

St Simon's Church
Waverley Road
Southsea

Annual Report and Accounts 2017



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Foreword

At the end of 2017 we were able to look back on what had been a very successful year for the church. The average congregation on a Sunday had grown by about 10% over the course of the year and it was especially pleasing to note that the number of families with children was increasing. It was not just the Sunday morning congregation which was growing. Our work with young children and with youth had expanded and new things were being tried. Our outreach through Sunday Suppers and Breakthru reached many people in the community with whom we had had no previous contact. Many people in the community were intrigued to learn that their parish church possessed both its own well equipped workshop and its own bouncy castle.

The success of the year was the result of teamwork. This report shows how the staff team of Susi, Bob, Lorna, Andrea, Bryn and Mick worked alongside scores of volunteers to make things happen. Lots of things happened and Saint Simon's is a church of happening. Some of these took a lot of organising and some just came together. A member of the church described it as a 'seven day a week experience'. This is as it should be for we are charged to show the world around us just how rich, absorbing and fulfilling the Christian life can be.

2018 is bound to have its difficulties due to the sudden resignation of Susi and the very lengthy process involved in finding his successor. The strength of the congregation ensures, however, that we will be able to meet the challenges and changes which this year will bring.

Hugh Mason
PCC Chairman

Annual Report

Administrative information

St Simon's Church is situated on Waverley Road in Southsea. It is part of the Diocese of Portsmouth within the Church of England. All correspondence should be addressed to the church office, St. Simon's Church, Waverley Road, Southsea, PO5 2PW.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council powers Measure. The Parish registered with the Charity Commission (2009) as Charity no. 1128695 within the meaning of the charities Act 1993.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Priest in Charge: The Revd Susikaran James (Chair)

Churchwardens: Dr. Hugh Mason (Vice Chair)
Mike Taylor (Secretary)

Deanery Synod Representatives:
Dr. Hugh Mason
Sue Piper

Elected Members: Rob Borley
Joanna Crawley
Dianna Carruthers
Kathy Richardson (to April 2017)
Michael Piper
Cliff Golledge
Patrick Jolly
Gail Chipperfield (Treasurer)
Phil Gower (from April 2017)
Fran Sherren (from April 2017)

Structure, governance and management

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members: the priest in charge, the churchwardens and members of the Denary, Diocesan or general Synods and nine members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Meeting (APCM). All church members are encouraged to consider standing for election to the PCC or to nominate others, and we aim to have a balance of skills, background and experience where possible.

The PCC is responsible for a wider range of matters affecting the work and ministry of the church, including compliance with health and safety and disability legislation and the protection of children and vulnerable adults. In their capacity as trustees, members of the PCC are responsible for the stewardship of funds and for the appropriate accounting and reporting of the parish finances. The PCC works to ensure that each member is equipped to fulfil their role.

Upon election, new members of the PCC are given an induction which includes their roles and responsibilities, the PCC's agreed policies and procedures, and the most recent minutes. At the first meeting of the new PCC, the vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer are elected. The churchwardens, secretary and treasurer are encouraged to attend courses run by the diocese on their particular work.

Regular mailings from the diocese keep these officers up to date with changes in church regulation and financial procedure and these are reported to the whole PCC as appropriate. The PCC has appointed Jo Crawley, as safeguarding officer (children) and Michelle McGannan and Margaret Geary (vulnerable adults) who are responsible for ensuring that a Disclosure and Barring Service search is conducted on all those who work with children and vulnerable adults in the church. The priest in charge and the Youth Pastor Bryn Jenkins have attended a whole day safeguarding training organised by the Diocese. Mary Daisy (Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser) attended a PCC meeting in April to help us improve in this area as a church. Ken Slater is our designated responsible person in regard to fire and safety and ensures that the fire extinguishers are maintained annually. Health and safety risk assessments and fire risk assessments are undertaken at regular intervals, the most recent in July 2014.

There are number of groups which report to the PCC and whose members are responsible for specific areas of the church's activities.

Standing committee

This is the only committee required by law. It is made up of the Priest in Charge, the Churchwardens, the Treasurer and one other member of the PCC. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings subject to any direction given by the Council. This committee meets prior to each PCC meeting to consider outstanding issues and plan the PCC Agenda.

Fabric committee

This committee exists to ensure that the fabric of the church building is properly maintained and that the findings of the quinquennial inspection are acted upon. It was formed several years ago and reports to the PCC as appropriate.

Mission Team

Each year the church gives at least 10% of its unrestricted income to home and overseas mission work. It has been the task of this committee to listen to the congregation then recommend to the PCC how this money should be distributed.

Risk assessment

The PCC confirms that the major risks to which the council has been exposed have been identified by a risk analysis exercise carried out by PCC members. The risks identified and steps taken to mitigate these risks are as follows:

- *Property fire or theft.* Insurance cover is maintained against both these risks. Fire inspections are carried out annually by a suitably qualified and experienced professional and fire extinguishers are tested and replaced and advised.
- *Misappropriation of funds.* The budgeted expenditure for each year is approved by the full PCC. The Standing Committee operates a system of controls including analytical reviews and segregation of duties that are designed to mitigate against any potential for the misappropriation of funds. The amounts of cash held at any one time are not material to the Parish. Two signatories are required for all cheques. All matters involving unbudgeted expenditure in excess of £1,000 are put to the full PCC.
- *Revenue failing below committed expenditure.* The level of giving is carefully monitored throughout the year, and the financial situation (income and expenditure) is reported regularly to the congregation through the church newsletter. Any anticipated deficit is addressed through a review of committed expenditure and by drawing the congregation's attention to the need for increased giving.
- *Allegations of inappropriate behaviour against persons acting on behalf of the parish.* All employees are subjected careful recruitment screening. The parish subscribes to the Diocesan scheme for screening all those involved in children's and youth work, including DBS checks. Activities are structured in a way that minimises the potential for abuse or allegations of abuse to arise.

Objectives and Activities

The primary objective of St Simon's PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the priest in charge, Revd Susikaran James, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The Main objectives of the PCC can be summed up under the heading "Outreach, Discipleship and Celebration". That is, we aim:

- to share the good news of Jesus through any appropriate means including personal witness, public preaching, Alpha courses, and service to the community; also by our gifts and our prayers to equip and encourage others who are called to share the gospel;
- to encourage and challenge one another to grow in our personal walk with God, through personal prayers and Bible study, through church attendance and membership of home groups; through giving, service and ministry to others;
- to have fun together as the people of God, coming together for social activities and events which are enjoyable and at which outsiders can feel welcome.

