



HOLY TRINITY
Ashby de la Zouch

Annual Report
&
Accounts

For the 2016 APCM

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INCUMBENT'S REPORT

2015 was a year of growth for us

In 2015 we got used to a very different way of working as a church. Our Team Rector from 2005, Brian Robertson, retired in the Autumn of 2014 and, until we welcomed Mary Gregory in October 2015, our seven-church Ashby and Breedon Team had one paid vicar.

I am so grateful to God for his provision and timing. Our curate, Adele Adshead, and retired vicars, Paul Harris and Stephen Brook, were all established at Holy Trinity and so I could help out around the team. While I was often away from Trinity, the church continued to grow.

The following pages of this report are testimony to much of that growth. Other aspects are hidden from view: The battles won in secret; the times when each of us has had to put our trust in God; and give of ourselves when no one else was looking. Thank you for serving in those secret ways. Thank you for your prayer, your generosity, your ongoing forgiveness and grace.

In a more visible way, 2015 saw us trial and move to ChurchInsight, a web-based church administration system that also provides our public and church-member websites, accessed by going to trinityashby.net. For Trinity, this started as an online address book and a new look website, but it has grown in various ways enabling us to develop our rotas, our prayer chain, an embryonic community directory, manage papers for meetings and bring Trinity News to your inbox, so that around 190 people receive notices and events, on Sunday at 7:00 a.m. and at other relevant times.

I am particularly grateful to Emma Harris, our Administrator, for the extra work she has done for Trinity in 2015, as well as taking on an extra four hours a week of paid work for S. Helen's and S. Mary's.

In February, we appointed Mick Redfern as our CAP MNF (Christians Against Poverty - Midlands National Forest) Centre Manager, and then in the autumn Sarah, my wife, was appointed as our Debt Coach. We can now see 40 new client households a year.

2015 saw a number of new groups start up, and the Pastorate has become an established part of our church life, as has the Emmaus course and an Alpha course – in partnership with other churches.

Our Standing Committee and Parochial Church Council (PCC) poured themselves out in meeting after meeting during the interregnum, contributing diligently to the process that would lead us to appoint Mary.

I am so grateful to God for bringing Mary to us. With her varied leadership experience, wisdom and grace we are well placed to look with hope at our shared future.

As we look back at 2015 there are many joys. We welcomed many people to our church and I want to thank you for the part that you played in welcoming people who moved into the area, welcoming people who wanted to come back to church and welcoming people who came in for the first time.

We have seen people coming to faith and people seeking God amongst us. We have also walked and grown together through suffering and it has been a blessing to walk with you, even in hardships.

Looking to the future, it was in 2015 that my Sabbatical for June, July and August 2016 was agreed. Again we are blessed to have Stephen, Paul and Adele with us, as well as our readers Steve Clowes and Jean Holt, enabling us to plan for services and the occasional offices with relative ease, in my absence. I am looking forward to having three months to refocus, and to write and travel and spend some time as Army Cadet Force Padre on Summer Camp with around 500 cadets and 100 adult volunteers.

Beyond my sabbatical we are going to see changes as a team. The first will be a new and sustainable pattern of Sunday services. A pattern which could be sustained by the two paid clergy, in preparation for the time when John Dawson and his wife, Val, retire from serving Worthington, Breedon, Isley Walton and Staunton Harold.

I would love you to join us at our Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM) on Sunday 24 April at 4:00 p.m. followed by refreshments, provided by our PCC.

Whether or not you can come, please plan to pray over this report. God is at work amongst us. This is His work and our prayers, in the secret place, acknowledge that truth and remind us of our purpose and bring us his blessing.

God is growing His fruit amongst us. He is calling us on to follow in the way of His Son. He is teaching us His ways of forgiveness and service. He is drawing many people to us and equipping us with His Holy Spirit to serve his purposes. May we not look to our own interests, but to the glory of God as we serve the interests of others.

With love in Christ

Tim Phillips
Team Vicar in the Ashby and Breedon Team



CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

First of all, a big thank you to the many people who have served Trinity during this year; in so many ways, such as leading worship, the administration of communion, reading lessons, leading intercessions, sidespersons and stewards, refreshments, operating the audio/visual system, cleaning the brass, compiling and delivering the church magazine, assisting in maintaining the church building, etc. The list is endless and if someone, or something, has been omitted please accept our apologies. Your help, encouragement and prayers have been greatly valued.

We are very grateful to Philip Craner, our Verger and Hall Caretaker, who has continued to complete his duties to his usual high standard.

As the PCC of Holy Trinity is a registered charity (Reg. No. 1131178), we are required to submit annual reports to the Charity Commission. Copies of those reports, which include the annual financial report, can be viewed by accessing the Charity Commission website.

DEPUTY CHURCHWARDENS

We are blessed with a wonderful team of Deputy Churchwardens (Frank Bedford, Bob Williams, Janet Onions, Steve Porter and Jean J Harrison) who have served us throughout the year in specific roles.

STANDING COMMITTEE

As the Standing Committee, we have met with Tim and Lyn Thomas (our Church Treasurer) on a monthly basis to discuss issues that have arisen and to prepare for PCC meetings.

TEAM RECTOR

2015-2016 has been a busy and exciting year for us as Church Wardens. Our most exciting task this year has been our very full involvement in the appointment of the new Team Rector for our team of churches. This was a long and time-intensive process, but we felt it important that Holy Trinity should be represented at every stage. We felt it particularly important to find someone who would work alongside Tim and continue to enhance the wonderful work that is going on at Holy Trinity. We are very blessed with the appointment of Mary Gregory and look forward to working with her to sustain the desire for the churches in the team to work closely together in bringing the Good News to the town and rural areas.

CHURCH POLICIES

As Church Wardens we have had overview, along with the PCC, of our main Church Policies, to make sure these are up-to-date and truly reflect what is actually happening. Between us we have provided training on 'Safeguarding' for the members of our church who work on a voluntary basis with our youngsters.

CHURCH FAMILY & GROWTH

The people making up the congregation of Holy Trinity come from a wide range of Christian backgrounds - some worshipping at their parish church, others drawn by its particular spirituality, but all sharing a sense of Trinity being their spiritual home and place of growth. They are comfortable with the present style of worship, value its bible-based preaching and consider the friendliness and sense of "family" as one of the church's most significant and valuable characteristics.

We have continued to see growth in many areas of our church life, which is covered in detail within the various sections of this Annual Report. Every year we are required to provide certain statistical information to the Diocese relating to church attendance and our worshipping community, and the following brief extracts may be of interest. We invested in a new IT/database system in 2015 which enables us to more accurately assess our church members.

Year	Typical Sunday Attendance*		Electoral Role	Worshipping Community			
	Adults	Children		0-10 yrs	11-17 yrs	18-69 yrs	70+ yrs
2015	118	32	197	36	16	148	50
2014	118	32	175	30	14	162	41
2013	110	37	166	30	13	140	28
2012	107	30	184	45	10	148	31
2011	98	20	179	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Includes all services held on a Sunday

Attendance at the following additional services in 2015 was as follows:

Easter:	Total number attending worship:	202 with 133 communicants
Christmas:	Total number attending Christmas Eve or Christmas Day:	573
Special Services	during Advent for the congregation and local community:	899
Special Services	during Advent for schools and other organisations:	1965
Christingle Service	(hosted by Trinity):	226

Taking our average Sunday attendance, together with additional services, church groups that use the building, concerts etc, the annual footfall across the threshold at Trinity is in excess of 12,000!

WORSHIP

Sunday Services

	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Evening
1st Sunday	Holy Communion	Family service	Evening Worship
2nd Sunday	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Evening Worship
3rd Sunday	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Holy Communion
4th Sunday	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Evening Worship
5th Sunday	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Holy Communion

Common Worship liturgy is used for these services, and baptisms are held during the 10:30 a.m. service on the 3rd Sunday.

The 9:00 a.m. and Evening Worship is in a "traditional" Anglican style led by organ and/or piano accompaniment.

The 10:30 a.m. worship is in a modern style led by an amplified band with organ at the start and end of the service.

Between us we have aimed to cover the three weekly services... Ken at the 10:30 a.m. service and Diana at the 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. services ...and to be available before and after services so that anyone can share any concerns with us.

We actively encourage the use of the church as a community building, and the church has been used for many services/concerts throughout the year, including:

- Remembrance Concert
- Ashby Concert Band
- School Harvest services
- School carol concerts

as well as our regular users including Tiny Tots, Mothers' Union, Trinity Fellowship, Pastorate Group, Boys on Fire, Soul Café and CAP Job Club.

USE OF CHURCH BUILDING

The charges for use (other than worship) of the church by the various organisations who use the building are intended to recoup the costs incurred, for example heating, lighting, vergers' time, etc. No charges are levied for worship events and reduced charges apply for organisations raising funds for charitable use. The concerts are well attended and provide links between the church and the town community and also support a range of charities.

GOD ROCKS CAFÉ (JUNIOR CHURCH)

Many thanks go to our team of leaders, headed by Stella Brooks, who have been assisted by helpers from the congregation and have continued to bring our young church members to know Jesus, and learn that you can have fun being a Christian. The members of God Rocks Café once again participated in the Nativity Service and thanks go to them and Sandra Harris who led the team for that event.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The pages of the Memorial Book were turned weekly, and additions made as appropriate; any such requests to be made via the Churchwardens or Tim.

The insurance policy, which provides cover to Holy Trinity in respect of employer's and public liability, church buildings and contents, was renewed and displayed in the vestry.

Maintenance of the churchyard falls on the Town Council who, since 1st January 2012, has used its own grounds-keeping staff.

Diana Saunders has continued to oversee communications within, and outside, the church. We continue to welcome contributions to the church magazine. Our thanks go to our Vicar and Emma Harris for the production of the magazine, and to Graham Barge for collation and production of this Annual Report which sets out Trinity's mission in Ashby and elsewhere (and other material printed over the year).

Copies of the church magazine are freely available to visitors of the church.

Our thanks go to Emma Harris who has continued to serve as parish administrator. Emma maintains the church diary (also available on our church website trinityclose.net), updates the church pew leaflets on a weekly basis, and runs the parish office on four mornings each week (Monday to Thursday) during school term times. Emma continued to serve S. Helen's in the same role during the interregnum at S. Helen's.

CHURCH BUILDING MAINTENANCE/IMPROVEMENT

Many thanks go to the persons involved in carrying out various small repairs within the church building. The church has suffered from water ingress at various points through the roof for some time. New proposals have been drawn up to address the problems posed. However, further funds are required before the work can be carried out.

FUND RAISING

We have been very fortunate in having a committed team of fundraisers led by Noreen Mewies. A Christmas Fayre was held to raise funds for the roof programme and CAP. Carole Timms has taken the lead in of a small team seeking grants towards the roof programme.

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

Trinity has Safeguarding Policies in place for children and young people and vulnerable adults.

CHURCH HALL

Our thanks go to Phyl Hambleton for continuing to liaise with church hall users, taking bookings and undertaking day-to-day management of the hall. The hall is run as a stand-alone facility and as such is a self-funding community asset.

The hall continues to be used on a regular basis by Trinity Play Group (who are not part of Trinity Church), Badminton, Army Cadets, Thursday Ladies (gentle exercise) and Dancing Classes.

Ken Garner & Diana Saunders

Church Wardens

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## **ELECTORAL ROLL**

The church's Electoral Roll is a register of its voting members. Electoral rolls provide an indication of the membership of the Church.

At the 2015 Annual General meeting it was reported that we had 197 names on the electoral roll.

If you would like to know more or would like to apply to be on our Electoral Roll please contact the Electoral Roll Officer:

Janet Onions  
5 Canterbury Drive  
Ashby de la Zouch  
LE65 2QQ  
Tel.: 01530 454153

## PARISH ADMINISTRATION

The Church Office handles a number of varied bookings and requests for church use which focus particularly on weddings, baptisms and funerals which are also known as 'Occasional Offices'.

The weekly activities for the office administrator include:

- Communication with congregation (ChurchInsight / postal / email / telephone)
- Dealing with a wide variety of queries related to Holy Trinity services, the booking of baptisms, funerals, weddings and concerts
- Entry into registers and production of copy wedding certificates
- Invoicing for church hire, weddings, funerals
- Production of weekly pewsheets
- Preparation of items for the Trinity Life Magazine
- Liaison with Holy Trinity volunteers for additional services
- Ordering of supplies
- Calendar administration
- Updating the new ChurchInsight system
- Ensuring value for money on gas, electricity, phone, broadband and fire equipment servicing
- Rota generation
- Assisting with recruitment
- Policy generation
- Organization and calculation of payments for retired ministers where necessary
- Occasional media (cards, invitations) for Refresh and Hope and Remembrance services.

Following the retirement of Brian Robertson (Rector of S. Helen's), I was approached by the Wardens of S. Helen's during the interregnum to assist in the cover of some of the administrative duties at S. Helen's from October 2014 onwards. This has included being central contact for enquiries via phone, email and post, photocopying of pew sheet and service sheets, all wedding administration (including S. Mary's and S. John's Coleorton). This has led to additional hours being worked (funded by S. Helen's) in order to manage the significant increase in workload.

Now that our new Team Rector Rev'd Canon Mary Gregory is in post, it has been agreed that a replacement Administrator is to be recruited in the hope that they will be appointed from 1st April 2016. After a handover period S. Helen's administrative matters will fall to the S. Helen's office and I will be focusing on Holy Trinity administration.

