



## The Parish of Boxmoor

St John's Boxmoor,  
St Stephen's Chaulden & St Francis' Hammerfield

# The Parish of Boxmoor Meeting of Parishioners & Annual Parochial Church Meeting

in St John`s Church, Boxmoor

Sunday 22 April 2018 at 9.30 am

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[www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk).



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## ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS

Sunday 22 April 2018 at 9.30 am in St John's Church

### AGENDA

1. Prayers
2. Apologies for Absence

#### Meeting of Parishioners

3. Election of Churchwardens (To be entitled to vote one must either be on the revised Electoral Roll or live in the parish and appear on the register of local government electors). A nomination for election form will be displayed on the church notice boards until immediately before this meeting. There are two Churchwarden positions.

#### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

4. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 4 April 2017 with Vicar's report for 2017. To accept these minutes and the Vicar's report as a true record of the last APCM.
5. Electoral Roll. To receive the updated electoral roll, which has been displayed in our three churches before this meeting.
6. Proceedings of the PCC. To receive a report on the proceedings of the PCC for 2017/2018.
7. Financial Affairs of the Parish. To receive a report on the financial affairs of the Parish.
8. Presentation of the Annual Accounts for 2017 and Budget for 2018. To receive the accounts for 2017 and budget for 2018.
9. Independent Examiner. To appoint an independent examiner for the PCC accounts for the coming year.
10. Fabric, Goods & Ornaments. To receive a report on the Fabric, Goods & Ornaments for 2017 from the Churchwardens.
11. Election of Lay Representatives to the Deanery Synod. (To be entitled to vote one's name must appear on the revised electoral roll). There is one vacant place. A nomination for election form will be displayed on the church notice boards until immediately before this meeting. Members of Deanery Synod are automatically members of the PCC.
12. Election of Lay Representatives to the PCC (To be entitled to vote one's name must appear on the revised electoral roll). There are eight vacant places. A nomination for election form will be displayed on the church notice boards until immediately before this meeting.
13. Election of Sides Persons. To elect the sidesmen and sideswomen for the coming year as proposed on the list of nominations.

14. Deanery Synod. To receive a report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod.
15. Daughter Churches. To receive reports from our daughter churches of St Francis of Assisi and St Stephen.
16. Reports. To receive reports from PCC committees and other church groups, organisations and activities.
17. Vicar's Report. To receive a report from the Vicar.
18. Any Other Business. Any other legitimate APCM business.
19. Date of next APCM. The next APCM has been provisionally set for 9.30 am on Sunday 14 April 2019 in St John's Church.

### **Special meeting of the Parochial Church Council**

(Only members of the incoming PCC are entitled to vote)

20. Election of Lay Vice Chair
21. Election of Deputy Church Wardens. Two places to fill.
22. Election of Honorary Treasurer
23. Election of Honorary Secretary
24. Appointment of Standing Committee (The Standing Committee consists of the Chairman, Churchwardens, Deputy Churchwardens, Treasurer and Secretary all ex-officio, plus two others). Two places to fill.
25. Appointment of Electoral Roll Officer
26. Co-options to PCC (The incoming PCC is entitled to make up to three co-options, should they wish)
27. Any other legitimate PCC business
28. Date of next PCC meeting. Members of the incoming PCC may care to note that its first substantive meeting will be at 7.45pm on Tuesday 8 May 2018 in St John's Hall.

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### The Goals in our Mission Action Plan are:

- For the Ministry Team to be active in every school in the Parish
- Hold bi-monthly Bible Studies and discussion groups
- Open the doors of St John's church every day between Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer – manned or unmanned
- Facilitate transport to services where the need arises
- Support families following Pastoral Offices via greater communication concerning the life of the Parish
- Run a successful stewardship campaign in 2016.

### MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD IN ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL AT 7.45PM ON TUESDAY 4 APRIL 2017

Chair: The Reverend Michael Macey, Vicar of Boxmoor

Present: Clergy 2, Parishioners 27

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/ FOLLOW-UP
<b>1. Prayers</b>	The Chairman opened the meeting with prayer.	
<b>2. Apologies for Absence</b>	Apologies for absence had been received from Pat Angell, Thelma Bartley, Julie Boyce, Trevor Boyce, Marion Cowe, Mandy Delderfield, Andreas Ioannou, Lorraine Ioannou, Noel James, Sheila James, Carole Lewis, Richard Lyne, Emma Macey, Annie Mitchell, David Mitchell, Alan Munford, Godfrey Rock, Job Rombout, Ken Warby, Rae Warby, Gill Williams and Sheena Wilson	
<b>Meeting of Parishioners</b> <b>3. Election of Churchwardens</b>	Two nominations had been received to fill the two Churchwarden posts. These were for Di Tovey, nominated by Graham Gibbs and seconded by Marion Roff, and for Lorraine Ioannou, nominated by Janet Packe and seconded by Graham Gibbs. Both were declared duly elected. Appreciation was expressed for the hard work done by the churchwardens over the past year.	
<b>Annual Parochial Church Meeting</b> <b>4. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 12 April 2016 with Vicar's report</b>	The minutes of the APCM on the 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2016 and the Vicar's report were considered and agreed to be a true record. The chairman was authorised to sign them as such.	
<b>5. Electoral Roll</b>	Ian Packe, Electoral Roll Officer, reported that there were 240 names on the revised electoral rolls for St John's, St Stephen's and St Francis' compared with 245 previously - 4 additions and 9 removals. Through the Chairman, the meeting thanked Ian Packe for all the work he had done on the electoral roll. The meeting	

