

# St. Barnabas Church Waunarlwydd

(Discovering the love of God in Jesus Christ)



## Parish Report 2016



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## Introduction

Welcome to the report of yet another busy year as a Christian family here in The Lord's meadow of Waunarlwydd. The following reports reflect only a small glimpse of the overall activity and commitment, the worship and loving care of a dedicated family wanting to see more of those in our wider community discover the love of God in Jesus Christ. As we seek to be refreshed and renewed in our mission in the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon, the Llŵchwr Ministry Area and the Parish to transform lives and communities in the name of Jesus Christ, this continues to entail that significant and sometimes painful move from simply maintaining things as they have been to reaching out with the good news of the gospel in ways that are creative and relevant - and not just in words, but through lives in which God is making a difference!

May we be encouraged that God, by his amazing grace, continuously works in and through his people here, as we seek to deepen our relationship with him and with one another.

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# Discovering the love of God in Jesus Christ



This is what they call the 'strapline' - it says what we're about, why we're here, what we hope for people to experience when they worship at St Bs..an encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. We pray our diocesan prayer for mission at every service - and unless I'm suffering from one of those increasingly regular 'senior moments' (these days!) I can more or less pray it without having to sneak a look at the notices (on Sundays) or the Mission card in the choir stalls (Wednesdays) - perhaps you're finding this too...?

***Father, we hold before you our family in the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon***

***and we open our hearts and minds to your Spirit:***

***Bless us as we gather in your name;***

***guide us as we grow into the likeness of your Son;***

***lead us by your Spirit to go out and make disciples of others.***

***God of our journeying, be our way and our truth and our life; our beginning and our end.***

***We pray through Jesus our Lord. Amen.***

The prayer reminds us of our purpose for being here in this lovely community: to make Jesus known - to help people discover the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Bishop John always begins his 'Ad Clerum' (his weekly letter to the diocesan clergy) by reminding us of the role of the PCC:

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## Vicars Report

**The Mission Song (Psalm 67:1-7)** One of the most beautiful and well-known blessings is from the Book of Numbers in the Old Testament of the Bible.

*"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you...the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)"*

For us as the people of God in this place it's a blessing that has huge significance - particularly in times of sadness and difficulty. Once again, I write this with such a heavy heart at the loss of little Thomas Christopher. Yet I hold tightly to this blessing that Yahweh himself gave through Moses for Aaron to bless his people, the Israelites. Psalm 67 is derived from Aaron's benediction but here the psalmist goes beyond the version we know so well from Numbers chapter 6 and in its verses we find the purpose of God's blessing - of his comfort and healing - of his goodness - of his faithful, steadfast love and grace towards us: that all the peoples come to know his salvation.

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, (so) that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

So why all nations? What about us and our problems and pains?

Some Psalms are intended for individual worship and in these, particularly the ones of personal distress or lament, the individual worshipper of God is alone pouring out his or her heart to God. (And oh boy have we had a year when I've valued the permission the psalms give to be absolutely honest with God - grateful that he can handle our raw emotions). But the other Psalms are designed for those times when the assembly of people gathers together for worship. Psalm 67

is one of those and was probably sung by the people every year at the Jewish Feast of Pentecost.

As Christians, at the mention of Pentecost (our next big festival coming up), we immediately think of Acts Chapter 2 when the Holy Spirit came in power. This great event happened when Israel was celebrating the Pentecost Festival, and so we've taken to calling the coming of the Holy Spirit, Pentecost - the Birthday of the Church.

The most basic prayer for any of us is to ask God to bless us (and those we love, of course). But this kind of cry to God is not limited to an ancient farming community worried about its crops, everyone is crying to God, "help me, heal me, sustain me, give me a sense of purpose" - especially at a time of seemingly mindless violence in our world - and especially after such a hard year when God's precious people here in Waunarlwydd have often been left hurting and confused.

There is a basic human need to be blessed by God. It's the way we're made or 'hard-wired' (as they would probably say these days). The desire to be blessed by God is shared by all people in all places, of all religions. One of my Oxford tutors, Graham Tomlin (now Bishop of Kensington) recently wrote a book entitled 'The Widening Circle'. In it he explores an exhilarating new approach to a priesthood in which we all share as the people of God. He suggests that 'priest' is much more than a term to describe certain people 'in holy orders' - it is a vital way of understanding how God wants to bless the world - through each and every one of us. Because as we continue to enjoy God's blessing, others will in turn be blessed. The Psalm reveals God's missionary purpose: that all nations may know him and his salvation!

And that's why we are going with Ministry Areas - to underscore the 'mission-shaped' character God wants his people to exhibit. The psalmist uses a name for God that's different than the one used in

Numbers Chapter 6 (where the reference for God is Yahweh or Jehovah - Israel's covenant name for God - an intimate name for the special relationship Israel enjoyed with God). In Psalm 67 the name, Elohim, is used to refer to God's relationship to *all people*, whether they acknowledge him or not. We - his people through Christ, by the person and ministry of the indwelling Holy Spirit - are blessed by God in order to bless others. (I think I might have mentioned that just a few times in what will be 10 years this coming June!).

And the logic is clear: when we are being blessed by God, others should be also. How? By the way we live, the choices we make, the preferences and care we have for others, by the fruitfulness of our lives and our desire to see others flourish. ...and so that...they should see that our God, the God of the Bible, the God of the Psalmist, the God of Abraham, the Christ of the Church is the one true God.

Our God is the God of all groups of people! If only those who were on the margins of the kingdom knew what God desires for them? If they did, they'd be so glad. God has in store for them what the angels announced at Christmas to the shepherds: that this was "good news of exceeding great joy!" It is our privilege and mission task to carry the good news of Jesus Christ to all the peoples in ways they understand. For Julie, Douglas and I, that means that our job is to encourage and equip you to be the people God always intended for you to be.

As Julie has described in her report, there are so many things that have happened recently that give us cause for thanksgiving. God blesses us as we share the blessings we've been given. God will give us an abundant harvest when we follow his plan and guidance. The Psalm is a reminder of God's purposes that Jesus so clearly articulated in the Great commission. Go and make disciples of all nations (peoples). And this is what St. John envisioned as the purpose of God being fulfilled: God's salvation reached people from every tribe and language and people and nation...(Revelation 5:9; 7:9).

