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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

I commend to you this booklet to read. It is a great review of the life of our Church Family as it continues to seek to serve the villages and hamlets in The Parish of Three Saints.

As you read, there is one important fact I wish you to understand and reflect on: the *Church family* this review celebrates, is constantly seeking to be a healthy Church and 'be Church better'. What I mean by this, is that we are a Church who takes our relationship with God (our faith in God) seriously, as we seek to be *God's presence* in our neighbourhood to the very best of our ability.

Our attention is on quality rather than quantity. Our aim is to be a healthy Church, founded on the biblical concept of *salvation*, namely *wholeness, balance and harmony* with our God and all creation. And we are achieving this by living by God's agenda, in a world that is bothered and bewildered about the purpose of life. The following extract from Pope Francis' *The Joy of the Gospel*, expresses some of what I mean.

'A Church which "goes forth" is a Church whose doors are open. Going out to others in order to reach the fringes of humanity does not mean rushing out aimlessly in the

world. Often it is better simply to slow down, to put aside our eagerness in order to see and listen to others, to stop rushing from one thing to another and to remain with someone who has faltered along the way. At times we have to be like the father of the prodigal son, who always keeps his door open so that when the son returns, he can readily pass through it.

Let us go forth, then, let us go forth to offer everyone the life of Jesus Christ. Here I repeat for the entire Church what I have often said to the priest and laity of Buenos Aires: I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security. I do not want a Church concerned with being at the centre and which then ends by being caught up in a web of obsessions and procedures.

If something should rightly disturb us and trouble our consciences, it is the fact that so many of our brothers and sisters are living without the strength, light and consolation born of friendship with Jesus Christ, without a community of faith to support them, without meaning and a goal in life. More than by fear of going astray, my hope is that we will be moved by the fear of remaining shut up within structures which give us a false sense of security, within rules which make us harsh judges, within habits which make us feel safe, while at our door people are starving and Jesus does not tire of saying to us: "Give them something to eat" (Bible, Mark 6.37).' [Evangelii-gaudium, Pope Francis, 2016]

As your Priest, I am taking this opportunity to thank all the wonderful members of our Church family for the opportunities they find in the ordinariness of their daily lives, to care for people who struggle. THANK YOU. Whether you are aware or not, God walks with you as you walk with others: you ARE God's hands, you ARE God's feet, you ARE God's eyes, you ARE God's mouth. I encourage you to continue to 'go forth', making sure *we* are a healthy Church whose doors are 'wide' open.

Revd. Simon Lewis
Priest-in-Charge

Part One — Celebrating the year:

A summary of what the church has achieved as a whole, throughout the year

CHURCH LIFE

WORSHIP

Worship Review and Thought



It is the aim of our Church that our worship moves people to experience God's love. This won't happen every time we worship, because sometimes we are just out-of-tune with God (just as we sometimes are 'out-of-tune' with our loved ones!).

It is my hope that our worship helps people to encounter the presence of God. This involves an ability to be comfortable with the use of *silence* to enable us to hear what God is saying to each of us. Equally the use of testimonies and stories, in which people share experiences of God's action, is vital. Over the past year both these have become more evident in our worship and this will continue.

Why preach? A very good question, especially when the person leaving worship says, "Nice sermon Vicar." And the Vicar responds, that's great what was it you learned from it?" "Sorry, Vicar, I can't exactly remember but I'm sure it was a nice thought! Bye, go to go."

"How is it possible that the gospel should be credible, that people should come to believe that the power which has the last word in human affairs is represented by a man hanging on a cross? I am suggesting that the only answer, the only [interpretation] of the gospel, is a congregation of men and women who believe it and live by it" (Lesslie Newbigin 1998).

A talk, sermon, homily, preachment (different ways of saying the same thing) are a channel for God's word. But what IMPACT does it have on you. Over the past year I have encouraged those at Sunday worship to sit in silence after a 'sermon', reflecting on what was said, and to record their reflections on a card that is then taken home, to be read again during the week.

The idea is to prod further reflection and also conversation (prayer) with God. If a 'talk' has no IMPACT, does it have any worth.

If you don't wish to discover/learn what a sermon is, then skip what I have written below, but do that with caution! First of all, a sermon has a distinctive 'ethos' that is absent in many other forms of communication:

The sermon is given in context of worship with its focus on the reality of God.

The presence of a gathered congregation makes this a shared or corporate experience.

In the case of a 'normal Sunday' worship the congregation is bound by a shared faith, in the case of a wedding or funeral by the shared event.

Sermons both assume and express a relationship between speaker and listener (as an individual and as a collective congregation) and God.

They involve 'warm' and personal elements such as gesture and tone of voice.

Secondly, and more importantly a sermon is educational - a learning event - that seeks to transform, through obedience, into a culture committed to the values of self-assertion and the satisfaction of desire. But even more important, the place of preaching is to help the Church to become what it is called to be, the continuation of Christ's mission in the present day.

I urge you to engage in conversations about the sermons you hear, far more than you have been during 2016.

The Revd Simon Lewis

Prayer Group

The prayer group still meet once a month, to pray for those that are sick and in need, always in confidence. We start the year with communion, which Stanley administers to us.

There have been times of real need of prayer and times to rejoice and give thanks to God for answered prayer.

If anyone needs prayer, please get in touch with: Rev Stanley Price or Gwen Hatton.

Gwen Hatton

MISSION AND EVANGELISM

Nurturing & Growing Our Spirituality Review and Thought

A relationship with God (faith in God) is not assumed. In a healthy Church it is spoken about and seen as central to the task of the Church.

The aim of all the nurture and growing of faith in our Church is to help all of us reflect on our own experience of the grace and reality of God - or to address the lack of it. A time of nurturing and growing helps us all to tell our own story, whether of our earliest journey to faith or of our current experience of the journey of faith. And what has been the result of this, in our Church family, is an awareness of sharing in a common enterprise, that at its heart, has a spiritual base.

The continued experience of being part of an Emmaus Course has enlightened a 'spiritualness' in all those who have attended: it is palpable how people have been forming a relationship with God and understanding who God is. Up to the beginning of 2016 we had three groups experiencing Emmaus (twenty-four people). However, one of the groups had finished the course and decided to do something different and so explored the Gospel of Luke, using a commentary written by The Right Revd. Tom Wright. This group is evolving and is seeking to find a new existence, which might mean opening the doors of the group, to new people (particularly those who are not members of the Church family), through films, books, topical discussions - who knows, there is so much out there to offer!

Let me be clear about one thing, and by so doing, give you an understanding of what *spirituality* means. I do this because I hear so much poppy-cock spoken about its definition which generates misunderstanding and thus misdirection. When talking in general terms, without a direct Christian emphasis, then *spirituality is simply an expression of the hunger, we humans have, to discover meaning, purpose and an overarching vision of how to make sense of life.* That is helpful, but cannot do justice to the richness of Christian spirituality and its 2000-year heritage: for in that definition there is no explicit reference to our knowledge of God, which must be at the heart of an understanding of Christian spirituality.

So, I want you to understand this as the working definition of spirituality: Spirituality is about *'how encounter with God is experienced, nourished and expressed'*. The phrase *'encounter with God'*, points to the knowledge of God being at

the heart of Christian spirituality. *'Experienced'* refers to how that knowledge of God happens and the processes that brings people into relationship with God. *'Nourished'* includes all the ways, over the centuries, in which the Church has discovered what helps to sustain people in this lived relationship with God. At its most fundamental level spirituality is about enabling people to live life on the basis of trust in God. Nourishing faith in testing circumstances is often where it grows most vigorously. *'Expressed'* covers the practices that sustain Christian spirituality (prayer, worship etc.) and the way in which it shapes the whole of life (discipleship, character, service and Christian living).

