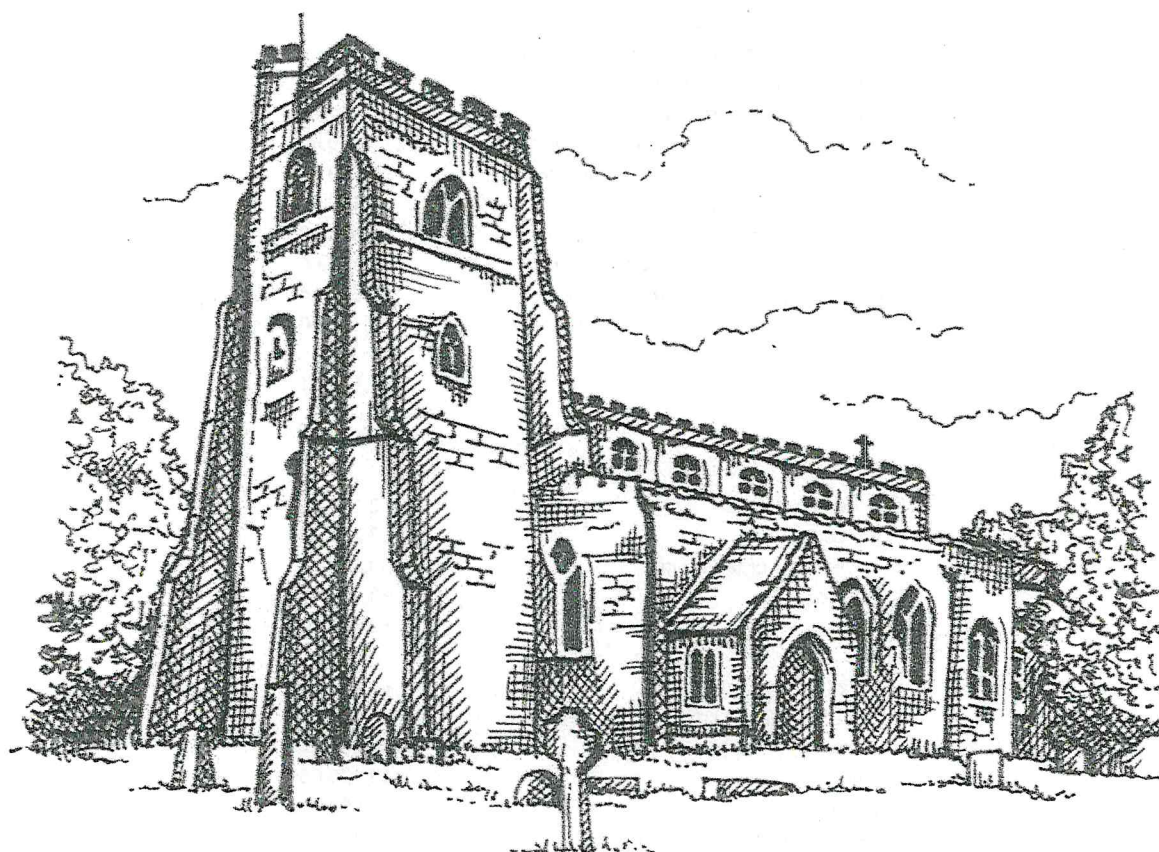


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GENERAL ACCOUNT FOR 2017

2016	INCOME	2017
£13,079.84	Gift aid - regular giving	£13,096.00
£1,633.50	Planned giving	£2,004.51
£441.21	Penny a day	£318.98
£3,674.23	Church collections	£3,354.16
£1,592.50	Gift day	£2,472.93
£305.00	Other Donations	£7,610.00
£4,426.43	Gift aid - tax recovered	£6,106.55
£1,497.55	Socials and fundraising events	£1,122.52
£150.00	External events in church	£0.00
£0.00	Café takings	£466.39
£2,400.00	Magazine	£1,800.00
£6,421.00	Fees	£7,012.70
£784.19	Dividend and interest	£946.18
£690.00	Rent (farm + pre-school)	£690.00
£3,355.00	100 Club	£3,280.00
£843.51	Parish council contributions to graveyard	£903.62
£1,000.00	Preservation Trust contribution to insurance	£1,000.00
£0.00	Ely Diocese grant to Fordham Café	£1,309.50
£1,150.00	Insurance payout for railings	£0.00
£1,210.00	Bequest to be passed to bell ringing fund	£0.00
£0.00	Bequest to be passed to Preservation trust	£1,000.00
£235.70	Other special purposes	£182.03
£5,263.16	Legacies for church	£6,803.10
£0.00	Preservation Trust contribution to doors	£5,000.00
£0.00	Listed Places of Worship - VAT refund	£6,606.14
£8,000.00	Withdrawn from funds to pay for building work	£7,500.00
£58,152.82	Total income	£80,585.31
EXPENDITURE		
£2,018.65	Light, heat and water	£2,152.46
£7,511.54	Insurance	£3,241.94
£591.79	Minor repairs + organ tuning	£596.00
£1,807.24	Churchyard	£2,003.07
£2,570.00	Organists	£2,500.00
£0.00	Café	£693.06
£939.91	Ministry - upkeep services	£1,138.06
£2,678.50	Central (Three Rivers) ministry expenses	£2,616.00
£21,445.71	Parish share	£22,486.86
£2,020.00	100 Club	£2,120.00
£0.00	Magazine	£953.75
£162.84	Expenses for special and social events	£169.14
£146.08	Payments to charities	£221.78
£1,210.00	Other extraordinary	£2,557.99
£14,774.87	Building project	£25,462.32
£0.00	Transfer back into funds	£24,000.00
£57,877.13	Total expenditure	£92,912.43