It has been a very interesting experience working with S. Helen's and St Mary's and I have enjoyed supporting and making new contacts within the Ashby and Breedon team. I have learned a lot along the way! I am very much looking forward to working with the new Administrator at S. Helen's and also to developing and continuing improvements to the administration at Holy Trinity.

*Emma Harris*  
Holy Trinity Administrator

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## Occasional Offices

### Baptisms at Holy Trinity

| Baptism year                | Boys | Girls | Total |
|-----------------------------|------|-------|-------|
| 2015 (children)             | 9    | 9     | 18*   |
| 2015 Youth / Adult baptisms | 2    | 2     | 4     |

### Weddings at Holy Trinity

\*An increase of 7 from 2014

| Wedding year | Weddings | Renewal of vows | Wedding out of parish banns read |
|--------------|----------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| 2015         | 8        | 0               | 7                                |

### Weddings at S. Helen's

| Wedding year | Weddings | Renewal of vows | Wedding out of parish banns read |
|--------------|----------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| 2015         | 5        | --              | 3                                |

### Weddings at S. Mary's Coleorton

| Wedding year | Weddings | Renewal of vows | Wedding out of parish banns read |
|--------------|----------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| 2015         | 2        | --              | —                                |

### Funerals at Holy Trinity

| Funeral Year | Church service | Service held at the crematorium/cemetery | Total |
|--------------|----------------|------------------------------------------|-------|
| 2015         | 16             | 21                                       | 37    |

### Hire of Holy Trinity Church

This section relates to hire of the church for one-off concert bookings (not regular church-related bookings) for which a charge of £130 is levied or £70 where funds raised go towards a charitable purpose. The following tables demonstrate 10 occasions where the church has been hired for income-generating concerts/events and 16 other non-income generating bookings in 2015:

| Concert/Event Name                                            | No. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Heavenly Reds Music School                                    | 1   |
| Ashby Concert Band in conjunction with:-<br>Christmas Concert | 1   |
| Royal British Legion                                          | 1   |
| Rotary Club                                                   | 1   |
| Disney Concert for Rainbows                                   | 1   |
| Concordia Choir                                               | 2   |
| Christian Aid Spring concert                                  | 1   |
| An Evening with Mary Queen of Scots                           | 1   |
| Ashbeian Musical Theatre Group Concert                        | 1   |
| Total                                                         | 10  |

| Other non-income generating bookings | No. |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| School Easter Services               | 1   |
| School Harvest Services              | 3   |
| School leaver Services               | 1   |
| School Carol Concerts                | 4   |
| Christingle                          | 1   |
| Hope and Remembrance                 | 1   |
| School Art Festival                  | 1   |
| CAP MNF Christmas Fayre              | 1   |
| Sewing Shorts for Africa             | 1   |
| CAP Annual Service                   | 1   |
| CAP MNF Parking Space Concert        | 1   |
| Total                                | 16  |

## COMMUNICATIONS

At Holy Trinity we all work as a team and we aim collaboratively to communicate clearly to everyone all that is happening in and throughout our church. Our intention is to provide the level of information people feel they need, whether they are internet-able or not. We rely on feedback to improve our communication network – so please do talk to us.

### Church Office

The Church Office is the main hub of our communications network. In September 2012 Emma Harris took over the church office. Emma has been in the church office (based in the vicarage) from 09:30 – 11:30 a.m. Monday to Thursday, taking telephone messages, carrying out general administration for the church and managing the church diary. During church office hours Emma can be reached on 01530 412339. We appreciate her efficiency and hard work. She is an excellent communicator! Following Brian Robertson's retirement in the Autumn Of 2014, Emma took on four hours a week extra work to support St Helen's church, which St Helen's pays for. After her appointment as the new team rector, Rev'd Canon Mary Gregory is looking to appoint a new part-time administrator for S. Helen's, with effect from 1st April, 2016. After this date the administration that Emma has been carrying out on behalf of S. Helen's will transfer to the new S. Helen's administrator, after a handover period with Emma. We look forward to a close working relationship with the staff of S. Helen's along with the wider Ashby and Breedon Team of churches.

### Church Diary

The church diary shows events taking place in the church building. Other groups taking place can be shown in the diary if requested. The diary is live and can be accessed through [trinityashby.net](http://trinityashby.net) or directly as a Google calendar.

### Church magazine

Copies of our monthly magazine, Trinity Life, continue to be available and can be delivered at a cost of £5 per year. Copies of the magazine are freely available for visitors in the church porch and at the back of church. Production of the magazine relies on a dedicated team to whom we are all grateful. We particularly thank all those who deliver the magazines to people in the parish and who, at the same time, provide a link with members of our church community.

### Pew Sheets

These are available weekly at all Sunday services. There has been little change in 2015, except for a gradual increase in detail. Large print pew sheets are available for those who need them.

### Prayer Chain

This is in regular use and in 2015 has continued to be a valuable communications tool. Requests for inclusion in the prayer chain need to be made to Emma Harris, Adele Adshead or Tim Phillips, through the Church Office on 01530 412339 or by email to [prayer@trinityashby.net](mailto:prayer@trinityashby.net)

Information about Leicester Diocese

'In Shape' magazines, which contain information and articles from the Leicester Diocese, are freely available at the back of church. In Shape is published four times a Year i.e. Winter – December, Spring – March, Summer – June and Autumn – September. More information is available at: [leicester.anglican.org/in-shape-magazine](http://leicester.anglican.org/in-shape-magazine).

### Notices in Church

Notices are now given prior to the start or before the last hymn at the 10:30 a.m. service each Sunday. Please remember that there are usually newcomers and guests in church. If you give a notice, begin by introducing yourself and say which group in church you are representing. Please also start with the subject of the notice (e.g. Quiz night or opportunity to volunteer etc.). Verbal notices are important and you may need to give the notice on more than one Sunday. To get your notice into the weekly pew sheet, which is particularly important if it is to reach those attending the 9:00 a.m. or 4:00/6:00 p.m. services, please contact Emma by email in the church office in plenty of time. Your notice is much more likely to be read if given several times, ideally three weeks, two weeks and one week before the event in question. We ask that, except in special circumstances, written notices are under forty words.

We wish to thank members of our church for their help in gradually increasing the clarity of communication. Do please contact me if you feel that there are further improvements that we should consider.

### **Church Insight**

In 2015 Holy Trinity moved to a new cloud-based online information system, Church Insight. This new system allows us to have:

- An online address book
- Individual user accounts for those who want to update their own information
- Mailing lists for emails and letters
- Easily accessible rotas for all our groups managed online
- Electronic reminders for those on rota who want them
- An integrated calendar linking groups, their web pages, and members
- A website that can be maintained group by group, using a web browser from any computer.

As always if you have any suggestions as to how our communications in church can be improved please talk to me.

*Diana Saunders*  
Church Warden with Responsibility for Communications

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## **EMMAUS/LENT GROUP**

The Emmaus group ran from September 2015 until February 2016, meeting on a Wednesday morning at the back of church and led by Adele Adshead with Stephen Brook and Alison Hayes.

The course is in 3 distinct sections so there was some movement of people attending the various different stages, with 30 people attending at some point and an average of 16 each week.

Many members talked about enjoying the fellowship and welcome of the group and there was general consensus that the course encourages a gentle and safe environment in which to explore questions of faith. Particularly significant is the emphasis put on 'journeying alongside' someone and it has been a very great blessing to see how this has borne fruit for many - both those exploring faith and those accompanying them. Some members went on to express their growth in faith through the public step of baptism (6 adult candidates affirmed baptismal vows or were baptised in November) and confirmation (5 adult candidates were confirmed in January).

The group 'morphed' into a Lent group with 16 people - some from the original Emmaus group and other new members. It is yet to be decided, but seems probable that the group may continue beyond Easter 2016 in some form.

*Adele Adshead*

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## **GIRLS WITH SWORDS**

Girls with Swords is a new group that started in August and currently has 5 wonderful and inspiring members, aged 11-15! We meet monthly in the vestry on a Sunday after the 10.30 service. Adele Adshead and Elizabeth Cheriyan are the adult leaders but the girls all help in taking a lead too.

The aim of the group is to have honest conversations about Christian faith and how it impacts our lives, to encounter God and know His love for each one of us and to consider ways in which we can be fully part of the church family at Holy Trinity - all while having fun! We enjoy singing, playing games, eating and chatting at our regular meetings and have also held a sleepover film night and organised 'Trinity Bake Off' raising £175 for CAP.

*Adele Adshead*

## **BOYS ON FIRE**

Boys on Fire (BoF) continues to meet weekly during term-time. Starting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays, our key age range is KS2 (Key Stage Two, roughly 7–11 years), with many helpers being older.

Phil Taber and myself lead the group, ably supported by our teenage assistants. Each evening includes plenty of games in the church building. Games such as Capture the Flag, Hide and Seek Tigg.

Each evening the boys dine on carrot batons and apple slices, followed by a packet of crisps and a hotdog in a baguette. After the meal there is a story, normally told by Phil Taber, either from the Bible or more recent events, drawing out something of God's character.

The meal is a key part of the evening where the boys talk and listen to each other. BoF has now completed its ninth year.

*Tim Phillips*

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## **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Generally ranging from four to five men in 2015, the Men's Bible Study meets at 1 Trinity Close at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday mornings. We meet over a cup of coffee and often there are times of silence.

Again and again we leave sensing that God has spoken to us.

During 2015 we've had Tony Watson, Steve Clowes, Vernon Bayliss and Paul Lees as our most regular members with others joining us when they are able.

*Tim Phillips*

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## **AIDS SUPPORT ASHBY**

Aids Support Ashby continues to meet, but now on a monthly basis, having taken a break for the Summer and Autumn of 2015.

During the early part of 2015 we have been meeting at 1 Trinity Close to pray for those in the area living with HIV/AIDS as well as for a large teenage youth work to bring the light of Christ to a generation.

Joyce Weir, Esther Lewis, Jennifer Swainston, Pat Goldsmith and myself gather over a cup of tea to catch up and bring our praises and prayers to God. During the time we have been praying we have seen the young people's work at Trinity grow and many people help care for our young people. We continue to pray for more.

*Tim Phillips*



## **ALPHA COURSES 2015 - 2016**

**at Chapel in the Valley, Griffydam and the Methodist Church, Burton Road, Ashby.**

The first of these courses ran at the Chapel in the Valley, Griffydam (affiliated to the Wesleyan Reform Church) and was the result of a collaboration between this chapel and all the Ashby churches.

The course was led jointly by Reverend Tim Phillips (Trinity) and Reverend Cliff Darby from the Chapel in the Valley. Members of the CIV team provided a magnificent meal each week, which was only surpassed by the warmth of their welcome and hospitality - for which all those who attended were extremely grateful.

The course was consistently well attended by people from several of the churches within the Ashby and Breedon Team as well as those connected to the Griffydam chapel and had attracted people through a range of different types of publicity. This included displaying a banner outside which attracted someone with no connection to any of the churches, but who had simply noticed it while driving by.

After the meal each week, we followed the format offered by the official Alpha course, using recorded talks by Nicky Gumbel, and then being offered the chance for open discussion and questioning over a cuppa. (This was accompanied by delicious cake provided by the CIV team and other contributors.) People attending were at different stages in their faith journey, some professing little or no faith, some having recently become Christians and others having been growing in their Christian faith for many years. This made for lively discussion with some difficult questions aired and also offered the opportunity for powerful Christian witness, particularly from those new to faith.

Part way through the course, we had a whole day together at the chapel (joined by members of the Emmaus course at Trinity) dedicated to asking for the presence of the Holy Spirit in each of our lives and offering us the opportunity to ask the leaders to pray for us individually. The worship band from Holy Trinity led the worship for us.

Both the course itself and the Holy Spirit Day were a source of great blessing to all who attended and many of us really felt that we had witnessed God at work among us. The Holy Spirit day was a moving experience, with many people coming forward for prayer and in different ways feeling that they had taken steps forward in their faith.

A feature of this particular Alpha course had been the strong group identity which we all felt had been built up over our weeks together. Keen to build on this new relationship, Tim suggested that some of us run another Alpha course together soon, and it was decided that we would do so at the Methodist Church in Ashby on behalf of all the Ashby churches and again the Chapel in the Valley.

This second course has now been running for some weeks and has been ably co-ordinated by Tony Watson from Trinity church; with the catering offered by a varied team of volunteers from within the previous Alpha group as well as others attached to Trinity, S. Helen's, S. Mary's Coleorton and the Methodist Church Ashby. Participants again represent those with different faith backgrounds or none. The group also encompasses a wide range of age groups, including teenagers, young and 'middle aged' adults and retired people.

Numbers have fluctuated for a variety of reasons but have always been at least 20. The format has been similar (with another Holy Spirit Day scheduled) and Cliff and Tim have this time led two separate discussion groups after the video presentations, much enjoyed by all.

We pray that we will continue to be blessed by this ministry and thank all those who continue to work so hard to support it.

*Pat Stafford*

# **PCC SECRETARY'S REPORT**

A brief report of the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council for the period January to December 2015

**Meetings:** Meetings were held in January, March, May, July, September and November, with Extraordinary meetings on 5th January, 8th February and 6th December 2015.

