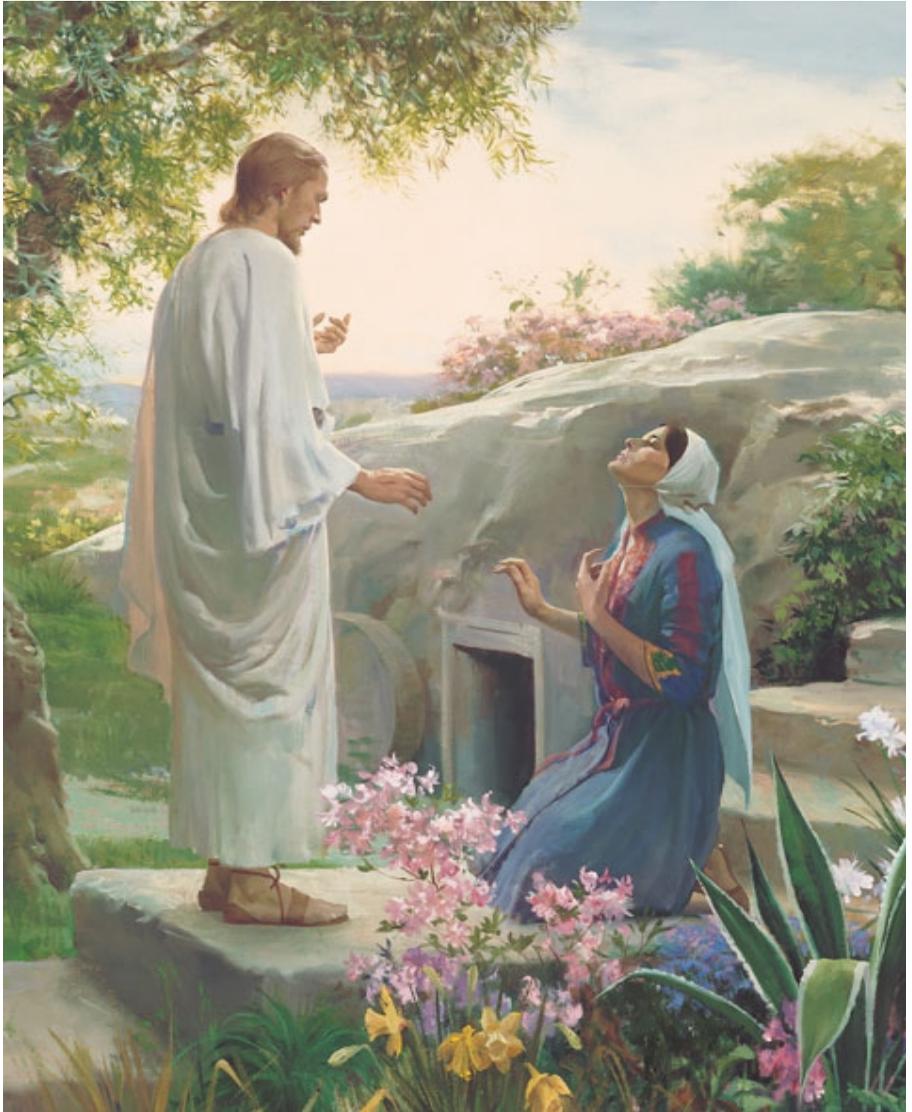


St. Barnabas Church Waunarlwydd

(Discovering the love of God in Jesus Christ)



Parish Report 2018

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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. As I've said before, reports can only offer a small glimpse into the overall activity, commitment, joys and struggles, worship and loving care we've shared as a dedicated Christian family. But it *is* a resource to help us carefully and prayerfully reflect on, and encourage us towards, deeper discipleship. (So please read, for example, the article on giving as part of Christine's - our Treasurer's - report).

What this collection of different perspectives reminds us of is that we're here to enable those in our wider community discover the love of God in Jesus Christ. As we seek to be refreshed and renewed in God's mission to transform lives and communities in the name of Jesus Christ and as part of the Llŵchwr Ministry Area in the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon, this calling continues to entail that significant and often painful movement 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 in serving others through lives in which God is making a difference!

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

Ian - Vicar

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Discovering the love of God in Jesus Christ



The prayer below continues to encapsulate what we're about, why we're here, and what we hope people will experience when they worship at St Bs...an encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus Christ and the vibrant life of God who is Trinity. We pray our diocesan prayer for mission at every service - and most of us even manage to say it now without needing to sneak a look at the notices or prayer cards!

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: our mission 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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Vicar

To the dearly beloved saints in Waunarlwydd

Many a ship has sailed from port to port with no interference from Me, because Strong Will has been at the wheel!

Multitudes of pleasure cruises go merrily on their ways untouched by the power of My hand.

But you have put your life into My keeping and because you are depending on Me for guidance and direction I will give it.

Move on steadily, and know that the waters that carry you

are the waters of My love and My kindness

And I will keep you on the right course

(Frances J. Roberts)

It will be twelve years this coming June that the Davies family moved into the vicarage ("...what?", I hear you say, "it feels like 20"!)). I was licensed as Curate in Charge soon after arriving, having been mistaken by some as the builder (!), knowing little about what I should be doing, but probably quite a lot about what might be expected, and not just by the parish, but also by Bishops who always like giving us extra things to do. I think, in retrospect they wanted to get some value out of me, having trained so late, before I 'popped my clogs'! (and yes, I'm not far behind Julie - whom we are all going to miss terribly!).

Anyway, and 12 years on from an inauspicious start, there's been lots that's changed and quite a lot that hasn't. We're now part of the wider Llŵchwr Ministry Area; we've been 'guided' (instructed) by our Archbishop to change and combine our Sunday morning services with St. John's, and not just to relieve the clerical burden, but to encourage the

whole body of Christ to be involved in mission and ministry, leading worship and using the gifts God has given them - which was part of the 'charge' when I was ordained priest back in 2005.

I'm so grateful to our worship and leadership team of Julie, Mo, Barry, Sue L., Mair, Christine, Antony and John, Paul & Margaret and to all who are on the reading rota for allowing us to be led in worship with different personalities, voices, styles and approaches; to Yvonne W. who always ensures that our worship space is beautiful and welcoming; to Mary and Sue H. for their thoughtful window presentations; to Yvonne M for ensuring the linen we use at the Eucharist is always perfect; to members of the PCC who have really grasped their role as helping guide the church's mission and not arguing about the colour of the wallpaper (we are so lucky there!) - and to everybody who's always there when we need them - Chris H. Siân and Pete, Owain amongst others, who always pitch in and help. You may have noticed that because of us all sharing the load together I've actually been able to bring Sue and Renée up to be part of the worshipping family - which has been a joy (and long-awaited).