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/ FOLLOW-UP
	received the new electoral roll unanimously.	
<b>6. Proceedings of the PCC</b>	The meeting received a report from the Honorary PCC Secretary, Philippa Graham, on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council during the year 2016/17. Ian Williams asked if there was any resolution for the parking problems. The vicar responded that there were two solutions in mind. He had not had any response from the council regarding the parking in Heath Lane yet. More permanent parking was being considered near the parish office and a map has been produced showing parking availability near St John's. Development of the northeast corner of the graveyard was still speculative.	
<b>7. Financial Affairs of the Parish</b>	The Honorary PCC Treasurer, Chris Angell, drew attention to his written report on page 12 and the accounts for the year ending 31 December 2016. In doing so, he expressed his thanks to David Mitchell for his report on the envelope giving scheme but said that there was an error (not David's) – there were in fact 27 not 23 envelope givers.	
<b>8. Presentation of the Annual Accounts for 2016 and Budget for 2017</b>	Chris Angell drew everyone's attention to the summary of the accounts on pages 13 and 14 for St John's and page 22 for St Francis which had already been received and accepted by the PCC and were currently with the independent examiner. Chris talked about the figures on page 13 and how most areas of income was higher than expected including planned giving which was up by £7000 due to the successful stewardship campaign. In expenditure, the missions spending was up due the PCC agreeing to sponsor 'Bibles for Children'. The heat and light was down due to a more favourable tariff from the new supplier which was hoped would be the same with the new gas supplier. Chris drew attention to the accounts from St Francis Hammerfield on page 22 and said that 2015 was a generally successful year. Mark Harbour queried the leap in printing costs for 2016 against 2015. Chris explained that with the income of printing orders of service the 2015 expenses was particularly low and that the two years were in fact about the same. Ian Williams asked how many people had joined the Parish Giving Scheme – 23. Ian also mentioned the amount of paper being produced for the 9.30am services and the vicar responded that it was important to broaden the repertoire of hymns and this was the way forward. Dee Fisher wondered if St John's could do the same as St Francis who have donated their coffee money to charity. Ian Packe said that he would rather not give certain income to a given charity but that the money goes into a general account to which Chris Angell agreed. The vicar said that it would be up to the PCC to decide whether to reinstate the missions committee. Jean Garner brought the meeting's attention to St Stephens accounts on page 21. The vicar expressed his thanks to Chris Angell and Jo Fisher for their hard work on the accounts	
<b>9. Independent Examiner</b>	Chris Angell said that he believed that Noel James would be happy to continue as independent examiner. All were in agreement that he should be asked.	
<b>10. Fabric, Goods &amp; Ornaments</b>	The meeting received the churchwardens' report on the fabric, goods and ornaments on page 28. With regards to the ramp at St Francis, Jo Fisher said that it was complete apart from the hand rail. The vicar thanked the churchwardens for their report.	
<b>11. Election of Lay Representatives to the Deanery Synod</b>	There were four vacant places for the full three year terms. Two nominations had been received prior to the meeting – <b>Graham Gibbs</b> , proposed by Di Tovey and seconded by Mark Harbour and <b>Jean Garner</b> , proposed by Graham Gibbs and seconded by Lorraine Ioannou. At the meeting <b>Nicholas King</b> was nominated, proposed by Peter Garner and seconded by Jean Garner and <b>Jo Fisher</b> also agreed to stand, proposed by Jean Garner and seconded by Mark Harbour. All four were duly elected.	

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/ FOLLOW-UP
<b>12. Election of Lay Representatives to the PCC</b>	There were five vacant places all for the full three year terms. Two nominations had been received prior to the meeting – <b>Marian Davies</b> , proposed by Jean Garner and seconded by Graham Gibbs and <b>Janet Packe</b> , proposed by Thelma Bartley and seconded by Connie Shaw. At the meeting, <b>Yvonne Laidlaw</b> agreed to stand again and was proposed by Di Tovey and seconded by Anne Higham. All three were duly elected, the two remaining places being held until next year. The vicar expressed his thanks to those standing down.	
<b>13. Election of Sides Persons</b>	The vicar drew people's attention to the list on page 28. It was agreed that 'Baptism only' sides people should be added to the list as follows:- Pat Angell, Jean Gale, Alison Hart, Rosemary Parish, Di Tovey, Gill Williams and Ian Williams. Alan Darvill wondered if there could be a recruitment drive for sides people. Paul Davies said that not many people were willing to be 'lead' sides person.	Paul Davies to update list of sides persons
<b>14. Deanery Synod</b>	The report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod was received and thanks expressed to Jean Garner for compiling it.	
<b>15. Daughter Churches</b>	Reports from the churches of St Francis and St Stephen were received by the meeting.	
<b>16. Reports</b>	The meeting received reports from PCC committees and other church groups, organisations and activities. It was mentioned that in the Churches Together report it should be 'Street Pastors' and not 'Night Pastors' though in fact they do work at night! Dee Fisher mentioned what an excellent idea it was to advertise the Christmas Tree Festival on the big screen in the Marlowes. The vicar said that unfortunately the screen cannot be used to advertise religious events. Chris Angell proposed a vote of thanks to MASJ for their generous donations to repaying the organ and the vicar asked for it to be mentioned at the next MASJ board meeting. Jean Garner said that it was good that anyone visiting who picked up the booklet would see how many groups there were. The vicar agreed that it showed we are an active church. He expressed his thanks to all involved in writing the reports.	
<b>17. Vicar's Report</b>	The Vicar drew attention to his written report on page 30 which he read out at the meeting.	
<b>18. Any other previously notified business</b>	Alan Darvill asked for an update on the vacancy for Director of Music. The vicar said we had only one applicant who couldn't play the organ. He hoped there would be fresh interest after Easter. He also said he was grateful to all the organists who were playing in the interim. Di Tovey asked the Vicar to pass on a token of appreciation to his wife Emma for all she had done, and made possible for him to do, for the parish. The vicar said that under new church laws the meeting should now receive a report about safeguarding. He said that the safeguarding statement was now up to date and the policy is being reworked to comply with current legislation on safeguarding. Jean Garner said that the Deanery was providing training and places can be booked on their website.	
<b>19. Date of next APCM</b>	The next APCM is on Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.45pm in St John's Hall.	
	The meeting closed at 8.39pm	

## **VICAR'S REPORT ON 2016**

*Given at the APCM 2017*

It is pleasing, as a young (ish) member of the clergy, to minister in a Diocese and Parish that is committed to growth – both numerical and spiritual. During 2016 the Diocese relaunched its visionary initiative of *Living God's Love* with its aims of *going deeper into God; transforming communities; and making new disciples*. Consequently we were encouraged to review and renew our Parish Mission Action Plan with a view to how we, as a Parish, might seek to *Live God's Love* more fully. After conducting a survey of the congregation towards the end of 2015 the PCC adopted 6 Goals to work towards during the year, to help us in our mission of being God's messengers of his Good News. With varying degrees of success we have worked very hard at achieving our Goals. More work needs to be done in 2017 and indeed some fresh Goals will need to be set but I think it is helpful to know that:

- Goal: For the Ministry Team to be active in every School in the Parish  
Result: Part-achieved but is ongoing. Only one school has no relationship with the Ministry Team. The Clergy are taking assemblies, school visits, and leading Acts of Worship throughout the year. We hope to be able to be more active in this area.
- Goal: Hold bi-monthly Bible Study and discussion groups  
Result: Part-achieved but is ongoing. Our Sermon Series in the autumn interrupted this pattern but this will return in 2017.
- Goal: Open the Doors of St John's  
Result: Achieved. The church is now frequently used by people just popping in to say their prayers throughout the day.
- Goal: Facilitate Transport to Services  
Result: Part-achieved but is ongoing. A new co-ordinator has been identified and the process continues. The PCC has also set-up a Transport Working Group to explore the issue of parking at St John's.
- Goal: Support families following Pastoral Offices  
Result: Part-achieved but is on-going. The Parish already offers good support following bereavement and prepares families for Baptism and Marriage but can we make it any better? Yes, and we are with revamped Baptism Prep, Marriage Prep and greater communication with these groups.
- Goal: Run a successful Stewardship Campaign  
Result: Achieved. The level of general giving rose with a large number of the congregation seriously considering their level of financial support for the Church and how they would give.

