some do not attend the weekly study group, they receive visits, telephone calls and prayer support. The clergy team visit and take communion to the sick and housebound. There are also three qualified members of the laity who can be approached to do this.
MAP progress - Deeper
House Groups meet weekly for Bible study and the material used is provided by the vicar or a member of the retired clergy team. The studies are linked to Sunday sermons. This year the themes have been Colossians, Philemon, Hosea and Prayer. During the autumn a Discipleship Course, open to all, was held in the church. The Ministry Committee organised a prayer walk in May, when members of the church walked the parish boundary, 13 miles, or part of it, praying for local residents and businesses at various points. The Advent Prayer Labyrinth brought many visitors to our church providing a meaningful and peaceful introduction to the Christmas season. A senior Alpha course and a Christian Basics courses are being planned for 2018. The annual Bereavement Tea, Bereavement Service and lunch were well attended and greatly appreciated. They create a space where the sad and often lonely, can come together to reflect, pray and remember loved ones in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

MAP progress - Wider
The Mission committee's remit has been to reach wider into the community through a variety of events not just to fund raise but to provide an opportunity to bring people into church. Such events have included Open Days, the Christmas Fair and regular Vintage Tea Parties. They have also contributed to the cost and running of the Hemlock Happening. Our church had a greater presence at this event in June, and activities were provided which encouraged many children and families to visit our stand. The Committee has also maintained links with the church's Mission Partners in the Far East, Middle East and Edinburgh whilst also supporting Azaria Spencer, a new partner working with street children and children at risk in Guatemala for CMS - the Church Mission Society. This year, due to the reduction in the church's income, the Mission Committee have had to significantly reduce the financial support given to all agencies, including Foodbank, Family Care and other Mission agencies. The Committee have also recently re-formed a Communications Group as part of their remit to improve the use of social, electronic and printed media in reaching out to the wider community to better involve those currently outside of the church in social and spiritual ventures.

The Resources Committee have also reached wider keeping the church, the church centre and the grounds well maintained, safe and pleasant to be in. They were able to complete the last project, planned at the time of the re-ordering, namely the disabled access to the church centre, where automatic doors and a wheelchair ramp have made the centre disabled friendly and accessible. We were fortunate to receive funding from Broxtowe Borough Council, which together with donations and legacies made the completion possible.
We are fortunate to have a dedicated and talented team of bell ringers. They ensure that the church is not only visible throughout the parish but heard every Sunday and often during the week. Our bells ring out every Sunday morning and once a month in the evening. A practice takes place on Friday evenings and they ring for special occasions. At Christmas members of the parish are invited to a social evening, where they can share a glass of wine and mince pies and see the bells in action.

**MAP Progress - Younger**

Reaching out to the younger members of the community is paramount in our planning. They are an integral part of the congregations and our hope for carrying on the work of the Lord in this parish and further afield. Rosie, our new Children, Young People and Family Life Minister, was appointed in the spring. She has worked enthusiastically to grow the children’s work, through Junior Church, Explorers and Messy Church; always a popular event which has now been increased to a monthly activity. Rosie recently started a weekly Explorers after school club and plans to hold a regular Junior Café in 2018. A group of young people attended a residential Christian weekend where they were able to meet young Christians from other churches. The Light Party was well attended and the Christmas Eve Crib service filled the church with small children and their families.

The Worship Committee planned a range of services designed to welcome visitors of all ages introducing them to the Christian faith and the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ. As a church we aim to provide worship, teaching and prayer for the new Christian and for those who have been on the journey of faith for many years and who seek to deepen their understanding.

Links with the Church School are strong with all six Foundation Governors coming from this church. We were delighted to keep our Outstanding SIAMS status when the school was inspected in the spring. The Vicar and Youth Minister take the Monday assembly in school, and participate in the services held in church at the end of each term and on special occasions. The school singing group, Bramcote Voices, provided entertainment at one of the Vintage Teas and also held a Christmas concert in church. We continue to assess the many risks associated with people and buildings, finance and the reputation of the church. The Child Protection Policy has been updated in line with the Diocesan guidelines and includes an E Safety Policy. The Resources Committee have recently carried out a risk assessment of the church and centre and a Risk Assessment and Safety Policy is in place with regard to the buildings and their use.

At the beginning of 2018 the PCC should review the MAP and evaluate the progress made in our aim to reach wider, deeper and younger.
Financial Review
The state of our finances continue to be a grave concern for the PCC. The decline in giving has continued and been accelerated by the loss of some generous givers. In spite of making savings in our expenditure and, despite a weekly update on the financial position to church members, we have been unable to meet our share of Giving for Ministry. In 2017 there was a shortfall of £14,000. A series of sermons has been planned for 2018 encouraging generosity of time, talents and resources.

The designated and restricted funds are detailed in the annual accounts, and both the PCC and the Standing Committee review these on a monthly basis, together with our general income and expenditure accounts. A detailed budget is produced annually, against which our monthly income and expenditure are reviewed. Our reserve policy is now in line with the Charities Act, and the PCC have agreed to the setting up of a Reserves Policy, namely that we should hold the equivalent of three months running costs as a General Reserve.

Cindy Jones
PCC Secretary
December 2017

“My friends, we want you to know that the churches in Macedonia have shown others how kind God is. Although they were going through hard times and were very poor, they were glad to give generously. They gave as much as they could afford and even more, simply because they wanted to. They even asked and begged us to let them have the joy of giving their money for God’s people. And they did more than we had hoped. They gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us, just as God wanted them to do.”

2 Corinthians 8:1-5 (NIV)
Mission Committee

Our bi-monthly meetings have continued throughout the year to ensure both home and overseas mission issues are brought to the attention of the whole church, both through the work of our Mission Partners and by those within St Michael's who work so hard to bring the needs of many around the world to our notice for prayerful and financial support.

So, through CMS we receive updates on Tony and Katharine Paton and their family working in South East Asia and from Azaria Spencer, our latest Mission Partner, working in Guatemala. We had a wonderful meeting with Azaria before she left the UK in which her passion for working with the Street Kids in Guatemala and her desire to share her love of Jesus with them was so refreshingly exuberant.

Thorsten and Kerstin Prill were previously working in Namibia with Crosslinks, but are now at the Edinburgh Bible College and, having served at the Namibia Evangelical Theological Seminary for almost nine years. As Vice-Principal of EBC Thorsten has a teaching, leadership and pastoral role, supporting the Principal. Amongst other tasks he is teaching a new cross-cultural mission course, working on the accreditation of EBC and developing the courses to a degree level. Kerstin is involved in administrative work and the mentoring of female students. She is also involved in the local church, focusing on counselling and discipleship.

David & Anne Curnock are regular visitors to Berega where they support the work of the hospital, School of Nursing and Bible School. Last summer they were joined by Robert & Christine Cleave, Robert assisting with finance issues whilst Christine taught science in the Church School there. For more information see https://iteams.org.uk/our-missionary-team/48-david-and-anne-curnock.