## **Council Membership:**

The PCC had a total of 17 members before and following the APCM on 12th April 2015.

## **Ex-Officio Members:**

|                                |                                                                                                  |
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| Team Vicar:                    | Rev'd Tim Phillips                                                                               |
| Readers:                       | Steve Clowes and Jean Holt                                                                       |
| Churchwardens:                 | Ken Garner, Diana Saunders and Iris Holt (Churchwarden Emerita and Deanery Synod Representative) |
| Treasurer:                     | Lyn Thomas                                                                                       |
| Deanery Synod Representatives: | Frank Bedford and Carole Timms                                                                   |

## **Other Members:**

Jean M Harrison, Noreen Mewies, Bob Onions, Steve Porter, Ian Rudin, Janice Westland, Roy Westland, Jean J Harrison

## **Members standing down at the 2015 APCM**

Paul Marcus-Smith

## **Members elected/re-elected at the 2015 APCM**

Noreen Mewies and Roy Westland

## **Standing Committee**

A small group of members who can make decisions between PCC meetings. Members are: Team Vicar – Rev'd Tim Phillips, Treasurer – Lyn Thomas and Churchwardens – Ken Garner and Diana Saunders.

## **Typical Agenda Items**

- Welcome and Prayer
- Apologies for absence
- Review of Minutes of previous meeting
- Matters arising from those minutes
- Specific items for information or discussion
- Reports: Clergy, Treasurer's, Churchwardens' and Deanery Synod
- A.O.B. and Notices

## **Key Issues and Decisions**

### January:

Members gave careful consideration to the two options of Stipendiary Clergy deployment for the churches in the Ashby and Breedon Team, regarding the future. (This was prior to the Churchwardens' summary of their views being submitted to the Archdeacon of Loughborough, as part of the Visitation Programme.)

PCC approval was given to apply for a one-off government grant for urgent repairs to the roofs of listed church buildings. (Application was rejected.)

Members also gave approval to repairs to the existing sound system mixer desk and to purchase and install a new, digital, 20 channel mixer system, once funds became available.

#### March:

Members were informed by Ken Garner (churchwarden) of a meeting held with Rev'd Elphick and wardens of the other churches in the Ashby and Breedon Team to draft a Team Parish Profile, prior to the appointment of a new Team Rector for the Ashby and Breedon Mission Partnership.

Application submitted to the Diocesan Advisory Committee in respect of the architect's proposals for work required to the church roof, to address the problem of water ingress.

PCC permission given for a request that Lesley Smith return for a further fundraising event on 26th June, with her portrayal of 'Mary, Queen of Scots'.

In preparation for an item on the next Deanery Synod agenda, members discussed at length the question 'Where could we enhance good community for its own sake, as a sign of Christian care and love?'

#### April:

12th April: Annual Parochial Church Meeting held. PCC members and Church Officers appointed.

#### May:

Members were wholly supportive of Kathy Hart pursuing selection and training for the ministry of Licensed Pastoral Assistant.

Ken Garner acknowledged people's generosity in providing sufficient money to purchase the new digital sound desk.

Members considered ways of conducting the annual review of church policies, many of which are now required by law.

In response to the Deanery Synod item on 'Enhancing Good Community', the setting up of an online, not-for-profit directory was agreed, to be available to all newcomers to Ashby.

Details of Rev'd Adele's ordination at Leicester Cathedral on 27th June were confirmed, along with arrangements for members of Holy Trinity's congregation to attend.

Confirmation given for an Alpha Course to be held at the Chapel in the Valley at Griffydam, in the autumn.

Approval granted for Ashby Rotary Club to hold a raffle to raise funds for 'Hospice Hope' and other Rotary charities at a concert on 4th July.

Approval likewise granted for the sale of raffle tickets at the Lesley Smith evening; monies from which would be divided between CAP and the Refurbishment Fund.

Decision taken to hold a Christmas Fayre on 4th & 5th December.

#### July:

Presentation given by guest – Ian Harris – outlining suggestions for improvement to the audio-visual system in church.

'Church Insight' – the new church website – ready to be launched. (Mailing lists for CAP, and the Trussell Trust Foodbank to be incorporated, sharing the costs.)

Following a request from the 'Catch 22' charity, members agreed that the church hall be made available for two separate weeks in the summer holidays to 16-18 students from Ashby School, involved in community projects.

#### September:

Permission granted for the showing of certain rugby matches in church, when testimonies from the players on their Christian faith could be shown during intervals.

All PCC members now required by law to have a Disclosure and Barring Service check before April 2016.

Rev'd Canon Mary Gregory to be licensed at S. Helen's church on 15th October.

Sarah Phillips appointed as Debt Coach for CAP, taking up her post in the New Year, after training.

#### November:

Rev'd Mary Gregory, new Team Rector, welcomed to the PCC meeting.

Decision to split the proceeds from the Christmas Fayre equally between CAP and the Building Fund – for roof repairs.

New policies for raffles for all events to be applied, allowing for their use but barring alcoholic

December:

No meeting.

4th December: CAP Carols

7th December: Advent Carol Service

4th & 5th December: Christmas Fayre

Local community welcomed as Christmas activities were held at Holy Trinity, including Carol Services for Ashby C of E, Ashby Hill Top, Willesley and Woodcote schools.

*Jean J Harrison (PCC Secretary)*

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## GOD ROCKS CAFÉ

God Rocks Café continues to serve as Holy Trinity's **Junior Church** meeting in the Church Hall (on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays) at the same time as our 10:30 a.m. morning service. It caters for school aged children from 5-14 years with a mixture of activities which range from games, worship, prayer, bible teaching and group work with activity sheets. It aims to be very much a part of the church family, joining the congregation on the 1st Sunday for the 'Family Service' as well as on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday and during school holiday periods.

Both the 5-8 year olds and the 8-11 year olds groups use the Scripture Union teaching programme, though we have looked at other possibilities. These two groups meet together for the first thirty minutes when the theme of the week is introduced, followed by bible teaching and worship and games played. After a short break the two groups then meet separately in order to do some group work and complete their age related activity sheets. For much of the year we have continued to work as 3 teams over each month thus enabling leaders to worship with the main congregation on the Sundays when they are not on duty. Our teams were looking strong and I am particularly pleased that, even with my prolonged absence in Australia and then China, the leadership groups functioned well. However, as some leaders have felt called to other areas of church work, we find ourselves, once again, in a difficult position and one in which we have to consider child safety issues. Prayers and appeals have gone out to recruit some new leaders and helpers and some have asked if they could attend one of our sessions to see what might be expected of them if they were to step forward. This is encouraging and should such roles be taken up this would enable us to continue to run God Rocks Café for the 3 Sundays a month that we currently offer.

The group for 11-14 year olds is now led by Phil Taber. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rev. Paul Harris for all his work with this older group, it has been lovely to see these young people applying their faith and serving the wider church as well as organising some money raising events. The bible study and teaching done in this group is aimed at helping these youngsters grow in their relationship with Jesus and apply their faith in their everyday situations. This group is also in need of additional leaders to help Phil on a weekly basis as well as standing in for him when he's serving with Flame International.

In December the 5-11 years olds in God Rocks Café were once again very much occupied with rehearsals for the annual **Christmas Nativity** which was staged in church on Christmas Eve in front of a full church. Under Sandra Harris' organisational skills it was a great success and it was particularly encouraging to see our 5-11 year olds thoroughly enjoying themselves.

God Rocks Café ministers to an average of 30+ children and young people each Sunday. The **vision** that drives the leaders is to see each one come to a living faith in Jesus that is lived out on a daily basis and which can impact their families and friends. Please continue to pray for our work, especially that those who have offered their help will enable our teams to be strengthened.

*For more information contact Stella Brook: 07793750727 [brookstella@gmail.com](mailto:brookstella@gmail.com)*

## TRINITY FELLOWSHIP

*The aim of the group is to offer its members a practical Christian faith  
and to draw them into the life and fellowship of the Church.*

Trinity Fellowship meets on the last Tuesday of the month in church at 8:00 p.m. unless it falls on our evening out or when we attend the Lady Day Service. We do not meet in August. In early December we have the Advent Carol Service. Our meetings start with a time of worship led by a member of the group. We have had various speakers over the year. Bob Onions came to speak to us about his life as a Geologist, Iris Holt gave us a 'Late October Tonic' sharing some interesting and quirky sayings and quotes with us. We have also had a speaker from the Samaritans and we gave a donation to the Samaritans from the money raised on our sales table during the year. We had a quiz night in November followed by the singing of Advent Hymns. June saw us once again enjoying a meal at the New Inn with friends. July was the ever popular Fish and Chip Supper and it was good to see the Insleys who bring their Fish and Chip Van up to the church.

Our curate, Adele Adshead, spoke at our Advent Carol Service when we welcomed residents and staff from Newlands House, along with groups from the town and beyond.

Trinity Fellowship is open to all. Lifts can be arranged there and back if required. So do please contact us if you would be interested in joining us on the numbers below or just come along one Tuesday, you would be very warmly welcomed.

Margaret Weston      Tel: 01530 413927  
Janet Onions          Tel: 01530 454153

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CoT – COFFEE ON THURSDAYS

Coffee on Thursdays (CoT) has become a well established, flourishing meeting point which offers a warm welcome, a listening ear and diverse conversation for anyone dropping in for a coffee. Some people join us frequently while others come along occasionally and there is always space for newcomers. One person summed up CoT when they said that, 'It was lovely to know that, if you felt in need of some company or were in Ashby shopping and fancied a cuppa, there was somewhere you could go knowing there would be a friendly face.'

A huge 'thank you' goes to Wetherspoons who have been most accommodating to this ever expanding group. We meet every Thursday from 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon and can be found near the entrances on Kilwardby Street. We have been heartened by how CoT has grown in the eighteen months since we started.

Jackie Ellett and Kathy Hart

TINY TOTS

'From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise'

Tiny Tots continues to meet every Monday during the school term at 2:00 p.m. in Holy Trinity Church.

We are a group that welcomes children from birth to school age along with their parents, grand parents or carers.

We begin with a time of praising God with flags as we march around the church. We then give thanks for birthdays and special occasions with the lighting of candles. When the candles are lit we sing 'Thank you Jesus' before we blow them out.

We then have a time to talk to God with the help of our 'prayer bears'. We say thank you to Jesus for all the good things He gives us like holidays, parties, new shoes or visits from Granny and Grandad. We then ask for His help for ourselves and others. At the end we have a big Amen.

We have kept to the same format at Tiny Tots for a few years as we feel the children feel safe and at home with this. One of the favourite things they like to do is dance to the ever popular 'Wiggle Wiggle' song which we have before the story. Even the young babies react to this. Our stories are always from the Bible and are told in various ways. We then have a song, usually to a CD, but sometimes Lorna plays the piano and the children love to watch her playing.

After our final prayer 'Jesus friend of little children' we go and do our craft and some colouring and have a well earned drink and biscuit. There is an area for the children to play and for mums and carers to have a chat and get to know each other and us better.

The children had a lovely surprise at Easter time, through the kindness of Mrs Sylvia Varnham, who knitted them an Easter Chick each and donated some money to buy the eggs to go in them.

In the early summer we did a sponsored walk for Barnardos and raised £170. Thanks go to all who took part and sponsored us.

Once again at Harvest Time we collected biscuits to take to one of the care homes, this year we took some to Lyndhurst Lodge in a box decorated by the children.

In December we joined Smisby Day Nursery at their annual Christingle Service in church and took part in some of the singing, it was a lovely occasion and some of the Tiny Tots team provided refreshments afterwards.

Thanks go to all the team for giving their time to this very special and fun ministry when we try to share Jesus and His great love for us with the little ones and their families. Thanks also go to Philip Craner for all his help in setting up.

We welcome anyone who wants to come along and if they don't feel they want to take part in the service they are very welcome to come and just enjoy the company. We would also be glad of some new team members so, if you feel this might be a ministry that you would be able to help with, do come along any Monday and see what we do, you would be most welcome. Jane Allsop came to help for part of the year until, sadly, we had to say goodbye to her because of work commitments. God provided us with Joshua Benfield as a team member, but there is always room for others.

If you would like more information please do ring me. 01530 454153

Janet Onions

On behalf of the team:- *Joshua Benfield, Barbara Bingley, Glenis Garner, Richard Parker, Lorna Shattock, Chris Sturgess, Jennifer Swainston & Sharon Ward.*

REFRESH

Through Refresh, we aim at Holy Trinity Church to keep in touch with those of our congregation and friends who only manage to come to church occasionally.

Refresh takes a leading role in three services each year;

Mothering Sunday. We provide plants for all the ladies in church and also encourage members of the congregation to take plants out to family and friends. There is a gift card with each plant that gives our good wishes from Holy Trinity. The younger members of the congregation usually help us with distribution.

Harvest Festival. We encourage the congregation to bring family and friends to this familiar service. We also encourage the congregation to bring harvest gifts to which we add a gift card. We then ask people to distribute their own gift after the service to anyone who would appreciate it. This year, 2016, the focus in all the services will be on 'Giving'.

Christmas Carol Service. Again we encourage the congregation to bring family and friends along to this service. Drinks and mince pies are served at the end.

Refresh Cards are available at the back of church. Members of the congregation are invited to take them freely and give them out in the community as they feel they are needed: to anyone ill, bereaved or moving house for example.

