

Parish of Abingdon-on-Thames
Treasurer's Report on the Accounts for the Year Ended 31st
December 2018

The consolidated accounts of the Parish of Abingdon-on-Thames for 2018 incorporate the accounts of the three separate churches that make up the Parish; St. Helen's, St. Michael's and St. Nicolas'.

The Parish owns two freehold properties, as noted elsewhere in the Annual Report; these are the Parish Centre and the House for Duty property purchased during 2015. Both are beneficially owned by the Parish of Abingdon-on-Thames (legal title is held by Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Ltd. as custodian trustees on behalf of the Parish). The two properties are shown in the balance sheet as Tangible Fixed Assets and are held for the mission of the church. As such, their value is not available to support ongoing expenditure. No new sales or purchases of property by the PCC took place during 2018.

The accounts for 2018 show a deficit on unrestricted funds of £19,108 before gains on investments and transfers between funds. The corresponding deficit in 2017 was £11,743. When grants and legacies are excluded, the net unrestricted income of the Parish fell 2.5% from £276,190 in 2017 to £269,365. However, unrestricted grants and legacies almost doubled to £17,884 (2017: £8,292), and unrestricted income as a whole increased 1% to £287,249 from £284,482. Giving and collections made up some 82% of the net recurrent income, but fell slightly from £222,011 in 2017 to £221,670.

Unrestricted expenditure, excluding freehold depreciation, increased by 3.4% to £303,357 from £294,225 in 2017, although when major repairs and renewals are excluded, other expenditure fell by 1.2% to £282,962 (2017: £286,433). The Parish Share, net of the Deanery Share rebate, accounted for 52% of this expenditure, and rose from £143,476 in 2017 to £146,821. The increase would have been more but for an increased Deanery rebate for 2018.

The deficit in 2018 seems to result from an increase in non-recurrent expenditure, and the overall recurrent voluntary income seems to be stable. Even so, both St Michael's and St. Nicolas showed a decline in recurrent voluntary income of the order of 5%, and both churches have again presented deficit budgets for 2019, so each DCC must keep in mind the need to work towards restoring balanced budgets.

Investments and reserves

During 2018 the Parish investments showed unrealised losses of £7,774 (2017: gain of £22,239) or 2% of the initial total. Of this 58% was attributable to the unrestricted funds, which at the year-end made up 54% of the total of £384,433. Apart from one small historic fund, all investment funds are invested with the CBF and COIF funds, and it is the policy of the PCC that unused fund balances are invested with the CBF Church of England funds.

The PCC is required to operate on a going concern basis, and considers that each church should aim to maintain a minimum reserve of two months expenditure in hand against contingencies, together with a reserve, appropriate to each church, to cover the future demands of building maintenance.

The accounts show total funds at the year-end of £1,240,580. Restricted and Endowment funds account for £217,586 and £238,670 of this total respectively. We define the reserves as the total of general unrestricted funds excluding designated funds and fixed assets. The following table shows the distribution of unrestricted funds between these categories and between the churches.

	General Reserves	Designated Funds	Fixed Assets	Total Funds
St Helen's	100,964	24,162	383,552	508,678
St Michael's	204,027	2,822	0	206,849
St Nicolas	33,347	30,524	3,815	67,686
PCC		1,111		1,111
Totals	338,338	58,619	387,367	784,324

The reserves shown above satisfy the minimum criteria, and current budgetary projections are that this will be maintained throughout 2018. The lowest reserve is held by St. Nicolas, but here restricted funds of £63,448 are available for the demands of church maintenance. In the first instance it is for each DCC to formulate plans for the future use of any excess funds; the PCC will keep these matters under review.

Andrew R. Birks
March 2019

PARISH of ABINGDON-ON-THAMES
CONSOLIDATED CHURCH ACCOUNTS 2018

	Unrestricted				Restricted and Endowment						Parish Total
	St. Helen's	St. Michael's	St. Nicolas'	Consolid- ation	Total	St. Helen's	St. Michael's	St. Nicolas'	Consolid- ation	Total	
Income											
Giving and Collections	141,490	35,508	44,671	0	221,669	1,441	500	14,534		16,475	238,144
Legacies and Grants	6,947	4,824	6,113	0	17,884	25,500	0	3,000		28,500	46,384
Investments and Rent	515	7,811	1,555	0	9,881	4,747	10	1,409	0	6,166	16,047
Income from Church Activities	15,467	7,143	540		23,150	0	0	0		0	23,150
Activities for Generating Funds	12,061	3,714	5,102	-6,513	14,364	2,580	0	0	0	2,580	16,944
Other Incoming Resources	0	0	300		300	0	0	0		0	300
Total Income	176,480	59,000	58,281	-6,513	287,248	34,268	510	18,943	0	53,721	340,969
Expenditure											
Fund-raising Costs	2,250	0	1,973		4,223	2,022	0	0		2,022	6,245
Grants	7,326	3,788	554		11,668	0	0	624		624	12,292
Parish Share (Note a)	79,798	34,704	32,382		146,884					0	146,884
Running the Church	81,066	36,638	28,169	-6,513	139,360	18,992	1,445	78,689		99,126	238,486
Governance Costs	1,560	1,580	1,080		4,220	0	0	0		0	4,220
Total Expenditure	172,000	76,710	64,158	-6,513	306,355	21,014	1,445	79,313	0	101,772	408,127
Net Surplus (after depreciation)	4,480	-17,710	-5,877	0	-19,107	13,254	-935	-60,370	0	-48,051	-67,158
Gains on investments	-62	-3,609	-880	0	-4,551	-2,069	-229	-926	0	-3,224	-7,775
Transfers between funds	770	-28	-54		688	-770	28	54		-688	
Net movement in funds	5,188	-21,347	-6,811	0	-22,970	10,415	-1,136	-61,242	0	-51,963	-74,933
Balance forward 01.01.18 (Note a)	503,490	228,196	74,497	1,111	807,294	301,361	41,221	167,029	-1,392	508,219	1,315,513
Balance forward 31.12.18	508,678	206,849	67,686	1,111	784,324	311,776	40,085	105,787	-1,392	456,256	1,240,580

Note:

(a) Opening balances and outgoings restated to attribute parish share rebate to correct year.

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Treasurer

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