I know we've got used to Holy Communion being offered at every service, and don't like travelling down the road and joining with others (which is sad). I'm also aware that not many are yet availing themselves of the opportunity to worship along the lines that we used to as Anglicans - yep morning prayer ('Matins') - and not as long ago as people like to think. Yet there is a real sense of God's generous blessing on us here as we continue to discover the love of God in Jesus Christ together and seek to *go out and make disciples of others* (as our Diocesan prayer for mission guides..).

I had a quick look at my second parish report and realized that though I can get a bit down about things sometimes, there is evidence that God is graciously on the move:

(Extract from Easter 2008 - reporting on 2007)

"So what are my hopes for the next year?"

1. To see those who are yet peripheral coming into full involvement/membership either because they haven't been baptized/confirmed, or because they haven't yet had the opportunity to commit themselves personally, 'tumbling into the kingdom' (as Michael Green said once).
2. Training lay worship leaders/intercessors.
3. Getting PCC members to talk about their spiritual life and wider parish responsibilities (rather than getting bogged down in the minutiae)
4. Establishing healing prayer ministry as part of the warp and weft of church life
5. Identifying people capable of leading small groups - i.e. to deepen or re-establish confidence in some of the folks here
6. To attract some new faces/families - i.e. the influx of some more committed helpers - because there seem to be just a few willing hands on whom the load rests at the moment....

Hmmm. So maybe the Holy Spirit has been doing his stuff after all...?

(I wrote this report a few days ago. It's March 10th today - my mother Renée's Wedding Anniversary - she and dad married in 1942. In the early hours of what was a sunny anniversary morning she died peacefully in her sleep at the age of 97. I know Sue Joel and I will not be the only ones to miss her).

The pure in heart shall see God. The seeing of Him will be the sign that we are like Him, for only by being like Him can we see Him as He is. But when shall we be fit to look Him in the face. God only knows This is the heart of my hopes by day and my dreams by night. To behold the face of Jesus seems to me the one thing to be desired.
(George MacDonald)

*With love in Our Risen Lord Jesus,
Yours ~ Ian (for Sue Joel, Renée [RIP] - and Phoebe)*

Assistant Curate

"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore, will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."

Thomas Merton, Thoughts in Solitude

I laughed out loud when I read the opening sentences of this quote from Thomas Merton, an influential Trappist Monk who died in 1968. It's not only me then! ... even *Thomas Merton* could be full of uncertainty. He was, however, only uncertain of his own understanding...he was sure about what matters to God and that is what is in our hearts.

It's good to examine what is in our hearts - not indulging in navel gazing - but honestly opening up, letting go, whichever cliché best suits and allowing the Holy Spirit some elbow room.

Looking back over the last year I do believe that the Holy Spirit is, very gently, having his (her?) way here at St. Bs. I also believe that the work is being done gently, because a Pentecost type outpouring which had people falling over and speaking in tongues, would probably terrify most Anglicans and send us running for cover. God knows us and loves us, is gentle and patient, but remember, he knows what is in our hearts - whatever our outward appearances may suggest. We cannot hide behind 'religious practices and good works' if these are done for selfish reasons or through gritted teeth.

Anyway, I can only go by outward appearances and I love the fact that our family here at St. Bs is slowly but surely growing to include our extended family throughout the Ministry Area. The number from St Bs who attend the Praise & Worship service once a month is growing and faces, if not the names, of those from neighbouring parishes are becoming familiar. Relationships are also deepening through Bible and Lenten Studies - thank you so much to Barry and Sue for 'Chocolat' which gives a very good illustration of the dangers of becoming entrenched in our own understanding and insisting that others - even God - conform.

Our Family Service is now in its fifth year and in all that time there has only been one service when there were no children present (even then our 'grown up' congregation ensured that the worship was wholehearted) and the last few months have been well attended by families, so we will keep on praying that the Lord continue to bless us. At the time of writing I am praying that our combined service on Easter morning will be a real celebration of God's love for us all... which will be reflected in our love for each other.

Buzz at St. Bs has been a bit more uncertain, often with adults outnumbering children two to one...but there have been positive signs of late, so we will continue to pray and *listen* and the fact that Sue (Letson) has 'come along' with her wealth of experience and willingness to oversee the enterprise is, I believe, a sure sign that our prayers are being answered.

The Open the Book team still enjoys a warm welcome from children and teachers alike and we also have two more volunteers who are happy to help out if we need them...and whilst on the subject of our relationship with the schools ...our Christmas Experience *Three Animals and a Baby* was well received by both Waunarlwydd Primary and Ysgol Login Fach. We are delighted that our Welsh medium primary school is happy to be part of the 'Experience' events despite the fact that what we offer is through the medium of English. In the hope that we can include more Welsh we're aiming to work with Derek from Zion in May during our Pentecost Experience (more details to follow). We will also be meeting

soon to decide what our 2018 Christmas Experience will involve...Ian couldn't believe that we were talking about next Christmas during the February PCC!

Our parent and toddler group, Butterflies, has been running for two years now. We have seen most of our 'first babies' move on to nursery, either at school or when mum has to return to work, but we are enjoying meeting another group of mums/grandparents and little ones and watching them progress from not being able to sit up to running around (the little ones that is, not the mums/grandparents!). We are *managing* with the current level of volunteers but could do with a few extra names to add to our rota.

Thank you so much to those of you who put their time, effort and energy into all these things. I know you all have many other commitments, but you still give your support. Thank you to those of you who, although you cannot be 'hands on', offer encouragement and prayer, both are so important. Thank you too, to those of you who are 'hands on' - but behind the scenes - we really are appreciative and will try to say thank you more often.

Having said all that and being very aware that it can all become too much - I'm very conscious that there are three nursing homes in Waunarlydd which means there are a lot of elderly people who may be missing being part of a church or community. We visit Ty Waunarlydd once a month to share Holy Communion in the Day Centre and visit one or two of the residents...but it would be lovely to establish a small team who could visit the nursing homes on a regular basis, meet the residents and begin to develop relationships. We don't, however, want to ask people to do this in addition to what they are already doing, but instead of, so we do need some extra help, either for this team or the Butterflies team. We already have two more volunteers. Please pray about it and perhaps this time next year ????