'We' are the Church and together we want to take the love of Holy Trinity out into our community.

Diana Saunders and Glenis Garner



TRINITY LINK PEOPLE (TLP)

At Holy Trinity we have a group of TLP who work to support the many groups who are linked with our church. They are there to support their group in any way they can - offering a trusted confidential ear, if needed, or a word of encouragement or advice.

A TLP will help a group sort out minor problems if that is helpful and be there to help the group celebrate all that is going on. If a group needed financial help, for example, their TLP would take their issue to the PCC. Through regular contact, by way of a phone call or a quick word in church, TLPs aim to build up a relationship with their groups and will encourage their groups to write the occasional short report in the church magazine and to write a brief yearly report for the Church Annual Report.

TLPs will never want to intrude on a group - but simply wish to be there to support their group as and when they are needed.

Group coordinators are invited to contact their TLP at any time when they feel they could be helpful. As churchwarden it is my role to co-ordinate the work of the Trinity Link People. I am always very grateful for your comments on how you feel this system is working in church. We work to love and support each other in His name.

A list of groups and their TLPs is shown on the following page

Diana Saunders

List of TLPs

Group Name	Group Contacts	TLP
AIDS Support Ashby	Tim Phillips	Tim Phillips
Alpha	Tim Phillips	Tim Phillips
AMG (Ashby Men's Group)	Tony Bull	Bob Onions
Ashby C of E Primary School Governors	Stella Brook	Tim Phillips
Ashby Foodbank Board	Tim Phillips	Tim Phillips
Ashby Foodbank Volunteers	Noreen Mewies	Lyn Thomas
BOF (Boys on Fire)	Tim Phillips	Tim Phillips
CAP Board	Lyn Thomas	Tim Phillips
CAP Debt Help	Mick Redfern	Tim Phillips
CAP Job Club	Steve Clowes	Steve Clowes
CAP Money Course	Geoff Bull	Bob Onions
CAP Prayers	Alison Hayes	Tim Phillips
CAP Support Workers	Mick Redfern	Tim Phillips
Coffee on Thursdays (COT)	Jackie Ellett & Kathy Hart	Diana Saunders
Courier Communion	Dorothy Clapham	Lyn Thomas
Deanery Synod	Iris Holt	Iris Holt
Emmaus	Adele Adshead	Tim Phillips
Flowers in Church	Carole Timms	Carole Timms
Girls with Swords	Adele Adshead	Tim Phillips
Go Deeper Bible Study	Jean Holt & Marion Richman	Jean Harrison
God Rocks Café (3 teams)	Stella Brook with Elizabeth Geevarghese & Sue Mason	Tim Phillips
GRC for KS3	Paul Harris & Phil Taber	Tim Phillips
HTC (Holy Trinity Clergy)	Tim Phillips	Tim Phillips
HTF Pastorate	Stephen & Stella Brook	Glenis Garner

Group Name	Group Contacts	TLP
Jam Club (Crèche)	Gemma Barber & Rachel Bull	Jean Harrison
Let's Create	Lisa Noon	Tim Phillips
Loudoun House Group	Janet Onions	Bob Onions
Lyndhurst Lodge	Glenis Garner	Glenis Garner
Men's Bible Study	Tim Phillips	Steve Clowes
Mini Communion	Chris Sturgess	Bob Onions
MOP (Mums of Purpose)	Sandy Marcus-Smith	Glenis Garner
Mothers' Union	Noreen Mewies	Carole Timms
Parochial Church Council (PCC)	Tim Phillips	Jean J. Harrison
PCC Building Sub-Group	Carole Timms	Tim Phillips
PCC Standing Committee	Diana Saunders	Tim Phillips
Preachers & Leaders of Services	Tim Phillips	Tim Phillips
Refresh	Diana Saunders	Glenis Garner
Refreshments after Church	Wilma Mulgrew	Jean Harrison
Soul Café	Sandy Marcus-Smith	Tim Phillips
Sound Team	Tony Bull	Tim Phillips
Street Pastors	Vanessa Bayliss	Iris Holt
Tiny Tots	Janet Onions	Glenis Garner
TLC (Tuesday Ladies Church)	Lee Pinnegar & Elizabeth Rudin	Tim Phillips
Trinity fellowship	Margaret Weston	Iris Holt
Trinity Walkers	Rosemary Whyatt	Bob Onions
Worship Group	Ian Harris	Steve Clowes
Y@T: Youth at Trinity	Paul & Sandy Marcus-Smith	Tim Phillips

At the AGM on 7th January 2015 Carole stood down as Branch Leader after completing three successful years, we thank her very much for her hard work. As no-one wished to be nominated to be Branch Leader it was agreed that Noreen Mewies would administer the branch for 2015; this would bring the branch back into line with the Mothers' Union triennial system.

Rachael Bull agreed to become a member stating that she may consider being nominated at AGM 2016 to be Branch Leader for the next three years. It was also agreed that for 2015 we would not have a committee and that any decisions would be made during open branch/planning meetings; this would also be reviewed at the next AGM.

Speakers during 2015 included:-

- Margaret Brown on the Bereavement Support Group
- Margaret Rouse on Away From It All Holidays
- Rachael Bull on Occupational Therapy.

During the year Henry Knight, Adele Adshead, Rachael Bull and Jean M Harrison were enrolled as branch members by Margaret Rouse, Diocesan President, accompanied by Pat Thomas, Deanery Leader. The service was attended by members from other branches with a large number coming from S. Helen's.

Several members attended an Afternoon Tea meeting hosted by S. Helen's in The Cottage on 21st July at which Margaret Rouse was the guest speaker.

Members donated and served lunch for the foodbank Referring Agencies on 23rd June, and donated and served refreshments at several church functions.

The Teddy Bears Picnic was held on Sunday 5th July and it is hoped to continue this as an annual event.

A very large quantity of knitted glove puppets and teddies were passed on to Leicester Diocese to be used in trauma situations, gifts to AFIA children and the women's refuge.

Deanery Prayers were held in Holy Trinity in March/June/September and at Measham in December. Holy Trinity branch was well represented at them all, thanks to Margaret Weston for organising the intercessions and thanksgivings. Noreen Mewies represented the branch at the Deanery planning meetings in January, July and December and the Deanery Lady Day service was held at S. John's, Donisthorpe, on 25th March at 2:30 p.m.

It was decided that due to too many events in quick succession Holy Trinity would not host the Annual Deanery Tea in December, it was agreed that we would prefer to hold the event during the summer. Noreen Mewies took this to the December Deanery Meeting where it was agreed that this was a good idea, it was proposed that it should be held in July.

Several members attended the Festival Service at Leicester Cathedral on 9th June when the guest speaker was Lynne Tembey, Mothers' Union World Wide President.

Thea Knight represented the branch at the Mothers' Union General Meeting in Nottingham during 2016.

We hope for another successful year in 2016.

Noreen Mewies

MINISTRY TO LYNDHURST LODGE RESIDENTIAL HOME FOR THE ELDERLY

A simple service is held at Lyndhurst Lodge on the second Wednesday of the month at 11:00 a.m. The service takes place in the lounge and the residents are always pleased to see us.

The team consists of Chris Sturgess, Sharon Ward, Ann Parker, Billie Maybury and myself.

The service lasts about 30 minutes and includes well known hymns, a bible reading, a short talk and prayers.

We also spend time chatting with the residents both before and after the service, and visit any residents who are bedridden and have requested a visit.

If you would like to join us in this ministry please let me know. You will always be very welcome.

Glenis Garner

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## **MINISTRY TO LOUDOUN HOUSE RESIDENTIAL HOME**

The service at Loudoun House takes place on the third Wednesday of each month, in the dining room starting at 11:00 a.m. We usually have a chat and ask for any prayer requests before we start the service which starts with a prayer for the day. We then have hymns, readings, a talk and intercessions. The residents receive communion around three or four times a year conducted by Tim. Paul Harris has also ministered during the year.

The staff and residents always make us feel very welcome. Sadly, Marjory who has attended the services for many years, passed away recently, also Lillian and Bill. It has been an honour to be able to share Jesus with these special people and to have shared communion together. Some residents become too frail or unwell to attend but, of course, we can still pray for them and visit them in their rooms if they request this.

We have also had the pleasure of welcoming many new residents over the year.

The service is conducted by myself, Jennifer Swainston, Sharon Ward, Jane Allsop and Lorna Shattock, who also plays the keyboard. Kathy Hart and Lewis Allsop have also spent some time with us.

Many of the residents who attend will have had connections with different churches in the past. We feel that through this ministry we can bring the church to them and hopefully re-acquaint them with Jesus. We also try and give the message that you can give your life to Jesus at anytime, no matter what your age, and that He will always 'Abide with them'.

If anyone would like to join us on a Wednesday morning please do let one of us know. We have been told that there is a positive difference in some of the residents after the service, no doubt this is the work of the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God.

*Janet Onions, Jennifer Swainston, Sharon Ward, Jane Allsop and Lorna Shattock*

## N W LEICESTERSHIRE DEANERY SYNOD

Rev'd Tim Phillips, Iris Holt, Carole Timms and Frank Bedford are Holy Trinity's current representatives. Rev'd Vivien Elphick is our current Area Dean.

### **12th February 2015 at Christ Church, Coalville**

**Ashby Hospital.** Frank Bedford gave an update on the campaign regarding the Hospital.

**A Christian Presence in Every Community.** Feedback from the churches on this topic was requested and discussed. The following was presented on behalf of Holy Trinity:

The challenges of small, often older congregations, several church buildings to look after and the need to develop a new and adaptable approach must not be underestimated. The traditional model of ministry cannot simply be stretched but must be rethought in a way that is authentic to the place and people to whom the church is reaching out.

We must seek to offer worship, pastoral care and Christian witness in every place. The parish church represents our commitment to provide a place of prayer for all, at the heart of the community, which affirms local identity, giving people a sense of place and belonging.

Team ministries are an outcome of what should be our continuing commitment to every community, combined with the reality of scarce resources, both of ordained clergy and finance. We should be seeking to support mission and ministry in each parish through facilitating the sharing of ideas and expertise and the creation of a critical mass to support events and activities and share resources.

The rural church has historically been deeply integrated into rural community life.. At their best, rural congregations are embedded in the life of their communities. Members of rural congregations are involved in many different organisations, events, groups and networks. This integration of church with community is an essential part of developing mission and ministry.

Christian presence is much more than provision of church services. It is people immersed in the life of the community. It is not a “flying” vicar whose only contact is via church services, PCC meetings etc., with little or no contact with the wider community.

The ministry of lay people is vital to mission and ministry in rural communities but is often hampered by small numbers of volunteers and the absence of suitable support and training. A focus on discipleship and the continued development of the ministry of lay people are essential priorities.

A wide range of relevant approaches to outreach and mission are very important and sustaining regular worship is a key part of this.

Fresh Expressions are important to establishing relationships with children and young parents through schools, Messy Church, workshops and holiday clubs etc. Not every church can provide for children or young people either regularly or occasionally due to both a lack of children in some communities and a lack of volunteers to lead. In some cases, it will be necessary for families and young people to travel to churches to access appropriate worship and teaching.

Other Fresh Expressions could include café church, weekday worship and discussion groups. Also groups for men and women that offer something very different from regular church services.

The burden of administration, financial management and legal requirements is generally too heavy for clergy and lay people alike in the smaller churches, taking up a considerable amount of time and energy. They would benefit from shared resources which address administration, financial accounting, building and churchyard management on behalf of the team.

Church buildings can be both a blessing and a burden which falls primarily on the congregation and clergy. There is a need to sustain buildings through extended community use.

There is a need to encourage and develop better and greater communication between churches and individuals within them. Our traditional means of communication such as the parish magazine does not serve this effectively and we need to embrace all of today's means of communication to communicate better together and to reach out to the wider community.

Each church PCC was asked to consider:

Where could we enhance good community for its own sake as a sign of Christian care and love? Is there one thing we do that we could do better? One thing that we could start in our community?

## **2nd June 2015 at Holy Trinity Church, Ashby**

**Diocesan Synod Meeting Sat. 9th May.** Bishop Tim had given a farewell address, reflecting on his sixteen years as bishop. Bishop Tim's prayer was that this diocese will continue to be shaped by God in the years ahead. Bishop Tim spoke about the Poverty commission and the further twelve million pounds removed from Welfare Support. He said that PCCs will need a tool kit on how to support the lonely, the isolated, how to open up their buildings more. People need somewhere secure and safe and help with more creative social enterprise.

**Parish gift process 2016.** Synod was shown the DVD produced by the Diocese featuring Bishop Tim. With the introduction of the Parish Contribution System replacing the Parish Share, last year the diocese saw a 1% increase in the income of the diocese which was all down to parishes' generosity and 1.8% was anticipated for the coming year. The DVD also explained where the money goes, and where the money comes from. Everything that is raised by parishes goes back to the parishes.

**Shaped by God.** Rev'd Tim Phillips showed the DVD of the recent review and renewal of 'Shaped by God'. Synod members were asked to encourage their incumbents and PCC to use the DVD and its resources.

