



St Lawrence Church Waltham St Lawrence

Annual Report and Accounts

of the

Parochial Church Council

for the year ending 31st December 2017

To be presented at the

Annual Parochial Church Meeting
on Sunday 29th April 2018 at 11.30 a.m.

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The Parochial Church Council

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the priest-in-charge in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibility for the church and churchyard.

The following served as members of the Council during 2017:

Ex officio:

Incumbent: Revd. Charles Mason Chairman

Wardens: Mr David Crawley–Boevey

Vice chairman

Mr Brian Gilbert-Smith

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Mr Anthony Boyd (until 31st May)

Mrs Victoria Wickins

Elected Members:

Mr Christopher Bond

Director of Music

Mrs Natasha Creffield

Mrs Jacquie Hazell (until 23rd April)

Mrs Christabel Howell

Mr Andrew Hyde (until 23rd April)

Mr Christopher King (from 23rd April)

Mrs Polly Pollecutt (from 23rd April)

Mr Simon J. Shaw (until 23rd April)

Mrs Linda Sykes

Mr Vaughan Wickins

Mr Christopher Woodhams

Secretary (until 4th July)

Also attend PCC Meetings:

Mrs Isabelle Crawley-Boevey

Secretary (from 4th July)

Mr. R. McCallum

Treasurer

The full PCC met seven times in 2017, and its Standing Committee six times. Routine items of business are fabric and maintenance, finance, receiving reports from the Worship Committee and Deanery Synod, and planning for harvest festival and the village fête.

Other matters discussed this year included approving the list of communion assistants, our Health and Safety and Safeguarding policies, the closure of the churchyard, and the proposed link with Shottesbrooke – both before and after the Church Commissioners' rejection of the Pastoral Scheme in July. The PCC also considered the Parish Giving Scheme and decided to proceed with it on 2 January 2018.

Charles Mason

Priest-in-Charge
Revd Charles Mason

Bank
Barclays Bank plc
Maidenhead Branch

Independent Examiner
Mrs Serena Bowe

The Vicar writes...

2017 was my first full calendar year at Waltham St Lawrence, so I thought I would offer a few reflections in this Annual Report.

From a personal point of view, Harsha and I feel thoroughly settled here, and very many of you (the great majority of the readers of this Report, I imagine) have contributed to that by your warm friendship, support, advice, practical help and prayers. We would like to thank each and all of you very much.

My job isn't all about Sundays, though of course they are important. Over the months I have become more familiar with the Anglican choral tradition, which was strong in my first church, but less so in the 30 or so years since then – I have enjoyed the (re)learning curve!

At the same time, we must be conscious of the lack of teenagers and young adults in our congregation and ask what forms of service or other meetings might seem 'accessible' to them. Sadly, a recent report by Youthscape entitled 'No questions asked' suggested that nationally there was a 'profound lack of questioning around God, faith, and religion'. We are certainly not the only church facing this challenge.

Those of you who know me at all well will be aware that I attach high importance to expounding the Bible. I have been encouraged by positive feedback on sermons which indicates that people are interested in getting the overall message of the Bible from studying both the Old and New Testaments. I shall strive to continue to provide a 'balanced diet' and I would encourage members of the congregation to make more use of the pew sheets and pew Bibles. It's a good way of checking that the preacher isn't simply making it up or expressing a personal opinion!

It's great that through its members the church here is deeply engaged in village life – administratively, socially, philanthropically, educationally, culturally, economically, and environmentally. I pray that through all the different ways we are involved, we shall be 'the aroma of Christ' (2 Corinthians 2.15).

Looking at the wider church as I do from a theologically traditional and conservative standpoint, I find it hard to be optimistic about the future. We have always had to contend for the faith in an unbelieving world, but more than ever we face pressure from ethical and moral revisionists within our ranks. Their intention may be to increase our public acceptance and respect, and reverse our numerical decline, but I fear the result will be quite the opposite.

"Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong" (1 Corinthians 16.13). Never have Paul's words seemed more relevant to me.

Charles Mason

Churchwardens' Report

2017 has been a year of consolidation following the arrival last August of our Priest in Charge, Charles Mason who has quickly settled into the parish life of our village, ably assisted by his wife Harsha.

The activities of the Church have continued with the support of many helpers for the various children's services and Church teas during August.

