Sheffield St. Mark Broomhill
(Registered charity number 1128758)

Financial Statements
of the Parochial Church Council of The
Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mark’s,
Broomhill, Sheffield

for the year ended 31 December 2014

Incumbent (to 30 October 2014):
The Revd Dr Ian Wallis

Joint Chairs of the Parochial Church Council (from 1 November 2014)
Mr Michael Hunt and Mrs Sarah Moore (Church Wardens)

Honorary Treasurer:
Mr David Ryder FCA

Bank:
HSBC Bank plc
Broomhill

Independent Examiner:
Julie Holderness
Roddis Taylor Robinson
Chartered Accountants
Sheffield St Mark Broomhill, - Annual Financial Report of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2014

Administrative information
St Mark’s Church is situated in Broomhill, Sheffield, next to the Royal Hallamshire Hospital. It is part of the Diocese of Sheffield within the Church of England. The correspondence address is the Vicarage, 4 St Mark’s Crescent, Sheffield S10 2SG.

St Mark’s Parochial Church Council (“PCC”) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is a Registered Charity (no. 1128758). Members of the PCC are either ex officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (“APCM”) or co-opted. The last APCM was on 9 April 2014 (“APCM 14”). PCC members who have served at any time from 1 January 2014 until the date of this report (those currently serving highlighted in bold) are:

- **Incumbent:** Revd Dr Ian Wallis (Chair to 30.10.14 (leaving date))
- **Assoc. Vicar:** Revd Sue Hammersley
- **Assist. Priest:** Revd Shan Rush
- **Wardens:**
  - Mr Mike Hunt (Joint Chair 1.11.14)
  - Mrs Sarah Moore (from APCM 14) (Joint Chair 1.11.14)
  - Mr Gary Grief (to APCM 14)
- **Representatives on the Deanery Synod:**
  - Ms Anne Padget
  - Miss Catherine Osgrey (from APCM 14)
  - Mrs Jennifer Hurrell (to APCM 14)
- **Elected members:**
  - Dr Philip Booth
  - Mrs Deni Emmals (to APCM 14)
  - Mr Geoff Fisher
  - Mrs Helen Gregory (Secretary to 9.7.14)
  - Mr Rick Hughes (from APCM 14)
  - Mrs Jane Keeling (from APCM 14)
  - Ms Rosie Moffatt
  - Mrs Jane Padget (Secretary 9.7.14)
  - Mr David Ryder (Treasurer)
  - Mr Peter Ryder
  - Prof. Charles Stirling
  - Mrs Briony Tayler (from APCM 14)
  - Ms Alison Tolson (to APCM 14)
  - Mrs Catherine Trickett (to APCM 14)
  - Mr David Trickett (from APCM 14)
  - Mrs Janis Webster (from APCM 14)
  - Mr Jonathan Williamson (from APCM 14)
  - Dr Kimberly Willis (from APCM 14)
  - Revd Robert Beard (from 31.5.14)
  - Mr Christopher Nyabzei (from 31.5.14)
- **Observers:**
  - Mr James Dickson (RIP) (retired 10.9.14) (to APCM 14)
  - Mr Donald Smith (RIP) (The Beacon at Broomhill MC)

Achievements and performance

**Church Attendance**
At 9 April 2014 there were 191 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll including 147 not resident within the parish. Details of changes in the Roll during 2013/14 will be notified at the APCM on 29 April 2015. The average Sunday attendance during 2014 was 168, but this number increased at festivals.

**Review of the year**
The report on the activity of the PCC during the year together with reports from the clergy, wardens, the above mentioned PCC committees and other groups within the Church are given in the Annual Report for the year, published separately to this Annual Financial Report.

**Financial Review (from the 2014 Financial Statements)**
Total income for 2014 on the General Fund was £227,097 (2013 £252,768), a net increase of 1%. Total expenditure was £211,545 (2013 £222,391), a net decrease of 5% that has mitigated the lower than expected income levels achieved. Unfortunately, in common with the experience of recent years, the overall level of pledged income did not reflect the increase hoped for in the budget for 2014. In addition, sundry donations and Room Hire income was lower than 2013 levels. However, to offset the loss of income, various cost savings were achieved in 2014 as noted below. Also, 2014 income was bolstered by the receipt of a generous legacy of £7,119 from the estate of the late Pamela Mann.


From the net income for the year, transfers of £1,000 to the Social Fund, £2,405 to replenish Fabric Reserves and the £7,119 legacy to General Reserves have been made. After transfers, a surplus of £5,028 is added to the balance brought forward on the General Fund from 2013 of £8,774 with £13,802 carried forward to 2015.

Movements in the Designated, Restricted and Endowment funds are detailed in the annual Financial Statements for the year. The principal movement relates to the Restoration and Refurbishment of the Church Organ. The Appeal Fund reached £107,700 by Easter 2014 (including a loan of £50,000 from the Church Hall Charity Investment) and work commenced in July 2014. By 31 December 2014 payments of £82,658 had been made. Further costs of up to £32,000 are likely payable in 2015 to complete the project (making the total cost £146,658). These will be covered from the Appeal Fund deposit balance of £24,839 at 31 December 2014 with the remainder from £16,743 received from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme in March 2015 (a grant to recover the VAT element of the costs). The balance of the grant will be utilised towards repaying the Investment loan.

Endowment Fund investments achieved a more favourable capital gain of £5,847 in 2014 compared to £464 in 2013.

**Reserves Policy**
Unrestricted cash and reserves at 31 December 2014 totalled £80,212 (2013 £72,474) (Bank current account, General and Fabric deposit accounts). The PCC has no formal policy to maintain a particular size of balance in unrestricted reserves. However, generally, sufficient cash reserves to cover at least two month’s unrestricted payments are maintained. It is the PCC’s policy to invest deposit fund balances with the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund and the Sheffield Credit Union.

David Ryder, PCC Honorary Treasurer 24 April 2015
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### Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2014

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### Incoming Resources

- **Incoming resources from donors**: £202,464
- **Other voluntary incoming resources**: £7,330
- **Income from charitable and ancillary trading**: £16,336
- **Income from investments**: £967

**Total Incoming Resources**: £227,097

### Resources Expended

- **Grants**: £22,787
- **Activities directly relating to the work of the church**: £191,368
- **Fund-raising and publicity**: £21,644
- **Church management and administration**: £21,644

**Total Resources Expended**: £235,799

### Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources

**Before Transfers**: £43,625

### Transfers Between Funds

- **Friends of St Mark's Deposit**: £-405
- **Social Fund**: £-1,000
- **Investment Realisation to Organ Fund**: £50,000
- **Fabric Reserves**: £2,000
- **General Reserve**: £7,119

**Total**: £43,625

### Gains and Losses on Investments

**Net**: £49,472

### Net Movement in Funds

**Balances Brought Forward at 1 January 2014 (2013)**

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**Balances Carried Forward at 31 December 2014 (2013)**

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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2014

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Fixed Assets

**Tangible Fixed Assets**

- Building and organ improvements: 271,080 (201,842)
- Major redecoration: - (-)
- Fixtures, fittings & equipment: 1,581 (3,342)

**Investments**

- Parochial Church Council property: 24,316 (23,086)
- Trust funds administered by the PCC: 65,475 (109,181)

**Current Assets**

- Cash at bank and in hand: 36,112 (31,535)
- Deposit accounts: 105,174 (81,661)
- Debtors and prepayments: 15,287 (10,665)

**Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year**

- Accruals and deferred income: (36,175) (27,934)

**Net Current Assets**

120,398 (95,927)

**Net Assets**

482,850 (433,378)

**Represented by:**

**Funds**

- Unrestricted: 229,777 (231,216)
- Restricted: 163,282 (69,895)
- Endowment: 89,791 (132,267)

482,850 (433,378)

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 26 April 2015 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr Michael Hunt (Church Warden)    Mrs Sarah Moore (Church Warden)    Mr David Ryder (Honorary Treasurer)

The notes on pages 3 to 14 form part of these accounts
1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

The purposes of any restricted and endowment funds are noted in the accounts at note 8 on page 13.

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when made.

Amounts receivable under Gift Aid are recognised only when honoured by the giver.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised only when claimable.

Grants and bequests to the PCC are accounted for when the amount is payable.

Income from fund raising events is accounted for gross.

The sale of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

Income from the hire of the church premises is accounted for on an event by event basis after deduction of caretaking services.

Parochial fees due to the PCC for weddings, funerals etc are accounted for on an event by event basis.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when due.

Investment gains and losses

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on the revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Application of Resources

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when payable.

Activities directly relating to the work of the church

The Parish Share and Associate Vicar contributions to the Diocese are accounted for when payable.

Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and benefited property (the church buildings and grounds) is excluded from the accounts by the Charities Act 2011.

The building and organ improvements and moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2001 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2001 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life (either over 25 or 10 years) on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated buildings or benefited building (excluding building and organ improvements, asbestos stabilisation and redecoration), individual items under £500 (discretionary limit) or on the repair of moveable church furnishings is written-off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Items used within the church premises are depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase value of £500 (discretionary limit) or less or repairs are written off in the period in the year.

Equipment rentals are paid and charged as they are incurred.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Net current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents and room hire or other income are shown as debtors if the individual debts are greater than £500 or otherwise on a discretionary basis if required.

Costs and expenses payable by the PCC at 31 December are accrued if the individual amounts are greater than £500 or otherwise on a discretionary basis if required.

Stocks of books and consumables are written off in the year acquired if their remaining cost or net realisable value is less than £500.

Deposit accounts include cash held on deposit with the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England, the Sheffield Credit Union or at the Bank.
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2  Incoming Resources

2(a)  Incoming resources from donors

Planned giving:

- Gift Aid donations 137,836 - - - 137,836 142,256
- Income tax recovered 4(a) 35,699 - - - 35,699 35,926
- Other planned giving 8,257 - - - 8,257 5,524
- Collections (open plate) at all services 8,393 - - - 8,393 8,699
- Car park (donations by users)/Alms 9,957 - - - 9,957 9,556
- Sundry donations 2,322 - - - 2,322 3,075

Total 202,464 - - - 202,464 205,036

2(b)  Other voluntary incoming resources

- Grants 4(b) - - 350 - 350 662
- Donations, appeals, etc 4(c) 191 - 42,732 - 42,923 13,470
- Income tax recovered 4(d) - - 5,889 - 5,889 -
- Legacies and bequests 4(e) 7,119 - - - 7,119 1,734
- Fund raising events and activities 20 - - - 20 49

Total 7,330 - 48,971 - 56,301 15,915

2(c)  Income from charitable and ancillary trading

- Magazines and sundry publications 706 - - - 706 699
- Bookstall 700 - - - 700 466
- A History of St Mark's 5(k) 184 - - - 184 2,105
- Church and room hire 8,953 - - - 8,953 11,232
- PV (solar) Panel - Feed in Tariff income 5(e) 3,694 - - - 3,694 3,567
- Fees 2,099 - - - 2,099 1,017

Total 16,336 - - - 16,336 19,086

2(d)  Income from investments

- Dividends 941 47 1,335 1,677 4,000 6,141
- Interest 26 162 135 - 323 303

Total 967 209 1,470 1,677 4,323 6,444

Total Incoming Resources 227,097 209 50,441 1,677 279,424 246,481
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4 Analysis of Incoming Resources

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The Sheffield Council grant is to assist with the costs of establishing a wild garden and orchard on part of St Mark's Green.

A grant of £750 was received in 2013 from Waitrose towards the costs of hosting the 2013 Christmas Lunch. £162 of this grant was utilised in 2013 (see note 5(h)) and further £100 in 2014 to assist with the Christmas Lunch at Burngreave. The unused balance of £488 has been carried forward to 2015 (as part of Grants Received in Advance shown in note 7(d)).

The Sheffield Church Burgesses grant was received in 2012 towards funding the publication costs of A History of St Mark's book to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the rededication of the rebuilt Church. The grant income was recognised in 2013 in order to set off against the publication costs (see note 5(k)).

4(c) Donations, appeals etc

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Special collections relate to specific collections for Home and International causes (see notes 5(a) and 5(b)).

The Organ Restoration Appeal Fund was launched on 22 September 2013. See note 9 on page 14 for further details.

Choir fees are from officiating at weddings and funerals. There were no such fees in 2013.

4(d) Income tax recovered

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4(e) Legacies and bequests

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The bequest from the late Pamela Mann was unconditional and has been placed in the Designated General Reserve deposit account. However the PCC has agreed that £500 from the bequest be set aside for the purchase of Godly Play equipment in her memory.

A provision for this amount has been set up (see notes 5(i) - Children & Youth Work and 7(d) - Grants received in advance) and carried forward to 2015.

The bequest from the late William Ryder was for the Organ Restoration Appeal Fund.
## 5 Analysis of Resources Expended

### 5(a) International donations (General & Special)

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Allocated total 12,764 - - - - 12,764 12,600

Medecins Sans Frontieres Ebola Appeal - - 818 - 818 -
Christian Aid - Ascension, Harvest & Christmas - - 481 - 481 866
Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza - - 379 - 379 -
Christian Aid - Iraq Emergency Appeal - - 240 - 240 -
DEC Gaza Appeal - - 153 - 153 -
Twin (Lent cake stall proceeds) - - 50 - 50 -
DEC Philippines Typhoon Appeal - - - - - 1,401
Christian Aid - Syria Emergency Appeal - - - - - 646
DEC Syrian Crisis Appeal - - - - - 410
Us (formerly USPG) - Lent Appeal - - - - - 85
Cake stall to support Peter Wood's VSO work in Guyana - - - - - 54

12,764 - 2,121 - 14,885 16,062

The Restricted Fund donations £2,121 (2013 £3,462) are from the proceeds of special collections (see note 4(c)).

Donations of £12,764 (2013 £12,600) from the General Fund have been allocated on recommendation of the International Committee. These donations are made in accordance with a policy and objectives of the PCC whereby a proportion of the General Fund given income is given away to international mission and relief causes.
5 Analysis of Resources Expended (continued)

5(b) Home donations (General & Special)

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Allocated total:

- £6,372
- £1,186
- £7,902
- £7,421

Restricted Fund donations of £1,186 (2013 £759) are all from the proceeds of special collections (see note 4(c)).

The Broomhill Festival donation of £312 (2013 £362) was the total of the plate collection at the Festival Service.

General Fund donations of £6,372 (2013 £6,300) have been allocated on recommendation of the Home Donations Committee. These donations are made in accordance with a policy and objectives of the PCC whereby a proportion of the General Fund given income is given away to home mission and relief causes.
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Unrestricted
Funds

Restricted
Funds

Endowment
Funds

Total
Funds

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5 Analysis of Resources Expended (continued)

5(c) Vicar’s expenses

Allowances (up to leaving date 30.10.14) 1,800 - - - 1,800 2,400
Vicarage gas and electricity (from 1.11.14) 299 - - - 299 -
Vicarage water charges 625 - - - 625 604

2,724 - - - 2,724 3,004

Up to his date of leaving, the Vicar has been paid a proportion of a fixed annual sum in respect of allowances towards the costs of a car, travel, telephone, hospitality, training, conferences and retreats, books and journals, wear and tear and cleaning of robes and study furniture.

During the vacancy period, the PCC has assumed responsibility for the cost of the Vicarage gas and electricity.