So 2 of our Goals have been fully achieved and the other 4 are works in progress. This is a great start and a sign that our Parish is not in decline or dying (as many are) but is actually growing and striving for God's Kingdom to come on earth.

Another helpful barometer that our Parish is alive and active is that 10 members of the congregation – of all ages – were Confirmed in 2016: 2 at the Deanery Confirmation Service at St Mary's Old Town and 8 at a Confirmation Service in the Parish. There is a real thirst for knowledge about the Faith and a desire to grow in Jesus Christ. Our Sermon Series during September and October is a prime illustration of how we are all engaging afresh in the mysteries of God and how we can be his people.

Another helpful indicator of a church that is alive and active is its work with those who are not necessarily regular members of the congregation. It is pleasing that we are regarded as a welcoming and hospitable church, and as ever we need to work hard to maintain this reputation. But it is also through hard work that we have earned this reputation. From welcoming the stranger on a Sunday to opening our doors every day we are showing that we are not a private members club but are here for everyone. From our monthly *On My Own* lunches and *Friendship Teas* to our summer *Holiday @ Home* we are showing that God is interested in each of us; and so are we interested in each other. My sincere thanks to the many people and organisers who make each of these possible.

As a Parish we are diverse in location and worshipping styles, and yet I believe we are more united now than we have been at any point during my time among you. Each of our churches is offering worship that is particular and specific for that congregation but not so much as a statement for being different or exclusive. All are welcome to go to whichever style or place of worship they choose and yet still know they are part of this Parish and are welcome. I am particularly pleased that our congregations do come together for Parish occasions although there is still more work to be done here. Our Parish Fun Day in particular is a day to come together and, despite the weather, we did all come together and rejoice in each other's company.

One of the defining moments during the year was Fr Ben's ordination to the Holy Priesthood in St Albans Abbey. It is always a joy to see someone responding to God's call in their lives and this was no exception. The High Mass he offered in celebration of ordination a few days later at St Francis was beautifully and expertly conducted – such is the liturgical skill of our curate. It is a joy to see how Fr Ben is growing into his calling to be a priest among us and as he continues to learn how to be a pastor of God's people.

It is real blessing to be part of a Ministry Team such as we have in Boxmoor. Not only is it functional, but the quality and diversity of gifts exhibited in the Team complement each other for a greater experience of Worship and a deepening of our faith through the excellent sermons and homilies given. My sincere thanks to the Reverend Jeanette Gosney and Carole Lewis for their distinctive ministries, to our Lay Leaders of Worship and the contribution they make to leading worship at St Stephen's Church, to Sheena Wilson as she continues to study to be a Lay Reader, and to the plethora of retired or assistant clergy who have helped maintain the distinctive catholic style of worship offered at St Francis.

I should also like to thank publically our Church Wardens for all that they do in sharing the leadership and legal responsibilities for the life of this Parish. I am most grateful for their counsel, support, and encouragement. But of course this Parish would not function without the vast number of people who assist us in the running of the Parish. Whether you assist with Junior Church, church cleaning or as a member of the PCC – Thank you. Whether you are involved with the Newsletter or Magazine, the choir and our musical life, or church maintenance – Thank you. Whether you visit people at home, assist with the distribution of Holy Communion, or are a sidesperson and welcomer – Thank you. Whether you mow the lawn, serve teas and coffees, or help as a server or reader during our liturgies – Thank you. Whether you arrange the Parish finances, take copious minutes at our various meetings, or provide technical support for computer illiterate clergy – Thank you. My biggest thank you



though is to all of you who faithfully and diligently pray for the life of this Parish on a regular basis. Without prayer and responding to God's call to be active in his service in this place we are simply another organisation who have some rather strange customs. Everything we do needs to be, and must be, rooted in prayer.

I should also like to thank publicly two other people: Alison, our Parish Administrator for the fabulous job she does at keeping the Ministry Team on the straight and narrow and for fielding the countless queries and enquiries we get each year. Without her support our ministries would be the poorer among you. And Linden, our Director of Music for her sensitive yet professional playing and leading of the musical life of the Parish. I am convinced that our musical life has helped many in the congregation find their spiritual home among us.

At the risk of this report sounding like an Oscar's acceptance speech I should also like to thank Emma, Sophie, and Abigail, my growing family, for their love and support throughout the year. The disruption of working from home is never easy, especially for a toddler to understand, but somehow we are making it work and muddling through. Thank you so very much.

You might be interested to note that the following number of Pastoral Offices were conducted:

	<b>2016</b>		<b>2015</b>	
Baptisms:	27	(2 adults)	37	(2 adults)
Weddings:	13	+ 3 Blessings	11	+ 3 Blessings
Funerals:	37	(16 at Crematoria)	41	(18 at Crematoria)
Interment of Ashes:	20		16	at St John's

It is entirely possible that numbers for these services has been affected by the lack of parking around St John's. A *Working Group* has been set-up to advise the PCC as to the appropriate next steps. I think it is highly likely that a decision will need to be made in 2017 or soon after as to whether we commit to funding and building a car park within the grounds of St John's. An act of faith will be required in order to make this decision.

It has been a privilege to walk with and lead you as your vicar this past year and I pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to lead us into the future. As we prepare to celebrate the joys of the resurrection this Easter may our lives be transformed by the God for whom all things are possible, and in whom we may have life –life in all its fullness.

In Christ,



The Reverend Michael Macey, Vicar

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC): 2017 – 2018**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) meets in principle either on the first or second Tuesday of every other month. Written minutes are kept of all PCC meetings and these are distributed to all PCC members and to any parishioner on the church electoral roll on request. A shortened version of the PCC minutes is published in the church magazine whenever possible. Six ordinary PCC meetings were held during 2017 – 2018 with attendance by PCC members throughout averaging 75% (compared with 66% in 2016–2017 and 71% in 2015–2016). There were five meetings of the PCC Standing Committee. During the Vicar's extended study leave the meetings were chaired by Di Tovey (Lay-Chair) and the Curate.

Routinely the PCC have approved minutes of previous meetings and monitored progress on action points. It has ratified decisions taken by the Standing Committee through approval of its minutes. Reports from the Churchwardens and Treasurer have been received at each meeting and progress on our Mission Action Plan has been monitored and discussed and a new goal of 'Publicise that we are a church which is alive and kicking' was adopted at the July meeting. Particular attention has been paid to the needs of our daughter churches of St Francis and St Stephens and reports have been received at each meeting from both churches. Reports and minutes have also been received from the following PCC committees: Communications, Finance, Fundraising, St John's Hall, Missions, MASJ, Pastoral, Social, Worship and Youth. Regular reports have been received in addition on the activities of the Deanery, Pray Hemel and Churches Together.

Due to poor attendance at the 2017 APCM, at the May meeting the PCC agreed to trial a combined Parish service followed by the APCM in 2018. At the same meeting Rosie Akeroyd was elected Deputy Churchwarden. Safeguarding has played an important role in meetings this year with the adoption of a new Safeguarding Policy and most of the PCC (including all those working with children and vulnerable adults) completing an online safeguarding course.