£275.69	NET INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	-£12,327.12

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Reconciliation of bank accounts

Bank Balance 31 December 2016

Current account	
balance at bank	£16,441.96
less unpresented cheques (as at 31 Dec 2016)	-£421.87
write back of pre-2017 cheques not presented by 31 Dec 2017	£50.00
Net Total	£16,070.09
Savings account	£4,503.49
Net Grand Total	£20,573.58 (a)

Bank Balance 31 December 2017

Current account	
balance at bank	£7,868.40
less unpresented cheques (as at 31 Dec 2017)	-£503.57
Net Total	£7,364.83
Savings account	£881.63
Net Grand Total	£8,246.46 (b)

Increase in bank balance = (b)-(a) **-£12,327.12**

Assets held in various funds

31-Dec-16		retained dividends/ increases in value	net funds deposited	31-Dec-17
Central Board of Finance				
£254.08	Contingency fund A/c 614059/001D	£12.06	£17,500.00	£17,766.14
£974.83	General fund A/c 614059/002D	£2.75		£977.58
£6,242.40	Organ Fund A/c 614059/003D	£17.56		£6,259.96
£12,608.83	CBF Investment fund A/c 614059/001S	£1,138.20		£13,747.03
£6,413.11	CBF Fixed Interest Fund A/c 614059/001F	-£53.81		£6,359.30
£26,493.25	Total	£1,116.76	£17,500.00	£45,110.01
Other funds held through Ely Diocesan Board of Finance				
£4,246.60	F004 - Fordham Chancel A/c 114001/107S	£383.34		£4,629.94
£5,505.12	F004 - Fordham Chancel A/c 114001/121D	£165.92		£5,671.04
£1,804.44	F005 - Townsend Bird A/c 114001/153S	£162.89		£1,967.33
£5,258.44	F006 - Gardner bequest A/c 114001/701S	£474.68		£5,733.12
£12,416.95	F017 - Aspland Charity A/c 114001/620S	£1,297.56	-£1,000.00	£12,714.51
£0.75	F018 - General purposes A/c 114001/621S	£0.07		£0.82
£29,232.30	Total	£2,484.46	-£1,000.00	£30,716.76
£55,725.55	Total all financial assets	£3,601.22	£16,500.00	£75,826.77

Church property

The only possession other than the church and graveyards is 5 acres of agricultural land down Fordham Moor let to a farmer at £440.00 pa.