5(d) Associate Vicar’s expenses

Allowances 1,200 - - - 1,200 1,200
House utilities and alarm maintenance 447 - - - 447 415

1,647 - - - 1,647 1,615

The Associate Vicar is paid a fixed annual sum in respect of allowances towards the costs of a car, travel, telephone, hospitality, training, conferences and retreats, books and journals, wear and tear and cleaning of robes and study furniture.

5(e) Church - running expenses

Electricity charges 7,392 - - - 7,392 9,468
Gas charges 1,587 - - - 1,587 2,142
Water and sewage charges 678 - - - 678 610
Total heat, light and water charges 9,657 - - - 9,657 12,220
Insurance 5,529 - - - 5,529 5,669
Cleaning 6,040 - - - 6,040 5,619
Waste collection 679 - - - 679 -

21,905 - - - 21,905 23,508

The PV (Solar) panel scheme has been fully operational since 2012 and in 2014 Feed in Tariff income of £3,694 (2013 £3,567) was received from surplus electricity generated by the panels (see note 2(c)).

During the vacancy period, the PCC has extended its insurance cover to include the Vicarage contents.

Cleaning costs include the salaries of two part-time employed cleaners (see note 6).

Sheffield City Council commenced charging all religious organisations for waste collection from 1 April 2014.

5(f) Church maintenance

Church repairs and maintenance 4,186 2,460 - - 6,646 5,281
Organ and piano maintenance 485 - - - 485 1,702
Grounds 1,487 - 250 - 1,737 1,567

6,158 2,460 250 - 8,868 8,550

Repairs to St Mark’s Crescent road and Church Car Park £2,460 have been funded from the Designated Fund Fabric Reserve account.

General Fund Grounds expenditure in 2014 includes sub-contracted gardening services of £1,181 (2013 £1,101).

A Ward Pot Small Grant of £250 was received in 2014 from Sheffield City Council (see note 4(b)) and a provision for this amount has been included in grounds expenditure and carried forward to 2015 (as part of Grants Received in Advance shown in note 7(d)).

5(g) Upkeep of services

Sanctuary expenses 398 - - - 398 1,149
Music expenses and RSCM subscription 196 - - - 196 433
Director of Music 7,500 - - - 7,500 7,423
Organist fees (net of practice fees) 1,966 - - - 1,966 2,532
Choral Scholar bursaries 200 - - - 200 170
Service books 153 - - - 153 159

10,413 - - - 10,413 11,866

Sanctuary expenses in 2013 included bulk purchases of candles and communion wine to save costs.

Details of the organist’s remuneration in the year are given at note 6. The position of organist has been vacant since 1 October 2014.

Two Choral Scholars were appointed in 2013 but the positions have been not filled since July 2014.
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<td>6 Staff costs and payments to PCC members</td>
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<td>Administrator</td>
<td>12,484</td>
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<td>7,500</td>
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<td>Worker with Students &amp; Young Adults</td>
<td>2,745</td>
<td>(left 8.10.14)</td>
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<td>Organist (left 30.9.14)</td>
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<td>29,726</td>
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<td>Included within the above costs are £189 (2013 £764) Employer's NIC payments and £12 (2013 £88) paid in expenses.</td>
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6 Staff costs and payments to PCC members (continued)

6(b) During the year the PCC paid six part-time employees: -
Administrator - Ms Anne Padget; Director of Music - Mr Mark McCombs; Organist - Professor Andrew Linn (left 30 September 2014); Cleaners - Mr Tim Moore and Mr John Whitmill; Worker with Students and Young Adults - Revd Robert Beard (left 8 October 2014).

PCC members receiving payments from the PCC during 2014 included the Vicar, Associate Vicar and Assistant Priest (see notes 3(b), 5(c), 5(d) for details of their allowances and expenses) and Ms Anne Padget employed as Administrator and paid as noted in 6(a). She did not participate in discussions concerning payments made to her. No payments or expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or other related parties.

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7 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

7(a) Tangible Fixed Assets

Analysis of Net Book Value by Fund at 31 December 2014

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<tr>
<th>Building and Organ Improvements</th>
<th>Major Redecoration</th>
<th>Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment</th>
<th>Totals</th>
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<tr>
<td>Actual/Deemed Cost</td>
<td>At 1 January 2014</td>
<td>£</td>
<td>£</td>
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<td>Additions in year:</td>
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<td>336,143</td>
<td>24,185</td>
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<td>Organ Refurbishment (costs incurred in year)</td>
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<td>82,658</td>
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<td>Car Park Barrier</td>
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<td>Total additions in year</td>
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<td>418,801</td>
<td>24,185</td>
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<td>Depreciation</td>
<td>At 1 January 2014</td>
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<td>Charge for the year</td>
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<td>13,420</td>
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<td>Total 2014</td>
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<td>147,721</td>
<td>24,185</td>
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<tr>
<td>Net Book Value</td>
<td>At 31 December 2014</td>
<td>271,080</td>
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<td>At 31 December 2013</td>
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<td>201,842</td>
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In accordance with the Accounting Policies (see page 3), all major expenditure on fixed assets from 1 January 2001 has been capitalised and depreciated annually on a straight line basis (over 25 years for building and Organ improvements, 10 years for major redecorations and 4 years for fixtures, fittings and equipment).

The Building and Organ Improvements comprise the following: 2002 Jordan Project £244,650 being the extension of the upper room, new staircase, lift, disabled toilets, office and storage rooms; 2004 Car Park upgrade £12,512; 2008 Tower Louvers renovation £9,353; 2009 South Steps Railings £14,094; Electrical wiring / heating upgrade £7,130; 2011 PV Panels £32,205; 2011/12 Underfloor Heating Refurbishment £11,144; 2012 Loft Insulation £2,176; 2013 Spire & Tower renovations £1,512 and Electrical Wiring Upgrade £1,367; 2014 Organ Refurbishment £82,658 (as noted above).

The completion date for the Organ Refurbishment work is late April 2015. Consequently, no depreciation has been charged in 2014 on the costs capitalised in the year.

Major redecorations comprise the asbestos stabilisation work and redecoration of the main church carried out in early 2003.
7 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund (continued)

7(a) Tangible Fixed Assets

For the year ended 31 December 2014

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<tr>
<td>Total Net Book Value by Fund (page 11)</td>
<td>193</td>
<td>162,600</td>
<td>109,868</td>
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7(b) Investments

Parochial Church Council property 8(c)(i)
- Mainland Bursary Fund - - - 14,288 14,288 13,565
- Miss Berry Bequest - - - 8,733 8,733 8,291
- Kelk Bequest - - - 1,295 1,295 1,230
- - - - 24,316 24,316 23,086

Trust funds administered by the PCC 8(c)(ii)
- The St Mark's Church Hall Charity 9 - - - 29,863 29,863 75,369
- Miss Thomas Bequest - - - 20,857 20,857 19,803
- Friends of St Mark's Investment - - - 10,656 10,656 10,117
- Elliott Bequest - - - 4,099 4,099 3,892
- - - - 65,475 65,475 109,181

7(c) Monetary Assets and Debtors

General reserves 8(a)
- PCC current account 26,337 1,669 8,106 - 36,112 31,535
- General Reserve deposit account - - 8,457 - 8,457 1,338
- 26,337 10,126 8,106 - 44,569 32,873

Fabric reserves 8(a) & 8(b)
- Fabric Reserve deposit account - 31,439 - - 31,439 29,287
- Sheffield Credit Union deposit account - 10,045 - - 10,045 9,998
- Jordan Bequest deposit account - - 2,265 - 2,265 2,254
- David Thorpe Legacy deposit account - - 4,577 - 4,577 4,547
- Friends of St Mark's deposit account - - 4,592 - 4,592 4,187
- Miss Thomas Bequest deposit account - - 7,053 - 7,053 6,228
- Organ Restoration Appeal Fund 9 - - 24,839 - 24,839 12,429
- - 43,749 41,061 - 84,810 68,930

Other reserves and accounts 8(b)
- Mainland Bursary Fund deposit account - - 5,389 - 5,389 4,822
- Youth Deposit account - - 1,276 - 1,276 1,275
- Hospitality Fund - - 2,354 - 2,354 2,352
- Social Fund - - 2,888 - 2,888 2,944
- - - 11,907 - 11,907 11,393

Debtors and prepayments
- Income tax recovery due at year end 8,844 - - - 8,844 8,818
- General Income debtors 4,634 - - - 4,634 1,218
- PV Panel FIT income due at year end 387 - - - 387 429
- Sundry prepayment carried forward - - 10 - 10 -
- Parish Weekend (2015) deposit 1,412 - - - 1,412 200
- 15,277 - - 10 - 15,287 10,665

7(d) Accruals and deferred income
- International donations owed at year end (11,870) - (499) - (12,369) (13,235)
- Hope for the Future funds held at year end (2,038) - (5,955) - (7,993) -
- Home donations owed at year end (5,863) - (3) - (5,866) (6,218)
- CTBB Grant and donation owed at year end (3,000) - (200) - (3,200) -
- General Expenditure accruals (1,934) - - - (1,934) (1,960)
- Electricity and Gas owed at year end (1,775) - - - (1,775) (1,982)
- Grants received in advance - - (500) (738) - (1,238) (588)
- Fees owed to Diocese (1,064) - - - (1,064) (753)
- PAYE/NIC owed at year end (461) - - - (461) (638)
- Broomhill Festival funds held at year end - - (275) - (275) -
- Pledged income paid in advance - - - - - (2,550)
- Donations received in advance - - - - - (10) -
- (28,005) (500) (7,670) - (36,175) (27,934)

Fund Balance
13,802 215,975 163,282 89,791 482,850 433,378

An explanation of the nature of each fund is given in note 8 including details of the restrictions placed on their use.
8 Fund Details (continued)

8(a) Unrestricted Funds

The General Fund is used to pay all the everyday expenses of the church. This fund is “unrestricted” because the money has been given to the church on the general understanding that it will be used at the discretion of the PCC for furthering the mission and ministry of the church. Unless specified otherwise, all the money received by the church is first put into the General Fund.

The PCC may decide to put some of the General Fund money aside in deposit accounts for use in the future (for example, for building repairs). This money is “designated” for administration purposes only. Such funds are still unrestricted and can be moved to other funds if the PCC so decides. The PCC currently has “designated” deposit accounts for general and fabric purposes.

8(b) Restricted Funds

These are funds that are subject to some particular restriction on the way they may be spent or applied. The money received is restricted either by the donor or by the terms of an appeal for a particular purpose such as a special collection for overseas aid or for a major repair. The PCC has several deposit accounts that are “restricted” in their use for either fabric or other specified purposes.

8(c) Endowment Funds

These are another form of restricted funds and represent money that has been given to the church with the specific instruction that only the interest or dividends earned by the investment can be spent. The original money (or “capital”) cannot normally be spent and must remain in the form of investments.

8(c)(i) Parochial Church Council Property

The PCC may hold property “for any ecclesiastical purpose affecting the parish or any part thereof” and for certain educational purposes (PCC (Powers) Measure 1956, Section 5). “Ecclesiastical purposes” will include any purpose furthering the work of the Church of England in the parish. The capital sums and income derived there from can only be used for these purposes.

Held in the name of the Parochial Church Council

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<th>Mainland Bursary Fund</th>
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<td>Property: 1,070 shares in The CBF Church of England Investment Fund</td>
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<td>Purchased: 31 August 1989</td>
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<td>Original cost: £6,000  Market value 31 December 2014 £14,288 (2013 £13,565)</td>
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Held in the name of the Vicar and Church Wardens, administered by the PCC

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<th>Miss Berry Bequest for general purposes</th>
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<td>Property: 654 shares in The CBF Church of England Investment Fund</td>
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<td>Purchased: 28 February 1969</td>
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<td>Original cost: £730  Market value 31 December 2014 £8,733 (2013 £8,291)</td>
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<th>Kelk Bequest for general purposes</th>
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<td>Property: 97 shares in The CBF Church of England Investment Fund</td>
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<td>Purchased: 31 August 1982</td>
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<td>Original cost: £200  Market value 31 December 2014 £1,295 (2013 £1,230)</td>
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8 Fund Details (continued)

8(c)(ii) Trust Funds administered by the Parochial Church Council

These funds comprise a charity administered under a scheme made by the Charity commissioners, two bequests and a donation involving permanent trusts restricting the use of the capital that is held by the Diocesan Board of Finance.

| The St Mark’s Church Hall Charity       | Property: 17,937 shares in The CBF Church of England Fixed Interest Securities Fund |
|                                        | (Original Purchase: 12,277 shares 31 March 1993 Original cost: £19,189) |
| Dividends reinvested in year to purchase | 1056 shares at a cost of £1,677 |
| Market value 31 December 2014           | £29,863 (2013 £75,369) (see note below) |

The above investment originates from the sale of the former church hall in Ashgate Road, Broomhill, in March 1971. The PCC are managing trustees, the Diocesan Board of Finance custodian trustees. The clear income from the charity is to be applied to further the “religious and other charitable work of the Church of England” in the ecclesiastical parish of St Mark, Broomhill. The charity property may also be used for land and building required for that work.

By an order dated 14 January 2014, the Charity Commissioners authorised expenditure of £34,000 from the Charity’s permanent endowment for the purpose of restoration and refurbishment of the Church organ under the condition that the sum be repaid over 30 years at a minimum of £1,133 per annum. In addition, the PCC authorised the expenditure of £16,000 from the Charity’s accumulated income for the same purpose. Accordingly, in January 2014 the Diocesan Board of Finance realised 32,041 of the Charity’s shares to the value of £50,000 and this sum was paid into the Organ Restoration Appeal Fund on 3 February 2014.

| Miss Thomas Bequest for church repairs | Property: 1562 shares in The CBF Church of England Investment Fund |
|                                        | Purchased: 30 November 1961 |
| Original cost:                         | £1,132 Market value 31 December 2014 £20,857 (2013 £19,803) |

| Friends of St Mark’s Investment Account for fabric repair purposes only | Property: 798 shares in The CBF Church of England Investment Fund |
|                                                                       | Purchased: 31 October 1982 |
| Original cost:                                                        | £1,750 Market value 31 December 2014 £10,656 (2013 £10,117) |

The income from the above two investment funds can only be used for church repairs and therefore dividends and interest arising are transferred to restricted fabric reserve deposit accounts for that purpose.

| Elliott Bequest for parochial and charitable purposes | Property: 307 shares in The CBF Church of England Investment Fund |
|                                                       | Purchased: 31 August 1966 |

The property of the above mentioned investment can only be used for the purposes mentioned.

