

St. Giles' Cripplegate Church



Annual Report 2017

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**St. Giles' Cripplegate
Parochial Church Council
Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2017**

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Giles' Cripplegate, with St. Bartholomew, Moor Lane, and St. Alphage, London Wall and St. Luke, Old Street with St. Mary, Charterhouse and St. Paul, Clerkenwell [the PCC] present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017.

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AIM AND PURPOSES

St Giles' Cripplegate PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector, Reverend Katharine Rumens, to promote in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibility for the parish church, for the Roscoe Street Hall and for St Giles' Columbarium. In addition, it acts as Managing Trustee of the Cripplegate Church Sworder Foundation, a charity established by a Charity Commission Scheme for the maintenance of the fabric of the parish church.

Church and charity law requires the PCC as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting period, and the PCC is also responsible for keeping proper books of account with respect to its affairs.

The PCC provides public benefit by:

- facilitating regular public worship open to all;
- the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation;
- pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved;
- the teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups;
- taking religious assemblies in schools, school tours of the church explaining worship and history and hosting school services.
- building community and promoting Christianity through the staging of events and meetings;
- hosting the RCO Academy Organ School which delivers "educational opportunities for hundreds of organists, both amateur and professional".

To enable this work it is essential to maintain the fabric of the church of St. Giles' Cripplegate.

The trustees have complied with the duty imposed by section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to guidance (PB3 Public benefit: reporting) published by the Charity Commission in respect of public benefit.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

MISSION ACTION PLAN 2017-2018

**We are here to love God and to make Christ known in word and deed.
We are an inclusive church and welcome all comers**

Strengthened by this knowledge, these are our objectives for the coming year.

What we stand for	Our targets/goals for 2017-2018
<p>We are energised by our faith</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We celebrate God through regular worship and prayer and pilgrimage • Music is a central part of St Giles – we praise God through singing, organ playing, bell ringing and concerts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To continue growing our service attendance with a target of 2% on an average Sunday. ii. A parish weekend at Othona in June. iii. To identify a venue for a silent retreat. iv. To promote the monthly private prayers on the website and in church publications v. Podcast sermons on the website vi. Continue to support CLSG lunchtime recitals. vii. Continue to support RCO Academy Organ School activities and education. viii. Continue support for the City of London Brass Band which rehearses/performs in the church each Wednesday evening. ix. Support the Director of Music in encouraging sight readers to join the choir at the Parish Carol Service and other occasions during the year.
<p>We make room for others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We embrace diversity in our church • We seek to build a positive atmosphere for our visitors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. It is a priority for us that the church is open during the week. ii. We will continue to work hard to create a welcoming and social environment at the church, in particular before and after services, drawing inspiration from the approach taken by Frank over many years and greeting one another by name. iii. We will work hard to promote St Giles as a church where everyone is welcome, through formal and informal communications and through the experience which new people have when they attend services and visit the church at other times. iv. To support the LGSO which first performed at St. Giles' in 2016.
<p>We look outwards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will give a warm welcome to all our congregation – new and old • Our church is open during the week, offering space for prayer, for peace and information about our history • We support international and local charities – and members of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Capital Vision 2020 – we will focus on being compassionate, creative and confident in our ministry. ii. Foodbank collections four times a year targeting specific shortages when needed. iii. Support the London Capital Credit Union to ensure that affordable loans are available to those in the parish who need them. iv. Book Fairs which raise funds for charities and simultaneously encourage the public to come into St. Giles'.

<p>the congregation in their individual fund-raising ventures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are committed to raising the issue of hidden and unrelieved poverty within the parish. • We consider the wider world in how we purchase goods for the Church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> v. Support 'Refugees at Home' by encouraging offers of spare rooms to asylum seekers and refugees. vi. Continue to use Fairtrade products whenever possible. vii. To support members of the congregation who are caring for elderly or lonely parish residents. viii. Support Essa's charity work with the "Wind up Penguin Theatre Company" ix. Encourage individual fundraising by members of the congregation, especially Sunday cake stalls
<p>We are inquisitive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are ready to explore our faith – St Giles offers the chance to discuss themes and views on faith and religion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To create opportunities to increase awareness and understanding of other faiths. ii. To support the Ecumenical Saturday Groups in Lent and October. iii. Baptism and Confirmation classes will be held twice a year to prepare candidates for baptism and/or confirmation at All Saints and on Holy Saturday. iv. Preparation groups for young children (aged 7) to receive communion. v. Encourage involvement with "Home Prayer Groups". vi. Labyrinth Workshops in Holy week.
<p>We adapt and grow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We seek ways to ensure we can maintain our church – it is a living place and seek to generate revenues from a range of sources. • We are able to evolve and adapt as events demand. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To complete a strategic plan for improving the church building. ii. To explore use of the Roscoe Street flat as a parish resource. iii. To encourage increased giving by both amount and people using standing order and gift aid if possible iv. We will endeavor to comply with the Reserves Policy recognising the need for "sensible austerity". v. To advertise St. Giles' as a venue for concerts, recordings and filming. vi. To conclude discussions with the City of London Corporation concerning the church yard lease. vii. To encourage visitors, especially organised tours, to contribute to the upkeep of the church.
<p>We build community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our church is a sacred place for the benefit of our community. • We look towards the wider community, local and virtual. Our events are for everyone – attenders and non-attenders alike. • Children are an important part of our church – through the Sunday Club and through their roles in services, we are building a congregation that is confident to share the gospel with future generations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. We will share the church with our neighbours, welcoming them to community events and our fairs, labyrinth workshops and book sales. ii. Encourage the wider community to join the regular congregation by publicity for the All Souls service, Christingle Service, Parish Carol service and "Welcome Back Sunday". iii. Continue distribution of the Advent/Christmas and Holy Week/Easter news leaflets. iv. To practise hospitality and to eat together including PCC Supper meetings, Maundy Thursday, special Sundays and summer picnics. v. To celebrate the 350th. Anniversary of the publication of Paradise Lost.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> vi. We will encourage parental involvement in the Sunday Club and continue to support the children in their fundraising cake stalls and other events. vii. To support St. Luke's CofE Primary School as governors, in worship both at school and at St. Giles'. viii. We will encourage others to join the cleaning angels who meet monthly to clean and share companionship ix. We will maintain appropriate relationships with our neighbours: Moorgate Talks and Inspire.
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Services and Church Opening Hours

MAP "It is a priority for us that the church is open to visitors during the week."

Sunday

08.00 BCP Holy Communion (First Sunday in the month)
 10.00 Parish Eucharist
 16.00 Evening Prayer

Weekdays

08.30 Morning Prayer (Monday to Thursday)

Private Prayer and Reflection

13.00-13.30 on the first Thursday of each month.

Church Opening Hours

The church is normally open from 11.00 - 16.00 Monday to Friday

Parish Office Opening Hours

Mon-Fri 10.00-14.00

Evening Opening of the church during Holy Week from 7 to 9pm with a Labyrinth. During Holy Week Compline is said each evening at 8.30pm. until Maundy Thursday when the Last Supper is commemorated with Supper together followed by the Eucharist.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and Liturgy

MAP “Capital Vision 2020 – we will focus on being compassionate, creative and confident in our ministry”; “Baptism and Confirmation classes will be held twice a year to prepare candidates for baptism and/or confirmation at All Saints and on Holy Saturday.”; “Encourage involvement with “Home Prayer Groups”; “Labyrinth Workshops in Holy week.” & “Encourage the wider community to join the regular congregation by publicity for the All Souls service, Christingle Service, Parish Carol service and “Welcome Back Sunday”.

Committee Report

The Worship and Liturgy committee met three times in 2017, in January, May and September. The members are Revd. Katharine Rumens (chair), Diana Morgan Gray, Mona Henshall, David Freeman, Amanda Gibbon, Anne Marsden Thomas (minutes).

We reviewed services and celebrations which happened in late 2016, especially the Lithuanian Celebration Service, and the events to mark the 50th anniversary of the uniting of the parishes. After the 2016 Parish Carol Service we agreed to recommend the purchase of flood lights for the chancel.

We noted that, although size of congregations can vary year by year, there was a large congregation at the Crib service, while few children attend on Christmas Day.

We are committed to ongoing involvement of lay people in Sunday services, so we discussed recruitment and training.

Children featured in every agenda: the staffing and ongoing success of the Sunday Club, Plus Club (in abeyance, but the members were involved on Maundy Thursday), and restless infants.

In February we noted Rev Catherine Shelly’s addition to the clergy team, and in November her departure to a new post.

We noted that the Lent group was well attended. In Holy Week compline attracted above average numbers, and from Thursday to Saturday we needed more volunteers for setting and clearing the church. No-one attended the 8 am service on Easter Sunday. Usually there are four people at this service; it is valued by those who attend and, very occasionally, we are joined by visitors.

Welcome Back Sunday was remarkably well-attended.

Musical activities were sometimes on the agenda; see Music Report.

We made plans for the services which ended the year, expecting to review these services in January 2018.

Mothering Sunday

MAP “Preparation groups for young children (aged 7) to receive communion“



On Mothering Sunday six children in the congregation were admitted to Communion. We welcomed their godparents and members of their families to the service. The children did the readings, led the prayers, brought up the bread and wine and made sure everyone got a bunch of daffodils for the final blessing. They had made cakes and invited us to enjoy them at their ‘party’ over coffee. We look forward to their continual lively presence among us and learning with them and from them as we journey together on the Way of Christ.

The Sunday Club

MAP "We will encourage parental involvement in the Sunday Club and continue to support the children in their fundraising cake stalls and other events."

During 2017 Sunday Club has continued to run during the 10am. Parish Eucharist most weeks apart from school holidays and when there is a story sermon. Each term Katharine works with the Sunday club leaders to draw up a syllabus and a rota is set. In 2017 the syllabus has covered:

Easter term 2017 Prophets and Prophecies; Jesus getting into trouble

Summer term 2017 Colours and Patterns of the Bible

Autumn term 2017 kindness, patience, being grateful, sticking up for friends, looking after others and angels. It is continuing in Spring term 2018 with Symbols of Christianity.