### **A follow on from A Christian presence in every community.**

When Bishop Tim closed diocesan Synod he asked three questions:

1. What is Church for?
2. What kind of church are we called to be?
3. What is God calling us to do?

Members were asked if they could map out where church members live, work and play using postcodes. Rev'd Tim Phillips had volunteered to do a geographical chart of the diocese. This information would probably help in due course with when looking at deployment of potential NSMs.

**Reform and Renewal.** Synod was shown a short DVD from the Archbishop, entitled "Reform and Renewal". It will be necessary for Deanery Synod and PCCs to be aware of the Reform and Renewal agenda. There are links on the diocesan website to read these reports.

## **16th September 2015 at S. David's, Broom Leys**

**Crime.** Canon Elphick reported that she had recently had a meeting with local Community Police Officers. They admitted that the police are unable to respond quickly to calls e.g. lead theft: cars are now based at Loughborough. Swepstone had now got enough money to enable them to start working on replacing their roof with zinc and not lead.

**Parish Gift process 2016.** The general feeling was that it was better than previously; people were getting more used to the process at PCCs and at the meeting itself. It seemed to work quite well. In the absence of adverse comment, it was agreed that it would be done like that next year.

**Buildings.** Canon Elphick stated that it had become clear that a lot of people were struggling over the issue of buildings and how to move forward on repair and building. The 12th November Synod meeting would be devoted largely to how we can get ahead with building projects.

## **12th November 2015 at S. Denys Church, Ibstock**

**Diocesan Synod 17th September Report.** This had included a talk about the refugee crisis and the efforts being made through the cathedral to help those who were arriving in Leicester. Although the parish contribution promised so far for 2016 did not quite meet the diocesan budget, the diocese would not go back to the parishes this year asking for more money.

**Cathedral Visit.** It was agreed to have another visit later in 2016.

**Deanery Churches open for Heritage Open Days 2016.** These would run from 8th to 11th September 2016.

**Building matters.** A presentation was given by Canon Elphick and Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) Secretary Rupert Allen. The aim being to help people dealing with this. Some of the issues raised included maintenance and inspection of equipment and consulting Ecclesiastical Insurance, disaster planning and the use of churches for emergency accommodation, making sure that records were kept safe. How and where do we keep records? What back-up information needs to be held elsewhere? A presentation was then given to show what steps needed to be taken in regard to progressing building projects which involved keeping 3 tracks moving along together: architect, legal issues (faculty and planning) and finance.

*Frank Bedford*

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## **ASHBY FOODBANK**

Ashby foodbank remains committed to staying in partnership with Trussell Trust until May 2016, at which time this may be reviewed. Trussell Trust continues to provide training for the Management Board, volunteers, and referring agencies as required, for which we pay £30 per month.

The foodbank is open on Tuesday morning from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and on Friday from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. The distribution centre, based in S. Stephen's Church, Woodville, is open on Thursday mornings from 10:00 - 12:00 noon.

Information about the foodbank can be found on the website [www.ashby.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.ashby.foodbank.org.uk)

With the permission of Trussell Trust, we have expanded our area; we now have referral agencies in Burton-on-Trent and Derby and continue to work closely with Burton Soup Kitchen.

The Management Board continues to be chaired by Rev'd Tim Phillips and meets every six to eight weeks. There have been no changes to the board over the past year.

The foodbank continues to be well supported by all of the churches in Ashby, as well as many in the immediate surrounding area, all of which provide a plentiful supply of donated food items and toiletries.

We are blessed with a good team of volunteers of many different faiths and none. For each session we are required to have five/seven volunteers, one in charge of refreshments, two/three downstairs to welcome and signpost and two/three to work in the stock room, where jobs include rotation and weighing in of new stock and updating the in-house records. Volunteers also make up food parcels, weigh the food out, and again update the stock records. This data is then recorded on the confidential Trussell Trust Cloud Data System by Nikki Eccersley the Distribution Manager.

Each food package is made up of tinned or dried food and UHT milk, enough to feed each family member with well balanced meals for three days, (ten meals per family member) in addition other goods such as toilet rolls, toothpaste, soap and other essentials are included if they are available. Baby milk and food are bought in when required, or if a special brand is requested.

People visiting the foodbank will have been referred by a professional agency and issued with a voucher. This, when presented at the foodbank, will be exchanged for the three days food. The main reasons for referral are: benefit changes and delays, low income, debt, domestic violence, sickness and unemployment.

Tim Abbott remains our Referrer Relationship Manager and continues to increase the number of agencies holding referral vouchers; he keeps in contact with them to ensure that the system works well. On 23rd June 2015 an agencies lunch was held following the foodbank session, this was well attended by referrers; two further lunches are planned for 2016.

We have made a great effort to make the whereabouts of vouchers more widely known by putting posters in chemists and other shops around the town. At the end of 2015, 89 agencies were signed up to distribute vouchers.

From April 2015 to January 2016 486 adults and 397 children were fed equating to 8830 meals being distributed, food donations totalled 9140.4 and food distributed 10,384.6 kg. 1716.4kg was received from School and Church Harvest collections, 2752.43kg from supermarkets including the two National Collections at Tesco. Some of the distributed food was bulk surplus stock passed on to Fare Share and Soup Kitchen as it neared its best before date.

We were supported by three local companies at Christmas, Davidson Homes, Alstom-GE Power and Infotec Ltd who held collections among their staff and in each case made a very large donation to our stock, for which we thank them.

We are extremely grateful for all the regular donations received from individuals, schools, playgroups, churches and corporate organisations.

No major fundraising events were held in 2015, with the exception of a quiz at The Plough Ashby which raised around £100. We continued to receive small cash donations and the top-up from Tesco based on the weight of goods from the two National Collections and the Permanent Collection Box.

We share the in-store permanent collection box and National Collections with Coalville foodbank which works well for us both. M-EC Ibstock provided personnel for the in-store collection, leaving foodbank volunteers free to weigh-in and sort goods. The recent December collection amounted to 696.4kg of food and toiletries, a welcome addition to our stock. Due to several role changes and new appointments at Tesco they will again be sending their community staff to visit foodbank, giving them insight into our warehouse system, volunteer roles, and signposting for ongoing help.

The warehouse is managed by Wendy Fielding and her loyal team of volunteers. The outside store was redesigned with a matching T card system mirroring the store layout on the wall of the picking room. The position, contents and weight of every box is accounted for making stock rotation between the outside store and inside picking room very easy. The food stock now remains fairly constant at a manageable 4000 kg.

On 7th July 2015 Susannah Brook, East Midlands Area Manager for Trussell Trust, carried out our Annual Quality Assurance Review. We achieved a very high standard with only minor details to follow-up on.

One recommendation was to add bread and butter to the list of foods distributed as this is often requested. We are unable to store fresh bread but we do have space in the church for a small freezer, enabling us to hold a small quantity of frozen bread. We are able to store a small amount of butter/spread in the church fridge and will ensure that we comply with any extra health and safety regulations/risk assessment.

Foodbank would like to thank all volunteers for their help and support over the past year, we have a very loyal group of regulars whom we could not manage without, while others come and go as time and energy allows.

The Management Board would like to thank everyone at Holy Trinity for their on-going support as we look forward to another successful year in 2016, when we are looking to trial a Children's Clothes Bank in addition to what we already offer in order that many more families in need or facing a one-off crisis can be helped.

*Noreen Mewies*

## HOLY TRINITY FIRST PASTORATE

Since this group started in September 2014 the **PASTORATE** (as we normally refer to it) has become firmly established at the heart of Holy Trinity Church life. It is a local expression of what God is raising up nationally in many medium and larger sized congregations – groups that are often referred to as ‘Mission Shaped Communities’. Such groups provide a bridge between the main Sunday Service and small fellowship groups (involving up to 12 people). As ‘mid sized groups’ (or 25-50 members) they are particularly well suited for fostering discipleship and mission.

So it is that here at Holy Trinity our own Pastorate aims to be ‘**A Community of Disciples making Disciples**’. At present we seek to fulfil this aim in two particular ways:

- 1). By welcoming any from our Sunday services and beyond who want to grow in their faith in Christ to our fortnightly meetings. These normally take place on the 1st, 2nd & 5th Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in church attended by 20 to 30 people. A group of this middling size proves to be an ideal place for promoting strong **friendships** by creating informal spaces for sharing (and eating) as well as for participating in small *ad hoc* groups. They also help people to **grow as disciples** of Christ through life-related bible talks and group sharing along with different approaches to prayer and worship. An important aspect of this is creating opportunities for each one to discover and exercise their **gifts and ministries**.

We have identified over ten different tasks and roles which are needed to enable the meetings and activities to function well. These include helping with setting up, welcoming, a prayer corner, providing refreshments, leading the meeting, giving talks, leading small groups, technical support and providing different styles of worship. The aim is to help as many different people as possible to ‘have a go’ at as many different tasks as possible over a period of time.

- 2). Developing a focus for **mission and service**. The Pastorate grew out of an Alpha Course in the first place and aims to be a resource group for staffing nurture courses such as Alpha and Emmaus. We encourage our members to play a full part in the life of Holy Trinity and equip them to use their gifts in sharing in various forms of outreach and service. For example, members of the Pastorate help to run the Thursday morning CAP Job club and are also involved with work among children.

At our fortnightly meetings during 2015, Bible Teaching and Group Work included looking at themes for Epiphany and Lent, a series on Bible Characters and a series on the ‘Fruits of the Spirit’. Several people from within the group have had a go at giving talks and leading worship showing that there is a lot of talent among us just waiting to be discovered when given the opportunity. We are also grateful to our clergy and others for occasional help in these areas.

A couple of other highlights during the year were a summer BBQ and an end of year Christmas Party.

The Pastorate aims to be the kind of ‘mid-sized group’ which can provide easy access into the deeper fellowship life of our church for both newcomers and longer standing church members. We believe that there are many within the orbit of our church who could find a new impetus in their spiritual journey and a deeper sense of belonging through being part of our group.

### Could you be one of them?

Do give us a try – you will be made very welcome.

For further details contact Stephen & Stella Brook or Bob & Janet Onions.

## CHRISTIAN AID

The total amount raised by the Ashby and District churches in 2015 was £9,684.35, a decrease of £852.88 (8%) compared to last year. Of this total £3,232.77 was gift aided, which will result in a further £808 towards the work of Christian Aid. The largest fall was in house-to-house collections, down from £7,846.86 to £7,305.97, a £540.89 (7%) decrease on last year. A large proportion of this was a drop of £395 from the Breedon/Worthington group. However, had it not been for Mrs. Betty Cawte volunteering to organize a collection two weeks before Christian Aid Week, there would have been no collection at all. A great example to us all from Betty, not the youngest of our helpers, who took on the difficult job of recruiting a new band of collectors, and still managing to collect £633.16.

Holy Trinity's twenty-eight house-to-house collectors, four less than the excellent thirty-two in 2014, collected £1,406.02, a decrease of £128 (8%).

Once again Grace Cheriyan organized a collection at Willesley school, boosting our total by a further £34.73 plus 15 Euros! (£45.53 - a 25% increase on last year). Well done Grace, that means we had 29 collectors! Trinity's Christian Aid collection boxes contributed a further £35.05.

The quiz evening, organized by Holy Trinity and held in the Church Hall, raised £320, down from the excellent £460 in 2014 but still a worthwhile and enjoyable event.

The paper quiz sheets, organized for the second time, based on village and town names in Leicestershire, raised a total of £122.

The coffee morning and soup lunch held by the Baptist Church raised £144, with a disappointing level of support. The Congregational Church held a coffee morning, raising £87.60. The mid-week lunch held during Christian Aid week at the Methodist Church was again well supported, raising £630.00. The Methodist Church also raised £500 through the sale of cards and crafts throughout the year. Their Lent boxes raised £99.

The concert held at Holy Trinity church featuring Hill Top School Choir and the folk-song group 'Calling Time', which includes members of the Ashby Concert Band, was excellent, but poorly supported because of other events taking place that evening. The children from the school joined the group for some of the songs and the evening was really enjoyed by performers and audience alike. £181 was raised.

Holy Trinity's contributions in 2015 amounted to £1,975.07. Thank you to all who helped and gave their support in whatever way you did.

Christian Aid Week 2016 starts on Sunday 15th May, which coincides with Pentecost – the birth of the church and when we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles, transforming them from frightened and confused people.

Christian Aid week is the single biggest act of Christian witness in Britain and Ireland. For thousands of people throughout the country, it's a way of answering Jesus's call to help people in need, and showing the community just how much good the church is doing in the world.

Will you be spirit filled, bold, and play your part this year?

*Frank Bedford*



## CAP JOB CLUB

We have been ministering to the unemployed for almost three years and yet we are still finding new ways to serve our members. Our regular numbers remain small, typically 5 or 6 people on a Thursday morning in church.

We have retained all four volunteers who set out on this journey (Steve Clowes, Alison Hayes, Steve Porter and Gerri Abbott) and have gained Joyce MacAllister in the past 6 months. We continue to hold Bill Matthews in our prayers and look beyond his current treatment to the time when he will again join us each week.

Our main function remains to assist active job hunters navigate the process of CV design, applications through the Universal Jobmatch system from the Job Centre, build up confidence in interview skills and help identify local job opportunities. The Job Centre is confident in our service and continues to refer people to us. There are Government requirements on individuals to prove that they are actively job seeking and 3 hours attendance per week at Job Club can be included in their log. We have yet to assist anyone who has been sanctioned, but we are aware that this is a genuine concern amongst our members. Consequently, we would say that the most beneficial aspect we offer is a safe place where people can share stories and can support one another.