For the last few years St Michael's has committed funds to pay for 9 students to train at the Bible School. This year, however, this funding has been guaranteed from another source and so it was agreed by PCC at the March meeting to redirect such funding to a transformational scheme to drill simple but effective wells to get clean water, organised by CCMP (Church & Community Mobilization Process) and named the Simple Wells Project which will entail the training of local Tanzanian people to undertake this project. Another project funded from this year’s Berega Dinner is £1200 to pay for a porch to be built to the Mother and Baby Unit at the hospital in Berega to prevent dirt and dust from blowing in.

Traidcraft has been headed up this year by Christine Cleave who has worked tirelessly, especially during Fairtrade Fortnight supporting their Hidden Entrepreneurs Appeal. During this two week period she held a Fairtrade Stall at Wednesday Coffee Morning, Little Angels and after Sunday services, taking orders in excess of £600 and raising £200 for Traidcraft Exchange. This latter amount will be doubled to £400 by the UK Government and thereby help even more people.

Membership

Wendy Willan (Chair)
Richard Portwood (Secretary)
Jenny Biss (Until February 2018)
Christine Cleave
Revd Tony Cardwell
Dr Stan Heptinstall
Ann Mellon
Jonathan Portwood
Kate Prayle
Louise Rudham

For more information see www.traidcraft.org.uk/what-we-do.

Paul and Kate Miles are our final tier 2 Mission Partners, living and working in Jordan. Regular newsletters keep us updated with their answers to and requests for prayer. "Talking about Jesus and our faith to our Muslim neighbours is much easier here than in the UK" says Kate, and they are much respected for the friendship and support they are giving to friends, neighbours and work colleagues.

Following on from the Mission Action Plan, the Mission Committee have been given responsibility of (a) increasing the quality and frequency of communications throughout church and (b) deepening the spiritual life of all existing members of St Michael's that they truly care about the spiritual life of those who are presently outside of the community of faith.

We have made a start with the creation of a revised Communications Committee who are currently looking at ways of sharing information via social media as well as via hard copy print to both church members and the broader community.

Wendy Willan
Mission Committee Chair
March 2018
The work of the Ministry Committee includes pastoral care, nurture, prayer and prayer ministry: we have met five times in the year since the last APCM.

Pastoral Care
All members of the church family are linked to a Home Group who pray for them, and the groups are the first channel for pastoral care to the wider membership. This is reflected in the help sheet ‘Pastoral Care at Saint Michael’s’ which we revised in February, with copies being given to everyone coming to the services shortly afterwards. Our three Pastoral Assistants, Rosaline Colville, Claudia Gathercole and Gill Wilmot work with the Clergy team to make home visits and take Communion to those who are housebound.

The Bereavement Care Team, coordinated by Gill Wilmot, has six members, and follows up referrals from the clergy following funerals. Another Bereavement Tea was held in November – it was a good and worthwhile time with 11 guests coming.

Nurture
As a committee we have been very keen for discipleship to follow on from Christian Basics and our Vicar Paul Reynolds led a very thorough Discipleship Course in October and November. Knowing that many people who come to Silver Surfers in our church centre each week do not have any other links to the church and haven’t heard the Good News of the Gospel, we planned for a Senior Alpha Course which started in January 2018.

Prayer
As part of our church’s Mission Action Plan, based on Bishop Paul’s vision of Growing Disciples: Wider, Younger, Deeper, we have responsibility for encouraging everyone to engage in greater corporate prayer. This takes many forms, and two that we worked on particularly were the Prayer Walk around the Parish Boundary and the Advent Labyrinth.

The Prayer Walk around the parish took place on Saturday 20th May. We were 14 walkers in total and had a new format which worked very well: we stopped at strategic points and gathered the whole group together and then prayed for the people, homes and needs of that particular area before moving on.

We organized the Advent Prayer Labyrinth on Saturday 3rd December and 36 people came including several from other churches and others from the wider community. There were very encouraging entries written in the visitors’ book, and several people have told us about their spiritually moving experiences.
**Prayer Ministry, Wholeness and Healing**

We have fourteen members in our *Prayer Ministry Team* and Prayer Ministry is available in the Church Centre under the Prayer banner after the 10:45am service, and in the church by the font after the 6:30pm service. In May we had a helpful Quiet Day at the Convent of the Holy Name in Derby. Regular Wholeness and Healing services have been held on Sunday evenings.

*Dr David Curnock*
Mission Committee Chair
March 2018

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**Membership**

Revd Paul Reynolds
(Chair)
Christine Cleave
David Hanford
Cindy Jones
Kate Prayle
Alison Reynolds
Heide Stafford

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**Worship Committee**

The work of the Worship Committee is chiefly concerned with reviewing and developing every area of our worship across the broad range of services currently on offer.

The committee works closely with the Clergy and LLM (Reader) team, choir, singers, musicians, drama and puppetry teams, and those on the readers and intercessors teams.

During the past year members of the committee organised the Annual Bereavement Service and the Annual Remembrance Sunday Act of Worship. Members also reviewed the weekly pattern of services, our provision of Baptism Preparation, and liaised with the clergy team regarding the overall pattern of services, specific events, and monthly worship schedules.

We were extremely pleased when our organist and choir master, David Hanford, returned to us following a significant course of cancer treatment. Throughout his time away from church we were very fortunate to enjoy the services of Jane Ashworth and Tony Brown as locum organists and musical directors.

Other work of the committee involves investigating new hymns, songs and liturgies, and introducing alternative forms of worship, both for those currently within the church as well as those who are not yet members.

*Revd Paul Reynolds*
Worship Committee Chair
March 2018
Resources Committee

The following is a sampling of the past year’s work programme:

The most obvious (and costly) evidence of our work is the automatic entrance door for the church centre and the wheelchair friendly access route. Designed by Graeme Renton, the church architect, it was built by Ralph Marks Ltd.

The church’s gas central heating was tested and a new automatic top-up pump was installed for the circulating water.

Following a long drying out period, the wall above the south door was repainted.

New central heating was installed in the former curate’s house.

Gutters were cleaned out around the perimeter of the flat roof, above the centre and link corridor.

Floodlights were fixed in the bell ringing tower.

An HSE survey was conducted and presented to the PCC.

Repairing snapped blind cords took place a few times, after rough use in the church centre!

A look at future activity

The PCC has endorsed a proposal to improve all the lighting in the centre. We’ve already consulted two specialists and we await their design proposals, largely based upon use of economical LED panels which fit exactly in the place of ceiling panels. Test areas will be evaluated for aesthetics and lighting performance, starting with the lounge and then a couple of areas in the centre ceiling at a more accessible height than the current sodium lamps.

Some of the LED lamps installed during Project 2012 reordering have failed. The technology has advanced considerably and some replacements will be installed. This year, the annual carpet cleaning will take place after the Easter chocolate season!

Thank you to all Resources Team Members for their contributions and also to members of the congregation who have joined in with working party sessions.

We still urgently need more members to join the team!

Dr John Hart
Resources Committee Chair
March 2018

Membership
Dr John Hart (Chair)
Ken Bird (Secretary)
Michael Bellamy
David Jones
Frank Mellon
Nottingham South Deanery Synod

This year we have said goodbye to:
Revd John Tomlinson (leaving St John’s, Carrington)
Revd Nick and Anne Ladd (St Barnabas,’ Inham Nook)
and welcomed:
Revd Stephen Morris (Transition Priest
at St Mary the Virgin, Lacemarket)
Revd Andy Tufnell (to Christ Church, Chilwell,
with St Barnabas,’ Inham Nook).
We also welcomed three curates to our Deanery:
Revd Michele Hampson (working with Megan Smith at Holy
Trinity and The Priory, Lenton),
Revd Garreth Frank (training with Steve Silvester
at St Nic’s) and
Revd Naeem Bahadur (with Clive Burrows at St Stephen’s,
Hyson Green).