Elizabeth Day has kindly taught Sunday Club singing including Oh Little Town of Bethlehem (for the nativity play) as well as action rhymes such as "He's got the whole world in His hands" and "Give me oil for my lamp" and singing in preparation for palm Sunday.

Sunday club continues to have around 5 to 7 parents who are on the rota to help teach Sunday club.

Sunday club graduates have attended the Maundy Thursday supper and become crucifers as well as assisting with coffee after the Sunday service. Some members of Sunday club joined the Orthona retreat weekend in 2017 and very much enjoyed seeing the stars (after having learnt about Abraham and the stars) and swimming in the sea.



The annual Sunday Club nativity play was written this year by a Sunday Club member and directed by Dave Archer. It was a great success and performed as part of the Parish Eucharist on Sunday 10 December.

Lent 2017 Ecumenical Programme

MAP "To support the Ecumenical Saturday Groups in Lent and October."

These sessions were held at St. Giles Cripplegate, Wesley's Chapel, Jewin Welsh Church, and St. Joseph's Bunhill Row on Saturday mornings in March, 1st. April and again in October. In Lent we read together *The Return of the Prodigal* by Henri Nouwen and in the autumn *Being Disciples* by Rowan Williams.

We always start with tea, coffee, cake and chat before the formal sessions. These begin with a hymn and prayers; once we are sitting down, we go round the circle introducing ourselves. No two weeks are the same and there are always new names to learn. Much of the discussion takes place in small groups which gives us the opportunity to get to know each other well. The facilitator's job is to bring these conversations to a close and make sure that we are covering, at least, some of the study book. These sessions are a much valued way of exploring our faith, and our differences, and strengthening the witness of the church in our community.



Labyrinths

MAP "Labyrinth Workshops in Holy week."



Holy Week – Daily two labyrinths were available to walk, a canvas one during the day and a labyrinth of light projected onto the church floor after dark. Each had a single path for reflection, for prayer, for self-discovery. The labyrinth appears in many countries, in many faith traditions, and does not belong to any single group. At a workshop on the Wednesday evening, with guest speakers, Dr Jan Sellers and Jim Buchanan, we were able to experience the beauty of the labyrinth and to find out more about these historic, ancient paths and how they are used today.

Music

MAP "Continue to support CLSG lunchtime recitals"; "Continue to support RCO Academy Organ School activities and education"; "Continue support for the City of London Brass Band which rehearses/performs in the church each Wednesday evening"; "Support the Director of Music in encouraging sight readers to join the choir at the Parish Carol Service and other occasions during the year"; "To support the LGSO which first performed at St. Giles' in 2016" & "To advertise St. Giles' as a venue for concerts, recordings and filming.

In November the Diocese of London launched 'The Musicians' Church: a new front door to London's churches for musicians', with details of City of London churches with facilities available for hire. www.musicianschurch.org. Ours is one of the seven churches listed, and we expect this promotion to increase our profile and attract more bookings.

A change of personnel at the BBC Singers caused us concern, as the previous producer had frequented St. Giles' for concerts and recordings, often featuring our organs. Our concern was unnecessary, however, as the Singers hired St. Giles three times in 2017 and booked four more events for 2018, at least including organ. Many other groups hired the church for recordings, rehearsals and concerts. City of London Girls'

School books frequent informal lunchtime recitals. We continue to host the City of London Brass Band on Wednesday evenings, and they entertained us, as usual, at the Advent Fair.

The RCO Summer Course again attracted a large all-age crowd of student organists, and there were various other organ education activities throughout the year. Student organists took lessons with Anne and practised on our beautiful small organ in the church office, bringing substantial income to the church.

In September our organ scholar for two years, Aine Kennedy, left to read music at Oxford, where she is also organ scholar at Keble College. Shortly afterwards our new organ scholar, John Zhang, began. John is in year 10 at City of London School, and studies organ at the Junior Royal Academy of Music with both Anne and Frederick Stocken.

The choir continues happily with the same team, sometimes augmented by volunteers from the congregation and friends from beyond. Elizabeth Day, usually plays the organ every Sunday while Anne conducts– Elizabeth plays with impeccable musicianship and her thorough preparation of every detail is both reassuring and inspiring.

At the start of Pentecost the congregation learned a new service setting for Common Worship by Grayston Ives, which most people seem to like. We changed to more solemn settings in penitential seasons: the New English Folk Mass in Lent and a unison setting by Herbert Sumsion in Advent.

In November Anne celebrated 35 years as Director of Music at St. Giles' and thanks you all for wonderful support over the year.

Royal College of Organists' Medal awarded to our Director of Music, Anne Marsden Thomas MBE



At the Conferment Ceremony in Southwark Cathedral earlier this year, Anne was awarded the RCO medal 'in recognition of distinguished achievement in organ pedagogy and distinguished service to the College.'

Farewell to Ainé, our organ scholar



Our three organists – Elizabeth, Anne and Ainé

In September Ainé we bid farewell to Ainé our organ scholar. A former pupil at the City of London School for Girls and taught by Anne, she was leaving us to take up an organ scholarship at Keeble College, Oxford. It was a celebration of her success while with us and to wish her well as she takes up this new challenge.

Charitable Giving

Food Banks

MAP “Foodbank collections four times a year targeting specific shortages when needed”.



Foodbank collections outside Waitrose in Cherry Tree Walk were organised in May, September and December.

In May, despite the sunshine, St. Giles’ Food Bank collectors needed to warm themselves with cups of coffee as it can get cold standing around. Roger and Patricia, Sarah and Tim joined the team for the first time and Roger writes, “Patricia and I were amazed at the generosity and willingness to give of the shoppers in Waitrose. Our friends and neighbours were so generous that we needed two cages to put the food in. The Food Bank provide a list of items in short supply and

they were especially glad this time for the great quantity of toilet paper.

In September the St. Giles’ team of Sidney, Katharine, Mona, Judith and Gail were helped by Waitrose staff, including Maria. They reported a record response and collected 441Kg of food, enough for 588 meals.

For foodbanks December is always the busiest month by at least 50%, so Sidney organised an Emergency Christmas Appeal on 9 December. Including a large collection made by TransPerfect Legal Solutions in Moorgate, a record four supermarket cages were filled by a very busy team of Katharine, Amanda, Sue, Gail, Simon, Christopher and William from Hackney Foodbank. Waitrose could not have been more helpful, and the total weight donated was an amazing, and new record, 750kg - enough for 1,000 meals. On the following Monday we joined at the Parish Carol Service by Colleen Beasley (Project Coordinator for the Hackney Foodbank) who read one of the lessons and Sidney presented her with a cheque for £200 made up of money donated Waitrose customers on Saturday and by the congregation at coffee time on Sunday.

London Capital Credit Union

MAP "Support the London Capital Credit Union to ensure that affordable loans are available to those in the parish who need them".

In a period of sustained economic hardship, many find it hard to make ends meet. To ease their cashflow problems, some take out short-term or 'payday' loans. Problems arise when people are unable to meet the repayment terms, as the penalties for defaulting are very harsh. Rapidly, people can be caught in a spiral of debt which can be all but impossible to escape. In extreme cases, people can lose their homes, suffer family breakdowns and may even take their own lives.

Fortunately, there is an alternative to payday loans. Credit Unions date back to the mid nineteenth century. They are member-owned financial co-operatives, and exist to offer credit at competitive rates to their members. The Church of England has chosen to be actively involved in Credit Unions. In 2013 the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, launched a Credit Champion Network to unlock the resources of local churches – people, money, buildings and relationships - for the benefit of community finance organisations.

At St. Giles' we have responded by joining our local Credit Union, London Capital, which serves all who live, work or worship in the parish and surrounding London Boroughs. It can trace its roots back to 1962 when it started to provide low cost loans and secure savings accounts. Its primary objective is to encourage people to save, but it also provides low cost loans when people need to borrow. Loan repayments include a savings element so when the debt is cleared there is a lump sum to help avoid future crises. By depositing a lump sum from PCC funds we provide a little of the capital that enable the London Capital CU lend to those in need.

For more information visit the London Capital website at <http://www.credit-union.coop>.

Deanery Synod

At the beginning of the year the lay representatives for St. Giles' Cripplegate on the City Deanery Synod were Alasdair Anderson, David Freeman and Gwen Rogers. In June a new synod convened and despite the electoral roll increasing from 148 to 152 St. Giles' representation dropped to two members. At the APCM Daniel Gerring and Gwen Rogers were elected for the 2017 to 2020 Synod.

The retirement of Bishop Richard and the ensuing "Vacancy in See" consultations were the backdrop for the year. At the March PCC meeting Katharine hoped that the new Bishop would actively support the ministry of women and Tim suggested "he should be a she".

The first Synod meeting of the year agreed to call an extraordinary meeting dedicated to the subject and then returned to its usual start of year greeting to a new Lord Mayor of London. The Lay Chairman presented the Lord Mayor, Alderman Andrew Palmley, with a bible and he reciprocated with a gift of pewter coasters for the Area Dean. The main topic for the meeting was "Music in the city churches." The city churches are a diverse bunch ranging from charismatic to classical and their music from rock on guitars and drums, through Taizé chant to Bach and Buxtehude. Music making at St. Michael's, Cornhill was described by the Director of Music, Jonathan Rennart, and that at St. Helen's, Bishopsgate by Richard Simpkin. St. Michael's, Cornhill has a long history of choral and organ music and the tradition continues to the present day with Choral Evensong on Monday evenings and lunchtime organ recitals. St. Helen's, Bishopsgate take different approaches depending on the make-up of the congregation with an aim of helping the congregations delight in the truth of the Lord Jesus with support from guitars and percussion.

