

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the parish of St Mary, Kingsclere

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Remembrance 2015



A focus for contemplative worship



Messy Church



Rev Lucy's leaves the benefice August 2015

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Highlights of 2016

- Preparing a Benefice Mission Action Plan after a very thorough Shaping Church process where we listened to the community on their needs for a changing church
- Carrying out the appointment process for a new incumbent
- Applying for charity status
- A very successful fete despite the weather

Introduction and statutory information

The parish of Kingsclere is one of two parishes which together make up the United Benefice of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley, within the Diocese of Winchester, within the Church of England. The Incumbent until August 2015 was the Rev Lucy Thirtle. She was licenced to another benefice in September 2015, and we have been in a vacancy period from then. It is expected that our new Incumbent will be licenced in April 2016.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of working with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical – together with care of the church buildings and churchyard.

Kingsclere PCC has defined its mission as **“to live and share the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in and around Kingsclere, in partnership with other Christian churches in the village.”**

The parish church is St Mary’s which is situated on Newbury Road, Kingsclere. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Fox’s Lane, Kingsclere, Newbury, RG20 5SL.

The membership of the PCC during 2015 was follows:

Vicar (Chair)	Rev Lucy Thirtle (until August 2015)
Churchwardens	Janet Sturgess (Assistant Churchwarden from April 2015) Eileen Selsey (from April 2012) Steve Jaques (from April 2015)
Deanery Synod Members	Chryssie Green Nicholas Selsey Steve Jaques
PCC Members	Diana Hughes (from April 2013) Neville Hughes (from April 2013) Sharon Meads (from April 2013) Sarah Mussett (from April 2014) Peter Davies (Treasurer) John Price (from April 2015) Janet Sturgess (from April 2015) Tom Sneyd (from April 2015) Maggy Wallace (co-opted member April 2015 to act as PCC chair during vacancy)
Secretary	Emma Rivers (non-elected)

PCC members are elected for a three year term according to the Church Representation Rules.

At its APCM in 2005, Kingsclere passed a resolution to set a limit of 3 years for continuous service (unless elected in another capacity) after which an individual would be required to step down for a minimum of 1 year. This has been in operation since April 2006

Officers:

- Maggy Wallace - Vice Chair (to April 2015), PCC Chair (from September 2015)
- Emma Rivers, Benefice Administrator, acted as secretary for the year
- Peter Davies was re-elected as Treasurer
- Chrissy Green was re-elected as Electoral Roll Officer.

Sub-Committees:

The PCC fulfils its responsibilities by delegating to various Sub-Committees.

The Standing Committee is a statutory sub-Committee and made up of the Vicar and Churchwardens (ex-officio) and at least two representatives of the PCC. It has not been used for several years, but as we prepared to enter a Vacancy period in the latter part of the year, one was appointed at the July 2015 PCC meeting, in case of need. It did not meet during the year. A Benefice-wide group of Churchwardens, PCC Chairs and Administrator managed the process of the Vacancy on behalf of the PCCs of the Benefice.

Other Sub-committees or task groups were:

- **Fabric Sub-committee**
- **Fete Sub-committee**
- **Benefice Outreach Group/ Shaping Church Group**
- **Fundraising working group**
- **Tower Management Committee**

Reports from these and other groups appear later on in the report.

What has the PCC done during the year?

The PCC met 6 times during the year in addition to a brief meeting following the Annual Meeting to elect officers, and several meetings specifically covering the vacancy process. The level of attendance was 75%.

During the year, the PCC

- Put a great deal of effort (through various working parties) into the vacancy process to ensure that we prepared all necessary documentation, convened meetings, liaised with Diocesan staff and interviewed on schedule. This resulted in an appointment being made for our new incumbent sooner than planned.
- Approved major works to the electrics of the building, and supported the churchwardens work in applying for permission to close the church.
- Received regular progress reports on fabric projects and approved significant expenditure to enable some major work to be completed – see later fabric report
- gave approval to changing the signatories on various accounts in which PCC funds were held
- approved Janet Sturgess as Communion assistant
- approved an additional Lay Pastoral Visitors course and supported 4 new members of the visiting team across the benefice
- agreed to re-instate the row-to-row collections at festivals to allow those wishing to donate cash to do so
- re-authorised Maggy Wallace, Bryony White and Hazel O’Leary as lay worship leaders
- approved and supported the “Gravetalk” events
- approved and encouraged a cross-benefice communication strategy throughout the vacancy period ensuring everyone was aware of what was happening with regards to the appointment process
- supported the ongoing Messy Church initiative
- approved the local fee for the services of vergers at Pastoral (Occasional) Offices

In addition regular reports were received from the Treasurer of the PCC and the Keystone Project accounts, the above mentioned sub-committees, Kingsclere Primary School, the Tower Management Committee, the PCC representative on the Friends of St Mary's, the Deanery representatives to ensure that the PCC were monitoring and supporting all the activities being undertaken in its name, including the development of Messy Church and the activity of the Lay Pastoral Visiting Team.