We held elections for our Deanery Leadership Team which now
consists of:
Revd Steve Silvester (Area Dean),
Sarah Holt (Lay Chair),
Gary Stephenson (Deanery Treasurer),
Peter Horne (Deanery Secretary),
Mark Gilmore,
Revd Colin Bourne,
Revd Naomi Hill,
Revd Megan Smith and
Kirsty Cowley (Deanery Administrator).

We held three synods during the year: 23 February, 6 June and

In February we visited Nottingham St Saviour’s – an appropriate
venue to look at community engagement and social enterprise.
Members of Synod gave presentations to help us think around
this subject and we then broke into groups to consider:
• What has God resourced you with in your church?
• How are you currently engaging with needs of your
community?
• What are you blessed with to bless your community?
• What or who is your community network?

Synod closed by praying for St Saviour’s and St George’s in the
Meadows.

In June we met at St Michael’s, Bramcote and were joined by the
Dean of Southwell Minster, the Very Reverend Nicola Sullivan.
She intends to visit all deaneries to share her vision for the
Minster and to ask the following questions:
• What do you think that the Cathedral is for?
• Does it fulfil your needs and expectations?
• How can the Minster better connect to YOUR parish
and deanery, in service and partnership?
We swore in two church wardens who had not been able to make the visitation at the Minster in May. Mark Gilmore challenged Synod to discuss the suggestion that the only value we share as a Deanery is that we want to see our own church grow. Synod broke into groups to discuss this and these discussions fed into the formulation of our emerging values listed below. We closed the meeting by praying for the parishes in vacancy in the Deanery.

Our final synod of the year was at St Ann with Emmanuel when we were joined by Jane Holloway from the World Prayer Centre in Birmingham who spoke on encouraging prayer in our parishes. We launched our Deanery Prayer Card (electronic copies available) and finished the evening by praying for each other. This was a Synod that was challenging and valued by all who attended. Members of the Deanery Leadership Team were also appointed without the need for an election at this meeting.

Each of our Synods offered the opportunity to speak in groups to build relationships, share good practice, consider actions to take back to our parishes and perhaps most importantly to pray for each other. This theme was continued in a large interdenominational celebration at Trent Vineyard on 3 June for the culmination of the Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative. The deanery confirmation at St John’s, Beeston, on 18 November was also a time of great rejoicing as 40 candidates were confirmed, many of them first generation Christians from the Iranian community at St Stephen’s.

Over the year we have also been looking at our Deanery values and have agreed that our emerging values are:

- We are the people of God and we will act as such
- We unite for each other and the wider community
- We see each other as an asset not as competition
- We pray and encourage one another in the mission of God

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." (1 Thess 5:11)

Several meetings on finance for incumbents and treasurers this year have widened participation in discussion on financial matters. The deanery has again paid a large percentage of its giving for ministry allocation (89.0%, compared to 97.6% in 2016). Every parish is to be thanked for their faithfulness and generosity in contributing to the ministry received in this deanery and diocese and is asked to engage in the ongoing consultations in 2018 about how we allocate in the future.

Kirsty Cowley
Deanery Administrator
March 2018
Open House

I have really enjoyed my time as part of the Open House Group over the past few years and feel blessed to be coordinating the group at the moment. Although, it is fair to say that every member of the group has a say in the running of the group and in the decision making of the materials we will study.

There are approximately 14 regular attendees and we are a group of people with members from other local churches as well as Saint Michael’s.

We continue to study the Bible each week and also have a prayer time for members of the group and wider church family along with the very welcome tea and biscuits. We also support each other throughout the year both at group sessions and at other times when needed.

We have just finished one of the ‘York Courses’ Lent Studies called ‘Handing on the torch’. This involved listening to a teaching CD and then discussing the suggested questions on the Bible passage for that week. We looked at the situation of where our churches are now and how we can go forward in bringing others in to share our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our next study starting on the 17th April at 10:30am is going to be the latest edition of the Bible Society study ‘Explore the big story’, a condensed study of 8 sessions looking at the Bible in chronological order and how to apply the Bible’s contents to our everyday lives.

We warmly welcome new members whether for a one off, a particular study or every week. We meet on Tuesdays during term time in the lounge at Saint Michael’s from 10:30am to 12:00pm and also meet for coffee at each other’s homes during school holidays.

Gill Wilmot
Group Coordinator
March 2018.

Dad’s Army

Dad’s Army, our team of Associate and Lay Ministers, meet on the first Saturday of each month to plan services and to discuss pastoral issues within the parish. The work of this group is paramount in enabling the liturgical and pastoral work of the church, and we are extremely fortunate and grateful to have such a highly talented and committed group to assist with the mission and ministry of Saint Michael’s.

Revd Paul Reynolds
Vicar
March 2018
Women's Meeting Point

Most of our meetings are now held in the centre lounge as it's more cosy with the small number of ladies we now get for our twice monthly meetings. The average attendance is 12, from a membership of about 16.

2017 has seen talks on a variety of topics: Music and flowers, The Bulwell Foodbank, Notts and Lincs Air Ambulance, Tudor Ilkeston, Gardens through the ages, Walking the Camino, Talking papers, Mountaineering and paintings of the Galapagos. There was a communion service with Revd David Edinborough, we joined Café Bramcote and the Salvation Army, and hosted Women’s World Day of Prayer. In addition we enjoyed meals together and evenings entertaining ourselves. A big thank you to all our members who loyally support us and we extend an invitation to all ladies to come and join us.

Chris Lane
Leader
March 2018

Wednesday Coffee Morning

The Wednesday Coffee Morning continues to meet on a Wednesday morning from 10:00am to 12:00 noon in the Church Centre. Coffee/Tea and biscuits are served, and a library of books is available for those who want to borrow them.

The Coffee Morning is an opportunity for retired/senior members of the community to meet and have some company and a chat.

Over the past 12 months our numbers have fallen; this is due to some of our members becoming increasingly frail and, in a few cases, being admitted into nursing or care homes. Sadly, a few of our members have died. Between fifteen and twenty people attend each week. So, if any members of the church know of neighbours or friends who might benefit from this opportunity, do please talk to Rita Portwood. We have a Communion Service for those who wish to participate on the first Wednesday of each month at 11:30am.

Those who attend make a voluntary donation to cover the running costs and at the end of each year, from any surplus, we make donations to church funds, Emmanuel House and Framework.

Rita Portwood
Leader
March 2018
Bramcote CofE (Aided) Primary School

We started the new academic year by welcoming 30 new Reception children; we held our ‘Welcome Service’ at Church and this was well attended by children, staff and parents. Later in September the school was also invited to take part in the Education Sunday service. It was a well-attended service and a real privilege for staff and pupils to share in worship at the church alongside the regular congregation.