9 Post balance sheet events – Organ Restoration

In September 2013 the PCC launched an Appeal with a target of £100,000 for the refurbishment and restoration of the Church Organ. By 20 February 2014 the Organ Restoration Fund (including the Church Hall Charity Investment loan of £50,000 referred to in note 8(c)(ii) above) totalled £98,000 (eventually reaching £107,700) and the PCC therefore contracted with Wood of Huddersfield, Organ Builders. Work commenced in July 2014 and was still ongoing at 31 December 2014 with a revised completion date of late April 2015. Contract and other costs paid up to 31 December 2014 totalled £82,658 and this amount is shown in Fixed Assets (see note 7(a)). Further costs of up to approximately £32,000 are likely to be payable in 2015 to finish the project bringing the total cost (including VAT) to approximately £114,658. The further costs will be funded from the Organ Restoration Appeal Fund deposit carried forward at 31 December 2014 of £24,839 (note 7(c)) with the balance payable from a grant of £16,743 received in March 2015 from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (“LPOW”) to recover the VAT element of the above-mentioned costs. It is anticipated that the unused balance of the LPOW grant funds received will be utilised towards repaying the Church Hall Charity Investment loan. The additional costs over and above the initial £100,000 Appeal Target are due mainly to unanticipated electrical and piping works, the necessity for which became apparent as the work progressed.

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The Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Charities Act 2011 require the members of the PCC to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the PCC and of the incoming resources and application of resources in the year then ended. In preparing those financial statements, the members of the PCC are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue in operation.

The members of the PCC are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the PCC and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the PCC and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the PCC and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARK'S CHURCH BROOOMHILL SHEFFIELD

I report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2014 which are set out on pages 1 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of Parochial Church Council and examiner

The Members of the Parochial Church Council are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Parochial Church Council 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;
• follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
• state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner’s statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Parochial Church Council 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 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; and
   • 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.

Julie Holderness FCCA
For and on behalf of Roddis Taylor Robinson Chartered Accountants

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27 April 2015
ANNUAL REPORT
for the year to the Annual Parochial Meeting in April 2015
Our Priorities and Aspirations

- To nurture and grow an inclusive, accessible church community of all ages and outlooks, residing within the parish or beyond, attending regularly or occasionally, informed by liberal/progressive approaches to Christian faith and with a commitment to justice for all.

- To sustain dynamic levels of ministry within the parish (including ministry offered through CTBB) and, where resources can be identified, to respond to the findings of on-going community consultation.

- To support members of the congregation in their Christian discipleship and, where appropriate, to enable vocations to be exercised within the context of the worship, ministry and mission of St Mark’s.

- St Mark’s is a Pioneer church, seeking to provide a home for and engage with those who are struggling with organised religion in general and institutionalized Christianity in particular. Ministering to such persons remains a priority, as well as to those who are attracted to the kingdom vision of Jesus, but who are unable to engage with orthodox belief.

- St Mark’s is a Parish church, seeking to minister to the needs of the community it serves. Priorities include working with other community leaders and service providers to increase provision for teenagers and the elderly, to improve community cohesion and well-being especially among Somali members and to nurture better understanding and working relations between ecumenical partners.

- St Mark’s is a Prophetic church, bearing witness to the dangers of climate change, the injustices of recent welfare reform and the need to address the growing inequalities within our society and around the world.
A YEAR OF CHANGE – REFLECTIONS FROM THE ASSOCIATE VICAR

Looking back over the last twelve months, since April 2014, reveals a landscape of change which none of us could have anticipated at the last APCM. Although we knew then that Ian was struggling with his health we all hoped that things would improve for him. Unfortunately he announced in September that he would be stepping down from his parish duties, and his farewell Service was on October 20. The Service summarised many of our feelings – gratitude for the incredible gifts he shared with us over the last five years, tinged with the sadness of his premature departure. It is a tribute to Ian that St Mark’s has continued to thrive since he moved on – I for one want to express my thanks to him for leaving such a treasure-trove of resources to draw upon, not only to enrich our liturgy each week but also in the strength of the framework that supports our daily life together. Our love and prayers continue to be with Ian, Liz and Tess in this next chapter of their lives.

I believe that these last twelve months have been a time of deepening and growth for us at St Mark’s. Our lay teams have come into their own under the wise guidance of our churchwardens and assistant wardens. I would like to express my gratitude to Mike and Sarah for the extra work they have picked up, not only in managing the vacancy, including the consultation about the parish profile, but also in their constant encouragement and attentiveness which has helped me through a very demanding time.

Thank you to members of the PCC who have taken their responsibilities so seriously and with such good humour. It has felt like a real team effort this year, learning new skills and supporting one another.

The sub-committees continue to be the backbone of the church. The Fabric and Finance Committee has begun a review of our financial priorities challenging us to become more efficient with our resources. The refurbishment of the organ was a major project which they undertook on our behalf. Faith and Justice continue to disturb our social conscience discussing how best to support those most hard-hit by the current austerity measures. S2 and S6 Foodbanks are both supported by this church and the recent threat to Hanover Medical Practice in Broomhall has had a high profile. Soup Run depends on a team of volunteers and the Hope for the Future campaign now pays two members of St Mark’s to keep the pressure high in the run up to the general election.

St Mark’s continues to steward our resources by giving to projects both at home and abroad, under the guidance of members of the congregations.

Our hospitality and welcome continues to thrive not only at festivals such as Christmas and Easter but also week by week as we value newcomers and draw more recent members into the heart of all that we do and are. This is your ministry as you pay attention to those around you and notice those who are absent – thank you for doing that so well! Thank you to our pastoral workers and to all who continue the care of this community between Monday and Saturday – I know what a difference this makes.

The Children’s Committee continues to respond to the needs of our children and families – it is wonderful to see so many small children on Sunday mornings. Tim Gregory is now our Outreach Worker with children, taking assemblies in primary schools in the parish and encouraging the schools to visit church regularly. The Christmas Christingle Service was a delight! Our small but committed group of teenagers continues to meet to support each other and play their part in the life of St Mark’s. All Age Worship is just one of the ways we appreciate the growing age span of this congregation – fast approaching one hundred years!

Another huge thank you to everyone who contributes to the quality of our worship here. Shan Rush has taken responsibility for the ministers’ rota – no mean feat but
wonderfully executed. My thanks go to her and Michael Bayley, Mark Newitt, Tim Gregory and Liz Anson for their priestly ministries and to Anne Padget as Reader and Administrator. I am also grateful to Michael Page for helping at 8am Services.

We have a strong musical tradition here at St Mark’s and, under the direction of Mark McCombs, we are going from strength to strength. Highlights this year have to be the Remembrance Day Requiem, Christmas Carol Service and Palm Sunday’s Via Dolorosa, but every week requires care and attention so my thanks to him for all the work that goes in behind the scenes to ensure that the music on Sunday morning or evening is so well crafted. Thank you, Mark, for your gifted oversight of our talented choir and musicians and for keeping us going while the organ has been out of action. Thank you to all who sing in the choir and to the musicians who play so wonderfully at Night Service or All Age Worship.

My thanks go to Andrew Linn for sharing his expertise so generously from the organ bench. We miss him and Jo, Alasdair, Magnus, Ingrid and Nina and hope that they are thriving.

There are so many more people who play their part in the life of this vibrant community – thank you to our vergers and servers, sound desk operators and welcome teams, readers, intercessors and all whose words have encouraged and inspired us. Thank you to the flower arrangers, sacristan, linen-washers and silver-cleaners! Thank you to Tim and John our church cleaners and to Nicky for her work on the grounds. Who have I missed? If it is you, then thank you! If it is someone you are thinking of then please take a moment to thank them. A community which expresses its gratitude is a community which thrives and I believe that we have the potential to do both!

When I reflect on the last twelve months at St Mark’s I see a vibrant community of people who value what this church stands for: inclusivity (even when it is costly); integrity (even though we disagree); reaching out (because we don’t want to become an exclusive club) and searching for wholeness (which means recognising that we are still incomplete).

What makes us a church rather than just one more group of people meeting together? I believe that lies in looking beyond ourselves for inspiration. We look to one another and we also look to the person of Jesus and to the source of his strength, which many of us call God. We share a common desire to seek for truth and, whether we place our faith entirely within the natural order or whether we long to reach into mysteries that defy our understanding, we are eager to learn from each other’s wisdom and insights.

We are a church because we choose to place our trust in Jesus whose example leads us more deeply into prayer and worship, who inspires us to study scripture together and consider matters of ultimate concern openly and with grace.

Over these last five months we have been trying to discern the movement of the Spirit in this place. May that continue as we pray for all those involved in the process of appointing the next incumbent and for the person who is being called to serve us and grow with us.

Sue Hammersley, Associate Vicar

**CHURCHWARDENS’ REPORT**

It has been a busier and more poignant year than we expected. Although it was obvious that Ian’s back was causing severe pain we still hoped that physiotherapy or medical intervention would make it possible for him to continue as Vicar. Sadly, this proved not to be the case, leading to his decision to resign from mid-October. The subsequent process of seeking a new Vicar has been a little more drawn out than we would have wished. Nevertheless, at the time of writing (early April) we are still hopeful that we might be able to secure a replacement for September 2015.
We are very blessed, of course, by the presence of Sue and Shan who have done so much to ensure that the ongoing life and work of St. Mark’s has been maintained during the vacancy. Both had very busy lives before taking on the responsibilities of, inter alia, continuing the same pattern and quality of worship, undertaking additional pastoral responsibilities in the parish and maintaining the presence of St. Mark’s in the community. The organisational responsibilities of a church such as St. Mark’s will surprise no one who has any involvement with its activities, and maintaining a clerical presence at the centre is demanding under any circumstances. We are enormously grateful for all that they undertaken during this time.

We have also been encouraged by the support from the congregation, especially during the consultation events that were held to inform the development of the Parish Profile in December and January. Around 40 people attended these sessions and the discussions were invaluable in raising pertinent questions about our vision, theological position and priorities, as well as highlighting what characteristics we are looking for in a new incumbent. By involving a cross-section of people from the congregation we can be confident that the Parish Profile articulates where St. Mark’s is currently at, and this will provide a strong foundation as we move forward with recruitment.

Other matters that have preoccupied us this year include Faculties (cleaning and replacement of the WW1 memorial; trees in the car park) and the ongoing question of trying to match the wish to keep the church open with the need to ensure its security. Sadly we have suffered a small number of minor but irritating thefts this year. An open church is always vulnerable but the alternatives are with unrealistic (full time paid or voluntary staffing) or unacceptable (closing the church or increased CCTV). We are still considering how to maintain an appropriate balance of openness and security.

In addition to Sue and Shan our particular thanks are due to those who work so hard "behind the scenes" to ensure that the church is ready for use either by those attending services, those who have hired a room, or those simply looking for a quiet and peaceful space to engage with their own thoughts. An incomplete list includes David Armstrong, John Hall, Tim Moore, Briony Tayler and John Whitmill. There are many more - you know who you are! Please be assured of our gratitude for all that you do.

Mike Hunt & Sarah Moore

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Having taken over as PCC Secretary in late May 2013 and then continued with a short gap following the APCM in April 2014 I will now be standing down at the APCM this year. The role of PCC Secretary is an important one as it maintains links with those people who have committed themselves to serving their church community by standing as Council members and the Diocese. It also co-ordinates the management of church issues with the Vicar and the Church Wardens to ensure that all our processes underpin effectively all our organisational needs.

The PCC currently consists of up to 15 elected members from the congregation, plus Church Wardens, Clergy, Deanery Synod Representatives and co-opted members. A Standing Committee is authorised to conduct urgent PCC business between meetings.
Over the last year the PCC has generally met monthly (August is always excluded) to discuss and make decisions relating to the running of the church and provide support for the Clergy and staff team.

2014/15 has been yet another year of significant change mainly due to the sad departure of Ian, made even sadder as it was due to his health and therefore meant he could not continue despite his wish to spend more time as the leader of our community. It was a privilege to serve as the PCC Secretary during his incumbency.

This year’s PCC brought to fruition the plans for the overhaul of the organ. This work was undertaken by David Wood of Wood of Huddersfield and we enjoyed the much improved sound of the organ on Palm Sunday this year.

Those who make up the membership of the PCC take very seriously their parochial responsibility and, while the PCC focuses essentially on business-like matters, it is also continually mindful of how this underpins our mission to the bringing of the Kingdom.

Some other items we have covered this year are:

- A Strategic review of church life - focusing on one specific topic on a bimonthly basis. Topics: Finance strategy; children & young people; Worship; Faith and Justice issues
- Communication – one decision was the system of giving the congregation a handout giving the main 4/5 topics after each PCC and featured in the notices on the Sunday immediately after the PCC
- WW1 Memorial and the Centenary Commemorations
- Parish Weekend Away
- Review of all policies: including Health & Safety, Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults, Domestic Violence, Social Media Policy
- Churches Together in Broomhill & Broomhall
- Ian and Liz’s farewell
- All the issues surrounding the vacancy: Appointing the Parish Representatives, reviewing the Parish Profile and developing Role/Person Specification for the new incumbent
- Our worship seasons: Advent, Christmas and Epiphany and Lent, Holy Week and Easter including the trialling of seasonal booklets
- Home and International Donations
- Deanery report following discussion groups at the PCC
- Mission Partnerships
- Personnel issues: This includes all issues relating to both employees and roles such as PCC secretary that underpin the infrastructure of our organisation
- Use of the Church – all that is involved in the hiring, and serving of those who are customers using our facilities
- Maintenance of the fabric of the church

These are examples of the many issues discussed and decided upon in our Church Council, which makes this way of serving the community both rewarding and important. It is a privilege to be part of enabling the community to function well and to be a strong witness for Christ to the people of Broomhill and Broomhall.

Jane Padget, PCC Secretary

CHURCH OFFICE

This year has been an challenging one for all the changes that have taken place. As has been mentioned in other reports, we were all hoping that Ian's health would remain strong enough that he could stay on at St. Mark's as our vicar. I certainly felt that I
grew as an administrator under his guidance. But it became clear that he had to leave, and he did so in October. As you can imagine this has led to a change in work patterns and a degree of uncertainty. I have enjoyed the challenge of finding new patterns of working with Sue and developing the way in which we structure and resource the worship for the congregation. As you know there have been changes in the way we do service sheets and this continues to be ongoing.

I have been working as St. Mark’s administrator for over 4 years now and I have to say that it is never boring. One of the things that makes it interesting is that, no matter how you may plan the week ahead, you will find that e-mails, phone calls and unexpected visits will always interrupt the process. This can actually make it a more exciting place to work. I really enjoy the pastoral element of my job. It is important that I can relate to the people who come by the church in any given day. I also see it as very important that the congregation feel listened to when there is something they need from me in my capacity as administrator.

Managing the diary and the bookings that come into the church is a vital part of what I do. Being such a vibrant church, there is always something going on. We are also a popular place for different kinds of bookings, whether choirs and concerts, toddler groups, training sessions, yoga, Tai Chi, to name just a few. On top of that, we have many internal church committee meetings and sub-groups - this is the Church of England! - that need to use the space throughout the week.

St. Mark’s continues to be popular with many choirs and orchestras as a venue for their concerts and this has continued enthusiastically, as well as the church continuing to be used by schools as a location for their Christmas concerts. All these events are on the back page of the Messenger each month so that members of the congregation can be aware of when there may be concert they are interested in attending. And the Mark’s Messenger is also something to be produced every month.

Thank you to the editorial team who work so efficiently to get this to me in good time.

In addition to doing the administration for the church, I also do it for CRC, and there is often some crossover. I love this part of my job as I feel so passionately about the vision that CRC has and the role it has to play in the life of the Church and the inclusive message that we want to promote.