A full report of Fabric matters discussed and progressed is included under the report of the Fabric Sub-committee.

The PCC would like to record its thanks to the Friends of St Mary's for their contribution to the work on the fabric of the church throughout the year.

The above report was adopted by PCC at its meeting on 23 February 2016

Maggy Wallace (Chair)

Churchwardens' Report

2015 was a year of changes, but thanks to so many of you the life of St Mary's has continued as normal. The first change was Janet Sturgess' decision to stand down as Churchwarden after 4 years. However we were delighted that she was willing to stay on as an assistant churchwarden, so we did not lose her valuable knowledge, talents and experience.

Happily Steve Jaques came forward to take Janet's place and he was elected at the APCM in April.

Steve's first project was to run a cross benefice group to engage with our communities to establish what they liked, disliked and more importantly what they need from our churches moving forward to the future culminating in a Benefice Mission Action Plan. This proved invaluable in terms of the vacancy process.

We then faced the departure of Rev Lucy in August after 11 years with us. Tea parties at the vicarage and the church and a final Bring & Share lunch were held to say 'Farewell'

At the start of the vacancy Bishop David presided at our Communion Service on 13th September.

Throughout the vacancy Eileen worked tirelessly to arrange for vicars for all services across the Benefice, and so maintained the regular pattern of services. Our thanks go to Canon Michael Kenning and Rev Neil Britton who have presided at the majority of services. Thanks also to all of you who fulfil many and various duties which has helped to ensure everything has continued to run smoothly.

Both Janet and Steve were part of the Benefice interview team, which lead ultimately to the appointment of Rev Ben Read. Passing the mantle to Eileen to head up the Rev Ben's collation.

The churchwardens across the Benefice have continued to meet regularly and Steve Jaques and Eileen Selsey have met with Nick Selsey as Fabric Sub-committee.

Significant work has been carried out on the fabric of the building (see Nick Selsey's Fabric Report) with the approval of the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC). A meeting was held in January with the DAC to discuss the Kingsmill Room, particularly the floor, and I am delighted to report that after several years of discussion, towards the end of 2015 we finally received full Diocesan approval for our refurbishment plans for the Kingsmill Room. It is planned that this work will be carried out once the electrical project is completed.

Finally we would like to record our thanks to Emma Rivers our Parish Administrator. Her tireless and willing support is invaluable. During the vacancy her knowledge and meticulous organisation has been of tremendous support and help to us.

Janet Sturgess, Steve Jaques & Eileen Selsey

Spiritual life – Worship, nurture and prayer (Living the gospel)

Regular Worship and Pastoral Offices

In January we joined with the Methodists for their Covenant Service, and later on joined with Christians throughout the village at the Roman Catholic Church prior to its closure.

Since Rev Lucy's departure to pastures new in September we have managed to maintain the monthly pattern of services, with huge thanks to Canon Michael Kenning and Rev Neil Britton and the Lay Worship Leaders Bryony White, Maggy Wallace and Hazel O'Leary

In 2015 there were 7 weddings and one thanksgiving service in celebration of a 40th wedding anniversary, 11 baptisms and 19 funerals for this parish.

Eileen Selsey

Worship at Rose Hodson Court

A monthly midweek Holy Communion service is held at Rose Hodson Court. This is a valuable service which attracts both residents and non-residents alike. During the vacancy Rev Kelvin Inglis, from Whitchurch kindly came to lead us in Worship.

Prayer Circle

This is a small, co-ordinated prayer group, which doesn't meet physically, but who include in their personal prayer at home, all requests received, for as long as people would like. Requests come from many different sources. Information is kept confidentially within the group.

Monthly Benefice Prayer Diary

This time last year, we started working on the production of a Benefice-wide monthly Prayer Diary: it's now been going a year. This is a way of bringing us all together, as a prayerful Christian community, asking for God's blessing, guidance and courage, for the things we do, or hope to do, in our churches and villages, and wider afield sometimes, and includes a daily cycle of prayer for those living in every road in the benefice. The Prayer Diaries are available in each church from the beginning of each month, and on the web site

Bryony White and Evelyn Barr

Children at St Mary's – Junior Church

We continue to provide Junior Church to our youngsters on the first and third Sundays of the month, so a big thank you to all the volunteers that help. We have a steady few children that attend and enjoy learning bible stories, completing an activity related to that bible story, learning a song and a prayer. We have advertised junior church many times at school but numbers continue to be small so we would like to rejuvenate this in 2016/7 with the arrival of Ben!