God has blessed us in so many ways. We (and our loved ones) are rescued and safe - secure in Jesus Christ. We have the power of the Holy Spirit to empower us to share the blessing of knowing we are loved unconditionally. We are part of God's grand plan to bless all the peoples of the earth. So as we continue together may we all be better equipped as his servants - filled with the Holy Spirit - touched deeply with his healing presence so we can be broken bread and poured out wine for those around us who are hurting and feeling far from God.

*May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you!*

So thank you - everybody - for all your amazing hard work, generosity and faithfulness. There are way too many individuals to mention by name, but all your contributions are valued highly 'in the Lord'. However, I shall mention Julie our curate without whom much that has happened this past year, clearly wouldn't have - 'nuff said'!

On a personal note thank you for your love, support and prayers for us as a family. Bishop John has been a great support for me to cut down on travelling and committee work (though it still feels quite busy!) which enables me to be home more with Sue and Renée (now 95).

So I continue as Honorary Canon and the Bishop's Officer for Formation (and Diocesan Director of Ordinands), but as one of a diocesan ministry team which helps share the load.

May the Holy Spirit continue to encourage us and build up our confidence and harness the potential that's here amongst us as we gather, grow and go out together as a community in our love for the Lord Jesus Christ and for one another. It continues to be such a privilege and joy serving you in this place.

With love in Our Risen Lord Jesus,

Yours~

**Ian**

## Assistant Curate

**"But who do you say that I am?"** Matthew 15.16; Mark 8.29; Luke 9.20

Jesus put this question to his disciples after listening to them explain the views of others: that he was John the Baptist or Elijah. Then he asked them 'but who do YOU say that I am?'

It may sound obvious that our answer to this question is vital. If we can't respond as Peter did 'You are the Messiah, the son of God' then we can't very well be Jesus' followers.

But just think for a moment - think about what that really means. We need to keep reminding ourselves of just who Jesus is, of who it is we follow: the Messiah, the Son of God!

Now there are situations and circumstances that are so tragic and overwhelming that everything else becomes unreal and we can focus on nothing else. At those times we can take comfort that even Peter - to whom Jesus said "I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church....." - was unable to trust in the answer he had so confidently given when the time of darkness overwhelmed him.

On Good Friday everything seemed to be over for Peter ..... but Jesus is the Messiah, God's Son and we can trust in him to be waiting for us to realise that he was there holding us through it all.

And really, don't such times only highlight our foolishness in becoming so anxious or discouraged about things that we can safely leave in his hands? If we ensure that our relationship with Jesus, both as individuals and as a community, takes precedence over everything else and trust him to lead us where he will, then in the words of Julian of Norwich "All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well."

Uncertainty is not a comfortable feeling.....when everything around us is unsettled or unclear and we cannot see how we are going to get through it, then it would be reassuring to know that the place we come to, seeking God and finding fellowship, will be solid and unchanging. However, with the current changes taking place in the Church in Wales, it can seem as solid as shifting sand! But we are Christ's church and Jesus, the one we follow, is the Messiah, the Son of God. That will never change, ever.

We don't need to be afraid, or worried or despondent, we simply have to remain faithful to him, to his teaching, to his example. Jesus answered the scribe who asked him which commandment is first of all "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:28-31).

That's it in a nutshell! We put God first, knowing that we are loved unconditionally (that means even when we get things wrong) and out of that knowledge and security we love each other unconditionally (even when we get things wrong).

So keeping that in mind let's look at the things that have changed and are and will continue to change, because lots of things are being worked out as we go along.

We are now part of the Llŵchwr Ministry Area and Rev'd Martin Cox of St Catherine's is our Ministry Area Leader. There are no longer lots of small deaneries, these have been replaced by four large deaneries. We are part of the Gower Deanery, along with the following Ministry Areas.

Gower: Bishopston, Cheriton, Ilston, Llanddewi, Llangennith, Llanmadoc, Llanrhidian, Llanyrnewydd, Nicholaston, Oxwich, Penmaen, Pennard, Penrice, Port Eynon, Reynoldston, Rhossilli.

Clyne Trinity: Killay, Sketty, Tycoch

Mumbles: Llwynderw, Newton and Oystermouth

Rev'd Canon Peter Brooks is our Area Dean. I'll keep you informed of the details of how the new deaneries will function in terms of Deanery Conferences etc. as soon as these have been put in place.

Meanwhile, our own Llŵchwr Ministry Area has been inaugurated and a Ministry Area Council has been formed. Our representatives are Mair Cornish and Jayne Richards. Both attended a council meeting and an 'awayday' in 2015. In addition to regular meetings to discuss business, the clergy meet for prayer once a month and it is intended to open these meetings to all who become involved in leadership roles and anyone else who wishes to participate. A Worship and Praise service will be held on the third Tuesday of each month, led by each of the churches in turn - I will keep you informed about the venue. A Ministry Area Office (HQ) is being set up in St Catherine's church hall and should soon be open for business. Hopefully this will eventually be open every day as a point of contact for those seeking advice. We are investigating the possibility of setting up a Ministry Area Pastoral Lay Visiting team with a leader to co-ordinate the work.

So, absolutely nothing to cause anxiety: simply getting used to thinking in terms of being part of a bigger family and being prepared to get to know each other....and living up to our Patron Saint's name, Barnabas, meaning 'Son of Encouragement'.

And there has been plenty of that afoot over the past 12 months....the decision to focus on children's ministry has resulted in lots of fun and fellowship. It was with some trepidation that the 'Christmas Experience' for Waunarlwydd Primary school was set in motion....could we possibly rely on 5 people being there for all 10 classes to visit? Lots and lots of prayer surrounded the venture and it was an experience indeed. The school loved it and everybody involved

had a great time....our worries about not having enough people for each visit were completely unfounded, there were always more than enough and it resulted in an atmosphere of friendship and fellowship.

Christine, Mair, Antony, John and myself go into the school every Thursday afternoon and 'Open the Book' for years One and Two. The children seem to enjoy our visits and the bible stories we tell.....and we have a great time dressing up and hamming it up!