In working to achieve these objectives, the PCC oversaw the following developments during the year, many of them specially intended to be of benefit of the wider public:

- Social events like "Orrible 'istories", "We will meet again", "Barn dance", "family fun day" and "shoebox wrapping party" were very popular and were open to church members and non-members alike.
- Men's and Ladies' Breakfasts.
- A series of guest speakers from charities that we support and elsewhere.
- An Alpha course, an HTB parenting course and a marriage course, along with a church weekend at home.

Achievements and performance

Church attendance

The electoral roll stood at 96 on 31st December 2017. Average weekly attendance counted during October and November, fluctuated between 66 and 77 adults, with an average of 71.

Overall the year was once again positive and encouraging. The good numbers attending Sunday services reflected a programme of inspiring teaching, uplifting worship and an expectation that we meet not only with one another but also with God. Work amongst children continued to flourish, and Little Shipmates went on growing in its outreach to the community during the week. Shipmates and children's groups during Sunday services continue to grow. Groups for young people are being strengthened and slowly increasing in numbers, lots of life and engagements are evident in the Breakthru Self-Help Community and Sunday Suppers. Home groups continued to meet regularly, offering the opportunity to find friendship and support in a smaller group, which is essential. The church building remained in reasonably in good shape, with significant repairs to the south and west windows being carried out during the year.

PCC

This year the PCC has held 10 meetings, monthly with the exception of August and December 2017. This marks an increase on previous years, but it has meant that meetings have been a little shorter and more focussed than has sometimes been the case.

Meetings were chaired by Rev Susikaran James, and since January 2018 by churchwarden Hugh Mason.

Attendance has been good, with an average of at least 9 members at each meeting.

Main matters for discussion this year have been the standing reports (financial, safeguarding & data protection), fabric matters (mainly concerning the window repairs and development of the Prayer Space), involvement in the Open Church project and since January the inter-regnum arrangements.

In addition the PCC has welcomed visits from staff members Andrea Grainger, Bryn Jenkins, Lorna Sandland & Mick Walters who have all attended two meetings to brief the PCC on their areas of work & ministry. External visitors have included Victoria James (Diocesan Financial Advisor) who briefed the PCC about the Parish Giving Scheme, and Archdeacon Joanne Grenfell who came more recently to give an update on the inter-regnum arrangements, and to answer questions from PCC members.

There has been an ongoing spirit of unity and vision within St Simon's PCC this year, with all proposals being carried. This does not indicate any lack of scrutiny on the part of the PCC, rather it is that through discussion, debate & prayer the PCC comes to a common mind before any proposal is made. In April 2018 there will be one confirmed vacancy on the PCC so do please prayerfully consider whether this is something that you could undertake in the life of St Simon's. Whether on the PCC or not, do keep informed about what the PCC is discussing. Minutes of meetings are available on request about 10 - 14 days after each meeting. Any church member is welcome to suggest matters that they think the PCC should be discussing, and PCC members welcome your input so that the wider views of the congregation are known.

Mike Taylor, PCC Secretary

Deanery Synod

Hugh Mason described what the Deanery Synod was in last year's report. To add to that, it meets 2/3 times a year and keeps us up to date with the deanery situation.

At present the deanery has 8 vacancies, including our own, which means the small number of Clergy are stretched in giving support to those with vacancies. The parish share is based on the numbers of attendance and this year our levy is down from £165.17 to £162.48, our parish share allocation being £37,406.

Both Harbour church and the new plant at St Margaret's Church, are going very well.

The Deanery supports Ho Diocese in Ghana and each year visits are made to that country, mainly by David Power, the link deanery officer and his wife. They are both being installed as Canons of Ho Cathedral, as well as 3 others.

The Youth Chaplaincy continues to support schools, such as Charter Academy and are always needing more volunteers. They have recently installed a Prayer room there, which has proved to be very popular. The Older person's project led by Jill Phipps, who is very active and, as I write this, she is planning to visit the Good news coffee morning on the 21st March with a view to guiding us about a special coffee morning to be held in May.

We are required to put in a report on the "Live, Pray, Serve" project by May 25th 2018. Open Church has been part of this initiative.

Each year there is an appeal for Easter eggs to be given to the Roberts Centre.

A healing service takes place twice a year, the last one being held on the 10th March 2018.

Sue Piper

Churchwardens' Report

In the Kingdom of God and the life of the Church we should perhaps expect the unexpected, but it was with a profound sense of shock and sadness that we learned of Susikaran James' resignation as priest in charge of St Simon's in January of 2018, due to personal reasons. Susi brought tremendous gifts to the church, and during his 19 months of leadership all benefitted from his vision to seek first the Lord's will, always believing that with God nothing was impossible. Signs of church growth have been appearing everywhere, with existing ministries flourishing and new ones being created, as Susi led with a strong vision and a strong desire for church growth. Just how much had changed since Susi's arrival became clear when we began to prepare a new Parish Profile, the document that explains to people who don't know the church what St Simon's is all about. Any thoughts of simply tweaking the profile produced less than three years ago in May 2015 were quickly abandoned when we realised afresh just how much the Church has grown in faith since then.

We did not, of course, expect to find ourselves in this situation, but we know that Susi was the right person at the right time, and we can look ahead confidently in the sure knowledge that God will again send the person of his choice to continue the work here. In the meantime as we await our new priest in charge, let us give thanks to God for sending Susi to St Simon's, confident in the knowledge that he will continue to be used by God in the furtherance of the kingdom wherever he goes.

What was not so unexpected this year though was the need to finally undertake the repairs to the clerestory windows, and the main west window. These were major works that required both interior and exterior scaffolding to be erected for nearly 10 months, but which fortunately did not have any real impact on the activities undertaken by the church. With a total cost of around £100 000 this was a leap of faith, but donations from the Coffee Tavern Trust and gifts from church members totalling in excess of £20,000 (including the highly successful Gift Day) meant that the project was completed successfully with no outstanding financial liabilities. A huge thank you to everyone who donated towards this work, as the Church prepares to celebrate 150 years since the building was first consecrated in 1868 I think that we can be confident that the windows will be good for the next 150 years!

This year we have welcomed two new staff members. Andrea Grainger was appointed as Children and Families Pastor in succession to Amy Allen, following a period when she had deputised for Amy during her maternity cover. Under Andrea's leadership work with young families has continued to grow, with a thriving Little Shipmates parent and toddler group, and the newly launched Shipmates after school café, both in addition to the Shipmates groups that run on Sunday mornings. William Thomas was also appointed as Cleaner/Caretaker, and although not often spotted on church premises (as he works early hours!), the high standards of his work are immediately obvious to all with the high standards of cleanliness being appreciated by everyone who comes into the building. Bryn Jenkins continues to do excellent work with the young people, with a new "Fusion Café" open after school on Friday afternoons attracting increasing numbers of youngsters, some of whom are now progressing to attendance at the mid-week Life group and the Sunday morning service. Under Lorna Sandland's leadership outreach to those disadvantaged in society continues to prosper, not only with the existing Sunday Suppers & Breakthru ministries, but with the new Open Church initiative that saw St Simon's joining with six other local churches to provide 28 days of overnight accommodation to rough sleepers during the month of February. And lastly Mick Walters, our church administrator, who keeps the church running from day to day with apparently effortless ease. Mick's fine attention to detail and his mastery of the strange workings of the Church of England ensures that what needs to be done is done, and his ability to gently remind us of deadlines and responsibilities that may have occasionally been overlooked helps to keep us all on our toes!

As we move into the inter-regnum period I would like to extend a big thankyou to all our staff mentioned above, who continue to work tirelessly in their respective ministries for the furtherance of the Kingdom. Supporting the staff team there are, in addition, large numbers of the congregation who are active in their involvement and without whom much of what is being achieved could not happen.

Thank you everyone, and finally a special thank you to Bob Mason for his continued wisdom and support in so many area of St Simon's life, especially during this period of inter-regnum.

Mike Taylor

Treasurer's Report

This is my fourth year as Treasurer and the job is as exciting and exacting as ever. When I reported last year our wage bill was £3.5k per month. Now it is nearer £4.5k and although the Parish Share (Or quota) has not increased significantly, it still means that we need £7.5k every month to pay our way and to remain solvent. This year our unrestricted income remained fairly constant. This was due mainly to an increase in direct giving, counterbalanced by a decrease in our Church Centre lettings. We also continue to enjoy the rental from 31 Gains Road and I am pleased to report that we have repaid the loan in full to the Coffee Tavern Trust for the refurbishment of the property.

We continue to be thankful to the CTT and the Waverley Trust for their ongoing support. The main expense in 2017 was the repair of the South and West windows. This cost a total of just over £120k. The CTT gave us £50k, we raised £23k on a Gift Day. With the tax and the VAT reclaimed we only had to find £25k of our own money. At present we had another claim of £11k for the remaining VAT outstanding and that will bring our total overspend to £14k. I am very happy with that. The Waverley Trust supported us last year with a gift to pay the administrator's wages. The CTT also helped us with Lorna's wages as well as many other donations.

As you know, we are in a vacancy waiting for a new Priest-in-Charge to be appointed. This does not make much difference to our finances. The priest in charge is paid by the Diocese and the Vicarage is owned by them. The only financial benefit is that we save a small amount on Vicar's telephones, travel etc. The Parish Giving Scheme is up and running, at present 7 donors use this method. Sunday Suppers and Breakthru continue to be well supported by many outside of the Church. The missionary giving was over £15k this year, a figure which I think is commendable. As one of our Church wardens is fond of saying 'We are a Church that punches above its weight' not just in terms of finance but also in the work we do in the Wider Community.

Gail Chipperfield

Fabric Report

Current members of the Fabric committee are: Pat Jolly, Gorik Melikan, Mark Hammond, Mick Walters (Secretary) and Louise Roulston – Thomas (Chair).

The following works were undertaken during the past year:

- 1) The repair of the stone mullions of the clerestory windows of the South wall and the windows themselves.
- 2) The repair of the stone mullions of the clerestory windows of the Narthex and the windows themselves.
- 3) Prayer Space storage has been resolved.
- 4) Prayer Space seating has been resolved.
- 5) Electrical improvements to the kitchen have been carried out by Rick.
- 6) Improvements to the main entrance (the North door), have been completed.
- 7) The installation of a defibrillator on the South wall.

The following works are presently being undertaken:

- 1) Work on the carpark has begun, including resurfacing, remarking and the rebuilding of the outer wall on St. Ronan's Road (funded by the Waverley Trust).

The following works will be undertaken as soon as possible:

- 1) The installation of central heating in the Nave and Prayer Space.
 - 1) Electrical improvements to the Chancel (Rick).
 - 2) Toilet Refurbishment.
 - 3) Stairwell redecoration.
 - 4) The Quinquennial Defects list.
 - 5) Storage for the numerous activities held within the Church (Parents and Toddler groups, Breakthru' etc.).

We have £5957.24 in the Development Fund to date. This may well be earmarked for the next phase of the heating consultation.

Constant maintenance is carried out by members of the congregation particularly Ken, John, Gorik, Rick, Pat and George (Breakthru'). We are indebted to them and would like to extend our gratitude to them for all their hard work.

Please refer to the updated Defects list to see other works carried out this year.

Louise Roulston-Thomas

Shipmates Children's Ministry

Shipmates Children's Ministry Annual Review

I have been officially in position as Children and Families worker since September and I now oversee all aspects of the Children's Ministry.

Sundays

We continue to offer 2 children's groups and a crèche on 2nd and 4th Sunday with the support of a great team of volunteers. We have recently started using the lounge and office for the oldest children on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, which has worked really well, they have been able to watch short videos on the office computer and use the outside space between the church and car park. The younger children have also benefitted by being able to use the whole upper hall. On the 3rd Sunday in addition to the crèche the two children's groups join together through Faithbuilders Lego Church. This is still 'Sunday school' but with Lego challenges and activities related to the topic. I've been working closely with Vicky Bell who has joined the team and is leading the sessions. We've had a non-church family join us for Faithbuilders and another who has expressed interest.

Shipmates Sunday Has now had 2 months running back at it's original time of 9.30 to 10.30. This has been greatly appreciated by the families who are now accessing the whole service, It still offers a variety of activities but we move to the centre for the last 15 mins to allow for set up of the main service.

Toddler Groups

Little Shipmates Stay and Play continues to grow, with new families frequently joining us. From September we regularly had 35 - 40 families. We had 50 families attend the Christmas party and they were all given a gift pack with the Christmas story. Since January the numbers have been hovering around the 50 mark. The families love the group and regularly tell us it is one of the most welcoming groups in Southsea. We are offering a great service to the community and showing God's love through hospitality, and it is also a stepping stone to other groups and services with more Christian input. However since Ruth James led we are running on a skeleton staff, basically it is just Amy and me, with Julie very kindly setting up the kitchen whilst Amy and I set up the toys and equipment. It would be great to have other members of the congregation in the group to offer fellowship and form more relationships.

In September Amy will be starting a new job and be working on a Monday so we will need at least one regular volunteer or we will be unable to keep the group open.

Little Shipmates Play and Praise group on a Tuesday is for children aged 2 plus although we have a couple of younger siblings attending. After a warm up to Christian music we start the Play session using the soft play equipment and bouncy castle. We sit down together for a snack then use the prayer room for the Praise session of Christian input with stories and singing. The children also use the new Shipmates Library of Christian Stories where they can borrow a book to read at home. We have 5 families who attend regularly, 3 of whom don't attend Sunday services and a couple more who attend less regularly. The Praise session has been really successful and the children love it. In fact when the weather was really cold we skipped Praise as the prayer room hadn't heated up and we had tears!

Shipmates Café

Taking inspiration from the success of Fusion Café, we now run Shipmates Café. This is a drop in session for under 10's and their parents / carers each Tuesday after school from 3.30 to 5.30. They use the soft play and bouncy castle along with games and arts and crafts with a Christian theme. We offer an 'On Toast Café' which is loved by parents and children alike. This group has grown far faster than I could have imagined. We started with 8 children and now are up to 30. We could really benefit from more volunteers both to build relationships and to work in the kitchen.

School Liaison

After attending the Southsea Infants nativity, I have been in contact with the Head with a view to building stronger links between the church and school starting with leading assemblies this should begin after Easter.

All Age

It has been my pleasure to join the team on 5th Sundays, our most recent service received positive feedback about appealing to all ages and presenting in an interesting and interactive way.

Christmas

Once again the children performed a Nativity for the congregation which was well received. Our Crib Service, with Donkey, made use of the church building in a different way and attracted over 20 adults with their children, who do not normally attend services. Each Child left with a Christmas book and a calendar inviting them to attend our services.

Valentines Day Craft party

This was a half term event which we invited families from the Toddler Groups and Café to, they took part in various crafts and activities and finished with a worship session.

Easter

At the time of writing we are looking forward to Easter.

We will be planting the Easter Garden on The Saturday, Easter Sunday is a first Sunday so we will have a Shipmates service but the children are going to stay on to perform a song we have been practising, for the congregation at the beginning of the main service.

Once again I would like to thank all the volunteers supporting this ministry either by working directly with the children, behind the scenes setting up or working in the kitchens or supporting us with prayer.

Please continue pray that the right person steps forward to volunteer before September to allow the Little Shipmates group to continue.

Andrea Grainger



A Little Shipmates session

Youth

Temples (11-18s)

Our youth at St Simons are called Temples, which comes from 1 Corinthians 3:16. This verse tells us that as temples of God we are all important, and that we all have the spirit of God living in us. This is especially important for young people living in our world today, as they are under lots of pressure to achieve and be a certain way. God already accepts us and is with us!

Temples meet on a Monday night for our Life Group and on Sunday mornings during the service. In these groups we take time to relax, hang out, catch up and play some games together. Each week we look at different topics, and we do activities around them, read what the Bible says about them and discuss them together. We also regularly take time to share what's happening in our lives and pray for each other.

In our Life Group and Sunday morning groups we have built close relationships with one another, and there is an atmosphere of trust in the group. As the youth pastor, it has been a blessing to be able to build the relationships I have in this group. Each one the young people have grown and developed in their own way, and it has been a pleasure working with them!

Fusion Café

We run a youth club on Fridays after school at St Simons for ages 10-14, called Fusion Café.

When we first launched the club we had some real difficulties in attracting young people, it took quite a few months to start building traction in the community. We reviewed the club and decided to change the age focus of it, which was previously ages 11-16. This allowed us to reach out to both primary and secondary schools, as this age bracket includes those in year 6. Myself and volunteers visited a number of primary schools in the area to advertise the club, and saw a sudden and dramatic change!

We now have between 15 and 20 young people attending each week. It is great to be able to engage, have fun and build relationships with our Fusion Café members each week. We also have a dedicated team of volunteers who support the club in a fantastic way.

For our last session we hosted a Christmas party for our members, which involved a variety of activities including making our own pizza, decorating biscuits and playing party games. It was a great success, and we are looking to do introduce some more special activities like these.

WORSHIP

I have been involved in leading worship regularly at St Simons, and also being part of heading up the worship alongside Mark, Sue and Hanna.

One of our goals was to create a more consistent style of worship which spreads across our Sunday morning services. I believe we have progressed a lot in terms of this goal. Although each of our worship leaders have a different style, each week our services provide worship which is now much more similar in style.

Another goal we had was to recruit more members on to our worship team. We have also seen much progress in this goal, as we have new members! We now have several new singers involved, also members of our youth group have stepped up to lead regularly. It has been a pleasure as youth pastor and worship leaders to be able to combine these roles and engage our young people in what they are passionate in!

Bryn Jenkins

Sunday Suppers and Breakthru

Sunday Suppers APCM Report 2018

Transforming lives through a heart of relationship and generous hospitality, as Jesus showed us throughout his time on earth.

“For nothing will be impossible with God” Luke 1:37

Over the last year our focus in Sunday Suppers has been in the area of demonstrating a heart of generous hospitality and seeking to remove barriers between ‘them and us’ to create a deeper sense of community and belonging within the wider church.

We continue to develop pastoral support and intentionally seek to grow relationships with those that join us. Our heart is to listen well to all and to give practical support where possible.

Two of the key areas that we have worked on are (1) emphasising the shared ownership of the time by working together more in setting up. (2) changing the opening time of the hatch to reduce the queueing time, prioritising hospitality and spending time together.

Working together more has increased our opportunities to intentionally build relationships and to be seen as a church that respects and cares for those that it seeks to serve. As a result of this there has been a much improved atmosphere in the church centre and a noticeable increase in trust.

In the last year we have become more aware of the challenges that a high proportion of people we serve face as a direct result of the above. We have as a result of this become more pastorally and practically effective.

For example, we have supported people whilst they have gone through eviction processes offering pastoral and practical support. We have also supported people who have had significant loss in their families and those that endure ongoing health issues. In particular though we have been supporting an increased number of people who have challenging housing situations and those that have addictions.

Present

We are pleased to host a regular haircutting service now. The charity Haircuts 4 the Homeless now visit every six weeks.

Dominoes Pizza, are currently donating fresh pizzas once a month and we have more interest from individuals wanting to know about this work and how they can get involved.

We have seen an increase interest in the Christian faith and we have been delighted to see expressions of interest in Alpha and people attending Alpha. We have also seen an increase in interest, from a small group of people, in attending Sunday morning services on a regular basis.

Developmental Work: Open Church Pilot

Through the work of the Open Church Pilot, we have enabled the church to engage with the ongoing and increasing numbers of people sleeping rough in our city.

We opened our doors collaboratively as a group of city wide churches and demonstrated God’s love through generous hospitality and intentionally building relationships.

Through this work we have developed our knowledge and understanding of the obstacles individuals face in these circumstances to getting housed. We have also developed a good partnership with The

Society of St James, a local charity who work on behalf of the council to reduce homelessness in Portsmouth.

From this pilot, we can look at how the churches can continue to work together across the city in related areas.

Ongoing work:

It is crucial that the work of Sunday Suppers remains at the heart and vision of St Simon's and we seek to do this by encouraging house groups to find ways of connecting with the guys in Sunday Suppers; to develop an understanding and connection with the second congregation.

Future aims:

- To begin to look at ways of understanding Mission Shaped Ministry in the context of Sunday Suppers and using these where appropriate.
- To develop links with other churches and organisations to understand how to give effective support.

To enable this to happen, we need to embrace fully God's heart for compassion, his love of the lost and the wonder of his grace. We must do this infectiously so that our ministry team grows with more leaders and above all else so that we do not limit God by serving narrowly.

Breakthru APCM Report 2018

- The aim of Breakthru broadly speaking is to support, encourage and inspire one another regardless of church background, through practical activity, hospitality and spiritual growth.
- We do this by becoming connected in community and creating a safe place for people to come knowing that they are valued, respected and lovingly encouraged to be the best that they can be.
- To help each other grow spiritually through a directed time of spiritual discussion, or guided activity;
- To provide space and opportunity to share how we can invest in our wellbeing and to help one another Breakthru challenging circumstances and patterns of difficult experiences.

Breakthru Past

On a quarterly basis Breakthru and Sunday Suppers represents several hundred opportunities to connect with people in our community and the parish of St Simon's.

Breakthru was birthed out of a desire to engage more with our Sunday Suppers Community and it is a very diverse community. This is both something to celebrate and something that is challenging. It means that there are a great variety of needs and expectations within the group and a need to:

- Plan and develop intuitively
- Listen well to individuals
- Form effective partnership working with outside agencies so that we can help people deal well with their circumstances and where possible move on from them
- Look at short term ways of intentionally engaging with people who have specific needs such as numeracy and literacy

Edited Highlights

We have created several opportunities to connect with other community organisations throughout this last year. We have done all kinds of things from knitting blankets for Stubbington Ark dog rescue centre

and the opportunity to personally deliver them during a trip to the centre. To enjoying a participatory art session delivered by Aspex Gallery.

The health promotion team from the John Pounds Centre visited Breakthru and delivered a bespoke Food Mood and Nutrition session. This was a popular session explaining how our food can directly affect how we feel and how we feel can affect how we eat.

We have also enjoyed a team building session delivered by local musician Paul Roebuck, through drumming and boom whackers.

Throughout the year we have also enjoyed the support of Social Work students – through our connection with the Mental Health Cooperative. They have fully appreciated the work of the church in the local community and are themselves obviously impacted by being with us – in a good way!

This last year we have also sought to deepen our connection with Sister Rita-Elizabeth from the Sisters of Bethany and have enjoyed meditations delivered by Sister Rita-Elizabeth and her company.

We continue to enjoy the ownership that is taken of the shopping and cooking from those within our Breakthru community. It is a very significant link for some who otherwise might not attend. It is notable that this is where a few have demonstrated that they are most comfortable in joining us from Sunday Suppers and we intentionally seek to grow this connection where ever possible.

Looking Forward

Evangelism training: We have enlisted the support of Mission Development Officer Andrew Hargreaves, from the diocese to deliver evangelism training in April 2018. We hope this will increase our confidence in sharing about our faith and encourage us in what we are already doing.

Festival of the Mind: We have been invited to exhibit the work of Breakthru at this very popular event in our city. This is a good opportunity to demonstrate our practical love for our community and how we share our faith practically. It is also a great opportunity to learn about signposting opportunities to other groups and to advertise ourselves.

Hopeweavers Community: We hope to develop links with this very special community over the coming year. This will hopefully help us to be effectively resourced in ideas for sharing our faith and give opportunities for our volunteer leaders to be refreshed as well.

Connect 5 Training: We have the opportunity to access this course, which aims to support frontline people working in the community, supporting people to improve their mental wellbeing.

Re-modelling Breakthru: Currently we run Breakthru in one long session. We need to review the effectiveness of this and consider other possibilities. The length of our session presents a significant challenge to those who commit to joining us, as we encourage our community to be there for the duration. It is also a considerable challenge to facilitate the length of the session with volunteers and to resource and maintain structure.

It would be beneficial to look at offering two sessions, or possibly one shorter session and then offering an additional group, whose focus would be less fixed.

Looking at links to other similar groups to form a network of support: sharing good practice is helpful in many ways. Currently we are operating as a stand alone group.

Lorna Sandland

Administration

The nature of administration is that much of it is routine and mundane. Below are some of the more significant items addressed during the year.

Major activities during 2017

Start of William and Andrea with the associated admin/HR/payroll processes.

Major repairs to the south and west windows.

Easter and Christmas.

Various minor building repairs/maintenance.

Kitchen water boiler replacement.

Major future plans

GDPR (new data protection legislation).

Days and weekends away, staff conferences.

Hall lettings. Use of the halls by external groups remains reasonably high. Tension continues to exist between the needs of various groups wanting to use the building at the same times.

AV. We need to tidy up the area around the back of the AV desks. A lockable AV desk would be nice to have in the future. Additional foldback facilities are under investigation.

Website. I feel that the church website, while functional, needs some re-design to improve the image that we present.

Building works. A number of repairs and improvements to the building are ongoing. We continue to be indebted to Ken, John, Gorik and Michael for a large number of minor repairs around the building.

Minibus. Use of the minibus by external organisations continues to generate some useful income. I am concerned that regular maintenance is not carried out or recorded.

Rotas. Preparing the Sunday rotas is a monthly struggle due to a shortage of volunteers and complicated conditions about when some volunteers are or are not available.

Heating. I am investigating options for a fuller heating system in the nave (to include the side aisles and Prayer Space).

Mick Walters

Preaching at St. Simon's

The past year has seen a wide range of sermon topics. After tackling Jesus's 'I am' sayings in John's Gospel, we took a fresh look at some of the better-known stories from the Old Testament that many of our older members enjoyed in their Sunday School days.

After Easter, we studied Paul's letter to the Galatians. This was a demanding series, but we found relevant lessons, particularly reinforcing the true basis upon which our faith rested. The teaching was challenging for our spiritual walk today.

Following an exploration of a few of the Psalms, we embarked upon the early chapters of the Acts of the Apostles. We noted some of the pressures felt by the early Church, and the issues that they faced, and drew some parallels with our situation today.

After some memorable Christmas reflections, the preaching team was encouraged in the new year to get to grips with some Difficult Questions about our Christian faith. This Series is ongoing, and is proving to be testing, but worthwhile.

The Preaching Team appreciated the support and guidance of Susi during the year, who suggested topics, organised rotas, and facilitated useful feedback. Arising from this, sermons since the Summer have generally been a little shorter.

During the year, Percy Critchett and Hilary Poley joined the team and we thank them for their involvement. Partly because of the expanded team we have had few guest preachers.

The team are grateful to members of the Church Family who have shown remarkable attention (and resilience!) over the months. They look forward to sharing more of God's Word during 2018.

Bob Mason

Men's Ministry

Since last year the men have slowly becoming closer, learning to be honest with each other has really helped, knowing that we can rely on someone to support us in prayer and being by their side has been prevalent for many this past year. Men are generally seen as being strong in society yet we all suffer from life's problems, which could be depression, anxiety, confidence or even job related issues. No matter how big or small someone's problem, it's still a problem for that individual.

Doing 'mens/boys' things together gives us the opportunity to have fun and a chance to forget these problems. Our activities over the past year have ranged from breakfast, the obligatory trip to a museum, pitch'n'putt and crazy golf all of which have centred around food. Strange what men will do when foods included, even a curry and beer or two!!

On one occasion we had to cancel the men's breakfast, at church, but it didn't stop some of us from meeting at The Tenth Hole for breakfast. There was no 15 minute talk from a guest speaker but what we did do was chat about 'this, that and other' ranging from work, life, church and local politics with grateful input by our favourite local councillor.

Our future growth is still dependent on doing activities that'll appeal to men of all ages. We believe that with the ideas currently in place and God being central to these activities, then we will continue to grow into something far greater. This year coming, by popular demand we're revisiting Brooklands Museum, where there are buses, aeroplanes, automobiles, motorcycles and bicycles so something of interest for everyone. You maybe fortunate to help with an oil change on a vintage bus 'Mike', a flight in Concorde 'Dave' or even a drive in a racing car simulator 'Susi' and 'Gorik'!!!

As I mentioned in the APCM review for last year I'd like to see us men grow together just as the Musketeers whose saying is "All for one and one for all", where the members of a group support each other and the individual members pledge their support to one another.

Remember it's your ministry not mine, so if you come up with an idea that you think us 'men/boys' may enjoy, why not think about organising it and thus joining us for one of the activities.



Amberley Chalk Pits

Cliff Golledge

Social Committee Report

The Social Committee comprises myself and six members of the congregation, and we meet twice a year to formulate a diverse and hopefully enjoyable programme of social activities.

In the year since April 2017, we have organised various Grub Club outings to local restaurants, separate men's and ladies crazy golf evenings, men's and ladies' breakfasts in the church with a guest speaker, trips out in the minibus and the annual games and tea party afternoon. In addition, we have helped out with various fund-raising and other charitable activities, including a barn dance (organised by Geraldine and her team), a Beetle Drive (organised by Ruth Taylor to raise funds for the Shoebox Appeal), and a skiffle orchestra concert (organised by Hilary Poley).

We are always open to suggestions for new social events, so please contact me if you have an idea that might appeal to the church congregation.

Dinah Walters

Home Groups and Other Pastoral Ministry

The Pastoral Team, meeting on most Wednesday mornings, continues to keep pace with the Home Groups, the Care Home ministry and the various pastoral needs of the church members. The third Wednesday each month is dedicated to the Good News Coffee Morning instead of the Pastoral Team meeting. This monthly opportunity is geared to the visit of the Good News library, but we have it even when the library takes a break, and are investigating the expansion of that wonderful opportunity for meeting over cakes and drinks for those who have less on in their lives. We could have the coffee morning more often if someone would like to come forward to lead it. We are in touch with Jill Phipps, the diocesan officer for older people, to help us think through how we can develop it.

Significant news is the establishment of 3 new Home Groups, with a fourth one expected in the summer. I have taken on the role of Home Group co-ordinator, supported by the members of the Pastoral Team, and it has been good to see several people join the new groups, and we hope many more from the church will seek to do so. It seems important that people see the Home Groups as an essential part of church life, in support of our growing as disciples of Jesus. We have also been extending the ministry to the Care Homes. We now cover 6 homes with services in each about every 2 months, and it has been good to form another team, led by Percy Critchett, to help cover this. The 2 homes where Bob Mason leads the services now have Holy Communion each time, which they really value. We could still do with a few more people to attend these services to make those in the Care Homes realise that God has not forgotten them.

Michael Piper

Christmas Shoeboxes

The Shoebox Story began at St. Simon's in November 2004 with the first Shoebox Social (in 2016 this was renamed the Shoebox Pack and Wrap Party). Shoeboxes were wrapped and packed and sent on their way to deserving and needy children around the globe under the auspices of Samaritan's Purse (SP). They call their programme Operation Christmas Child (OCC) - which started in 1993.

OCC has continued to grow and develop and St. Simon's has continued to support it every year. This year our congregation, supported by other volunteers and helpers from other churches (St.Jude's, Portsmouth Cathedral), packed and wrapped 66 boxes on the day of the Pack and Wrap Party. Individuals also filled their own boxes which they brought in. (In 2014, 10 million shoeboxes were distributed worldwide by SP).

People donated gifts to go in boxes (toys, toiletries, educational supplies, cuddly toys) as well as knitted hats, gloves, scarves (thank you Lois, knitter extraordinaire!); made colourful cloth bags to go in; and Diana Clark who makes beautiful knitted glove puppets in vibrant colours. Money was also donated and this was used to buy additional items. Each box requires £5 to go towards postage and packing and this year the PCC approved funding to pay for this and the coming year. Mick Walters co-ordinated all the 'back room' stuff and helped enormously - both as Church Administrator and also in his own time, huge thanks and appreciation to him.

This year Milton United Reformed Church became a checking centre, so our boxes were taken there for checking and sending onwards. Volunteers are needed at this centre to help with checking each box, so if anyone would like to help let me know and I'll give you the details.

Every year I make several trips to Clarks at Gunwharf Quays (I go through the barrier at the back, the security man has been known to say "Oh, it's you again!!") and Caroline and her team donate empty shoeboxes which are free for everyone to take at Church to fill individually or at the Pack and Wrap Party. SP do provide preprinted flat packed boxes (at a cost of about 35p a box) but I personally think the boxes we cover ourselves look more individual and colourful. It has been known for children who receive the boxes to treasure the covering paper as well as the contents.

Talking of the children....they are really what it's all about. Over the years I've been able to show films at Church when I launch each year's campaign. These films come from the SP website (www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk). Each year these films bring a lump to my throat and I have to hold back tears. These children have so little and are so obviously thrilled and excited to receive these boxes which are sent with love to let them know they are not forgotten - a demonstration of God's love through us. It is humbling.

My reason for starting the shoeboxes at St. Simon's and continuing every year (I did have a year off one year - thank you Anna Bazley!) is an expression of my thanks to God for the many blessings he has showered me with. It is also fun and brings lots of people together to work on a worthwhile project which is visual and practical. I work at QA Hospital and my colleagues support it by giving me things and doing their own boxes.

I couldn't do it on my own. Every year the family of St. Simon's and others faithfully rally round and join in - that also is humbling. Together we give thanks to God through the shoeboxes.



Packed shoeboxes awaiting collection.

Ruth Taylor (January 2018)

World Mission Team

“It is more blessed to give than to receive” Acts 20:35

The Mission Team wish to thank the congregation and the PCC for supporting the work of the 2017 charities and the generous gifts of £2,035 to each of the charities from the unrestricted income.

A special thanks must go to Gal Chipperfield our church treasurer for forwarding our gifts so efficiently. All charities have responded with gratitude.

We appreciated the number of nominations handed in for 2018. More were received than in the past, which is very encouraging!

In 2018 the team, with the approval of the PCC, feel that the focus of church giving should continue to be towards less well-known and less well-funded charities.

The charities chosen for 2018 are:

World: Joshua Radio
Flame International
Body and Soul South India

National Beyond the Streets

Local Frontline Debt & Benefit Advice
Faith & Football

A donation will be given to support the work of Samaritan's Purse.

So far, we have been able to secure speakers for three of our charities, the dates and names will be in the church newsletter. A brief description of the work of each of the charities is displayed on the Mission Team noticeboard. Please ask us if you need more in depth information.

It is important to include these and other charities close to your heart in your prayers. May we suggest that each home group choose to focus on one charity a month during their meetings.

We look forward once again to generous giving in 2018!

Ruth Warner & Geraldine Poulter

Accounts

Balance Sheet

St. Simon's Church, Southsea - 1128695

Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2017	As at 31/12/2016
Fixed assets		
31GR: 31 Gains Road	75,000.00	75,000.00
M1: Minibus	2,750.00	3,250.00
S1: CBF CoE Investment Fund	47,184.56	43,277.84
Total Fixed assets	124,934.56	121,527.84
Current assets		
6501: General Fund Bank Account	10,290.09	26,475.54
6502: Development Campaign Bank Account	5,957.24	765.30
Z05: Accounts Receivable	(12,209.00)	(5,109.00)
Total Current assets	4,038.33	22,131.84
Liabilities		
Z04: Accounts Payable	500.00	7,600.00
Total Liabilities	500.00	7,600.00
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	128,472.89	136,059.68
Reserves		
Excess / (deficit) to date	(10,993.51)	—
Z01: Starting balances	136,059.68	131,735.64
Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	3,406.72	4,324.04
Z03: Gains/(losses) on reval of fixed assets	—	—
Total Reserves	128,472.89	136,059.68

Represented by Funds

Unrestricted	199,226.16	156,731.41
Designated	—	—
Restricted	(70,753.27)	(20,671.73)
Endowment	—	—
Total	128,472.89	136,059.68

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

St. Simon's Church, Southsea - 1128695

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund) As at: 31 December 2017

			Balance	Previous balance
Investments				
S1: CBF CoE Investment Fund - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		47,184.56	43,277.84
			<u>47,184.56</u>	<u>43,277.84</u>
		Investments	47,184.56	43,277.84
Tangible assets				
31GR: 31 Gains Road - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		75,000.00	75,000.00
			<u>75,000.00</u>	<u>75,000.00</u>
M1: Minibus - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		2,750.00	3,250.00
			<u>2,750.00</u>	<u>3,250.00</u>
		Tangible assets	77,750.00	78,250.00
Cash at bank and in hand				
6501: General Fund Bank Account - Asset				
Alms Fund	Restricted		(32,599.48)	(19,298.48)
Breakthru	Restricted		7,447.13	5,650.66
Insurance	Restricted		(9,952.41)	—
Sunday Suppers	Restricted		7,913.72	1,844.15
Windows	Restricted		(23,887.12)	—
Youth Fund	Restricted		(24,087.06)	(8,133.04)
General fund	Unrestricted		87,196.62	48,203.57
Development	Restricted		(1,741.31)	(1,791.32)
Campaign Fund			<u>10,290.09</u>	<u>26,475.54</u>
6502: Development Campaign Bank Account - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		94.98	—
Development	Restricted		5,862.26	765.30
Campaign Fund			<u>5,957.24</u>	<u>765.30</u>
		Cash at bank and in hand	16,247.33	27,240.84
Debtors				
Z05: Accounts Receivable - Asset				
Help Fund	Restricted		291.00	291.00
General fund	Unrestricted		(12,500.00)	(5,400.00)
			<u>(12,209.00)</u>	<u>(5,109.00)</u>
		Debtors	(12,209.00)	(5,109.00)

	Balance	Previous balance
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year		
Z04: Accounts Payable - Liability		
General fund Unrestricted	500.00	7,600.00
	<u>500.00</u>	<u>7,600.00</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	<u>500.00</u>	<u>7,600.00</u>
Grand Total	<u>128,472.89</u>	<u>136,059.68</u>

Statement of Financial Activities

St. Simon's Church, Southsea - 1128695

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2017 to 31 December 2017

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	53,741	40,010	—	93,751	62,483
Income from charitable activities	—	—	—	—	—
Other trading activities	18,501	—	—	18,501	23,972
Investments	1,532	1	—	1,533	1,265
Other income	50,205	97,366	—	147,571	154,149
Total income	123,980	137,378	—	261,358	241,871
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities	1,018	17,287	—	18,305	15,719
Other expenditure	83,874	170,171	—	254,046	238,947
Total expenditure	84,892	187,459	—	272,351	254,667
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	39,088	(50,081)	—	(10,993)	(12,795)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	—
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	3,406	—	—	3,406	4,324
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	42,494	(50,081)	—	(7,586)	(8,471)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	156,731	(20,671)	—	136,059	144,531
Total funds carried forward	199,226	(70,753)	—	128,472	136,059

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Fund Movement Summary

St. Simon's Church, Southsea - 1128695
Fund movement summary
Selected period: 01 January 2017 to 31 December 2017

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances Carried forward
Alms - Alms Fund	(19,298)	1,947	15,248	—	—	(32,599)
Breakthru - Breakthru	5,650	11,901	10,104	—	—	7,447
Help - Help Fund	291	—	—	—	—	291
Insurance - Insurance	—	—	9,952	—	—	(9,952)
Suppers - Sunday Suppers	1,844	7,635	1,565	—	—	7,913
windows - Windows	—	95,372	119,260	—	—	(23,887)
Youth - Youth Fund	(8,133)	14,787	30,741	—	—	(24,087)
General - General fund	156,731	123,980	84,892	—	3,406	199,226
Devcam - Development Campaign Fund	(1,026)	5,734	587	—	—	4,120
Totals	136,059	261,358	272,351	—	3,406	128,472

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Analysis of Income and Expenditure

St. Simon's Church, Southsea - 1128695

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2017 to 31 December 2017

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments						
Donations and legacies						
4002 - Gift Aid	43,292	—	10,989	—	54,281	49,328
4005 - Special Collections	280	—	1,032	—	1,313	2,091
4008 - collections	4,624	—	—	—	4,624	5,405
4012 - Sundry Donations	4,699	—	27,908	—	32,607	4,984
4014 - Wallsafe	345	—	—	—	345	287
4031 - Help Fund	—	—	—	—	—	138
4060 - Youth Work Sundry Donations	—	—	80	—	80	250
4110 - Legacies	500	—	—	—	500	—
Donations and legacies Totals	53,741	—	40,010	—	93,751	62,483
Income from charitable activities						
4250 - Income from Charitable and Auxiliary Tra	—	—	—	—	—	—
Income from charitable activities Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other trading activities						
4013 - Table top sales	—	—	—	—	—	—
4503 - Minibus Donations	2,440	—	—	—	2,440	3,517
4504 - Church Centre Lettings	15,981	—	—	—	15,981	20,282
8010 - Banns	80	—	—	—	80	173
Other trading activities Totals	18,501	—	—	—	18,501	23,972
Investments						
4401 - CBF-CCLA	1,531	—	—	—	1,531	1,260
4402 - Bank Interest	0	—	1	—	2	4
Investments Totals	1,532	—	1	—	1,533	1,265
Other income						
4123 - Waverley Trust	8,500	—	—	—	8,500	8,000
4003 - Parish Giving Scheme	2,932	—	—	—	2,932	—
4004 - Tax Recoverable	13,729	—	5,668	—	19,397	11,360
4015 - Regular givers non gift aid	7,210	—	—	—	7,210	1,900
4102 - Coffee Tavern Trust	4,912	—	69,455	—	74,367	34,163
4152 - Youth Work CTT	—	—	7,950	—	7,950	—
4251 - Youth Events	—	—	30	—	30	100
4502 - Gains Road Rental	10,434	—	—	—	10,434	10,133
4505 - Social Events	—	—	—	—	—	—
4509 - Insurance Claims	—	—	—	—	—	1,396
8001 - Transfer from Development Fund	—	—	—	—	—	69,530
8002 - VAT	121	—	8,520	—	8,642	4,220
8003 - Sunday Supper Donations	—	—	5,235	—	5,235	1,591
8007 - Transfer from Breakthru	—	—	—	—	—	6,222
8011 - Fees to Diocese	1,848	—	—	—	1,848	3,077
8012 - Fundraising in house	517	—	—	—	517	1,850
8013 - Transfer in from General Fund	—	—	507	—	507	604

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Other income Totals	50,205	—	97,366	—	147,571	154,149
Income and endowments	123,980	—	137,378	—	261,358	241,871
Grand totals						
Expenditure						
Expenditure on charitable activities						
7001 - Alms Funds plus others	—	—	15,248	—	15,248	14,567
7406 - Help Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
7540 - Sunday Supper Expenses	—	—	1,565	—	1,565	1,052
7543 - Youth Events	1,018	—	473	—	1,491	100
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	1,018	—	17,287	—	18,305	15,719
Other expenditure						
7804 - Church Office printing	239	—	—	—	239	224
7086 - Church Office telephones	496	—	—	—	496	450
7202 - Alpha and other courses	585	—	—	—	585	—
7402 - Diocesan Quota	37,416	—	—	—	37,416	37,825
7403 - Deanery Fees	457	—	—	—	457	163
7410 - Vicar's Telephone	515	—	—	—	515	214
7413 - Visting Speakers	548	—	—	—	548	—
7415 - Vicar's Equipment, Travelling etc	269	—	—	—	269	253
7420 - Vicarage Expenses	742	—	—	—	742	1,245
7421 - Church Insurance	—	—	9,952	—	9,952	4,790
7435 - Church Water	76	—	—	—	76	85
7436 - Cleaner salary	4,493	—	—	—	4,493	4,354
7438 - Church Gas/Electricity	1,871	—	—	—	1,871	4,077
7443 - Church General Maintenance	5,184	—	111,215	—	116,400	5,031
7444 - Cleaning Materials	707	—	—	—	707	570
7445 - AV Equipment	930	—	—	—	930	1,983
7450 - Flowers and Christmas Tree	578	—	—	—	578	215
7451 - Copyright Licence	476	—	—	—	476	405
7452 - Refreshments	196	—	—	—	196	373
7453 - Church Services	142	—	200	—	342	383
7458 - Minibus costs	2,397	—	—	—	2,397	1,564
7459 - Minibus Depreciation	—	—	—	—	—	750
7466 - Pompey Chimes	60	—	—	—	60	60
7471 - Gains Road Maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	—
7472 - Gains Road Insurance	380	—	—	—	380	358
7541 - Breakthru expenses	—	—	684	—	684	—
7542 - Youth Work Allocation	—	—	1,257	—	1,257	—
7590 - Youth Work salary NI and pension	—	—	19,218	—	19,218	18,241
7593 - Youth Work Expenses	—	—	9,292	—	9,292	3,956
7800 - Church Office general expenses	915	—	117	—	1,032	960
7802 - Church Office Expenses	146	—	—	—	146	586
7811 - Church Office PC expenses	401	—	—	—	401	468
7815 - Bank charges	430	—	—	—	430	344
7820 - Administrators salary, NI and pension	7,549	—	—	—	7,549	8,154
7821 - Architects Fees and expenses	—	—	8,124	—	8,124	1,578
7822 - Development work inc roof	—	—	—	—	—	84,809
8000 - Additional Expenses	1,893	—	89	—	1,983	889
8004 - Printing Expenses The Source	606	—	—	—	606	320
8005 - VAT	—	—	—	—	—	—
8006 - Payroll Expenses	1,406	—	—	—	1,406	352

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
8008 - Transfers to cash box/ flower fund etc	—	—	—	—	—	300
8009 - Breakthru wages	—	—	9,213	—	9,213	8,200
8111 - CTT	—	—	—	—	—	—
8112 - Repayment of Loan to CTT for Gains Road	7,100	—	—	—	7,100	5,400
8113 - Transfer to General Fund	—	—	507	—	507	35,791
8114 - Fees to Diocese	988	—	—	—	988	1,892
8115 - Conferences, Away Days etc	2,017	—	300	—	2,317	1,195
8116 - Staff costs hospitality etc	1,653	—	—	—	1,653	121
Other expenditure Totals	83,874	—	170,171	—	254,046	238,947
Expenditure Grand totals	84,892	—	187,459	—	272,351	254,667

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Independent Examiner's Report

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Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of St Simon's Church, Southsea, Parochial Church Council.

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2017 which are set out above.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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 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 charity 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 management committee 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 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.



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March 2018

Signed on behalf of the PCC by Hugh Mason (Vice-Chairman) on 26th March 2018.

Signed.....

Date.....

END OF REPORT