Parking has been discussed at several PCC meetings and the year ends with a very positive feeling about the possibility of building a large car park along the northside of the churchyard and a faculty being drawn up to develop the current small parking area by the hall.

The parish finances have been closely observed and the successful fundraising during the last year welcomed and applauded. The PCC approved the annual accounts for 2017 and the budget for 2018 for presentation to the APCM.

Philippa Graham  
PCC Honorary Secretary  
March 2018

## **Report on the Financial Affairs of the Parish 2017**

The attached accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 will be presented at the APCM. Both those for St John's and St Stephen's and those for St Francis' have been prepared in the format required by the Church Accounting Regulations 1997, detailing gross income and expenditure. A consolidated Parish Report and Accounts will then be prepared for submission to the Charity Commission. Budgets for 2018 are also provided.

My thanks go once again to David Mitchell for organising the envelope giving; to Janet Packe for dealing with St John's weekly and miscellaneous takings; to Philippa Graham for performing the role of Covenants secretary; to Alison Jackson for managing the office fees account; to Graham Liddle for managing St John's Hall bookings and income; to Alan Munford and Trevor Boyce for collecting revenues from Magazine sales and advertising respectively; to Jean Garner for looking after the St Stephen's Hall and Church income and expenditure; to Jo Fisher for maintaining the accounts for St Francis; to Ian Packe for managing the bookings and takings at St Francis Church Hall; to all involved in Fundraising and finally to Noel James for taking on the independent examination of both sets of final accounts.

2017 was another good year financially for the Parish, with a surplus at St John's and St Stephen's before the exceptional organ fund transfer to facilitate a capital repayment.

St Francis remained financially stable with income from Hall lettings still strong.

At St John's and St Stephen's successful fundraising initiatives and the full year effect of the 2016 Stewardship Campaign on planned giving meant an increase in overall income was recorded despite a drop in Hall income at both St John's and St Stephens. The downturn at St Stephen's is expected to be temporary as suspended bookings return, but difficulties with car parking continue to blight St John's Hall bookings. Expenditure was largely contained with further savings evident in heat and light costs as a result of the retendered gas and electricity contracts, although maintenance costs rose. As a result a £5,000 transfer was again possible to the Fabric Fund, £2,276 to the St Stephen's Renovation Fund (enabling completion of loan repayments and closure of the Fund) and £5,663 to the Organ Appeal, which with other gifts, notably from Music at St John's, enabled all scheduled loan repayments to be met. In addition a further £10,000 was transferred to the Organ Appeal to facilitate a capital repayment to the Charity Bank. In the event £20,000 was repaid following receipt of an anonymous gift to the Organ Fund. The PCC hopes to complete all loan repayments during 2018 with a £13,000 final transfer from the General Fund budgeted enabling the remaining Parishoner loans to also be repaid. As can be seen from the 2018 Budget this will eat heavily into our working capital but should "clear the decks" for future projects.

Chris Angell  
Honorary Treasurer  
24<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Boxmoor P.C.C. Budget 2018****General Fund**

ITEM	2015 Actual £	2016 Actual £	2017 Actual £	2018 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>				
Missions		3,710	4,394	
	5,390			4,000
Collections	18,810	19,775	18,402	19,500
Planned Giving	60,950	67,431	71,015	72,000
Donations	3,440	2,878	3,169	2,000
Fees (net)	13,740	15,660	16,437	16,000
Fundraising-Regular	7,970	8,218	13,221	7,600
Fundraising-Special	14,240	731	-	3,000
Coffee	1,000	1,321	1,249	1,200
Magazine (net of printing costs)	1,300	1,221	1,178	1,000
St Stephen's Hall	4,460	6,886	4,389	5,000
St John's Hall (net of maintenance)	9,470	8,511	6,863	7,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>140,770</b>	<b>136,342</b>	<b>140,317</b>	<b>138,300</b>

EXPENDITURE				
Parish Share	75,570	75,930	77,935	79,500
Missions	5,280	4,135	4,933	4,800
Vicar	1,860	2,205	1,761	2,600
Curate's house (net of Rolph Bequest )	4,050	4,235	3,662	4,700
Curate's Expenses	470	1,202	1,354	1,400
Music	8,000	7,999	8,970	10,500
Organ Maintenance	890	1,485	1,275	1,400
Sanctuary	1,150	1,435	1,489	1,400
Heat & Light	8,880	6,900	6,108	6,900
Insurance	4,410	4,469	4,611	4,800
Maintenance	2,000	2,890	3,329	2,500
Reader Training	100	129	202	500
Printing	190	655	1,639	800
Telephones	390	411	405	500
Sundries	1,580	1,661	2,334	2,000
Administrator	4,420	4,752	4,602	5,200
Transfers to Fabric Fund	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Transfers to Organ Appeal & StS Renovation Fund	9,600	8,200	17,939	13,000
TOTAL	128,840	133,693	147,548	147,500
Surplus + / Deficit -	11,930	2,649	-7,231	-9,200
<b>General Fund</b>				
Opening Balance - 1 Jan	6,329	18,259	20,908	13,677
Closing Balance - 31 Dec	<b>18,259</b>	<b>20,908</b>	<b>13,677</b>	<b>4,477</b>

C.L.Angell, Hon. Treasurer, 4th March 2018

<b>THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN'S BOXMOOR</b>						
<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b>						
<b>FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017</b>						
	<b>Note</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>TOTAL 2017</b>	<b>FUNDS 2016</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Incoming Resources</b>						
Incoming resources from donors	2a	92,578	-	-	92,578	93,396
Other voluntary incoming resources	2b	20,521	16,897	-	37,418	16,507
Income from charitable and ancillary trading	2c	37,859	(385)	-	37,474	41,961
Other ordinary incoming resources	2d	-	-	-	-	-
Income from investments	2e	2,929	1,120	2,969	7,018	3,349
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>153,887</b>	<b>17,632</b>	<b>2,969</b>	<b>174,488</b>	<b>155,213</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>						
Grants	3a	4,933	1,848	-	6,781	5,635
Activities directly relating to the work of the church	3b	122,012	5,092	-	127,104	122,124
Fund-raising and publicity	3c	3,514	-	-	3,514	1,444
Church management and administration	3d	7,720	1,512	-	9,232	9,246
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>138,179</b>	<b>8,452</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>146,631</b>	<b>138,449</b>
<b>Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources</b>		<b>15,708</b>	<b>9,180</b>	<b>2,969</b>	<b>27,857</b>	<b>16,764</b>
<b>Gains and Losses on Investments</b>						
realised		-	-	-	-	-
unrealised		-	-	18,391	18,391	21,673
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>15,708</b>	<b>9,180</b>	<b>21,360</b>	<b>46,248</b>	<b>38,437</b>
Balances brought forward at 1st January 2017 (2016)		20,908	464,843	196,045	681,796	643,359
Transfers between Funds		(22,939)	22,939	-	-	-
<b>Balances carried forward</b>		<b>13,677</b>	<b>496,962</b>	<b>217,405</b>	<b>728,044</b>	<b>681,796</b>