We use the same format at our family service on the first Sunday of each month - and although we are still praying each month 'please let some children turn up' we do enjoy ourselves anyway - it reminds us that we are all God's children - and there are always at least one or two actual children (Please make sure you put the word around).

We've extended the provision for our families by having a 'messy church' family service in the afternoon of the third Sunday. Again, there are usually more adults than children but folks seem to enjoy themselves. We have some songs and prayers and repeat the story from the morning service and the children make some relevant crafts, followed by pizza and fruit and ending up with a final song and a prayer.

'Butterflies at St Bs', our parent and toddler group, should be up and running by the time you read this, opening its doors on Thursday 14 April. Again, there has been such a lot of encouragement for the venture. Thank you to all involved in volunteering and practical help in getting furniture and toys etc. ready.

Although our focus has been on children's ministry we have not lost sight of those who are finding it difficult to make it to church and the importance of reassuring them that they are still part of the family. Thank you to those individuals and Mothers' Union who, through their ministry, become the face of St Barnabas to many in the community. We visit the nursing homes in the village once a month to share Holy

Communion. It would be lovely to visit more often to build up relationships of trust with the residents and we will continue to pray for this to happen.

Our prayer meetings continue to form the foundation for all that we do. Our Bible study group undergirds these prayers and provides welcome fellowship as much as learning. Even if you can't make it a regular thing, you are welcome to join us as and when you can.

The Lenten season, as always, seemed to escalate into busyness and it was easy to lose sight of who it is I am following and go chasing off feeling as though it all depended upon me - I know you are all familiar with that feeling - but the Lenten studies at Gowerton, the Wednesday reflections before enjoying a lovely lunch and the support and encouragement of those around me served as a reminder to practice what I preach and to focus on what we *are* doing, not what we can't.

Thank you all for your encouragement and support and your affirmation of my new role following my ordination as priest last year. I pray that we will go forward in confidence, not in ourselves, but in the one we follow - Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of God.

*Love and blessings*

**Julie**

## Churchwardens

### *The Parable of the Sower:*

Matthew 13:3-9 "And he spoke to them many things in parables, saying, Behold, the sower went forth to sow; and as he sowed, some [seeds] fell by the way side, and the birds came and devoured them: and others fell upon the rocky places, where they had not much earth: and straightway they sprang up, because they had no deepness of earth: and when the sun was risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And others fell upon the thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked them: and others fell upon the good ground, and yielded fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He that hath ears, let him hear."

Seeds have to be sown in order for growth to happen and, like in the parable, some seeds are sown which come to nothing. But from the seeds which fall on fertile ground, the growth can be abundant.

Over the last year, many of us at St. Barnabas have been sowing seeds which we pray will lead to such growth.

The 'Open the Book' team visits a couple of classes each week at Waunarlyydd Primary School to act out bible stories. The welcome has been amazing and the kids get so involved in the story telling it is an absolute pleasure to watch - although it is debatable (between the kids and the team) who gets the most out of it!

'The Christmas Experience' - what an experience! Organised for the whole of Waunarlyydd Primary School - this was a really special event. The church was divided into 6 'stations', each station telling a part of the Christmas Story that culminated in 'The Gift', the birth of baby Jesus. I can safely say, no matter how many times we ran The Experience, there was hardly a dry eye at the end. (Our Mothers'

Union also had the experience and members didn't seem to mind being kids again just for an afternoon).

A regular 'Messy Church' Service has now been established taking place at 16:00 on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

As an explanation, Messy Church is a form of church for children and their parents together that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality. It meets at a time that suits people who don't already belong to church. It typically includes a welcome, a creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy; a short celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games and similar; and a sit-down meal together at our recently acquired children's tables. All these elements are for, and should include, people of all ages, adults and children together.

As Julie mentioned, by the time you read this 'Butterflies at St. B's' will have started - a weekly Parent & Toddler group meeting in the church hall. A lot of hard work has gone into the planning and preparation for the opening.

Bible Study continues to take place on a Friday afternoon and our Prayer Meeting meets on a Tuesday evening. All are welcome.

These are just a few examples of the seeds which are being sown - and we don't know what or how long it will take growth to happen. But we have faith that there will be growth. Without that faith, without doing everything we can to encourage growth, then slowly the weeds will take over and choke everything.

Everyone can help in this seed sowing - volunteer to join one of the teams, tell your friends and neighbours about any and all of the events at St. Barnabas, tell them about our Healing Service on the first Sunday evening of each month (6.00 pm), our Family Service at 10.00 am on the first Sunday of each month (children especially welcome),

our Wednesday services (10.30 am), Messy Church (4.00 pm) and so on. Each and every one of us can play a part.

As always, over the year our church family has had to deal with many sad events across our community where we hope our prayers and support give comfort to those who need it. If you know of anyone needing our prayers, add their name to the Prayer List at the back of the church

Of course, we also have had some happy moments - for which we should be giving thanks.

Some of the things we all should be grateful for, assuming you are reading this in church: take a moment to look around you and think about what you are seeing - a sturdy, well maintained building with well-tended grounds. As you entered the building, did you notice not only its physical warmth, but that of its welcome? You would have been given the relevant service booklet, hymn book, readings and Pews News (notices sheet) before making your way to your seat.

Once settled, you look around the church and take in the regularly changing and creative window decorations, the beautiful flowers, the gleaming brass, the changing colours of the altar and pulpit linen - the church is clean and tidy and a wonderful environment within which to praise God. And there's always a welcome cuppa and a biscuit after both morning services at 8.30 & 10.00!

All the hard work which goes into making these things happen goes on quietly and without any fuss. As Wardens we cannot thank the individuals involved enough - and pass on the thanks of the congregation as well.

We continue to be blessed in having a fantastic Worship Team led by Ian. The diocese continues to place demands on Ian but he continues to lead us spiritually at St Barnabas with unending enthusiasm and dedication. Please remember that Ian along with Sue, Joel and Renée need our prayers and support.

Julie was priested during the year, which was fantastic news for St. Barnabas and for Julie. Her dedication to St. Barnabas and her quiet determination has been a major part in the seed planting mentioned earlier. Pray for Julie and support her whenever you can.

We also would like to thank Douglas (and Pat) for assisting at services, with prayer and other support.