This time next year I will no longer be Assistant Curate of St Barnabas Church, Waunarlwydd because I am retiring at the end of June. The Archbishop has kindly agreed to grant me permission to officiate and I will continue to help and support Ian in any way I can and continue to be part of the church family. Not being 'Assistant Curate' will however release me from the obligations and expectations that come with the role and allow me to be what I have always felt called to be - what we are *all* called to be - part of Christ's church with a particular part to play.

With love and every blessing to you all from your Assistant Curate who is feeling a bit past her sell by date - hence the decision to retire before the big(ish) birthday in December.

Julie

Churchwardens

"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them"
Matthew 18 v20

As Churchwardens, we have many people to both thank and be thankful for on behalf of everyone who worships, visits, or otherwise has an involvement with St Barnabas...

We continue to be blessed in having a fantastic Worship Team led by Ian... Although the Diocese and now the new Ministry Area continue to place demands on Ian, his unfailing dedication and spiritual enthusiasm always shine through... Do please remember that Ian, together with Sue, Joel and Renée, need our prayers and support....

And where would we be without Julie, who seems to multi-task effortlessly and who co-ordinates and drives so much of what goes on behind the scenes at St Barnabas, including the past "Experiences" of Christmas and Easter, and, of course, the "Open the Book" initiative that we continue to explore at Waunarlwydd Primary School...

We are indeed fortunate as a church to have the services of a "retired" clergy couple (do clergy ever retire?) in Barry & Sue Letson, who are able and very willing to share and develop our worship, especially Morning Prayer and this year's Lenten course...

Our thanks also go out to those who volunteer for "Messy Church", Butterflies, "Open the Book", Fairtrade and our regular "working parties" throughout the summer months, and to our musical team of Ian and Maureen (Where would we be without our music...?!)... John needs a special mention here, too, for taking on and managing the weekly "Pews News"... And we'd like to thank the members of the PCC, on your behalf, for their sterling work in planning, guiding and co-ordinating the various activities and events throughout the year, and getting the bills paid on time...!

John quoted the "Parable of the Sower" in our report a few years ago, and there is great evidence that some of those seeds have indeed fallen on fertile ground : we have the "Open the Book" initiative at Waunarlydd Primary School which has been running for nearly 3 years now and is quite an established part of the spiritual curriculum of their school life... Then there's the "Christmas Experience" ("Three Animals and a Baby"), which we ran at church for both Waunarlydd and Login Fach primary schools last November: the feedback from both these events has been very positive and encouraging... "Messy Church", Bible Study (Fridays), "Butterflies" (Thursdays), Prayer Meetings (Tuesdays), Healing Service (first Sunday of the month) : all signs of positive growth...

St Barnabas continues to offer a welcome sanctuary in a period of great anxiety and unpredictability in our daily lives, as we hear of acts of violence and terrorism and "radicalisation", and also as we prepare as a nation to leave the relative comfort and stability of the European Union, after 40 years, to face the uncertain challenges that lay ahead... Much closer to home, it is with great sadness that we witnessed the first closure of one of our temples of faith in Waunarlydd: Bethany Chapel (English Baptist)... Our sadness goes out to those who bore witness there and we extend to them a hand of brotherly and sisterly fellowship here at St Barnabas...

Perceptions and expectations change with time : some would argue that it's a generational thing... Nonetheless, change is inevitable in all societies, but it's the way we accept and encompass that change that is important... We have all known for some time now of the introduction of the Ministry Area model, which commenced at St Barnabas and St John's, Gowerton (our "twin" in the scheme of things) in December of last year... It's been great to welcome worshippers from other parishes to St Barnabas, especially for communion services, and not only on a Sunday, but also at our increasingly popular and maybe more relaxed 10.30am Eucharist on Wednesdays, and to chat and share fellowship with them... We are both very saddened and disappointed, however, that

there hasn't been any reciprocity at St John's, and that attendance at the Morning Prayer services here at St Barnabas is poor.

Kevin DeYoung and Jason Helopoulos write :

"When Christians abstain from church, they are depriving themselves of all the benefits of the body (1 Corinthians c12)... We could say in a very real way that we have the fullness of the Spirit in all His gifts only when the church meets... The person with hospitality is able to encourage; the individual with the gift of teaching is free to exhort; the sister with the gift of mercy dispenses comfort; and the brother with the gift of faith sets an example... We are shaping one another to the glory of God... There is no Lone Ranger Christianity... There is not even a Lone Ranger and Tonto Christianity... We belong to one another and need one another... After all, shouldn't we BE the church, shouldn't worshipping TOGETHER be a way of life...?"

So, we urge, we encourage, we exhort you all to please come along and show your support as we take our ministry and mission forward at St Barnabas and throughout the Ministry Area... Help us to continue to grow...! And always be conscious of the various ways you can lend your support :

Spiritually : The most important...! We are seeing our congregation grow slowly, year on year, as our service "offerings" continue to develop and evolve... But each of us needs to persevere and lead by example to demonstrate and publicise and promote the Gospel, the "Good News" to share God's message of love and fellowship with our community...

Practically : Help is always needed : volunteers are always welcome to assist with Messy Church, clean the church and hall, maintain the graveyard and grounds, give lifts, visit those who are house-bound / hospitalised, help out at services etc...

If you feel you can help the development of St. Barnabas in any way (new ideas are always welcome!) let us know... Please don't wait to be asked... This is your church too...!

Financially : A church can never have too much money in its coffers...! Even though we have been enormously blessed this past year by a substantial donation from a very generous benefactor, the fabric of the building itself (see the FABRIC report) is in need of some serious (= expensive) repairs... So we must not be complacent with regard to our ongoing finances (heating, maintenance, parish share, mission etc.)... Please consider an increase in your giving and /or even consider setting up a monthly standing order via your bank (nothing could be easier!)... See Chris (our Treasurer) for more details...

Finally, please let your friends and neighbours know about the range and times of our services, especially mid-week on Wednesday mornings, and of all our activities, and of the welcome and support they can find within these walls...

*"What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear !
What a privilege to carry
Everything to Him in prayer"*

Blessings to you all...

Antony (Bidder) - Vicar's Churchwarden

John (Campbell) - People's Churchwarden

Mothers' Union

Our theme for 2017 was "Faith in Action" which we achieved in our project work and our meetings.

The year began with our Annual General Meeting at the Grill House. Reports were read and eleven of us enjoyed lunch together. The accounts were accepted in February's meeting.