<b>THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN'S BOXMOOR</b>				
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>				
<b>AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017</b>				
	<b>Note</b>	<b>2017</b>		<b>2016</b>
		<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Tangible fixed assets	5a	493,474		493,474
Investment Assets	5b	217,354		195,994
		<u>710,828</u>		<u>689,468</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Stock		-		-
Debtors	7	6,172		6,336
Short Term Deposits		51		51
Cash at bank and in hand		30,673		41,172
		<u>36,896</u>		<u>47,559</u>
<b>Liabilities: Amounts falling due within 1 year</b>	8	(9,680)		(14,105)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>27,216</u>		<u>33,454</u>
<b>Long Term Loans</b>		(10,000)		(41,126)
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>728,044</u>		<u>681,796</u>
<b>Funds</b>	6 & 9			
Unrestricted		13,677		20,908
Restricted		496,962		464,843
Endowment		217,405		196,045
		<u>728,044</u>		<u>681,796</u>
The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts				
Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 13 March 2018 and signed on its behalf:				
The Reverend Michael Macey				
<b>Chairman</b>				

<b>PCC ST JOHN'S BOXMOOR</b>					
<b>NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS</b>					
<b>FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017</b>					
<b>1. Accounting Policies</b>					
The accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997					
The accounts also comply with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (revised 2005); Charities Act 1993 (as amended by the Charities Act 2006) and Regulations made thereunder; and with applicable accounting standards.					
The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention					
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Endowment</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>FUNDS</b>
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>2. Incoming Resources</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>2a. Incoming resources from donors</i>					
Planned giving	71,015	-	-	71,015	67,431
Collections(open plate) at all services	18,462	-	-	18,462	19,775
Sundry donations	3,161	-	-	3,161	6,190
	<b>92,638</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>92,638</b>	<b>93,396</b>
<i>2b. Other voluntary incoming resources</i>					
Appeals	4,394	13,147	-	17,541	6,757
Legacies	-	3,750	-	3,750	-
Fêtes & other fund raising events	16,127	-	-	16,127	9,750
	<b>20,521</b>	<b>16,897</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,418</b>	<b>16,507</b>
<i>2c. Income from charitable and ancillary trading</i>					
Magazines	2,810	-	-	2,810	2,915
Coffee	1,249	-	-	1,249	1,321
Church halls lettings etc	15,681	1,015	-	16,696	19,007
Fees	16,437	(1,400)	-	15,037	17,410
Merchandising & Printing	1,682	-	-	1,682	1,308
	<b>37,859</b>	<b>(385)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,474</b>	<b>41,961</b>
<i>2d. Other ordinary incoming resources</i>					
Insurance claims & settlements	-	-	-	-	-
<i>2e. Income from investments</i>					
Dividends and interest including any reclaimed tax	2,929	1,120	2,969	7,018	3,349
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>153,947</b>	<b>17,632</b>	<b>2,969</b>	<b>174,548</b>	<b>155,213</b>



<b>PCC ST JOHN'S BOXMOOR</b>					
<b>NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS</b>					
<b>FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017</b>					
<b>Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)</b>					
<b>For the year ending 31st December 2017</b>					
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Endowment</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>FUNDS</b>
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>3. Resources Expended</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>3a. Grants</i>					
Missionary & charitable giving:					
Church overseas					
missionary societies	-	-	-	-	-
relief & development agencies	1,120	-	-	1,120	579
Home missions & other Church Societies	3,813	1,848	-	5,661	5,056
	4,933	1,848	-	6,781	5,635
<i>3b. Activities directly relating to work of the Church</i>					
Ministry: diocesan parish share	77,935	-	-	77,935	75,930
clergy expenses	3,115	-	-	3,115	3,407
Church - running expenses	21,327	-	-	21,327	22,089
Church maintenance & Repairs	4,604	5,092	-	9,696	7,396
Expenditure on parish magazine	1,632	-	-	1,632	1,694
Church hall running costs	4,429	-	-	4,429	3,609
Music	8,970	-	-	8,970	7,999
	122,012	5,092	-	127,104	122,124
<i>3c. Fund-raising and publicity</i>					
Costs of fêtes and other fund-raising events	3,514	-	-	3,514	1,444
<i>3d. Church management and administration</i>					
Administration:					
Printing & stationery	2,713	-	-	2,713	1,320
Telephones	405	-	-	405	411
Administrator	4,602	-	-	4,602	4,752
Loan interest & costs	-	1,512	-	1,512	2,763
	7,720	1,512	-	9,232	9,246
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>138,179</b>	<b>8,452</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>146,631</b>	<b>138,449</b>
<b>4. Staff Costs</b>					
Music expenses include payments made to St John's Director of Music and Administration costs include payments made to the Parish Administrator. Church hall running costs include payments made to the Hall caretaker and Hall cleaner.					
No National Insurance or pension contributions were payable in respect of any of them in 2017 or 2016					

<b>PCC ST JOHN'S BOXMOOR</b>				
<b>NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS</b>				
<b>FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017</b>				
<b>5. Fixed Assets for use by the PCC</b>				
5a. <i>Tangible fixed assets</i>				
Buildings - St John`s Hall & West End	£493,474	(2016	£493,474)	
5b. <i>Investments</i>				
13,291 shares in the CBF Investment		<b>Market Value</b>		
Fund (historical cost at		<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	
31st December 2017: £9,083 )		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
		217,354	195,994	
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Endowment</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	
<b>6. Analysis of Net Asset Fund</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fixed Assets	-	493,474	217,354	710,828
Current Assets	16,927	19,918	51	36,896
Current Liabilities	(3,250)	(6,430)	-	(9,680)
Long Term Loans	-	(10,000)	-	(10,000)
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>13,677</b>	<b>496,962</b>	<b>217,405</b>	<b>728,044</b>
<b>7. Debtors</b>				
			<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Prepayments of insurance			2,372	2,239
Gift Aid Claim			3,800	4,097
Other			-	-
			<b>6,172</b>	<b>6,336</b>
<b>8. Liabilities: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year</b>				
Parishoner Loan repayments			-	-
Dacorum Borough Council loan repayments			-	4,000
Charity Bank Loan repayments			6,430	8,099
Creditors for goods and services			3,250	2,006
			<b>9,680</b>	<b>14,105</b>