Maureen, Phyllis and Chris complete the Worship Team and we thank them for their ongoing dedication.

We feel we have to repeat our call to the congregation and to the community of Waunarlwydd. St Barnabas really does need your continuing support! The support St. Barnabas needs can be divided into 3 areas - Spiritual, Practical and Financial.

Spiritual - the most important - we need to grow our congregation to share God's message. In particular, we need more young families and those of the 'lost generation', those currently aged between 18 and 50, who have grown up not attending church and not understanding the love, fellowship and support offered. Each and every one of us needs to lead by example to demonstrate and publicise the love St Barnabas offers.

Practical - Help is always needed in many ways: volunteers to assist with Messy Church, cleaning the church and hall, maintaining the graveyard, fundraising, home/hospital visits, giving lifts, helping out at services etc. If you feel you can help the development of St. Barnabas

in any way (new ideas welcome!) let us know. Please don't wait to be asked. This is your church too!

Financial - as you read the Treasurers Report within this Parish Report booklet, you'll see that last year we just about balanced income and expenditure. Living 'hand-to-mouth' in this way doesn't allow us to carry out as much of the mission work (the seed sowing) of the church as we would like to. As our costs inevitably rise (heating, maintenance, parish share etc.), please consider an increase in your giving as part of your seed sowing. It would also make life easier for both you and the PCC if you were to set up a monthly standing order via your bank. Chris Thomas (our Treasurer) will be able to give you details and account numbers. Do please ask:

Antony Bidder - Vicar's Churchwarden John Campbell - People's Churchwarden

And last, but by no means least, a very big "Thank You" to Mary for her dedication, guidance and stewardship in her multitude of roles over very many years in the service of our Lord at St Barnabas!

**Antony and John**

## Mothers' Union

### *Mother's Union Theme for 2015: United in Prayer*

Dear Friends.

The Mothers' Union is a worldwide organisation which is steeped in prayer. I think it portrays a wonderful picture of being enveloped in love, which gives a sense of warmth, security and trust that being upheld in prayers can give us. While it is good to receive, it is so important to give back. As Mothers' Union member's we are "united in prayer" as we pray for all our brothers and sisters around the world on a daily basis.

The Lord knows what is best for us, as he has planned our way, so we just need to place our trust along with our doubts and fears firmly in his hands. I humbly thank all who have upheld Paul and me in prayer through this difficult year.

Our year began with a social gathering on January 13th at the Grill House in Waunarlwydd. We had a pleasant meal and enjoyed the fellowship. Our Annual General Meeting took place on the 20th of January in the Church Hall. Reports were read and audited accounts accepted. Our membership for 2015 comprised 18 branch members, 3 indoor members and 1 Diocesan member.

Speakers: In February, Reverend Eldon Phillips gave us an hilarious talk on his trip to America, when his father went on a teaching exchange posting. He took us back in time and we had great fun. Also in February we celebrated National Marriage Week with a small display in our church. We also pray for all couples who are embarking on marriage at our church and those who have filled in hearts at the marriage fayre and have been allocated to our branch for us to pray for them. We held a service in church for the World Wide Wave of Prayer on the 20th. Our allotted time was 10 45 - 11 20am.

This was the first time the service has been held in February (it's usually in August). We have now been linked with new Dioceses for the future: Free State (South Africa), Bondo (Kenya), Ogbia (Nigeria) and Offa (Argentina). We lit candles for them and prayed for all the projects being undertaken at this time. We also learned all about their communities, industries, cultures and Branches.

In March Win and Quentin from the Street Pastors of Swansea gave a very interesting talk. They also showed a DVD which led to a range of topical, informative questions. We still have the DVD should anyone wish to borrow it. Hats off to these amazing guys who are right out there in the thick of things and it is a comfort to parents to know there is always someone their youngsters can go to if they need help.

Mothering Sunday was the 15th of March and we gave a donation to "Make a Mother's Day". This gift was to help a community to receive the exact advice and training they needed in order to know what solutions best fitted their challenges. Our help can improve living standards in some of the World's most marginalised communities.

We celebrated Lady Day at St. John's Gowerton on 25th of March and 10 members attended the service which was followed with refreshments in the hall.

April's speaker was Ms. Rosemary Jones who told us of her life as a nun. It was a very interesting, moving account of what led her to God and in spite of leaving the convent of her own free will she is still very much an active part of her Catholic Church and Community. Her charity work with the orphans in San Salvador and nearer home in Ty Haven, the children's Hospice, is a major part of her life. She is a wonderful ambassador for Christianity!

At May's meeting, Mrs. Elaine Kidwell spoke of her experiences of Swansea during the Blitz. It was interesting and brought home to us

the suffering which brought out the best in people, enabling them to show great compassion and comradery.

Nicholston House retreat was on the 6th and as always a wonderful time of peace, prayer and fellowship. Reverend Richard Curlew led the retreat and six members attended.

In June we held an auction. We brought any item from a nursery rhyme or song. We raised £41.

On the 26th June we held our main fundraiser of the year which was a Strawberry Tea. It was a great afternoon, thanks to those who supported we shared great fellowship and the cakes and Strawberries were grand. Debbie, Andrea, Jayne and Alison went above and beyond the call of duty in order to bring us fresh Strawberries from Gower (and got drenched in the process!) That's commitment for you! £281.54 was realised on the day.

We attended our new Ministry Area Deanery Festival at St. Catherine's Gorseinon on July 15th.

On the 1st of August in spite of the weather we had a produce stall at Waunarlwydd's first Carnival in many years. It was an opportunity to reach out and talk about the Mother's Union and to give out cookery books to anyone living alone or anyone about to go to university.

The Quiet afternoon was held at St. Mary's Swansea on the 7th of September.

Mrs. Sue Thomas kindly stepped into the breach at our meeting on 8th and spoke about visual awareness. Her talk was a real insight into the plight of the visually impaired. We were able to put ourselves briefly into their shoes as we were transported with spectacles that simulated several eye conditions.

In October Mr. Robert Dyer, a retired Crown Court Clerk entertained us with amusing stories recalled from his service in the courts. It was a real tonic and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the laughter.