Sarah Mussett, Junior Church Leader

Music

Music at St Mary's has continued in its usual pattern. Choir practices before the service on 1st and 3rd Sundays is working very well. We now have no juniors in the choir but we know we can rely on the adults to be there each week. Thank you to you all!

We are pleased to welcome George White to our pool of organists. Special thanks to Gill for stepping in on so many occasions when I've not been around too.

Our choir friends from Ashford Hill have been made welcome and we enjoyed a Benefice choir breakfast together on 10th Jan.....hopefully the first of many.

Together with Kingsclere Singers we enjoyed singing at St Paul's at their Candlelight service at Christmas.

Kingsclere Singers filled St Mary's at their carol event raising more than £600 for charity. They have also sung at several wedding and funerals during the year.

We look forward to working with Ben and continuing to keep music alive in St Mary's.

Hazel O'Leary, Organist & Choir Leader

Flower Arranging Team

Once again the flower rota has run smoothly with our arrangers giving time, thought and flare into providing the church with a variety of beautiful arrangements of fresh flowers and greenery throughout the year. The church has looked particularly lovely for the special services of Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

Thanks are due to those members of the congregation as well as our arrangers who have generously donated towards the cost of flowers - it is much appreciated.

Linda Elvin, Suzy Stokoe and Pam Ashworth

Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group

With material prepared by Rev Lucy our Lent 2015 study was from a York course "Build on the Rock". During the rest of the year, members have led on a wide variety of subjects – Proverbs, Revelations, Jonah, Timothy 1&2 and how God can change the rhythm of his creation to achieve a specific result i.e. water in to wine.

Bryony has joined us several times and we have enjoyed some lively and wide ranging discussions often "teasing out" a pew slip reading – with many laughs on the way!

With thanks to our hostess, Jill;

Monica, Margaret, Ralph and Maisie

Bible Study Group

The Rev. Neil Britton led six studies in John's Gospel at Tom and Mary Sneyd's home on Tuesday's and at the Ship in Ashford Hill on Wednesdays this autumn. Part of the study involved watching a DVD of a dramatised version of the Gospel of John. Good times of sharing were had on both occasions."

Benefice Prayer Group

The benefice prayer group has been meeting in the Kingsmill Room on Friday afternoons throughout the year, when the needs of the benefice as well as other prayer topics in the wider world were brought before God in prayer.

Rev Neil Britton

St Mary's Belltower

The bells have been rung for all services in 2015. Ringers have met regularly on Monday evenings for practice. The tower currently has 13 full members, with the welcome addition of Janet Larkins in August 2015. The number at practice nights vary between eight and 17 with several of the Burghclere and Ecchinswell ringers lending their valued support. Thanks go to Helen Piper, Tim Pink and Ros Brandwood for all their teaching and mentoring work.

It is with great sadness that we have to report the death of Simon Lipscombe of Ecchinswell and Burghclere, from cancer on 2nd November at the young age of 26 years. Simon rang each week at Kingsclere practices and worked tirelessly to support and encourage all aspects of ringing not only at Kingsclere and in the Andover District but throughout the W&P Guild. He is a great loss.

During 2015 the bells were rung for five weddings. Ten quarter peals were rung, two more than last year. Dedications included VE Day, the sealing of Magna Carta, Tower Magazine 50th Anniversary, Lucy's last service, the Benefice Eucharist celebrated by the Bishop of Basingstoke and on the occasion of Elizabeth II becoming the longest reigning British Monarch.

No major maintenance has been required this year but the bells will need their bi-annual overhaul in 2016. Three different estimates for the work have been requested.

The end of year financial report of the Kingsclere Bell Restoration and Maintenance Fund shows assets of £8219 and the Kingsclere Bell Ringers' account has a balance of £1015.

Maggie Hiller - Tower Secretary and Gill Gardner - Tower Treasurer

Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care team, which now has over 12 members, continued its valuable work during this period. A range of individuals needing support are regularly visited or supported in various ways. We meet as a group every couple of months to check that all is going well and that there are no issues for consideration or resolution.

Maggy Wallace

St Mary's Guild

St. Mary's Guild has had a very enjoyable and successful year. We have enjoyed a Beetle Drive (thanks to Maggy and Les Wallace), learned about the Arctic Circle, the work of Naomi House Children's Hospice, Greenham Common, William Walker the Diver of Winchester Cathedral Fame and a trip from Southampton to San Francisco. We have held two successful Coffee Mornings, which were well attended by Guild Members, members of the Church community and villagers.

In addition to all of this, we have enjoyed each other's' company during a pleasant outing to Mottisfont (despite the weather), the Vicarage Garden Party and at our Christmas Lunch at Sasso's in the village.

I am always amazed and overjoyed at the generosity of our Committee Members and all of The Guild Members, not only in monetary terms, but also of the amount of time they are prepared to give to our projects. This year has been no exception. We have been able to donate the significant sum of £1554.62 to various charities and good causes. The Committee have decided to allocate the remaining funds to 'Messy Church'.