At least as diverse as their musical taste synod members came together in April to be consulted about the "Vacancy in See". A point of agreement was the hope that, as Area Bishop for the City, he/she would be able to spend more time on the ground with city churches and clergy. Appointment of a woman was a clear point of disagreement with some stating that the bishop should not be a woman for the sake of the deanery and the wider church while others requested the opposite. Management of conflicting beliefs about women's ministry and same sex marriage was identified as his/her key challenge. For some a guardian of the orthodox, apostolic faith was a priority and others demanded clarity that the Anglican Church's authority is Scripture. The ability to speak about social injustice, poverty and Brexit was important to one member while another wanted the bishop

to concentrate on preaching the gospel not social justice. At least Synod could agree that the new Bishop would need a good sense of humour and hoped he/she would have enormous charm, grace and social skills.

The June meeting at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate was the first of the new synod and a first for Daniel. The main business was election of Standing Committees for both the House of Clergy and the House of Laity. It was so long since a contested election that no one was quite sure how to organise the vote. Eventually we divided into the two houses with our ballot papers in hand ready to declare our support, or not, for the candidates proposed. Despite having no campaign bus promising an improbable sum of money for the City Churches a certain amount of canvassing had preceded the meeting and when the result of the clergy elections was announced a group of disappointed electors stood up and departed. The rest of the Synod completed the remaining business quickly and retired to the garden for refreshments and convivial conversation.

Neither Daniel nor Gwen could attend the October meeting so St. Giles' only representative was Katharine who gave the following account of the meeting.

Its focus was The 5 Guiding Principles and 'Mutual Flourishing' which concerns managing disagreement in the Church of England about the appointment of women to the episcopate. The background to the meeting was widespread publicity about disagreements within the wider Church of England, over what 'mutual flourishing' might look like among those of different perspectives, in the wake of the appointment process for the Bishop of Sheffield. A report to the Archbishops by Sir Philip Mawer on this issue had recently been issued and in his report, Sir Philip recommends a process of dialogue within the Church of England focussing on the question: "What would mutual flourishing look like – for me, for you, and for the Church – and what do I need to do to ensure it is achieved?"

We first listened to the Archdeacons Luke Miller and Rosemary Lain-Priestly talking about team work while holding conflicting views. The former described himself as 'traditionalist catholic', the latter spoke as "a woman". Both agreed making their views explicit was essential including naming in advance the priest presiding at the Eucharist for the admission of churchwardens.

Alistair McKay, Curate at St. Martin in the Fields, facilitated the discussion for which synod was divided into groups made up of a broad range of views and church traditions. Our questions were *What does 'mutual flourishing' look like for me? and What might 'mutual flourishing' look like for us in the City Deanery?* For the first question they were asked to listen to one another without interruption. The second question was for general discussion. Clearly there were very different views held in the groups but the noise level in the church indicated discussion not argument. There was brief feedback at the end about what had been appreciated in the process and what had been a struggle.

In December the City Deanery and St. Giles' Cripplegate, as an inclusive church, hit the national news when the Rector of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate announced a withdrawal from deanery activities "that imply partnership in the gospel". He stated that the question of same-sex relationships was not one "over which faithful Christians can agree to disagree". He demanded that whoever is appointed as Bishop of London be prepared openly to declare as sin what God calls sin. A week later Downing Street announced that the next Bishop of London will be the Bishop of Crediton, the Rt Revd Sarah Mullally. Speaking at a press conference immediately after the announcement, Bishop Mullally said that she was "delighted and slightly terrified" at her nomination, which was a tribute to the Church's commitment to greater diversity. Clergy from all traditions in the Two Cities have met with her and look forward to +Sarah's installation at St Paul's Cathedral on 12 May.

Safeguarding

"Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility" and the PCC has the following specific duties defined by the Diocese of London.

- To formally adopt the policy "Safeguarding in the Diocese of London".
- To appoint a Church Safeguarding Officer.
- To appoint a Children's Champion.
- To display in church premises the contact details for Church Safeguarding Officer, Children's Champion and other relevant numbers.
- Ensure that all those authorised to work with children are appropriately recruited, trained and supported.

- Ensure that all those hiring church premises undertake to fulfil their safeguarding responsibilities.
- Review the implementation of the safeguarding policy, procedures and good practice in the parish at least annually.

The policy was duly adopted and signed by the Rector and Churchwardens at the May PCC meeting. At the same meeting Mark Hunter was appointed Church Safeguarding Officer and Rachel Free Children's Champion. Contact details are displayed at the back of the church.

Appropriate recruitment includes Disclosure and Barring Service checks which Wendy Ellis makes on behalf of St. Giles'.

Online training was offered to PCC members, leaders of the Sunday Club and all who serve on the rota. There was a module on child protection and a second about vulnerable adults. They did not take long to complete and were described as "very helpful and time well spent".

In June a "Parish Safeguarding Audit" arrived which the Church Safeguarding Officer was required to complete and return to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. It was a Word form employing the ubiquitous red, green amber coding. When it had been debugged it returned all green except for two amber items making recommendations that did not require immediate action. Appointment of a Champion for Vulnerable People was recommended and Diana Morgan Gray accepted this responsibility. The other was an annual report to the APCM and here it is.

Events

Advent Fair and Christingle Service

With the success last year of the two-day event, we decided to do the same this year. Much of the organising and setting up on Friday was managed by Dawn and we were ready for visitors and customers when the Fair opened on Saturday at 11am.

The book fair took centre stage and there was a steady stream of people throughout the day. They were buying from other stalls too. Real coffee and mince pies were served by members of the refreshment team.



After the Eucharist on Sunday the Fair was again open for business. Lunch was served with a choice of hot soup, slices of hot pizza cooked in the rectory oven, ham and cheese rolls and later for tea a wonderful section of home-made cakes. The cake stall was as always very popular, and we soon sold out. During the afternoon the Christmas tree was decorated, and the Christingles made for the service later.

There were games and craft activities for the children. The children's concert organised by our organist Elisabeth was a great success with more children than ever taking part and playing many different instruments including piano, violin, harp and flute.

Father Christmas with his sack of presents was a surprise visitor during the afternoon. Katharine with the help of the children drew the many excellent raffle prizes.

By 3.30pm the church was ready for the Christingle service and once again the story of the meaning of the Christingle was told by Katharine and with the church in semi-darkness we made a circle around the inside of the church, the Christingle candles were lit, and we processed around the church singing a joyful hymn.

Thank you to all who contributed in any way to the very successful weekend. We raised £2613 from the refreshments, raffle and the other stalls.



Parish Weekend at Othona

MAP "A parish weekend at Othona in June" & "To identify a venue for a silent retreat"



Almost half of the Othona party this year were making a first visit. Most arrived by minibus on Friday evening to find that the early team had sorted out rooms, sheets and rotas. There was a high demand for the yurts; previously it had just been the intrepid Mona and Ruben who braved the nocturnal badgers at close quarters, this year four out of the five yurts were slept in.

The book for the weekend was "Being Disciples – Essentials of the Christian Life" by Rowan Williams and on the first evening, before compline, we considered the words, 'You learn by sharing your life, you learn by looking and listening'.

On Saturday, Catherine led a session on Faith, Hope and Love through an Ignatian exercise. Then Tim and Alan guided us on Holiness by looking carefully at a found object: holy looking so we might see the glory of the Lord.

Swimming before lunch on Saturday was more popular than ever - bravely heralded by comments like, 'It's quite warm when you get used to it.' After lunch the ramblers set off for their 7 mile walk leaving Diana de-heading roses in the peace garden.

Sunday activities centred on the chapel of St. Peter-on-the-Wall. As we sat in the chapel waiting for services to begin, we listened to the sound of the wind blowing across the salt marshes and around the building. Inside it was peaceful and prayerful and holy. After the Holy Eucharist, we gathered outside the chapel for the annual group photograph. Then a good lunch, our thanks and goodbyes before the journey back to the Barbican.



Tea and a Tour of the London Islamic Centre, Whitechapel

MAP "To create opportunities to increase awareness and understanding of other faiths."



The invitations were being handed out near Whitechapel tube station to 'Tea and Tour'. "Please join us at the London Muslim Centre on the last Saturday of the month. Just pop by any time between 10.30am and 1.00pm. Biscuits and yummy snacks will be served alongside guided tours of the Mosque."

It seemed a good opportunity to go and find out more about our nearest Muslim neighbours. As we arrived we knew we were in the right place on the right day, men were approaching passers by inviting them into the Mosque. We sat down in a side room lined with books and were told this was the hospitality room.

A young man asked us where we were from, the two others in the group were from New Zealand - not from up the road like us. We learnt that there at 10,000 at Friday prayers although it was hard to understand how far people travel to be there. There were questions about the difference between Sunni and Shia Muslims and the reasoning for women's dress code. The site in Whitechapel also incorporates a school, a bank and a lot of offices. Building work is going on now to provide further facilities. Our guide in the Mosque spoke about his own life style and what the monotheistic faiths have in common.

Carol Services

A record number of Carol Services were held at St. Giles' this year for Schools, City Livery Companies, local businesses and the parish. The schools included the City of London School for Girls, Lady Eleanor Hollis and Charterhouse Square. The Livery Companies were the Worshipful Company of Salters and the Worshipful Company of Barbers. The local businesses included stockbrokers, Peel Hunt, an international law firm, Trowers and Hamblins, and the learning disability charity, Mencap.

On a very cold December evening local residents, members of the congregation and representatives of organisations and businesses in the area made their way to St. Giles' for the annual candlelit Parish Carol Service. The congregation joined in the singing of 'Once in Royal David's City' as the Choir, Katharine and Jennifer Smith, Superintendent Minister of Wesley's Chapel processed down the aisle. With the lit Christmas Tree behind them, members of the augmented Choir – our professional singers and others invited by Anne, the Director of Music to join them on this special occasion. There were familiar carols for the congregation to sing and lesser known ones for the choir. These were interspersed by readings telling the Christmas story and prayers led by Katharine. After the service the hospitality team were ready and waiting as members of the congregation moved to the north aisle to enjoy mulled wine or orange juice and mince pies.



Parish Meals

MAP "To practise hospitality and to eat together including PCC Supper meetings, Maundy Thursday, special Sundays and summer picnics."

Katharine hosted PCC Suppers in January and May. Not just a good meal these meetings have work to do. At the start of the calendar year the PCC reflects on the past year and plans for the next – the outcome appears as the Mission Action Plan above. In May, the first meeting after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, church officers are appointed and committees formed – see the Administrative Information below.