<b>PCC ST JOHN'S BOXMOOR</b>	
<b>NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS</b>	
<b>FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017</b>	
	<b>Balance at</b>
<b>9. Fund Details</b>	<b>31/12/17</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	
Building Reserve	493,474
Fabric Fund	8,695
Organ Appeal Fund*	(16,403)
Discretionary	7,086
Social Committee	501
Wedding Advances	2,450
Holiday at Home	1,159
	<b>496,962</b>
<b>Endowment Funds</b>	
Centenary Fund	93,164
Rolph Bequest	89,782
Freeman-Rolph	34,408
	<b>217,354</b>
<b>* The movement on the Organ Appeal Fund comprised:</b>	
	<b>£</b>
<b>Opening Balance 1/1/2017</b>	<b>(43,701)</b>
Music at St Johns donations	2,800
Gifts	10,347
PCC transfers	15,663
Loan interest paid	(1,512)
<b>Closing Balance 31/12/2017</b>	<b>(16,403)</b>

<b>PCC ST JOHN'S BOXMOOR</b>			
<b>NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS</b>			
<b>FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017</b>			
<b>10. St Stephen`s Income and Expenditure 2017</b>			
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	
<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
Collections	273	236	
Planned Giving	4,562	3,900	
Hall Lettings	4,389	6,886	
Donations	908	305	
	<u>10,132</u>	<u>11,327</u>	
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Heat & Light	265	577	
Insurance	586	572	
Maintenance & Sundries	659	1,016	
	<u>1,510</u>	<u>2,165</u>	
<b>Contribution to Boxmoor Parish</b>	<b><u>8,622</u></b>	<b><u>9,162</u></b>	
<b>11. Missions and Charitable Giving 2017</b>			
	<b>Gross</b>		<b>Allocation</b>
	<b>Donation</b>	<b>Collection</b>	<b>from PCC</b>
<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bibles for Children	725	261	464
Bishop's Harvest for the Hungry Appeal	153	153	-
Childrens' Society	1,603	1,603	-
Crisis	705	705	-
Christian Aid	271	271	-
Churches Together	75	-	75
DENS	705	705	-
Diocesan Hurricane Appeal	422	422	-
Red Cross (East Africa Appeal)	274	274	-
	<u>4,933</u>	<u>4,394</u>	<u>539</u>

<b>Accounts for St Francis Hammerfield 2018</b>						
	<b>2018</b>		<b>2017</b>		<b>2018</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>Budget</b>		<b>Actual Total</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>To Total</b>
	<b>£</b>					<b>Budget</b>
Giving	3,500		3,702		3,500	202
Hall Lettings	7,500		7,889		7,500	389
Fundraising	350		401		350	51
Coffee etc.	0		3		0	3
Gulliver Bequest	670		672		670	2
Interest - CBF Account	30		24		30	(6)
Credit on Energy bills	0		0		0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,050</b>		<b>12,690</b>		<b>12,050</b>	<b>640</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Parish Share	3,922		2,969		3,922	(953)
Sanctuary	100		0		100	(100)
Gas	800		757		800	(43)
Electricity	1,200		1,105		1,200	(95)
Insurance	880		881		880	1
Water	154		104		154	(50)
Maintenance & Repairs	2,000		1,230		2,000	(770)
Sundries - cleaning	900		583		900	(317)
Church Union	50		0		50	(50)
Churches Together	25		25		25	0
Charitable Giving	350		351		350	1
Petty Cash	0		854		0	854
Music	500		185		500	(315)
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,881</b>		<b>9,045</b>		<b>10,881</b>	<b>(1,836)</b>
<b>Running Total</b>	<b>1,169</b>		<b>3,645</b>		<b>1,169</b>	<b>2,476</b>
<b>Restricted Income</b>						
Carter Trust	0		0		0	0
Joyce Ralphs Bequest	0		0		0	0
Michael Abbiss Bequest	0		0		0	0
Sheila Howe Bequest	0		0		0	0
Donation towards new vestments	0		0		0	0
Donation towards cost of ramp	0		0		0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Restricted Expenditure</b>						
Clergy	800		685		800	(115)
Ramp	0		3,700		0	3,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>800</b>		<b>4,385</b>		<b>800</b>	<b>3,585</b>
<b>Balance on Carter Trust</b>			<b>0</b>			
<b>Total Deficit 2017</b>			<b>(740)</b>			

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017</b>						
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2017 £	FUNDS 2016 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>						
Incoming Resources from Donors	2a	3,702			3,702	4,882
Other Voluntary incoming resources	2b	401			401	505
Income from charitable and ancillary trading	2c	7,889			7,889	9,841
Other ordinary incoming resources	2d	3			3	3,472
Income from Investments	2e	696			696	593
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>12,690</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,690</b>	<b>19,292</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>						
Grants	3a	351			351	530
Activities directly relating to the work Of the church	3b	9,379	3,700		13,079	9,326
Fund-raising and publicity	3c					
Church management and administration	3d					
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>9,730</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,430</b>	<b>9,856</b>
<b>Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources</b>		<b>2,960</b>	<b>-3,700</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-740</b>	<b>9,436</b>
<b>Gains and (Losses) on Investments</b>						
Realised						
Unrealised				1,769	1,769	1,889
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>2,960</b>	<b>-3,700</b>	<b>1,769</b>	<b>1,029</b>	<b>11,324</b>
Balances brought forward at 1st January 2017 (2016)		22,713	5,137	18,902	46,752	35,428
Transfers between Funds						
<b>Balances carried forward</b>		<b>25,673</b>	<b>1,437</b>	<b>20,671</b>	<b>47,781</b>	<b>46,752</b>

<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>							
<b>AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017</b>							
			<b>Note</b>		2017	2016	
					£	£	
<b>Fixed Assets</b>							
Tangible Fixed Assets			5a				
Investment Assets			5b		20,671	18,903	
					<u>20,671</u>	<u>18,903</u>	
<b>Current Assets</b>							
Stock							
Debtors			7				
Short Term Deposits					8,399	8,375	
Cash at Bank and in hand					18,713	19,475	
					<u>27,112</u>	<u>27,850</u>	
<b>Liabilities: Amounts falling due within 1 ye</b>							
			8		-	-	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>							
					<b>27,112</b>	<b>27,850</b>	
<b>Long Term Loans</b>							
<b>Net Assets</b>							
					<b>47,783</b>	<b>46,752</b>	
<b>Funds</b>							
			6 & 9				
Unrestricted					25,673	22,713	
Restricted					1,437	5,137	
Endowment					20,671	18,903	
					<u>47,781</u>	<u>46,752</u>	
The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts							
Approved by the Parochial Church Council on and signed on its behalf							
Rev'd Michael Macey							
Chairman							





NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017						
Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)						
For the year ending 31st December 2017						
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2017	FUNDS 2016
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>3. Resources Expended</b>						
<i>3.a Grants</i>						
Missionary & Charitable giving:						
Church overseas						
Missionary Societies						
Relief & development agencies						
Home missions & other Church Societies						
	10	376			376	530
		376	0	0	376	530
<i>3.b Activities directly relating to work of The Church</i>						
Ministry: Diocesan Parish Share						
		2,969			2,969	3,560
Ministry: Clergy Expenses						
		685			685	722
Church - running expenses						
		4,470			4,470	4,036
Church maintenance & repairs						
		1,230	3,700		4,930	1,009
		9,354	3,700	0	13,054	9,326
<i>3c. Fund-raising and publicity</i>						
Costs of fetes and other fund-raising events						
						0
<i>3d. Church management and administration</i>						
Administration:						
Printing & Stationery						
Telephones						
Administrator						
Loan repayments & costs						
		0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>						
		<b>9,730</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,430</b>	<b>9,856</b>
<b>4. Staff Costs</b>						
There were no staff costs payable in respect of 2017						