Appendix A

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Peter & St Mary Magdalene, Fordham

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2017, which are set out on the attached pages, is in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3 (3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3 (3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and section 43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulation 25 of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and Regulation 7 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out on a test basis and in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43 (7) (b) of the Act and found in the guidance from the CBF. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also considers 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

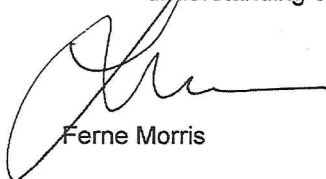
Independent examiner's statement

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

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations 1997,

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.



Ferne Morris

5c Soham Road, Fordham, Ely, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5LB

6th March 2018

St. Peter's Fabric Report

2017 has been a year of tests and inspections – Quinquennial, Electrical, Lightning Conductor, Heater and Fire Extinguishers.

Generally all passed, although there are some issues with earthing and wiring which are being attended to. Longer term we have to deal with the lead on the Nave roof!!

A new notice board has been erected.

Fordham 100 Club

The 100 Club has 57 members.

Draws are made monthly, and three prizes awarded. At least half the membership fees are awarded in prizes. The remainder is used to further the life and work of the Church in Fordham.

Currently prizes are:

First prize: £100, Second prize: £50 and Third prize: £25.

Winners names are published in the Parish News.

New members are always welcome. Annual membership is £60, which can be paid quarterly, half yearly or annually by Standing Order.

Fordham Church Café

The café continues to open on Tuesday mornings, from 09.00 to 10.30, in the Undercroft. This is open to anyone to attend and is run by a team of volunteers. We were sad to say goodbye to Helen Banyard and Jane Martin who are no longer available to help with the Café. We have been fortunate to have the help of Swee Hill and Mel Takac. More volunteers are needed to help run the café and to bake cakes to make it a sustainable venture. A donation of £1300 towards the mission venture of the café was received the Diocese. There have been other donations from individuals. A new coffee machine and toys have been purchased. A wide variety of beverages are available with cakes and biscuits, many homemade. Toys are provided for children to play with. Refreshments are free, but donations towards costs are accepted. After the success of the Easter Egg hunt in April 2017 another is planned for 3rd April 2018. An art workshop was held in the School summer holidays by Gudrun Filipski-McDonald.

The Undercroft has also been used for Choir Practice in the winter, for PCC meetings, for Grave Talk, Lent courses, and is available for other Church related activities.

Fordham Bell Ringers Report

The ringers continue to ring regularly for morning service, weddings and other occasions. Our young member is making good progress, but we need more members. To this end we are organising a recruitment programme with the school.

The clock and bells are in good order.

Fordham Choir Report

2017 has been a busy year for the enthusiastic choir of Fordham Parish Church. We continue to perform a choir item every Sunday morning service as well as our various *ad hoc* evening services, weddings and occasionally funerals.

Outside that 2017 featured a number of special events

In March a number of choir members took part in an RSCM Archdeaconry "come and sing" event - performing Stainer's *Crucifixion*. The day included a fabulous tea comprising sandwiches and cakes and tea in posh china cups. The event raised money for The King's Festival held later in the year.

In April we sang at a funeral, led by Carol Taylor, held in Soham Church.

At the end of April we sadly said goodbye to Mike and Helen Banyard as they retired. This was marked by a farewell joint benefice service held at Isleham. The choirs joined forces to sing Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*, John Rutter's *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* and Christopher Tye's *O come ye servants of the Lord*.

In May we took part in Ely Festival of Church Music. Jane made wonderful cakes for our teatime break.

In September we took part in the RSCM Kings College Festival . We also took tea in "The Senate" formerly "Aunties tea shop" in our break-time.