The proposed merger with Shottesbrooke has stalled although it is quite possible it will recommence at some time. The Brexit negotiations seem straight forward compared with these discussions!

As there have been no burials at the Church for some time the official closure of the Churchyard is now well in hand but once again seems to be a long drawn out process.

It is appropriate to record our thanks to Chris Woodhams who has stepped down as the Secretary to the PCC and has seen us through a busy period and helped to keep us on the straight and narrow particularly during the interregnum.

Finally, it is very pleasing to report that we received wonderful legacies from two individuals who lived for many years in the parish which have helped to put our Church on a firmer financial footing than it has seen for many years, although our regular outgoings continue to increase as they do for all of us. We still need to strive to increase our regular giving in order to meet these costs.

Bertie Gilbert-Smith

Deanery Synod

The Synod met three times in 2017. Our elected member was Victoria Wickins. Tony Boyd stepped down from Deanery Synod Representative Role.

- 22nd March – Renewal and Reform
- 24th May – Election of Deanery Standing Committee
– Deanery Mission Action Plan overview
- 17th October – Youth Mental Health – the situation and how we can help

The Deanery had a visit from Bishop Steven on the 6th June 2017 where he met with lay representatives and had supper. There was a Q+A session in a small group to start the afternoon off, followed by a larger talk for anyone in the parish to attend. It was well attended and Bishop Steven spoke on the Beatitudes. A wonderful way to connect with all Deaneries within the Diocese.

Victoria Wickins - Deanery Synod Representative

Fabric Report

The fabric of the church building is generally in good condition and no major repairs were required during the year. However, the Quinquennial Inspection is due in January 2018 and this will confirm that a number of details need to be attended to, inter alia: repairs to the guttering and downpipes; the removal of moss from the north facing roof; the replacing of a number of roof tiles; and repairs to some stained-glass windows.

Following the break-in in 2016, we were advised to increase our security measures, in particular, that all doors should have locks so that they could not be opened from the inside without a key, while the church was unattended. As a result, the south, north and choir vestry doors have been fitted with appropriate locks. Padlocks have been fitted to the lower bolts on the west doors. It was decided not to fit external security lighting for the time being.

The PCC agreed to install curtains to the glazed screens between the side chapel and the nave and chancel. Penny Kearley, a resident of the parish, was commissioned to make

the curtains at a cost of around £1500. The cost was covered by two individual donations and a generous payment by the Waltham St. Lawrence Churches Trust.

Planning permission was obtained to fell the two elder trees growing against the boundary wall with Church Farm Barn, as well as carry out works on the two yew trees to the south of the church close to the boundary with Church Farm. The work was carried out in the Spring by ANB Groundcare.

Problems arose in June regarding the upkeep of the churchyard as the Community Payback group refused to attend any more following an altercation over a mower that was damaged beyond repair. ANB Groundcare continued to mow the grassed areas to the south of the church as well as the Garden of Remembrance, but we were dependant on two garden contractors as well as volunteers to keep the remainder of the churchyard in reasonable condition. Most of the paths in the churchyard were re-dressed with shingle during the course of the year. It is anticipated that the Community Payback group will return to help us in 2018.

As always, we are indebted to all the volunteers, many of whom are not church members, who keep our church in good order both inside and out. A big thank you to them all!

David Crawley-Boevey, Chair of Fabric Committee

Goods and Ornaments

There have been no changes to the church plate or other principal ornaments; there are no deficiencies and they mostly remain in good order.

Andrew Hyde

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee met three times in 2017, the normal pattern being to review the last major festival and to plan for the next one.

During the year a new booklet for the service of infant baptism was introduced, mainly to reflect changes in the authorised texts. Modest changes were also made to the All Age order of service, to give more flexibility about the choice of music and according to whether the service included baptism or not.

The service of Matins on the 5th Sunday was re-introduced in April. It would be fair to say that it has had a mixed reception, but the Committee decided we should continue until the end of 2018 before considering it again.

From September we changed the 10.30 service on the 3rd Sunday from Parish Communion to A Service of the Word. This is a shorter and simpler non-sacramental service, intended to encourage patrons of the St Lawrence Café to come over to church after breakfast. Numbers have increased a little since it began.

