**ANNUAL REPORTS & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for

**The Parochial Church Council of Hoole Parish Church**

**St Michael’s & All Angels Liverpool Old Road, Hoole**

**for the year ended 31st December 2014**

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**The Rector’s Report**

2014 has seen the church attempt a few new things. I would like to thank the two Church wardens, Eric Barker and Robert Hawthornthwaite for their continuing support and extremely hard work in the ‘secular’ running of the church; many things would not happen without their efforts. The PCC meet regularly to maintain our workload. Thanks go to Barbara Wood our Treasurer who has overseen our finances in the face of changes imposed by the HMRC and the Charities Commission, Phil Norton for his support in the Gift Aid work and of course Andrea Susnik our PCC secretary. Within our worship we say thank you to our music group as they enjoy leading our worship and occasionally singing anthems. As a choir they have really shown their enthusiasm this year. Our thanks must also go to Carole Wilson and Phil Norton for their musical support and guidance in worship. So much hard work goes on behind the scenes that it is impossible to name all who help so a thank you to all who give their time so freely and willingly.

We began the year with our stewardship campaign with a team overseen by Mike Redshaw. The team worked very hard and we had a wonderful open day in church with about 60 parishioners and 12 non-parishioners visiting the church to see what we do for worship and social activity. The stewardship campaign saw an increase in financial giving – see the Finance report, plus a few requests for information about wills and bequests. Unfortunately our Mission and outreach has been slower and possibly not been as successful as we had hoped and this has been recognised by the parish & work will go on through 2015.

We continue to support the Penwortham Churches Together Food-bank at Kingsfold Community Centre with regular parcels of food and volunteers helping on the Friday rota. Additional donations at ‘special’ points in the year from our parishioners have been gratefully accepted.

We have received 3 visits of the new Bishop of Blackburn, the Right Reverend Julian Henderson. The first was a visit to ‘get to know the clergy’ when he visited the Deanery. This was followed by the Deanery Synod hosted by St Michael’s, many thanks to the ladies who supplied wonderful hospitality to our visitors. The second visit was when the Bishop joined us to dedicate our 21st century memorial to Jeremiah Horrocks in the Wind Vane on the church tower; this was followed by a marvellous parish lunch, thanks to the team for setting up and making the day a memorable one. His final visit was to the confirmation service in April which was the first time in many years that the Diocesan Bishop had carried out this liturgy in St Michaels. We welcomed 8 children and 3 adults into the Christian community.

During the year we carried out 10 weddings, 1 renewal of Wedding vows for 45 years of marriage, 24 Baptism of children, 3 Baptism of adults and 19 funerals. Our average weekly attendance is 72 with 12 children, a slight drop on 2013 but still a healthy number. Unfortunately we have said goodbye to some of our regular members who have died during the year and a couple of folk have moved to new churches.

We have welcomed 2 new families to worship and the Messy Church has a ‘core’ of 14 children with their parents. Michael’s club is encouraging children and we have a core of 12 children. See the separate reports. Therefore I can say with confidence that we have maintained the status quo with possibly a slight rise in none Sunday attendance by folk who see Messy Church as ‘their church and worship time’.

**The Rector’s Report (cont)**

Following last year’s Ministry Team Meeting we have held 2 healing services, a time of prayer and quiet. The first was well attended, the second less so. We will hold this service in the future. The World War 1 centenary of its commencement has seen services in church and appropriate mention at the Remembrance Sunday Service. We have held joint services with our Methodist Friends and the Reverend John Fisher and the Rector have swapped their service routines, each visiting the other’s church to celebrate.

Unfortunately our Pastoral Team has disappeared due to genuine reasons for our team’s dispersion. However our thanks go to Rona McClure, the parish Pastoral Assistant in her continuing work with visiting, home communion to the housebound and her help at Baptism preparation and the services. I would also like to thank Carole Bamber for her continuing support at Baptism when she is available.

The Ministry Team met in November and reviewed the year, followed by the examination of the Bishop’s 12 point plan for mission. Thanks to all who turned up for a very open discussion. Points have been sent to the Bishop.