October was marked by David' Cleugh's induction service held in Fordham. The united benefice choirs enthusiastically sang the Vaughan Williams setting of the *Old Hundredth*.

Not strictly speaking a choir activity, but a number of choir members have formed a recorder group, learning a different hymn or worship song each month, and performing it as part of the monthly Family Service.

On a purely social level, the choir joined with Jill Elsley for a celebratory 80th birthday tea at Scotdale's garden centre.

The year was then rounded off by Lydia holding a party in December for the whole choir at her house in Ely.

Fordham Parochial Church Council Report for 2017/2018

Chairman: Reverend Mike Banyard (Rector) until 30/04/17, Reverend David Cleugh (Rector) from 20/10/17

Clergy: Reverend Susan Potts, Mrs Helen Banyard (Lay Reader) until 30/04/17, Mrs Carol Taylor (Lay Reader)

Churchwardens: Mr Roger Palmer, Mrs Jenny Bowen

Treasurer: Mr Trevor Hill

Secretary: Mrs Jane Foulds

Deanery Synod Representative: Vacant

Members of the Council: Lydia Cant, Jill Elsley, Brenda Lee, Pat Shaw, Nell Willits.

Meetings were held on 16th May 2017, 5th July 2017, 9th September 2017, 14th November 2017, 16th January 2018 and 20th March 2018 with an average attendance of 65%.

The PCC meetings begin with prayer and end with the Grace.

Ministry Team changes

Mike and Helen Banyard announced in April 2016 that they would be retiring on 30th April 2017. The Parish Profile was prepared by the Churchwardens and the process of recruiting a new Priest in Charge was in progress. Their final service was held at St Andrew's Church, Isleham on Sunday 30th April with a Farewell Lunch at Chippenham Park on Monday 1st May.

Carol Noble, parish administrator, increased her working hours to 8 per week during the interregnum.

A Section 12 meeting was held at Fordham School with the Archdeacon Alex Hughes and Rural Dean Sue Giles.

An advertisement for a new incumbent was prepared to be published on the Ely Diocesan Website.

Representatives from the churches of the Three Rivers Group chose a short list of two candidates and invited them for interview on 7th July 2017. There was an opportunity for more representatives of the group to meet the candidates at an informal lunch at Chippenham Village Hall.

The post of Rector of the Three Rivers Group of Parishes was offered to Reverend David Cleugh and accepted.

A service of Installation by Bishop Stephen was held on 20th October 2017 in St Peter and St Mary Magdalene Church Fordham followed by a reception held at Fordham School.

We welcome David and his wife Hannah as they join the Three Rivers Group of Churches.

Ministry Team Matters

A trial of new service booklets started on Ash Wednesday 2018. When a final format has been agreed new books will either be purchased or printed.

Safeguarding

All members of the PCC must now be checked by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) as required by the Diocese of Ely. David Potts is the Safeguarding Officer for the Three Rivers Group. All PCC members must also complete an online course and obtain a certificate, to be notified to the Safeguarding Officer. There are various levels of online courses depending on the position the individual occupies. There will also be other courses available as necessary.

Financial Position

The financial position of the PCC remains stable and on budget. After an initial trial the Parish Giving Scheme has been extended. This is a scheme administered by the Diocese of Gloucester, which aims to simplify the claiming of Gift Aid on regular donations and is collected by Direct Debit, allowing for varying of the amount collected. Amounts can only be varied with the participant's permission.

Social Committee

A Gift Day celebration was held on 24th June including a floral display, display of Messy Church crafts, display of art work and refreshments.

The Autumn Fayre was held on 14th October. Children from Fordham School gave a presentation.

Magazine

Three volunteers have taken over as editors of the Parish News. They are Natalie Heath, Jill Worth and Alison Evans. The Parish News continues to be published bi-monthly with the editors responsible for two issues each per year in rotation. The new contact email is editor@fordhamparishnews.co.uk To facilitate the smooth running of the team the PCC has financed the purchase of a computer and software at a cost of approximately £1000.