The Maundy Thursday Supper

On Maundy Thursday the Last Supper was remembered with a meal together in the nave followed by an informal celebration of the Eucharist. Then the lights were turned down, a psalm was read and candles placed on the altar step to light the church which remained open for private prayer and reflection.

In July a "Waste not, want not" lunch was held in the rectory garden cooked by Christine. We didn't really go foraging – although Christine picked up bruised fruit and vegetables from Ridley Road Market. Forgotten food from the back of the fridge and items past their sell were donated and Christine turned them into a feast which included a daring combination of banana and peanut butter.

Harvest was celebrated with a progressive lunch which started with canapés in the rectory, finished with puddings in the rectory and in between visited the homes of congregation members hosting main courses.

Mollie, Diana and Valerie celebrated significant birthdays with sparkling wine, delicious cakes, flowers and Happy Birthday on the grand organ.

Every Sunday after the Eucharist we gather in the South Aisle for tea, coffee and cake.

Book Fairs

MAP "Book Fairs which raise funds for charities and simultaneously encourage the public to come into St. Giles'."

For the last 33 years Beryl and David Freeman took charge of every St Giles' Book Fair. They did an amazing job and it was thanks to their dedication and wonderful work ethic, that so many of us got involved.

There were 5 Book Fairs in 2017. In March, June, August, October and November raising a total of £ 11,821.87. Dawn Runnicles was in charge for March and June and raised a huge amount, £ 2,836.40 and £ 3,649.09 respectively. All the money raised went directly to St Giles, apart from half of March's takings, which went to Judith's charity, Help 4 Hurting Children.



The co-ordinator for the August, October and November Book Fairs was Jake Kirner, our caretaker, very ably assisted by Diane Corbin and Mona. Thanks to Jake's rocket-fuelled, barista quality coffee (and often cake too), he has enlisted a motley crew of us. We may not have the knowledge and expertise that Beryl and

David brought to the table, but show us an Ian Rankin crime scene, or a Jamie Oliver cookbook, and we can talk for England! The fun, friendly chatter and camaraderie that we have is great, and friendships have been made over the pages with some of our frequent customers.

Volunteers in 2017 included Celia Marshall and Ken Thomas, who will both be sadly missed. Other volunteers included Dawn, Jake, Mona, Peter W, Peter, Simon F, Wendy E, Wendy S, Anna, Sue, Judith, Carol, Valerie, Eucalyptus, Grace K, Brigid, Leula, Eileen and Rachel F. We also have two Mother and daughter duets: Lorraine and Grace and Karen and Joyce. And one new family team of Christopher and Margaret G.

Thanks to Joyce, the Book Fair also had a write-up in the new City of London newsletter, November 22nd issue, "City Matters". Joyce wrote the piece and gave it the headline "Smiles for miles over at St Giles" which just about sums us up!

We are indebted to Katharine for her support and for putting up with our organised chaos as we pretend to know what we are doing. Apologies are given, if we have forgotten to credit any of our volunteers for 2017.

Church Attendance (Statistics for Mission)

MAP "To continue growing our service attendance with a target of 2% on an average Sunday."

Every parish must make an annual return to the Diocese reporting their "Statistics for Mission". The information required includes various measures of attendance, the age profile of the congregation, special services, regular fresh expressions of church and a steadily growing section called "Additional Focus Questions".

The data returned for St. Giles' was:-

	Average/Typical Sunday		Total Attendance	
	Under 16 years	Over 16 years	Easter Day	Christmas Eve/Day
2017	10	62	73	192
2016	12	52	88	173
2015	12	64	104	204
2014	11	60	137	193
2013	11	60	138	186
2012	12	59	98	140

Week beginning	No of Sunday Services	Adults	Under 16s	No of Weekday Services	Adults	Under 16s
1 st October	3	58	8	5	8	0
8 th October	2	56	14	3	2	0
15 th October	1	49	13	3	2	0
22 nd October	2	58	7	4	8	0

The attendance in Advent, excluding Advent Sunday and Christmas Eve, is a performance indicator introduced a few years ago and it is important for City churches hosting many carol services for schools and businesses. At St. Giles' the total number attending service during Advent was 2,269 of whom 169 went to the Parish Carol Service.

To quote the return "Churches play a special role in the community at times of celebration and sadness" and statistics are requested for baptisms, marriages and funerals. In 2017 at St. Giles' there were 2 baptisms, 5 marriages and 1 funeral.

The age profile compared with last year suggests we are all a year older. The numbers are-

Children (Age 0-10)	Young People (Age 11-17)	Adults (Age 18-69)	Adults (Age 70+)
15%	10%	45%	30%

The Additional Focus Questions introduced a measure of Social Action enquiring about the church involvement in activities like community cafés, drop in centres and night shelters. We ticked the boxes for Food Bank and Pastoral Provision.

Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

- ***St Giles' Cripplegate – The Parish Church***

Condition and Quinquennial Inspection

The Quinquennial Inspection was carried out on 17 September 2015 by Kelley Christ, the Inspecting Architect. The report noted that the church was generally well maintained and in good condition. When the roof repairs are completed all items listed as urgent will have been completed except

- i. Upgrade the electrical installation for the Church. The power circuits are probably over 50 years old and although the cables are armoured the insulation may be adversely affected by mixed types of stonework.

Other items to be completed within the Quinquennium are to be reviewed with the architect and addressed when possible.

St. Giles' participates in the Diocesan Gutter Maintenance Programme which provides for cleaning gutters and an inspection of the roofs. The inspection took place in December and identified a number of new defects. The contractor completing the roof repairs, Warren & Neale Roofing and Conservation (WNRC), will be invited to quote for remedying these defects.

Preventative Conservation Project and Workshop at St Giles'

Kelley Christ asked if we would like to have a Preventative Conservation Project at St Giles'. This would be led by Jennifer DInsmore ACR, tutor in conservation at the City and Guilds London Art School with 7 or 8 of her 2nd year students. Jennifer and Kelley have worked together before, including a very successful conservation project at Southwark Cathedral. It is a great opportunity to have expert advice and support as well as helping the students in their studies and for them to have work experience in this ancient building. St Giles' is in our care and we need to understand how we can best protect and maintain its interior for the future. We need to make sure that we are using the best products and safest methods. A date for the Workshop has been set for Thursday 8 February and invitations will be extended to other City Churches as well as our caretaker and the Cleaning Angels team.

Roof Repairs

Completion of the work to repair the roof stalled during 2017 due to difficulties with the contractor. This meant that, as repairs were incomplete, we were unable to claim the final tranche of money from the Listed Places of Worship (LPoW) roof repair scheme. However, our architect Kelley Christ subsequently identified a new contractor, WNRC, and it is expected that the outstanding work – plus some additional tasks – will have been completed by the end of March 2018.

Heating System

In May all three boilers were found to be faulty. Using parts from one boiler the engineer repaired the other two. The third boiler was repaired, the installation serviced and certified safe in time for the winter heating season. The pipes and covers continue to interrupt recordings and concerts with audible creaks, groans and clicks when cooling down.

Electrical Systems

Power failures have taken place including at a service. Fortunately it was a carol service that continued by candlelight. Causes were as apparently trivial as the BBC tea urn or an attempt to switch on all the nave lights. Recently the BBC reported a faulty twin socket outlet in the chancel floor adjacent to the south side pillar which has been taped to prevent use. A more technical description of the problems was emailed, by the BBC Engineer, to Martin Dow, of EngDesign, who has been commissioned to investigate faults and recommend enhancements to Electrical Systems at St. Giles'. Martin's initial suggestion is that faults, which can be rectified by replacing existing wiring and adding circuits, should be addressed by the electricians responsible for the 2018 EICR testing.

Sound System

Preventative maintenance by Sound Systems UK takes place twice a year. The system operates effectively and reliably although the radio microphone transmitter and one of the lapel microphones required replacement.

The Organs and Piano

There are three church organs at St Giles'. The grand organ, originally in St. Luke's, Old Street, and installed in St. Giles in 1969 with much new pipework by NP Mander, is in the west gallery. The chancel organ, built by Mander Organs in 2008, is at the east end of the north aisle. The five-stop practice organ, built by Kenneth Tickell in 2008, is in the church office attached to the church.

The grand organ has the heaviest use. Many of its parts and pipes are 18th century, and it suffers occasional mechanical problems, but we always enjoy prompt and efficient service from Mander Organs. The chancel organ requires very little maintenance and the cost of tuning it, compared with that of tuning the grand organ, is small. Fortunately the new team running the BBC Singers are now regularly using the organs in their concerts at St. Giles again; they pay to tune the organs, so we rarely have to pay for tuning ourselves. The practice organ continues to enjoy good use from student organists and it thereby earns income for the church while costing us almost nothing. It provides a vital facility for those who need a mechanical action organ available outside school/office hours.

The Steinway 'B' grand piano is in good condition.

Tower and Bells

The Archdeacon's Consent for replacement of gudgeons and bearings on three bells was granted in March and the work was completed in December. The "go" of these three bells has improved although they are still adversely affected by tower movement. Other bells, especially the fifth, are deteriorating and further work will be necessary.

Rope on the tenth and tenor bells was replaced with dynema which is ultra-strong, very light and totally non-stretch. Eliminating the stretch inherent in natural fibres makes another small improvement to the "go".

The "go" of bells also provides an informal measure of tower sway. At St. Giles' the behaviour of the bells does not indicate any deterioration since the sway surveys in 2016.

There is no formal maintenance contract but instead there is a long-standing relationship with Whites of Appleton who replaced the gudgeons. Adjusting clappers, replacing ropes and other routine work was done by our steeplekeeper, Terry.

Future Development Plans

MAP "To complete a strategic plan for improving the church building".

The PCC prioritised roof repairs, remedies for issues identified in the Quinquennial Inspection and other urgent items. It appointed a Task and Finish Group in May to develop a Strategic Plan based on a Brief approved in December 2016. Funding for the architects professional advice was granted by the City Churches Grant Committee (CCGC). Project consultancy from Allison Lyon of WE-Equals was funded by the Diocese. With Alli's help an ambitious plan was drawn up to produce a phased, costed strategic plan by January 2018.