Our membership for 2017 was 23 Branch Members, 4 Indoor Members, and 1 Diocesan Member. We were pleased to welcome Siân Prichard, Maria Gomez, and Meta Truesdale as new members to the branch and also Dianne Marquis in January 2018.

We had a sad start to the year with the loss of our dear friend Doris Craig and Eva Kite later in the year, also Doreen Jenkins who was a resident of Ty Victoria who had been in the branch for many years and Mary Bidder who was a great friend of the branch. We will cherish the times we spent together and they will be greatly missed.

In February we celebrated National Marriage Week with a display in the church and on the 19th we held a service for the Mothers' Union World Wide Wave of Prayer. Our allocated time was 3.35pm. to 4.10pm. We lit candles for our link Diocese and prayed for their projects. This was followed with refreshments and fellowship. On the 28th of February we held a Shrove Tuesday lunch at the church hall. Everyone enjoyed homemade soup and pancakes and the proceeds were split between Mothers' Union and Church.

On Mothering Sunday the bouquet of flowers went to Mrs. Anne Tinkler as part of our branch project and we also made a donation to "Make a Mother's Day". This gift was to help a mother with her literacy and numeracy to enable her to pass on that knowledge to her children.

In March many of us took part in the Easter Experience which was very special as this was the first time that pupils from the Welsh School

were joining us at St. Barnabas. It was a privilege to be with both schools as they have a good understanding of the bible stories.

In April we co-hosted the monthly Mothers' Union Eucharist at St. Mary's church in Swansea with Pontarddulais and Llanrhidian and repeated this in December. We attended the Diocesan Festival at Brecon cathedral. The new Chief Executive of the Mothers' Union, Bev Jullien, spoke with great passion about the work we do and the ripple effect this has on others. Examples were given and I was very moved when she spoke of a project which was unmistakably ours and we did make a difference to someone's life and were able to give them joy where there was pain and helped to bring some happy memories which will last a lifetime.

Five members attended and Liz Meredith was our banner bearer. On our return we enjoyed a meal and fellowship at the Riverside Inn with our sister members of the Deanery

On May 4th we attended a Mothers' Union Council meeting at Bishop Bevan's Hall in Brecon and a second on 14th of October. At the latter we took part in a very informative quiz. We also attended two Deanery meetings at St. Hillary's in Killay.

The Deanery Festival was held at St. Pauls in Sketty on the on the 16th of May at 2pm. Reverend Dr. John Gillibrand was the speaker and we followed this with a tea in the church hall. All branches supplied cakes and a good time was had by all.

On June 30th we held a Strawberry Tea which turned out to be a wonderful time of fellowship with the hall filled to capacity. Thanks to all who worked so hard (in my absence) and raised the magnificent total of £350.

Our project boxes raised £50 this year which was sent to Mary Sumner House in June. At the end of June we had an outing to Rhossili. The Lord smiled on us and we had a beautiful sunny day and then had tea at the Guiding Centre in Parkmill. Our transport for the day was freely provided by Mr. Wayne Harris of the Farmers Arms and his driver Mr.

Stuart Hart was a great and a patient helpful person, making sure all our members made it home safely. Christine sent a letter of thanks. The hire of the hall was paid for with a donation from a kind member.

Again at Easter, supported by the congregation, we collected eggs for Mrs. Val Newton. These were used when she took the children from Romania and Moldova on holiday in the summer.

We were pleased to have secured an "Away From It All" (AFIA) holiday for a local family this year at Trecco Bay. Our branch provided the family with a huge food hamper, toys, buckets and spades and one of our members gave them a monetary gift so they could have treats. AFIA provided free passes into all entertainment. We also provided transport and on their arrival we found that the ladies of Llandaff had also provided an excellent pack of food and goodies. This family had never had a holiday before (!). Later in the year there was a new baby in the family and we gave them a gift of toiletries nappies and clothes. We were able to make a £100 donation, from our fundraising later in the year, to AFIA holidays.

Three members attended the play "Chosen" at St. Mary's Swansea. The Salt Mine Theatre Company told the story of Mary Sumner, our founder. There were excellent reviews so one to look out for if it returns.

We purchased thirty five new Diocesan prayer books some of which will be used in our comfort boxes which is one of our branch projects and when visiting the sick. I would like to thank Mrs. Pat Davies who wrote the prayer from St. Barnabas Branch.

Many thanks to Mrs. Siân Prichard for producing a great quiz which raised £74 for projects and we were grateful to Sue L. who donated her winning prize money to Mothers' Union.

On the 16th of December a few of us attended the service at St Mary's in Swansea which marked the start of 16 days of activism against gender-based violence. It was a very moving service. Ruth Roberts our Diocesan Leader took the symbolic service in which we were asked to place shoes on a table in front of the altar. Each pair had a message

which was read out. The messages painted such a powerful picture of those who endure this kind of violence and there were a few tears shed. This may have been because many in the congregation knew of someone who had experienced violence, or purely felt compassion for anyone in the situations that were read.

We supported the safe houses with items of clothing and toiletries and gave a donation of £100 to that initiative - and also £200 to our Diocesan project "Faith in Families". A donation of £100 was given to St. Barnabas for heating and lighting used at our meetings. We are so grateful to the PCC for the use of the hall and the contribution made towards our new storage cupboard which has proved to be invaluable. Thanks to Antony for keeping the hall warm and welcoming.

Throughout the year we have kept in close contact with our indoor members. Cards and gifts were given at Easter, Christmas and birthdays.

We gave two gifts outside the umbrella of the Mothers' Union this year. One to the orphanage school in Uganda, of £100, when Sue Letson one of our members visited, and £90 to a resettlement programme for women prisoners in Swansea.

The Wedding Fayre took place at the Brangwyn Hall on the 10th of September. Couples fill in their names and their wedding date on hearts given by Mothers' Union. These hearts are distributed to all our branches so that we can uphold them in prayer, as they prepare for their marriage. We also had a presence at the Royal Welsh Show and the Gower Show.

Gwen has been busy making knee blankets for our local care homes and baby clothes for projects and Andrea has been making hats for the premature baby unit.

We continued to present Baptismal and Marriage candles and Chris Hedley sent Baptism and anniversary of baptism cards as part of our Branch Projects. We also gave two comfort packs to two people that had been in hospital.

We only attended one of the retreats this year. It was the Advent retreat in November at Nicholston House and Canon Dewi Roberts was the speaker. We had a really good day.