Being a Reader here and serving the church in that capacity also, goes towards contributing a great deal to how fulfilling the administrative job is. To be aware of my role as a lay minister in the midst of my "day job" has helped me in developing objectivity and a greater sense of the big picture that we all contribute to being a part of. My thanks go to those that I work with - to Sue, Shan, Michael and Liz, as well as Sarah and Mike as churchwardens.

I have always found being part of the St. Mark’s community so rewarding and I love to serve it. Many thanks to everyone here.

Anne Padget

WEBSITE REPORT

St Mark’s website www.stmarkssheffield.co.uk continues to be both maintained and developed to try to ensure that it meets the needs of congregation, local community and wider audiences.

As Ian and Liz left, Rosie Hunt joined me to form a new "team". We have since welcomed Jen Ryder, who is managing the Twitter / Facebook account which is seeing an increasing number of likes and interactions. David Anson has developed an associated night service site which can be found at www.nightservice.org.uk.

The site is updated weekly with the order of service and weekly news and we now aim to get these posted before the Sunday Service and are starting to encourage people to view them online with the aim of reducing printing which will have the dual benefit of being
more environmentally friendly and cost saving. New additions to the site include the new library catalogue, listing the wide range of books available to borrow.

We are about to undertake a detailed review of the site to ensure the information shown is current so it is a good time to let us know if you have spotted something that needs changing or to offer your gifts and skills as a member of the team so we can develop the site further!

Shan Rush,
On behalf of the website team
(David Anson, Jen Ryder, Rosie Hunt, Shan Rush)

HOME DONATIONS COMMITTEE

The PCC allocates a proportion of its annual income to be spent on charities and good causes in the UK. This committee has the job of recommending which charities should benefit and to what extent.

This year’s allocation was £6372, and it was divided between sixteen charities. Their names and the amounts they received are shown at the end of the Annual Report.

All except one of the donees have received grants from St Mark’s before, most for a number of years.

Assist gives practical help and South Yorkshire Migration and Asylum Action Group provides strategic support to refugees and asylum seekers locally.

Stopgap provides rough sleepers with emergency night shelter, and the activities of the St Mark’s Soup Run Project are described elsewhere in the Annual Report. The titles of the other donees give an indication of the work they do.

This year, our largest donation, £2000 was given to the S2 Foodbank. This is new, formally opened in November 2014, based at St Swithuns Church, Cary Road, Sheffield 2, providing food and support for people in one of the poorest areas of our city. The gift from St Mark’s should, amongst other things, enable them to apply for registration as a charity, and thus to benefit from Gift Aid and fund raise more effectively.

Our next meeting is planned for late September. In the meantime, we welcome suggestions for next year’s donations.

As ever, I am grateful to the other members of this committee for their individual work

Miranda Myers

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

It’s been another busy year for the International Committee and my thanks go to Sarah Duggan, Ceri Gallivan, Tim and Helen Gregory, John Hall, Helen Hillman, Dez and Jennie Martin, Dilys Noble and Shan Rush for their continuing support of, and work for, the committee. During the summer Shan stepped down as Chair due to her other work commitments, but has continued on the committee. We thanked Prema Salt for her work on the committee as she moved away from St Mark’s.

Raising money for the work undertaken by Christian Aid and its partners, through various local and national events, continues to be one of the key areas for the committee. Ceri and Helen organised the house to house collections to support the national Christian Aid Week event, and our thanks go to all the volunteers who support this work in various ways. Approximately 20 members of the congregation took part in the annual Sheffield May Day Trek, enjoying the spring sunshine as they walked through the Mayfield Valley, and occasionally catching glimpses of the marshals’ co-ordinator (me) as I checked to see that marshals were where they should be. They were generously supported by others in the congregation who sponsored them. Gary Grief hosted the Busk Aid event in the city centre one Saturday in May, supporting and encouraging musicians and singers from churches across the city,
and engaging with shoppers. He also performed some great songs. Those of us who are not so musically inclined shook the buckets, hopefully in time to the music! Other fund-raising activities included the Ascension Day supper and the Harvest produce stall, where jams, marmalades and chutneys sold out in record time. In December we joined other churches to participate in the carol singing event in the city centre. We may have been a relatively small group of singers, but we sang loudly with joy and enthusiasm and even got some Christmas shoppers joining in. The support and generosity of many at St Mark’s continues to make all these events a great success.

Fair trade continues to be an important issue to the committee, with Tim and Helen Gregory volunteering at the local Good Taste (formerly Fair Grounds) shop in Broomhill. Their connection to the shop led to them running a successful stall with Fair Ground goods at the Broomhill Festival Garden Party in June. They also hosted a lovely pre-Christmas evening event at the shop for the congregation to do some present shopping. The committee also ran a stall for three weeks in late November / early December selling Christmas cards on behalf of Traidcraft and Oxfam.

In November the committee met to discuss and agree the allocation of the money for our International Donations. The Sakhelwe Trust in South Africa is now being taken over by the health service there, so John Bramley thanked the committee and everyone at St Mark’s for the support that this charity has received over the years. We decided to put Phase, a charity providing practical help to communities in Nepal, into the ‘linked charities’ to receive continuing support, as Dily’s volunteers for them. Although there is no longer a link with Goodwill Children’s villages and Bethany Leprosy Colony we did not want to suddenly stop our donations, and therefore decided to reduce the donations for both. We agreed to continue to support the “Hope for the future climate challenge” in the run up to the general election, but reduced the donation to reflect the shorter timescale for the campaign. We therefore reinstated a donation to Practical Action. Three new charities received one-off support. These were ‘Feed the minds – Unlocking Potential’ which is supported by the Archbishop of York; Jacob’s Well which was proposed by Pauline Miller; and Hope for Kids, proposed by Helen and Tim Gregory as their son spent time working at the New Horizons Centre in Lebanon helping street children and others affected by poverty. Further details of all the charities and the donations they received can be found on the International Committee notice board.

Unfortunately 2014 saw many conflicts and natural disasters affecting the world, and we held a number of bucket collections for emergency appeals in Gaza, Iraq, and for the work of Médecins Sans Frontières in tackling the Ebola crisis in Western Africa. The generosity of St Mark’s was overwhelming. Let us pray that 2015 brings peace and hope to all those who are suffering from war, famine, disease and poverty in our world, and that we continue to do what we can to make the world a better place for everyone.

The committee couldn’t do all that it does without the help of so many other people who volunteer their time, their baking, cooking and jam-making skills, and their singing and musical skills. There are too many people to mention individually, but your talents and willingness to volunteer are much appreciated. And if you fancy joining the committee then please speak to either myself or one of the other members – you’d be made very welcome.

Alison Tolson
The work of the Finance and Fabric Committee has been dominated by the church’s finances in the past year. Increasing expenditure and declining income made it clear that a hard look both at the ways in which we were spending and raising money were called for to avoid falling into deficit in 2015. A financial sub-group was set up to consider how we could confront this problem and it came forward with suggestions that were discussed at a meeting of the Finance and Fabric Committee devoted wholly to the question of finance. Ideas included both short-term savings but also a consideration of longer term measures, such as promoting a greater use of the church buildings, and in the very long term, seeking closure of St Marks Crescent and introducing paid parking spaces there. Both savings and fund-raising measures would be coupled with a renewed emphasis on stewardship. Finance and Fabric’s deliberations were then carried forward by discussion within PCC.

In the event, a concerted appeal on Pledge Sunday resulted in pledges that more than met the shortfall of £10,000 in the budget proposed for 2015, and the outcome in 2014 was somewhat less bad than had been predicted. Once again, the congregation’s willingness to rise to a challenge has been enormously encouraging. This means that the immediate pressure has been eliminated, but a longer-term strategy for increasing the church’s income and reducing unnecessary expenditure is still something to work for.

Fabric issues have also not been lacking. The Memorial Garden has been the cause of concern, both because of the lack of space in the garden as it exists for further interment of ashes, and because of a request for a memorial to the late Bernard and Anne Argent, from whose estate the church has now received a bequest specifically for expenditure on the garden and St Marks Green. In the short term we have agreed that the box hedge around the garden should be removed – it is in any case not in good health – and this will allow for additional plots. In the longer term, a strategy for the interment of ashes and an extension to the existing garden is needed. We have agreed that a bird bath would be a suitable memorial for the Argents, and Nicky Woods has produced several appropriate designs.

Other work done during the year include resurfacing of the worst stretch of the Crescent, repairs to the curtains and the fixing of the curtain rail in the Upper Room, and the installation of more chain on the west wall for securing bikes. Though we rely heavily on our habitual contractors, Paul Belton for general building work and Jim Fulton for electrical repairs, much of the work is done by a devoted band of people both on and beyond Finance and Fabric Committee. We are enormously blessed by their commitment and skill.

Philip Booth

Our new style Faith and Justice Committee, established following a consultation in February 2013, has now been in existence for more than two years. It includes members of our partner churches in Churches Together in Broomhall and Broomhall and it has reporting to it a variety of ‘Special Action Groups’ (SAGs). On the whole the model has worked well. In practice, the SAGs are not groups holding regular meetings but rather a small network of people who are in touch through email and who take action together. This is a satisfactory action-oriented way of working for people with busy diaries. We also help to ensure that issues of social justice are reflected in worship.

Poverty has been a recurring theme. In Lent 2014, 50 members of the congregation either joined the End Hunger Fast or contributed to it financially. The end of the Fast was marked with a vigil outside Nick Clegg’s office attended by Scott Albrecht from
Hertfordshire who had fasted for 43 days. He presented a letter from 600 church people, including 47 Anglican Bishops, calling for urgent Government action on food poverty.

With hunger afflicting many in our supposedly affluent society, there has been emphasis on the church’s hospitality to those in need. As St Mark’s is building a mission partnership with Manor Parish, our church supported the creation of the S2 Food Bank and one of our members, Deni Ennals, has taken on the onerous task of managing it. This led to discussion about whether St Mark’s should support both the S2 and the S6 food banks. On balance, this has seemed right, with an emphasis on providing money to S2 and food to S6. One important consideration is that the Jesus Centre’s food bank in Broomhall in our parish is a ‘satellite’ of the S6 food bank.

St Mark’s enthusiasm for hospitality to those in need is also reflected in the Wednesday Lunch Club for older people, the Friday Broomhall Breakfast and the Saturday Soup Run (see elsewhere in this report). The future location and character of the Soup Run remains under discussion.

It is also important to listen to those experiencing poverty, so we have been involved in the ‘Listen Up’ project of the Diocese and Church Action on Poverty. Twelve in-depth interviews took place in Broomhall with users of the Jesus Centre food bank and the Friday Breakfast and some others. The interviews exposed not only some desperate experiences, often exacerbated by welfare ‘reform’, but also the resilience of the human spirit. Reports on these interviews were included in a major meeting on ‘Poverty in Sheffield Today’ on 29 November at Victoria Hall. Our regular meetings keep us in touch with the anti-poverty campaigning of the People’s Assembly for Sheffield and Church Action on Poverty.

The ‘Listen Up’ project highlighted the problems of physical and mental health of disadvantaged people. We were therefore shocked to learn that the future of the Hanover Medical Centre in Broomhall was under threat because the Government was withdrawing the Minimum Practice Income Guarantee (MPIG) which provides a subsidy for GP practices in areas of relative poverty and ethnic diversity. A petition about this was signed by many in the congregation, with the support of Paul Blomfield MP, and Sue Hammersley wrote to Nick Clegg and Dr David Geddes of NHS England expressing concern. At the time of writing, this issue remains unresolved.

Another recurring theme has been the environment and climate change (see separate reports). We have been encouraged by the progress made by ‘Hope for the Future’ in mobilising widespread church support for political action to tackle climate change. We have discussed the basis for St Mark’s to renew its eco-congregation status. We welcomed the creation in January of a mini-orchard on St Mark’s Green.

Many other subjects have been discussed, including support for elderly people through CTBB’s valuable ‘Worker with Older People’ project; how to respond to individual requests for help; women in the church; and migration and asylum. On our recommendation, the PCC has endorsed the Birmingham Declaration calling for better treatment of asylum seekers.

Finally, our concern for social justice has led us to organise a hustings for the coming General Election at the Broomhall Centre on 19 April, in collaboration with other local churches and community groups.

David Price and Robert Beard

POVERTY ACTION GROUP

Much work has been done this year across Sheffield on initiatives intended to mitigate the worst effects of poverty in the city, and to draw the public’s attention to its causes and consequences, and some members of St Mark’s have played a part in these. For example, the Cathedral’s Archer Project in support of the homeless has successfully held
two sleep-outs to raise money for its vital work in providing them with access to hot food and drinks, showers and laundry facilities, as well as 1:1 support, and gave me the chance to befriend one of their canine companions for the night (no better warm blanket I can assure you!).

Anti-austerity campaigning work has also progressed apace, with those of us in the People’s Assembly Against Austerity happily combining with Sheffield’s Equality Group and Church Action on Poverty, to promote the Poverty in Sheffield Today event held at the Victoria Hall on 29 November (see the section of the report on the Faith and Justice Committee for more on this). This event generated a lot of interest across the local radio network in particular, and its outcome has been conveyed to many of the candidates in Sheffield who are standing for election in May.

But there is more to be done, so if you are interested in getting involved, access the Facebook page St Mark’s Poverty Action Group or speak to Joe Forde, who will be happy to talk with you about this work, and make suggestions for how you might become involved.

Joe Forde

SOUP RUN

It has been a year of progress and slow development for St Marks Soup Run in which we have had to cope with some challenges, but support from the community grows ever stronger. In this report I will first address the challenges and then look at the areas in which we have gained support:

One of the challenges was that we had to face was the move to a new location. Early on in this year the location of Soup run changed from Eldon St Car Park to King St. This was mainly a challenge because the other churches that make up Sheffield Churches Together Soup Run, neglected to inform either myself or Gary of this factor. We were in fact informed by a member of St Marks and had to gather more information from the punters who come to us. It took us a bit of time to get used to this change but in the end it worked and we managed to get all the information to our supervisors and volunteers. So I wish to thank the person who informed us. I can only hazard a guess at why we were not told and I feel it is part of an attitude that actually gives Christians a bad name, but I really do not wish to dwell on a negative in a year that has contained a number of positive aspects.

In the last report I talked about the visions that I and Gary have for Soup Run and this has been the second challenge, because there seems to have been little progress in this area. This is mainly due to a difficulty finding a venue, but we still believe there is an ever growing need for a service that can offer a meal, signposting to other services and pass on skills on how to fight against the unfair system that the government promotes, whichever party is at the centre of it.

One of the many positives this year is a continuing growth of our inter-faith work as part of St Marks Soup Run. As well as working with our brothers and sisters from Broomhill Mosque, a number of people from the Sikh Community within the University of Sheffield have also joined us. This growth in inter-faith work is a great development that builds up community, breaks down barriers
and challenges perceptions. Also, by doing this we promote peace and love and make people realise that we are able to work together for the good of community and the good of the world.

Finally we have an ongoing increase of volunteers contacting me (on average I receive 2-3 emails a week) from people who want to join us. This is great and means that we are growing, even if it does create challenges. So thanks go to all volunteers new and old, supervisors and team members. May we continue to develop and grow into a service that provides empowerment and strength to our service users.