We continue to support our schools, the Rector attending Thursday worship each week at St Michael’s Church of England Primary School and attending Little Hoole Primary School at least 3 times a term. Our sister school in Tididiek Okorom received £275 which comprised donations given to the Reverends Derek & Sharon Baines over the last 3 months from different organisations in the Deanery. St Michael’s school is maintaining a link with the school in Okorom.

Socially the church has supported events led by the Friends of St Michaels, the Social Committee, Ladies Group and Men’s Fellowship and these events have successfully raised money for the church generally and for specific projects, our thanks go to the organisers and the large number of volunteers who help with these events. We have enjoyed the Parish Ramble, the various plays and productions about Jeremiah Horrocks, World War 1 & the local Gilbert & Sullivan Society. Thanks to those who organised and ran these events.

At Easter we said goodbye to Rie Walker our ordinand whose parish placement was at St Michael’s. Her ordination as Deacon takes place in 2015 and our church community wish her well and sent her on her continuing journey with many blessings. Derek & Sharon led a very successful pilgrimage to the Holy Land and 2 members of our own community joined them.

St Michael’s can hold its head high, we do need to develop a few things as the Church of England changes and also the role of Christianity in the world is altering. We look forward to a good spiritual 2015.

**Derek Baines**

**Parish Rector**

**14/01/2015**

**The Churchwardens Report**

What a difference three years makes to the fortunes of a Parish. Robert and I had a look back at the 2010 Annual Report and others to ensure that you would not have to read again matters discussed before. Our previous Incumbent left just after Christmas 2009 and at that time there was much speculation that Hoole would join a Croston, Bretherton and Mawdesley cluster. Even earlier it was thought that we may share a Chaplain with Garth Prison.

Happily none of these options came about and Derek joined us as a part time self-supporting minister. He has gently guided us towards a more evangelical approach and together we have examined the form of many services with the primary objective of making these more user friendly, particularly where children are involved. The hand puppets from Messy Church occasionally make a lively contribution to our Family Praise, just an alternative way of capturing the congregation’s attention.

In common with both national and international trends attendance at services has dropped slightly due to an ageing population and our failure to attract younger people. It is essential that we direct efforts towards recruitment and produce enough money to pay our full Parish Share, something we have never failed to do in the past. If we do not succeed there is an increased risk that we could be invited to partake in a Joint Benefice with a reduction in our ability to manage our own affairs.

Looking forward to next year, we are in the process of arranging a summer event at the school including “A Band in the Park with Barbeque” an “Auction of Promises” and other children’s entertainment. We hope to join in, together with our Methodist friends and Fund Raisers from Hoole Village Hall in an event at the end of May on Hoole Recreation Ground assisted by South Ribble Borough Council. This could perhaps replace the Joint Churches Garden Party held at the home of Carole and Colin Wilson in Gill lane at this time.

Our newly installed Bishop of Blackburn visited Hoole in quick succession on three separate occasions namely The Deanery Visit, Confirmation and Dedication of the newly installed weathervane. Members of the parish provided substantial buffets for every visit.

The Wardens and many helpers have ensured that statutory requirements regarding health and safety are met, together with those of the Quinquennial Survey for church structure. The church-yard is maintained to an extremely high standard thanks to Stephen Martindale our grounds-man and grave digger

**Churchwardens Report (cont)**

Extracts from the Log book below for 2014 gives an indication of the work undertaken to protect the structure of the church and lists any additions:

**January**

* Fire Extinguishers inspected and service. Safety Certificate issued by DAB

**April**

* Weathervane installed on tower roof
* Jason Short, Structural Engineer, Associate of Cassidy and Ashton assessed the security of castellations and pinnacles on the church tower, as recommended in the latest Quinquennial Report Basically sound, slight movement in the top decoration to the roadside right hand pinnacle but no need to take immediate action. Monitor

**June**

* South facing dormer window replaced by a completely new structure in exactly the same form as the original.
* Floodlighting system overhauled and some circuits and bulbs replaced
* Spruce Tree branches overhanging the boiler house trimmed

**July**

* Crack Monitors placed on potentially weak points on the external walls of the church.
* Boiler serviced in August by Leighton and Watkinson tel 814856
* No major problems.