Three members are on the "Butterflies @ St Bs" rota and the adult and toddler group has been inspiring. Two of our members go into our local school to "Open the Book" and another two are volunteers in the prison.

In November we held a nearly New/Coffee Morning which raised £330.56. Thanks to all who supported this. All remaining items were taken to the Air Ambulance Charity Shop.

Speakers:-

Anne Robertson	Fire Protection.
Ruby Hayden	Away From It All Holidays (A.F.I.A.)
Sue Lettson	Ugandan Orphanage School.
Barry Lettson	Quiz.
Ray Foulton	Scams.
Julie Perrin	Prison Resettlement.

In November eight of our members took part in the Advent play "Three Animals and a Baby". This was the Nativity as seen through the eyes of the animals. It was great fun and an outreach to several hundred children from our local schools who in turn relayed the Christmas message to their families. In December we invited everyone to our carols and festivities. Over the years we have lost so many who used to enjoy this time and I find it sad that more do not take up our invitation. However we all had a lovely afternoon and Siân Prichard, Maria Gomez and Meta Truesdale were enrolled at this time.

Many donations were received this year and I wish to thank everyone for their kindness and generosity.

I would like to thank all our clergy who give magnificent support; members; visitors; the committee; tea makers and the ladies on the

raffle and monthly table top sale; our marketing representative; banner bearer; twinning correspondent; and my my dear sister Freda who in spite of adversity has supported me and the branch. Thanks to Mr. Anthony Heaven for auditing our accounts and to my Secretary Chris Thomas and Treasurer Debbie Williams. All of the above are part of one body.

Our theme for 2018 is, "In Mary Sumner's Footsteps".

We look forward to this last year of our triennial. It will be a time of reflection for the branch. We ask for God's guidance as we vote for new officers later in the year and to give us strength, courage, patience and love as we face new challenges. The Mothers' Union General Meeting will take place in Swansea at the Brangwyn Hall in September 2018. This will be a very exciting day. With God's help, we will walk in the footsteps of Mary Sumner and make a difference by reaching out to as many as possible.

Love

Margaret (Holland).

Branch Leader

All this day, O Lord,

Let me touch as many lives as possible for thee;

and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken,

whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe,

or the life I live.

Amen.

Written in 1876 by our founder, Mary Sumner.

Ladies Guild

Well doesn't time fly by quickly? 'Can't believe it's been a year since I had to tackle this computer thing! I remember the days when you had to write with a pen and paper. I wonder if Jesus ever wrote down the things he was going to say or if it was totally off the cuff with no planning? As I head towards Easter I literally am not sure what will happen from one day to the next (within reason) and yet He had an idea what lay ahead for Him. I am going to stop seeking out the storms that lay ahead and start enjoying more fully the sunlight.

Well now to what we have done in guild this year. It may not be in chronological order but my memory's not what it was and I do write things down, but then I can't remember where I've put the book. Anyone else do this?????

We took our usual trip to Cardiff again on the train!!!! Some of us paid the full price - oh no hang on, I paid the full price - everyone else had a reduction even when they shouldn't have (you know who u are!!!!). Tinks offered to buy my ticket with her discount card only to be told by the very nice guard that she could but we would probably be arrested when we got to Cardiff!!! He then mumbled something about Angela Merkel owning the train line and I wanted to punch him, so I paid quickly. I love trains.....

Of course we went straight for coffee when we got off the train and rubbed shoulders with Sam Warburton in the coffee queue. Well it is Cardiff!!!! We walked for a little while just browsing the shops then it was obviously time to go find somewhere to have lunch. It was a busy Saturday but we found a nice little place up one of the side streets - plenty of room - so off we went...lovely lunch and they had tiny desserts, just the job. We met Nerys and her young man in Cardiff and it was nice to catch up with them. They took us on a sight-seeing ramble of Cardiff's back streets to get to Marks & Spencer. (Who knew Cardiff had back streets?). They had a lovely little man handing out little cups

of port of which I had two, very tasty, and definitely put a spring in our steps...especially Watsy who seemed to have a bit of a skip to her shuffle!!! I don't remember anyone buying much. I think we only visited 3 shops but we ate quite a lot. We saw quite a few of the famous snow dogs dotted around the place and Tinks and Lloydy went in search of one in particular that Tinks had an interest in whilst Watsy, Von W, Von M and myself sat in the freezing cold waiting for them. We headed back to the train station where we stocked up for the journey home. As we arrived on the platform there was a train waiting. It had been delayed so we jumped (well I say jumped...some did, some hobbled) on but we had to sit in different carriages for a while till some people got off and we managed to meet up.

All in all not a bad trip this one and we were home for tea!!!!

Another trip I really enjoyed was one Von M missed but it wasn't for that reason I enjoyed it (ha ha). It was to the Odeon cinema in Llanelli to see Victoria and Abdul. It was an excellent film, only a few seats sold, so plenty of space for us. But the highlight was a massive Joe's ice cream from the shop next door made all the better for having to sneak it in up my jumper. And yes my belly was bad all night. Ha ha! We have been to the Grillhouse twice this year, once for Mary's birthday and we enjoyed what has now started as a tradition of allowing the hubbies along for our after Christmas night out. Both were great occasions enjoyed by all.

We have been to the Grand Theatre twice too: once to see Sister Act all seated on the ground (no not the Carol, the seats). Alexandra Burke was the lead and personally I think she was better at dancing on strictly than her singing performance. The second was A Christmas Carol: not the usual songs, but an excellent performance. Good job we went when we did coz Scrooge went down with laryngitis after this night. We were lucky enough to have seats all together too.

We had a busy time helping with the Carnival this year, which as you know took place on the old tennis court in the rugby car park and it

absolutely emptied down with rain (well in wouldn't be a carnival without it would it!!)

We have also had a very nice meal at the Farmers Arms> We had lovely food and good company it was a good night, better than the one down in Verdi's in the Mumbles where we experienced horrific winds and rain. The staff were real pleased to see us leave that night! We have spent a couple of evenings down at the Harvester too. I am very grateful to the crew for hosting this past year as my inn has been very full again for the best part of over a year. Hence the 'no vacancies' sign in my front window now, just in case.

Although I was unable, lots of the girls supported Ann Brown's garden party in aid of Breast Cancer. They were very impressed with the spread.