Jonathan Earle

PARISH WEEKEND PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Committee was formed in order to plan another successful Parish Weekend on behalf of St. Mark’s Church PCC. The Weekend offers a chance for the church community to come together in a relaxed fashion, to get to know one another better in beautiful surroundings, with opportunities to share together in worship, conversation, food and drink, and much more. We started work in September last year, and the following information summarises our progress.

Date
The weekend will take place on 18th – 20th September 2015 at Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick.

The date was chosen after much debate and in the knowledge that it would be impossible to identify a date that would suit everyone. We took into account the availability of our preferred venue (see below) and planned events in the Church calendar. We looked at school and University exam periods and also recognised that many members of the congregation would be away from home at various times during the July and August summer holidays. We were mindful of the need to accommodate sufficient time for planning the weekend too. Importantly, the Committee anticipated that by September 2015 St. Mark’s would be welcoming its prospective new incumbent, and that the weekend may be an ideal opportunity for her or him to spend informal time getting to know us, and vice-versa.

Venue
This decision was a little easier as we were able to reflect on previous visits and consider the congregation’s feedback. There are very few venues within reasonable striking distance of Sheffield that can accommodate very large parties, in relaxing surroundings. We have reserved 90 places, though there may be flexibility to secure additional places should there be a demand.

The benefits of returning to the Hayes Conference Centre in Swanwick are many. The feedback from previous Parish Weekends had been extremely positive. The Centre is located in the backdrop of beautiful countryside, the accommodation is accessible and has recently undergone a significant refurbishment with all rooms now en suite, and there is flexibility in terms of months ahead so this also informed our decision on the timing of the weekend.

Theme for the weekend and identifying a Facilitator
We looked back at the theme of the previous weekend and, after discussion, felt that the essence of ‘nurturing community’ remains very relevant to St. Mark’s, as members of a diverse parish. We also felt it relevant that we live in a global society where the idea of community is sometimes questioned. We were hopeful of finding an inspiring individual who would be able to facilitate our weekend, bringing fresh insight. We were delighted to be introduced by one of our committee members to Noel Moules. Noel’s passion is the biblical vision of Shalom, and he has led many workshops and spoken at a wide-range of events on this subject. After meeting with Noel, we felt that his message of Shalom chimes with the spirit of nurturing community and will offer us (quite literally) food for thought. Above all, we admired Noel’s passion, generosity and
warmth. We are hoping that Noel will be able to preach at St. Mark’s this summer, so that the congregation can be introduced to him in advance of the weekend.

**Worship and other activities**
The weekend is for everyone and we’re planning it with the needs of all ages and circumstances in mind. There will be opportunities to take part in a wide range of activities, or guests can choose to use some (or all) of their time to go for a walk, to read or ‘just be’.

We will cater for children too, and are making plans based on the ages of those attending. Members of the congregation are asked to propose ideas for activities they would like to participate in, and to lead suggested workshops. Some of these will be scheduled into the timetable, fitting around the following key events:

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**Costs and fundraising**
The cost of the weekend includes all accommodation, food and activities. Ideally, we want the weekend to be accessible to everyone regardless of an individual’s ability to pay. We are subsidising all places, to keep costs reasonable, with an adult place costing £135 (this is only a little higher than the cost for the previous Parish weekend in 2012). Places can be paid for in full at the time of booking, or by initial deposit and weekly/monthly instalments if preferred. For those who are able to pay a little more, there is an opportunity on the booking form to make (and gift aid) a donation.

To help meet the costs of the weekend, we raised funds through the Auction of Promises and Pancake Party held on Shrove Tuesday. This was a fun event and raised over £1700. We will be planning other fund raising activities to take place over the coming months in the run-up to the weekend.

**Event promotion**
There is a dedicated notice board at the back of Church, and printed information leaflets and booking forms for members of the congregation to look at and take away. Every week a member of the planning team is available after Sunday services to chat about any aspect of the weekend, and to take bookings. The Parish Weekend is being promoted in the weekly church notices (the blue sheet and via the website) too, and from time to time is included in the weekly announcements during morning service.

The planning committee is extremely hopeful that the weekend will be an enjoyable experience for all who attend – we hope that everyone will feel welcomed, be able to relax, perhaps learn something new, meet new friends and get to know old friends better!

*Janis Webster*

**HALLAM DEANERY SYNOD**

For the last four years I have been the Deanery Lay Chair for Hallam Deanery and in that time we have seen quite a few changes. This year is no exception and in it we have begun a structured process for the major task of developing a Deanery Plan. The Diocese is asking every Deanery to have a Plan, which will incorporate Mission Partnerships. The reason for this is twofold:

Firstly, it is practical. The number of stipendiary posts is reducing. In Hallam we have 14 parishes, and this time we have 12 1/2 stipendiary ministers covering these (11 1/2 until we appoint here at St. Mark’s).
However, we have been given the figure of 9 by the year 2019. This means that we would have 2 1/2 less by that point, and in order to do this we need to look strategically at the way in which we work as a Deanery and how our churches could work together to support each other in this.

Secondly, the nature of ministry is changing and the idea of one minister to serve one parish is becoming outdated. Many churches have a large number of people coming to their church who do not live in the parish - St. Mark's is certainly no exception to that rule. And so the sense of an enclosed parish is no longer there. As the broad church that the Church of England strives to be, all be it often not very comfortably, we need to find ways in which we can complement each other, sharing resources - both human and material.

This year saw a new Deanery Synod as it was time for people to be nominated and come into the synod for a three year term. This meant that we also have a new Deanery council. Phil Batchford, vicar at The Vine, Netherthorpe, continues to be our Area Dean and I am very grateful for leadership and ability to work with and value every aspect of what is a very diverse deanery. This is evident in the way in which our council now embraces that diversity. As well as The Vine and St. Mark's, we have people from St. John's Ranmoor, St. Polycarp's Malin Bridge, St. John's Owlerston, St. Mary's Walkley and Christ Church Fulwood. Revd. Neil Bowler has come on board as Assistant Area Dean, having been Area Dean of Rotherham where a very successful Deanery Plan was put into place, before coming to St. John's, Ranmoor, and his input into the process has been invaluable.

The process began in earnest with a meeting of Synod where synod members had the opportunity to see what churches were in the Deanery (something that I think many of us simply aren't aware of - I know I wasn't until I came onto Synod). There was also feedback from the questionnaires that had been sent to every PCC last year so that people could hear what values and insights were coming from fellow churches.

Then there was the chance for people to talk in small groups about where they felt their church was in the scheme of things and to give feedback to each other about what they perceived about other churches. In council we hope to enable a sense of trust between the churches, and a willingness to be open and honest with each other. We know that the diversity within the deanery creates tensions at times and it is no good pretending it doesn't. Hallam is a challenging deanery, with so many variables between size, wealth, theology and churchmanship among others. How do you create a Deanery Plan that makes every church feel equal in the value of what they both give and receive?

We want a plan that is not created by the council but evolves with input from the people on the ground. To this end, the next stage was to ask two "simple" questions of every PCC:

What do we do well?
What don't we do well / need help with?

The idea for this was that the Deanery reps from every church - along with a couple of members of their PCCs if they chose - would then present these responses to the rest of the Synod. We wanted everyone to feel valued in this - and for it not to take forever. 14 churches could take a long time if they all do a PowerPoint of 15 minutes! So we limited it to 90 seconds for each answer - with no media help. This meeting was last month and was very successful. I was unable to attend, but have spoken to people who were there who have all said there was an atmosphere of warmth and generosity; that in fact it didn't feel like a "meeting" at all, but was an opportunity for people to see the very human side of every church and that this was thoroughly taken advantage of. As part of this evening there was also time set aside for churches to talk to each other as a result of what they had seen and heard and think about how their resources could best be shared with each other.

The next stage is to look at the feedback from this and work with the churches in trying to formulate a specific proposed Plan. After that it will be presented to Synod as a starting point for how it can be developed.
into something more solid. We hope to have an agreed Plan by November.

The Deanery plays an important part in shaping the way in which the Church of England works. At its best it encourages open mindedness and generosity. It is also important to remember that those on Deanery Synod elect those on General Synod, so if there are things that are important to you, speak to you Deanery Reps so that they are aware of what you want the Church to be doing. Writing this I realise that we in St. Mark’s can be very strong in our views, but do we always communicate these to the wider Church on Deanery level? Do we take enough interest in what the official bodies are doing in order to make the changes we feel need to be made? As a church in the Liberal / Critical tradition, we have a strategic part to play in our Deanery - and the Diocese. The more we work together in this and with the other churches, the more positive our impact can be.

Your Deanery Reps are Cath Osgerby and Anne Padget. Feel free to speak to us.

Anne Padget
Hallam Lay Deanery Chair

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROOMHILL AND BROO MHALL

Moderator’s Report

My first priority, given that I already had a foot in the camps of St Mark’s and St. Andrew’s, was to acquaint myself with the members of The Beacon at Broomhill and their new Minister Revd Will Fletcher. I was delighted to accept their invitation to lead worship and preach for All Saints in November 2014, and to preach there again at the CTBB joint service marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January this year.

Proposals for simplifying CTBB’s constitution dominated much of last year’s business, which depended on one of the member Churches being willing to act as employer for the Worker with Older People. In the end, none of the three was able to take on this responsibility, and so the constitution remains unchanged for the foreseeable future.

In addition to the CTBB partners, four other Christian Churches serve our area:

a. The Ethiopian Orthodox Church (meeting at St Andrew’s)

b. The Chinese Grace Reformed Christian Fellowship (also meeting at St Andrew’s)

c. The Jesus Centre

d. The Crowded House (three members of which rent St Andrew’s manse)

I am undertaking exploratory talks with members of all four, with a view to closer partnership working.

During the year, I have attended two meetings of the Worker with Older People support group to learn more about Hazel’s work.

Since January 2015, I have been attending the Broomhall Breakfast on Friday mornings, to talk with the service users, who are very appreciative of this practical ministry.

I have not attended the Youth Club (too old?), but supported their car-washing and cake sale last year to raise funds, and was delighted to read the lively and lavishly illustrated report of their residential weekend.

I have met Susi, the new Broomhall Centre manager, and look forward to working with her.

I am very grateful to the members of the CTBB Executive for all their work and support.

Revd. Robert Beard
CTBB Moderator
As we come to the end of March 2015 we face several significant goodbyes in Broomhall...

Linsey Taylor-Auad, the Manager of Broomhall Forum, has used her considerable skills to draw down funding for youth and employment projects in Broomhall and, as a community development worker, she has organised many different gatherings to bring people together and support them over the years. Her work on the management team for St Andrew’s Church has been hugely appreciated. With changing priorities for funding, the work of the Broomhall Forum has become less viable, so Linsey has decided to make a completely new start in Morocco where she will be starting an “Eco Village” – something I hope to hear more about as it develops. Linsey and I set up “The Welcome Place” about four years ago and she will be greatly missed: we offer her our very best wishes on her new adventure.

Jennie Beard has been responsible for the most extraordinary social history project, “Our Broomhall”. She has gathered hundreds of stories about people from all walks of life who have had a connection with the area. She opened up St Silas’ Church and gathered together people who’d been baptised or married there over the years and she discovered connections with writers such as Enid Blyton and Bruce Chatwin. The website, www.ourbroomhall.org.uk, will remain active thanks to the many volunteers who are still committed to this project, so do pay it a visit and catch a glimpse of the ways in which Broomhall has been brought to life! We wish Jennie every happiness in her future life in the USA where she will be moving in the summer.

Sue Hammersley

Broomhall News continues to thrive under the editorial direction of Vanessa Senger and Jim Cowley. The Group of Groups still meets bi-monthly, although this is feeling quite fragile at the moment as significant members leave. Youth work continues to struggle although the Girls’ Youth Club is vibrant. Now is a time of transition – perhaps this is a time for you to get more involved?

Sharon Gill, the Manager of the Broomhall Centre is also moving on, taking on extra hours at the Community Arts Project in Rotherham where she is already working. Sharon has been a welcoming face at the Broomhall Centre for over 5 years, enabling community groups to use the centre’s facilities and supporting their applications for funding and resources. She will be sorely missed. Fortunately, her successor, Susi Miller, has already been appointed and is beginning to make her mark. She has a background in community development work and will be an asset to the Broomhall area.

This year the Welcome Place has benefited from being well established as people have dropped in from time to time to use the sewing machines, to enjoy the company or to seek support or advice. As Linsey moves on there are questions about how this group will continue. There is a small but strong team from St Mark’s which supports this project but volunteers with sewing skills would be greatly valued – if you are interested do please come along to the Broomhall Centre any Wednesday between 3 and 5pm.

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BROOMHALL GIRLS GROUP

The Broomhall Girls Group continues to run on a Thursday evening from 7-9pm with one paid member of staff, Pippa Carter, and a variety of volunteers. On average there are 10 young women each week between the ages of 13-17.

This year has been packed with trips, fund raising events and a residential that the girls went on at the end of November. A weekend never to forget. They did assault courses and team building activities, as well as just relaxing and spending time together. The girls visited local churches in the Broomhall and Broomhill areas in the run up to the residential to raise funds. We ran a
car wash and a bake sale at St. Marks and the girls were overwhelmed by people's generosity.

We are looking forward to the spring term. The youth club is also in need of more funds which the management committee are applying for at this moment.

Thank you for your support.

Isabel Lloyd-Jones

BROOMHALL BREAKFAST

Since its inception more than 15 years ago, the Broomhall Breakfast has been serving food and friendship in equal and abundant measure each Friday morning.

Our ‘Breakfasters’ are the guests of our umbrella charity, Churches Together in Broomhill and Broomhall (CTBB). Guests arriving between 8am and 10am at St Andrew’s Church Hall enjoy a hearty cooked breakfast served to order, preceded by fruit juice, cereal and unlimited tea and coffee. A banana and cereal bar is available to take away.

Most Breakfasters are local people, experiencing difficult times. Many of our guests have complex health and/or social problems; some are vulnerably housed, or homeless. The majority of our guests are unable to donate the nominal 50p towards the cost of their breakfast. In addition, some guests who pop in for breakfast work on the Buzz project at St Andrews, and sometimes members of other local community groups might pop in for a chat and some food.

Whatever their situation, all Breakfasters are welcome and can expect a warm reception from our friendly volunteers. The volunteers serve on average 60 people each week, and Breakfasters stay to talk, to read their newspaper, or just sit quietly. The simple ‘food and friendship’ ethos of the Breakfast means that the atmosphere is generally very positive.

Sue Hammersley took over the leadership of the Breakfast in 2013; Sue’s presence has an uplifting effect on guests and volunteers alike. Sue sits and talks and listens, offering a warm human experience that is sometimes lacking in the lives of vulnerable people. This year Sue has been gently releasing the reins of her leadership role, handing over to Jane Harley. Jane has been a committed volunteer with the Breakfast for over a year, and brings a wealth of experience in operational management – as well as having a great sense of humour and a big heart!

The Breakfast continues to run each week with the aid of a number of other dedicated volunteers too; some of whom have been helping for many years, whilst others are students keen to give something of themselves to their new community. When our student volunteers move on we invariably miss them – over the last year we have said hello and goodbye to the fantastic Roy, amazing Patrick and wonderful Caroline and Niina (to name just a few).

Throughout this year Kim Willis has helped Sue and Jane in successfully building stronger links with other organisations in the city such as the Archer Project, St. Wilfred’s, and St. Mary’s.