This is why, in our Church, we make time to nurture and grow Christian spirituality, to explore these areas of experiencing God, to be nourished in that relationship, and find appropriate ways of giving expression to our relationship in the whole of our lives.

I encourage all members of our Church family to join an Emmaus course (if you have not done this already) and nurture and grow your relationship with God.

The Revd. Simon Lewis

REACHING OUT

Re-Pitching Our Tent

In our 2015 report, we informed you of this new and exciting project. The aim is to ensure our church buildings are fit for modern Worship and provide facilities to support the whole neighbourhood.

To achieve this, we wanted to involve the wider community and, therefore, created a Working Group (WG), with representatives from a number of stakeholders. These include the Parish Councils, schools and Methodist church.

In February, we invited representatives from the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) to visit the Parish and receive an outline of the project. The DAC is the Church's body responsible for all changes to church buildings and an important cog in the wheel. The presentation to the DAC was repeated to all three Parish Council's AGMs, and the Church family, to allow those who wished to hear of our plans to give their input.

Having received a very positive and supportive response from the DAC, and the wider community, the WG held regular meetings throughout the year to develop a brief for our

Architect to produce outline plans for PCC approval. Some outline thoughts were presented to the PCC and WG in mid-December, and received very positive feedback.

The next stage is to again invite the DAC to visit to ensure our thoughts and proposals will be acceptable to them and the various historical bodies who have an interest in Grade I listed buildings.

Once we have an outline approval we will present our thoughts to the whole neighbourhood for their thoughts. Parish wide support is vital to the successful outcome of our project.

*Revd Simon Lewis & Jim Hanmer
Steering Group members.*

Pastoral Team

The Pastoral Team continues to provide care throughout our parish.

The monthly communion service at Holywell continues, led by 2 or 3 members of the team. This is always well received by the residents and carers who take part in the services with us, and is a very special time for all concerned. The team members all feel very privileged to be able to share communion with the residents there in this way.

The Lights of Love annual service, which the Pastoral Team arrange, continues to be a time of sharing God's love and care with all those who are grieving for loved ones.

The Alzheimer's and Dementia Carers Group meet regularly on the 3rd Monday afternoon of the month at the East Brent home, and occasionally the Brent Knoll home, of one of the leaders. Kim Wilcox, the Village Agent, is available there to give advice and otherwise to provide assistance.

This group now has grown to have eight regular attendees, who are supported in friendship, with fun, encouragement, laughter and refreshments.

The Bereavement Group also continues to meet monthly, over refreshments and in a friendly, informal environment giving people the opportunity to chat and share experiences, as they wish.

This group has a small core of attendees who go regularly and benefit greatly from the group.

The Comfort Group, which is open for those with serious and life threatening illnesses, is also held once a month at East Brent. To date, no-one has joined this group. The information for magazines and for leaflets in churches is being updated. We hope that this will help to reach more people who might find comfort and friendship as they come to terms with their

illnesses and find they would like to share their worries and experiences with others who are travelling the same path.

Each of these caring groups is open to anyone in the parish and beyond if they feel that they would be helped by attending.

The Pastoral Group itself has grown in number recently and we are very pleased to have been joined by Tim and Jane Hannah, Anthony Barkle and Ginnie Soffe.

The majority of the members of our team are taking part in a Diocesan Lay Pastoral Assistants Course, which is proving to be very helpful and will, we hope, direct and lead us on the right path in the work we do for God in this parish.

Dot Coles

Brent Knoll C of E Primary School and St Michael's Church

Brent Knoll Primary's relationship with St. Michael's, along with its Christian ethos, was suitably confirmed in June last year when the school received a SIAMS inspection. The school was very pleased to receive another 'Outstanding' outcome and everyone appreciated the very positive headlines in the inspector's report which spoke of how the pupils were engaged with Christian Values and the stories from the Bible, resulting in a mature spiritual, moral, social and cultural understanding of the issues that affect them. The success of the school was due, of course, to the teamwork of everyone involved in its daily life: pupils, staff, parents, governors and the community at large.

During the year the school continued to visit Rev Simon and St. Michael's each half term. After Easter, many of the pupils and parents also enjoyed a wonderful early Ascension Day walk up the Knoll. To be joined by pupils and staff from East Brent School made it even more special; the attendees heard readings from pupils and shared prayers together, followed by breakfast in St. Michael's.

Christmas was not quite the same this year. Although the school choir, under the direction of Mrs Siobhan Johnson, continued to sing carols at the Church Christmas fete and Holywell, the Nativity and Christingle service – due to unforeseen circumstances – were held at the Village Hall and in the school. Although the school missed being in St, Michael's, the unscheduled relocations showed that the story of Jesus can, and should be, shared everywhere and anywhere.

Chris Burman & Rosemary Keele

East Brent C of E Academy Partnership with St Mary's Church

The school has been through considerable change since September 2015 when discussions started about becoming an Academy and joining a Multi Academy Trust with seven other schools. The leadership team and Governing Body ensured a smooth transition which eventually took place in November 2016. In addition, a new Headteacher was appointed in September 2016 who is also responsible for another local Church of England School (Lympsham) within the MAT. All schools within the MAT have established a positive partnership and are working towards the same aim to develop the whole child, celebrate differences and meet individual needs in a safe and secure environment.

The school has recently reviewed its future vision and aims which incorporated a strategic approach seeking views from all stakeholders. There was a real sense of togetherness at the workshop which included Simon Lewis, staff, governors, parents and grandparents all working towards the same aim and future direction of the school. The children were also able to participate collectively sharing their ideas for the vision and aims of their school.

The school often attends and takes part in events organised by St Mary's such as 'messy church' activities, Christingle, Easter and Christmas services. Celebrations of work are shared at the Church so that the community can see learning that has taken place through collective worship and messy church. Children recall these events with fondness and often talk about their experiences involving Simon Lewis and the Church.

The Diocesan advisor Pauline Dodds, who provides regular advice and support for the school, along with many members of the school community attended the Commissioning Service of the new Headteacher in November 2016.

Governors and parents are encouraged and do visit school regularly taking part in Collective Worship, Church Services, Messy Church activities, community events linking school and Church, volunteering, supporting fund raising efforts and making an effective contribution to school life.

Fiona Robertson

Lympsham C of E Academy Partnership with St Christopher's Church

Similarly, to East Brent, Lympsham C of E Academy also became an academy in November 2016 and part of the Wessex Learning Trust. The

school has an affirmed relationship with St Christopher's Church. This is maintained and continues to be developed through a range of opportunities that we plan together which mainly include sharing learning experiences with the parish linked to specific religious festivals throughout the year. Celebrations are planned to incorporate learning, participation and involvement with the children and the parish and are always well attended by parents but also visiting members of the parish.

In addition, the school actively promotes and supports fund raising events for the Church by engaging parents and the wider community through use of newsletters, website and advertisement around the school. The school country dancers take part in the annual Church Summer Fayre attracting many of the school families and wider community.

The Church often shares facilities with the School and reciprocal arrangements such as use of projectors, computers, sound systems and catering organisation are agreed with all parties through the Church Warden who is also caretaker to the School. Working in partnership is of substantial mutual benefit to all and demonstrates the effective link firmly established between the School, Church and wider community which ultimately enriches the lives of all learners.

In addition, Simon supports the school with developing its Christian character by regularly leading Collective Worship linking delivery with current themes running within the school. Simon also supports evaluation of the School's Vision and Ethos Statement with governors and staff and is a member of the school's Ethos committee.

Fiona Robertson

Knoll Group Bellringers



During the Christmas holidays of 2015 and 2016 we organised an afternoon of ringing for our younger ringers and were joined by other youngsters from the Chew Valley. On each

outing we rang at three towers and then had supper at the organiser's home where we could gossip about the ringing, the bells and the progress they had all made. The underlying idea of the Young Ringers Outing was to ensure that young ringers get the opportunity to ring together and not just with us old wrinklies, in the hope that they will forge new friendships, new ringing relationships and socialise together.