Charles has made increasing use of the projector at All Age services, and we are fortunate to have the use of a screen (a Gilbert-Smith family heirloom) which, though very ancient, is a perfect size and can be mounted and dismounted in seconds.

The year as a whole has been an encouraging one, with increased numbers at Easter, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas. The School staged an event in church called 'I Sing Pop' in January (2 performances), which featured Christian-based songs, and held a Christingle as well as a carol service with us in December. Our own Crib and Christingle service on Christmas Eve was even more popular than in 2016, though it probably accounted for the smaller number at our family service the following day.

Provision for children has continued strongly, including weekly Sunday Club and '3G' meetings, and monthly Messy Church – all of which are thriving under the leadership of

Victoria Wickins and Natasha Creffield, with committed volunteer support. Children are also involved in various other worship-related activities including choir, lesson reading and bell-ringing.

Music and the Choir are reported on more fully elsewhere, but I must here record my immense gratitude to all those involved in the music scene, which is one of the most appreciated aspects of our worship.

As in almost every church, we are also greatly indebted to a large number of people who between them 'make it happen' week by week, whether or not their contribution is obvious. This includes the bellringers, vergers, sidespersons, readers, intercessors, chalice bearers, cleaners and flower arrangers, and those who organise the numerous rotas.

Charles Mason

Music and the Choir

The music within the church follows a strong Anglican choral tradition, which still continues to flourish. There has been a choir present in Waltham St Lawrence for well over 100 years. Since I started as Director of Music in August 2014, the choir has become more competent and often sings cathedral repertoire music.

The Choral Scholar Scheme (formerly known as Lay-Clerks) is of enormous benefit to the church and to the choir, as well as to the musical development of the Scholars themselves. We currently have one; a Soprano, who will leave us in the summer, after graduation, having completed three years' service. Our Alto graduated last year, but has stayed on with us as a 'regular chorister'. Despite some extensive advertising at the University, we have failed to attract an application from a Tenor or a Bass. I sincerely hope that we can continue to fund this scheme.

Choir membership – since the last report, choir membership has remained at 10. We are blessed to have many occasional singers who can be called upon for special services when extra voices are needed, or indeed, when our regular singers are away. In addition, there we have many friends of the choir, affectionately known as 'Evensonglists', who now join us for our monthly Choral Evensongs, simply because they love to participate in the service. (They also join us for our cathedral visits.) This means we often fill the choir stalls at this service, often outnumbering the congregation! Their participation is much appreciated.

Middle choir is now well-established and currently has 5 members who rehearse on Thursday evenings before the senior choir. Children can join from the age of 8. Currently, the MC Choristers join the seniors to sing once a month, usually on a 'Café Sunday'. It is anticipated that they will soon join us more regularly and sing parts of the service with the senior choir. The aim of the middle choir is to get children in to singing hymns, songs and other music that the senior choir sing and long term, develop them into young singers to carry on our choral tradition.

Recruitment - It is hoped that we will continue to be able to attract new members to both choirs to enable us to continue to sing praises to God and enhance our worship. Choir recruitment can be difficult, especially given our rural location, as it often involves reaching out to beyond our immediate congregation and further afield to new people who may like to join our church family as well as commit to joining the choir. Adverts have been placed in local press, libraries and on social media. As with both choirs, I make it quite plain that there is no requirement to come every week, but rather to have a willingness to come as often as possible.

Recent events and future - The Carol Service was exceptionally well-attended again and many have commented on the high standard singing at this year's service.

The senior choir, along with some of our 'Evensonglists' are singing Choral Evensong at Chichester Cathedral on 21st April, Guildford Cathedral on 21st July and at Southwark

Cathedral on 3rd November. Two visits to Portsmouth in 2017 were a great success. All are welcome to support us at these services, and are warmly encouraged to do so. We are, again, hosting a choral festival, on 19th May, which will involve 5 local choirs, with participation from junior choir, lead by Fiona. This year's joint work will be Haydn's 'Nelson Mass' and 'The heavens are telling' from his 'Creation'. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the choir members and to all who continue to support me and the music of our church.

Chris Bond – Director of Music

Junior Choir

WSL Junior Choir is run for local children of the community, between the ages of 4-11. The aim is to encourage children to be confident in front of people. JC meets every Thursday evening during term time and sings at the All Age Service for the first Sunday in the month.