The Harvest Thanksgiving service was held at school this year and was a successful event, our year six pupils prepared fruit baskets which were given and gratefully received by the residents of Pearson Court. The service was very well attended by parents, governors and residents of Pearson Court.

Throughout this year we have continued to value the contributions that the children can make to the school and in September we elected our new school parliament. We were overwhelmed by the number of children who put themselves forward for the role of class minister this year. We held a democratic election in our school halls with ballot boxes and children registering their votes.

Our new school parliament has been very pro-active in bringing a variety of positive changes to school life, they have helped to organise Children in Need and Sport Relief raising over £1500. They are currently supporting us with updating our homework policy, having taken a pupil questionnaire and presenting the results to a parent working party.

Our Year 6 children had another very enjoyable residential experience at Rock UK in Irthlingborough, Northamptonshire. The children were able to challenge themselves in many different ways e.g. climbing wall, high ropes, canoeing, mountain biking and fencing to name a few. It was also a fantastic opportunity for team-building and wonderful to see so many children overcoming barriers and challenges. They ate well and slept well which is always a bonus for teaching staff!

We held a very successful theme week based on Understanding Christianity, this is a new resource available to schools and supports both Christian and non-Christians in building a better understanding of the Bible and God. During this week we also invited parents and governors into school to see RE teaching in action. The outcomes of the week are on display in our sports hall for all to see.
After a very long term and following two superb performances of the Infant Nativity – A Midwife Crisis and Year Three/Four play, A Christmas Carol the children enjoyed watching a super pantomime ‘Sleeping Beauty’ which was delivered to us at the end of December by a visiting theatre group. It was a great way to end our term and start the Christmas festivities.

Our Bramcote Voice choir led by Miss Scott also had a busy time performing at three events in and around Bramcote. The first event was a carol concert at the church, the next event was for the residents of Pearson Court and finally our end of term service at St Michael’s. They enjoyed being part of a 5000+ children’s choir at Sheffield Arena in January and finished off the spring term by performing at the music concert.

We had a further open classroom event in the spring term for parents and governors covering maths. The parents and governors were able to see a wide range of mathematics lessons and were able to begin to understand the challenges of the national curriculum as well as the different ways in which maths is now taught in school.

We are continuing to build strong links with other local schools now, being part of a collaboration of schools. It has also been great for local church schools, St John’s Stapleford and Trowell CofE to come together and share in a range of INSET and CPD for staff and governors.

Whilst English and Maths continue to remain an important part of learning within school we recognise that it is also important to develop children in other areas too. We therefore continue to provide lots of opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom which we hope will enhance their learning experiences and also prepare them for their future life.

Our school motto “Life in all its Fullness” remains an integral part of our ethos, and I feel privileged to work with such amazing pupils, parents, staff and governors who believe strongly that God provides us with so many opportunities which enable us to be the best that we can possibly be.

Sarah Meredith
Headteacher
March 2018
Office Angel Volunteers

Generally speaking, the office is running very well with our excellent team of regular volunteers. Enquiries are forwarded to the correct persons concerned, and requests actioned and concluded when possible.

Unfortunately, the office is still being used as a dumping ground when people do not know where to place items. Whilst we try very hard to keep it tidy, we would ask everyone to help us.

In order to keep costs down, we have started to charge a small amount for private use of the office telephone and/or photocopier.

Overall, the office is running well on limited contact staff to draw upon. After the recent advertising for more staff, we had one possible new member - still to be confirmed.

Other than that not a lot to report, always ever thankful to the volunteers we have.

If you have a spare morning and feel you would like to join the team, come into the office (9:00am-12:00pm Mon-Fri) and have a look around, we would be happy to have your help.

Jeff Smith
Office Archangel
February 2018
Bell Tower

"In every church there shall be provided at least one bell to ring the people to divine service."

(Canon F8 of the Church of England)

Practice numbers are thriving with about 14 people each Friday evening. We have several new ringers 'learning the ropes' and several who have returned to the Tower after a breather. We have five young ringers who are progressing well with several ringing Quarter Peals on the Fourth Sunday of the month.

As Wedding ringing was a bit thin on the ground in 2017 we have ensured that the coffers of the Tower have been kept at a healthy level through our ‘Say it with Bells’ initiative and have also received donations toward the replacement of the bell muffles that went missing during the reordering of the Church. Our new muffles are due to arrive any day and we are quite excited that we won’t be needing the remnants of our old ironing board cover from Australia to muffle the bells for Remembrance Sunday. This is indeed progress!

Credit must be given to every member of the Tower for raising the almost £250 for the replacement of the muffles. This was done through a Summer Quiz competition, Say it With Bells, Wedding ringing and serving refreshments at any events held in the Tower. 2017 proved to be a busy time with District events, weddings, invitations to ring for two Schools at other Towers and the Christmas Rush. March cannot go unmentioned as the month we won the Call Changes section of the prestigious Crawford Cup competition and competed in the Methods section for the first time. We were asked to host the 2018 competition in March.

We also had a Bramcote Tower Ringing Weekend to Stowbridge in June which was both educational and fun. We had 15 people in our group and rang at a variety of churches, with a variety of configurations in the towers. We were invited to ring for a Sunday service with which the locals were thrilled. Whilst Premier Inn may never recover from all our laughing, the best cakes served over the weekend were at St James Wollaston and the funniest stories shared with the locals at St Peter’s Upper Arley!

July brought with it the Bramcote Bell Tower Summer Day Out. The only thing summery about the weather was the fact we were in the season called Summer! Rain tipped down all day but the 27 people on the Tour of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, Queens Park and the Carillon were not disappointed. Fortunately, we had booked the Bandstand in Queens Park for our picnic lunch and stayed dry as the Carillon came to life with chiming prior to our Tour.

I have endeavoured to fill the ‘From the Ropes’ column in Bramcote Outlook each month and we continue to ring Quarter Peals prior to the 6:30pm service on the fourth Sunday of the month. Should anybody wish to have the bells rung to mark an occasion e.g. Berega Dinner please do not hesitate to ask.

The more notice the better but at least one week would be great.

I would like to once again encourage you to come along and have a go one Friday evening. We kick off at 7:30pm and finish at 9:00pm.

The office bearers appointed for 2017-18 are as follows:

Tower Captain
Murray Smith
Secretary and Treasurer
Lesley Hill
Ringing Master
Christine Langton
Steeple Keeper
Tom Langton
Say it with Bells Co-ordinator
Sarah Wharmby
Social Media (Facebook)
Sarah Wharmby
Education Officer
Anne Sladen
Attendance Register
Bronwyn Smith
Spiderman
Richard Portwood Jnr
Social Secretary
Toni Thorncraft-Smith

Murray Smith
March 2018
Once again, Cafe Bramcote welcomed the Nottingham Salvation Army Band in December who provided us with a wonderful evening of carol singing; a collection was made during the evening which raised over £300 for the work of the Salvation Army.

We must say a big thank you to our wonderful cake makers who produced such mouth watering cakes, and to the hard working kitchen and front of house teams without whom this event would not open. We must also say a big thank you to our customers for supporting us.