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017				
Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued) For the year ending 31st December 2017				
<b>5. Fixed Assets for use by the PCC</b>				
5a. <i>Tangible Fixed Assets</i>				
Buildings				
5b. <i>Investments</i>				
		<b>Market Value</b>		
1,264 shares in the CBF Investment		<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	
Fund (historical cost at		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
31st December 2017 - £734)		20,671	18,903	
		<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Endowment</b>
		<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>6. Analysis of Net Asset Fund</b>				<b>Total</b>
Fixed Assets				20,671
Current Assets		25,673	1,437	27,110
Current Liabilities				0
Long Term Loans				0
<b>Fund Balance</b>		<b>25,673</b>	<b>1,437</b>	<b>20,671</b>
				<b>47,781</b>
<b>7. Debtors</b>				
				<b>2,017</b>
				<b>£</b>
Prepayments of Gas & Electricity				<b>2,016</b>
				<b>£</b>
<b>8. Liabilities: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year</b>				
No liabilities falling due within one year				
<b>9. Fund Details</b>				
		<b>Balance at</b>		
		<b>31/12/2017</b>		
<b>Endowment Funds</b>		<b>£</b>		
Gulliver Bequest		20,671		
		20,671		
<b>10. Missions and Charitable Giving 2017</b>				
		<b>Gross</b>		<b>Allocation</b>
		<b>Donation</b>	<b>Collection</b>	<b>from PCC</b>
<b>Beneficiary</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Church Union				
Churches Together		25		25
DA Mampong (Ghana)				
		25	0	25
At the Carols by Candlelight in December 2017 The Hospice of St Francis collected £350.52.				

**PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST BOXMOOR:**  
**REPORT ON THE FABRIC GOODS AND ORNAMENTS – YEAR END DECEMBER 2017**

**Fabric report for St John's Church**

St John's church is now open all day and it has been appreciated by many people. There have been a couple of minor incidents, but no real damage has been done.

The Freeman plaque is now in place on the east wall of the church and a service of dedication was held.

A problem with the glass doors at the west end of the church was dealt with by the contractors.

The Archdeacon's inspection took place in July, only a couple of minor faults were found which have been corrected

Fire extinguishers and Lightning Protectors have been checked and found in good order. PAT testing took place in Jan 2018

The church boilers have been causing problems and we have been advised that they will need replacing sooner rather than later.

Replacing all the carpet at the west end of the church has been discussed but it has been decided to replace the area around the kitchenette with hard flooring, that can be cleaned, at the present time.

No major problems have arisen during 2017 but we are mindful that the boilers may soon become a priority.

**Fabric report for St Francis Church**

The disabled ramp has now been finished.

Heaters were tested, and no problems found.

Small window in inner church hall door has been replaced.

**Fabric report for St Stephen's Church**

One of the wired glass windows was cracked so it was replaced.

Overhanging trees were cut back.

**Di Tovey**

**Lorraine Ioannou**

**Churchwardens**

**SIDES PERSONS SEEKING ELECTION**

Chris Angell	Marion Howard	Ian Packe
Julie Barton	Andreas Ioannou	Janet Packe
Sally Bates	Lorraine Ioannou	Rob Porter
Garth Bridgwood	Noel James	Yolanda Porter
Peter Clayton	Marion King	Alan Proehl
Marion Cowe	Yvonne Laidlaw	Sue Proehl
Alan Darvill	Graham Liddle	Job Rombout
Marian Davies	Leslie Lunn	Connie Shaw
Jo Fisher	Anne Lyne	Trevor Standen
Linda Gair	Richard Lyne	Beryl Taylor
Jean Garner	Annie Mitchell	Di Tovey
Mark Harbour	Alan Munford	Muriel Williams
Catherine Holness	Yvonne Munford	

**Deanery Report to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting – 2017/18**

Deanery Synod met three times in June, October and February.

The June meeting was held at St. Francis', Hammerfield, This being the first meeting of the new Triennium, the following officers were elected:

Secretary: Jean Garner. Assistant secretary: Rev. Richard Graham. Treasurer: Peter Bladon.

The following members were elected to the Standing and Pastoral Committee:

Canon David Lawson, Rev. John Williams, Rev. Michael Macey, Carolyn Andrews, Job Rombout, Colin Gage. Rosina Pocock was appointed lay co-chairman.

We welcomed two speakers from the Diocese, Rev. Canon Guy Buckler, and Lauryn Awbrey to inform us of the present situation on vocations and to urge us to encourage people in our congregations to consider ordination and Reader Training

We received news of a recent meeting of the Deanery Lay Chapter and also of the Deanery Action Plan working party.

The October meeting was held at St. Benedict's, Bennetts End when we welcomed Anthony Archer who gave a full report on a recent meeting of General Synod.

Rev. Richard Graham presented his report on Funeral Services which was then actively debated.

The Deanery Map was presented to the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> October and was well received.

Other agenda items included Safeguarding, and a full report from the treasurer. Canon David Lawson will be retiring at the end of the year.

The February meeting was held in St. Alban's, Warners End.

The Annual Accounts were received and approved. A report was received from the last meeting of General Synod and also of the Lay Chapter.

The Rural Dean reported on the Diocesan initiative of growing our churches which presents 3 areas of potential growth. - Improving the quality of our worship: growing our work with children and young people: starting some Fresh Expressions of Church. We are urged to take this back to our PCCs.

At every meeting of Deanery Synod we hear news from the host church and receive information of events in all our churches.

Jean Garner  
Deanery Secretary  
22,3,18

### **VICAR'S REPORT ON 2017**

(to be given at the APCM 2018)

In the joy of the risen Christ we have walked together for another year. Like Christ's first disciples we have faced the unexpected, had moments of disappointment and profound sadness, and celebrated with joy and euphoria milestones and key events in the liturgical year. We have plodded on with our regular tasks consciously trying to live and work in the power of God's Holy Spirit. During Lent we refreshed our vision and mission for the Parish through the Diocesan Lent Course *Living God's Love*. We have tried to think and be a Church that has imagination, courage, generosity, and joy. We have continued to try and find ways in which we can transform community, make new disciples, and go deeper into God. But how?

The opening of St John's Church throughout the day – every day, I believe, has made a huge difference to our community and our understanding of being *Church*. Despite some minor thefts we persevered with keeping the church open. Not a day goes by without someone popping into St John's to say their prayers or to just sit in God's presence. Our mindset has changed: no longer are we a club with a locked clubhouse but rather a fellowship with an open-door policy. This speaks volumes and is much appreciated by our wider community.