The intention is to not only to connect the children and their parents to our church and community, but also to give them the experience of performing in front of a congregation, and hence improve their confidence at singing and speaking.

JC were very proud to take part in the Choral Festival In May 2017, where they sang Swingin Samson, with great aplomb to a receptive audience, and repeated this at the annual Parish Fete in June.

After their summer break, JC come back to sing at Harvest Festival, and entertained the Breakfast Cafe attendees in November with the Stir Up Sunday Song, as they mix the ingredients which become the Christmas Cake for their annual Nativity.

This year it was one from the past "Prickly Hay" and the story of how a Robin and a Mouse with 2 stable boys made all the difference to the arrival of the Baby Jesus.

After Christmas they are back to sing, often at Baptisms for the All Age Service, and now have 3 different Baptism Lullabies to their credit. Mothering Sunday too, gives them a chance to sing a special song for all Mothers.

The JC volunteers' team also hold the annual Good Friday Activities morning, when all local children are invited to join in a morning of craft fun! Here they make the Easter Garden for the church, and also have lots of craft tables along with coffee and hot cross buns for all. A short talk and Easter prayers as well are held in the church. Finally they hold their annual fund raising event each May, where they share coffee, cakes and fun with our lovely church friends, supporters and community.

Fiona Penn

Work with Children

Sunday Club has continued every week throughout 2017 and has been a great success. Numbers have varied each week from 3 to 14 children, with ages ranging from 0 to 12. We have been using the new material throughout 2017, The Jesus Storybook Curriculum, which proved to be a useful tool for teaching. The year saw us through the entire bible. Sessions took place in the Neville Hall, except on All Age services and the 3rd Sunday when the Café is running. The parent-supervised crèche for babies and toddlers has been running in the side chapel. Parents can watch their children and listen to the sermon on the speaker. Challenges can arise when Sunday Club sessions are held in the side chapel with all ages together. Having the toddlers and older children together can be distracting – we continue to persevere with this set up and would like to find a solution in 2018.

For 2018 Vaughan Wickins is taking on the role of working with the older youth group (ages 9-14), while Victoria Wickins continues to work with the Youngers (ages 5-8). The intension with the older youth is to support them in exploring their faith and how to live as a young Christian in a world that is telling them it is not relevant! And the work with younger youth continues to explore the bible and biblical themes with crafts, worship and prayer.

Victoria Wickins – Children and Families Co-ordinator.

Messy Church has had a good year during 2017. Attendance has ranged from 20 to 40 people of all ages. The sessions are held on the second Sunday of every month in the Neville Hall. It is a family fun-filled gathering with biblically themed activities and crafts, a short celebration held in the church, and a community meal to round the afternoon off. In the last year some of the themes we have looked at are the stories of Jesus' life, including Baptism of Jesus, His Disciples, The Paralysed man, Zacchaeus, and more. All activities and crafts are focused around the central theme and we encourage all age groups to get involved. After the activity time, we have Bible reading/story, a review of the activities completed, a short sermon on the key points, and a prayer, ending with a fun worship song with actions. We look forward to continuing this work in 2018, encouraging more families to get involved and hearing the Word.

We have loyal servant-hearted volunteers each month and we are grateful for their help and support; the work of Messy Church would not be possible without them.

Victoria Wickins – Children and Families Co-ordinator.

3G was started with the help from volunteers who wanted to bring the community together - all different generations Mum,Dads ,Nans,Grandad and children. It is a place where everyone can have tea, coffee and cake and, most importantly, conversation. It takes place every Thursday in the Neville Hall from 10am till 11.30 and is run by volunteers who, each week, set up the room full of different toys for all the children ages and needs.

At 11.15 the children sit on a mat and have fruit and listen to a story from the bible. They then sing songs from Christian music and finish with a prayer.

The average attendance usually ranges from 20 to 30 per week. However, there are frequently more than 30 and one April meeting 50 enjoyed themselves.

More volunteers would be hugely appreciated.

Natasha Creffield

Sidesmen/women

We have had a team of seven sidesmen and four sideswomen who have shared the duties associated with the Sunday morning services on a rota basis. Pat Woodford is the sideswoman for all Evensong services. Derek Titford and Tony Boyd will be retiring as sidesmen in March 2018 after many years of service and they will be sorely missed.