Mike and Daphne Bellamy
Cafe Co-ordinators
March 2018
Church Catering

During the year we have continued to hold a parish Family lunch on the third Sunday of the month. Attendance has sometimes been low, but those whom come enjoy fresh homemade meals and good fellowship.

August saw our annual parish BBQ where the rain, for once, stayed away and everyone young and old had a wonderful time.

Also during the year various church groups enjoyed special meals, including a Passover meal and the Berega Charity Dinner where, once again, we again raised funds to help the Curnocks with their outreach for the Berega Hospital and surrounding area in Tanzania. This was all in addition to various catered events for the friends and families of Saint Michael’s.

Please sign up for Parish Sunday lunches for superb meals using fresh ingredients and, where possible, the use of FairTrade and Green products. I would also like to thank the team of ladies who once a month give the kitchen a deep clean, this has enabled us to retain our 5-star rating for health and hygiene with the local authority.

For more details please refer to the parish magazine ‘Outlook’.

Jonathan Marston
Church Caterer
March 2018

Men’s Fellowship

Men’s Fellowship meets on the second Monday of the month, gathering from 7:00pm in the church centre over coffee and cake.

We then have a guest speaker who talks on their subject for about an hour from 8:00pm. During the year we have had various secular and Christian speakers.

We held our now annual classic car evening in May, which was very well attended by young and old.

In December we held our annual dinner, where the speaker this year was Revd David Hilborn - the Principal of Saint John’s college.

Our average attendance at our regular meetings is 10-15, so do feel free to come along and join us.

Jonathan Marston
Group Leader
March 2018
Choir

The choir continues to lead the singing at the 9:00am services on Sunday mornings, as well as the 6:30pm Evening Prayer and Holy Communion services. Also, we have sung at a number of other services, including several weddings and funerals.

In a wider context, we maintain our membership of the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM), which provides us with access to useful training material, discounts on music purchases and opportunities to attend courses and events throughout the year.

Numerically, we have remained fairly stable throughout the year with 18 members in the group, rising to around 25 for special musical presentations. We miss the commitment and friendship of Martin Coutie, a regular choir member for a number of years, who sadly passed away during the year.

Our young voices section continues to develop and grow with Darcy, Emily & Richard recently joined by Louie and Beatrice. They are working enthusiastically on the graded course books of the ‘Voice for Life’ training programme developed by the RSCM.

The 2017 Good Friday evening service ‘Reflections on the Cross’ and the Christmas ‘Carols by Candlelight’ services, continued the choir’s long standing tradition of presenting more challenging choral music. Much hard work goes into the preparation for these services, so it was again pleasing to receive many words of encouragement from those who attended.

In September, we hosted the practice for the RSCM Choir Festival and attended the festival itself at Southwell Minster with choirs from throughout the Diocese which, in 2017, celebrated the renewal of the church over the centuries in a varied range of choral music.

We practise in the Church Centre on Wednesday evenings, and additional voices, both junior and adult, would be very welcome. No one considering joining us should feel that they have to attend every service, but it would be good to share and develop our work with new members.

Please continue to pray for our spiritual and musical growth as a group, as we seek to maintain and develop our role in the life and worship of Saint Michael’s.

David Hanford
Organist and Choirmaster
March 2018
Christian Basics Course

Christians Basics continues to run on a regular basis, and has helped a number of individuals to explore the Christian faith. For some, this has led to an awakening of that faith, whilst for others it has led them to make a profession of faith for the first time.

Run in people’s homes, and following a hearty cooked meal, each session looks at topics such as: ‘Why bother with faith?‘; ‘What’s the problem?’; ‘What’s so special about the life and teaching of Jesus?’; ‘How do I respond personally?’; and ‘How do I live the Christian life?’. Whilst the course acts as a basic introduction, it can be followed by a more in-depth discipleship course. Do consider joining the next course when it runs later this year.

Revd Paul Reynolds
Vicar
March 2018

Church Communications Group

Enormous thanks are due to Richard Portwood for his work in heading up the communications team over very many years.

As Richard steps down, a new team takes over - our brief is to strengthen the ways in which we communicate the Christian message of love and hope, both within the church and in the wider community.

A wider use of social media is going to be a vital part of that, to enable a younger generation to access everything that is on offer here.

The team is in its infancy - there's a lot to ponder - but it's a vibrant and energised one and we hope to make a valuable contribution.

**Membership:**
- Pat Ashworth
- David Bladen
- Linda Hart
- Ken Shirer
- Daniel Stevenson
- Wendy Willan

Pat Ashworth
March 2018

The Church Website is maintained by the Vicar and continues to be used by an ever increasing number of people in order to keep in touch with church activities. www.bramcoteparishchurch.com.
Dads and Kids

Starting just over a year ago to re-establish a group that had had a brief hiatus, we did not know if there was a demand for this. Well it seems that there is.

We consistently get around 8 to 10 dads, sometimes more, all of whom, appear, to and say that they enjoy coming along with their kids.

We meet from 9:30am to 11:30am on the 2nd Saturday of each month to enjoy bacon sandwiches, fellowship with other fathers and lots of playing and crafts. We have now branched out into an a la carte menu of toast and sausages.

It seems the group is good for the dads and kids but many report that spouses say the space it provides can be a real help in our busy lives.

Its place is essential as some of these families may have no other church involvement and this could be their first recent introduction to the church family which is extremely positive. There is plenty of space for more people so we hope that the numbers increase as we continue to grow slowly but surely.

Please follow our time on NewsReel on the church website.

Daniel Stevenson
David Bladen
March 2018
Bestwood and Bulwell Foodbank

First of all a big thank you to all who contribute regularly to our Foodbank collection and to the very loyal team who deliver the produce weekly to Bestwood.

Bestwood is situated on the outskirts of the city, and is the third most deprived area in the country. The need for the Food Bank continues to increase. Redundancies in local employment and the implementation of Universal Credit has increased the number of families living below the poverty line.

Nigel Webster the manager of the Food Bank came to Saint Michael’s in the autumn to thank us for our support. He spoke about the running of the organisation and the desperate need of those who come for help. His talk was heart-rending but the work of the many volunteers was heart-warming. Following this talk and an article in the Church magazine, the trolley began to fill up.

At Christmas there were record amounts of food delivered, and it was pleasing to note that many Easter donations of chocolate eggs have been delivered. We are one of the largest contributors to this Food Bank. In the last five years Saint Michael’s have contributed 6000kg of food which has fed 1000 families.

We can as a church feel proud of this, 1000 families fed in five years, but as Christians we can recall that Jesus fed 5000 in one day.

Please help to keep our trolley full during the next year.

For further information please contact David Jones

David Jones
Foodbank Coordinator
March 2018

“There is a Foodbank trolley in the Church Centre for members of Saint Michael’s to donate items of food which will be delivered regularly to Bestwood Foodbank.

This will be available for food to be dropped off both on Sundays and during the week for those taking part in mid-week activities.

“THE RIGHTEOUS WILL ANSWER HIM, 
‘LORD, WHEN DID WE SEE YOU HUNGRY AND FEED YOU, OR THIRSTY AND GIVE YOU SOMETHING TO DRINK? WHEN DID WE SEE YOU A STRANGER AND INVITE YOU IN, OR NEEDING CLOTHES AND CLOTHE YOU? WHEN DID WE SEE YOU SICK OR IN PRISON AND GO TO VISIT YOU?’ “THE KING WILL REPLY, ‘TRULY I TELL YOU, WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME.’