Obviously it costs money to run the Breakfast and this year we have been able to operate as a result of donations from the University of Sheffield, ‘For Sheffield’, an offshoot of Seedbed Trust in Leeds, and the congregations of St. Mark’s and St. Andrew’s Churches, for which we are most grateful.

During the last year we have formed a Broomhall Breakfast Steering Committee, to co-ordinate the activities entailed in running the Breakfast each week. Over the coming year the Committee plans to focus and strengthen our fundraising activities, with a view to safeguarding the future of the Broomhall Breakfast.

Janis Webster, on behalf of the Broomhall Breakfast Steering Committee
WORKER WITH OLDER PEOPLE

I have now been in the role of Community Worker with Older People for approaching two years and the time really has flown by. By now I have certainly “found my feet” and can say that I very rarely use my A to Z for visits. My daughter Krystal and I have been made to feel most welcome within St Mark’s community and we very much look forward to St Mark’s Sunday services which we attend when we can. We also brought our newest addition last week, my six month old Grandson Jordan Andrew who behaved very well I’m pleased to say.

Michael Bayley and I continue our regular supervisions; the discussion regularly comes around to how we ensure that those who need support and companionship are not overlooked. The truth is that I do rely quite heavily on the people of St Mark’s to point me in the right direction. I maintain close contact with Rev’d Sue Hammersley. Also Rosalind Rogerson and the St Mark’s Lunch Club helpers keep me well informed with regards to their members. I consider that this works well and feels like real a “team effort” to care for and support our older people. Susan Whitmill and Briony Taylor have both been consistently supportive of my work. This seems like a good chance to offer my thanks to all of the above.

My work is quite varied and I approach each person as an individual, what is right for one person is not necessarily the same for another. I feel strongly that it is important to gain a sense of a person’s own personality, likes and dislikes. By doing so I can respond more effectively and hopefully build trusting relationships with those I work with.

Despite the wide-ranging nature of my work some issues arise more frequently. For example, advice re: sheltered accommodation or residential and nursing care, home care services and benefits. I also find advocacy a large part of my work. I attribute this to the difficulties around reaching the right person or department, especially with automated telephone services. It is most frustrating trying to speak to an actual person and reach the right department, even more so should you be hard of hearing or have poor eyesight for reading telephone numbers.

I ensure that I attend information events in order to keep abreast of issues around older people. Most recently I attended a Health Watch Sheffield training event looking at the Care Act 2015. This is a new piece of government legislation which brings together laws and regulations. Promoting wellbeing underpins the whole system. As does focus on the outcomes individuals wish to achieve. The Act promises a diverse range of services, support for carers and apparently some people will spend less of their own money on their care and support. This all sounds very positive and hopeful. Only time will tell.

All good wishes to you all at St Mark’s. Please remember my contact details are in the St Mark’s magazine. Please feel free to contact me either for yourself or should you have concerns with regard to an older person.

Hazel Fox

SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

The members of this committee are meeting less regularly than last year, but do exchange ideas, news and the organisation of events by email. In the past year social activities have included group visits to "Oh, what a lovely war" at the Drama Studio, to Chorus UK at the City Hall and to Manor Operatic's pantomime. The walking group is currently in abeyance and rumours of a cycling group seem not yet to have been substantiated – but there is always an opportunity for one or two enthusiasts to organise something, especially as the weather improves.

As ever, special events have been marked by suitable food and celebratory cakes. Sunday lunches continue, though less regularly than before. They seem to be more successful if linked to a specific event or purpose.

Has anyone noticed that we rarely serve biscuits after the 10am service? Certain
groups who meet during the week have private supplies under the counter but, feeling that any biscuits we offered should be fair trade, like the tea and coffee, it turned out to be a rather expensive business, so we decided to discontinue them.

Since then we have made poppies for Remembrance Day, Christmas decorations and nativity figures (did you see Jane’s lovely examples on the cover of the December Messenger?) and are now putting together items for a stall at the Broomhill Garden Party. But people bring along their own projects to work on, especially if they have run into problems! And we are very grateful for the donations of wool we have been given.

We meet on the first Saturday morning in the month from 10.30am to 12noon, usually in the church lounge, but occasionally at someone’s home if the lounge is unavailable. We share tea, coffee, sometimes nibbles and there is always some “nattering”!

Jennie Martin and Alison Tolson

CHURCH CLEANERS

We have now been cleaning the church for three years come 1st April. We both still work 6 hours a week each, now split over Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. The bins are put out on a weekly basis for collection and there is an alternate weekly collection for both the blue and the black bins. Our priority is to keep the church clean without disrupting the use of the building. We clean all the toilets, and vacuum all the downstairs public areas twice a week. Each kitchen gets a thorough clean once a week, with a further sanitising wipe down on the second shift. Once a month the kitchen hobs will be cleaned. Areas such as the vestry, the chapel, sanctuary, pulpit, choir stalls and coffin porch get dusted, polished and vacuumed/swept once a week. The flooring under the pews is cleaned once a week, with the shelves and seating being dusted and cleaned every other week. We completed a course of carpet cleaning in the summer. There are many jobs which are done as and when they are needed, with both of us paying a lot of
attention to the ongoing state of the church on a twice weekly basis. We, of course, always welcome any suggestions. We adjust our working hours to suit the use of the church, keeping a close eye on the weekly meeting sheets. With so many different and divergent groups using the church, we aim to make sure they find the church a clean and pleasant place to use. We also find ourselves being a point of contact for visitors and church-users. People often have questions about the history or the running of the church and we aim to help as much as we can, being both employees and members of the congregation who have either grown up going to the church or got married here. For this reason, we take considerable pride in St Mark’s.

John Whitmill and Tim Moore

THE LUNCH & FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Briony Tayler writes:

It is on Wednesdays that the church lounge is at its busiest, as visiting organ repairers, gardeners, meter readers and others find out, sometimes to their advantage. It is at its warmest, as the central heating is supplemented by the hobs and the oven, boiling and baking for 40-odd people. It is at its fullest, from noon onwards, when all the members and helpers have arrived.

We serve a two course meal plus juice, tea or coffee, monthly sherry to celebrate birthdays and sometimes "fizz" for great occasions. The meals are generally appreciated and very little food is wasted. I must pay tribute to my fellow cooks, Mary-Jane Ryder, Mary Tattersall and Pauline Miller, who are all expert at canny shopping and conjuring up tasty, varied and healthy meals, largely in a traditional style. Their efforts would not be possible without a loyal band who serve the meals, wash up and tidy away with cheerful enthusiasm; my thanks as always to Antje Barker, Fleur Bayley, Cicely Chibnall, Janet Earwaker, John Hall, Judith Price, Carol Rowe and Eve Saunders. It is all hard work, though very enjoyable, and if anyone would like to join the team, come and visit one Wednesday to find out how it all works!

Rosalind Rogerson writes:

After lunch there is usually time for lively conversation until we get ready for whatever entertainment is on the Friendship Club programme. This might mean music, or a talk, or something we do ourselves, like board games or our very own concert. Though there may be a waiting list for places at lunch, there is always room for visitors to Friendship Club. Look out for our weekly programme in the church newsletter, and do come along.

The Lounge Team meets and greets members and aims to make Wednesdays as comfortable as possible for all. I am grateful to Carol Rowe and Mary-Jane Ryder, who share responsibility with me, and to a team of ready helpers: Sarah Craggs, Pauline Elliott, Laura Hatfield, Miranda Myers, Jennifer Powell, Haig Topalian, Betty Towse, Renate Smith, Rhona Watts and Susan Whitmill. I must mention, with much appreciation Linda Hinchliffe (now sadly no longer with us) and Barry Dobson for setting up and laying tables every week. As ever, we are delighted to have had the continued support of Transport 17 with its smart blue buses and cheery crews who make Wednesday fun from the moment you leave your own front door.

Members pay for their lunch, and the Friendship Club and those who use T17 also pay towards that. We are grateful that our funds have been augmented for a number of years by a grant from Sheffield City Council, earmarked for running costs, hire of room and a subsidy towards transport. Many thanks too to Roy Godden, who takes on the auditing of accounts with acumen and understanding.

During the year some members have become too frail to attend, but we try to keep in touch. We remember with love and much
respect Linda Hinchliffe and David Sizer who have died recently.

Briony Tayler, Rosalind Rogerson

PASTORAL CARE

Our work continues to run a quiet course of necessity. Much of the activity is confidential, or relates to support confined deliberately to a small circle of people. Awareness of growing or changing needs in the longer term is very important and our grateful thanks go to those in the congregation whose alertness and compassion make such a difference.

We share the acute and long-term needs with Sue and others monthly at the staff meeting, and also exchange information in emails and phone conversations. We cannot organise a response to a situation we are not aware of, so please be in touch if you feel someone is "falling through the net" of mutual care, which we feel sure everyone at St Mark’s is determined to sustain.

Briony Tayler and Susan Whitmill

CRÈCHE

Crèche has continued to work well this year, providing the youngest members of the congregation with an opportunity to get to know each other, and their parents with an opportunity to participate in the service without any distractions. The average age has decreased as we have welcomed a number of new under 1s who have started coming to crèche with their parents, while some of the older (3-4 year olds) children have moved on to Godly Play.

There are a group of 8 or 9 children who attend on a fairly regular basis and a team of 5 leaders. A number of parents also regularly stay with their children. Visiting children also attend from time to time.

Juliet Storey

GODLY PLAY

We continue to offer Godly Play to children on a Sunday morning and over the past year we have enjoyed welcoming a number of new children to the Godly Play circle. Together with longer-standing attendees they have enjoyed a rich programme of Parables, Old Testament stories and time to make their own creative responses.

This year the PCC granted us £500 from the bequest of Pamela Mann which has paid for some new shelving and enabled us to purchase some new story materials. These are for enrichment stories from the Old Testament for which we will need to get creative, producing some additional materials ourselves to complete the stories. We have also obtained some baskets so that each of the stories can be displayed individually on the shelves. It is our intention to have an engraved dedication to Pamela Mann on one of the shelving units to show our gratitude for her contribution to Godly Play.

One of our team members has been sharing Godly Play with children in local schools. Although originally developed as a resource for children Godly Play is now being used with a wide range of age groups in a diverse range of settings and, reflecting this trend, in the autumn of 2014 members of the team shared Godly Play with St Mark’s Friendship Club. This was a very different and rewarding experience which was much appreciated by the people who came. They also made a donation to the team which has been used to purchase an apple for a thoughtful re-telling of the Adam and Eve story.

Over several years now the Godly Play team has accumulated a wealth of materials and experience. We take the time to consider what we are providing each term and acknowledge the need to come together and reflect on our practice, and treasure the work we are doing in more depth so that we can continue to grow. As such we will be taking part in a Godly Play refresher session on 6th June 2015 facilitated by Kathryn Lord, an official trainer in Godly Play based in
Sheffield, and with whom we all completed our initial training.

Michelle Wattam

**LIONS REPORT**

The lions group is for secondary school-aged young people and meets regularly on Sundays. Due to the increased commitment in a wide range of activities, some of which happen on a Sunday morning, Lions now meet as follows:

- Monthly afternoon sessions which include food, games and reflection or prayer.
- Monthly morning sessions during the service, offering breakfast and discussion.

Lions have also increased their involvement in Sunday morning services, with three of them becoming servers.

Over the last year, the group have experienced visits from members of the congregation, who have shared their experience of faith and how it interrelates to their everyday life. They have also explored different types of active prayer and met Ruth Hindmarsh, the current Christian Aid Intern, who introduced this year’s campaign to support gender equity in Ethiopia.

Outside of church the group have seen Luke Speeddings perform in the Manor Operatic Society pantomime and have enjoyed a very successful day trip to York to visit the chocolate museum and York Minster, not to mention the annual trip to Pizza Hut!

Regular meetings alternating between mornings and evenings have allowed the Lions to meet at a time that fits in with their varying commitments. The informal structure of sessions have fostered a strong sense of community and built trusting and respectful relationships. Going forward, the Lions Leaders will explore how these relationships can begin to support the exploration of faith in more detail as the young people experience their transition into adulthood. We will also be looking at how the group can continue to understand their role within the broader St Mark’s community and the ways we can engage with young people in other churches within the city.

Sarah Jenkins

**CHILDREN'S OUTREACH WORKER**

Children are the church of today and the church of the future. They are disciples in training, not disciples in waiting.

Part of the mission of any church is the work with children in the community, and what better starting point is there than local schools! It is widely accepted that it is ‘good’ for children to experience ‘worship’ and RE, and of course the latter is part of the curriculum.

I started work with local schools in September 2014 and since then I have conducted regular Assemblies at Ashdell School, and led Godly Play sessions in the Junior Department. Other work I have been involved in has included collaborating with RE staff in looking at the religious aspects of the painting “St Michael Triumphant over the Devil” by Bartolome Bermejo and encouraging the children to develop their own interpretation of Psalm 130. The deep spiritual insights of even very young children are a constant source of amazement to me.

Since Christmas closer links with Broomhill Infants have been forged with weekly Godly Play sessions, again providing opportunities for even the four – five year-olds to develop and demonstrate their growing spiritual awareness.

Ashdell and Westbourne both held their Christmas Services in the church, both being very well attended and in all these schools
there has been a great deal of goodwill and openness to what I have been doing.

I hope that these links will continue to develop in the coming years and that the children from both schools will use the church more during the week and also see the role of either me or personnel from St Mark’s as part of their school life. At some point it is hoped to establish a mid-week monthly 'Club' with different activities and a small service for these children and we are seeking advice regarding this from the Church Army.

So what has been happening in church?

Christmas Eve saw a large number of children being welcomed to the Christingle Service, so much so that we ran out of oranges! Both parents and children enjoyed the event and we hope to repeat this and build on our contacts with parents in this way.

We hope to develop and expand our “All Age services” with an increasing input from children and their families as demonstrated by the recent Mothering Sunday Service.

The ‘Children’s Corner’ is still proving popular, providing a space where mums and dads can still feel part of the service whilst supervising the little ones, and our worship is enriched by their presence.

Young people are so important in any church community, and at St Mark’s we all have the responsibility to make them feel loved and valued in the same way as we love and value adult members. Encouraging children to come to any church, let alone stay, is a challenge for all of us at St Mark’s, and we need to ask ourselves if we are taking this challenge seriously, and what changes we need to make to enable children to want to come to church with their parents. And to begin with, we can all pray for our children’s leaders at St Mark’s, our local schools, and teachers, as well as of course children and parents in those schools.

Tim Gregory

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**BROOMHILL FESTIVAL**

At the AGM of the Broomhill Festival in November 2014 I was elected as the new Chair and have begun the quite daunting task of trying to pick up the organisation of the Festival.

St. Mark’s has been a major supporter of the Festival since its inception in 1975. As you know it celebrates community and is held every June. 2014 was the 40th anniversary of the Festival with around 70 events at 35 different venues. This year it will be a reduced Festival in terms of the number of events but will hopefully raise as much money as in the past and be able to give a substantial amount to each of the Charities selected for this year. Those chosen charities are BBEST Action Limited (a neighbourhood planning forum, to produce a neighbourhood plan for the Broomhill, Broomfield, Endcliffe, Somerfield & Tapton areas), Broomhill Community Library (to support the developing long term plan for the library building to operate as a community centre in Broomhill), Project Buzz (Buzz was originally set up in 1999, in response to parental requests for somewhere safe for children to play and now provides services to support vulnerable children and families living locally), and Sheffield Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (established in 1980; its key objectives are to alleviate the extensive consequences of the trauma of rape and sexual abuse, and to raise awareness of the issues of rape and sexual violence).