Angela Sage has agreed to become a sideswoman from April 2018. Our thanks are due to Derek and Tony and to all sidesmen/women for their continued support. All of them attach great importance to making everyone, especially newcomers, welcome at each service as well as ensuring that everything is in order so that the service can proceed on time and without a hitch. They also try to encourage and enlist the support of the children at the family service.

There is still a need to recruit new sidesmen/women.

Andrew Campbell

Bellringers

Our band strength fell during the year. We were unable to retain most of our junior ringers. Our 'oli up' strength in January was 12 adults and 4 junior ringers. Of the 12, 1 moved away in April, 2 ring for service in their own church, and 2 didn't ring at all in the year which reduced our service band to 7. With only one living in the parish, we rely totally on the goodwill and support of those from outside who come into the parish week in and week out, for which I am extremely grateful. We managed to ring all 6 bells only one Sunday in 10, a sad and distinct drop from 2016. In addition to service ringing we rang for two weddings and two visiting bands came to ring here.

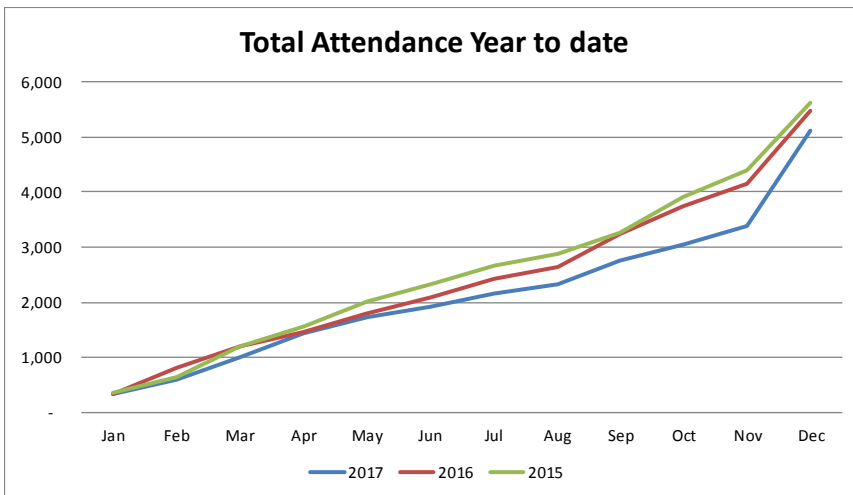
Jacquie Hazell continues to teach the survivor of the group of young people whom she recruited from the Village School. Including Jacquie we are fortunate to have three qualified ringing teachers, to teach the rest of us and anyone else who shows an interest in the Practice. We teach on the basis that, if people do drop out, for whatever reason, they may come back to ringing sometime, and somewhere, in the future. We feel that this teaching ethos is crucial if ringing is to continue to be a feature of parish and national life and worship. The help extended by all our teachers is also crucial in this effort.

Monday evening practices attracted an average of over 10 people. We continue to be a happy band; long may that continue. Come and give it a try.

Derek Titford, Tower Captain

Attendance 2017

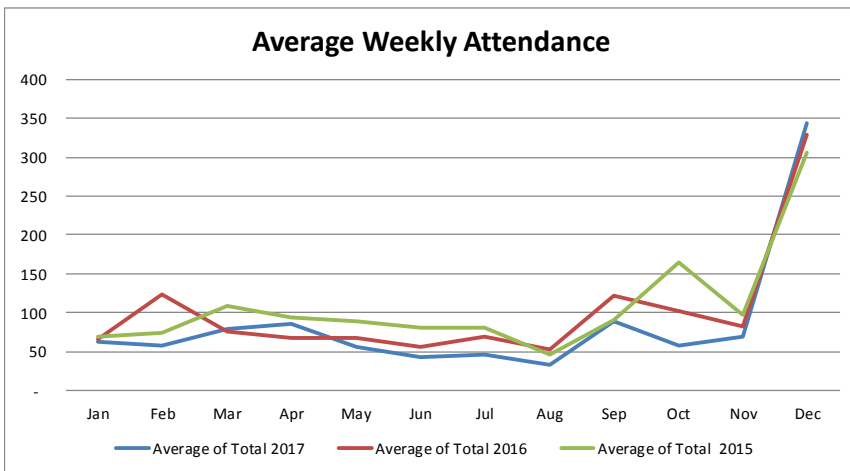
Charts and analysis prepared by Serena Bowe