After Christmas this year chez moi was re-opened and we started off the New Year with a darts tournament. We split into doubles and off we went. They say laughter does you good and it sure did.... Tinks' misspent youth in the Masons sprung into action. Von W brought her own darts. Mary pretended she hadn't played much. Watsy did hit the board eventually after redesigning my dining room wall a few times. Moaning Meredith gave her usual support to all players.... I of course was brilliant.....correct me if I'm wrong girls but I'm sure Jockey Wilson Williams and myself won the tournament. We have got to do this again as it was a real tonic.

The aim of guild is to support one another, have fun and enjoy each others company which I think we have done down to a fine art at last. Again I am grateful to all the girls who have supported me this last year. We are few in number but full of spirit. This year as we enter a new chapter of guild our philosophy is going to be "when its dark, look for stars. When it rains look for rainbows." Now I didn't make that up, I had it on a mug!

Thanks for reading.

Sue (Howells) xxx

Safeguarding

I will open this report reiterating what I said last year. That the PCC at 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 and those who are still young.... but have been here longer!

So to update you all on how we are ensuring that we are adhering to good practice. All clergy PCC members and individuals who have contact with children or adults through church organisations have been DBS checked, at the later part of last year. We also ensure to the best of our ability that photographs are not taken in church services where children are present.

I have for your information put some useful telephone numbers and information on the notice board in the church hall. Please pass this information on to any one who might find it useful.

We have all experienced scam calls, emails and people wanting to sell us something or asking for personal information. Please don't give anyone your personal details. Genuine callers do not contact you in this way. Please contact me if you have any concerns, and I will do my very best to put you in touch with the relevant people who can help you.

Working together and helping each other within our church family and our village is the best way of keeping safe.

Mary (Taylor)

Fabric

In the 2016 report I teasingly asked if anyone having a minor lottery win would care to share it with St Barnabas, as the Quinquennial survey was about to be undertaken, and we knew already that substantial work needed to be done on the nave windows and stonework... Well...many prayers must have been answered, because, incredibly, a benefactor actually came forward and donated a considerable sum of money to be used for the maintenance and mission of our church, here at St Barnabas...! The PCC was therefore able to give approval for the crumbling entrance gate pillars to be rebuilt, and also for work to go ahead in the coming months on the nave windows and stonework... It has also allowed us to extensively cut back the churchyard hedging, to remove the overgrown leylandii trees overlooking the top Garden of Remembrance, and trim back the church hill hedges... We also have new storage cupboards in the hall and extra facilities including a fridge-freezer in the kitchen...

The local authority must also be complimented for raising the level of the access path between Caergynydd and Victoria roads, allowing communicants from the former road to get to church without running the gauntlet of negotiating the mini-pond on the path on rainy days...!

Once again I'd like to thank all those who managed to attend our monthly "working parties" throughout the summer... We do have a bit of fun, and not only can we see the difference it's making practically, in the warmth (literally !) of our welcome and the general "cared-for" appearance of our church and grounds, but it also helps us to bind together as God's community outpost here at St Barnabas, and to focus our determination to take our ministry and mission forward...!

Antony (Bidder)

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 so and continue to do so.

We are continuing to use only fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar in the kitchen, all purchased directly from the Traidcraft charity so the 'profits' go directly back into the charity. Barbara and Roger (Harris), do a regular Traidcraft stall every 2 to 3 weeks after the 10 o'clock service, where you can buy chocolate, preserves, cards, biscuits etc. and they also brought the catalogue for Christmas orders in December. 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 ranges available. The Coop's website states that all of their own label tea is fairtrade. The fairtrade "Real Easter Egg" was available again this Easter and the range of flavours is increasing. If you don't see fairtrade items for sale in a shop, it is definitely worth asking in store, or on their social media page, if a big company, from experience they will answer very quickly.

As a church, it is our Christian duty to love our fellow human beings around the globe - it is by buying fairtrade (tea, coffee, fruit, clothes, cards, jewellery, Easter eggs, footballs..) that we are making a huge difference to people in poor countries.

On behalf of Barbara and Roger, thank you for your continued support this year.

Jaki (Truscott)

Music

"When, in our music, God is glorified
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!" (GB No 550 v1)

This past year has seen a range of changes in our worship as we shared our beloved clergy with the ministry area folk. Music remains an important part of worship, bringing us into the presence of God to worship and adore Him.

We celebrated the feast of St Barnabas in June with a service of "Songs of Praise". The hymn choices, traditional and more modern, brought us together as a Christian community in Waunarlwydd. All in good voice gave praise through the wonder of music.

If singing hymns is not 'your thing' or you have less of a voice, I encourage you to read and absorb the words, even memorise them. In times of joy or distress, they give an assurance of God's presence.

May the words and music continue to deepen our walk with God through the coming year.

"Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!" (GB 550 v5)

Mo

Treasurer

A "Treat" from the Treasurer.

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks unto the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

And now let the weak say, 'I am strong'
Let the poor say, 'I am rich'
Because of what the Lord has done for us'

These words flood into my mind as I sit down to write this financial report for 2017.

God has really blessed St Barnabas in 2017 both practically and spiritually and we all need to "give thanks". So thank you to all those who support both financially and in time, talent and effort to ensure that St Barnabas not only continues to reach out across this community in love and friendship but is extending God's kingdom of equality and justice. Working together generates such a warm, wonderful spirit amongst us all that inspires those around us to become more involved.

As I look at last year's accounts I am delighted to say that we are in a sound financial position at the moment. 16 people contribute by standing order, which is cheaper and much more convenient for all concerned. Each box of envelopes costs £4.

Most of the income was as predicted in the budget. However, we were very fortunate to receive a donation of £50,000 from a previous chorister and resident of the village which will enable us to do some of the restoration work that has been outstanding for many years. This is very exciting and the PCC hopes that any interested persons will join the working party to explore the best possible outcomes. Some work has already been started. The gates posts have been repaired and made

safe. The window mullions and re-pointing is due to commence as soon as the weather permits, along with the installation of new windows. The floor of the church requires investigation on health and safety grounds. So if you are interested, get involved and see Antony (Bidder).

Expenses are continually rising and fortunately the PCC insisted that we contribute properly towards our Curate's expenses this year. Pruning of the hedges in the churchyard was also an additional expense.

We hit our targets for increasing mission contributions and hope to further increase this next year. Talking of mission, we have been blessed by being able to include Ysgol Gynradd Login Fach in our Easter and Christmas experiences this year, as well as supporting our Open the Book Team in Waunarlwydd.