In May 2016 a new clapper was fitted in the tenor at Brent Knoll, generously supported by The Nuttall Trust, and has proved to be a great success. It has made the bell much easier to ring and it also sounds much better. All our youngsters ring the tenor regularly despite it weighing in at over a ton and we have rung several quarter peals with the new clapper, so it is now soundly bedded in! We have bought a new set of ropes for Lympsham St Christopher, as the old ones were getting very thin in places and had already been turned and spliced, so we were running out of good rope to play with! We have also fitted two new tail ends (the bit below the sally, which is the fluffy bit) at Brent Knoll St Michael, as they, too, were showing signs of wear. We would like to thank the parish of Brent Knoll for the new lighting in the spiral staircase and the new light above the access door at the bottom of the tower.

During 2016 we continued our commemoration of WW1 victims and rang a date touch at Brent Knoll on July 1st in memory of the start of the Battle of the Somme and the death of Alfred Webber, on this date in 1916. He was a ringer at Brent Knoll till the outbreak of WW1. We also rang a quarter peal at Brent Knoll in memory of Sapper Walter Stone of the Royal Engineers, on the 100th anniversary of his death in January 1917. He is buried in St Michael's Churchyard and is listed on the war memorial there, but was a regular ringer at Bleadon.

Two of our young ringers rang in the latter quarter and made a really good job of it, especially Ella Caulfield, who lost her remaining sight in 2015. This was her first quarter on the treble. She is now ringing Bob Minor and treble-bobbing to surprise minor methods. Daniel Anderson is making good progress in Grandsire and Sam Kail-Dyke has just about conquered Plain Bob Doubles. Of our more mature learners, Jane Yates and Mary Keay are ringing Plain Bob regularly, with Jane now venturing into touches of Grandsire.

The more experienced ringers have been ringing quarter peals of more complicated methods at Brent Knoll, as a prelude to ringing a full peal (3 hours +) of seven of these methods in January 2017, which will remember Sue Frost, a St Michael's ringer, who died 15 years ago. Her two daughters, Emily and Annabelle are now both ringers and she would have been very

proud of them.

Sadly David Polly's mother, Dodie (Doris), died in September. She had been a ringer at Brent Knoll in her younger days and we rang a quarter peal half muffled for her and again at her funeral at St Michaels in early October.

We are lucky to have the Hunt family from Burnham and Phil Davis from Loxton as regular ringing visitors, who join us on our Tuesday practice nights and help us to ring to a higher standard. During the summer we often have visitors from other parts of the UK, who are in Somerset on holiday, and ringing tours from far afield regularly seek out the bells in our three towers, as they are geographically close together and all the rings go well.

We continue to ring for the 10.00am Sunday service, plus other special services. Practice night in the Knoll Group is on Tuesday evening, from 7.30pm – 9.00pm and moves around the three towers in rotation and there are notices in each church porch detailing how visitors can join us either on a Sunday or on practice night.

For any further information about the bells, learning to ring, etc., please contact Melvyn Freeman on 01278 641214.

Mo Sweet

Brent Banner Group

A small band of villagers have continued to make banners and displays for decorating the local churches. In 2016 we completed a Lent banner on hessian which was displayed at East Brent. Following this we focused on Epiphany and using three garden pergolas as bases we dressed the three kings in blue, red and green with any oddments of fabric that we could find and sequins and jewellery. Claire Baxter designed and produced a superb "Star of Bethlehem" altar cloth which was the backdrop for Epiphany at St Michael's Church. To mark the Epiphany, we joined with Messy Church and the Gals Just Wanna Have Fun for a feast, mini play and silent auction of promises. It turned out to be a splendid, joyous occasion.



After a Christmas celebration meal, we are now designing and executing our next project which is an Easter banner. We always welcome new members who either have some sewing, art or crafting skills or would like to learn and have fun at the same time. If you would like to know more about us, then please contact Rosemary on 01278 769010.

Rosemary Keele

Messy Church

Messy church is a wonderful place of play and learning for children and their parents together. They share being creative making something relevant to the theme for the week; enjoy a yummy tea; hear the stories from the bible and share what they have learnt from their activities so they may reflect together at home. They are able to enjoy church as a happy, lively and inviting place to be comfortable, learn and grow.

The feedback is very positive with the adults saying they enjoy hearing the stories from the bible in a simple, understandable format.

We meet alternate Friday's in term time (check the leaflet for dates) We are always happy for more helpers to support our team on this Godly adventure

Nikki Burns

All-sorts Choir



The choir continues to meet on a Thursday evening. This year we performed a summer concert raising money for children's hospice and our second successful Christmas carols in church.

It is our intention in the future to take the choir out to visit various venues around the community.

All-sorts choir – our VISION.....

For **All-sorts** of people

ALL-sorts of ages ...**All-sorts** of abilities

to sing ...**All-sorts** of **mUsiC**

To have **fun** by **growing** and

learning together

To be “willing to learn” and to **share**
and help each other.

To reach out into the *community* bringing people happiness through our music and putting a smile on their faces

To grow in **confidence** by supporting each other and acquiring new skills.

To unwind and leave the stress behind!

Nikki Burns

FINANCIAL

Stewardship

In reviewing Stewardship and in particular planned giving for 2016 we see a mixed picture. On the face of it, planned giving has increased, but in reality, this is “skewed” by a large one off donation. Without this very generous gift we would have received £2,000 less than in the previous year.

During the year, there was much concern about the level of our Parish regular giving in the light of our committed outgoings – Parish Share, utilities, insurances etc. Letters were drafted, approved and issued to all those connected to the Parish either by attendance or electoral roll membership.

We started the year with 30 standing orders representing some 38 Church members. Our reported membership is in excess of 70 members which is reflected in the level of our Parish Share cost. A number of members still donate through the “yellow envelope” system – generally these are received when the person concerned attends a service, others use the collection plate. Our weekly costs remain the same so variable giving through the envelope and plate system does not assist in planning or budgeting our tight cash-flow.

Following the Stewardship campaign and letters explaining our financial predicament we received

two new standing orders both for £10 per month and 4 people increased their regular giving by a small amount. In addition, we received a further one off donation of £1,000.

We are, as ever, thankful to those that give, however large or small the donation. However, we must make it clear that our planned, regular giving is still insufficient to meet our commitments without further fundraising and very careful account management.

Our preferred method of giving remains by standing order. If you are able to help by setting up a Standing Order do let me know, please.

An area we have not discussed as a group is legacies. We have benefited over the years from a number of generous legacies when parishioners have passed away. Should we be encouraging each other to plan a gift to the Parish, when we write or review our will? I hope that this can be considered as part of future Stewardship campaigns.

Having reviewed my previous annual reports, I find it challenging that my message doesn't change! Having taken this role for a number of years I would be happy to step aside and let someone with fresh ideas and enthusiasm take over as Stewardship Coordinator. I would be happy to work closely with anyone who wishes to be involved in this role to ensure a smooth hand over.

Nick Bashford

Financial Review of 2016

Firstly, may I thank the Finance Team for their support in my first year as PCC Treasurer. In particular, may I thank Robin Leveridge for his advice, guidance and support as Donation and banking Coordinator. Also, my appreciation to Carole Carter, our Administrator, for keeping me on track.

You will be aware we manage our finances through two funds. Our Church Life fund, which contributes to God's mission and ministry across our Parish, and our Heritage Fund, which manages our three church buildings, as Heritage Assets, for the whole neighbourhood. The breakdown of the Receipts and Payments for these two funds and the split between the three Heritage accounts is shown on the attached document.