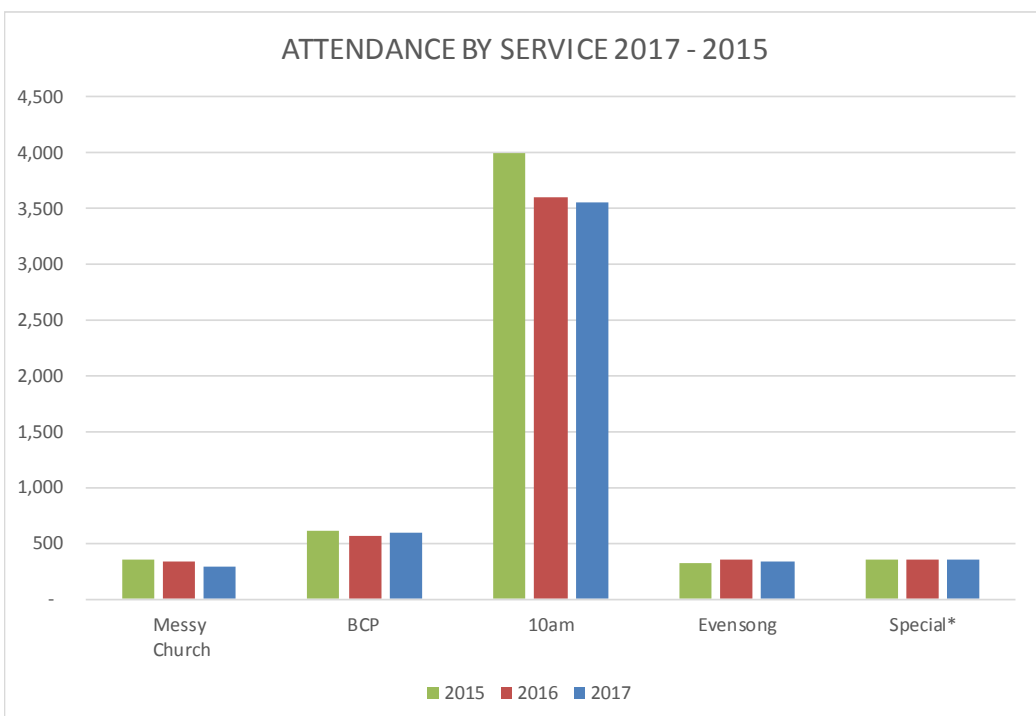
Total attendance for 2017 was 5,113 (2016 – 5,482, 2015 – 5,621).

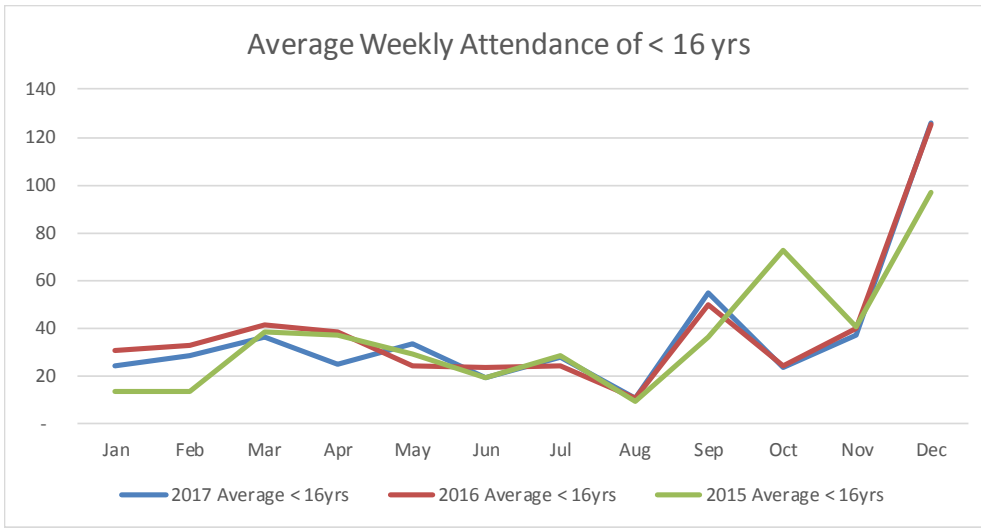
There has been a decrease in attendance this year of 6%.