Records show that since 1996 the Festival has supported 76 charities and has donated to date £189,475. This means that since 1996 our efforts have raised far in excess of £200,000 which involves many hours of volunteer giving in order to make it a success and keeps our overhead to the minimum needed to run such a well organised annual extravaganza. Methodist Beacon at Broomhill as well as St. Mark’s play a key part in the festival in a variety of ways, hosting different events including concerts, talks and an art exhibition. The popular five-a-side football tournament usually attracts many teams of local schoolchildren. Events take
place in pubs and shops around Broomhill, including musical entertainment and readings, whilst residents open their gardens. The festival culminates in our exciting and vibrant garden party on St Mark’s green.

The 41st Festival begins on 5 June 2015 with an opening concert by the world renowned organist of Liverpool Cathedral, Ian Tracey, who will be giving a recital on our newly restored organ. The Festival finishes on the weekend of 20/21 June with the Garden Party on the Saturday and the Festival Service on the Sunday.

I hope you will come to as many of the Festival events as you can to give us the best chance of matching the success of previous years in terms of money raised. All the help and support from members of St. Mark’s is very much appreciated. So many of you offer your time and energy each year and without it the Festival could not have survived for over 40 years, so I look forward to the continuing success of the Festival with your help.

Jane Padget

MARK’S MESSENGER

Mark’s Messenger, our monthly magazine, continued through the past year with as wide a variety of contributions as the editors have been able to gather. Apart from covering news of people and events specific to St Mark’s, we gave prominent space to the centenary of the beginning of World War I and to developments in the ministry of women in the Church of England as both priests and bishops. The nine issues during the year – we ‘take a break’ at Christmas and during the summer holiday, and give way to the Annual Report in April – have been edited as usual by Hazel Elliot-Kemp, David Price and Carol Rowe in rotation, with text-setting by John Bramley and Dez Martin (who have to work through every issue!), and printing and distribution are handled by Anne Padget.

During the Vacancy, page 2 (which was written alternately by Ian Wallis and Sue Hammersley) is being covered by a variety of church officers to lighten Sue’s load, and Mike Hunt has been attending editing committee meetings in her place.

We aim to make the Messenger attractive, informative and entertaining, and hope it helps members of St Mark’s to get to know each other better. With that in mind, we have tried a variety of what we hope are striking and colourful front covers and we welcome contributions of almost any kind: accounts of out-of-church activities and ‘private passions’, book reviews, original poems, ideas that have inspired and can be shared, reflections on our life as a church, and reports of what is going on within Broomhill and Broomhall. And the editors are also always happy to receive other suggestions, too. Thanks go to everyone who has provided material for the Messenger over the year. Please be encouraged to send something in! It helps if articles can fit comfortably into a half or full page (350 words or 750 words) and illustrations are welcome (JPGs, please). Texts should be sent to the editor of the upcoming magazine by the 12th of the previous month.

Carol Rowe

LIVING THE QUESTIONS

‘Living the Questions’ is a group which meets monthly (Wednesday evenings) to discuss matters of faith. It has been running for a number of years, and most recently we have been looking at books by Marcus Borg (amongst others) as a stimulus for discussion, though we have been flexible in responding to group members’ interests. The aims of
the group are to provide a forum for discussion or exploration, and to provide support for each other in our faith journeys. We have been known to meet in the pub too.

It would be fair to say that we have been rather 'stumbling along' this year. Whilst it has been really great to have had new members coming along to meetings we have rather struggled to remain quorate on occasions (everyone is so busy). It is recognised that a forum such as 'Living the Questions' is a potentially welcome haven for both newcomers to St Mark's and long-standing members of the congregation, and therefore it would be great if the group could become more established, with a much closer relationship to the programme of St Mark's and/or to the CRC. We have been indebted to Robert Beard for his learned and enthusiastic contributions to the group this year, and we hope to continue the meetings in some format in the future.

Jonathan Williamson

ST MARK'S CENTRE FOR RADICAL CHRISTIANITY (CRC)

St Mark’s CRC has had a busy year, the highlight of which was the day in November when Rowan Williams, 104th Archbishop of Canterbury and now Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge, came to share with us his thoughts about what the famous phrase of his predecessor Anselm, the 34th Archbishop, faith in search of understanding, means today. In talking to a packed church about faith as disposition, Rowan Williams drew particular attention to what he considers one of the most important books to have been written in the last decade, Iain McGilchrist’s The Master and his Emissary subtitled The Divided Brain and the Making of the Western World. It is clear from listening to members of St Mark’s and of the CRC since then, that both the idea of faith as disposition rather than assent to formulae, and the discussion of the right brain/left brain/whole brain area has had a lasting impact on many people.

Earlier in the year, Martyn Percy, now Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, but at the time Principal of Ripon College, Cuddesdon, led a day on Progressive Church: Reconceiving Christian Community that was both stimulating and entertaining.

There were three well attended and fascinating Seminar and Library evenings. Adrian Scott, talking around the time of the publication of his latest book of poetry Arriving in Magic, addressed the area of writing as a way of allowing the soul to speak, especially in the poetry of the everyday; Grace Vincent talked about the New Roots phenomenon and the motivations behind it (this event was held during the Broomhill Festival); and Dr Katie Edwards, a lecturer in the Department of Biblical Studies challenged us on the subject of Biblical IL-literacy with special reference to the place of the Bible in popular culture. The Library itself continues to be a popular resource both to members of CRC and of St Mark’s.

There have been two other developments of note during the year. The first is the departure of Ian Wallis as chair, and the fact that I have taken over as Chair of the Council in his place. In fact this had nothing to do with Ian’s resignation as Vicar of St Mark’s. His term of office as Chair expired at the November AGM, so there would have been a vacancy in any case. St Mark’s CRC owes a huge amount to Ian’s enthusiasm, intellectual rigour and gentle leadership. Happily he has agreed to give a lecture at the Spring conference this year. Secondly, we have spent a lot of time, energy and resources on rebuilding the website (https://stmarks crc.co.uk). We are very grateful to John Padget for taking over from the original designer and giving us a really
good functioning website through which far more can now be done.

I would like to thank my fellow officers and the members of the Council for their patience with me as I feel my way into this new role, and to all the members of CRC – especially those from St Mark’s – for their continuing support and enthusiasm.

John Schofield

LIBRARY

The cataloguing of the original CRC Library into its new Excel format is now complete and when the final work is complete on our website, our readers will be able to order and borrow books from us online.

The three Seminar and Library evenings during the year were very successful. Adrian Scott, a local poet spoke on his experiences as a poet on 21st May on 'Writing as a Way of Allowing the Soul to Speak - The poetry of An Ordinary Life'

On 18th June, as part of the Broomhill Festival, Grace Vincent spoke about founding her shop in Sheffield as well as her work in the diverse community in Burngreave with the title, Creating Gospel Projects.

And on 8th October Dr Katie Edwards from Dept. Biblical Studies at Sheffield University gave a very interesting talk on how the advertising world is still using, to great effect, the symbol of Eve and Adam in her talk on Biblical ill(literacy).

This year there are three speakers booked. On 13th May Dr Philip Lewis will return to us to speak about Christian – Muslim relations in a Cold Climate: Signs of Hope in Britain and on 30th September John Hillman will introduce us to the poetry of Kim Rosen in his talk on "Poetry as a Portal" - an introduction to the work of Kim Rosen, author of "Saved by a Poem". In February 2016 Janet Morley will be publishing her latest book of poetry. The theme is Mortality and she has promised an evening of poetry and book signing.

I would like to thank the CRC and PCC for their generous funding over the past 12 months. I have tried to ensure that the budget is spent wisely. Without your support, new books could not be bought and these evenings could not go ahead. Donations are asked from our attendees.

As ever, my grateful thanks to the members of the library team who show dedication and interest and without whom we could not function.

Maureen Bownas

LENT COURSE 2015

The Lion has roared
Who can but prophesy?

This year, we decided that the Lent groups should help people think about what sort of society we want to live in, about what a just, good and fair society should look like, and what sort of society God wants us to build – areas particularly pertinent, of course, in the year of a General Election.

To help us do this, we decided to look at the prophet Amos and make connections between what he was saying to people – especially, but not solely, the dominant classes – in the Kingdom of Israel about 750BCE, and to make connections between that and examples in contemporary society.

Marcus Borg, in his last book, Convictions, has a lot to say about the book of Amos, the effect it had on his own awakening to the political implications of Christianity and on
how Christians should relate to contemporary society. I did not discover this until well on into the time when the groups were meeting, but it was very gratifying to read him writing this:

"I wish all Christians knew Amos and that every congregation would do a multisession study during which participants would read the book and wrestle with its content."
*Marcus Borg, Convictions, p.169*

As in 2014, the course was devised and delivered in conjunction with the Manor Parish. Upwards of 80 people took part in the five sessions which looked at prophecy, issues of justice and righteousness, how money is used (*Can we blame it all on the bankers?*), about how we read the world in which we live and where God is in all that is going on, and what sort of people we celebrate and follow. All these are issues to be found in Amos.

One of the outcomes we hoped for is that some critical questions will be addressed to candidates in the election, whether by individual voters, or at the hustings such as those organised for the Sheffield Central constituency, and we have plans for disseminating the key points not only to all those who were in the groups, but also to those who did not take part.

Parallel to the world of the groups, I devised a series of linked readings for the 10am Eucharist, which resulted in some thoughtful and thought-provoking sermons, thereby including a wider participation from the congregation in the whole process.

Feedback at the time of writing this report has been encouraging. Clearly much thought has been provoked, and an ancient voice appreciated for the contemporaneity of many (if not all) aspects of his message.

*John Schofield*

**MUSIC**

Well, 2014. A tricky year for all at St Mark’s, but especially for its musicians. The music team at church has coped wonderfully well with both the departure of Rev Ian Wallis and that of our talented organist Prof Andrew Linn, who elected to take a well-earned break from church music after 25 years of early starts on Sundays. In addition to this, our wonderful organ has been out of action since July for a long awaited, eagerly anticipated refurbishment. Services have been accompanied by the piano and other instruments for eight months: This took some getting used to, but the choir have been especially inventive with their choice of repertoire to accommodate the change. So too have our other instrumentalists, who have regularly given an extra dimension to Sunday morning worship.

As ever, there were a number of musical highlights, including how the musicians collaborated for our worship at Christmas – particularly for our carol service, which featured both brass and woodwind ensembles to accompany the choral devotions and the congregational carols. Organ? What Organ? At times it was easy to forget that the instrument that is so integral to our worship was missing for Christmas, so I’m personally grateful to all those who were involved over the festive season to make it really special.

Our choir also gave not one but two performances of Henry Walford Davies’ Short Requiem: one on Palm Sunday, preparing us for holy week; the other on Remembrance Sunday, as we commemorated the centenary of the start of the First World War. The later service was particularly poignant, and the reading of the names of those from our parish who died in that conflict matched the devotion of the Requiem composed ‘in sacred memory of all those who have fallen in the war.’ The choir were on fine form, mastering the movements set in Anglican chant particularly well, and shed some light on a seldom performed but beautifully expressive choral work.
Another enormous part of our music at St Mark’s is of course our tradition at Night Services – and this is also something of which we can be very proud. The flexible nature of these services accommodates the plethora of musicians that want to be involved in them: from the dynamic combination of Gary’s Guitar and Ceri & Jen’s trumpets to Robin & Fleur’s sonorous violins: we’ve really had a bit of everything – and long may it continue! Most of these musicians contribute at our monthly All Age service, and I believe that our rag tag band of young and old really demonstrates this All Age idea.

Tackling such a huge range in our musical output is quite something, and couldn’t be achieved without hard work. David Sanderson has been invaluable in our time without an organist, and I am very grateful for his dedication and support. St Mark’s has a great deal of music that we should be grateful for, and we’ve a lot to look forward too. We’re counting the days until our fine organ is back on line, and particularly to its commissioning recital by Prof Linn on May 1st and its Grand Opening on June 5th by Prof Ian Tracy – Organist Titulaire at Liverpool Cathedral.

Mark McCombs

ORGAN SUB-GROUP

A year ago we had completed the first stage of the organ restoration. The money to the fund for the restoration had been raised, a contract signed with Wood of Huddersfield, and faculty obtained from the Diocese. In June, work finally started on the restoration itself. The console gradually disappeared and piles of organ pipes took up space in the choir stalls. It rapidly became clear that the original Christmas deadline for completion was hopelessly optimistic, especially as – perhaps inevitably – problems emerged during the restoration that could not reasonably have been anticipated. At the end of 2014, a completion by not later than Easter 2015 seemed realistic.

For much of the year, the north-east corner of the church resembled a building site rather than choir stalls. The console was dismantled and disappeared in its entirety during the summer, and as work to the pipes progressed, pipes had to be stored there, too. In fact, the amount of disruption to the church as a whole was minimal, and the choir was able to perform in the western block of the stalls without too much difficulty. In addition, David Wood loaned us a chamber organ that could be used for services as required. David Wood’s team became a welcome addition to the St Mark’s family as they carried out their painstaking work of restoration.

Quite apart from unanticipated problems, we were also advised of extra work that would be desirable as part of the restoration. Most prominent was the advice from Paul Hale to replace two ranks of pipes, the Open Diapason Trebles and the Great Harmonic Flute for the Great Organ. David Wood was able to obtain at reasonable cost second-hand Willis pipes. That, coupled with a revoicing of the rather strident Trumpet stops, was destined to make a significant difference to the tonal quality of the organ.

By the end of 2014, work was still very far from finished. Pipework was still not completely reinstalled and the console had not been resurrected. Since then, however, work to the organ has progressed apace and the new target deadline for completion of Easter has been achieved.

Two events have been planned to celebrate the recommissioning of the organ. The first, to take place on 1 May at 7:30 pm, is designed primarily to thank donors and Paul Hale, David Wood and his team, and to be a
celebration for the congregation. Andrew Linn has agreed to play, and the event will be free. The second is the formal re-launch of the organ during the Broomhill Festival on 5 June, when Ian Tracey, organist from Liverpool Cathedral, will be giving a recital that will attract not only members of St Mark’s congregation and Broomhill and Broomhall, but also a wider audience.

Philip Booth

Night service has grown as a congregation in recent years. When I started to become more regular at night service around 10 years ago, services were almost invariably held in the chapel and regular attendance averaged between 10 – 20. Attendances of up to 40 are now not uncommon, necessitating a move into the main body of the church.

Whilst we are very much part of the overall church congregation, some feel that there is a certain feeling of autonomy surrounding night service. The services are dominated by lay ministry, although we celebrate the Eucharist on the first Sunday of each month and on feast days. There is perhaps a noticeable closeness between members of the congregation, which I have felt increase in recent times. One of the reasons for the well-organised and warmly received structure of night service is undoubtedly thanks to our Night Service Chaplain, Rev’d Liz Anson, and her husband David. It has been a great privilege to welcome them amongst us, as good friends.