In November we entertained ourselves with a 'memories afternoon'. Pat brought the gloves she wore when she met the Queen and told us all about the day and her experience which was very interesting. Andrea brought a pin case which her sister had made in school as a young girl. This is very precious to her as her sister Chris is no longer with us, but Andrea is still using this with love. I brought three angel gifts given to me by Chris, Lynn and Jen. One said "we are never so lost that our angels cannot find us".....What a comforting thought!

The November Retreat was oversubscribed this year and it was the first year we have been unable to attend. However, every cloud has a silver lining. Christine Thomas kindly invited us to her home on the 25th so we could still have an Advent Retreat. We started the day with Communion at St Barnabas and Ian took a session from 12-1pm which was followed by lunch and another session from 2-3pm. It was a wonderful, peaceful day and I think it was really meant to be. We were about twelve in attendance and it was wonderful that some of our ladies, who are usually unable to go to Nicholston, were able to make it. We all felt God's presence and it was very special and spontaneous. Thanks to Ian, and to Chris and her family for allowing us to invade their home.

December, our Advent Season, was very special this year. It was very different too because we shared the 'Christmas Experience' through the eyes of a child as we journeyed, as the school children did, when they entered the church and were told the story of the Announcement, the Promise, the Message, the Preparation and the Gift. It was a special time. We followed this with a tea in the church Hall which was an open invitation to the community.

Our correspondence with our twin branch of Painscastle has continued, thanks to Liz, who has shown great patience and tact in her many letters to our old Link Diocese of Bunbury, trying to maintain a connection that we have had for such a long time. Sadly, we have had no response. Liz is also our marketing representative should anyone wish to place an order. There are excellent gifts in the new catalogue.

Thanks to all who submitted prayers for the Prayer Book. Mrs. Chris Thomas produced a beautifully illustrated book to commemorate our 85th Anniversary of Mother's Union at St. Barnabas. We sold copies to other local branches and are grateful for the support received from our congregation. The proceeds are being used for a new branch project. Our aim is to support the new "Butterflies @St Bs" parent and toddler group which will be opening in April 2016. We made £148 clear profit up to the end of 2015 from the sale of the book and we much appreciate the work Chris did which will be relayed to the children and parents in the near future. Please remember this project in your prayers.

Some of the good causes we have supported this year: during Swansea University Fresher's week we supplied mugs and cookery books to all students and there has been an interest shown in having a Mother's Union branch at the university; we gave a donation to Llangasty Retreat House and "Make a Mother's Day"; Easter eggs for Romania; Teen Challenge at Harvest. Mother's Union projects: 'Keep us running' project (to help with Mother's Union expenses within the Diocese); and Mother's Union Action and Outreach Projects. We supplied Baptismal candles and anniversary of baptism cards and Marriage candles as part of our outreach, and we gave a comfort box to one of our congregation who had been really poorly and greatly missed by us all. It is good to know you are still cared for and in our thoughts and prayers.

Congratulations went to Rev. Julie Wagstaff on her ordination as priest and we presented Mrs. Jean Stocking a brooch on her 80th birthday. Best wishes to Andrea and Mike on the birth of their first grandchild, Dominic and to the proud parents.

We thank all who gave generous donations this year and all who supported our fundraising; this enabled us to send £328 to be used for projects. Some of our ladies also made a donation to Ty Olwen of £63 and to the Blind for £50. This was outside our meetings.

We have attended Deanery Meetings at St. Johns Gowerton and Council Meetings at Brecon. At November's Council meeting we had a talk on being 'dementia-friendly'. Our Branch is very interested in this subject and it is something we are going to explore in the future.

Both Liz and Debbie were banner bearers during 2015.

Our publications are still Mothers' Union News, Families First and Families World Wide. We have had new Marriage and Baptismal booklets and there will be new leaflets next year.

We are still focused on the MU 'Bye Buy Childhood' Campaign and work on combating gender violence.

We are grateful for all the work and support of Jackie our Deanery Leader and Eve, Deanery Secretary/Treasurer and wish them well as they retire from their posts having been in office for two triennials. Kay Warrington also retires as Diocesan President and will be starting her new post as Provincial President and Ruth Roberts will be our new Diocesan President. Our new Deanery Leader will be Sally Freedman. Jackie is very much in our prayers.

We look forward to the challenges of the 2016 when our theme will be "A Celebration of Faith". This is very appropriate as the Mothers' Union will be celebrating its 140th year. Each Branch has been asked

to make a tapestry or embroidery or collage depicting their Branch. Christine Hedley has lovingly depicted our Branch as "The Lord's Meadow". It is beautifully stitched with the inclusion of different textured materials creating the hills and meadows, along with grazing sheep. (Love and respect Chris!). We will all be so proud to see it sewn together and displayed in the Cathedral on Commissioning Day. We will be celebrating this anniversary with a Strawberry Tea on the 24th of June and displays, so please come along and find out more about us.

We thank the PCC for the use of the church hall for our meetings and Anthony for making sure it is heated for us. We give thanks for our clergy, Ian, Julie and Douglas who are always a guiding light and inspiration. I wish to thank Officers, Committee and all members who work as one to make the branch sustainable in order to do good works and to be the eyes, ears and hands of the Lord. We ask for his blessing that we may continue into the future refreshed with loving kindness, compassion and generosity.

*Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God is with you.* 1 Chronicles 28:20

*Best wishes,*

**Margaret (Holland)**

*(Branch Leader, St. Barnabas)*

## Ladies Guild

I hope you will excuse me for the fact that there will be no Guild report this year. At the time of writing one of our members has experienced a great family tragedy because of this I do not feel I can put out the usual 4 pages of drivel that I produce.

We as a guild are a very close knit family and we want to give our love and support to Janet and Christopher on the loss of their very dear and precious grandson Thomas Christopher whom they shared with his parents Sarah and Robert for a very short few weeks. We give Sarah, Robert, Maisie, Harri, Matthew and Sam our thoughts and prayers and also Roberts parents David and Cathy and his sister Claire our heartfelt condolences.

We know the Lord Jesus will have Thomas safely cradled in his arms now and we will continue to hold Jan and the family in our arms and hearts.