There have been 10 baptisms in the year (2016 – 18, 2015 - 11).



Average weekly attendance for the year was 85 (2016 - 98, 2015 - 106).





The average weekly attendance for the year remains constant at 37 (2016 – 37, 2015 – 36)

Summary of Monthly Attendance 2017-2015

Month	Sum of Total 2017	Sum of Total 2016	Sum of Total 2015
Jan	315	326	349
Feb	287	492	295
Mar	398	379	543
Apr	431	267	375
May	281	341	448
Jun	211	278	323
Jul	230	342	325
Aug	166	210	232
Sep	444	608	363
Oct	285	510	659
Nov	343	412	485
Dec	1,722	1,317	1,224
Grand Total	5,113	5,482	5,621

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Parochial Church Council**

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Trustees' Report

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the priest-in-charge in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibility for the church and churchyard.

Financial Review

The total income for the year was £ 132,263 (2016 - £84,139). The reasons for this large increase from the previous year, were firstly a legacy from the estate of the late Mary Smith of £1,000 and secondly a legacy from the estate of the late Michael Lee of £55,060.

Collections and envelopes when combined, were very slightly up on the previous year, and Planned Giving increased by £ 1,795.

Voluntary income, including envelopes, collections, the 2 legacies, and Gift Aid, was £112,415 for the year (2016 - £58,493).

The parish magazine, the Lych Gate, which is distributed free to all parishioners, raised £6,696 through adverts and subscriptions. Costs incurred to produce the magazine were £6,907. Costs and income fluctuate depending on when invoices and subscriptions are paid. The small deficit this year of £211 is because of some overdue payments. In 2016 there was a small surplus of £248.

The Parish share for the year was £31,081. This is a small increase on the previous year. (2016 - £30,200).

A further significant cost this year was the making and fitting of side chapel curtains. The cost of these was met by 2 individual donations, and a further donation from Waltham St Lawrence Churches Trust.

The net result for the year was a surplus of cash funds of £58,141 (2016 - a deficit of £5,664)

Approved by the PCC on 6th March 2018 and signed on its behalf by the Chairman, Charles Mason.

Charles Mason
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Waltham St Lawrence Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2017 which are set out on pages 15 to 20.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Serena Bowe FCCA

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6th March 2018

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Receipts and Payments Account

	Notes	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2017 £	2016 £
Receipts					
Donations and grants	2	3,450	108,965	112,415	58,493
Fundraising events	2		14,656	14,656	13,609
Fees	2		4,448	4,448	4,299
Investment income		34	710	744	640
Insurance claim					3,470
Diocesan contribution					3,682
Total receipts		3,484	128,779	132,263	84,139
Payments					
Parish Share			31,081	31,081	30,200
Charitable giving and Donations			1,466	1,466	490
Subscriptions			303	303	406
Diocesan Fee			1,918	1,918	649
Other Ministry Costs			8,443	8,443	7,456
Administration			303	303	672
Organist, Choir and Music books		1,000	6,009	7,009	7,089
Lay clerks	3	566	1,157	1,723	948
Fundraising costs			705	705	662
Childrens Activities		1,123		1,123	5,207
Insurance			3,761	3,761	3,577
Audio-Visual					1,853
Parsonage Refurbishment					7,826
Wall Restoration					5,211
Repairs and renovation		1,400	1,096	2,496	3,541
Maintenance and Servicing			1,963	1,963	2,652
Churchyard Upkeep			3,057	3,057	1,619
Parish Magazine			6,908	6,908	7,043
Utilities			1,863	1,863	2,702
Total Payments		£ 4,089	£ 70,033	£ 74,122	£ 89,803
Surplus/(Deficit) receipts over payments		(£ 605)	£ 58,746	£ 58,141	(£5,664)
Cash fund last year end				£ 58,457	£ 63,351
Cash fund this year end				£ 61,537	£ 58,457