The following areas for potential development were identified:-

- Vestry and Strong Room - to provide parish office, organ practice room, fully accessible toilets, space for the Sunday Club and flexible spaces for meetings and liturgical use.
- Nave and Chancel – an open, light and flexible space with improved lighting, power and seating.
- Organ Loft – extension of the organ loft to create a balcony on the west side to house the Music Library with further storage below to reduce the clutter in the south-west corner.
- Tower – reduce its use for storage and prepare for the possibility that the Museum of London redevelopment makes it a first choice entry point especially for visitors.
- Pits below south and north aisles – improved access and removal of the biomass boiler to provide storage.

Although the plan was not published before January 2018 considerable progress was made. The feasible proposals for the Vestry and Strong Room will be reviewed with the PCC early in 2018. Quotations for new nave and chancel furniture have been received and options for refurbishing the existing pews will be explored. A draft report making recommendations for improvements to electrical power systems has been published and it advises combining upgrades with related building work e.g. combining a circuit for catering in the tower with the extensions to the organ loft. Lighting systems that will simultaneously improve the appearance of St. Giles' and reduce our carbon footprint will be investigated in the New Year.

Security, Health & Safety and Risk Assessment

We continue to be concerned that the railings around the Columbarium and on the south side of the churchyard are potentially unsafe for small children owing to the large gaps between the railings. Last year the Rector raised this issue with our Common Councillor and the Barbican Residents Committee. This year she raised the issue with the Corporation of London Manager responsible for their Churchyard Enhancement Programme.

After the Grenfell Tower Fire we reviewed escape routes from St. Giles' and concluded that by fitting a Yale, or similar, lock to the door between vestry and office the east end escape route could be used at all times.

Annually fire extinguishers are serviced and the lightening protection tested.

Property Register and Logbook

The Property Register and Logbook were inspected by the PCC at its meeting in January and the Churchwardens confirmed that they provide an accurate terrier (a list of land belonging to the church), inventory (a list of all the items belonging to the church) and log book (a detailed record of all the alterations, additions and repairs carried out in relation to the church, its land and its contents).

Faculties

<u>DAC Reference</u>	<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
0111.03-1016a	3126	6 th . March 2017	Enhancement to St. Alphage Garden including removal of boundary hedge and reinstatement of new boundary wall; renewal of planting with increased green space; new seating and lighting and historical interpretation within paving celebrating location of former church of St. Alphage.
0111.01-0117A	List B	10 th . March 2017	Replace gudgeons and bearings on three bells viz. 8, 9 and 10 as per the costed proposal dated 31 st . October 2016 from Whites of Appleton Ltd..
0111.03-0217A	3174	25 th . April 2017	Conservation works to section of City Wall to improve presentation of site and remove it from Buildings at Risk register. Works to include re-fixing loose copings, bricks and detached stones, replacement of disrupted capping, defective bricks and consolidation of decaying stones and mortar.
0111.01-0517A	List B	19 th . May 2017	Like-for-like replacement of defective sections of the cast iron rainwater pipes. Decorations will be carried out with Dulux Trade Metalshield Satin, black to match the existing scheme, and will include descaling and redecoration of existing rainwater pipe collars where surface corrosion is evident,

Churchyard

MAP “To conclude discussions with the City of London Corporation concerning the church yard lease”

The churchyard, and a thin triangle of Glebe Land alongside the north aisle, remains on a long lease under Faculty to the City of London (subject to the right of Church use on seven days in each year), as is the fenced area surrounding the boiler room entrance; there are no other churchyard fences.

Discussions with the City of London, regarding remedying defects in the lease plan and past encroachment by the City Girls’ School development onto the leased land, will be restarted in 2018.

- ***St. Alphage Garden***

As the redevelopment project nears completion, the PCC has taken pains to ensure that the character of the garden continues to reflect its history as part of a church. The PCC has been in negotiation with the Corporation of London over the display of a commemorative plaque describing the martyrdom of St Alphege.

- ***Roscoe Street Hall (was St. Luke’s Church Centre)***

Kunstraum continue to rent the hall and to attract a steady stream of visitors.

- ***St Giles' Church Hall and Columbarium***

The Columbarium is much appreciated by the community and visited for the placing of flowers on anniversaries, birthdays, Mothering Sunday and All Souls' as well on other occasions throughout the year.

In 2017 there were few requests for the placing of ashes and one urn was added to an existing niche. Lease holders are advised that the columbarium is on a 99 year lease from the Corporation of London which is due to expire in 2063. Water penetration continues to damage stones and cause concern to relatives. We await the Corporation's project to waterproof St Giles' Terrace to rectify this ongoing problem.

Financial Review

Results & Donations

Voluntary giving to the Church has risen by 7.6% and there have been three bequests totalling £186,000.

Income exceeded outgoings by £256K (2016 a net loss of £15K) and in the main this can be attributed to grants and the bequests

The PCC had a net unrealised gain on the endowment investment of £42K (2016 net unrealised gain of £58K)

Funds, including the Endowment Fund of the Sworder Foundation, increased in value to £1,210K at 31 December 2017 (31 December 2016 £911K after inclusion of the value of a property previously excluded)

Diocesan Common Fund and Stipends

The PCC's contribution to the Common Fund for the year to 31 December 2017 was £78,300 (2016 £77,000) which was the full cost of the parish's clergy stipend, housing etc. plus a pro rata share of other diocesan costs (including its contribution to the national church).

City of London Deanery Insurance Scheme for Churches

Insurance cover with Ecclesiastical Insurance Group is provided at the direct expense of the City Churches Grant Committee of the City Parochial Foundation. This is the major insurance policy, and principally covers the church building and contents, as well as employers, public and products liabilities. The premium of £5,266 (2016 £5,216) is reflected in the statement of financial activities, both as an incoming and outgoing resource, under grants and insurance respectively. The hall in Roscoe Street is insured under the same scheme. Other insurance premiums are paid directly by the PCC.

The Cripplegate Church Sworder Foundation

The Cripplegate Church Sworder Foundation, which is a separate charity with the PCC as its Managing Trustee, holds endowments whose income is to be used primarily towards repairs and maintenance, but the underlying investments cannot be spent.

Investments included in this Endowment Fund were valued at £515K at 31 December 2017 (31 December 2016 £472K) yielding £15,500 – 3.01% (2016 £13,517 – 2.86%).

Reserves Policy

The PCC recognises its long term liability to maintain the fabric, organs, fittings and ornaments of the Church and to accumulate funds for this purpose.

With a turnover excluding exceptional receipts of approximately £250K, or £20K per month, it is PCC policy that a credit balance of some £60k is maintained to provide security of cash flow. Current reserves conform to this policy and are within an expectation of what might be needed for a three month period.

Thanks to past reserves and generous grants and legacies, recent years have seen the PCC able to afford everything thought desirable in repairs, improvements etc.

Investment Policy

The PCC hold investments in two forms; an endowment currently valued at £515K (2016 £472K) and a deposit currently valued at £299K (2016 £49K)

Monies surplus to day to day requirements are deposited in an interest earning deposit account, the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund managed by CCLA Investment Management.

The quantum of such monies, mainly as a consequence of bequests, has now reached such a level that the PCC has decided that in future, and pending any immediate financial commitments, surplus monies will be drip fed over a period in tranches of £25,000 into diversified ethical investment funds such as the CBF Church of England Investment fund managed by CCLA.

Lessees Deposit

The PCC holds a deposit of £5,000 belonging to Kunstraum Ltd, the lessee of the hall in Roscoe Street, as security against damage and/or non-payment of the rent. This money is held in a CBF Church of England Deposit Fund and, with interest, is valued at £5,028 at 31st December 2017

Publications

MAP "To promote the monthly private prayers on the website and in church publications"; "To encourage the wider community to join the regular congregation by publicity for the All Souls service, Christingle Service, Parish Carol service and "Welcome Back Sunday"; "To podcast sermons on the website";

The St. Giles' website is the principal record of parish activities and events. Its copy was the source for much of this report. It is used to advertise future events and provides essential information to parishioners and visitors. Similar information can be found on the display panels at the back of the church. Formal notices of meetings and faculties appear on the notice board outside the north door. There were no new publications this year, but the new church guide has proved very popular.

Leaflets for Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter activities were again published and distributed throughout the parish. The monthly private prayer sheet is now on the website and paper copies available in church.

We are grateful to graphic designer Gill Thomas for her help with design and for colour printing by Linklater's and Wesley's Chapel.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who give so generously of their time and skill.

- The PCC, especially the Churchwardens and Treasurer
- The parents who run the Sunday Club – : Rachel Free, Louise Ketley, Dave Archer, Laura Bartle, Wayne Head, Jennifer Mernagh, Louise Watson and Chris Moore. We are glad of Elvi and Daniel's help in working with the younger children
- The "Rota participants for Sunday Parish Eucharist" too numerous to list, without whom we could not cope.
- Parishioners who welcome and guide our many visitors.
- The Cleaning Angels, who do so much to ensure our Church always looks its best and who make it shine on feast days and other important occasions.
- Notices on Display Panels, Boards and Email - Diana Morgan Gray, John Marshall and Diane Corbin.
- All involved with the Book Fairs, donating and selling books – see report on Pages 16 & 17.
- Finance Team and money-counters - Mona Henshall and David Freeman.
- Payroll and Pensions – Tim Middleton
- Othona Planning Team – Tim Macer, Alan Taylor, Diana Morgan Gray and others
- Emergency caretakers who lock, unlock and staff the church
- The bell ringers and the Steeplekeeper, Terry Streeter.
- The singers who join the regular quartet for special services or repertoire.
- The IT Support Team -Tim Middleton, Gwen Rogers and Geoffrey Rivett
- The website and social media team of Brian Solomons, Tim Middleton, Diana Morgan Gray and Diane Corbin.

