

**Receipts and Payments Account  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

All amounts in £	General Fund	Bell Fund	Fabric Fund	Year 2017	Previous Year 2016
<b>Receipts</b>					
Receipts from donors					
Planned giving	7179			7179	6,639
Collections & other giving	2639			2639	2,508
Income tax recovered	3776			3776	
Other voluntary receipts					
Donations including Grants and Legacies	6462	137		6599	3,162
Bank Interest					
interest	2			2	3
Activities for raising funds					
Christmas fair and Other	2985			2985	2616
Other Income					
Fees for special services	2382			2382	1,243
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25425</b>	<b>137</b>		<b>25562</b>	<b>16,170</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Church Activities					
Donations/Grants to charities	1265			1265	1,279
Parish share	9868			9868	9,200
Church running expense	2194			2194	2,288
Fees for Special services	1125			1125	741
Management & administration					
Administration costs/Benefice & Clergy expenses	920			920	728
Major Expenditure					
Repairs to church building	1005			1005	3,327
Banner Conservation					1,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16377</b>			<b>16377</b>	<b>19,062</b>
Excess of Receipts over Payments	9048	137		9185	(2,892)
Fund Balances at 1 January 2017	2,078	458		2536	5,429
Fund Balances at 31 December 2017	11,126	595		11,721	2,536



**St. Martin's Church, Fivehead**

**Benefice of Curry Rivel, Fivehead and Swell  
Ivelchester Deanery  
Archdeaconry of Wells  
Bath and Wells Diocese**

**Annual Report 2017 – 2018**

***Mission Statement for the Benefice:***

***To express the love of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit through our worship and in what we do and say as the body of Christ, in Curry Rivel, Fivehead and Swell***

**Objectives and Activities**

St. Martin's Parochial Church Council has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector, The Reverend Scott Patterson, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibility for St. Martin's Church.

**Structure, governance and management**

The method of appointment of Churchwardens and PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules (Issue 2017)

## Parochial Church Council 2017 - 2018

Rev Scott Patterson	**	Rector / Chairman
Mrs Meg Tyler	**	Churchwarden /Fabric (ex-officio)
Mrs Ellen Balmer	**	Churchwarden / Fundraising(ex-officio)
Mr Robert Leighton	**	Member/ Lay Chairman
Mrs Margaret Smith		Member / Reader
Mrs Sheila Land		Member / Secretary
Mr Oliver Howard		Member/ Treasurer
Mrs Jo Ash		Member/ Deanery Synod Rep
Mrs Florence Rigg		Member,

Churchwardens: elected for a maximum of 6 years, but 're-elected' annually.

\*\* = Standing Committee: elected annually from PCC members.

## Church Electoral Roll - 2018

Membership of The Electoral Roll (ER) as at 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018 is 43 (45 in 2017). One new member has joined, one member has died and two members have moved away from the Parish during the last year. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll, to gain voting rights at the APCM, and to stand for election as Church Warden or PCC.Member.

## PCC overview of the year 2017-2018

Members of the PCC continue to meet throughout the year and representatives from the PCC regularly attend Benefice Council meetings. Attendance at meetings remains consistently high and the requisite quorum is always met.

Mrs Jo Ash has kindly remained as our representative for Deanery Synod Meetings. The PCC is fully aware of, and complies with Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measures Act 2016.

Several fund-raising events have been held throughout the year. 'Soup & Pud', Lent Lunches, Plant Sales and the Christmas Fayre remain popular and well-supported. The Pig, Wig, Swig & Jig was, once more, the highlight of our fund raising year; a most enjoyable, fun-filled evening. As always, we are indebted to members of the Fundraising Committee for their hard work on our behalf.

The All-age service continues regularly each month with positive attendance of families. Mothering Sunday and Crib Services were well-supported by young families. Due to the snow the Women's World Day of Prayer service was held in the Baptist Church Stable Cafe for those living in Fivehead, the URC service in Curry Rivel having been cancelled..

A service of Night Prayer was held during Holy Week as well as a Family service on Good Friday. Holy Communion at home is available, but numbers have dropped recently owing to a change in residents' circumstances.

The number of bell-ringers has increased and they continue to meet weekly and we are thankful to them for welcoming us to prayer and worship in St Martin's church.

## Churchwarden's Report 2017 – 2018

The Churchwardens are very grateful to Scott our Rector, Margaret our Reader and retired Priests for their guidance and leading of our services. Our pattern of services remains the same as last year, and the provision of coffee after the morning services has proved to make good social occasions.

We joined with the Baptists for our Remembrance Sunday service, starting in the Baptist Chapel, before moving out to the War Memorial for the laying of wreaths and reading of names, and finishing with a service and coffee in the Church. The Rev. Scott prepared and presented two members of our congregation for Confirmation at Wells Cathedral. We had one wedding last year, plus two Baptisms. Sadly we had five funerals and one at the Crematorium. These included two from our congregation – Arthur Burge and the Rev John Tucker. We extend condolences to all the bereaved.

Last April we had the Quinquennial inspection. Apart from some urgent work on the porch, and replacing slipped tiles, which has been done, we have to check the cross on the East end of the roof and re-bed the coping stones. The Church Commissioners are responsible for the Chancel, so will pay for most of this work. Part of the Churchyard wall which has fallen down will be re-built with money from the Lottery Fund. Later in the year we also have to have some work done on a pinnacle of the tower and the ham stone door- jamb. Over the next few years we will have to re-point the West wall of the South aisle. Grants will be applied for.

Finally we would like to thank all the groups who contribute to the upkeep and running of this Church – those who clean and polish, the flower arrangers, sidesmen and women, bell ringers and the events committee. We would also like to thank all the PCC, Sheila our secretary, Oliver our treasurer, Shirlene our Auditor and Pip for organising the electoral role. We are most grateful.

## Treasurers Report - Financial Review 2017

The financial year 2017 shows an excess of receipts over payments of £9,185 (compared to an excess of payments over receipts of £2,892 in 2016). This is as a result of a lottery Grant of £5950 for Churchyard wall repairs that have been delayed until Spring 2018, plus we received two Gift Aid claims in 2017, a further surplus of £1900, totalling £7850, hence the actual surplus for the year is £1,335. We started the year with £1934 in the bank current account and at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 we had £11,118. Without the Lottery grant this leaves £5,168 free cash.. During the year we replaced the Nave lighting with LED lights at a cost of £540 and the Quinquennial Inspection has incurred expenditure of £465 so far. There has been no spending from the Bell Fund which now has £595 in reserve. Total expenditure for the year was £16,377. Total income for the year was £25,562 which included the Lottery grant and the Gift Aid claim for 2015.

At 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 the total net funds amounted £11,118, of which £5950 is reserved for Churchyard wall repairs and £595 is set aside in the Bell Fund.

There is also £600 on deposit. Collection Income and Gift Aid Income continue to increase and our Fundraising Income remains at a high level.

During 2018 expenditure will focus on repairs identified by the Quinquennial Inspection and our Parish Share contribution for 2018 is £1,400 higher than last year so we will have to concentrate on increasing our income if we are to be able to pay it in full.