From these, it can be seen our Church Life fund had a surplus of £3,794. This was primarily the result of a PCC decision early in 2016 to switch all Electricity and Gas costs to the Heritage Fund and sharing all monies raised at Fetes and Fayres equally between the two funds. In

addition, we did receive two generous one-off donations during the year, without which we would have had a deficit. Income from Parochial Fees - Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms - continue to provide a valuable source of income.

The above changes did have a negative impact upon our Heritage Fund with a cumulative deficit of £2,751. With the impending Re-Pitching Our Tent (RPOT) project (please see separate article on this) little maintenance work was carried out to ensure we had adequate funding going forward, particularly, to help contribute towards the costs of RPOT.

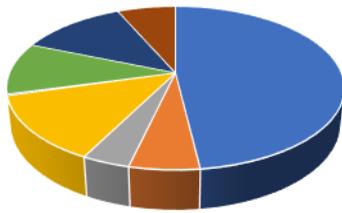
Unfortunately, we still have to finalise the position of St Michael's Trust, which holds Unit Trust investments on behalf of St Michael's church and a Santander current account. The year-end figures are attached.

Although we ended 2016 with a small trading surplus, raising sufficient monies continues to be a challenge. Our Church Life Fund should, mainly, be funded through the Church Family's tithing, or sometimes referred to as 'sacrificial giving', but more work needs to be done to ensure we all reward God for his love. Income to the Heritage Fund is generously supported through fund raising activities across the Parish. Each church building has a small fundraising team (please see their separate reviews) who work extremely hard to ensure the buildings can be retained at the heart of our communities. Indeed, income from fundraising increased from £15,000 in 2015 to just under £17,000 in 2016, which is a tremendous success.

We enter 2017 with a high degree of optimism. We pray that our Church Family will continue to give generously to support God's mission and ministry. We look forward to the next steps of Re-Pitching Our Tent and its positive impact on our wonderful buildings.

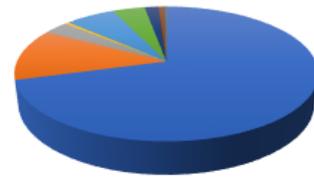
*Jim Hanmer
Treasurer.*

Church Life - Receipts



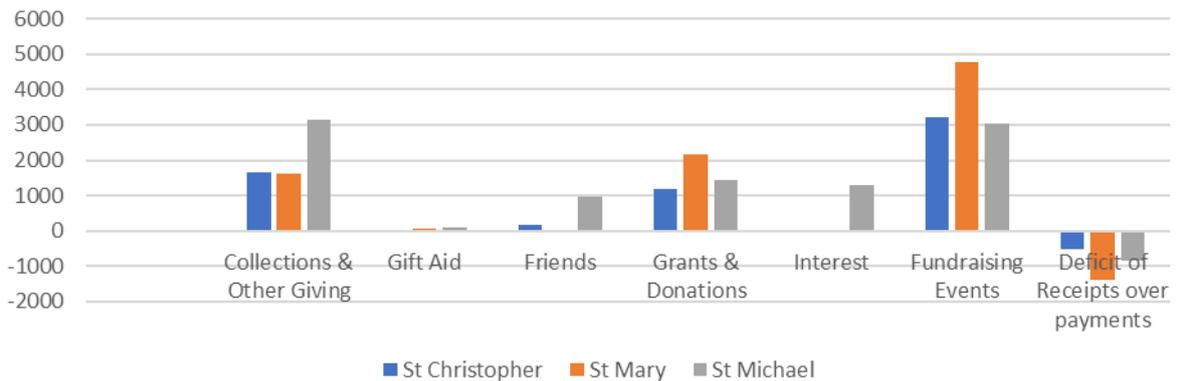
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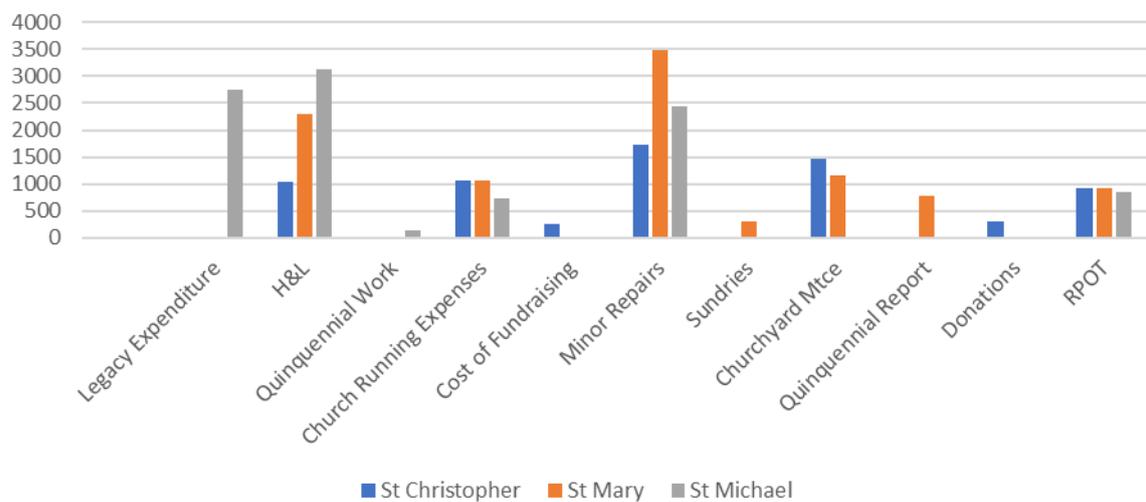


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Heritage - Receipts



Heritage - Payments



The Parish of Three Saints				
Church Life - 2016 Performance and comparison for previous years				
	2016	2015	2014	
Receipts				
Planned Giving	27414	24070	23762	
Collections	3231	3322	2284	
Other giving & Donations	2214	2319	1738	
Legacies	0	0	0	
Gift Aid	7406	14222	0	
Grants	168	0	1905	
Fund Raising	5878	8695	6653	
Parochial Fees	6948	8983	12895	
Other	0	100	53	
Total	53259	61711	49290	
Payments				
Parish Share	34928	33497	31349	
Salaries	6184	6432	6125	
Clergy Expenses	1557	3283	2343	
Other Expenses	247	102	0	
Administration	3140	3624	4349	
Church Running Expenses	2041	1449	2481	
Heat & Light		6396	8151	
RPOT	877	0	0	
Fund Raising costs	0	190	105	
Donations	0	67	50	
Mission	242	18	404	
Music	184	761	815	
Sundries	66	337	247	
Total	49465	56156	56419	
Excess of Income over Expenditure	3794	5555	-7129	
Opening Bank Balance	9710	4155	11284	
Closing Bank Balance	13504	9710	4155	

The Parish of Three Saints								
Heritage Fund - - 2016 Performance								
	St Christopher's		St Mary's		St Michael's		Totals	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015
Receipts								
Giving	1847	729	1668	1650	4187	970	7702	3349
Grants/Donations	1191	6258	2155	1540	1437	2006	4783	9804
Fundraising	3226	13048	4790	2313	3051	2014	11067	17375
Other	0	342	11	0	1303	0	1314	342
Total	6264	20377	8624	5503	9978	4990	24866	30870
Payments								
Church Running Expenses	3574	3204	4537	3096	3857	2831	11968	9131
Repairs	1739	16978	4267	3642	3326	4587	9332	25207
Legacy Expenditure	0	0	0	0	2760	0	2760	0
RPOT	915	0	915	0	857	0	2687	0
Other	560	550	300	94	10	15	870	659
Total	6788	20732	10018	6832	10810	7433	27617	34997
Deficit	524	355	1394	1329	832	2443	2751	4127
Opening Bank Balance	16674	17029	24380	25709	9593	12036	50647	54774
Closing Bank Balance	16150	16674	22986	24380	8761	9593	47897	50647