Leavers

Jennie Hogan



Jennie Hogan was with us for six years as SSM. She came to us as Chaplain at Goodenough College, a postgraduate residential college for students from all over the world. Jennie enjoyed the contrast between her weekly ministry and being with us on Sundays. In spite of many commitments, she joined us on occasions for PCC meetings and supper meetings, did hospital visiting and invited the congregation back to Goodenough for a barbecue.

Always looking for challenges, Jennie decided to write a book reflecting theologically on her experience of brain surgery. 'This is my body: a story of sickness and health' was published by Canterbury Press in November 2017. (The book is dedicated to her parents, Pamela and John, who we got to know when they came to London on family visits.) She also started intensive training in psychotherapy at Westminster Pastoral Foundation. Jennie realised she had too many demands on her time and stepped down at the end of January. At her request, we presented her with a very nice fountain pen – useful for book signings.

We hope to continue our link with Jennie and her partner Amy and see them from time to time at St Giles'.

Diane Corbin Parish Bookkeeper/Administrator 2004 – 2017

Diane came to us after working for eight years as a genealogy researcher, and prior to that as a personal assistant. We needed her financial skills as a bookkeeper and her organisational skills to run the parish office. Looking back Diane remarks that no two days have been the same. 'You never know what is going to happen or who is going to come through the door. That is what has made the job interesting.'

We tend to think of Diane sitting at her keyboard behind her desk, but she has also been our front-of-house person meeting concert organisers, teams planning carol services, theatre directors – and the bride's mother! She can probably do a tour of the church with her eyes shut, pointing out the power sockets, places for performers to change and the best locations for caterers' equipment. She knows a lot of people – if not in person, as a voice at the end of the phone; from the BBC to music students launching their careers, clerks of livery companies and undertakers, members of the congregation and sales staff trying to sell us products we don't need.



Brianna was born in 2007 and Ben in 2009. Apart from these two breaks for maternity leave, Diane has been a consistently calm presence in the office. Always conscientious, she would arrive early for work and often stay on later in the afternoon. Her original 15 hours were extended to 20 when we realised the advantage of having the office staffed every day. Diane agreed to this, although it suited us more than it suited her. She has worked with four treasurers and numerous churchwardens. She and our former caretaker Perry were firm friends and colleagues. It was moving to see her walk behind his coffin at his funeral.

Diane remembered birthdays and was kind to callers who might need a cup of tea. We are grateful to all that she did to rise to new challenges and promote St Giles' as a welcoming church.

A significant birthday prompted Diane to make changes in her life, one of which was to move from part time to full time work. We wish her and her family happiness and success as she pursues her new career in Customer Relations.

Catherine Shelley

Catherine Shelley was looking for a short-term Sunday placement as she made the transition from being an ecclesiastical lawyer with Lee Bolton Monier-Williams to parish ministry, where she felt her heart was. We waited month by month as she was short-listed for jobs, delighting with her when, in the late autumn, she was appointed Vicar of St Edward's Motttingham. We said goodbye to her in November and members of the congregation were able to go her induction. Not everyone goes for an early-morning run at Othona – but Catherine did; not everyone can explain the finer points of church law in simple terms – but Catherine can; not everyone could carry on with a story sermon (complete with dressing up) when there is only one child in the congregation – but Catherine could. We wish her every happiness in returning to being a full-time priest.



Tim and Alan

After a number of years to-ing and fro-ing between Lanzarote and the Barbican, in 2017 Tim Macer and Alan Taylor made the decision to make their home permanently in Lanzarote. They did a big clear out of the flat to



the benefit of both book fairs and give-and-take days before leaving in early October. There had been many changes in their lives over the 14 years they were based in the Barbican: houses in Hazelmere and Rugby; Alan completing his Phd and joining the teaching staff of Coventry University; the celebration of their civil partnership with pizza and then Scottish dancing in church.

Great fun, easy to talk to and willing to join in with most things – from leading prayers to moving

chairs, they played an important part in the life of the parish. We shall miss them especially in Holy Week which they always made a point of spending at St Giles'. From behind-the scenes planning for Palm Sunday; Maundy Thursday hospitality; the vigil on Good Friday and setting the church up for Easter Day. They were also early enthusiasts of Othona and would be part of the planning and leading of the weekend. No matter how hot the day, or the threat of rain, their Saturday afternoon walk became part of the tradition.

They write that they aim to live more simply now they are in Lanzarote. We wish them a simple, sunny change of way of life there.



Obituaries

Celia Marshall



A large congregation gathered in church for Celia's funeral. Family and friends had made long journeys, as well as many friends and former colleagues from Islington where John and Celia lived, worked and entertained for more than thirty years. We welcomed members of St James' Prebend Street and St Botolph's, Bishopsgate as well as St Giles'. Revs Evan Jones, Christopher Cawrse and Justin Gau led the service with Katharine; goddaughter Emma did the reading.

The order of service had this photo of Celia wearing her Carnaby Street cap purchased in 1963. 'Celia worked for a Knightsbridge management consultancy. Although her day job was concerned with administration Celia was always alert to current cultural signposts, as that which lead her to the iconic tweed cap that remained her signature headgear for more than 50 years.'

Many remembered Celia for her warmth and ready welcome, "Come you in". 'Celia was a good listener and always had time for those who needed to talk so she heard – and kept – many confidences. And there was always a cup of tea, sometimes a glass of wine to lift the spirits.'

Celia had two ambitions: one to own a red sofa, the other to live in the Barbican.

In the months after her stroke we visited her in the sunny flat with its views out over St Paul's. John nursed her with great love. We knew that Celia was with us, she followed conversations and would laugh, say

the odd word and join in the Lord's Prayer. It is a tribute to her and John's kindness and gift for friendship that to the end she had so many visitors.

Lena McLuskey

Lena came to St Giles' via St Mary Moorfield a number of years ago. Her childhood was spent in Portugal and she came to London as a young adult. She didn't tell us much about her past, we know that she had to work hard for a living, a discipline she maintained all her life. She was conditionally baptised at St Giles' in November 2009; it was fitting that the beginning and end of her Christian journey took place in the same place.

We remember Lena's arriving in church on a Sunday morning. It didn't matter at what stage of the service we were at, Lena's ritual was to light candles for the people who were important to her. Her money would clatter into the box – even in the quiet bits. She was a kind friend to many and would bring us bags of fruit and remember birthdays.

Her friends who had visited her over the past weeks in hospital, and then St Joseph's hospice were at the funeral. The afternoon that she died several of us were able to visit her. She died in the company of her faithful friend Doris, her daughter Maria and Leula. May she rest in peace.



Ken Thomas.

Dorothy writes, he was born in Milford Haven, Wales in 1934. His loving family were committed Methodists where singing was important. Ken loved singing and playing football. At 16 he joined the army becoming an Engineer and Sergeant Major. In civilian life he was a quantity surveyor working on big projects for British Rail and London Councils.

In 1995 Ken and I met and I was impressed by his fine baritone voice. We married a year later with a glorious service of blessing at St Giles' Church.

Ken became mentally ill in 1998; it was many years before he was better. Our weekly services at St Giles help us mentally, physically and spiritually. Singing was the best therapy. In later years Ken was honoured to sing a solo when the choir was on holiday. He always helped at the book fairs and with fundraising for the Children's Society. He was a patient at Moorfields Eye Hospital and did a sponsored 4 mile walk at the age of 80.

For the last 10 years Ken was a Manager and elected Governor of Oxleas Mental Health Service. All this was voluntary work.

Ken's sight deteriorated; he knew he was going blind which frightened him. On 20th December 2017 we drove to a country shop to buy chocolate treats. We had fun. The next day he was taken to hospital. The doctors could do nothing except keep him pain free. He died in the evening. He is greatly missed.



STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Giles' Cripplegate the membership of the PCC consists of the Rector, up to four churchwardens and elected/co-opted members. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The Churchwardens Measure 2001 provides for annual election of churchwardens

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be raised and spent. All are deemed to be "Fit and Proper Persons" under the terms of the Finance Act 2010 and are not disqualified from being a charity trustee under the terms of the Charities Act 2011.

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, in relation to having due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. Online Safeguarding training is offered to all PCC members.

PCC members are encouraged to attend Diocesan Training Events and to access documentation on the Parish Resources website (www.parishresources.org.uk) including "Trusteeship – An Introduction for PCC Members" and PCC Governance. Electronic copies of PCC minutes and reports, dating back to 2007, are accessible by all PCC members.

The PCC has met on five occasions since the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), in April 2016, and three times prior to the APCM. Two were informal meetings held over supper. The average level of attendance was 68%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly, minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Administrative information

St. Giles' is the Ward Church of Cripplegate Ward. The PCC is also known as St. Giles' Cripplegate PCC, or the PCC of St. Giles' Cripplegate with St. Luke Old St.

Diocese: London
Archdeaconry: Archdeaconry of London
Deanery: The City

Charity No: 1138077

Location: St Giles Cripplegate Church, Fore Street, Barbican, London EC2Y 8DA.

Postal Address: St Giles' Rectory, 4 The Postern, London EC2Y 8BJ.

Church/Parish Office Telephone: 0207 638 1997
Email: admin@stgilescripplegate.com

Bank: Natwest plc
Bank Account Name: St Giles' Cripplegate Church
Account Number: 46985867
Sort Code: 56-00-23

Parish Administrator:	Diane Corbin
Caretaker:	Jake Kirner
Director of Music:	Anne Marsden Thomas
Children's Champion:	Rachel Free
Church Safeguarding Officer:	Mark Hunter
Disclosure and Barring Service Evidence Checker	Wendy Ellis
Champion for Vulnerable People	Diana Morgan Gray
Safety Officer:	Tim Middleton
Data Protection Compliance Officer	Lorraine Mullins
Electoral Roll Officer:	Penelope Sharpe
Stewardship Recorder	Malcolm Waters
Independent Examiner:	Revd. Alan Clements
Quinquennial Inspector/ Church Architect	Kelley Christ (A&RME architects)
Legal Advice	Travers Smith LLP. The PCC are grateful for the advice and assistance received from Travers Smith on a fee-free basis as part of their charitable pro-bono commitment.