*Sue (Howells), Von M, Von W, Mary, Sue L and Anne.*

## Safeguarding

St Barnabas is committed to ensuring, to the best of our ability, that all our congregation are as safe and secure as possible. From the very young to those who are still young....but have been here longer! With this in mind, several members of our church attended safeguarding training this year. The training was excellent, everyone who attended learned about all aspects of abuse. The PCC has also decided to implement procedures to ensure good practise. You will see notices regarding the taking of photographs appearing in the church and church hall.

We know that some people might find these new rules difficult to understand, but they enable us to comply with best practise and to do our very best to ensure the safety of all those who worship within our church.

If anyone has any questions or problems regarding the safeguarding policy of the Church in Wales, please contact me. Working together and helping each other is the best way of keeping our church family and visitors safe.

*Mary (Taylor)*

## Fabric

During the year we finally paid off the church loan we'd taken out for our gas central heating system: money well-spent, I'm sure all will agree...! Our electrical fittings & fitments also had a clean bill of health, and the lighting in the church hall was refurbished and, in part, renewed. The eagle-eyed will have noticed that we have a new bell rope - apologies for the colour (but it's safe!); and also that the capping stones of the gate-pillars have been removed for safety reasons prior to reconstruction of the pillars themselves, which are crumbling badly...

We've been fortunate, of late, to escape the vagaries of vandalism and theft, but, sadly, mindlessness returned with the theft of a manhole cover from the rear walkway around the church (clearly marked), the theft of the small metal access gate into the old Garden of Remembrance, and even, quite recently, the theft of a memorial vase... Please do be vigilant if you are visiting the Church or Churchyard, and report anything amiss to Ian, Julie, myself or any PCC member...

Like every garden, there is always a great deal to be done apart from routine grass strimming and mowing, and the occasional Saturday morning "working party" proved highly successful again last summer...Tarmac paths in the new Garden of Remembrance miraculously reappeared after many days of power-hosing, and various bushes and hedges were trimmed back...

Can I once more encourage those who are able to give a few hours, to please support these advertised events many hands really do make a difference...! Let's all strive to make our church grounds as welcoming as our church services...!

**Antony (Bidder)**

*2016 is Quinquennial Report year... (Didn't that come around quickly...?!)*

*The nave windows and stonework really are in need of attention now, so if anyone has any fundraising ideas or has had a minor lottery win which they'd care to share with St Barnabas, please step forward...!*

## Traidcraft

St Barnabas continues to be a Fairtrade church and in 2015, the Church in Wales became the first Fair Trade Province of the Anglican Communion after two thirds of churches committed to using fairly sourced and funded tea, coffee and other products. We at St Barnabas are proudly one of those churches, and have been doing this for a good few years.

We are continuing to use only Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar in the kitchen. I have no longer been able to do a regular stall over the last 2 years unfortunately as the local rep Carol and husband are abroad but my prayers have been answered because two of our parishioners, Barbara and Roger Harris, have now started doing a regular stall every 2 to 3 weeks after the 10 o'clock service, which we're so happy to see return. Since the end of January, Barbara and Roger have already sold just over £60 of Traidcraft products, so please do continue to support the stall and treat yourself to some lovely items. The chocolate is a favourite of mine and I am particularly looking forward to some when Lent is over. It is also important to buy Fairtrade items in the supermarkets, local shops, Marks and Spencer, etc. as it will increase demand and they are now becoming the norm amongst the range available. The Fairtrade "Real Easter Egg" was available again this Easter and the range of flavours is increasing.

As a church, it is our Christian duty to love our fellow human beings around the globe - it is by buying Fairtrade (tea, coffee, clothes, cards, jewellery, Easter eggs, footballs..) that we are making a huge difference to people in poor countries: they can then afford to send their children to school (yes, despite their poverty they have to pay to go to school and buy their books); we are boosting the self-esteem of women by increasing their income; the more Divine chocolate bars we buy, the higher the value of the shares that the producers hold. The more we push the big supermarkets and shopping chains to sell Fairtrade the better - it's our buying that they take note of and sell accordingly. Thank you for supporting this very worthy cause.

**Jaki (Truscott)**

## Worship Music

*Create in me a clean heart O God*

*And renew a right spirit in me*

*Wash me, cleanse me, purify me*

*Make my heart as white as snow*

*(Mission Praise 108)*

The above words are a prayer I often play in preparation for worship.

Words and music combine to draw us into the presence of God - calming our being and enabling us to experience the workings of the Holy Spirit.

Our choice of hymns, combined with lectionary readings and prayers, brings a fullness to the service. The varied services give an opportunity to bring exposure to different forms of worship. A sung Eucharist, a quieter healing service and a monthly family service. All have a place, bringing richness and colour to our worship.

May we continue to praise God in our musical offering.

**Maureen (Cridland)**

# Treasurer

## A Summary of our Finances

Dear member of the family of Christ here at St Barnabas, Waunarlwydd,

Thank you all once again for your support throughout 2015, towards the mission and ministry at St Barnabas, through your regular giving of time, money and other gifts.

Our witness to Christ's love in Waunarlwydd, continues to grow, albeit slowly but steadily. We decided to focus on children's ministry first. We have established weekly "Open the Book" sessions in the primary school, family services continue to be held on the first Sunday of the month, messy church is now held every third Sunday afternoon at 4pm and our Butterflies @ St Bs is due to start after Easter. All these initiatives are only possible through the support of you, so a big thank you to you all. We are open to any other suggestions of how we can further demonstrate the love of Christ, within our community.

However, as Treasurer, I must point out that in 2015:

Church income was £32,200

Expenditure was £33,800

\* NB Parish share was paid in full for 2015, resulting in a £913.07 rebate in January this year (this was paid towards £1000 parish share deficit from 2014.)

\* The loan for the heating system has been fully paid

\* There was an increase in standing orders instead of envelopes this year, which has increased the planned giving, as there are no missed weeks. Please consider this option as it makes budgeting and planning so much more effective. (Please ask the Treasurer for details)

Leaving a legacy is another way of leaving a gift to the church as part of your stewardship. (Please ask the Treasurer for details)

As you can see from the figures, we spend more than we get in. We will not be able to sustain this indefinitely and with the Quinquennial Inspection looming this year, we can expect some repair works.