We currently operate on a rota-basis between; 1. Services influenced by the worship style and materials produced by the Iona Community, 2. Traditional sung compline, 3. Services in the style of worship employed by the Taizé Community in France (characterised by the repetitive chanting of beautiful motifs), 4. Holy Communion, and 5. Themed services (worship and messages involving, for example, the many challenges that we face in respect of tackling climate change). Members of the congregation, lay or otherwise, are handed opportunities to write, deliver or otherwise participate in the design of liturgy. A variety of musicians contribute to the tapestry of services, bringing voice, guitars, flutes, trumpets, violins, pianos and of course, our newly fixed pipe organ. A team of wardens, welcomers, tea-makers and friends roam before and after the service to ensure that all are welcome. Once a month or thereabouts, we share a meal together prior to the service.

Night service is a sensory and tactile experience, remaining unimposing and welcoming. Worship often involves unusual music, thoughtful poetry, symbolic gemstones, water, the lighting of candles and herbed bread. There is much more. After the service, we meet together for tea, coffee and pizza, and anything else that someone might have baked for the occasion.

Now is a wonderful time to be part of night service. Do come and see us.

Jez Thomas
Caring for creation is, we hope, part of many aspects of the activity of the Church. So to give it a separate section is to isolate it in an artificial way. However in order to help us to keep focused, environmental concern has been made a regular item on the agenda of the Faith and Justice Committee. St Mark’s has been an Eco-Congregation for several years and our accreditation was due to be renewed in late 2012. However, the guidance we received at the last visit by the accreditation team suggested the need to make creation care a more integral part of the life of the whole congregation rather than a niche interest. It was therefore decided not to re-apply for an assessment until we felt we were well on the way to achieving this. It had been hoped that we would apply for re-accreditation before this annual report, but there has been some ‘slippage’. The application is imminent, however, and a number of activities are under way, which together demonstrate that care for creation has genuinely become more a part of the life of our church.

Some specific examples of what has been happening are briefly described below:

**The building**
The church does not lend itself to energy efficiency measures and most of the easy steps have already been taken. Photovoltaic panels previously installed have continued to exceed predicted electricity production; many of the floodlights have been supplied with LED bulbs, which are much more efficient than the alternatives.

**Activities in church**
Wherever we can we use local or Fairtrade products in church. We use environmentally friendly cleaning materials, avoid disposable crockery/cutlery as far as possible and recycle.

**The grounds**
A significant development in the last year has been the planting of fruit trees on the green. This was done with help from a Small Pots Grant from the city council and with help from the Grow Sheffield organisation. It is intended to help us become more aware of the earth as a resource (food, a habitat for wildlife) for which we have a responsibility. Many people with no formal connection with St Mark’s use the green as a quiet place and we hope that by demonstrating how we value the natural environment, we can convey our values to a wide cross section of the community. In the near future we intend to place nesting boxes in many of the trees, and there are other changes that are being planned, such as improving hedges as a wildlife habitat.

**Our lives outside church**
Some years ago a group from St Mark’s formed a Carbon Reduction Action Group (CRAG), estimating their household CO₂ emissions monthly in order to understand the most effective way of reducing them. This continues, but on a small scale, because the person who was providing the IT support was unable to continue. At present half a dozen households continue to collect data while a less laborious way of turning this into valuable feedback is being developed by a member of the congregation. This has proved a major challenge but we remain optimistic that a valuable tool will be available to a much larger group in due course.

If You Would Like to Find Out More:
At present there is no formal committee that manages Creation Care; Rick Hughes as Eco-Congregation coordinator attends the Faith and Justice Committee on behalf of a network of interested individuals. So anyone who would like to make a more active contribution to the various activities is encouraged to contact Rick, who can give more detailed information.

**Rick Hughes**

**HOPE FOR THE FUTURE**

Up to August Sarah Cole worked as Campaign Assistant and did a great job enabling the campaign to find its feet. When she left Jo Musker-Sherwood was appointed and we also have additional help from Chris
Ware, thanks to generous grants from US (formerly USPG) and the Christian Seedbed Trust.

The task of persuading churches to tackle their MPs and parliamentary candidates to encourage them to put climate justice higher up the political agenda as the general election approaches has proved extremely difficult. It is difficult to gather exact figures as to how many MPs/candidates have been lobbied as a direct result of the campaign because most churches/contacts are also involved with other organisations who are encouraging them to take action on climate change. However, we can be sure of the following:

- We have had around 60 Climate Write-Ins that have actually been reported to us using Hope for the Future materials in some way. We are confident that there are many more Write-Ins using our material but it would be impossible to estimate how many. In a number of cases MPs/candidates have also been visited as a direct result of the campaign.

- We have held two training days, one in Sheffield, and later one in London which we hosted jointly with Operation Noah. Collectively we had around sixty participants to these days.

The number of Climate Write-Ins reported to us has been steadily increasing as we gain a better understanding of how to best encourage and equip churches. Six months ago we were having around three Climate Write-Ins reported to us in a month, whereas last month we had 17.

Many of our Climate Write-Ins are a result of personally ringing churches, following up these contacts and continuing to support them throughout the process of organising the Write-in. We usually suggest three complementary means of engaging with MPs/parliamentary candidates:

- Joint letters (everyone signs the same letter)
- Individual letters
- Visit to MPs/candidates

At the start of 2015 we realised the advantages of offering to write letters on that particular church’s behalf. We produce a constituency briefing which includes details of the MPs voting record on climate change etc. The letters are then tailored for each candidate, and include some questions around specific kinds of action. It is this model which has been primarily responsible for the rapid increase in Climate Write-Ins.

Climate Hustings
We are encouraging those attending hustings, or holding hustings themselves, to ask climate change related questions. We have written some suggested questions and have also provided links to other organisations with suggestions for hustings questions-http://www.hftf.org.uk/new-page-1/ We have already had some supporters inform us that they have been or will be using these questions at their own church’s hustings.

Future Strategy
There are three main aims of the campaign for the next six months:

1. To lobby MPs/MEPs to put pressure on the delegates to the UN Climate Summit in Paris in December to make firm commitments to climate justice.

2. To encourage and equip churches to build a good working relationship with their MP that will last for the next five years that they are in office.

3. To use the contacts we have and are making to make people aware of the excellent campaigns that are being planned especially for the UN climate summit.

We plan to do this by:

- Encouraging all churches that have already held Write-Ins to hold new Climate Write-ins with letters focused on the Paris UN Climate Summit.
- Producing resources on lobbying MEPs (Members of European Parliament) as a new strand of the campaign.

- Holding a series of local training days to draw new people into the movement and help churches to network with each other. We already have local days planned in Leicester, St Albans and Gloucester.

- Continuing to work closely with other organisations

We believe that the campaign can make a real difference in the build up to the Paris UN talks, and can also have a significant impact at the point when newly elected MPs are settling into office. We have developed a model that is working well, and we believe that facilitating local days for churches throughout the UK will draw new people into the climate change movement generally.

Jo Musker-Sherwood & Michael Bayley

GARDEN REPORT

As always the gardens at St Mark’s are looking particularly fine at this time of year. Many of the hellebore plants on the north side are now well established and produce masses of flowers, while the crocus labyrinth and other plantings on the green established by Kay are at their best. Snowdrops continue to self seed and make their way into all corners of the grounds.

The grounds have been well used throughout the year by people from the hospital, school and offices as well as passers-by, and are a key resource for the local community. Keeping on top of the litter and cigarette ends continues to be a challenge.

A significant amount of work has been done on the trees at St Mark’s this year including removing a horse chestnut in the car park which was rotten, and trimming back branches on one of the trees on the green to give more light and air to the new fruit orchard (reported on elsewhere). Further work will be done on the trees in front of the east window which have grown too large for the space.

Since Kay stopped maintaining the gardens in 2012, I have been paid to do some work throughout the year and keep an overview of the gardens. The plan was that volunteers would make up the bulk of the time. Unfortunately, while there are a few dedicated helpers, not enough volunteers have come forward to compensate for the time lost, so that overall the amount of time spent on the garden has been much reduced. We are therefore very much in need of more volunteers to help keep the garden going. If you would be able to spend some time helping to maintain and develop our grounds, please get in touch with me via the church office.

Nicky Woods

FLOWER ARRANGERS

We are a team of 8 to 10 of us, we take turns arranging the flowers in church every Sunday one arrangement in front of the pulpit and one in the lady chapel.

As a team we decorate the church at Christmas, Easter, Harvest, Broomhill festival. We occasionally do the flowers for weddings and funerals. We also make up 150 small bunches of flowers for Mothering Sunday, help is appreciated on this occasion, no skill needed.

We would love to hear from you if you would like to join our flower arranging team, I can guide you along the way if you do not feel confident to start with.

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Mary-Jane Ryder
Administrative information

St Mark’s Church is situated in Broomhill, Sheffield, next to the Royal Hallamshire Hospital. It is part of the Diocese of Sheffield within the Church of England. The correspondence address is the Vicarage, 4 St Mark’s Crescent, Sheffield S10 2SG.

St Mark’s Parochial Church Council ("PCC") is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is a Registered Charity (no. 1128758). Members of the PCC are either ex officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting ("APCM") or co-opted. The last APCM was on 9 April 2014 ("APCM 14"). PCC members who have served at any time from 1 January 2014 until the date of this report (those currently serving highlighted in bold) are:

| Incumbent: | Revd Dr Ian Wallis Chair to 30.10.14 (leaving date) |
| Assoc.Vicar | Revd Sue Hammersley |
| Assist. Priest | Revd Shan Rush |
| Wardens: | Mrs Alixson (from APCM 14) Joint Chair 1.1.14 |
| | Mrs Sarah Moore (from APCM 14) Joint Chair 1.1.14 |
| | Mr Gary Grief (to APCM 14) |
| Representatives on the Deaneary Synod: | Ms Anne Padget (from APCM 14) |
| | Miss Catherine Osgerby (from APCM 14) |
| | Mrs Jennifer Hurrell (to APCM 14) |
| Elected members: | Dr Philip Booth (to APCM 14) |
| | Mrs Deni Ennals (to APCM 14) |
| | Mrs Helen Gregory (to APCM 14) Secretary to 9.7.14 |
| | Mr Rick Hughes (to APCM 14) |
| | Mrs Jane Keeling (to APCM 14) |
| | Ms Rosie Moffatt (from APCM 14) |
| | Mrs Jane Padget (from APCM 14) Secretary 9.7.14 |
| | Mr David Ryder (to APCM 14) Treasurer |
| | Mr Peter Ryder (to APCM 14) |
| | Prof. Charles Stirling (to APCM 14) |
| | Mrs Briony Taylor (to APCM 14) |
| | Mrs Catherine Trickett (to APCM 14) |
| | Mr David Trickett (to APCM 14) |
| | Mrs Janis Webster (to APCM 14) |
| | Mr Jonathan Williamson (to APCM 14) |
| | Dr Kimberly Willis (to APCM 14) |
| Co-opted | Revd Robert Beard (from 31.5.14) |
| | Mr Christopher Nyabzebi (from 31.5.14) |
| Observers: | Mr James Dickson (retired 10.9.14) |
| | Mr Donald Smith (RIP) (to APCM 14) The Beacon at Broomhill |

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.

Objectives and activities

The PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The PCC also operates through a number of committees which meet between full meetings of the PCC. These are: Standing (with the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC), Finance and Fabric, Faith and Justice, International, Home Donations, Communications, Children's and Social.

Achievements and performance

Church Attendance

At 9 April 2014 there were 191 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll including 147 not resident within the parish. Details of changes in the Roll during 2013/14 will be notified at the APCM on 29 April 2015. The average Sunday attendance during 2014 was 168, but this number increased at festivals.

Review of the year

The report on the activity of the PCC during the year together with reports from the clergy, wardens, the above mentioned PCC committees and other groups within the Church are given in the Annual Report for the year, published separately to this Annual Financial Report.

Financial Review (from the 2014 Financial Statements)

Total income for 2014 on the General Fund was £227,097 (2013 £225,268), a net increase of 1%. Total expenditure was £211,545 (2013 £222,391), a net decrease of 5% that has mitigated the lower than expected income levels achieved. Unfortunately, in common with the experience of recent years, the overall level of pledged given income did not reflect the increase hoped for in the budget for 2014. In addition, sundry donations and Room Hire income was lower than 2013 levels. However, to offset the loss of income, various cost savings were achieved in 2014 as noted below. Also, 2014 income was bolstered by the receipt of a generous legacy of £7,119 from the estate of the late Pamela Mann.

Expenditure in 2014 included International and Home donations £19,480 (2013 £19,262), Mission and outreach £6,956 (2013 £8,838) (salary and other cost savings), Diocesan Parish Share £84,575 (2013 £82,917), Associate Vicar’s stipend, pension and housing costs and Clergy expenses £99,999 (2013 £40,958), Church running and maintenance costs £28,077 (2013 £4,864) (Electricity/Gas usage savings and lower repair costs in 2014), Worship and music costs £10,814 (2013 £12,223) (reduced sanctuary expenses in 2014 and no Organist from 1.10.14), Administration and sundry costs £21,644 (2013 £23,329) (2013 sundry costs included 50th Anniversary celebration net costs and a History of St Mark’s book publication costs). From the net income for the year, transfers of £1,000 to the Social Fund, £2,405 to replenish Fabric Reserves and the £7,119 legacy to General Reserves have been made. After transfers, a surplus of £5,028 is added to the balance brought forward on the General Fund from 2013 of £8,774 with £13,802 carried forward to 2015.

Movements in the Designated, Restricted and Endowment funds are detailed in the annual Financial Statements for the year. The principal movement relates to the Restoration and Refurbishment of the Church. The Appeal Fund reached £107,700 by Easter 2014 (including a loan of £50,000 from the Church Hall Charity Investment) and work commenced in July 2014. By 31 December 2014 payments of £82,658 had been made. Further costs of up to £32,000 are likely payable in 2015 to complete the project (making the total cost £114,658). These will be covered from the Appeal Fund deposit balance of £24,839 at 31 December 2014 with the remainder from £16,743 received from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme in March 2015 (a grant to recover the VAT element of the costs). The balance of the grant will be utilised towards repaying the Investment loan.

Endowment Fund investments achieved a more favourable capital gain of £5,847 in 2014 compared to £464 in 2013.

Reserves Policy

Unrestricted cash and reserves at 31 December 2014 totalled £80,212 (2013 £47,247) (Bank current account, General and Fabric deposit accounts). The PCC has no formal policy to maintain a particular size of balance in unrestricted reserves. However, generally, sufficient cash reserves to cover at least two month’s unrestricted payments are maintained. It is the PCC’s policy to invest deposit fund balances with the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund and the Sheffield Credit Union.

David Ryder (PCC Honorary Treasurer) 24 April 2015
The lists below show what we gave away in the year to International and Home mission and relief causes

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The allocated donations detailed above were budgeted and agreed according to a PCC policy whereby 10% (split 2/3rds International and 1/3rd Home) of the average of our Given Income over the preceding two years is given away to International and Home mission and relief causes. The amounts allocated to individual causes are recommended to the PCC by the International Committee and Home Donations Committee respectively.

David Ryder
PCC Honorary Treasurer