MATTHEW 25:37–40 (NIV)
Home Groups

Home Groups continue to be a valued support and encouragement to many of our church members. There are, at present, seven groups meeting at different times of the week and in different venues. Each group spends some time in Bible study following different books and themes which are also the topics covered in Sunday sermons. In this way it is possible for reflection and discussion to take place on what has been heard in church on Sunday.

The themes followed during the year are set out below.

There is also opportunity for prayer and for personal sharing and encouragement, and occasional purely social events.

The groups are linked to the Pastoral Care system so that church members who do not belong to a group can be welcomed and prayed for and, from time to time, invited to special meetings or social events.

During 2017 subjects have been:
- Spring – Colossians & Philemon
- Summer – Hosea
- Autumn – Prayer Discipleship Course

Current details of Home Groups

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If you would like to know more about Home Groups, do speak to one of the leaders, group members, or to me.

Rvd Tony Cardwell
Homegroup Coordinator
March 2018
Music Group

As in previous years, the Music Group provides music for the 10:45am service on Sundays. Over the past year we have welcomed Daisy Clifford into the group as a singer, and we also appreciate the contribution of Frankie Hall as and when her university and other commitments allow.

We have had a useful and informal 'Come and Sing' afternoon where we explored a number of new songs, and were joined by some other singers and instrumentalists, and we are hoping to repeat this in the not too distant future.

Mike Elbourne has also provided music for the worship sessions in our Messy Church afternoons, and this has been very much appreciated.

The group currently comprises:

- Alison Reynolds (piano and vocals).
- Mike Elbourne (guitar and vocals),
- David Ducker (clarinet and vocals),
- Catharine Warner, Christine Cleave,
- Daisy Clifford and Frankie Hall (all vocals)

I should like to express my gratitude to everyone in the group for their ongoing support, and for giving up their time and using their talents to serve God through worship.

Alison Reynolds
Music Group Coordinator
March 2018
For many years Saint Michael’s has held a Praise Party as a Christian alternative to Halloween. Plans are in place to run other similar activities on a regular basis. I am deeply indebted to Sarah Elbourne for all her help in organising such ventures.

We are currently having trouble accessing our local Secondary Schools, as so many clubs are already taking place within them. The Youth Weekend Away, in conjunction with other local churches, was excellent, and I hope to continue this annually.

Rosie Bjelland
Children, Young People and Family Life Minister
March 2018

Young People’s Work
During the past year I have worked to get alongside the children, youth and families within Saint Michael’s and the wider community of Bramcote. I have made it my priority to implement the Bishop’s vision of becoming wider, younger and deeper whilst looking at the individual needs of Bramcote.

Sunday Activities
In addition to the monthly All-Age service, Junior Church continues to use the Roots resource, but in a different format that suits the needs of the ministry better. Attendance fluctuates and is not regular for most families. I believe this is due to contemporary lifestyle, early faith, school entrance and Messy Church being an alternative. Parents and families are regularly encouraged to attend the monthly Parish Lunch which is valued for its easy, laid-back approach.

Weekly activities
I have taken on a regular pastoral role within Little Angels, Kate continues to lead the group extremely well. The toys cupboard needs constant addressing alongside Dads and Kids.

A new Pray and Play cell group started in early April, and already several parents have expressed their excitement about the group starting. Messy Church has changed in format and become more regular on a monthly basis, which seems to be really popular with all those who attend. Dads and Kids also appears to be really popular and meets the needs of many.

Two other new ventures about to start are Junior Café and Theology Movie Youth Night which we are hoping to attract many new young people.

School Activities
The Explorers after school club is still fairly small as other clubs meet at the same time, but the young people attending are very dedicated. We were all pleased when one of the explorers bought their whole family to church on Easter Sunday. I have helped out at many Prayer Days at school, and take assemblies at both Bramcote CofE (Aided) and Bramcote Hills Primary Schools.

I try and attend as many social events as possible within the community - especially Fairs and Event Nights.

So far, I have not been able to arrange a Holiday Club as on both times I have tried organizing one there have not been enough volunteers to make this possible.

Other activities
I have attended several different committees in order to let everyone know what is happening with our work with children, young people and their families. I also provided information for the parish web site, and maintain a number of Facebook pages.

Last year, the children and young people teams contributed to Hemlock Happening where we attracted the attention of many children and young people.
For Kenyan cotton farmer Joel Mwanzi Mutaki and his family, life is a constant struggle. On his six acres Joel grows foodstuff for the family table and two-and-a-half acres he has planted with cotton. But, like many similar farms in the Kitui District, Joel’s *shamba* (small farm) has been worked for generations so fertility is poor, which, combined with inferior quality seeds and uncertain rainfall, means yields are low. So feeding his family of six children is not something Joel can take for granted. “Sometimes, when I have money, I buy. When I do not have money, then we go without,” he says.

Educating his family is another struggle. When Joel can’t afford to pay the £4 a month it costs for each of his children to go to school they are sent home. There, at least, they can share the burden of working the family shamba – but at a terrible cost for their future prospects.

As a family they are familiar with hunger and hard work – yet their lives are, nonetheless, filled with hope. Partly that comes from Joel’s strong faith: “I pray to God as I work. I sing along as I am doing my work and I am encouraged,” and partly it comes from the practical help he and other farmers like him are getting from the Traidcraft charity, Traidcraft Exchange. Thanks to the training he has received as part of the project, he has learned how to plough using his three cows – and how to use their manure to improve his land. “With God’s grace I hope to do some profitable farming,” says Joel. “The Bible says that when we understand the Lord it is the beginning of wisdom and when I knew about Christ I got wisdom and he is the one who guides me.”

Saint Michael’s is a Fair Trade church which supports individuals like Joel through encouraging the congregation to purchase fairly traded goods whenever they go shopping, and by buying produce and gifts from our regular Fair Trade stall after church services. Please contact Christine Cleave for further information.
Outlook Magazine

The content of Outlook has remained largely unchanged over the last year. We continue to welcome regular contributions from Revd Paul Reynolds, Revd Stuart Bell, and Murray Smith of St Michael’s Bell-ringers.

We also continue to feature the ever-popular crossword puzzle and children’s page. I have made some slight tweaks in style to keep the magazine up-to-date and I am hoping to bring in some new features over the next 12 months.

Although we are no longer actively seeking advertisements, we still welcome anyone who has an advert that they would like to place on a long-term basis – these are very kindly being handled by Ken Bird.

A big thank you also goes to Maureen Nicholas, who manages Methodist Church contributions, and to Carole Croft and the distribution team for their efforts with this time-consuming job.

Claire Morrell
Editor
March 2018

Sidespeople and Welcome Teams

This combined group continues to provide welcome and assistance at all Sunday services and other special services.

The 9:00am and the 6:30pm services have regular members who have been doing welcoming and other duties for many years and who have enough people to cope with absences etc.

The 10:45am service has too few volunteers to run a full rota, so any additional assistance will be welcome at this service.

Thanks are due to all of the team.

Welcoming, assisting, helping with queries, being available for a conversation, these are all essential parts of our Christian ministry.

Ken Bird and Ann Mellon
Team Coordinators
March 2018
Silver Surfers

We continue to meet in the Church Centre every Thursday afternoon from 1:00pm until 3:00pm except for the days between Christmas and New Year. We have only had to cancel a session once in nearly 7 years and that was because of the recent snow.

In addition to welcoming two new Committee Members this year, we have been pleased to welcome some new volunteers. The Committee is helped as always by a steering group made up of both volunteers and guests. We are grateful to have some very faithful volunteers without whom we could not operate; some specialise in iPads and phones whilst others specialise in laptops and the Windows operating system. Many are brilliant all-rounders and of course where would we be without our hospitality volunteers, joined this year by Pearl Bostock, who make sure that there is a plentiful supply of drinks, cakes and biscuits.

Some of our volunteers have taken on special roles and in particular we are grateful to David Biggs for filing our records and keeping us in order with Dropbox and to Martin Lipmann for taking over the management of our wi-fi both on a week by week basis and for his advice regarding the use of our routers etc. **We would welcome any new helpers whether on the technical side or on the hospitality side. Please contact a member of the Committee if you feel you would like to join us.**

As usual many of our regular guests practise on their own and are happy to ask for help if they need it. The social area, where anyone can enjoy a drink, cakes and biscuits as well as chat with others, continues to be the centre of operations. Some of our regulars often bring home made cakes whilst others bring biscuits or other treats to share. Sharing is a part of what we are about and we often enjoy fresh garden produce or small plants brought in. If guests arrive early they can enjoy a choice of soups with fresh bread and a piece of fruit to follow for only £1.

This last year we were able to make a further contribution to the maintenance of our church centre which is going to be put towards lighting improvements

Our Winter Workshops this year have included a presentation on ‘Photos’ and another of storing information both on external hard drives and Dropbox.

The Cornmill, Chilwell was again the venue for our Christmas party and all went home with a small gift which this year included chocolates and a pen. Some also enjoyed prizes of wine donated by the management at the Cornmill if their lucky number was drawn and many others received mystery gift bags. This year’s party was the 7th organised by Ros and she was presented with two lovely bouquets, one from the guests and volunteers and one from the committee. She has decided to hand over that task and we are pleased that Anita and John Binch have agreed to do that assisted by one or two others.

In August some went on a mini bus trip to the Bubble Car museum in Boston which was followed by a splendid lunch at a local pub. Some of our number enjoyed a coach trip to the Cotswolds and had great fun visiting the shops, market and several eating/tea and coffee establishments. Others enjoyed a sing-along to the film Oklahoma at the Duchess Theatre in Long Eaton.

Single Surfers (guests who are on their own for whatever reason) continue to meet every other week for a meal together at local but inexpensive pubs. Some regularly enjoy a visit to The CAT (Chilwell Arts Theatre) on Fridays to view a film there or on other days for ‘live’ entertainment. Sometimes this is preceded by an early meal together.

Many of our volunteers and guests come from surrounding areas and are not members of St Michael’s, giving us the opportunity to show our faith through friendship. We hope this also shows through sharing of cakes and garden produce in season.

As always, we feel that our guests enjoy the fellowship with each other and lasting friendships have been made.

**Committee Membership**

Ivor Case  
Anne Curnock  
Rosaline Colville  
Sandra Read  
Lynda Spencer  
Alan Windsor  

Rosaline Colville  
March 2018
Little Angels Group

"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these"

Matthew 19:14.

Little Angels is a baby and toddler group welcoming parents and carers in the community, and beyond.

The group is run by a committed team of volunteers and meets every Thursday morning during term time in the church centre of Saint Michael’s. In November 2017, Little Angels was pleased to be welcomed as an official church group through a unanimous decision by the PCC.

Each session at Little Angels involves free play for the children, supervised by parents, a snack, a Christian story and linked craft activity. Songs are sung at the end of the morning including Christian songs. To close each term there is a mini service in the church to celebrate Christmas, Easter, or sending off the children on their new adventures at school. Other Christian festivals such as Pentecost, Ascension Day, Shrove Tuesday are also celebrated. In addition World Book Day was celebrated to great success, to encourage a love of books and reading. Little Angels has raised a significant amount of money for charity during the year, through various activities like cake sales, a muddy puddle walk, and a scootathon.

The group has made donations to Children in Need, Comic Relief, Save the Children, the church, and supports Fair Trade wherever possible. Outside agencies of interest are regularly invited to the group to promote their wares or provide extra activities such as Usborne Books, Little Affinity Dance School, Little Rascals Clothing Co and a professional photographer. The committee have also put on special mornings like a sports morning in the park and messy play mornings, where the children can explore different textures and activities in different ‘tuff’ trays throughout the morning. As is evident, the group is very proactive in the community, and its profile is kept high through an active Facebook page (St Michaels Little Angels).

The number of attendees of Little Angels is steady and growing, with an average of 20 children each week. After a number of children (and committee members) left to go to school in the summer of 2017, many new families have been welcomed since September, and the group continues to welcome new faces. Little Angels endeavours to be a relaxing, fun, safe and supportive environment with a Christian ethos, reaching out to people in the community and welcoming them to the church of Saint Michael’s.

Kate Prayle
Group Leader
March 2018
Messy Church

Once again, this year, numbers attending have fluctuated wildly from around 45 to well over 100. Whatever the case, a fun time was had by all in an extremely safe and enjoyable environment.

Following seasonal (Christmas, Easter, Harvest etc) and Biblical themes, we have sought to teach the great lessons and qualities of the Christian faith through arts, crafts and practical activities. Each session also includes a time of worship (song, story etc), finishing with a shared meal.

Messy Church is a terrific means of sharing the good news of the Christian gospel to those who would not normally engage with Church or the Christian faith. As such, it is every bit as much church for those who attend as our main Sunday services. It has certainly enabled us to build a number of relationships with families who now view Messy Church activities at Saint Michael’s as constituting Church for them. This has enabled a number of significant conversations to take place, leading to greater understanding and involvement, and has consequently resulted in a small number of families now occasionally attending regular Sunday worship in addition to Messy Church.

Whilst most Messy Church activities have previously focused upon children within the middle Primary age band, we have started to include suitable activities for children within both the younger and older age groups, and further work will take place in these areas in the coming months.

I am deeply indebted to all those who have given their time and talents to make Messy Church such a successful venture, and look forward to the time when we are able to develop that venture further, in order that even more children, young people and their families are able to enter into and grow within the exciting and engaging world of active Christian discipleship.

Please do continue to pray for the work of Messy Church that it may grow and flourish well into the future.

Paul Reynolds
Group Leadership Team
March 2018
Come Alive Keep Fit

We meet every Friday morning for fun exercises to music. Mo Brown plans the set routines, but also is involved with other aspects of our group.

We have a full membership at present and charge £2 per person, which includes coffee and biscuits. I open the meeting with a prayer, and at the end of our exercises do a reading, usually with a moral message, but also something amusing.

Most members take a turn for the coffee rota, and there is a social club atmosphere to the class.

We donate to charity from our funds, which is decided by the members, although this will be the first year we did not hold a Macmillan coffee morning.