£35000 (budget) divided by regular givers equates to £12 each per week.

We get nowhere near that!

So how do we survive and grow?

At the moment we survive because of the faith and dedication of those who work tirelessly in faithful service, not claiming any expenses for materials, supporting every event that we that we run.

So again I ask you all to prayerfully review your giving in time, support and money.

We have so much to offer the community as God's church in this village but we cannot continue to develop without your support. I have included two articles below for your consideration. Please read them honestly.

Each week hundreds of thousands of Church members give their time, skills and money to support the work of God's Church. Without them, the Church's ministry and its participation in mission would be far less significant. We need to nurture generosity. As I've said before, it's not just about the giving of money, the giving of time, of skills, of hospitality and of compassion are vital too.

Martin Luther said, 'there are three conversions necessary: the conversion of the heart, mind and the purse.' Where we spend our money reveals our priorities in life and shows the challenge of discipleship.

## A REFLECTION FROM THE PROVINCIAL STEWARDSHIP EXECUTIVE

Christians believe that everything they have comes from God. Our world with all its resources, our abilities and the money we earn are gifts God has given us. So we believe that we should try and follow God's teaching in how we use our world and our money. To describe our response and love we use the words "Christian Stewardship". We do so because the word "steward" is used in the Bible to denote the person in a household with responsibility for the use of material possessions and money. Jesus taught us to love people and use things - and not the other way around, as society often seems to do.

Jesus told stories to help people understand how their attitude to money and possessions reflects what really interests them. He talked so much about money because he knew how our lives often revolve around it. Many of his sayings, including the one mentioned below, challenge people about how they use their money and possessions.

*"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:19-21*

Some people say "the Church is always after your money" and that money shouldn't be discussed in church. We believe that with over 2,350 verses in the Bible relating to money and possessions, the subject should not be ignored. We believe that the way we handle and use our money speaks volumes about our discipleship. Giving money is part of giving the whole of yourself to God.

Those of us who have struggled with our weight know well that it is not simply a case of going on a diet for the odd week or two, but of re-educating ourselves in our eating habits that will really transform our situation and bring about a permanent improvement in our health.

A similar programme of re-education needs to be undertaken with regard to Christian Stewardship. Too many still regard it as a means

of extricating a parish from its financial problems, as a "crash diet" for a week or two, and not as a way of life in response to God, a steady programme of growth in Christian discipleship.

Unless our money gift has cost us something, it is not really a thanksgiving but more like a tip. And one of the tensions in our discipleship lies in whether we live our life and give to God the odd crumb, or whether we give to God first, and then manage the rest. If the Christian disciple does the first, s/he will never be satisfied: if s/he does the second, s/he will always have enough.

### **Six Steps in Christian Giving**

From where we are... to where God is calling us

"One of the ways we walk in faith is on the stewardship path of all that we are and all that we have."

**Survival** - I do my bit when I am asked to help.

**Supermarket** - I pay for the bits I enjoy and find meaningful

**Support** - The Church is important and I will give my support.

**Subscription** - I see myself as a member paying my dues

**Submission** - I am trying to be a god disciple with all that it involves

**Sacrifice** - I am called to be Christ-like and do my best to act accordingly.

Is it time you took another step to where God is calling you?

*Yours in Christ,*

**Christine**

## Church Accounts 2016 – Receipts

GENERAL FUND AS AT 31/12/2014	3537.40
DIRECT GIVING - PLANNED	3922.32
DIRECT GIVING UNPLANNED	2450.51
GIFT AID	13441.98
GIFT DAY	0.00
HMRC	4731.42
RENTS	315.00
DONATIONS	2096.70
FUNDRAISING	747.20
200 CLUB	995.00
QUIZ	0.00
SOCIAL EVENTS	363.18
SALES	312.45
WEDDING/FUNERAL FEES	310.00
BAPTISM/WEDDING COLLECTIONS	50.00
RESTORATION APPEAL	0.00
CHARITIES	825.45
CHURCHYARD	689.50
BANK INTEREST	6.84
GRANTS	350.00
CHURCH IN WALES LOAN	0.00
REFUNDS	592.07
GRAVEYARD ACCOUNT @31/12/14	1466.30
RESTORATION APPEAL ACCOUNT AS AT 31/12/2014	798.31
	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>38001.63</b>

## Accounts 2016 – Expenditure

PARISH SHARE	25322.84
VICAR'S EXPENSES	178.20
WATER RATES	948.73
ELECTRICITY/GAS	2344.08
INSURANCE	771.03
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	688.20
ALTAR REQUISITES	320.75
ORGANIST	360.00
PRINTING/STATIONERY	421.04
BOOKS	169.52
JUNIOR/MESSY CHURCH	257.92
200 CLUB	500.00
GRAVEYARD MAINTENANCE	0.00
REPAYMENT OF LOAN	402.92
RAFFLES	0.00
RESTORATION WORK	0.00
SOCIAL EVENTS	217.16
CHARITIES	826.12
SUNDRIES	36.88
CHURCH/GRAVEYARD ACCOUNT@31/12/15	2162.24
RESTORATION ACCOUNT @ 31/12/15	798.71
GENERAL FUND @ 31/12/15	1248.05
UNCASHED CHEQUES @ 31/12/14	77.24
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>38051.63</b>
UNCASHED CHEQUES @31/12/15 (MINUS)	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38001.63</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b><u>38001.63</u></b>