In accordance with the Charities Act 2006, the PCC was notified by the Charity Commission on 16th September 2010 that it had been registered as charity number 1138077.

Churchwardens

The role of a churchwarden is described on the London Diocesan website at <http://www.london.anglican.org/kb/churchwardens/>. The website description finishes with "Churchwardens are not expected to do everything above themselves, but to make sure that there are other people available to carry out the various tasks." At St. Giles' the "other people" include the PCC and its committees, working groups, task & finish groups, church officers, the parish administrator, the caretaker, professional advisors and the many volunteers.

PCC Members

During 2017 the following have served as members of the PCC; they are either ex officio under the Governing Documents, or elected by the APCM, or co-opted, in accordance with the Church Representation Rules:-

Ex officio

Rector	Reverend Katharine Rumens *	Ex officio Chair
SSM	Reverend Jennie Hogan	licensed May 2012 Retired May 2017
	Reverend Catherine Shelley	May to November 2017

Churchwarden elected April 2015 and re-elected annually.
Tim Middleton *

Churchwarden elected April 2016 and re-elected annually.
Lorraine Mullins * Lay Vice Chair

Elected Members

Until APCM 2018

Mona Henshall
Penelope Sharpe
Wendy Ellis
Diana Morgan Gray

Until APCM 2019

One vacancy
Vivian Elliot
Mark Hunter
John Bryden * Treasurer

Until APCM 2020

Kathryn Elsby
David Freeman * Assistant Treasurer
Anne Marsden Thomas * Assistant Secretary
Catherine Urquhart

Ex officio as Deanery Synod Representatives until 31-May-2020

Gwen Rogers * Secretary
Daniel Gerring

Ex officio as representatives of Cripplegate Ward

Alderman David Graves
Two vacancies

Sidney Lock, Simon Freeman and Alasdair Anderson retired at the APCM 2017.

PCC Committees and Working Groups

• **Standing Committee**

The PCC Standing Committee [members marked * above] has power to transact the business of the Council between the meetings thereof, subject to any directions given by the Council, and reports back to every meeting of the Council. Each of the other committees and groups [Worship and Liturgy, Stewardship, Parish Rate, St. Luke's Church Centre Redevelopment, Church Roof and Strategic Plan] advises the PCC within the area of activity implied by its title, but has no delegated powers as such.

- **Worship and Liturgy Committee**

David Freeman, Daniel Gerring, Amanda Gibbon, Diana Morgan Gray, Mona Henshall, Revd. Katharine Rumens (chair) and Anne Marsden Thomas (minutes).

- **Stewardship Committee**

John Marshall, Catherine Urqhart and Malcolm Waters (Stewardship Officer)

- **Parish Rate Committee**

Tim Middleton, Lorraine Mullins, Catherine Urqhart and Diane Corbin (Parish Administrator)

PCC Task & Finish Groups

As implied by the name these groups are formed to complete a specific project and disband when it is completed.

- **St. Luke's Church Centre Redevelopment Task & Finish Group**

Katharine Rumens, Lorraine Mullins and Daniel Gerring.

- **Church Roof Task & Finish Group**

Tim Middleton, David Freeman, Jake Kirner (the Caretaker) and Kelley Christ (Church Architect)

- **Strategic Plan Task & Finish Group**

Katharine Rumens, Lorraine Mullin, Daniel Gerring, Wendy Ellis, Gwen Rogers and Kelley Christ (Church Architect)

Approved by the PCC on 19th. March 2018 and signed on their behalf by:

**Revd. Katharine Rumens
Rector**

SOURCE & APPLICATION OF FUNDS	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
		£	£	£	2017 £	2016 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary income - direct giving	1(i)	87,980	3,233	-	91,213	84,783
Legacies & bequests	1(ii)	186,121	204	-	186,325	5,000
Voluntary income - other	1(iii)	35,248	25,690	-	60,938	55,156
Gross income from events and activities	1(iv)	101,407	-	-	101,407	78,085
Income from investments	1(v)	15,735	-	-	15,735	13,753
Other incoming resources	1(vi)	13,758	1,627	-	15,385	16,158
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		440,249	30,754	-	471,003	252,935
RESOURCES USED						
Grants & donations	2(i)	180	1,831	-	2,011	12,854
Activities relating to the work of the Church	2(ii)	163,269	20,708	-	183,977	227,424
Church management & administration	2(iii)	28,732	-	-	28,732	28,199
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		192,181	22,539	-	214,720	268,477
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		248,068	8,215	-	256,283	15,541
Unrealised gains (losses) on investments		-	-	42,411	42,411	58,031
Investment during the year		165		165	-	-
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS		247,904	8,215	42,575	298,694	42,490
Balances brought forward at 1st January		438,479	-	472,541	911,020	868,530
BALANCES CARRIED FWD AT 31st DECEMBER		686,383	8,215	515,116	1,209,714	911,020

The statement of accounting policies, and the notes, form an integral part of these financial statements. The results for the year stated above arise solely from continuing activities

BALANCE SHEET	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL FUNDS	
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2017	2016
		£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible fixed assets	5	350,200	-	-	350,200	357,034
Investment assets	6	-	-	515,117	515,117	472,541
		350,200	-	515,117	865,317	829,575
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	7	25,149	3,142	-	28,291	26,098
Cash at bank and in hand	8	326,951	5,073	-	332,024	62,847
		352,100	8,215	-	360,315	88,945
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Creditors: amounts falling due within one yr	9	(15,918)	-	-	(15,918)	(7,501)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		336,182	8,215	-	344,397	81,444
PROVISIONS						
Liabilities and charges falling due within one yr	10	-	-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS		686,382	8,215	515,117	1,209,714	911,020
FUNDS						
Unrestricted		686,382	-	-	686,382	438,479
Restricted		-	8,215	-	8,215	-
Endowment		-	-	515,117	515,117	472,541
	11 & 12	686,382	8,215	515,117	1,209,714	911,020

The financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:

Rev Katharine Rumens
Rector

Church Warden

Date

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	£	£	2017 £	2016 £
1 INCOMING RESOURCES				
(i) Voluntary income - direct giving				
Gift aid	59,461	3,233	62,694	59,531
Income tax recoverable	17,596	-	17,596	15,826
Wall safe donations	2,170	-	2,170	1,590
Open plate collections	8,753	-	8,753	7,835
	87,980	3,233	91,213	84,783
(ii) Legacies and bequests				
Bequests	186,121	204	186,325	5,000
	186,121	204	186,325	5,000
(iii) Voluntary income - other				
Grants				
Friends of St Giles	-	-	-	2,265
City Churches Grants Committee		10,000	10,000	-
Ancient Society of College Youths	-	3,464	3,464	2,627
Listed Places of Worship	5,354		5,354	8,190
Deanery Grant for insurance	-	5,846	5,846	5,800
National Heritage Memorial Fund	-	6,380	6,380	22,330
Licencing an adjoining development	-		-	5,000
City Burial Ground Fund	2,250	-	2,250	1,000
Donations	5,153	-	5,153	4,645
Parish rate	16,877	-	16,877	2,480
Other income	5,614		5,614	818
	35,248	25,690	60,938	55,156

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Contd

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	£	£	2017 £	2016 £
1 INCOMING RESOURCES Contd				
(iv) Gross income from events and activities				
Church lettings	47,819	-	47,819	33,839
Columbarium	1,233	-	1,233	2,181
Bookstall	1,122	-	1,122	1,896
Music	3,162	-	3,162	2,932
Special services	19,928	-	19,928	13,803
Weddings and funerals	8,143	-	8,143	8,418
Roscoe Street hall income	20,000	-	20,000	15,017
	<u>101,407</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>101,407</u>	<u>78,085</u>
(v) Income from investments				
Dividends	15,393	-	15,393	13,001
Interest	342	-	342	753
	<u>15,735</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,735</u>	<u>13,753</u>
(vi) Other incoming resources				
Refreshments	952	-	952	953
Book fairs	10,194	1,627	11,821	13,017
Events, Fetes etc	2,612	-	2,612	2,188
	<u>13,758</u>	<u>1,627</u>	<u>15,385</u>	<u>16,158</u>
1 TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>440,249</u>	<u>30,754</u>	<u>471,003</u>	<u>252,935</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Contd

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	£	£	2017 £	2016 £
2 RESOURCES USED				
(i) Grants and donations				
Missionary and charitable giving				
Help 4 Hurting Children	-	1,418	1,418	6,262
The Children's Society	-	204	204	90
Christian Aid	-	209	209	6,322
Plan International	180	-	180	180
	180	1,831	2,011	12,854
(ii) Activities relating to the work of the Church				
Ministry:				
Diocesan common fund	78,300	-	78,300	77,000
Diocesan parochial fees	1,063	-	1,063	1,555
Clergy expenses	1,305	-	1,305	1,194
Rectory costs	249	-	249	118
Church running costs:				
Heating, lighting and water	6,824	-	6,824	7,800
Furniture & equipment	-	-	-	70
Insurance	1,288	5,265	6,553	6,606
Major repairs and restoration	1,253	11,307	12,560	52,854
Maintenance	12,948	322	13,270	14,588
Caretaker wages and oncosts	16,079	-	16,079	15,657

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Contd

2 RESOURCES USED Contd

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	£	£	2017 £	2016 £
(ii) Activities relating to the work of the Church Contd				
Music:				
Director of Music remuneration	8,732	-	8,732	8,577
Choir remuneration	13,087	-	13,087	12,853
Honorarium	-	3,233	3,233	3,175
Organ tuning & maintenance	2,246	-	2,246	909
Music scores, books & licence	167	-	167	113
Services:				
Church	1,715	-	1,715	1,959
Special	8,504	-	8,504	5,917
Weddings and funerals	3,828	-	3,828	4,883
Church lettings	3,182	-	3,182	1,902
Columbarium	591	-	591	962
Bookstall	76	-	76	662
Leaflets & guides	1,001	-	1,001	1,923
Roscoe Street hall				
Maintenance	-	-	-	149
Letting	-	-	-	4,200
Other including insurance	-	581	581	949
Events	19	-	19	44
Other Expenses	812	-	812	801
	<u>163,269</u>	<u>20,708</u>	<u>183,977</u>	<u>227,424</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Contd