I have not been able to attend some meetings and I am very grateful for Maggy (and Les) Wallace for standing in so admirably.

I have had three very enjoyable years as Chairman, but now find it increasingly difficult to carry-out my duties well, due to family commitments and nice long holidays. Our Treasurer has also decided not to carry-on and we have been unable to fill either role, so we were left with no choice but to close The Guild at the end of January 2016.

Now for some thank yous. Firstly, to each and every member, past and present, for shaping the Guild, for providing friendship, fellowship and so much charity.

To all of the committee members who have worked with me during my three year term, for their friendship, generosity and willingness to work hard to achieve our goals.

To Maisie for presiding over our service each month with her calm understanding.

It is my sincere wish that, in the future, we are able to start up another group to provide a replacement for the Guild. I will help all I can.

Pam Kitch, Chairman

Outreach (sharing the gospel)

Benefice Outreach group

The Outreach Group's formal activity was suspended during this period to allow time to concentrate on the Shaping Church initiative (op cit). The Shaping Church project has accumulated a wide range of information from a variety of sources and from a range of individuals.

Maggy Wallace

Messy Church

The success of Messy Church continued into 2015, we ran 4 Messy Churches on Tuesday afternoons at Kingsclere Primary School in March, June, September and December. On average we are getting 35 children attending with their parents which is great and we have had lots of positive feedback via social media - Facebook.

We continue to run the sessions in the prescribed format, which sees those attending join in craft activities and a short worship based on a Bible story or teaching and then we all share a hot meal

together. The themes of the sessions were "I am the vine", "God the Father" where we explored the meaning of the Lord's Prayer, Bible seaside stories and Messy Christingle.

We could not do it all without the support of the dedicated volunteers who are fantastic, in order to support this important initiative, it needs approximately 15 volunteers per session so a massive thank you to everyone that helps.

We look forward to discussing with our new vicar, Ben how we can continue to improve this important outreach work.

Sarah Mussett - Messy Church Leader

Kingsclere Church of England Primary School

During 2015 your PCC lost two of its three representatives on the Governing Body of Kingsclere CofE Primary School (KPS): Rev. Lucy Thirtle stood down in August when she left the parish and Nick Selsey stood down in September after serving for six years. John Liddeatt stays on. Our new vicar, Rev. Ben Read, will replace Rev. Lucy when he is formally appointed.

Following the disappointing judgement of the OFSTED inspectors in February 2012, when KPS was judged to be 'In need of improvement', in February 2015 KPS was judged to be 'Good', with the behaviour and safety of pupils being judged 'Outstanding'. The full report can be found on the KPS website, <http://www.kingsclereprimary.com>. This is a great tribute to the hard work of all the KPS staff, at all levels, led by Steve Wells.

KPS continues to give all of the pupils the support they need to make the most of their time at primary school. In addition, KPS offers a range of extra-curricular activities, covering sports, music and curriculum-related subjects. The latest available data (look on the school website under 'About Us'), shows that the school consistently scores comfortably above the national average. A whole school act of worship takes place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and class worship on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is mainly of a Christian character, in keeping with the KPS's status as a Church of England Foundation. Easter, Christmas and Harvest Festival Services, along with a service to mark the Year 6 pupils leaving, are held at St. Mary's and groups of pupils regularly visit the church.

Nick Selsey, lately Foundation Governor

ABC

ABC [Adults, Babies & Children] continues to grow as we see children come as babies and leave as they move on to nursery or school. An ever-changing story!

Those who join us each 3rd & 5th Monday have settled into a regular pattern of worship, beginning with bell ringing, followed by a short service, after which the adults have time for a catch up while the children get down to the serious business of play!

Our toddlers are now used to behaving appropriately in church and happily sit on the cushions during the service. They join in enthusiastically with drama activities and particularly enjoy dressing up to act out the stories.

At present we are focussing on the stories in the Bible but also include major church festivals. The children are encouraged to sit quietly for prayers and to sing boisterously!

There is an annual lunchtime picnic each June with games and races for the children to enjoy. We welcome older brothers and sisters during school holidays.

We would like to thank all those who give up their time to provide our refreshments. If there is anyone else who would like to come along and help in any way please give either of us a ring.

Lucy has left us with much to build on and we feel that we are rising to this challenge.

Hazel O'Leary and Jane Freeman, leaders

Saturday Coffee at St Mary's

We have a core group of loyal supporters who love to meet their friends and chat. We have, amongst them, our 'crossword group' who put their heads together for the duration.

Since the 'other' café closed on Saturdays we've noted some new faces and there have been some cyclists and walkers. We've had a few children and babies to welcome too. The young ones really appreciate the toys!

Our commitment to the Church's 'Fairtrade' policy is strong - recently adding Fairtrade hot chocolate!