There have been a number of new contacts this year with specialist Agencies and this is where we see God at work. For example, there was a lady married in church during the late Summer. On the following Thursday she brought one of her elderly Special Needs Clients to see her wedding flowers. This led to her putting us in contact with Enrych in Coalville. We intend to follow up a visit we had from their Manager and visit their facilities. They may be able to offer voluntary work for some of our members living with disabilities.

We continue to have a good relationship with Adult Learning services at Leicestershire County Council. One of our members gained a B grade in Maths GCSE, assisted by some tutoring from one of our members. The learning service is now keen to contract him some tutoring hours if the present budget constraints are lifted!

Signposting is a way in which we offer a 'whole person' approach. We have some people who have been through recent bereavements and the S. Giles Bereavement Point, set up by Margaret Brown, a member of Holy Trinity congregation, has been both suggested and prayed for. We have seen the need for some to be referred to the Foodbank and advised that they can access the CAP Debt service.

The generosity of CAP in enabling Job Club to deliver Christmas Food Hampers to eleven families moved some to comment that they had never been treated in such a caring way before.

We thank our merciful and loving God that He continues to encourage us. We may interact with a relatively small group of people but we know that is enough for God to move amongst us and accomplish His purposes. CAP Job Club is part of His plan to show His power and glory.

Mary was a poor servant of God and through her trust and obedience our Saviour Jesus was born.

'For nothing is impossible with God.' Luke 1:37

*Alison Hayes*  
CAP Job Club Coach

# **CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY - MIDLANDS NATIONAL FOREST FUNDRAISING & COMMUNICATION**

Registered Charity 1131178

The fundraising and communication group had a busy 2015 holding several fundraising events while at the same time promoting the work of CAP MNF Debt Help, CAP Money Course and CAP Job Clubs.

In addition to the information on the website, a Lent Letter was sent to churches, schools, civic groups and individuals to make as many people as possible aware of the work of CAP MNF and also to encourage people to support the work financially. This once again had a small but significant response and we are extremely grateful to the increasing number of individuals and organisations who continue to support our work.

Towards the end of 2015 Butlers CAP, offering good quality clothes for sale on eBay, was unable to continue. Our very grateful thanks go to Cheryl Butler for her hard work and enthusiasm which contributed over £1000 to CAP MNF funds.

Fundraising events held during the year including quizzes at The Plough and in Holy Trinity Church Hall, the Marathon-with-a-Difference at Jim's Tractor Run, an enormous thank you to everyone who came to walk their mile in torrential rain, and a Parking Space Concert all of which raised significant amounts of money. Lesley Smith returned to Holy Trinity as Mary Queen of Scots in June which was a wonderful evening that raised around £1000 each for CAP MNF and the Church Building Fund.

The Christmas Fayre raised around £600 each for CAP MNF and the Building Fund.

Thanks go to everyone who helped to make these events possible and for the support of the church family and local community.

CAP MNF accepted the invitation of a promotional stand at Ashby Statutes Fair in September; literature was handed out along with balloons for the children. Thanks go to Ashby Town Council and Mr Anthony Harris of Pat Collins Fair for inviting us and we have been invited back in 2016.

In December nine grant applications were made to local Trust Funds hopefully to bring in much needed funding; further applications will be made during 2016.

Thank you for your continuing support for Christians Against Poverty – Midlands National Forest.

*Noreen Mewies*

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RIDE AND STRIDE

The annual sponsored Ride and Stride took place on Saturday 12th September. Half the money raised through this event goes to Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust and the other half comes back to Holy Trinity.

This year £175.00 was raised by walkers and cyclists from Trinity through visiting churches and chapels in Ashby and surrounding villages.

Thanks go to all who participated and to those who sponsored them and to those who welcomed and registered visitors to our church.

Bob and Janet Onions.

MUSICAL WORSHIP

Review

After the previous year of growth and change in relationships, 2015 was very much a year of consolidation and improvement of systems.

At the beginning of 2015 the PCC kindly considered the music team's request for a new mixer. This was indicated as a good solution to the growing number and complexity of our blend of instruments and singers and to overcome practical issues for the sound engineers. We were so encouraged by the willingness to commit to the project and the speed with which funds were raised. The most touching moment was the spontaneous cake sale organized by the teenagers of God Rocks Café! After the funds were raised there was a slight hiatus while we tracked down somewhere that had any of the mixers in stock but finally the last three in Europe turned up in Paris and it was from there that we ordered ours. The ability to store different band setups and quickly access them week after week has enormously improved the speed and quality of our setup and sound.

For several months at the end of the year we missed Roy Sansom playing the organ who was out of action following surgery on his leg. We are delighted that he has now re-joined us and is continuing to play for us at selected 9:00 a.m. services and 3rd Sunday 10:30 a.m. services. Diana, Steve, Lorna and Adele continue to bless us by playing the organ or piano and we thank them for their willingness to lead musical worship.

During the interregnum at S. Helen's we were happy to work with the Service Leaders to contribute to the revised service patterns and enjoyed the opportunities for connection to other churches in the Benefice that it brought. We supported musical worship at Alpha, Messy Church at Viscount Beaumont School and Mary Gregory's installation service among others. We have found the Team Talk series of meetings particularly pertinent and a fascinating place to exchange ideas with other churches in the team.

In the last few weeks, both Tim Barker and Lisa Noon have stepped down as Worship Leaders. Tim will be moving to Cumbria shortly but Lisa will continue to play and sing with us. We thank them both for the contributions they have made. Going forward Sandy and I will cover 10:30 a.m. services and we will wait on God to raise up new Worship Leaders to bless us with fresh expressions and experiences.

The Year Ahead

All of our worship and musical response to God's glory and love is borne from a desire to glorify Him. The phrase we most commonly use amongst ourselves to express this is our desire to be "*passionate and authentic*" worshippers. That will remain.

Music: We remain ready and committed to serve as required on Sundays, bringing a blend of old and new music - to serve God passionately and authentically in a season of growth and change for our church. We are excited to see how new service patterns will develop and how music can be used to enrich our expressions and encounters with God. Please pray for wisdom, creativity and passion in those designing and delivering our new service pattern and for God to raise up new Worship Leaders to join our team.

Sound: We would love to boost the team of faithful and diligent sound engineers that we have. Please pray for Tony, Steve, Richard and Kaf as they work on Wednesdays and Sundays to deliver the words and sound well. Please pray that God will move others to join their team and please feel free to thank them regularly!

Collaboration: We have a vision of closer collaboration with those people leading services and with other worshippers across the Benefice. We would love to see Fourth Sundays continue to flourish as a creative space to encounter God and would love to work with other churches. Please pray that God will open doors and inspire us to new and authentic ways of worshipping Him.

Not Sundays: We have long considered that a musical response to worship should not just be confined to Sunday mornings. We have started to serve more small groups and "not Sunday" events but would love to be invited to do more. Please pray for opportunities for us to minister to our brothers and sisters in humble and creative ways.

Grace & Peace,
Ian Harris

CHURCH HALL ACCOUNTS

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL					
Accounts for the year to 31st December 2015					
Receipts	2015	2014	Expenditure	2015	2014
Playgroup	6644.00	6716.50	Caretaker	5250.27	4684.68
Badminton	364.00	408.00	Gas	1152.08	2537.09
Dancing – Colin Lang	4176.00	3184.00	Electricity	787.43	1066.42
Army Cadets	900.00	940.00	Water Rates	153.64	152.02
Thursday Ladies	336.00	344.00	Insurance	814.69	769.79
Miscellaneous Lettings	315.00	180.00	Window Cleaning	180.00	120.00
Interest			Cleaning Materials, Consumables	546.93	690.34
Telephone refunds		11.38	Repairs – General	1235.75	1674.35
Bartletts Refund PCC	80.00		Dustbin Hire	311.48	299.00
Donations	119.00	50.00	Purchase of fridge	149.99	
Hire of Chairs			Refund to Playgroup re closure	32	
			Piano Tuning	43.00	43.00
Total Income	12934.00	11833.88	Total Expenditure	10657.26	12351.69
Current Account Balance B/Fwd	10946.80	11464.61	Current Account Balance C/Fwd	13223.54	10946.80
	23880.80	23298.49		23880.80	23298.49
			<p>I certify that the accounts for Holy Trinity Church Hall give a true and fair view of the finalised position at 31st December 2015</p> <p>S. Clowes 19th February 2016</p>		



Trinity Walkers

2004-2014: 10 years of walks & friendship

We are a friendly group of all ages and new members are very welcome - either regularly or for the 'one off' walk. The fellowship is great with all of us having the opportunity to chat with each other during the day. The walks are between 8 and 10 miles and are led by ourselves or other members of the group on the third Saturday of each month. We meet at the start point of the walk and where possible we share transport as car parking is often limited. The terrain is varied - mainly on field paths and farm tracks and we do like to include some hill walking - which can be challenging. We rarely cancel a walk because of the weather (unless it is unsafe to travel) but a walk will be postponed until the following month if there are less than 6 of us able to attend. It is **essential** that everyone has appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather conditions. The conditions underfoot can often be very muddy or uneven so you may find a walking pole useful - handy too for clearing a path through nettles and brambles or to discourage the occasional inquisitive livestock!!

During 2015 we enjoyed 10 walks - we revisited some more of our favourite walks and some new ones too. Five walks were in the Peak District including the challenging Kinder Downfall walk in September which was a repeat of our July 2008 walk when the weather was so awful that the water was being blown UP Kinder Downfall. Fortunately this time we had good weather and fantastic views (see below). Other walks were in Rutland, Nottinghamshire, from the Creswell Crags visitor centre, and 3 were local walks. Numbers attending varied between 8 and 18. Following our walks we enjoy a well-earned cuppa and home-made cake (donations welcomed for the work of Ashby Youth for Christ) before making our way home.



**For more information see the Trinity Walkers'
notice board in church or contact:**

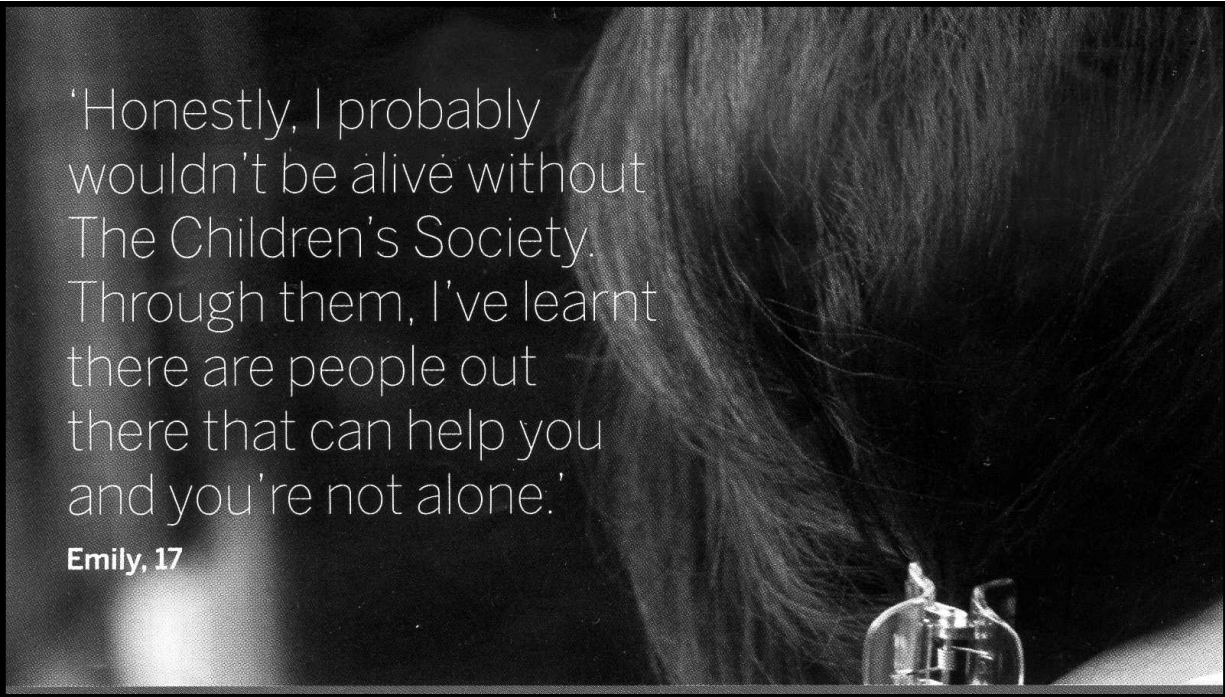
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THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

*'He who suppresses the poor shows contempt for their maker; but whoever is kind to the needy honours God'.
Proverbs Ch. 14 v. 37*



'Honestly, I probably
wouldn't be alive without
The Children's Society.
Through them, I've learnt
there are people out
there that can help you
and you're not alone.'

Emily, 17

Our volunteers and fundraisers have been transforming young lives since 1881. Today, thanks to amazing people like you, we are able to help thousands of children escape the devastating cycle of neglect, abuse and violence. Last year our services directly helped over 34,000 children and young people, while our campaign wins will bring life-changing support to almost two million - giving vulnerable children up and down the county the hope of a brighter future.