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds					
Cash at bank	£ 31,834			£ 31,834	£28,867
CBF deposits	£ 20,891	£8,812		£ 29,703	£29,590
Other monetary assets					
Income tax	£ 2,822			£ 2,822	£ 2,766
Investment assets					
CBF Investments	£ 64,719		£ 9,279	£73,998	£18,012
Assets retained for the charity's own use					
Audio-visual system	£7,034				
Boiler system	£9,116				

Approved by the PCC on 6th March 2018 and signed on its behalf by:

Charles Mason

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Charles Mason — Chairman

Bob McCallum

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Bob McCallum - Treasurer

The notes on pages 18 to 20 form part of these accounts.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2017

	£ TOTAL
Fixed Assets	
Non-current assets	
Other debtors	0.00
Total Non-Current Assets	£0.00
Total Fixed Assets	£0.00
Cash at bank and in hand	
CBF Braxton	64,719.03
CBF Childrens	3,319.58
CBF Church Restoration	15,785.64
CBF General	1,785.90
CBF Organ Fund	8,811.99
CBF Wedderburn	9,279.23
Concert Bank Account	0.00
Current	31,834.35
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total Cash at bank and in hand	135,535.72
Current Assets	
Govt Stock	0.00
Total Current Assets	0.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS	135,535.72
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
Current Liabilities	
Accruals	0.00
Fete Funds	0.00
VAT Liability	0.00
Total Current Liabilities	0.00
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	0.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	135,535.72
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	135,535.72
TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	135,535.72
Charity funds	
Music Fund	1,285.98
Opening Bal Equity	62,396.11
Retained Earnings	7,761.62
Revaluation Braxton	2,874.20
Revaluation Wedderburn	3,076.32
Surplus/(Deficit)	58,141.49
Total Charity funds	135,535.72

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Notes to the Accounts

1. The accounts of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the receipts and payments method.

2. Receipts

a. Donations and grants

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
Collections from Services		5,434	5,434	4,422
Envelopes and Planned Giving		36,025	36,025	35,080
Income Tax received		10,391	10,391	14,141
Individual donations		1,054	1,054	1,232
Wall Restoration				913
Trust donations	2,050		2,050	2,705
Donations curtains	1,400		1,400	-
Bequests/legacies		56,061	56,061	-
	£3,450	£108,965	£112,415	£58,493

b. Fundraising events

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
Queen's Birthday				681
Choral Festival		910	910	1,057
Sales of cards and mugs		255	255	249
Café		1,798	1,798	502
Church Teas		1,005	1,005	1,003
Parish Fete		2,896	2,896	2,589
Magazine Sales and advertisements		6,696	6,696	7,290
Ride & Stride		360	360	238
Harvest Supper		736	736	-
		£14,656	£14,656	£13,609

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c. Fees

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
Baptisms		186	186	221
Weddings/ marriage certificates		2,182	2,182	1,410
Funerals, stone inscriptions, ashes				
Burial and interment		2,080	2,080	2,668
		£4,448	£4,448	£4,299

Wedding/Marriage certificates of £2,182 includes £650 advance fees paid for June 2018 wedding.

3. Restricted Funds

The restricted funds during the year were as follows:

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£
Lay Clerks	16	550	566	-
Organ Fund	8,778	34	-	8,812
	8,794	584	566	8,812

Organ Fund

This fund was generated from an appeal some years ago for the preservation of the Church organ. The custodian is the WSL PCC and it is invested in cash with CCLA. Income is retained in the fund.

Lay Clerks

The WSL Churches Trust kindly donated a sum of £ 550 towards the cost of the lay clerks in 2017. (£1,205 in 2016)

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4. Endowment Funds

The endowment funds during the year were as follows:

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Revaluation	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Wedderburn Fund	£8,603			676	9,279

This is an endowment fund whose custodian is the Oxford Diocese Board of Finance. The Trust Administrator is the ODBF Trustee Department. The endowment is for the church building and churchyard upkeep. A number of other endowments have been consolidated into this fund. The income generated from this fund is unrestricted and is included in the receipts and payments account under investment income.

5. CBF Investments

The unrestricted investment fund includes various bequests over the years. The late Michael Lee's legacy has been currently placed in this. A revaluation has also been completed. Income generated from this fund is unrestricted and is included in the receipts and payments account under investment income