So all in all, we can thank God for his many blessings and pray that he will continue to bless his church, here in Waunarlwydd. (Please see full accounts at the end of the report)¹. The following article is included for prayerful consideration

What Does the Bible Say About Church Giving?

(an article by Mary Fairchild)

Giving: God wants us to give

1. Give to God Alone

When we give to God, we get blessed. And although most of our giving goes to the church, we don't give to a church. We don't give to the vicar. We give our offerings to God alone. In fact, the Bible teaches us to give for our own good and for our own blessing, from a cheerful heart.

First and foremost, God wants us to give because it shows that we recognize he is truly the Lord of our lives.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17, NIV)

Everything we own and everything we have comes from God. So, when we give, we simply offer him a small portion of all the abundance he has already given to us. Giving is an expression of our thankfulness and praise to God. It comes from a heart of worship that recognizes that everything we give already belongs to the Lord.

God instructed Old Testament believers to give a tithe, or a tenth, because this ten percent represented the first or most important portion of all they had. The New Testament does not suggest a certain percentage for giving, but simply says for each to give "in keeping with his income."

Believers should give according to their income.

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. (1 Corinthians 16:2, NIV)

Note that the offering was set aside on the first day of the week. When we are willing to offer the first portion of our wealth back to God, then God knows he has our hearts. He knows - and we also know - that we are submitted completely in trust and obedience to our Lord and Saviour.

2. We are blessed when we give.

... remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' (Acts 20:35, NIV)

God wants us to give because he knows how blessed we will be as we give generously to him and to others. Giving is a kingdom principle - it brings more blessing to the giver than to the recipient.

3. When we give freely to God, we receive freely from God.

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. (Luke 6:38, NIV)

One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. (Proverbs 11:24, NIV)

God promises that we will be blessed over and above what we give, and also according to the *measure* that we use to give. But, if we hold back from giving with a stingy heart, we hinder God from blessing our lives.

4. Believers should seek God and not a legalistic rule about how much to give.

Each (person) should give what s/he has decided in her/his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV)

Giving is meant to be a joyful expression of thanks to God from the heart, not a legalistic obligation.

5. The value of our offering is not determined by *how much we give*, but *how we give*.

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on." (Mark 12:41-44, NIV)

Lessons in Giving from the Poor Widow's Offering

We find at least three important keys to giving in this story of the widow's offering:

1. God values our offerings differently than men do.

In God's eyes, the value of the offering is not determined by the amount of the offering. The text says that the wealthy gave large amounts, but the widow's offering was of much higher value because she gave all that she had. It was a costly sacrifice. Note

that Jesus did not say she put in more than *any* of the others; he said she put in more than *all* the others.

2. *Our attitude in giving is important to God.*

The text says Jesus "watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury." Jesus observed the people as they gave their offerings, and he watches us today as we give. If we give to be seen by others or with a stingy heart toward God, our offering loses its value. Jesus is more interested and impressed by *how* we give than *what* we give.

We see this same principle in the story of Cain and Abel. God evaluated Cain and Abel's offerings. Abel's offering was pleasing in God's eyes, but he rejected Cain's. Rather than giving to God out of thankfulness and worship, Cain may have presented his offering with evil or selfish intent. Maybe he had hoped to receive special recognition. Regardless, Cain knew the right thing to do, but he didn't do it. God even gave Cain an opportunity to make things right, but he chose not to.

This illustrates again that God watches **what** and **how** we give. God not only cares about the quality of our gifts to him, but also the attitude in our hearts as we offer them.

3. *God doesn't want us to be overly concerned with how our offering is spent.*

At the time Jesus observed this widow's offering, the temple treasury was managed by the corrupt religious leaders of that day. But Jesus did not mention anywhere in this story that the widow should not have given to the temple.

Although we should do what we can to ensure that the ministries we give to are good stewards of God's money, we can't always know for certain that the money we give will be spent correctly. We should not be overly burdened with this concern, nor should we use this as an excuse not to give.

It's important for us to find a good church that wisely manages its financial resources for God's glory and for the growth of God's Kingdom. But once we give to God, we don't need to worry about what happens to the money. This is God's problem to solve, not ours. If a church or ministry misuses its funds, God knows how to deal with the responsible leaders.

(So) we rob God when we fail to give offerings to him.

Will a (person) rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' In tithes and offerings. (Malachi 3:8, NIV)

This verse speaks for itself, don't you think?

The picture of our financial giving simply reveals a reflection of our lives surrendered to God.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. (Romans 12:1, NIV)

When we truly recognize all that Christ has done for us, we will want to offer ourselves wholly to God as a living sacrifice of worship to him.

Our offerings will flow freely from a heart of gratitude.

So what is the Challenge for us today?

...to pray and re-evaluate our giving of money, time, talent

Malachi 3:10 says, "'Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,' says the LORD Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.'"

Giving may feel like a huge sacrifice at first, but I'm confident you'll eventually discover its rewards. God wants believers to be free from the love of money, which the Bible says in 1 Timothy 6:10 is "a root of all kinds of evil." Giving honours the Lord and allows his work to go forward. It also helps build our faith.

We may experience times of financial hardship when we can't give as much, but the Lord still wants us to trust Him in times of lack. God, not our money, is our provider. He will meet our daily needs.

A friend once said that financial giving is not God's way of raising money - it's his way of raising children.

Again, I re-iterate, it's not just about money. If you are interested in getting involved with any projects that are up and running or have any ideas of your own about how we can move forward showing the love of God in this place, please talk to Ian, Julie or one of the PCC.

Heavenly Father, by your Spirit you work in us both the desire and the strength to fulfil your purpose in our lives: grant us the grace of generous hearts and open hands that our living and our giving may be acceptable in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Giving in Grace)

With love and blessings

Christine

Note: For the eagle-eyed among you I need to point out just one anomaly. (And be assured that the accounts have been properly audited and found to be correct). If you look at the Receipts page, you will see that £1950 has been credited towards the churchyard. However if you look at the transfer of funds into the churchyard account, it shows £1346 - a shortfall of £604. This means that £604 from the current account actually belongs in the graveyard account. This has been rectified. The money is all there, it's just that £604 is in the wrong account.