# General Fund/Graveyard Account/Restoration Appeal

## Receipts and Payments for the period ending 31/12/15

<b><u>Receipts</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>
<b><u>VOLUNTARY INCOME</u></b>		
Planned Giving	17364.30	15883.33
loose collection	2500.51	3732.01
Donations	2096.70	400.00
For mission	825.45	398.83
Tax refunds	4731.42	4660.90
Legacy gifts received	0.00	0.00
Grants	350.00	0.00
<b><u>GENERATED INCOME</u></b>		
Money raising	2732.83	4012.92
Fees	999.50	1499.50
<b><u>INVESTMENT INCOME</u></b>		
	<b><u>6.84</u></b>	5.73
<b><u>OTHER INCOME</u></b>		
	<b><u>592.07</u></b>	
<b><u>Total Current Account Income</u></b>		
	<b><u>32199.62</u></b>	<b><u>30593.22</u></b>
<b><u>PAYMENTS</u></b>		
SUPPORT FOR MINISTRY-Parish Share	25322.84	18830.00
Parochial expenses of clerics	178.20	289.34
Other	0.00	
<b><u>PARISH ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
Maintenance of Services	680.75	730.57
General Parish Expenses	627.44	839.72
<b><u>CHURCH PROPERTY</u></b>		
Maintenance of Church	4752.04	4345.85
Maintenance of other property		
Exceptional expenditure		
<b><u>GRANTS &amp; OTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT</u></b>		
Mission - Parish	257.92	73.76
Mission - Home/World	826.12	701.35
<b><u>OTHER RESOURCES EXPENDED</u></b>		
Capital payments	402.92	750.00
Cost of Money Raising	717.16	921.73
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>		
	<b><u>33765.39</u></b>	<b><u>27482.32</u></b>
<b><u>BANK BALANCES @1/1/2015</u></b>		
	3537.40	6818.17
Plus uncashed cheques 31/12/2014(minus)	-77.24	-4204.30
Plus uncashed cheques 31/12/2015	50.00	77.24
<b><u>BANK BALANCES @ 31/12/2015</u></b>		
	4209.00	5802.01

## Churchyard Account (Restricted Funds)

	<b><u>2015</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>
<b><u>BANK ACCOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>AS AT 31/12/14</u></b>	<b><u>AS AT 31/12/2013</u></b>
<b><u>Balance</u></b>	<b><u>1466.30</u></b>	1352.97
<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>		
Graveyard/garden of Remembrance	689.50	108.00
<b><u>Transfer from General Fund</u></b>	<b>1800.00</b>	
Interest	6.44	5.33
<b><u>TOTAL INCOME</u></b>	<b><u>3962.24</u></b>	1466.30
<b><u>PAYMENTS</u></b>		
Grounds	0.00	0.00
Capital Expenditure	0.00	0.00
Transfer to General fund	1800.00	
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>	<b><u>1800.00</u></b>	0.00
<b><u>BANK BALANCE @31/12/15</u></b>	<b><u>2162.24</u></b>	1466.30
<b><u>RESTORATION APPEAL ACCOUNT(Restricted Funds)</u></b>		
<b><u>BANK ACCOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>AS AT 31/12/2014</u></b>	<b><u>AS AT 31/12/2013</u></b>
	<b><u>798.31</u></b>	797.91
<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>		
<b><u>Capital Income</u></b>		
Transfer from General Fund		
Interest	0.40	0.40
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b><u>798.71</u></b>	<b>798.31</b>
<b><u>PAYMENTS</u></b>		
Maintenance of property	0.00	0.00
Transfer to General Fund	0.00	0.00
Capital Expenditure	0.00	0.00
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b><u>BANK BALANCE</u></b>	<b><u>AS AT 31/12/14</u></b>	<b><u>AS AT 31/12/14</u></b>
	<b><u>798.71</u></b>	<b>798.31</b>

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

<u>As at period ending</u>	<u>31/12/2015</u>	<u>31/12/2014</u>	
<b><u>BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES</u></b>			AS AT 31/12/2014 2014
Current Account (General Fund)	1,248.05	3,537.40	
Restoration Appeal (Building Fund)	798.71	798.31	
Church Graveyard Account	2,162.01	1,466.30	
<b><u>TOTAL BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE</u></b>	<b><u>4,208.77</u></b>	<b><u>5,802.01</u></b>	
<b><u>CURRENT DEBTORS</u></b>			
<b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>			
Church in Wales (Loan)	0.00	402.92	
Parish Share	1,000.00	3,521.00	
<b><u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u></b>	<b><u>1,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>3,923.92</u></b>	
<b><u>FIXED ASSETS</u></b>			
Hall furniture/kitchen equipment/television sound system/ Replacement Value	6,600.00	6,600.00	
Garden equipment/ lawnmower/strimmer Replacement Value	1,100.00	1,100.00	
<b><u>IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE CHURCH BUILDING/HALL, CHURCH CONTENTS AND THE GRAVEYARD ARE HELD IN TRUST BY THE REPRESENTATIVE BODY OF THE CHURCH IN WALES.</u></b>			

# Budget/Actual/2015/2016

<u>RECEIPTS</u>				<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
				<u>2015</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b><u>VOLUNTARY INCOME</u></b>						
Planned giving				16000.00	17364.30	16500.00
Unplanned (Loose)				3500.00	2500.51	2500.00
Donations				500.00	2096.70	500.00
For mission				1000.00	825.45	1000.00
Tax refunds				4000.00	4731.42	4500.00
Legacy gifts				0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants				0.00	350.00	0.00
<b><u>GENERATED INCOME</u></b>						
Fund rising				6000.00	2732.83	4000.00
Fees				1000.00	999.50	1000.00
<b><u>INVESTMENT INCOME</u></b>				0.00	6.84	0.00
<b><u>OTHER INCOME</u></b>				0.00	592.07	0.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32000.00</b>	<b>32199.62</b>	<b>30000.00</b>
<b><u>PAYMENTS</u></b>						
<b><u>SUPPORT FOR MINISTRY</u></b>						
Parish share				28000.00	25322.84	24000.00
Parochial expenses of Clerics				1200.00	178.20	1200.00
Other				100.00	0.00	100.00
<b><u>PARISH ACTIVITIES</u></b>						
maintenance of Services				800.00	680.75	800.00
General Parish Expenses				900.00	627.44	700.00
<b><u>CHURCH PROPERTY</u></b>						
Maintenance of Church				4600.00	4752.04	5000.00
Maintenance of other property				1000.00	0.00	1000.00
Exceptional Expenditure				0.00	0.00	0.00
<b><u>GRANTS AND OTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT</u></b>						
Mission Parish				500.00	257.92	500.00
Mission home/World				1000.00	826.12	1000.00
<b><u>OTHER RESOURCES EXPENDED</u></b>						
Capital payments				380.00	402.92	0.00
Cost of Money Raising				1000.00	717.16	1000.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39480.00</b>	<b>33765.39</b>	<b>35300.00</b>