Most folk are aware that we only stock Fairtrade items and we thank them for their donations to our larder. Thanks to all the volunteers for giving up their time so willingly and baking such delicious cakes. Thanks also go to Sandy for our rota board!

Mary Sneyd and Barbara Baylis

Partnerships

Ashford Hill with Headley

Throughout the vacancy, the churchwardens, administrator and lay chair of the PCC have met to ensure the smooth running of the benefice. This has enabled the workings of the benefice to be planned as a whole which has brought both parishes closer together. Worshippers from both parishes travel to a church in the other one either occasionally or regularly as well as supporting other church events. Ashford Hill with Headley parish has their own Annual Report which contains information on all that has happened during the year. It is available on the benefice website.

Whitchurch Deanery Synod

Our parish is represented on the Deanery Synod by Rev Lucy Thirtle, Chrissy Green, Steve Jaques, and Nick Selsey. The Deanery Synod meets three times a year, at different church halls within our area. The reason for the Deanery Synod is to understand the relationship of each parish within our diocese, how we are affected by the decisions taken by Winchester and Canterbury.

Mityana Outreach

The main focus of outreach this year has been our progress with our sister church in Mityana, our co-ordinator Revd Dodie Marsden presented us with progress from the water project and the visit to Mityana.

Treasurer Report

We have discussed the changes to finances within the dioceses, the parish share contributions for 2015, the share allocation method and the Diocesans Working Group and how these will affect the contributions made by individual churches and the changes this will bring to our full time ministry team within the dioceses.

Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee

Regarding the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee, we felt a little let down as nothing appears to have come out of all our hard work in Kingsclere, Ashford Hill & Headley, except for ourselves but as to the deanery we wait and see.

The Rural Dean

Reported to us by the Revd Kelvin Inglis on the activities happening in the Rural Dean, the mission and evangelism courses, the ministry team appointments and movements within the benefice, Deanery evensongs, to try and encourage younger people to become involved

Chrissy Green - Deanery Synod representative

Ecumenical Links

The Kingsclere Ecumenical group came into being at the suggestion of Rev Lucy Thirtle in the hope of continuing the good relations she had fostered with the leaders of the Catholic and Methodist churches in Kingsclere.

The group's first meeting took place in the meeting room at Feilden Court on a very wet Wednesday in November. It was attended by members of the three churches who enjoyed tea and cake in exchange for ideas for future meetings. Future events are planned for 2016.

Janet Sturgess

Resources (supporting and enabling the mission of the church)

St. Mary's – The Building

During 2015 the PCC has been concentrating on two priorities:

A) Completing projects to keep the water out and the building sound: work on the Kingsmill Door, on the Stair Turret, on the roofs of the Nave and the South Transept, on the parapets and flintwork of the South Transept, on repairs to the East Window and to various damaged stones and ground-level gutters has been completed. On the basis that the inside of St. Mary's has stayed dry despite a very wet 2015, these works have been successful. In addition to all this, the stonework around the West Door has been cleaned and the ironwork on all external doors refreshed.

B) Preparing for major electrical works: the electrical systems in St. Mary's need replacing – parts are old, not working well and/or verging on the dangerous – and the lighting is harsh and unforgiving. After a formal tender process, guided our technical advisor, we have awarded a contract to Walco Electrics to rewire the main body of the church and to install new lighting inside and out: total cost, around £70,000. This work should be completed by May 2016, and we look forward to seeing St. Mary's in a better light.

Looking ahead to 2016, other than the major electrical works, we plan to complete the refurbishment of the Kingsmill Room (new plaster, redecorate, new floor: estimated cost £25,000) and, if possible, have the church redecorated.

While these projects are in hand the PCC will also be planning future projects (2017+), which should include a new, disabled, toilet. And, at some stage in the not-too-distant future, we shall need to carry out major work on the nave floor.

It all looks a bit daunting, but we have the support and goodwill of the congregation and the village and the promised support of FOSM: and we are going grant-hunting. Achievable? Definitely.

Again, many thanks from the PCC to the Maintenance Team (Tom Sneyd, John Liddeatt, Andrew Kitch, Ray Peach, Steve Green and Steve Jaques). At least once a month, one of them goes around the church, to ensure that small problems are spotted and fixed before they become big and expensive ones.

Nick Selsey, PCC Member responsible for fabric

Celebrations in Light

Last year we saw an increase in bookings compared to the previous two years. Again we have had a period of extended lighting up of the church as requested to try and prevent further theft of lead from the roof. We are getting to know those who make repeat bookings each year and were sad to hear of the death of Tina Swaine at Christmas who had supported Lighting up St Mary's over

the years in memory of her late parents and sister. Most bookings are made by hand delivered letters or by phone with only the occasional on line booking forwarded to our email.