**September**

* Church clock in tower serviced by Smiths of Derby and repaired to prevent continuous ringing of the bell.
* North Door painted and remedial work undertaken.
* South Door treated with wood preservative.
* Gutters and Downspouts Inspected brushed and painted where necessary

**November**

* Eon Ltd. Fitted Smart Meter under the stairs

**Eric Barker and Robert Hawthornthwaite**

**Churchwardens**

**Legal and Administrative Information**

The Parish Church of Hoole St Michael is located on Liverpool Old Road, Much Hoole, near Preston.

The address for correspondence during 2014 was 16 Middlefield Avenue, Leyland, PR26 7AE.

**The members of the Parochial Church Council for the financial year 2014 were:**

Rev Derek Baines, Eric Barker, Bob Hawthornthwaite, Jock Davidson, Andrea Susnik, Barbara Wood, Rona McClure, Jane Elphick, Eunice Houghton, David Turner, Phil Norton, Julie Tanham, Jean Dewhurst, Bill Carr, John Clarkson (resigned), Kathleen Leigh, Carole Bamber, Gillian Slinger, Ted Hopkins, Pearl Read, Jean Smallwood, Andrew Cornwell, Margaret Kirkman; none of whom received any payment for their PCC services and were elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

The PCC is a charity with Excepted Status given by the Charity Commission.

The names of the main bankers are Royal Bank of Scotland, Penwortham Branch, and Barclays Bank

**Aims and Organisation of the PCC**

The aim of the PCC is to co-operate with the Rector in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. For the Mission Statement refer to Appendix A.

The PCC is structured with officers of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer; policy decisions being taken by the whole of the members after discussion. The only subcommittee of the PCC is The Friends of St Michael’s and Development Committee, the activities being outlined in Appendix B.

The number on the Electoral Roll is 113 – a decrease of 3 from 2013.

Figures for 2014 show 72 adults and 12 children as our average Sunday Attendance

**Objectives and Activities**

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church and to become part of our Parish. The PCC maintains an overview of worship and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our Parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning the activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission’s guidance on public benefit, and in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. The PCC tries to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of the Parish community through:

* Worship, prayer; learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus
* Provision of pastoral care for people living in the Parish
* Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Michaels which falls within the working remit of The Friends of St Michaels and Development Committee, which operates under the guidance of the PCC.

**Review of the Activities of the Church**

Issues discussed fully by the PCC include:

* Arrangements for our main festivals throughout the Church’s year;
* The welfare of parishioners, including those with any special needs;
* The progress of Michael’s Club is reported, the Minister also giving an overview of his involvement with the local Church and county schools;
* Financial issues affecting not only our own Parish and Diocese but the broader mission of the Church in general, incorporating wherever and whenever possible overseas assistance;
* The maintenance and improvement of the Church and Churchyard;
* Any issues arising from the Deanery Synod reports;
* Arrangements for regular ecumenical services throughout the year

**Main Events in the Life of the Church:**

Voluntary help is willingly given by many members of the Church and community, in the preparation and implementation of the main events in the church year. This includes the compilation and distribution of a monthly magazine for the benefit of Church members, the wider community and others interested in the life of our Church. Details of the events of this year are covered in the various reports presented elsewhere in this report.

Appendix A St Michael’s Church Mission Statement

**Your God, Your Church, Here for You!**

Founded in the grace of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, celebrating the love and service of the Lord and life; we the people of St Michael’s will share Christ’s love and values with people of all ages so that through prayer, teaching and sharing we will grow together in the love of God our creator.

We invite you to join us in

Our Worship

Our Faith

Our Fellowship

Our Mission

**May The Lord Bless You And Keep You**.

Appendix B The Friends of St Michael’s and Development Committee

We at St. Michael’s continue to receive good support from members, who reside in the parish and throughout Great Britain. Two newsletters a year keep people informed on matters of interest and a further Friends service in church is planned this summer.

One highlight was the visit by The Right Revered Julian Henderson The Bishop of Blackburn in April to dedicate the Jeremiah Horrocks Memorial Wind Vane. During the winter months the wind vane is quite spectacular with the early morning sun reflecting on the surmounted gilded sun

Jeremiah Horrocks continues to excite the interest of some visitors; one notable visitor was Professor Ian Morrison who is the Gresham Professor of Astronomy, a post at one time held by Sir Christopher Wren. Gresham College was founded over 400 years ago making it contemporary with our own church. Ian was impressed with St. Michael’s and secured a number of pamphlets and books together with his own photographs

A Liverpool sculptor Phil Garret is in process of creating a 2 feet high bust of Jeremiah, however this is proving difficult because there are no actual likenesses of our famous astronomer

The Friends, like most churches generally suffer from a reducing membership, so we will direct some effort towards increasing recruitment. An extra summer “Band in the Park” is planned in July 2015 and this could provide us with a useful vehicle for publicity.