On Palm Sunday we resurrected an old tradition of processing from the Playhouse (our old Hall) to St John's. Despite not being able to get hold of a donkey this was met with enthusiasm, courage and imagination. We might have needed to imagine the donkey but we were certainly a witness to the wider Parish that the Church in Boxmoor is alive and kicking. This was again shown on Good Friday when we joined-up with the Roman Catholics at the other end of the Moor and 200 people – mostly children – joined us for All Age Stations of the Cross – a powerful ecumenical witness within the Parish.

Perhaps it is because of this renewed enthusiasm to be *Resurrection People* here in Boxmoor that 2017 has been, in many ways, a year of transition: a year when we have been trying to put in place systems and schemes for the future; a year when new people have started to take on new responsibilities; a year when pillars of the Church community have decided or needed to take a step back. A lot of our thinking and planning has been for the future: the PCC have invested considerable time in the possibility of a car park at St John's

(and things are certainly moving forward in 2018); a rejuvenated Junior Church Committee has brought life, ideas, and purpose to our work with young people; a new schedule for our Committee Meetings has enabled all the committees to meet without duplicating work and freeing-up additional clerical time. These might sound small changes but it is always the small things that make a huge difference. I recall Jesus saying something similar regarding the Mustard Seed!

It has therefore been hard to point to any one defining moment that truly shaped the life of the Parish. We are the product of lots of occasions – big and small. Amongst these occasions was the departure of Linden Innes-Hopkins as our Organist and Director of Music in February. Thus ensued a 10 month vacancy valiantly filled by supportive local professional musicians and enthusiastic and competent home grown amateurs. I am most grateful to all who stood in the breach and provided music within the Parish and especially to Marian and Paul Davies for their gentle and effective leadership of the choir during this time. It was a delight to be able to appoint Keith Beniston as our new Organist and Director of Music and I look forward to working with him more closely in 2018 and beyond.

In April we also had to say farewell to the Reverend Jeanette Gosney as she headed to pastures new in the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. Jeanette has been greatly missed. Her preaching ministry was much valued as was her wisdom and guidance within the Ministry Team. But as soon as one member of the Ministry Team departed another joined. We were delighted to be able to celebrate with Sheena Wilson as she began her new role as a Licensed Lay Reader in the Church. After 3 gruelling years of part-time study Sheena was commissioned for this ministry in May and has already made a significant contribution to the life of this Parish through her preaching ministry. Thank you Sheena for hearing and answering God's call on your life and helping to share the Good News of Christ among us. We also bade Vanessa Hadley-Spencer well as she departed to Westcott House Theological College in September to begin 3 years of residential training for the sacred priesthood.

In September I took a period of *Extended Study Leave*. This used to be called a Sabbatical – and that is certainly how I treated it using the time to rest, refresh, recharge, and study. It was a fruitful and profitable time for me spiritually and personally. During my absence the Parish was left in the very capable hands of our Churchwardens – to whom I am most grateful to have worked with and beside this past year – and under the pastoral care of Fr Ben. It was most pleasing (and not at all surprising) that I returned to a well-run and organised Parish, with no emergencies or dramas. Fr Ben worked incredibly hard during this time and certainly came up trumps. He will be a loss to this Parish when he moves in 2018 but an asset to the people among whom he will serve. My sincere thanks are offered.

I would be lying if I said I found 're-entry' following my Sabbatical easy. It wasn't. During those three months everyone (including me) had moved-on a little, but I had failed to realise/calculate this. I found it hard to get back up to speed and bring into my ministry the new patterns, ideas, and hopes I had fostered during my time away. With the arrival of 2018 so came the opportunity to put these into practice and to be more settled again among you.

One of the priorities I have set the Parish since arriving in 2014 is that we should try to grow our fellowship and social life. During 2017 it was great to continue the tradition of our Parish Fun Day and BBQ – which was again well supported. We had Cream Teas, a revamped (and much appreciated) Harvest Supper, Holiday @ Home, Friendship teas and OMO Lunches, and countless opportunities to eat cake after our Parish Eucharist or on a Wednesday morning following the Service of Holy Communion. A good number of people went on the Easter Monday Pilgrimage to St Albans and Fr Ben took a contingent into London for Musical Theatre and The Royal British Legion’s Festival of Remembrance.

We also reinstated the tradition of transferring St John’s Day from December 27 to the Sunday nearest May 6. The whole Parish came together as we celebrated our Patronal Festival with 2 of our former vicars as guests, and one former vicar being memorialised in stone under the east window. Archdeacon Paul Hughes gave a fine sermon; the Freeman family were delighted that their father was honoured and remembered in this way; and the Reveleys were welcomed back with real warmth and affection.

Over the past year I have come to realise that it is the small things that makes this Parish work; makes it the joy it is to minister and worship within. The small things matter. And so many of you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, contribute in so many and varied ways to our common life that it would be impossible to list you all by name. But to you all I would like to thank you most sincerely for all that you do and give to the life of this Parish. This is your Parish. And by your efforts you are making this a welcoming, well kept, active, caring, dignified and spiritually refreshed Parish. Whether you help with our Comms Team and our regular Newsletter and Magazine, or the Pastoral Committee and those who visit and give Communion to the sick or housebound; or are a flower arranger, sidesperson, reader, server, intercessor, choir member, Baptism helper, cleaner, gardener, card deliverer, caterer, chauffeur, Eucharistic Minister, Junior Church leader, fundraiser; I am most grateful for all that you do and for the way that you do it. Thank you.

I should also like to thank Alison Jackson, our Parish Administrator, for all that she gives and does behind the scenes to aid us in our common life, and to thank my family for their continued support and love as they enable me to be the priest God has called me to be among you.

You might be interested to note that the following number of Pastoral Offices were conducted by the Ministry Team. My sincere thanks to Fr Ben and Carole Lewis for helping to share the load. It is interesting to note that Baptisms are significantly down on previous years. We have evaluated why and genuinely believe this to be a blip-year as number are already up in 2018.

	<b>2017</b>		<b>2016</b>	
Baptisms:	14	(0 adults)	27	(2 adults)
Weddings:	19	0 Blessings	13	+ 3 Blessings
Funerals:	35	(13 at Crematoria)	37	(16 at Crematoria)
Interment of Ashes:	16		20	

2018 will, I'm sure bring more unexpected moments, more highs and lows, more ordinary times, new challenges and fresh opportunities. In the light of the Risen Christ I pray that we will meet these together, head-on, and continue to grow and encourage one another in the love of the God whom we serve. I pray that we will continue to live God's love in our community and with the Spirit's help and guidance breathe new life, joy, and enthusiasm into all that we try to do here in God's name.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. Below the name, there is a single, long, horizontal stroke that tapers at both ends, serving as a decorative underline.

The Reverend Michael Macey, Vicar