Andy & Sarah Bates

Fete Sub-Committee

St Mary's Village Church Fete was held on Bank Holiday Mon, 31 Aug 2015, in similar inclement weather as the previous year, but nonetheless well-attended and proving to be a wonderful community event. It was opened by Mr Kit Malthouse, the recently elected Conservative MP for North West Hampshire. Rather poignantly, it was Rev Lucy Thirtle's last Fete - as well indeed as her last day - in the Benefice, and so it was a fitting way to say thank you and farewell.

The lack of sunshine did not deter the stall holders, or the crowds, on the day. The wet weather plan was put into action for the second year running, and several stalls were located inside the church. This meant that many people, who may not otherwise see it, had a chance to enjoy all the building has to offer. Some stalls, by necessity, remained outside and attracted plenty of custom, including the Dog Show, BBQ stall and the Pimms Tent! The Dog Show, as always, was a popular event, and we were delighted to have Karl Jones from Kennel and Paddock to judge the classes.

Once again, the proceeds for the day were excellent, the amount reaching a plateau with previous years. A huge thank you to members of the Fete Committee and to everyone who contributed in any way, working hard to make it successful.

Evelyn Barr, Fete Sub-Committee

Kingsclere Tower Magazine

2015 was the 50th Anniversary of the Kingsclere Tower. As well as a social event that saw a meeting of Tower production teams past and present there was also the appearance of The Kingsclere Tower 50th Anniversary Edition 1965 – 2015.

From the Vicar:

"What's this then? No, it isn't just another circular, not even a sort of local newspaper. Then what is it? Well, first of all it's free....."

Thus began the first edition of the Kingsclere Tower magazine in June 1965 – a double sided single sheet of foolscap paper handwritten by Vicar David Shearlock.

The Tower is still alive and kicking and continues to be delivered free to every home in the village but who knows what the next 50 years will bring?

Kingsclere Tower Current Account January to December 2015

<u>Income</u>	
£3,785.44	Opening Balance on Current Account
£7,305.50	Advertising Revenue
£44.11	Repayment for ink cartridge
<u>Expenditure</u>	
£2,632.87	Paper, ink, etc.
£64.35	Christmas chocolates
£270.00	Stapler repairs
£25.00	General expenses
£915.00	Anniversary Tower
£304.87	Anniversary Tower celebration food and drink
£1,344.00	Type Setting
£860.00	Use of Kingsmill Room
£4,733.96	Closing balance on current account

Kingsclere Tower Community Reserve January to December 2015

Income

£7,319.95	Opening Balance on Savings Account
£34.38	Interest

Expenditure

NIL

£7,354.33	Closing Balance on Savings Account
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Les Wallace, Treasurer, Tower Management Committee

The Kingsmill Room

Apart from church activities such as ABC, choir practice, Junior Church and Saturday coffee mornings the Kingsmill Room has been used by FOSM, the church flower arrangers and the Care Group for their AGMs. The Ukulele and Guitar groups regularly meet for their practise and more musical activity has been added recently with Songtree hiring the room for a weekly children's singing and music session. The Kingsmill Room is the base for the printing and assembly of the Tower magazine.

Emma Rivers

Churchyard Wild Flower Area

Our churchyard is now becoming a haven and a reservoir for wildlife, in line with the national campaign for churchyards. It now receives visits from Sparrowhawks, Wrens and twelve or more other types of birds; from Marbled White, Holly Blue and at least seven other butterflies; from Ladybirds, Bumblebees and Hoverflies amongst a dozen other insects as well as Moths. It has acted as a reservoir for over sixty wild flowers. These have included Meadow Saxifrage, Twayblade, Butterfly Orchid, Bee Orchid, Common Spotted Orchid and Pyramidal Orchid in addition to Purple Deadnettle, Ramsons, Common Mouseear, Pale St John's Wort and field Woundwort which have not been recorded previously.

Cameras were busy in the summer when local Hampshire and Isle of Wight Trust members visited our churchyard during one of their outdoor meetings. Many visitors relaxing on our seats have enjoyed the serenity of our churchyard with its variety of wildlife. It is God's acre where we can relax and let our souls be restored by Him

Ralph, Rod & Diana

St Mary's Church, Kingsclere

Financial Report ***Year ending 31st December 2015***

Risk

The Council identifies risk in relation to the investments and take appropriate actions to minimise the financial effect of that risk. The Council endeavours to identify the risks relating to their activities and take such action to avoid or minimise such risks.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Set suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The Council is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by The Council and signed on their behalf by:

Peter Davies – Treasurer

Date: 23rd February 2016

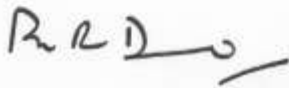
Treasurer's Report

The accounts for the year ended 31st December 2015 show a slight decline in our unrestricted income and an increase in our expenditure. With the major refurbishment programme now started, it is inevitable that we will be drawing on our reserves and seeking further sources of finance.