The Churchwardens Report does detail work done last year funded in the main by the Friends. Heating and insulation experts advised us on any steps to conserve energy; unfortunately most heat loss is through the wall, although minor steps can be taken to reduce drafts. A new boiler and distribution system would have a major beneficial effect; however we would be running into significant expense to achieve any worthwhile benefit.

Last year as you can see, little was required on repairs to the church fabric and hopefully we can continue in a similar vein next year. It is not always a question of finance but finding willing volunteers to carry out the work. Very fortunately the Friends have a small band of workers to assist and we only call on professionals when required.

The spring newsletter is in process of production for early distribution

You will see in more detail in the financial section of this report that the total money held in the Friends Accounts is some £38,314. We had a particularly expensive period in 2013-2014 including the erection of a 12metre fibreglass flagpole; repainting the Sundial; design, manufacture, construction and installation of The Jeremiah Horrocks Memorial Weather Vane. Surprisingly the most expensive element of this operation was the architect’s fees. Statutory work on the church electrical system by a qualified electrical contractor was also carried out. We spent a total of £11,421 in 2014.

The recent change in spending patterns is shown in the graph below produced by our Treasurer. This confirms the significant spend over income for this year.



**Eric Barker**

**Chairman**

**Appendix C Michael’s Club**

The group continues to meet every Sunday during school term time except the 4th Sunday of the month when the children and their families are encouraged to attend the Family Service in church. Michael’s Club starts at 10.15am and the children continue to join the church congregation approximately half way through the 10.30 am service.

The format of Michael’s Club continues with the use of a DVD set called ‘Friends and Heroes’. The children watch the videos which relate to Bible Stories. These are followed by lessons which are used in conjunction with the videos. The children read a prayer at the end of the 10.30am service, taken from the ‘Friends and Heroes lessons.

The attendance has increased on the previous year. There are now 20 children attending Michael’s Club, which are 6 more than the average number from 2013. Most of the children attend on a regular basis.

Unfortunately, there was no Michael’s Club Trip this year, as there was very little participation in 2013.

Michael’s Club donated £50.00 to the Water Appeal and made a further donation of £25.85 to the Christian Aid Ebola Crisis Appeal. The money was donated from Michael’s Club’s November collections. We believe it is essential for children to be aware of their Christian social responsibilities.

Above all, we aim to develop and encourage each other in the faith of God so that each one of us can honestly say **‘Thy Will Be Done’**

**Kathleen Leigh**

**Michael’s Club Leader**

**Appendix D The Ladies’ Group**

**Aims & Objectives**

* To promote friendship
* To introduce others into the fellowship of the Church
* To give practical service to both Church and Community

2014 was another good year for the Hoole Church Ladies’ Group, which continues to maintain a strong and active committee and membership with excellent attendance at all the monthly speaker evenings and various events.

Once again we were very lucky with the weather for our garden party in June; there were many attractions and the event was again very well attended with monies raised donated to church and local youth groups at the end of the year. The final event of the year was the December charity coffee evening, with entertainment from the popular Mawdesley & District U3A Ukulele Band which, with excellent attendance, raised £600 which was split between St Catherine’s Hospice, Derian House Children’s Hospice and the Legacy Rainbow House, Mawdesley.

Other Donations made throughout the year:

* Leprosy Mission
* Pancreatic Cancer
* Lizard Lifeboat
* Church Flower Fund
* St Michael’s Church in memory of Mrs Chadwick and Mrs Thistlethwaite
* 1st Hoole Scouts
* Michael’s Club
* St Michaels’ Day School
* Tracey Taylor Dancing School
* Hoole Village Hall

We are currently looking forward to our 40th anniversary in February 2015.