Accounts 2017 – Receipts

GENERAL FUND AS AT 31/12/2016	6052.53
DIRECT GIVING - PLANNED	1897.60
DIRECT GIVING UNPLANNED	4642.25
GIFT AID	16958.23
HMRC	5928.42
RENTS	1104.09
DONATIONS	53412.05
FUNDRAISING	476.05
200 CLUB	1015.00
SOCIAL EVENTS	119.00
SALES	17.05
WEDDING/FUNERAL FEES	604.00
BAPTISM/WEDDING COLLECTIONS	35.00
CHARITIES	1809.76
CHURCHYARD	1950.00
BANK INTEREST	6.67
REFUNDS	928.49
GRAVEYARD ACCOUNT @31/12/16	3502.34
RESTORATION APPEAL ACCOUNT AS AT 31/12/2016	799.11
TOTAL RECEIPTS	101257.64

Accounts 2017 – Expenditure

PARISH SHARE	24109.77
VICAR'S EXPENSES	1500.00
WATER RATES	251.80
ELECTRICITY/GAS	1463.31
INSURANCE	888.43
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	1982.81
ALTAR REQUISITES	559.14
ORGANIST	520.00
PRINTING/STATIONERY	538.66
BOOKS	138.85
JUNIOR/MESSY CHURCH	1269.99
200 CLUB	450.00
GRAVEYARD MAINTENANCE	3798.00
SOCIAL EVENTS	212.58
MONEY RAISING COSTS	54.38
CHARITIES	1527.79
SUNDRIES	1083.36
CHURCH/GRAVEYARD ACCOUNT@30/12/17	1154.99
RESTORATION ACCOUNT @ 30/012/17	99.13
GENERAL FUND @ 30/012/17	60017.65
	SUB-TOTAL
	101620.64
UNCASHED CHEQUES @30/12/17(MINUS)	363.00
	TOTAL PAYMENTS
	101257.64

General Fund/Graveyard Account/ Restoration

Receipts and Payments for the period ending 31/12/17

Receipts	2016	2017
VOLUNTARY INCOME		
Planned Giving	18,845.23	18855.83
loose collection	4,628.40	4677.25
Donations	2,179.30	53412.05
For mission	1,067.59	1809.76
Tax refunds	4,483.22	5928.42
GENERATED INCOME		
Money raising	3,130.99	2731.19
Fees	3,635.00	2554.00
INVESTMENT INCOME	10.50	6.67
OTHER INCOME	1,038.90	928.49
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT INCOME	39,019.13	90903.66
PAYMENTS		
SUPPORT FOR MINISTRY-Parish Share	23,300.20	24109.77
Parochial expenses of clerics	162.00	1500.00
PARISH ACTIVITIES		
Maintenance of Services	759.91	1217.99
General Parish Expenses	895.47	1622.02
CHURCH PROPERTY		
Maintenance of Church	4,330.85	4586.35
Maintenance of other property		3798.00
GRANTS & OTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT		
Mission - Parish	664.52	1269.99
Mission - Home/World	1,950.26	1527.79
OTHER RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Cost of Money Raising	780.94	716.96
TOTAL PAYMENTS	32,844.15	40348.87
BANK BALANCES @1/1/2016	4,209.00	10353.98
uncashed cheques 31/12/2016(minus)	50.00	20.00
uncashed cheques 31/12/2017	20.00	363.00
BANK BALANCES @ 31/12/2017	10,353.98	61271.77

Churchyard Account (Restricted Funds)

	2016	2017
BANK ACCOUNT	At 31/12/16	At 31/12/17
Balance	2,162.24	3502.34
RECEIPTS		
Graveyard/garden of Remembrance		
Transfer from General Fund	1,330.00	1,346.00
Interest	10.10	6.65
TOTAL INCOME	3,502.34	4,854.99
PAYMENTS		
Grounds	0.00	
Capital Expenditure	0.00	
Transfer to General fund		3,700.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	0.00	3,700.00
BANK BALANCE @31/12/17	3502.34	1154.99

RESTORATION APPEAL ACCOUNT(Restricted Funds)

	At 31/12/16	at 31/12/17
BANK ACCOUNT	798.71	799.11
RECEIPTS		
Capital Income		
Transfer from General Fund		
Interest	0.40	0.02
TOTAL RECEIPTS	799.11	799.13
PAYMENTS		
Maintenance of property	0.00	0.00
Transfer to General Fund	0.00	700.00
Capital Expenditure	0.00	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	0.00	700.00
BANK BALANCE	AS AT 31/12/16	at 31/12/17
	799.11	99.13

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As at period ending	31/12/16	31/12/17
BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES		
Current Account (General Fund)	6052.53	60017.65
Restoration Appeal(Building Fund)	799.11	99.13
Church Graveyard Account	3502.34	1154.99
TOTAL BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE	10353.98	61271.77

CURRENT DEBTORS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Church in Wales(Loan)	0.00	0.00
Parish Share	0.00	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00	0.00

FIXED ASSETS

Hall furniture/kitchen equipment/television sound system/ Replacement Value	6600.00	8000.00
Garden equipment/ lawnmower/strimmer Replacement Value	1100.00	1100.00

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.

Budget/Actual/2017/2018

RECEIPTS	2017	2017	2018
VOLUNTARY INCOME			
Planned giving	17000.00	18855.83	17000.00
Unplanned (Loose)	4000.00	4677.25	4000.00
Donations	500.00	53412.05	500.00
For mission	1000.00	1809.76	3000.00
Tax refunds	5000.00	5928.42	6000.00
Legacy gifts	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
GENERATED INCOME			
Fund raising	4000.00	2731.19	2000.00
Fees	1500.00	2554.00	1500.00
INVESTMENT INCOME	0.00	6.67	6.00
OTHER INCOME	0.00	928.49	0.00
TOTAL	33000.00	90903.66	34006.00
PAYMENTS			
SUPPORT FOR MINISTRY			
Parish share	23213.00	24109.77	22859.00
Parochial expenses of Clerics	1200.00	1500.00	1200.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
PARISH ACTIVITIES			
maintenance of Services	800.00	1217.99	1500.00
General Parish Expenses	1000.00	1622.02	2000.00
CHURCH PROPERTY			
Maintenance of Church	5000.00	4586.35	5000.00
Maintenance of other property	1000.00	3798.00	1000.00
Exceptional Expenditure	0.00	0.00	40000.00
GRANTS AND OTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT			
Mission Parish	1000.00	1269.99	2500.00
Mission home/World	1500.00	1527.79	2500.00
OTHER RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Capital payments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cost of Money Raising	1000.00	716.96	1000.00
TOTAL	35713.00	40348.87	79559.00



Thanks very much to Dave (Jones) for compiling and printing this report