Once again we have received very generous donations from our regular supporters who provide the funds to cover our everyday expenses. Those expenses call for income of about £250 every day of the year.

We have again been helped by Friends of St Mary's and by the Keystone Project.

The Free School Sunday School Fund can help with, for example, the Junior Choir, Messy Church and the provision of Bibles for the Primary School leavers. It has been discovered that a large part of its funds have been held by the Diocese who have now handed these over. A part will be invested for the long term.



Peter R Davies

Hon Treasurer to the PCC

PCC of KINGSCLERE

Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2015 to 31 December 2015

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income						
1010 - Gift Aid Planned Giving	29,580	—	—	—	29,580	35,517
1020 - Tax Recovered	13,162	—	—	—	13,162	10,220
1030 - Collections	5,167	—	—	—	5,167	6,188
1040 - General Donations	12,406	—	—	—	12,406	8,337
1050 - Fees	9,590	—	—	—	9,590	13,432
1060 - Legacy	—	—	—	—	—	—
1070 - Grant - FOSM etc	16,086	—	—	—	16,086	9,885
1080 - Grant - Basingstoke & Deane	—	—	—	—	—	—
Voluntary income Sub-totals	85,995	—	—	—	85,995	83,581
Activities for generating funds						
1200 - Fete	6,563	—	—	—	6,563	7,308
1210 - Sundry Fund Raising	—	—	—	—	—	865
1220 - Christmas Tree Festival	—	—	—	—	—	—
1230 - Kingsmill Hire	1,962	—	—	—	1,962	1,976
1240 - Lights	1,221	—	—	—	1,221	3,125
1250 - Sat/Sun Coffee	2,001	—	—	—	2,001	1,751
Activities for generating funds Sub-totals	11,748	—	—	—	11,748	15,026
Investment income						
1400 - Interest on CBF Funds	927	—	—	—	927	32
1410 - Inc in value - Investment Funds	2,390	—	—	—	2,390	6,257
Investment income Sub-totals	3,318	—	—	—	3,318	6,289
Incoming resources from generated funds Totals	101,061	—	—	—	101,061	104,897
Other incoming resources						
Other incoming resources						
1300 - AH/ Headley share of clergy Exp	—	—	—	—	—	3,087
1310 - AH/Headley share of Admin Costs	2,336	—	—	—	2,336	3,002
1810 - Choir Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1820 - Flower Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1830 - Income/Interest of School Accounts	—	—	9,942	—	9,942	49
1840 - Keystone Project - Net Surplus for the Y	—	—	(10,090)	—	(10,090)	7,579
1850 - Keyston Project - Grant Kingsmill Room	—	—	—	—	—	353

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Other incoming resources Sub-totals	2,336	—	(148)	—	2,188	14,071
Other incoming resources Totals	2,336	—	(148)	—	2,188	14,071
Incoming resources Grand totals	103,397	—	(148)	—	103,249	118,968

Resources used

Cost of generating funds

Cost of generating funds						
2010 - Ministry - Parish Share	42,984	—	—	—	42,984	42,986
2020 - Ministry - Clergy Working Expenses	625	—	—	—	625	2,169
2030 - Ministry - Admin Costs	7,587	—	—	—	7,587	5,007
2100 - Electricity	756	—	—	—	756	857
2110 - Gas	1,118	—	—	—	1,118	2,159
2120 - Insurance	4,110	—	—	—	4,110	4,104
2130 - Water Rates	99	—	—	—	99	97
2140 - Electrical Repairs	234	—	—	—	234	97
2150 - Fire Equipment	—	—	—	—	—	66
2160 - Repairs	22,178	—	—	—	22,178	16,876
2200 - Altar	344	—	—	—	344	150
2210 - Organ Tuning	827	—	—	—	827	384
2220 - CCLI/RSCM Fees	316	—	—	—	316	406
2230 - Training	139	—	—	—	139	876
2240 - Upkeep of Services - Other	321	—	—	—	321	272
2250 - Misc - Other	2,748	—	—	—	2,748	1,903
2260 - Fees paid out	5,816	—	—	—	5,816	6,557
2300 - Synod Fees	90	—	—	—	90	—
2330 - Church Cleaning	1,066	—	—	—	1,066	—
2340 - Replacement Communion Ware	—	—	—	—	—	—
2500 - Choir Fund	—	—	92	—	92	65
Cost of generating funds Sub-totals	91,365	—	92	—	91,457	85,038
Cost of generating voluntary income						
2310 - Fete Expenses	1,247	—	—	—	1,247	1,315
2320 - Coffee Purchase	109	—	—	—	109	276
Cost of generating voluntary income Sub-totals	1,356	—	—	—	1,356	1,591
Cost of generating funds Totals	92,721	—	92	—	92,813	86,630