**Erika Penrose**

**Group Leader**

**Appendix E The Men’s Fellowship**

**Aims and Objectives:**

* To promote fellowship between the men of the Parish
* To give practical and financial help to both Church and community
* To provide financial assistance to both local, national and international charities
* To raise funds to carry out the above by, and through, annual subscriptions, raffles and organising an annual race night and to finance our monthly meetings.

This year began in much the same way as previous years with our monthly meetings and a mix of interesting guest speakers; one such meeting being our traditional joint meeting with the Church Ladies Group. However, changes came at our AGM in May when our Secretary and Treasurer, Ted Hopkins, stood down after some 20 years of service in that joint role. Ted was thanked most warmly for his tremendous service to the group. Following this a new committee was formed:

Chairman: Bob Hawthornthwaite

Secretary: Stuart Tighe

Treasurer: Stan Pickles

Race Night Co-ordinator: Eric Barker

Booking Secretary: Ted Hopkins

For the sake of continuity, we were pleased that Ted agreed to continue in this latter role and that Bob remained as Chairman. Eric’s expertise with the race night was also recognised.

Donations of £196 were made in 2014 to the following organisations:

* Salvation Army
* FOMO
* SCOPE
* St Catherine’s Hospice
* St Michael’s church Weather Vane Appeal

At the AGM held in 2014, a decision was taken not to make charitable donations on an ad hoc basis with effect from January 2015. It was decided to review the financial situation at the 2015 AGM and then to make such donations as finances would allow for that financial year.

Following this decision and a financial successful race night held during 2014, the funds as at the financial year end were in a much healthier position. A recommendation will therefore be made at the AGM to be held in May 2015 to make further charitable donations, including a donation to St Michael’s church towards the burial ground maintenance, which has lapsed over recent years.

**Stan Pickles**

**Treasurer**

**January 2015**

Appendix F The Social Committee

**Aims & Objectives**

* To promote friendship
* To introduce others into the fellowship of the Church
* To give practical service to both Church and community
* To give financial assistance to local charities by organising fund raising events during the year

Events this year started in February with our well attended and very enjoyable Parish Party which included a Hot Pot Supper and entertainment provided jointly by The New Dawn Singers and Fishermen’s Friend Jazz Group.

A Parish Walk around the Bretherton countryside was enjoyed on a lovely evening in July followed by welcome refreshments afterwards.

The Harvest Supper on 13th October, commemorating 100 years since the start of WW1 and 75 years since the start of WWII, was again a tremendous success and very well attended. Hot pot pies and a delicious assortment of cakes were provided for the supper. Entertainment was by the U3A Folk Group and U3A Tap Dancers and a very enjoyable evening was had by all.

The committee also provided refreshments in church following the Christmas Carol Service.

The money raised from these events has enabled the committee to make donations of £100 each this year to:

* Michael’s Club
* St Michael’s Primary School
* 1st Hoole Scout Group
* St Michael’s Church Flower Fund
* Messy Church
* Hoole Village Hall Fund
* Help For Heroes

**Helen Ross**

**Treasurer**

**January 2015**

Appendix G The Church Flower Fund

After many years in her position as the financial secretary to this fund, Althea Slater stood down and was replaced by Jean Aughton. Betty Wignall as the flower secretary also stood down and was replaced by her daughter Julie Bayldon. Many thanks go to Althea and Betty for their hard work during their long service and our appreciation for their continuing support and contribution, in all aspects of the church flowers.

Volunteers continue to decorate the church with flowers on a weekly basis (except Lent) throughout the year. For those special occasions in church life such as Easter, Harvest and Christmas, the church is magnificently decorated as a direct result of the donations that come to us on a regular basis from our sponsors, parish members and congregation. These results are achieved through the hard work, dedication, enthusiasm and creativity of all our volunteer ladies working together.

We also offer a wedding service which can cater for the individual needs of each unique couple. All or any of the following can be decorated: windows, pew-ends, doorways and the main entrance archway. This service is also available on request for all other occasions and operates on a non-profit making basis.

However, as donations are often generous, surplus revenue is usually given to good causes. This has not occurred in 2014, due to the change in personnel and operating systems of the flower fund; however, in 2015 we intend to address this matter.

In 2014, of the 11 weddings held in our church, we provided flora and fauna decoration for 7 of them and 1 funeral.