So, on behalf of the thousands of children whose lives have been transformed, we wanted to say a big **Thank you.**

O God, the Father of all, we commend to your ceaseless compassion all homeless children and orphans and those whose lives are overshadowed by violence or thwarted by disease or cruelty.

Awaken in us your living charity that we may not rest while children cry for bread or go uncomforted for lack of love. From the Mothers' Union service book 1980.

Donations from Holy Trinity in 2015:

Tithe:	£384.00
Boxes	£ 43.32
Nativity service:	<u>£355.31</u>
Total:	<u>£782.63</u>

Monies collected at Christingle
service organised by
Smisby Day Nursery:
£395.00
and sent direct

N.I.Holt (Hon. Sec.)

THE MISSION TO SEAFARERS

'Others went out on the sea in ships, they were merchants on the mighty waves'

Psalm 107 v. 23

Next time you fill up your car with fuel, or turn your oil fired heating on, share a thought for the seafarers.

The maritime version of the 'squeezed middle'

Revd Dr Paul Burt, The Mission's Gulf and South Asia Regional Director, finds you can't always judge a ship by its appearance – or its hulking crew

When it comes to first impressions ships are like people. A clean, well ordered, freshly painted ship doesn't often have a troubled crew.

The offshore supply and support ships I was approaching – four of them, tied up abreast of each other – were, as far as I could see, smart enough to feature on their owners' websites and annual reports if anyone had so wished. If there was one that looked slightly out of place in the beauty parade it was the one furthest out from the quay. I set off across the first three in order to get to it.

"Let me guess who you guys are supporting in the big Las Vegas fight....." I asked the Filipino crew of the first vessel. Much grinning and cheering ensued. The Indonesians on the second and third vessels were also in good humour, but a little unsure of who I was and what I wanted. The Indian crew on my target vessel, the fourth and last one, were young and chatty. To my relief, and despite the rather tired appearance of the ship, all was well on the salary, contract and employee/employer front.

"Every encounter with a seafarer provides an opportunity to change a life"

"Nothing to detain me here" I thought to myself as I started to clamber back towards the quayside, across the three other ships. But in the few minutes I had spent with the Indians the word had got back to the other crews as to who and what I was. "Sir, can we speak to you?" said the Indonesian captain.

We sat down in the shadow of the ship's superstructure, and I got out my pen and notebook. There had been no salary for two months and some hadn't had any for nine months. Some contracts had finished but they couldn't sign off because there was no relieving crew. Armed with the names and numbers of the agent and owner I resumed my journey back to the quay only to encounter, on his way to the outermost ship, the Port State Control Officer doing an inspection. We had a very timely and useful conversation, especially as it was the first time I'd ever seen him!

Only one more ship to clamber across and I would be back on terra firma and on my way to the agent's office. But my path to the little gang plank was blocked by one of the biggest seafarers I had ever met. The Ukrainian looked like he could swat away both Mayweather and Pacquiao with a single lazy swipe of his bear-like forearm. "Sir! I need to speak to you." It turned out that he was the captain of another vessel from the same small fleet as the one crewed by the Indonesians, and they had the same problems. Recently, while in a small Iranian port, he'd had to sell his watch to get some money



to buy a sim card for his phone. What I had thought would be an uneventful five minutes was turning into a lengthy introduction to the plight of the crews of a whole fleet.

There was no time to waste. But I still couldn't get to the quay, because coming down the gang plank was yet another player in this unfolding drama. He greeted me: "Good morning sir. I am from the agency responsible for these ships." "Good" I said, "That will save me the trouble of coming to find you!"

"There is no problem. These crews are not telling you the full story" he pleaded. This is what agents and owners usually say, of course, and it is often just a ploy to put the interfering outsider off the scent. But two factors gave me pause. There was something in his eyes and his body language, which indicated that I ought to listen to him, and secondly, he was actually here on the ship engaging with the crews. Usually, they sit in the comfort of their air-conditioned offices out of range of the angry crew.

He took me to his office and we sat down with his manager. Clearly he wanted to demonstrate that they were not fly-by-night cowboys, but an honest company doing a difficult job. Not surprisingly, the reason they were not paying the crew was because they themselves had not been paid by their client, the charterer of the vessels. "Who is the charterer?" I asked. He gave me the name of the biggest local oil production company in the region. "Money is no object for them" I protested. "Yes" he replied, "but since the price of oil halved these production companies are not bearing the economic pain by themselves. They are passing it down the line by squeezing the little boys like us so that their own figures don't look so bad. We complain, but what can we do?"

"When do you think you are going to get paid?" I asked. "By early next week, Inshallah (God willing) – at least, that's what they say."

For consumers with cars to run and homes to heat, a big fall in the price of oil is good news. For the seafarers, on whom the whole globalised system of energy supply and demand depends, the consequences can be less benign. ■

Prayer for seafarers

Almighty God, we thank you for those on whose labour we depend for the necessities of life. We ask your blessing upon all seafarers in their daily work; for their safety as they face the dangers of their profession; and for their families and loved ones, especially during periods of separation, loneliness and anxiety. Grant them at all times the knowledge of your love and care and the strength and encouragement of your mercy and protection. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our support from Holy Trinity in 2015

Tithe donation: £250

N.I.Holt

THANK YOU

A big thank you goes to all the people who contributed to this report.

If anybody has any suggestions on how to improve next year's report
please drop a note to me.

Thanks.

Graham Barge

grahambarge@btopenworld.com

PLANNED GIVING

ONCE AGAIN, A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS GIVEN
SO GENEROUSLY TO HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

The total amount given to the church within the Planned Giving scheme in 2015 was £80,155.36. The total amount on which Gift Aid tax could be claimed was £64,356.86 which includes Planned Giving, CAP and other funds such as the Church Roof, which resulted in cheques received from HM Revenue and Customs totalling £16,105.72.

We were also able to claim on our small donations GASDS, which totalled £1,222.76 for the year.

1st claim, Tax claimed: June £3,845.00; GASDS: £58.88
2nd claim, Tax claimed: Sept: £6,950.15 GASDS: £732.65
3rd claim, Tax claimed: Nov: £1,517.32 GASDS: £175.58
4th claim, Tax claimed: Jan 2016 for up to 31st December 2015: £3,793.25; GASDS: £255.65

Total tax claimed for Year 2015: £16,105.72; GASDS: £1,222.76; Grand total: £17,328.48
Total non-tax efficient donations for 2015: £15,798.50

Please note that this total includes tax claimed on behalf of the CAP Fund etc.

For comparison, the total amount of donations in 2014 on which Gift Aid was reclaimed was £67,890.28 and the cheques received from HMRC totalled £16,972.59, with GASDS (**Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme**) amounting to £1,250.00 giving a grand total of £18,222.59

These figures reflect the church accounts year (1 January to 31 December) rather than the tax year (6 April to 5 April).

There are several ways in which gifts can be given within the Planned Giving Scheme, and I encourage everybody who is a regular member of the congregation to do so using one of the following methods:

- Weekly envelopes
- Monthly, quarterly or yearly standing orders
- Regular cheques put into the white envelopes, please state on the envelope the church fund you wish to donate to (.....).

Forms for setting up standing orders, making one-off donations and making Gift Aid declarations are available at the back of the church, and can also be downloaded from the church website: www.trinityclose.net (please click on Giving).

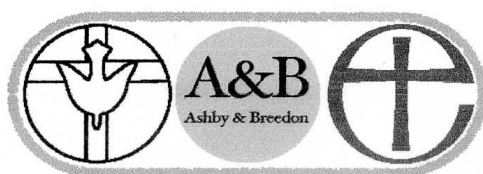
I would also encourage everybody to use the Gift Aid envelopes at the back of the church when making donations for flowers or for any church fund, to enable the church to reclaim Gift Aid on them.

It is the responsibility of individual givers to ensure that the amount of tax they pay on their income covers the tax reclaimed as Gift Aid by the charities they contribute to.

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” 2 Cor. 9:7-8

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ACCOUNTS



HOLY TRINITY
Ashby de la Zouch

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ASHBY DE LA ZOUC

Registered Charity Number 1131178

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2015**

I report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Church, Ashby de la Zouch, for the year ended 31st December 2015.

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination under section 145(1) of the Act is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act in accordance with directions given by the Charity Commission.
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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 PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from you, the PCC, concerning 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:

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 2011 and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

Signed:.....

Date: 8 MARCH 2016

Name: ALEC ERNEST WAYTE

Relevant professional qualification: ACIB

Address: 1 HOSPITAL LANE,

RAVENSTONE,

COALVILLE:

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Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity, Ashby de la Zouch

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2015

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE) published on 16 July 2014, the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The activities of the Church Hall, the CAPMNF Debt Counselling Centre and of the Ashby food bank have been aggregated with the PCC accounts.

The accruals basis of accounting has been adopted.

FUNDS

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

No endowment funds existed at the balance sheet date.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments and (b) donations or grants received for a specific purpose. The funds may only be used for the purpose specified by the donor.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Designated funds are sums set aside out of General Funds by the PCC for specific designated purposes. They can be transferred back to unrestricted funds at any time if the PCC so decides.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Planned giving, offertories, collections and donations are recognized when received.

Tax refunds on the planned giving are recognized as soon as the amounts are claimable. Thus the amount receivable is shown under debtors. Interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The Diocesan Parish Contribution is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

FIXED ASSETS

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993. The PCC has not included the Church Hall and associated land in the accounts as it is unclear to establish the ownership of the property and the valuation at the time of preparation of the 2015 financial statements.

Equipment used within the church and the parish office is depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful life as disclosed under note 7 of the financial statements.

It is the policy of the PCC to capitalize assets whose value is £500 or above. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of less than £500 are written off when the asset is acquired.

ROOF AND ORGAN REPAIRS

Repairs to the roof and the organ of approximately £70,000 and £36,000 respectively are required, but these amounts have not been included in these Financial Statements as liabilities as the precise costs and their possible funding is not yet known.

Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity, Ashby de la Zouch
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2015

	Note	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	8	£ -	£ -
		<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		£ -	£ -
Debtors	9	£ 4,051	£ 6,653
Short term deposits		£ -	£ -
Cash at Bank	10	£ 67,204	£ 62,750
		<u>£ 71,255</u>	<u>£ 69,403</u>
LIABILITIES			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	11	£ 12,331	£ 8,320
Agency collection		£ -	£ -
		<u>£ 12,331</u>	<u>£ 8,320</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)			
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>£ 58,924</u>	<u>£ 61,083</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS			
		<u>£ 58,924</u>	<u>£ 61,083</u>
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted		-£ 7,142	£ 103
Restricted	12	£ 60,491	£ 55,405
Designated	13	£ 5,575	£ 5,575
Endowment		£ -	£ -
		<u>£ 58,924</u>	<u>£ 61,083</u>

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ending 31st December 2015

INCOME

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2015	TOTAL 2014
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations & Legacies	1	89,691	-	18,954	-	108,645	123,818
Charitable Activities	4	14,658	-	-	-	14,658	11,079
Other Trading Activities	2	5,945	-	13,136	-	19,081	15,352
Other	3	210	-	-	-	210	165
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		110,504	-	32,090	-	142,594	150,414

EXPENDITURE

Raising Funds	6	706	-	10,657	-	11,363	12,352
Charitable activities	7	110,540	-	22,850	-	133,390	129,923
Other		-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		111,246	-	33,507	-	144,753	142,275

**NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE
OTHER RECOGNIZED GAINS & LOSSES**

	-742	-	-1417	-	-2,159	8,139
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Gain on Investment assets:
on disposal
on revaluation

-	-	-
-	-	-

Transfer to Organ Restoration Fund re Donated Fees
Transfer to CAPMNF re Tithe
Transfer to CAPMNF re Christmas Fayre
Transfer to Church Building fund re Christmas Fayre
Transfer Gift Aid payable to CAPMNF
To Church Building Fund re Lesley Smith evening
To CAPMNF re Lesley Smith evening

	-150	150
14	-2,000	2,000
	-680	680
	-680	680
	-917	917
	-1,038	1,038
	-1,038	1,038

NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

-7,245	-	5,086	-	-2,159	8,139
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BALANCE B /FWD 1 JANUARY 2015

103	5,575	55,405	-	61,083	52,944
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Prior Year Adjustment

13	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-7,142	5,575	60,491	-	58,924	61,083

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Donations & Legacies:

	2015	2014
Planned giving	£ 65,279	£ 63,689
Income tax	£ 15,153	£ 15,230
Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme	£ 1,221	£ 1,193
Offertories	£ 3,834	£ 3,201
Collections	£ 97	£ 21
Donations	£ 4,347	£ 3,509
Restricted Donations	£ 2,182	£ 1,609
Grants (Note 5)	£ -	£ 1,777
Bequests	£ -	£ 2,000
Ashby Foodbank Inc PayPal Income	£ 3,485	£ 4,538
CAPMNF - Restricted (including PayPal amounts but excluding £2000 for Church tithe & £680.25 from Christmas Fayre £1,037.70 from Lesley Smith evening treated as transfers between	£ 13,047	£ 27,051
between internal funds. Transfer of £916.88 payable to CAP from General Fund.	£ 108,645	£ 123,818
Please see Statement of Financial Activity		