We met at the Cornmill public house for our usual Christmas lunch get together.

Val Harrison
Secretary/Treasurer

Mo Brown
Keep Fit Instructor

March 2017
Church Flowers

“O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness”

Going into a church decorated with flowers adds so much to one’s well being, and is a vista of great beauty, whilst the incredible scent the flowers give off is a memory which can last a lifetime.

Here at Bramcote during 2017 I was required to arrange the flowers for the altar and war memorial most weeks, with generous donations given by members of the congregation in memory of loved ones or as a thank you for healing - to these people I am very grateful. There was only one wedding to arrange for, also one funeral and one golden wedding from church members so it was an easy year, but I also arranged for several weddings and a flower festival at Saint Mary’s, Attenborough and another flower festival at Saint Chad’s, Wilne, Draycott.

As a former National Chairman of CEFAA (Church of England Flower Arrangers’ Association) I have been granted the position of Honorary Life Vice-President. I am most honoured to take on this role and to promote the Association where and whenever possible.

As usual my thanks go to Carole Croft and her small band of helpers for arranging the Mothering Sunday bunches once again, also to my friends Janet, Maureen and Barbara who give their time to help me all year.

Hillary Brian
Church Flower Coordinator
March 2018
Financial Report for the
Year Ending December 31st, 2017

This report should be read in conjunction with the full set of Financial Statements that are displayed on the following pages.

I would like to thank everyone for their generous giving during 2017. We however did not pay in full the Giving for Ministry (previously called Parish Share) of £91,000 falling almost £14,000 short. This meant we paid £10,000 less than in 2016 when we were short by over £5,000. You will see in the analysis below that Giving and Collections continue to fall resulting in a reduction in 2017 £8,000 compared to 2016. This also meant the tax on Gift Aids was down by £3,000. We have also transferred into a Designated Fund our normal 10% (£12,000) of Giving to Mission, both Home and Overseas.

It should be noted we employed a new Children, Young People and Family Life Minister during 2017 on a one year contract. This was funded from legacies received in previous years, regular donations and the rental income from the church house in Rufford Avenue.

A summary of our General finances for 2017 are as follows :-

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We have been given a Giving for Ministry allocation of £93,000 for 2018. The level of Giving and Collections continue to fall which makes this year’s target very challenging. As highlighted in the January notices the budget show a potential shortfall of £30,000 mainly as a result of further reductions in giving.

I would like to thank Ken Bird for his work as Planned Giving Officer, which enabled us to reclaim income tax of £24,000 on Gift Aids. I would also like to thank all those associated with the OUTLOOK magazine, the centre bookings, bazaar and catering which generated surpluses of £6,800.

There are many others to thank for their work in raising funds.

I would also like to thank all the members of the counting team; especially John Hart and Victor Smithson for also taking the monies to the bank.
In conclusion we give thanks to God for his gracious provision throughout the past year and look to him in faith to provide all our needs for the coming year.

Frank Mellon
Church Treasurer
March 2018

The regular giving of my money, time and talents ultimately expresses my gratitude to God for all that He has given to me.

Copies of the full audited accounts are available upon request.
Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ending 31 December 2017

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| NET (OUTGOING) / INCOMING RESOURCES | 9,392 | (22,289) | (85) | 50 | (12,932) | 14,485 |
| TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS | 10 | (9,392) | 6,969 | 2,423 | - | - | 168,007 | 171,283 |
| NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS | - | (15,320) | 2,338 | 50 | (12,932) | 14,485 |
| FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2017 | 10 | - | 240,496 | 18,995 | 1,871 | 20,000 | 281,362 | 246,877 |
| FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2017 | 9,10 | - | 225,176 | 21,333 | 1,921 | 20,000 | 268,430 | 261,362 |
| Revaluation movement (Unrealised) | 6 | - | - | - | - | 5,000 | 5,000 | 20,000 |
| TOTAL FUNDS BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2017 | - | 225,176 | 21,333 | 1,921 | 25,000 | 273,430 | 281,362 |

The notes on pages 3 to 8 form part of these accounts.
Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2017

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Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 6th March 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

Chairman
(Rev Paul Reynolds)

Treasurer
(Frank Mellon)

The notes on pages 3 to 8 form part of these accounts.

Registered Charity No. 1130798
Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ending 31 December 2017

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCC's and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015). Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a special object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections, donations, grants and bank interest are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. All other income is recognised when it is received. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as an accrual in the Balance Sheet. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficial property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected at any reasonable time. No value is placed on such property in these accounts.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA).

No value is placed on the Church centre and for insurance purposes there is no separate valuation as it is included in the overall amount of £11,180,000 (£10,790,000 in 2016) for both the Church and centre.

Investment Assets

The property at 46 Rufford Avenue is held as an investment to generate rental income to part fund the Children, Family and Youth Minister. It is valued at market value of £215,000 (2016: £210,000). It originally cost £57,000.

Following the introduction of FRS102 the investment property is now recognised in the financial statements at market value as determined by the PCC.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

All expenditure on fixtures, fittings and office furniture is written off at the time expenditure is incurred.

Current Assets

Short-term deposits is cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

Reserve Policy

The PCC agreed to continue the policy of holding the equivalent of three months running costs as a General Reserve. As at 31st December 2017 the balance in the reserve is £10,447 (£11,079 in 2016).
Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote.
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ending 31 December 2017

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

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4 STAFF NUMBERS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year the PCC paid 5 (2016:5) employees, the organist, assistant verger, kitchen co-ordinator, parish administrator and a Children and Family Life Minister.

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The PCC pays at least the Living Wage Foundation living wage. The Workplace Pension was implemented on 1st July 2016 and the PCC chose the Government scheme NEST as its provider.

No payments were paid to any member of the PCC or persons closely connected to them or related parties. The Public Liability Insurance now includes Church Council and Trustee Indemnity, and no separate fee has therefore been paid.

5 EXTERNAL EXAMINER’S FEE

The fee agreed by the external examiner for the Independent Examination of the 2017 accounts is £1,153 (2016:£1,098), including VAT and has been accrued in these accounts. This included an examination of the Charity Accounts.

6 INVESTMENTS

Following the introduction of FRS102 the investment property at 46 Radford Avenue has been reclassified as investment property and needs to be stated in the accounts at market value. The property valuations have been determined by the PCC based upon the valuations of similar properties in the same locality.

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7 DEBTORS

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8 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

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9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

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For the year ending 31 December 2017

11 REVALUATION RESERVE

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12 FUND DETAILS

The endowment fund is the income only element of the Bramcote Chancel Fund. This is a permanent endowment which requires the income to be spent on keeping the chancel "wind and weather proof". The capital element of the fund is represented by 62.50 shares in the Central Board of Finance Investment Fund at an original cost of £913 and is not shown in these financial statements. The value of the capital at 31 December 2017 was £1,349.18 ie £16.3837 per share (2016: £1,233.73 ie £14.9543 per share). Both the income and capital of the fund is held by the Diocese of Southwell with the income invested in a Central Board of Finance Deposit Fund.
Independent Examiners Report

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017 which are set out on pages 1-9 of the examined accounts

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent 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.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 a full 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 statements below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirement concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed _________________________________             Date ____________________

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