Generous sponsors and volunteers are essential and much appreciated for their support (however great or small) in continuing this tradition and all are always very welcome.

**Julie Bayldon**

**Flower Fund Leader**

**January 2015**

**Appendix H The Pastoral Team**

I was commissioned as Parish Pastoral Assistant in March 2014. In conjunction with Rev Derek Baines I have visited housebound parishioners either in their own homes, care homes or the local Hospice, where the majority receive communion. Currently there are 12 people on the visiting list which changes in number according to individual parishioners differing circumstances.

I take part as Communicant Assistant during the outreach services held once a month by Rev Derek Baines at Old Mill Court and this gives me an added opportunity to help build and maintain the good strong links forged within this setting of our church community.

I assist Rev Derek Baines when individual adults and parents of children who wish to be baptised, come to the Baptismal Preparation session, which is held prior to their Baptism. These individual adults and families with children are starting their journey of faith. To help them decide how they are going to move on with their journey of faith Rev Derek and I tell them about the different aspects of our church life, Messy Church, St Michael’s Club, Family service, times of church services, social events and give them a Parish magazine so they can familiarise themselves with church activities and feel part of a friendly and welcoming church community.

During the Baptismal service I give everyone as they enter church a friendly welcome and an order of service booklet, hand out bags of toys to children and I take part in the Liturgy. When the service has finished, if required by the family or individual Adult, I take the Holy Water used in the Baptism, to the grave of a family member and together we say a short prayer and pore the Holy Water on to the grave. The families seem to like this extra touch as it is very meaningful to them.

As well as being a Pastoral Assistant, I am a Communicant Assistant, a member of the Ministry Team and a member of the PCC. I really enjoy and get a lot of pleasure out of being a Pastoral Assistant, its busy, satisfying and a privilege. I am very pleased to have an active part within St Michael’s church.

It would be wonderful if any parishioners felt they could take part with Home Visits or be able to help at Baptisms, if so please see me [Rona] or Rev Derek.

**Rona McClure**

**Pastoral Care Assistant**

**January 2015**

**Appendix I Messy Church**

During 2014 Messy Church met eight times on Saturday afternoons, covering a variety of topics, with an average of 15 children attending.

We looked at Gethsemane, saw that in some countries you still go to the village well for your water, imprisoned St Paul as a jelly baby, mummified our own Lazarus using toilet tolls, made Advent calendars and Mums refreshed their sewing by making spiders out of felt.

One month the children made a large Samson who was helped across to Church and another month made a collage depicting farming which also has been on display in Church.

Our activities included food tasting and guessing really nasty smells. We also regularly decorate cakes or biscuits and make cards.

Early in the year the future of our Messy Church was on the line when Mrs Rona McClure had to resign for health reasons, but working as a team we have carried on.

Mrs McClure had successfully applied for a grant from Villages in Partnership and using this and a grant from the Deanery we were able to buy puppets and have a theatre made. These have been used in Church both by Messy Church and Michael’s Club at the family services.

Thanks to Rona and Rie Walker for giving Messy Church a sure foundation and to everyone who has helped during 2014.

**Jean Dewhurst**

**Communications Officer**

**January 2015**

Appendix J The Ministry Team

The Ministry Team met once during the year because of the planned Stewardship Campaign in the early part of the year. There were 7 parish members present with 6 apologies having been received.

We reviewed the effect of the campaign. It was agreed that we look at ways in which Mission & Ministry can be brought into focus for our parish. Rev Baines is to approach the Reverend Dave Banbury, Diocesan Missioner for advice. We also looked at the Bishop’s 12 points for discussion about the renewal of the church in Lancashire & our part in the “healthy churches” proposals. A report was sent to the Bishop.

We will meet in 2015 to discuss a parish mission action plan.

**Rev D A Baines**

**Rector**

**January 2015**



















**Independent Examiner’s Report for the year ended 31st December 2014**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2014, which are set out on pages 16-23 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (using the receipts and payments method) and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3(3) and section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of Regulation 25.

Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner’s Statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

\* to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and

\* to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or

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

# M.W. Harrison

Signed:

Dated:

These accounts will be presented at the APCM on 23rd March 2015 and signed if accepted

Chair:

Treasurer: