



# Aldham Parish Church



**2015 Report and Accounts  
for the  
Parochial Church Council  
of  
St Margaret's and St Catherine's  
Aldham**

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## **Aims and Purposes**

Aldham Parochial Parish Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Ian Scott-Thompson, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. As a church community, our aim is that we should all grow into a living relationship with Jesus Christ. We aim to do this through worship for people of all ages and stages in life, and through keeping the wider world's needs in our minds and in our giving.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the church building and grounds .

## **Objectives and activities**

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community.

Our Mission Statement reads:

*“We exist to honour God and to enable people in our community discover Jesus”*

The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our regular services and one-off special events can involve everybody within the parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We have also been particularly mindful of the guidance and encouragement provided by the Bishop of Chelmsford’s Transforming Presence publication. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this we maintain the fabric of the Church. Despite it being an old and traditional building it is configured to make it as multi use as possible with kitchen and toilet facilities. During 2015 a Friends of Aldham Church was formed to assist with fund raising for maintenance of the fabric.

## **Achievements and Performance**

Aldham is a small (approximately 490 residents 18 years+; 220 dwellings) village. Despite being a few miles from the ever expanding boundaries of Colchester and close to a mainline commuter station to London at Marks Tey its population is relatively static. It is estimated that almost three quarters of residents have lived in the village for more than 11 years. It is also an ‘ageing’ village with less than 10% being children under 15 but just under 50% being 56 years or over. Almost three quarters of households are either single or two persons. It has no school, no shop and is geographically spread out. During 2014 the Village Hall was reopened for full use after a large renovation and rebuilding project. It is well used by both village and outside groups. The village has six Almshouse units managed by a separate charity.

This profile presents challenges to us as a church. We continue to struggle to attract children to All Age Worship services, our Junior Church has not operated regularly for several years and we continue to rely on a very willing but ageing congregation to help maintain the building, the grounds, run events and our outreach activities. Despite this we believe that 2015 has been a successful year and we continue to ensure that the church in Aldham remains a viable expression of the Body of Christ and is 'at the centre' of much of village life.

None of this can be achieved without the many volunteers who work who give of their time and resources to ensure the church is ready for worship each Sunday, that our outreach activities are maintained and that our church remains the lively and vibrant community it is. We would like to thank all of the 50-60 people who assist with this myriad of activities.

Last year we anticipated a number of regular worshippers were likely to be moving away from the village and that numbers were likely to decline. During 2015 we have said goodbye to a small number of regular worshippers and unfortunately anticipate this trend will continue in 2016 and 2017. Average attendances over all Sundays has continued to fall from 36 adults in 2012 to 33 in 2013 and 29 in 2014 to 26 in 2015. It is likely that some attendees will move away during 2015. A number of attendees continue to worship in Aldham even though they have moved out of the parish in recent years and a small number from other parishes choose to worship regularly with us. In April 2015 the Electoral Roll was 74.

- ***Worship and prayer***

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services each month and over the course of a year. All Age services have continued on the first Sunday of the month with a small music group and a number of leaders sharing the planning and activities. Two Holy Communion services are led by the rector and one or two Service of the Word services make up the regular monthly cycle. Four members assist in leading and speaking at these services. We also have a regular core of readers and intercessors.

As in previous years a Memorial Service was held on a Sunday afternoon in February for the bereaved or for those who had lost a relative or friend.

The Good Friday Service was attended by 39 adults, Easter Day by 46 adults and 6 children, Harvest Sunday by 29 adults and 7 children, the Carol Service by 133 adults and 25 children and Christmas Day by 39 adults and 2 children. We share a number of other services with St Andrews, Marks Tey including Ash Wednesday and Christmas Eve midnight service.

The prayer focus calendar is produced every two months. It is prepared by two members of the congregation and keeps us up to date with prayer requests for local, national and international matters.

The mid-week home group has continued to meet and has used a series of study guides over the year. There are 12 regular attendees.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at special occasions. We have celebrated 2 marriages during the year but no baptisms. 2 funeral services have helped family and friends express their grief and give thanks for lives now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping.

- **Pastoral Care**

There is no official organisation for Pastoral Care. However, there are about a dozen members who visit those who are in hospital, are unwell or confined to their homes. This has been invaluable to what seems to have been a very high number of people needing help and comfort during 2015.

- **Mission and outreach**

Helping those in need and bringing others to Christ is a demonstration of our faith.

The PCC has continued its policy of supporting Christian organisations or organisations which support the Christian ethic. We do this in two ways:

- 10% of our regular giving is donated to external Christian causes. A full list is given in the financial statements but they include local, Christian Youth Outreach (CYO) in Colchester reaching out to young people in local schools and national/international, such as the New Life Church in Kathmandu. Together with St Andrews, Marks Tey we have supported the growth of this Christian church, often in very difficult circumstances, since 2003.
- Fund-raising is undertaken for specific causes and during 2015 these have included Tear Fund and a special appeal to assist migrants being integrated within the community in Colchester.

We have continued with our increasingly popular monthly Saturday morning book exchange and café often with up to 50 people attending. We open the church each Tuesday morning for coffee and a chat. This has grown in strength during the year and up to 9 people now enjoy this time of fellowship. Many of the regulars at both of these events are not regular church members and this is particularly pleasing as low key outreach.

Our monthly newsletter continues to be delivered free of charge to every house in the parish, carrying church and village news. About 30 copies are e-mailed to interested friends around the world. Our website carries details of worship, mission, who's who and links to other sites. We continue to provide a church column in Grapevine, a quarterly village magazine.

With no Open Gardens day this year, a Flower Festival was held over two days September as the principle fund raising event for the Fabric Fund. Themed flower arrangements were provided by a group of flower arrangers from the Colchester area and some church members. Members of the church and other village groups ran stalls selling cakes, home produce, plants and art and crafts. Refreshments were provided in the village hall. Two music groups provided live entertainment in the church and the Alzheimer's Society ran a raffle. A Songs of Praise service with all songs chosen by the congregation rounded off the event. We estimate [ ] people attended over the two days. The proceeds were split with the Alzheimer's Society. A total of £1,513.51 was raised for the Fabric Fund. As always it was a great team effort by many people but particular thanks are extended to Linda Mills as the 'driving force' behind the event.

The PCC spent time considering how to replace the Fabric Fund income traditionally generated by the Open Gardens Day. Whilst the Flower Festival had been a huge success it was not felt that this could become an annual event but could perhaps be run every other year. The PCC approved the establishment of The Friends of Aldham Church and this was formally launched at the Carol Service in December. This has been established under the umbrella of the PCC, using the church charity and HMRC registrations for ease of administration, but with its own committee and bank account. Two members of the PCC, one churchwarden will be members of the friends committee. The incumbent is

the President. The Chairman is John Ashton and in addition to the PCC nominations, the committee is made up of five other village residents. The Friends will specifically raise funds for the maintenance of the fabric. A number of events are being planned for 2016. The Friends will also reach out to members of the church who have moved away, were married or baptised in the church but are no longer resident with a view to them becoming a member of the Friends through an annual subscription. The idea of the Friends has been enthusiastically received and we eagerly await its contribution to our sustainability in years to come.

## **Financial Review**

### ***Treasurer's Post***

Richard Gough continued in the role of treasurer during 2015 with assistance and support from Iain MacCallum.

### ***Financial Policy***

**GENERAL FUND.** The cost of ministry and worship are generally met by the direct regular giving of the membership of the church. By church membership, we mean regular worshippers and the church Electoral Roll. We post all fees to the general fund, and we welcome donations (preferably Gift Aided) and legacies. Income arising from social events may be directed to the general fund at the organisers' discretion. We have no endowment income or any other reserves.

**FABRIC AND CHURCHYARD.** From time to time, we invite the village as a whole to contribute towards repairs or improvements to the fabric, and to maintenance of the churchyard. We also seek grants to cover major fabric repairs. We undertake fund-raising for fabric and churchyard. At the end of 2015 "The Friends of Aldham Church" (FOAC) was launched. FOAC aims to ensure that Aldham Church's building and churchyard shall be of increasing benefit to the wider community of Aldham and its neighbouring villages for present and future generations by aiding the PCC in improving, repairing, maintaining, renewing, restoring, preserving and developing Aldham Church, churchyard and associated buildings, and the fixtures and fittings in the Church, churchyard and associated buildings for the benefit of the public.

**MISSIONS AND CHARITIES.** We give 10% of the previous year's regular giving to external Christian missions and charities. In addition to this, fund-raising is undertaken by members for specific causes. The charities supported by this means are at the organisers' discretion, and the church is pleased to support such efforts for Christian organisations or organisations which have a Christian ethos.

### ***Restricted Funds***

These are the Fabric Fund and Missions Fund. The Missions Fund is used as a deposit for all giving to charitable organisations and appeals. Records are kept as to the amounts due to each recipient and the funds distributed accordingly. The fund is also used for transfers of funds from the General Fund for distribution annually in accordance with the policy detailed above.

### ***Accounting Policy***

Since our gross income is less than £250,000 we are allowed to choose whether to prepare accounts on an accruals basis or on a receipts and payments basis. Since the beginning of 2010 we have been using the receipts and payments basis. We can also choose to have an independent examiner (rather than a registered auditor) examine the annual accounts.

## **The Accounts for 2015**

### ***General Fund***

The General Fund (unrestricted) ended the year with a balance of £5,942.58 a little over £1000 down from the end of 2014. The total receipts into the general fund were almost £6000 down on 2014.

Both planned and one-off donations to the church were down in 2015 and we are overdue some Gift Aid from the HMRC. Overall our expenditure from the General Fund was very similar to 2014.

### ***Budget 2016***

The proposed budget for 2016 was presented to the PCC in December. A deficit budget was agreed that would see the General Fund reduce by £2,668 in 2016.

### ***Missions and Charities***

It continues to be our financial policy that we should seriously support the wider church. We do this in two ways.

Firstly, members accept that 10% of their regular giving to Aldham Church will go as direct giving to external Christian causes.

Secondly, we make provision for members to fund-raise for specific causes or to respond to appeals. Funds raised in this manner are also put to the Missions Fund but account is kept of these donations and their intended recipients, and payments are made when appropriate along with Gift Aid tax recovery.

Along with our regular annual donations we raised a significant sum for disaster relief in Nepal, we raised money for Beacon House and held a Harvest Lunch in aid of Colchester Foodbank.

### ***Giving in Kind***

We continue to benefit from the generosity of many of our number who give their time, energy and material goods in order to keep the church operating with a minimum of actual expenditure. Whether inside the church, in the churchyard or elsewhere these efforts are appreciated and we thank all concerned who are on church rotas and who help out on an ad-hoc basis. Our regular organist's fees are shown in the accounts, but they are returned as donations. Similarly fees for vergering and bell ringing, at the request of those providing the service, are always retained.

### ***Fabric Fund (Restricted)***

Fund raising income into the Fabric Fund was down by over £5000 this year, due to Open Gardens not running. The Flower Festival raised funds for the Fabric Fund and the Alzheimer's Society. However as the only major expenditure in the last year was a repair made to the roof we are still able to carry forward a balance of £6,105.58. Church running costs remained at a very similar level to the previous year. We are able to recover the VAT on much of the Fabric work that is done.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

Since October 2011 the Parish of St Margaret and St Catherine, Aldham, in the Benefice of Marks Tey and Aldham, has been in the Deanery of Colchester and in the Colchester Episcopal Area of the Diocese of Chelmsford.

The PCC is the body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission and exempt from tax under sections 505, 506 or 508 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. It has no financially related trusts or charities.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Our PCC consists of the incumbent who acts as Chairman, churchwardens, the reader and members elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral role of the church.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New PCC members receive initial briefing.

The full PCC met five times during the year.

*Standing Committee:* This committee is required by law. It is made up of the Rector, churchwardens, Secretary and Treasurer. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC. The Rector is the Chairman.

*Leadership Team:* This group, led by the Rector and consisting of the Reader, the Churchwardens and a small number of other members, meets on a regular basis to plan future services, particularly All Age Worship and any special celebratory occasions.

*Fabric and Churchyard:* Mr Ken Thompson assists the churchwardens in the maintenance of both the churchyard and fabric of the building. Many volunteers help with maintenance and cleaning on a regular basis. The PCC agreed to ask a contractor to cut the grass in the churchyard on a regular basis for 2016. Volunteers will continue to assist on a one-off church yard maintenance morning and on other ad hoc occasions.

*Fund raising:* The establishment of a Friends of Aldham Church has already been referred to. However, the PCC and church members will continue to plan and organise other fund raising activities in the future.

*Other Rotas:* some 50-60 volunteers provide flower arrangements; serve coffee after church; distribute the monthly newsletter and assist with logistics and catering on special occasions.

## **Administrative Information**

St Margaret and St Catherine Church is situated at the cross roads of Tey Road, New Road and Green Lane, in the centre of the village. The correspondence address is The PCC Secretary, 18 Scott Drive, Colchester, CO3 4JD.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 until the date of this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members:

- Incumbent: The Reverend Ian Scott-Thompson (Chairman)
- Reader: Iain MacCallum
- Wardens: Dr Jan Rogan and Mrs Barbara Rush

Deanery Synod Representatives

- Mrs Jennifer MacCallum
- Ms Sally Green (until 27th April 2015)

Elected members:

- Mrs Anne Matthews Secretary
- Mr Richard Gough Treasurer
- Mr Martyn Drain

- Mrs Sally Green (until 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015)
- Mrs Wendy Doncaster
- Mr Keith Rush
- Mrs Sara Burton
- Mrs Kate Rogan-Lyons (from 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015)
- Mr Mark Wingate (from 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015)
- Mr Neil Byford (until 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015)
- Mrs Linda Mills (until 21<sup>st</sup> September 2015)

## **Church Fabric and Churchyard**

A total of £2,729.08 was spent on routine maintenance for gutters, fire extinguishers, alarms, trees and minor repairs. A sum of £1,712.16 was spent on roof repairs.

*Quinquennial Inspection:* The next inspection is due in 2016.

Signed by Revd Ian Scott-Thompson on behalf of the PCC,

21 April 2016

**Aldham Parish Church**

**Balance Sheet detailed**

		As at 31/12/2015	As at 31/12/2014
<b>Current assets</b>			
6501	Bank current account	40.88	942.56
6502	CAF bank account	26,194.54	30,171.22
6515	Oil in Tank	124.81	142.10
6590	Cash in hand	975.69	244.10
<b>Total Current assets</b>		<b>27,335.92</b>	<b>31,499.98</b>
<b>Net Asset surplus (deficit)</b>		<b>27,335.92</b>	<b>31,499.98</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(4,164.06)	—
201	Starting balances	31,499.98	31,499.98
<b>Total Reserves</b>		<b>27,335.92</b>	<b>31,499.98</b>

<b>Represented by Funds</b>		
Unrestricted	5,942.58	7,182.13
Designated	15,173.75	15,173.75
Restricted	6,219.59	9,144.10
Endowment	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,335.92</b>	<b>31,499.98</b>

**Aldham Parish Church**  
**Receipts and payments**  
**Selected period: 01 January 2015 to 31 December 2015**

Note	From To	01 January 2015 31 December 2015	01 January 2014 31 December 2014
<b>Fabric - Fabric Fund (Restricted) Fund Receipts and Payments</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>			
Collections and other giving			
		747.00	1.69
		542.05	—
		<b>1,289.05</b>	<b>1.69</b>
<i>Total Collections and other giving</i>			
Gift Aid recovered			
		0.42	67.30
		<b>0.42</b>	<b>67.30</b>
<i>Total Gift Aid recovered</i>			
Other receipts			
		287.05	1,403.94
		—	1,248.40
		<b>287.05</b>	<b>2,652.34</b>
<i>Total Other receipts</i>			
Activities for generating funds			
		400.00	—
		—	166.65
		—	6,189.22
		1,513.51	—
		178.00	111.00
		81.20	232.00
		—	350.00
		<b>2,172.71</b>	<b>7,048.87</b>
<i>Total Activities for generating funds</i>			
Receipts from church activities			
		100.00	—
		215.00	—
		<b>315.00</b>	<b>—</b>
<i>Total Receipts from church activities</i>			
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>4,064.23</b>	<b>9,770.20</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Cost of generating funds			
		670.00	723.06
		<b>670.00</b>	<b>723.06</b>
<i>Total Cost of generating funds</i>			
Church Running Expenses			
		1,980.51	2,047.28
		102.00	100.00
		956.68	1,440.60
		428.40	428.40
		138.00	—
		204.00	—
		—	768.00
		900.00	—
		<b>4,709.59</b>	<b>4,784.28</b>
<i>Total Church Running Expenses</i>			
Church Repairs & Maintenance			
		—	2,458.42
		—	1,748.40
		1,712.16	—
		<b>1,712.16</b>	<b>4,206.82</b>
<i>Total Church Repairs &amp; Maintenance</i>			
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>7,091.75</b>	<b>9,714.16</b>

Note	From To	01 January 2015 31 December 2015	01 January 2014 31 December 2014
		(3,027.52)	56.04
		9,133.10	9,077.06
		<b>6,105.58</b>	<b>9,133.10</b>
<b>Inc-Fees - Incumbent's Fees (Restricted) Fund Receipts and Payments</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>			
		(11.00)	11.00
		(11.00)	11.00
		<b>(11.00)</b>	<b>11.00</b>
		(11.00)	11.00
		11.00	—
		<b>—</b>	<b>11.00</b>
<b>Legacy - Tom Holme Legacy Fund (Designated) Fund Receipts and Payments</b>			
<b>Payments</b>			
		—	4,826.25
		—	4,826.25
		<b>—</b>	<b>4,826.25</b>
		—	(4,826.25)
		15,173.75	20,000.00
		<b>15,173.75</b>	<b>15,173.75</b>
<b>Missions - Missions Fund (Restricted) Fund Receipts and Payments</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>			
		210.00	312.02
		1,445.00	—
		220.00	127.05
		1,875.00	439.07
		416.01	88.08
		416.01	88.08
		—	166.66
		125.00	95.00
		125.00	261.66
		<b>2,416.01</b>	<b>788.81</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
		—	65.00
		—	65.00
		1,206.00	1,050.00
		235.00	841.21
		2,457.50	630.00
		100.00	100.00
		75.00	50.00
		47.00	92.60

Note	From To	01 January 2015 31 December 2015	01 January 2014 31 December 2014
	Giving to Bible Society	150.00	150.00
	Giving to CPAS	100.00	100.00
	Giving to other Charities	150.00	27.00
	Giving to Beacon House	357.50	—
	Giving to SGBC	30.00	—
	<i>Total Missionary and Charitable Giving</i>	<u>4,908.00</u>	<u>3,040.87</u>
	<b>Total payments</b>	<b>4,908.00</b>	<b>3,105.81</b>
	Excess of Receipts over Payments	(2,491.99)	(2,317.00)
	Brought forward balance	—	—
	Transfers to/(from)	—	160.00
	Transfers to/(from)	2,606.00	2,157.00
	<b>Total carried forward balance</b>	<b>114.01</b>	<b>—</b>

#### General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund Receipts and Payments

##### Receipts

Planned giving			
Planned Giving - Gift Aided	10,735.00	11,711.00	
Envelopes - Gift Aided	135.00	305.00	
Other planned giving - Non GA	5,841.00	6,273.00	
Envelopes - Non-GA	924.00	692.00	
	<i>Total Planned giving</i>	<u>17,635.00</u>	<u>18,981.00</u>
Collections and other giving			
Loose plate collections	1,375.27	1,511.18	
One-off Donations - GA	387.00	1,419.50	
One-off Donations - Non-GA	435.35	1,885.39	
	<i>Total Collections and other giving</i>	<u>2,197.62</u>	<u>4,816.07</u>
Other voluntary receipts			
Wall Box	30.53	—	
	<i>Total Other voluntary receipts</i>	<u>30.53</u>	<u>—</u>
Gift Aid recovered			
Tax recovered on GA - General Fund	2,856.89	5,572.51	
	<i>Total Gift Aid recovered</i>	<u>2,856.89</u>	<u>5,572.51</u>
Other receipts			
Insurance claims	1,229.84	—	
Rent for use of Church Building	25.00	42.00	
	<i>Total Other receipts</i>	<u>1,254.84</u>	<u>42.00</u>
Activities for generating funds			
Book Exchange	362.76	684.86	
Walks Donations	48.00	123.00	
Income from Social Events (For General)	—	19.95	
	<i>Total Activities for generating funds</i>	<u>410.76</u>	<u>827.81</u>
Investment Income			
Bank and building society interest	—	2.79	
	<i>Total Investment Income</i>	<u>—</u>	<u>2.79</u>
Receipts from church activities			
Fees for weddings and funerals	1,425.00	1,644.00	
Vergering, Bells & Sound System	250.00	600.00	
Heating charges	250.00	—	
Organist's fees for weddings & funerals	245.00	—	
Flowers for weddings and funerals	50.00	—	
	<i>Total Receipts from church activities</i>	<u>2,220.00</u>	<u>2,244.00</u>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>26,605.64</b>	<b>32,486.18</b>	

##### Payments

Note	From To	01 January 2015 31 December 2015	01 January 2014 31 December 2014
Parish Share			
Diocesan Quota		21,616.68	21,147.36
	<i>Total Parish Share</i>	<u>21,616.68</u>	<u>21,147.36</u>
Clergy and Staffing costs			
Organist's Fees		468.00	428.00
Minister's Expenses		1,832.58	1,264.69
Visiting speakers / locums		—	27.00
	<i>Total Clergy and Staffing costs</i>	<u>2,300.58</u>	<u>1,719.69</u>
Church Running Expenses			
Outreach Expenditure		—	263.62
Holy Table		125.88	44.47
Printing Postage & Stationery		70.82	54.83
Copyright Licence		72.00	70.00
Miscellaneous		160.02	132.05
Flowers		59.32	—
Electricity		280.71	170.48
Water		12.93	44.57
Heating oil		526.75	2,152.14
	<i>Total Church Running Expenses</i>	<u>1,308.43</u>	<u>2,932.16</u>
Governance Costs			
Governance costs examination/audit fee		13.50	20.48
	<i>Total Governance Costs</i>	<u>13.50</u>	<u>20.48</u>
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>25,239.19</b>	<b>25,819.69</b>
Excess of Receipts over Payments		1,366.45	6,666.49
Brought forward balance		7,182.13	2,832.64
Transfers to/(from)		—	(160.00)
Transfers to/(from)		(2,606.00)	(2,157.00)
<b>Total carried forward balance</b>		<b>5,942.58</b>	<b>7,182.13</b>

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the members of Aldham Parish Church**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 which are set out on pages 9-14.

### **Respective responsibilities of the PCC and Independent Examiner**

The PCC 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 Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

### **Basis of the Independent Examiner's Statement**

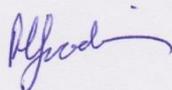
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC 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 the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with s. 130 of the 2011 Act; or
  - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records and 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.



Roger Gooding, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016