2. Other Trading Activities

Church Hall income	£ 12,934	£ 11,834
Non-church income	£ 1,768	£ 1,713
Miscellaneous Sales	£ 238	£ 196
Income for Christmas Fayre 2015/ plus Evening Concert 2014	£ 1,405	£ 1,609
Income Lesley Smith Evening	£ 2,736	£ -
	£ 19,081	£ 15,352

3. Income from investments:

Interest received on CBF Deposit Fund	£ 210	£ 165
Bank interest on current account	£ -	£ -
	£ 210	£ 165

4. Charitable activities Income:

Refund of Photocopier charges for private photocopying	£ 366	£ -
Fees	£ 13,524	£ 9,556
Magazine sales	£ 448	£ 479
Church Trip (One trip 2015 two trips 2014)	£ 320	£ 1,044
	£ 14,658	£ 11,079

5. Grants

Ashby Educational Trust	£ -	£ -
Mission Partnership Grant (Youth Work Designated Fund).	£ -	£ 1,027
WW1 Commemoration Grant (Growth Fund Grant).	£ -	£ 250
Soul Café Restricted (Growth Fund Grant).	£ -	£ 500
	£ -	£ 1,777

6. Fund Raising Trading Costs

Church Hall Expenditure (see Church Hall account)	£ 10,657	£ 12,352
Expenses Christmas Fayre/evening concert 2014	£ 45	£ -
Expenditure Lesley Smith Evening	£ 661	£ -
	£ 11,363	£ 12,352

7. Charitable activities.		2015	2014
		£	£
a.	Charitable giving See note 15	8,134	6,191
b.	Directly for use of church		
	Parish Contribution	58,413	56,438
	Expense/Mileage	3,585	2,361
	Insurance	4,258	4,251
	Gas,water & electricity - Church	4,781	4,361
	Upkeep of Churchyard & Security	419	34
	Repairs &Maintenance	1,190	2,348
	Salaries & HMRC (Church)	11,576	8,587
	Magazine Production	25	15
	Purchases	527	714
	General Running Costs	1,293	777
	Ashby & Breedon Team expenditure	638	-
	Sundry Items	618	1,088
	Bank Charges	448	408
	God Rocks Café	614	525
	Creche expenditure	157	74
	Soul Café	80	359
	TinyTots	80	-
	Alpha Course Expenses	118	378
	Church Organ	301	248
	Wedding & Funeral Fees payable LDBF	3,717	3,697
	Hospitality	912	567
	Cards/presentations	469	335
	Ashby Foodgank expenditure including PayPal	1,928	5,584
	CAP expenditure inc PayPal	19,670	22,899
	New wine (Restricted)	-	-
	Church Trips (One trip 2015, two trips 2014)	320	1,038
	Audio system Expenditure , (Restricted money specifically donated).	1,093	-
c.	Upkeep of Church/Administration		
	Parish Office	207	178
	Church Insight (Church portion)	572	-
	Telephone & Internet	1,125	1,180
	Stationery	586	439
	Postage	34	67
	Photocopier	915	1,480
	Licence Fees	635	551
	Deputising Minister and Organist Fees	3,952	2,751
d.	Depeciation of fixed assets	-	-
		133,390	129,923

8. Fixed Assets

At 1st January 2014	zero fixed assets
Additions	zero fixed assets
At 31st December 2014	zero fixed assets
At 1st January 2015	zero fixed assets
Additions	zero fixed assets
At 31st December 2015	zero fixed assets

Fixed assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful life. Full year depreciation is charged in the year of acquisition and no depreciation is charged in the year of disposal.

The following depreciation rates are used on each class of fixed asset:

	%
Computer & Accessories	33.33
Projector & Accessories	25.00
Catering Oven & Containers	20.00

9. Debtors

	2015	2014
Tax refunds receivable	£ 4,051	£ 6,653
	<u>£ 4,051</u>	<u>£ 6,653</u>

10. Cash at bank

	2015	2014
PCC Deposit a/c with CCLA	£ 41,092	£ 37,629
PCC Current a/c	£ 916	£ 1,769
Ashby Foodbank a/c	£ 4,039	£ 2,397
Ashby Foodbank PayPal a/c	£ -	£ 86
CAPMNF a/c	£ 7,205	£ 9,514
CAPMNF PayPal a/c	£ 160	£ 55
Butlers CAP PayPal a/c	£ 569	£ 353
Church Hall current a/c	£ 13,224	£ 10,947
	<u>£ 67,204</u>	<u>£ 62,750</u>

11. Creditors - amounts falling due in one year

	2015	2014
Diocese re Parish Contribution	£ 4,413	£ 1,000
Accrual Tithe	£ 6,500	£ 5,450
Gas & Electricity (Church)	£ 349	£ 687
Bank charges (Inv 134673112)	£ 44	£ 36
Photocopier (Holy Trinity portion).	£ 432	£ 574
Mileage	£ 470	£ 466
Training expenses	£ -	£ 91
Church portion Talk Talk Inv 14477614	£ 16	£ 16
Creche Resources	£ 52	
Presentations at Baptisms	£ 55	
	£ 12,331	£ 8,320

The PCC agreed an accrual tithe of £8,550 in 2015 to be paid in 2016; £50 of this was paid to Ashby Churches Holiday Bible Club in 2015 leaving £8,500 to be paid in 2016.

The payment of £2,000 allocated to CAPMNF is treated as an internal transfer from the Unrestricted General Fund to the CAPMNF Restricted Fund thus an accrual tithe of £6,500 was entered

12. Restricted Funds:

	2015	2014
Church Hall	£ 13,224	£ 10,947
Organ	£ 9,601	£ 9,451
Roof	£ 22,886	£ 21,592
Church Building	£ 1,808	£ -
CAPMNF	£ 7,933	£ 9,921
Ashby Foodbank	£ 4,039	£ 2,483
New Wine	£ 211	£ 211
Soul Café	£ 320	£ 400
Tiny Tots	£ 320	£ 400
Audio/Visual	£ 149	
	£ 60,491	£ 55,405

13. Designated Funds:

	2015	2014
Photocopier Fund	£ 2,548	£ 2,548
Roof Fund (Bequest by Mr Hurst).	£ 2,000	£ 2,000
Youth Work	£ 1,027	£ 1,027
	£ 5,575	£ 5,575

The Balance in the CAPMNF bank account is a Restricted Fund and is to be used solely for CAP purposes

The Balance in the Ashby foodbank account is a Restricted Fund to be used solely for foodbank purposes.

Ashby foodbank's stock of food of £6,731 has not been included as an asset as the food was donated and is to be given away to referred foodbank clients not sold.

The Balance in the Hall account is a Restricted Fund to be used for Hall repairs.

The net income from the Lesley Smith evening and from the Christmas Fayre was transferred to the Church Building Fund and to CAPMNF. Donated Organist Fees were allocated to the Organ Restoration Fund.

14. Prior Year Adjustments

£ -	£ -
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15. Charitable giving includes the following:

	2015	2014
Tithe, excluding £2,000 to CAPMNF	£ 7,934	£ 5,950
Missionary & Charitable giving	£ 200	£ 241
	£ 8,134	£ 6,191

The tithe set by the PCC in 2014 to be paid in 2015 was amended with regard to the payment of £1,500 originally allocated to Ashby Foodbank as this was no longer needed for salary payment; the £1,500 was reallocated by the PCC thus:

Additional £500 to be paid to Ashby Youth for Christ

Additional £500 to be transferred to CAPMNF

Payment of £250 made to Youth for Christ (National Organisation) in support of Katherine Delderfield

Payment of £250 in support of P Taber with Flame International.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT CAP-Midlands National Forest at 31/12/2015

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	2015	2014
Monthly Giving	£ 6,206.00	£ 4,958.50
Donations	£ 2,310.52 (note 1)	£ 8,984.23
Church Donations	£ 2,728.85 (note 2)	£ 4,415.51
Gift Aid	£ 1,877.66	£ 2,037.69
Grants	£ -	£ 3,862.66
Fund Raising	£ 4,191.28 (note 4)	£ 4,626.39
Repayment of CAP Centre Manager's Float	£ -	£ 500.00
CAPMNF PayPal	£ 110.00 (note 4)	£ 58.20
Butler's CAP Internet Sales PayPal	£ 257.55 (note 4)	£ 432.12
Total Receipts	£ 17,681.86	£ 29,875.30

<u>PAYMENTS</u>	2015	2014
CAP Headquarter charges	£ 6,996.00	£ 6,996.00
CAP Headquarter charges for Job Club	£ 440.00	£ 200.00
CAPMNF Insight Membership Charges	£ 19.68	£ -
Salaries & HMRC Payments	£ 10,351.67	£ 12,940.85
Office Manager's Expenses	£ 1,107.52	£ 747.10
Debt Coach Expenses	£ 107.04	£ 1,043.19
CAP Jobclub Expenses	£ -	£ 160.30
CAP Money Expenses and training	£ 32.00	£ 581.15
General Expenses	£ 269.55	£ 147.42
Office Manager's Expenses Float	£ 200.00	£ -
Debt Coach Expenses Float	£ 100.00	£ -
Fees CAPMNF PayPal a/c	£ 4.79	£ 3.57
Butler's CAP PayPal Fees & Operating Costs	£ 41.73	£ 79.31
Total Payments	£ 19,669.98	£ 22,898.89

Balance at 31/12/2015

Balance b/f 01/01/2015	£ 9,921.20	£ 2,944.79
Receipts at 31/12/2015	£ 17,681.86	£ 29,875.30
Total Receipts at 31/12/2015	£ 27,603.06	£ 32,820.09
Payments at 31/12/2015	£ 19,669.98	£ 22,898.89
Balance at 31/12/2015	£ 7,933.08	£ 9,921.20

Bank Balances at 31/12/2015

Lloyds Bank	£ 7,204.61	£ 9,513.76
CAPMNF PayPal a/c	£ 159.84	£ 54.63
Butler's CAP PayPal a/c	£ 568.63	£ 352.81
Total Bank Balances at 31/12/2015	£ 7,933.08	£ 9,921.20

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNT 2015

Note 1 Donations

Ashby Castle Rotary Club	£	200.00
Ashby & Coalville Lions	£	1,000.00
Benevolent Fund Ferrers & Ivanhoe Lodge	£	200.00
Mens Breakfast	£	40.00
Burton CAP Centre	£	50.00
Donations at CAP Carols	£	37.02
Donations at CAP Anniversary Service	£	24.50
Donations from Individuals	£	759.00
	£	<u>2,310.52</u>

Note 2 Church Donations

Hill St Baptist Church	£	163.85
Ashby Baptist Church	£	540.00
Holy Trinity Church Tithe	£	2,000.00
Ebenezer Baptist Church	£	25.00
	£	<u>2,728.85</u>

NB Margaret St Church Coalville is included in Monthly Giving (£360.00 per annum)

Note 3 Grants	£	-
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Note 4 Fundraising

Jim's Tractor Run	£	646.40
Butler's CAP Recycling	£	10.80
Pub Quiz at the Plough	£	150.00
CAPMNF at the Statutes	£	55.00
Ebenezer Baptist Church Concert	£	218.13
Kevin Noon's 250mile Cycle Ride (including £110 sponsorship paid into CAPMNF PayPal)	£	566.00
Holy Trinity Lesley Smith Concert	£	1,037.70
Holy Trinity Parking Space Concert	£	531.00
Holy Trinity Girls with Swords Bake Off	£	175.00
Holy Trinity CAP Quiz 20/11/15	£	231.00
Holy Trinity Christmas Fayre	£	680.25
Butler's CAP Internet Sales via PayPal	£	257.55
	£	<u>4,558.83</u>

Ashby FoodBank Statement of Account at 31st December 2015

Receipts and Payments	2015	2014
<u>Payments</u>		
Franchise	£ 360.00	£ 550.00
Salary	£ 773.40	£ 1,160.10
Rent	£ 240.00	£ 180.00
Warehouse	£ 139.20	£ 571.34
Rep & Ren		£ 570.18
Congregational Church	£ 200.00	£ 100.00
Building Work		£ 2,340.00
Sundries	£ 150.57	£ 41.60
Petty Cash	£ 41.50	£ 50.00
Church Insight	£ 22.68	£ -
PayPal Expenditure	£ 0.88	£ 20.54
Total Payments	<u>£ 1,928.23</u>	<u>£ 5,583.76</u>
 <u>Receipts</u>		
Donations	£ 1,694.13	£ 1,195.83
Fund Raising	£ 152.00	£ 180.00
Trussell Trust	£ 1,618.53	£ 3,119.77
Gift Aid	£ -	£ 32.50
PayPal Donation	£ 20.00	£ 10.00
Total Receipts	<u>£ 3,484.66</u>	<u>£ 4,538.10</u>
 <u>Balances at 31st Dec 2015</u>		
Balance brought forward 1st Jan	£ 2,482.60	£ 3,528.26
Receipts	£ 3,484.66	£ 4,538.10
Total Receipts	£ 5,967.26	£ 8,066.36
Total Payments	£ 1,928.23	£ 5,583.76
Book Balance	<u>£ 4,039.03</u>	<u>£ 2,482.60</u>
 Bank balance at 31st Dec		
Lloyds	£ 4,039.03	£ 2,396.97
PayPal	£ -	£ 85.63
Bank Balance Carried Forward	<u>£ 4,039.03</u>	<u>£ 2,482.60</u>