2016 Fundraising					
	Church Life	St Christopher	St Mary	St Michael	Totals
Fetes	£4,024.90	£2,219.23	£992.23	£843.50	£8,079.86
GJWHF*	£1,660.35			£1,168.25	£2,828.60
Ladies Choir	£109.25			£109.25	£218.50
NT Walk	£83.50				£83.50
Quiz			£1,770.20		£1,770.20
Egg Hunt				£317.52	£317.52
Silent Auction			£1,052.07		£1,052.07
Open Gardens		£667.72		£23.00	£690.72
Sunday Teas				£227.74	£227.74
Sing Along			£667.10		£667.10
Swanning Around				£302.00	£302.00
Coffee Morning		£339.00			£339.00
Christmas Raffle			£308.00		£308.00
Lantern Making				£60.00	£60.00
Totals	£5,878.00	£3,225.95	£4,789.60	£3,051.26	£16,944.81
*Girls Just Wanna Have Fun (Brent Knoll Ladies Club)					

The Parish of Three Saints					
Combined Figures for 2016					
					2015
Receipts	Church Life	Heritage	Total		Total
Planned Giving	27414	7548	34962		27,855
Collections	3231	0	3231		3,521
Other giving & Donations	2214	1128	3342		6,000
Legacies	0	0	0		0
Gift Aid	7406	154	7560		14,222
Grants	168	3655	3823		21,066
Fund Raising	5878	11067	16945		15,072
Parochial Fees	6948	0	6948		8,998
Other	0	1314	1314		10,452
Total	53259	24866	78125		107,186
Payments					
Parish Share	34928	0	34928		33497
Salaries	6184	0	6184		6457
Clergy Expenses	1557	0	1557		3385
Other Expenses	247	0	247		0
Administration	3140	0	3140		8894
Church Running Expenses	2041	5561	7602		17970
Heat & Light		6407	6407		
RPOT	877	2687	3564		
Repairs	0	9332	9332		24354
Donations	0	300	300		67
Mission	242	0	242		318
Legacy Expenditure	0	2760	2760		0
Music	184	0	184		
Sundries	66	570	636		5395
Total	49465	27617	77082		100337
Excess of Income over Expenditure	3794	-2751	1043		6849
Opening Bank Balance	9710	50647	60357		
Closing Bank Balance	13504	47897	61401		

<u>FRIENDS OF ST. MICHAEL'S BRENT KNOLL TRUST</u>			
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT			
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2016			
RECEIPTS			
Investment income	COIF Charities Fixed Interest Shares		£69
	Charifund Units		£427
	Santander Interest		£0
			<u>£496</u>
Gift Box			£0
Donations			£0
Fund Raising			£0
			<u>£496</u>
PAYMENTS			
St Michael's Church			£3,500
			<u>£3,500</u>
Surplus of receipts over payments			-£3,004
Trust Fund at 1 January 2016			£24,421
TRUST FUND AT 31 DECEMBER 2016			<u>£21,417</u>
FINANCED BY:-			
TRUST FUND ASSETS			
1,447,755	Charifund Units at cost		£14,618
4,999.98	COIF Charities Fixed Interest Shares at cost		£6,282
	(Market Value at 31 December 2016 £29,176.09)		<u>£20,900</u>
	Santander Bank Balances		£517
			<u>£21,417</u>
Paid directly to St Michael's Church	COIF	£207.00	
	Charifund	£600.82	
		<u>£807.82</u>	

Church Life Fundraising

St. Christopher's Church, Lympsam,

We had a good year in 2016.

The fete took place as usual in June and was as successful as ever. We raised **£4,597**, easily a record this year (£400 more than we have ever raised before). The weather was fine and we had a really good turn-out. The classic cars seem to be a major attraction on their own now and this old-fashioned village fete remains one of the highlights of village life. Thanks, as always, to all who helped but especially to Rosemary and Andy Carr who lead the organising committee.

We also held the Open Gardens in the gardens of the Manor and Church Farm, in aid, principally, of the National Gardens Scheme, which raises millions each year for a basket of nursing and cancer-related charities. The success of the event is very weather dependent and we were lucky to have fine weather on both days this year. 90% of the proceeds of our plant stall and our tea and cakes stall goes to the church and this year, we raised the following for the church:

Teas and cakes	£477.54
Plants	£239.18

Thanks especially to all who helped man the gate and the tea- and plant-stall and to Graeme Hale, the Manor gardener, for his incredibly hard work in June, and yet again to Marcus Hatton who donated a fantastic array of plants and flowers and helped boost the profits.

As usual, Gwen had her coffee morning on the first Tuesday of December. The event was very well attended, despite being in competition with LEBE's café in the pavilion on that day. Gwen raised over £270, yet another amazing effort.

What is planned for the future?

On 21 April 2017, we are holding another "Night on the Tiles Ball" at Batch Country House Hotel. Two years ago was the inaugural event and we raised over £12,000 for the church roof. We may not beat that figure this year but it looks like it will be another well-attended and hugely enjoyable evening. Besides that, we also plan the following: NGS Open Gardens in the Manor Garden and Church Farm 17/18 June 2017

Church Fete in Manor Garden 1 July 2017
Gwen's coffee morning – December 2017

James Counsell

St Mary's , East Brent

Throughout 2016 our ongoing monthly Pub Quizzes held in The Brent Knoll Inn in East Brent has swelled our total to date to £2,146. This fun activity where everyone is welcome has been running for the past five years and the support of our regular quizzers is very much appreciated. Everyone enjoys a great night out and much laughter is always guaranteed with healthy banter thrown in.

In April in East Brent Village Hall we held our Silent Auction of items kindly donated by our local community. Delicious food was in

abundance, a choice of drinks available and lots of chatting and laughter. After much chasing of the items on offer the bids for this popular event raised £812.95. A very successful evening.

We continued in July with our Fete on the Green which was innovative this year as we decided to hold a Dog Event for the first time as one of the main attractions. This proved very popular and drew in many different breed of dogs and every dog, with its happy owner, went home with a rosette. There were many stalls including a chocolate tombola, plants, cakes, welly wanging, raffle, jewelry, Aloe Vera products, spiced marmalade & jams, pasties, sausage rolls and pies, East Brent School PTA stall, African handicrafts, darts and the ever popular and welcome tasty cream teas in the marquee. Entertainment was provided by the Dance Fit group, the energetic Chalice Morris Men (wow, how they moved across the arena) and throughout the afternoon the Burnham U3A Ukulele Band played for us. The weather was kind which brought out the visitors and this whole event raised a fabulous sum of £2,004. This is our biggest event of the year to organize and it proved that 'many hands make light work' and boy were we grateful for those hands!

Again, in October we filled the East Brent Village Hall for a new event in our programme 'An Evening With Virtuoso Pianist Richard Lennox'. Richard played various pieces in his own unique and charismatic way. A lovely supper was included and a bit of a sing-a-long. The audience very much enjoyed Richard's entertainment and a princely sum of £678.20 was raised. Once more our team spirit shone through.

The years' events ended in December with a huge Christmas Hamper created from various donations and a lot of artistic talent went into producing this fabulous raffle prize. Selling tickets was slow to begin with but the reward in the end was a healthy £308.00.

These five events gave us a fun packed year of activities and raised a magnificent total of £5,949.45.

We would like to express our gratitude to the team for all their enthusiasm and tireless hard work and importantly to all who supported us. CONGRATULATIONS on a terrific year's result.

Kathryn Quinnell / Christine Hussey

St Michael's, Brent Knoll

The St Michael's Fundraising Committee has met on three occasions in 2016 and has organised three significant events. In our role as Heritage Fundraisers we have also looked ahead and submitted some budget proposals for 2017. After discussion with the Treasurer these have been approved.