2 RESOURCES USED Contd	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	£	£	2017 £	2016 £
(iii) Church management and administration				
Bkkper/Administrator salary, oncosts	18,643		18,643	18,651
Printing, stationery and postage	938	-	938	505
Telephone, fax and email	663	-	663	605
Website & internet connections	684	-	684	695
Accounting expenses	243	-	243	417
Independent Examiners Fees	163		163	-
Bank charges and interest	563	-	563	493
Depreciation	6,835	-	6,835	6,834
	<u>28,732</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,732</u>	<u>28,199</u>
2 TOTAL RESOURCES USED	192,181	22,539	214,720	268,477

3 STAFF COSTS

Salaries and wages		31,304	33,828
Social security costs		-	480
Pension Costs		3,418	
		<u>34,722</u>	<u>34,308</u>

During the year the PCC employed a Bookkeeper/Administrator and a Caretaker/Verger (2016 - the same)

4 PCC MEMBERS' COSTS

(i) PCC members received fees for services rendered as follows:

Anne Marsden Thomas, Director of Music	13,513	12,686
Penny Sharpe, Choir Member	4,483	4,648
	<u>17,996</u>	<u>17,334</u>

(ii) Katharine Rumens, Rector, was reimbursed for clergy expenses of £1,305 (2016 £1,194)

(iii) PCC members contributed £23,257 to Voluntary income - direct giving

(iv) There were no other disclosable transactions in respect of PCC members, persons closely connected with them or other related parties.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Contd

	TOTAL FUNDS	
	2017 £	2016 £
5 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		
Property		
Hall in Roscoe Street at deemed cost 1st January 2015	350,000	350,000
Computers & Office Equipment:		
Cost at 1 January	600	874
Additions	-	600
Disposals	-	874
Cost at 31 December	600	600
Depreciation at 1 January	200	874
Disposals	-	874
Charge for the year	200	200
Depreciation at 31 December	400	200
Net book value at 31 December	200	400
Furniture & Equipment		
Cost at 1 January	26,538	28,804
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	2,266
Cost at 31 December	26,538	26,538
Depreciation at 1 January	19,904	15,535
Disposals	-	2,266
Charge for the year	6,634	6,634
Depreciation at 31 December	26,538	19,904
Net book value at 31 December	0	6,635
Total Net book value at 31 December 2017	350,200	357,034

The hall in Roscoe Street, vested in the London Diocesan Fund as Custodian Trustee and for which the PCC is the Managing Trustee, has previously been excluded from these accounts. It is currently let commercially at a rent of £20,000 per annum. To comply with the current Charity Commission Reporting Standards (FRS102) it must now be included. It has been reasoned on the basis of a current valuation that its value three years ago was £350,000. Therefore it has been revalued to 'fair value' as at 1 January, 2015 which is the deemed historical cost under FRS115 transitional provisions.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Contd

6 INVESTMENT ASSETS

	Funds
Market value at 31 December 2016	472,541
Investment during the year	165
Unrealised gain on revaluation	42,411
Market value at 31 December 2017	<u>515,117</u>

The endowment funds represent permanent endowment investments held within the Cripplegate Church Sworder Foundation for which the London Diocesan Fund acts as the Custodian Trustee and the PCC as the Managing Trustee. The capital is subject to restriction on its use and is governed by the objects of the Foundation as indicated in the Charity Commission Scheme of 21 January 1992. There is no power to convert capital into income and the capital is held permanently although the constituent investments may change over time

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2017 £	2016 £
7 DEBTORS				
Prepayments and accrued income	12,656	3,142	15,798	15,888
Other	12,493		12,493	10,210
	<u>25,149</u>	<u>3,142</u>	<u>28,291</u>	<u>26,098</u>
8 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND				
Current account	26,001	5,073	31,074	13,099
Deposit accounts				
General	299,745		299,745	49,484
Credit Union	1,000		1,000	-
Rector's expenses float	200		200	200
Petty cash	5		5	64
	<u>326,951</u>	<u>5,073</u>	<u>332,024</u>	<u>62,847</u>
9 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
Accruals and deferred income			13,775	6,264
Trade creditors			2,143	1,237
			<u>15,918</u>	<u>7,501</u>
10 PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				

There were no liabilities or provisions required at the end of December 2017 and 2016

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Contd	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL
11 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND	£	£	£	£
Investment assets	-	-	515,117	515,117
Fixed assets	350,200	-	-	350,200
Current assets	352,100	8,215	-	360,315
Current liabilities	(15,918)	-	-	(15,918)
Fund Balances at 31 December 2017	686,382	8,215	515,117	1,209,714
Fund Balances at 31 December 2016	438,479	-	472,541	911,020

12 MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS

	Opening Balances	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Gain	Fund Transfers	Closing Balances
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted (including designated)						
General purposes	438,479	440,249	(192,181)	0	(165)	686,383
	438,479	440,249	(192,181)	0	(165)	686,383
Restricted						
Repairs & restoration	0	19,844	(11,629)	0	0	8,215
Charity Donations	0	1,831	(1,831)	0	0	0
Insurance	0	5,846	(5,846)	0	0	0
Honorarium	0	3,233	(3,233)	0	0	0
	0	30,754	(22,539)	0	0	8,215
Endowment						
Investments Cripplegate Church Sworder Foundation	472,541	0	0	42,411	165	515,116
Totals at 31 Dec 2017	911,020	471,003	(214,720)	42,411	0	1,209,714
Totals at 31 Dec 2016	868,530	252,935	(268,477)	58,031	0	911,019

13 CONTINGENCIES There are no contingent liabilities of a material amount for which provision has not been made

14 GUARANTEES No guarantees or charges on any of the assets in the balance sheet have been given.

15 COMMITMENTS There are no other commitments for future expenditure other than those disclosed in the accounts, neither are there any forward commitments or other outstanding contracts which are expected to result in losses which should have been provided for in these accounts

16 CASH FLOWS There is no requirement to publish a cash flow statement.

Accounting Policies

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body or those of groups that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the 5th Edition of “PCC Accountability, The Charities Act 2011 and the PCC, incorporating SORP 2015” published in 2017

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investment assets.

Funds

Funds are classified between unrestricted, restricted and endowment to indicate the legal constraints, and the consequent degree of flexibility which the PCC has, on using the incoming resources that gave rise to the funds.

- *Unrestricted Funds* comprise funds that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use, and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. They include funds designated by the PCC for specific purposes.
- *Restricted Funds* comprise funds which are subject to specific conditions or trusts, imposed by the donor or the terms of a specific appeal, and are binding on the PCC. The restriction may be on income or capital or both.
- *Endowment Funds* comprise funds where there is no power to convert capital into income. The funds are held permanently and cannot be utilised for other purposes, although the constituent assets may change over time.

Volunteers

The monetary value of volunteer time as this cannot be accurately quantified because the number of hours and value per hour is indeterminate.

Incoming Resources

Income is accounted for on the accruals basis except where noted below.

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are accounted for on receipt by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving under gift aid is accounted for on receipt, and tax recoverable is recognised when the related recovery has been received.

Grants, legacies and donations receivable are allocated to the relevant fund according to any restrictions placed upon their use. Grants and legacies are accounted for when they become due, and are included as debtors at the balance sheet date where:

- the PCC is certain of its entitlement and any pre-conditions have been complied with;
- it is reasonably certain that the grant or legacy will be received within a reasonable time span;
- the amount to which the PCC is entitled, and which will be received, can be reliably measured.

Income from investments

Dividends, interest and any related tax recoveries are accounted for on receipt, except where the amounts due at the balance sheet date cannot be reliably quantified.

Resources used

Expenditure is accounted for on the accruals basis except where noted below.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are accounted for on payment, or when awarded if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities relating to the work of the Church

The contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund is accounted for when it becomes payable, and any amount outstanding at the balance sheet date is included as an operational, though not legal, liability.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains and losses are recognised on the disposal of investments, and unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on the revaluation of investments at the balance sheet date.

Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings, and moveable church furnishings etc.

Consecrated and benefice property is excluded from the accounts by section 10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is attributed in these accounts to –

- the fabric of St. Giles' church and the churchyard which are vested in the Rector;
- the former churchyard of St. Alphage, London Wall (which is laid out as a public open space in St. Alphage Garden) which is on a long lease from the City Corporation and was registered in the name of the Rector during 2010; the value of which is undetermined at the present time.
- the former St. Giles' Church Hall adjacent to St. Giles' church, which is on a long lease from the City Corporation to the PCC (vested in the LDF as custodian trustee); it is underlet to LDF and sub-under-let to and occupied by Newpark Nursery. However the final form of each of these leases remains under negotiation and there are issues of boundaries needing to be rectified, so the PCC is unable at present to value this asset. The adjacent Columbarium remains under PCC control.

No value is placed on:

- Moveable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property.

All expenditure incurred on consecrated or benefice property, and moveable church furnishings, whether on repairs, restoration, improvement or maintenance, is charged to the statement of financial activities and separately disclosed.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets above a cost value of £100 are capitalised, and depreciation is provided to write off the original cost by equal annual instalments as follows:

- Plant, machinery, fixtures and fittings - 4 years
- Computers and office equipment - 3 years

Other items are expensed on acquisition.

Investment assets

Investments are revalued annually at market value at the balance sheet date.

(a) Current assets

Amounts owing at the balance sheet date are shown as debtors in the balance sheet, less provision for any debts that may prove to be uncollectable.

(b) Liabilities

Current liabilities, being those payable within one year of the balance sheet date, are separately disclosed in the balance sheet from non-current liabilities and provisions for liabilities and charges

**Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the members of the P.C.C.
of
St. Giles' Cripplegate**

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Respective responsibilities of the P.C.C. and the examiner.

The P.C.C. members acting as the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011(the Charities 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
Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the guidance published in PCC Accountability (The Charities Act 2011 and the P.C.C., 5th edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed.

Date

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