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Charitable activities						
Charitable activities						
2510 - School Bibles	—	—	1,076	—	1,076	307
Charitable activities Sub-totals	—	—	1,076	—	1,076	307
Charitable activities Totals	—	—	1,076	—	1,076	307
Resources used	92,721	—	1,168	—	93,890	86,938
Grand totals						

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PCC of KINGSCLERE
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2015 to 31 December 2015

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	85,995	—	—	85,995	83,581
Activities for generating funds	11,748	—	—	11,748	15,026
Investment income	3,318	—	—	3,318	6,289
Other incoming resources	2,336	(148)	—	2,188	14,071
Total incoming resources	103,397	(148)	—	103,249	118,968
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds	91,365	92	—	91,457	85,038
Cost of generating voluntary income	1,356	—	—	1,356	1,591
Charitable activities	—	1,076	—	1,076	307
Total resources used	92,721	1,168	—	93,890	86,938
Net incoming / outgoing resources before transfer	10,676	(1,317)	—	9,359	32,030
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	—
Net incoming / outgoing before other gains / losses	10,676	(1,317)	—	9,359	32,030
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	10,676	(1,317)	—	9,359	32,030
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	127,778	45,538	—	173,317	141,286
Total funds carried forward	138,454	44,221	—	182,676	173,317

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Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2015	As at 31/12/2014
Current assets		
4010: Lloyds	30,666.42	49,825.84
4020: Santander	—	12,914.21
4030: CBF Deposit Fund	39,703.26	5,549.06
4040: CBF Investment Fund	80,064.06	71,912.71
4050: Free School Trust	935.80	931.13
4060: Free School Sunday School Fund	10,467.30	1,254.13
4070: Keystone Accounts	20,839.51	30,930.16
Total Current assets	182,676.35	173,317.24
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	182,676.35	173,317.24
Reserves		
Excess / (deficit) to date	9,359.11	—
Z01: Starting balances	173,317.24	173,317.24
Total Reserves	182,676.35	173,317.24

Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted	138,454.70	127,778.44
Designated	—	—
Restricted	44,221.65	45,538.80
Endowment	—	—
Total	182,676.35	173,317.24

Keystone Accounts

Specific Keystone activity has been less busy this year in terms of organised events. The 200 Club, however, continues to provide a welcome source of income on a regular basis. Members pay £12 per annum for 12 opportunities to win £50 in the monthly draw. Keystone monies are used to support various church initiatives.

Maggy Wallace

Kingsclere St. Mary's Keystone Accounts 2015

Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ending 31st December 2015

<u>2014</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
£600.00	200 Club Prizes	£600.00	Donations (Gift Aided)	£100.00	
£421.20	Old Briar Property		Church Guides	£15.00	£71.50
£36.00	KDP Printing		200 Club Subscriptions	£1,228.00	£1,110.50
£3,000.00	C B Associates	£450.00	Greenham Common Trust - (findmeagrant)	£675.00	£1,237.50
	Roedel Construction	£8,457.60	Garden Safari		£2,017.72
	Contract Documentation	£58.78	Grant GCCT		£7,080.00
	Odgers Conservation	£312.00	VAT Refund	£1,109.60	
	Conservation Architecture & Planning	£3,442.00	Tax Refund Gift Aid	£25.00	
	Transferred To PCC	£25.00	Interest on CBF Account	£102.13	£119.57
£7,579.59	Surplus/Deficit Transferred to/from Reserves	-£10,090.65			
<u>£11,636.79</u>		<u>£3,254.73</u>		<u>£3,254.73</u>	<u>£11,636.79</u>

Balance Sheet at 31st December 2015

<u>Reserves</u>		<u>Represented by</u>	
£23,350.57	Brought forward from 2014	£30,930.16	Current Account
£7,579.59	Nett Surplus/Deficit for year	-£10,090.65	CBF Account
			£2,772.48
			£18,067.03
			<u>£20,839.51</u>
			£8,375.26
			£22,964.90
			<u>£31,340.16</u>
			-£360.00
			-£50.00
<u>£30,930.16</u>		<u>£20,839.51</u>	<u>£30,930.16</u>

Dated 16/01/16

Signed Neville V. Hughes
Honorary Treasurer - Keystone Project

**Independent examiner's report to the Members/Trustees of St Marys Church,
Kingsclere, Parochial Church Council**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2015, which are set out on pages 16 to 22

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

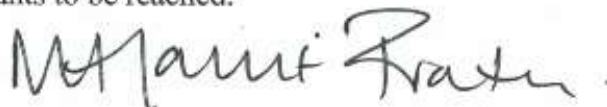
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act or
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

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

Melanie Prater ACA



Fox's Barn, Fieldgate Drive, Kingsclere, RG20 5SQ

1st March 2016