This year has been notable for the contribution that Girls Wanna Have Fun has made to our fundraising. In January, they organised a very successful Burns Night celebration. This

included the piping in of the guests and the haggis, traditional speeches and ended with Scottish dancing led by members of the Uphill Scottish Dancing Group. The evening raised over £1200. The October Race night was also a "runaway winner". Excitement mounted throughout the evening as people selected their horses and jockeys and placed their bets. An excellent meal was served and the bar did a roaring trade. Together with sponsorship the evening also raised over £1,200.

In May, we had a return visit from the Thamesdown Ladies Choir who gave a splendid performance in St Michael's. Sadly, other conflicting events meant that attendance was less than we had hoped for. Brian Freestone and John Page combined again in October to give us a presentation entitled Swanning around with Tchaikovsky. Brian provided the background to the composer's life and music, and John provided the soundtrack and video clips. It was a splendid evening that was made more enjoyable by the presence of Eddie Fuller and Bob Filmer behind the bar and the splendid spread provided by Rosemary Keele and Sally Wingate in the interval.

Finally, our Christmas Fair repeated the success of 2015 despite the fact that the failure of the St Michael's boiler meant that we had to switch the event to Brent Knoll School during the week before the event. We were very grateful to the School for allowing us to do this. As in the previous year the craft materials produced by Friends made a substantial contribution to our profit of £630 on the day.

Other events that we have taken part in were our usual Easter Teas at St Michael's which were combined with an Easter Egg trail. This year we held the event over the Easter Sunday and Monday and were pleased to find that our takings on each day were similar, which justified the decision over two days. At the Village Fete we again provided the teas in the Village Hall (admirably organised by Rosemary Keele). We also had our usual cake stall and plant stall organised by Sue Boss. During August, we opened the church for teas and were slightly less fortunate than last year with the weather. The first Sunday was dry and attendance was good, but attendances matched the weather later in the month.

Ged Keele

DIocese

Deanery Synod

The Axbridge Deanery Synod, met 4 times during 2016. Synod is attended by the Deanery Clergy and elected Lay representatives from the Deanery Member Parishes. During 2016 our

Parish Lay representatives were Carla Searle, Sally Wingate and Maxine Bashford. Presentations and discussions at our meetings covered:

3rd February St. Andrews BOS

The Rural Dean spoke about the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Group. The main focus of the meeting was a presentation by the Rev. Simon Lewis on 'Being Church'

St. Mary's Berrow 26th April

A very informative presentation on Baptism by Reverend Richard Neill. Chalice and Patten: Understanding the new guidance by the Rural Dean.

Diocesan Strategic thinking: Shaping the Future update by the Rural Dean

Deanery mission and our work with Schools presentation by Reverend Graham Witts

19th July. "On the Farm" at Cross Farm, Wedmore. Tour of the farm & supper at the kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Tincknell

St. Peter's Church, Draycott 6th October

Shaping our Future presentation by Rt.Rev. Ruth Worsley Bishop of Taunton. A presentation by Rev Jonathan Phillpott the Lay Ministry Co-ordinator

All meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Maxine Bashford

CHURCHWARDENS

St Christopher's - Lympsham

In January, Lympsham first school held their Christingle service in the church, with teachers and quite a few parents supporting. The school still use the church on a regular basis. They also have their leavers service in church.

The Lent courses were well attended, everyone seems to enjoy the breakfasts.

Different celebrations were held around the villages for the Queens 90th Birthday. Cream teas in the pavilion, yummy.

Our crib service held on Christmas Eve at 5-30pm was again a great success, very well attended. Thank you to everyone who took part and for all the hard work that goes into putting it on.

Simon took the Remembrance service in which the ladies branch of the Royal British Legion laid up their standard.

The Terrier has been updated.

It is a privilege to serve the Lord in our journey together. Thanks to Simon for his work in our parish. I would like to thank the Stewards. Those that provide refreshments and make cakes, all the ladies and gentlemen who clean the church, flower arrangers, bell ringers and thanks to Greta for her continued work playing the organ.

*Gwen Hatton
Church Warden*

St Mary's – East Brent

Before we talk to you about all the various hats we wear we think it is important to say that the tasks we cover are part of our worship of God because we do this for our love of Him. We also appreciate that we have a huge amount of assistance from Carole Carter our Church Administrator who keeps us up to date with weddings, funerals and baptisms amongst many other things. During 2016 we created Dot Coles as our Deputy Church Warden who kindly steps in whenever needed. So, you see we are the Dream Team helping our very special Priest in Charge to be ready for the many and varied services, meditations and concerts, including breakfast before our Lent Course.

The services include a traditional spoken Holy Communion at 8.00am, a hymn singing Holy Communion service at 10.00am, sometimes at 9.30am and an All Sorts service at 11.00am on the 1st Sunday of the month, plus our weekday Holy Communion at 2.30pm on Tuesdays.

As well as our regular services St. Mary's is home to the All Sorts Community Choir who meet every Thursday 7.30-9.30pm and Messy Church who meet fortnightly on a Friday 3.30-5.30pm where a warm welcome is extended for the children and their parents of the three schools in our Parish. East Brent First School uses the church for many services during the year including the Christingle.

There are also three Emmaus groups meeting fortnightly and these have chatty sessions and interesting discussions as well as studying the Bible.

Especially in this report we would like to record our gratitude to our Priest-In-Charge, Reverend Simon Lewis, for his inspiring devotion, his unstinting encouragement and his demonstration of God's love in all he does. Simon and the Worship team plus our Reader Nikki Burns continually help us all delve into our thoughts to enhance our understanding. We are also grateful to our organist Greta Plank for her continued support.

All of the above is supported by a wonderful team of willing helpers and all their names are mentioned at the end of this Review.

Our Churchyard team work their socks off during the year and you only need to look around to see the worth of their effort and time.

We also appreciate the use of St. Mary's for the Wednesday Coffee Time

We would also like to say how happy we were to provide the venue for the Lent Course and all of the Easter Services in St. Mary's in 2016. For Easter, our church was beautifully adorned thanks to the background work carried out by many volunteers giving of their skills, time and creative talents which depicted the Easter Story via many displays.

There is so much to be grateful for because well over one hundred people are involved in looking after our church in so many ways. We therefore

wish to extend our sincere appreciation and thanks for all their love and care. Without their skills and giving of their time St. Mary's would suffer.

*Kathryn Quinnell/Christine Hussey
Church Wardens*

St Michael's—Brent Knoll

Once again, we reflect on the last year and we thank Rev'd Simon Lewis and the worship team for leading us through the year with a variety of services.

The school has continued to visit the church regularly and held the leavers service at the church, unfortunately the Christingle services had to be relocated to the Parish hall as we had heating problems at the church.

The Brent Knoll Churches Toddler Group continues to be a witness in the community led by members of both our church and the Methodists.

The fundraising group continues to organise events to raise much needed funds for which we are very grateful.

The church is in a relatively good condition, thanks to those who continue to maintain it, although we still have a shortage of brass cleaners and cleaners.

We would like to thank all the ministry team, organist, readers, servers and intercessors that have all helped us progress on our church journey.

Thanks to our stewards and refreshment providers, bell ringers and flower arrangers who have helped us to be a welcoming church. If anyone else is able to join the team or refreshments rota it would be a great help.

In closing we again pray and trust that as we continue to journey you will continue to give your support to the ministry team and Simon and continue to help us to grow and shine in our village.

*Frances James & Mike Smith
Churchwardens*

HERITAGE

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

General

I attended my first committee meeting in November when Geoff Searle announced that he would be standing down as the Buildings and Grounds Coordinator at the end of 2016 after many years of hard work. A big vote of thanks goes out to Geoff for his service to the Parish and all his hard work. I would also like to thank Geoff for his support in helping me to take over the reins.

We are also extremely grateful for all the voluntary work done in and around all the Parish Churches and grounds. Thank you to all the volunteers who give their time and talents to keep the church buildings grounds so well cared for and looking in such good order.

*Philippe Giorgetti
(Buildings and Grounds Coordinator).*

St Christopher's Church

Annual maintenance of fire extinguishers was carried out and reported to be satisfactory.

The Organ was retuned and overhauled

Richard Marsh carried out health and safety check on the memorials in the churchyard

Churchyard maintenance was carried out regularly and satisfactorily by Robin Hoare

The Security Alarm system was serviced in January

The trees in the churchyard were lopped or felled in February at a cost of £1,266. Grant from Nuttall Trust of £750 and a donation of £200 reduced the cost to the PCC to £316.

Casters were fitted to the small altar in the side chapel to aid movement

The redundant pews remain unsold

The toilet was redecorated in March at a cost of £50 for materials, with labour supplied free by Ron Hatton

Automatic control switches for external lighting replaced at a cost of £96 by Dunston House Electrical in November.

Projected costs for QQ repairs in 2016.

*Rev Stanley Price
Buildings and Grounds Champion*

St Mary's Church

Apart from ordinary maintenance, checks of our fire extinguishers were serviced.

In January, the Church Office downpipe needed re-fixing to the wall and the outside cabinet notice board was re-stained.

Inside the chancel vestry some wall supports were fixed to house the cross, two staves and also our banner support removing them from the floor giving us more space.

In February, we used some shelves shaped to fit our window sills all around the church using MDF boards kindly given to us by East Brent C.E.V.C. First School.

Drip trays were also donated anonymously.

Due to a generous donation, we were able to purchase a large heavy duty stepladder with side handrails.

Nuttall Trust gave a grant in March which enabled us to purchase a folding metal ramp for wheelchair access. This has proved very useful.

In May, the lead roof exterior to the dormer window above the pulpit was replaced.

The Reverend Simon Lewis' name was added to the list of incumbents.

In June, the exterior wall of the Church Office

was painted by our neighbor Geoff Lewis, who kindly provided the masonry paint as well as his labour!

Two exterior lights and sensors were fitted in July as an extension of the lantern on the gate post installed in 2015.

The Churchyard Team have continued to keep St Mary's tidy. Many grateful thanks to all for their hard work, time and effort.

Sedgemoor District Council provided a new substantial top path and replaced rotten gate posts. Our appreciation for the work they have carried out.

Kathryn Quinnell/Christine Hussey

St. Michaels's Church

Repairs to the church steps have been undertaken

Further repairs to the tower lead roof

Lightening conductor serviced

Fire extinguishers serviced

Boilers serviced

Cess tank emptied

Church yard clean up carried out under the guidance of Sue Boss

Grass cutting continues to be done by Brent Garden Services thanks to a grant from Brent Knoll Parish Council

Some vandalism done –all repaired.

We would like to thank Tony Gilbert who was our Buildings and Grounds Champion until recently for all his hard work, time and effort in getting jobs done.

*Mike Smith
Buildings and Grounds Champion*

FRIENDS

Over the past year there have been no major developments in the Friends organisation. The PCC devoted a session in July to discussion of the way Friends should be organised within the Parish. There was no clear outcome to these discussions, so the guidelines set up in 2014 remain unaltered.

St Michael's Friends received a newsletter before their Annual Meeting during June. This was accompanied by an article on the history of church music. At the AGM Ged Keele gave a presentation on wildlife in the churchyard and outlined a project to introduce wildflowers in the churchyard.

On the financial front St Michael's Friends subscriptions by standing order brought in nearly £1000 during 2016.

Ged Keele

Part Two — Administration, Structure and Data

Administrative information

Geographically the Parish of Three Saints:

- is constituted of the following villages, Brent Knoll, East Brent, Eastertown, Edingworth, Lympsham and Rooksbridge in Somerset;
- has three parish church buildings St Michael's church in Brent Knoll, St Mary the Blessed Virgin church, East Brent and St Christopher's church Lympsham;
- is in the Diocese of Bath & Wells, a member of the Church of England.

Correspondence address

The Church Office,
Church Road,
East Brent,
Somerset
TA9 4HZ

Parish Staff

<i>Incumbent (Priest-in-Charge)</i>	The Reverend Simon Lewis
<i>Churchwardens</i>	
<i>St Michael's church, Brent Knoll</i>	Miss Frances James Mr Mike Smith
<i>St Mary the Blessed Virgin church, East Brent</i>	Mrs Kathryn Quinnell Mrs Christine Hussey
<i>St Christopher's church, Lympsham</i>	Mrs Gwen Hatton
<i>Reader</i>	Mrs Nikki Burns
<i>Parish Administrator</i>	Mrs Carole Carter
<i>PCC Treasurer</i>	Mr Jim Hanmer
<i>PCC Secretary</i>	Mrs Sandra Hanmer
<i>Organists</i>	Mrs Greta Plank assisted by Pauline Chadwick
<i>Safe Guarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Officer</i>	Mrs Kathryn Quinnell

External Organisations

Inspecting Architect: Mr George Chedburn
Chedburn Design & Conservation,
Bath Brewery, Toll Bridge Road,
Bath, BA1 7DE

Financial Organisations specific to the Parish:

CHURCH LIFE

CAF Bank Ltd
25 Kings Hill Avenue,
Kings Hill, West Malling,
Kent, ME19 4JQ

CCLA

Senator House,
85 Queen Victoria Street,
London, EC4V 4ET

HERITAGE LIFE

Friends of St Christopher

Friends of St Mary

Friends of St Michael

Friends of St Michaels Trust

CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Ave,
Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent,
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Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent

Santander, Bootle, Merseyside

Independent Examiner D. W. Edworthy, BSc., FCA., Chartered Accountant
 The Old Rectory, Rectory Way,
 Lympsham, Somerset, BS24

Charity Commission

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity *excepted* from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC Membership

<i>Ex-officio</i>		<u>Position</u>	<u>Term</u>
<i>Incumbent</i>	The Reverend Simon Lewis	Chairperson	
<i>Churchwardens</i>			
<i>Brent Knoll</i>	Miss Frances James Mr Mike Smith		Annual until 2018 Annual until 2018
<i>East Brent</i>	Mrs Kathryn Quinnell Mrs Christine Hussey		Annual until 2018 Annual until 2018
<i>Lympsham</i>	Mrs Gwen Hatton		Annual until 2020 Annual until 2018
<i>Reader</i>	Mrs Nikki Burns		Continuous
<i>Deanery Synod Representative</i>	Mrs Maxine Bashford		2017
	Mrs Carla Searle		2017
	Mrs Sally Wingate		2017
<i>Elected</i>			
	Mrs Dot Coles		1 year term / 2017
	Mrs Sarah Cole		1 year term / 2017
	Mr Ged Keele		1 year term / 2017
	Mrs Della Brewer		2 year term / 2018
	Mrs Sandra Hanmer	Secretary	2 year term / 2018
	Mr Nick Bashford		3 year term / 2019
	Mr Tim Hannah		3 year term / 2019
	Mr Jim Hanmer	Treasurer	3 year term / 2019
	Mr Geoff Searle		3 year term / 2019
<i>Co-opted</i>			
	Mrs Carole Carter	Parish Administrator	Annually

Structure, governance and management

- The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.
- Each elected PCC member is encouraged to be a member of one of the PCC Teams. Ex-officio members (excluding Deanery Synod Representatives) may sit on any Team.
- Non-PCC members invited to join PCC Teams are co-opted members. They are invited to join because of the gifts and expertise they have. Their term on a Team might be short-term (for example, the duration of a particular project) or long-term.

Objectives and activities

- The Parish of Three Saints PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, The Reverend Simon Lewis, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical (as expressed in the *Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 No.3 4 and 5 Eliz 2*).
- It also has maintenance responsibilities for the three church buildings, St Christopher, Lympsham, St Mary the Blessed Virgin, East Brent and St Michael, Brent Knoll, and for the Church Office in East Brent.

Changes to the Electoral Roll in 2016:

The Electoral Roll at the end of the 2015	=	140
Deletions (including due to death)	=	3
Additions	=	2
 Total at the end of 2016	 =	 141

Church attendance for the main festivals (NR = Not recorded)

FESTIVAL		2014	2015	2016
Mothering Sunday		51	9	30
Palm Sunday		49	36	44
Easter Sunday		74	102	128
Harvest Festival		51	48	37
Remembrance Services	(St Christopher's church)	30	38	32
	(East Brent Memorial)	24	9	13
	(St Michael's church)	220		
Lights of Love (All Souls)		35	23	36
Crib Services	(St Mary's church)	80	81	128
	(St Christopher's church)	225	225	215
First Communion of Christmas		98		85
Christmas Thanksgiving		96	160	56

Number of Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals for the Parish

	St Christopher	St Mary	St Michael	Parish Total
Baptisms	6	7	4	17
Weddings	3	3	2	8
Funerals	2	7	5	14
Burial of Ashes	1	1	4	6
Crematorium	0	3	0	3

Part Three – Our Parish: Who’s Who

Worship Team

Priest-in-Charge Revd. Simon Lewis

Reader: Nikki Burns

Scripture Readers: Nick Bashford, Della Brewer, Nikki Burns, Robbie Burns, James Counsell, Victoria Daintree, Bernice Davies, Ellis Davies, Pat Doble, Jim Hanmer, Tony Hill, John Harper, Ron Hatton, John Hughes, Chris Hussey, Maurice Jackson, Ged Keele, Kathryn Quinnell, Carla Searle, Jean Tincknell, Sally Wingate
Dot Coles

Intercessors: Nikki Burns, Carla Searle, Jean Tincknell

Chalice Assistants: Della Brewer, Dot Coles, Victoria Daintree, Gwen Hatton, Chris Hussey, Mike Smith, Kathryn Quinnell, Jean Tincknell

Organist: Greta Plank, supported by Pauline Chadwick

PCC Teams

Worship and Liturgy

Simon Lewis, Nikki Burns, Dot Coles, Sandra Hanmer, Mike Smith

Prayer

Gwen Hatton, Pauline Chadwick, Viv Freeman, Eva & Stanley Price, Kathryn Quinnell

Mission and Evangelism

Simon Lewis

Pastoral

Dot Coles, Sandra Hanmer, Nikki Burns, Maggie Gardiner, Gwen Hatton, Carla Searle, Margaret Smith

Buildings and Grounds

Phil Giorgetti, Mike Smith, Gwen Hatton, Kathryn Quinnell, Chris Hussey, Tony Gilbert, Geoff Searle, Stanley Price

Friends

Simon Lewis, Ged Keele

Stewardship

Nick Bashford

Church Life Fundraising

St Christopher’s: James Counsell, Rosemary Carr, Lisa Counsell, Karen Brennan

Victoria Daintree, Gwen Hatton, Lucy & John Teteris, Carole Carter

St Mary’s: Kathryn Quinnell, Christine Hussey, Maxine Bashford, Claire Lewis, Della Brewer, Helen Broderick, Dot Coles, Beverley Lloyd-Jones and Carole Carter

St Michael’s: Ged Keele, Mike Smith, Sally Wingate

Finance: Robin Leveridge, Nick Bashford, Jim Hanmer, Ged Keele, Simon Lewis, Carole Carter

Deanery Synod: Maxine Bashford, Carla Searle, Sally Wingate

Stewards/Welcomers

St Christopher's: James Counsell, Victoria Daintree, Sandra & Jim Hanmer, Gwen Hatton, Ron Hatton, Jean Rawles , Sandra Lomas, Kate Lee

St Mary's: Collette Winfield, Carla Searle, Geoff Searle, Kathy Quinnell, Jean Tincknell, Dot Coles Nick & Max Bashford, Jill Kidley, Dot Coles, Christine Hussey, Della Brewer

St Michael's: Mike Champion, Sally Wingate, John Harper, Jane Hannah, Tim Hannah, Margaret Smith, Pat Doble

Refreshments

St Christopher's: Victoria Daintree, Viv Freeman, Sandra & Jim Hanmer, Gwen Hatton, Sandra Lomas, Kate Lee, Jean Rawles,

St Mary's: Max Bashford, Nick Bashford, Della Brewer, Carla & Geoff Searle, Claire Lewis, Dot Coles, Christine Hussey, Jill Kidley, Kathy Quinnell, Jean Tincknell, Collette Winfield

St Michael's: Sally Wingate, Bernice Davies, Jane & Tim Hannah, Florence Hale, Jackie & Tony Gilbert

Flower Arrangers

St Christopher's: Pam Collings, Pauline Greenwood, Rebecca Harris, Gwen Hatton, Rita Jolliffe, Cindy Tratt, Tracy Twining, Rosemary Twining, Sue Twining, Joan Wood

St Mary's: Caz Townsend at the helm, Felicity Ham, Janet Harding, Christine Hussey, Dot Coles, Mary Ellen Harris, Jill Kidley, Mary Ford and daughter Catherine and Judith Giorgetti

St Michael's: Marion Vining, Jean Milton, Sue Boss, Jo Fox, Sally Wingate, Jane Hannah, Lisa Pringle, Alison Barnes, Andrea Hurcott, Hazel Elton, Sarah McLean

Church opening/closing

St Christopher's: Joan Wood, Jean Rawles, Pam Collings, Stanley Price, Gwen Hatton, Jonny Rider

St Mary's: Geoff Searle, Geoff Adams, Mike Grant, George Frost, Julian Nurse, Kathryn Quinnell, Christine Hussey, Dot Coles

St Michael's: Frances James, Mike Smith, John Hughes

Cleaners

St Christopher's: Myrna Guest, Liz Hart, Gwen & Ron Hatton, Kim King, Margaret Luff, Jean Rawles, Anne Tinknell, Isobel Wall, Sandra Lomas, Chris & Marg Coville

St Mary's: Kitty Harding, Inky Harding, Zoë Warner-Deardes, Debbie Goodman, Zoë Davies, Janet Nurse, Mary Ellen Harris, Jane Ratcliffe, Bob Harris (rubbish bins)

St Michael's: Wiet Harper, Jane Hannah, Bella Ward, Bernice Davies, Frances James, Margaret Smith, Jan Watt, Sally Tucker, Ann Butt, Jackie Gilbert, Maggie Gardiner

Brass Cleaners

St Michael's: Jean Tinknell, Sally Wingate, Mr and Mrs Steve Russell, Phyllis Loynd, Frances James, Rosemary & Ged Keele, Jean Rich, Tanya Cavill, Maggie & Andy Gardiner, Amanda Reason, Rebecca Durston

Clock winders

St Mary's: George Frost, Geoff Adams, Julian Nurse

Churchyard

St Christopher's: Robin Hoare

St Mary's: Mike Grant, Zoe & Alan Davies, Janet & Julian Nurse, Nigel Lloyd Jones, Kathy Quinnell, Dot Coles, Stuart & Joan Harding and Jason Mayo and company (grass cutting)

St Michael's: Jason Mayo and his company (grass-cutting), plus a welcome number of volunteers

Coffee Morning helpers:

St Mary's: Dot Coles, Bernice Davies, Zoe Warner-Deardes, Kathy Quinnell

Bell Ringers:

Parish: Mike Champion, Melvyn Freeman, Emily Frost, Annabelle Frost, Mo Sweet, Jane Yates, David Anderson, Mary Keay, Viv Freeman, Ben Searle, Kaitlin Jarvis, Alex Freeman, Sam Kail-Dyke, Ella Caulfield, David Polly

Thank you to you all for giving of your time and talents. You all combine to keep our three churches ship-shape and make our sacred spaces welcoming and inspiring.