

St. Nicolas' Church, Abingdon

Financial Report to the Annual Church Meeting 2019

The accounts for the year 2018 (before losses of £880 on revaluation of our investments) show a deficit on unrestricted funds of £5,872 (2017: £3,699). The deficit on general fund (day-to-day) expenditure is £1,738 (2017: £2,313). The situation can be presented as follows:

	2018 £k	2017 £k
Normal Income	54.4	54.4
Normal Expenditure	(56.1)	(56.7)
Allocation to Donations Fund	(0.0)	(0.0)
	(1.7)	(2.3)
Other Income:		
Blacknall Charity	13.8	13.6
Other restricted / designated income	9.0	14.9
Increase of Donations Fund	0.0	0.0
Restricted and Designated Expenditure	(87.4)	(21.8)
	(66.3)	4.4

The total funds of the Church at 31st December 2018 were made up as follows:

	2018 £k	2017 £k
General unrestricted funds	37.2	39.5
Designated Funds	30.5	35.0
Restricted funds	71.5	131.8
	139.2	206.3
Endowment funds (we only have use of the income)	34.3	35.2
	173.5	241.5

Income and Expenditure

General Fund income (excluding non-recurring grant and other income) in 2018 was almost static at £54,364 (2017: £54,373). Total incoming resources from donors, net of grants and legacies, fell 6.3% from £47,160 in 2017 to £44,173, while pledged giving (before reclaimable tax) fell 5.8% to £30,299 from £32,152 in 2017.

For the most part expenditure was within budget; general unrestricted expenditure excluding costs assigned to designated funds was little changed at £56,102 (2017: £56,686).

Regular payments from the Blacknall charity continued, and the amount received in 2018, in respect of the calendar year 2017, was £13,814 (2017: £13,629).

Parish Share

The Parish Share for 2018 was £34,448, 5.3% higher than the 2017 figure of £32,708. However, the Deanery have again passed on the 3% Diocesan rebate for prompt payment to parishes together with a further 2% from Deanery reserves, and these rebates, plus a further 1% direct debit discount, reduce our net share to £32,382. The Parish Share set for 2019 (before any rebate) is £34,976, an increase of 1.5%.

Donations

Apart from our contribution to the Church in Abingdon Community Projects (£238.08) and support of St. Nicolas School, no additional sum has been set aside for general donations from unrestricted income in 2018, in recognition of the continuing deficit. Nevertheless, special collections have raised a total of £540 (plus some potential GASDS); this sum includes £349.30 raised by the Christmas collections for the Children's Society.

Building Maintenance

Expenditure on routine maintenance of £1,518 is offset by the income from the restricted Church Lands Charity funds. However, 2018 saw substantial expenditure on major repair and maintenance items. The church has spent or committed £24,827 for the repair of the west door stonework, £30,764 on the installation of the new heating system, and £4,650 on associated work to the former heater flues. These were all charged to Blacknall funds, as were works to the organ totalling £9,310. As a result the total available Blacknall funds have fallen by 48%. The (designated) re-ordering fund has also fallen, mainly owing to the balance of the cost of the chairs that was not funded from other sources.

Share Values

The stock market fell in the latter part of 2018, and our investments have declined in value by £1,806 (2017: gain of £6,723). Of this, £880 (49%) was attributable to the unrestricted funds. The balance of £926 relates to the endowment funds, of which we only have use of the income.

Outlook

St. Nicolas budgeted for a deficit of £5,800 in 2018 before the share rebate, but in the event delivered a deficit on general funds of £1,738, no doubt helped by the larger than usual deanery rebate. However the church has budgeted for a significant deficit in 2019 and the trend in pledged giving is not favourable, so the need to restore balanced budgets remains a priority.

The detailed summary table overleaf is based on the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet from the full St. Nicolas' Church accounts.

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March 2019

ST NICOLAS' CHURCH, ABINGDON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31st December 2018

	<i>General Funds</i>	<i>Designated Funds</i>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2018	Total Funds 2017
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Incoming resources from donors	44,173	500	44,673	720	-	45,393	48,903
Other voluntary incoming resources	7,602	-	7,602	13,814	-	21,416	18,307
Income from investments	1,549	6	1,555	1,409	-	2,964	2,707
Income from charitable & ancillary trading	540	-	540	-	-	540	649
Other income	500	3,413	3,913	3,000	-	6,913	12,376
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	54,364	3,919	58,283	18,943	-	77,226	82,942
RESOURCES USED							
Grants	554	-	554	625	-	1,179	4,614
Church Activities	52,498	8,055	60,553	78,689	-	139,242	70,421
Costs of Generating Funds	1,973	-	1,973	-	-	1,973	1,707
Governance Costs	1,080	-	1,080	-	-	1,080	1,800
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	56,105	8,055	64,160	79,314	-	143,474	78,542
NET INCOMING RESOURCES	(1,741)	(4,136)	(5,877)	(60,371)	-	(66,248)	4,400
Transfer Between Funds							
	(1,741)	(4,136)					
UNREALISED GAINS ON INVESTMENTS	(580)	(300)	(880)	-	(926)	(1,806)	6,723
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	(2,321)	(4,436)	(6,757)	(60,371)	(926)	(68,054)	11,123
Balances brought forward 1.1.2018	39,537	34,961	74,498	131,795	35,234	241,527	230,404
Balances carried forward 31.12.2018	37,216	30,525	67,741	71,424	34,308	173,473	241,527
BALANCE SHEET							
Fixed Assets and Investments	41,941	6,516	48,457	0	34,308	82,765	84,918
CURRENT ASSETS							
Debtors	4,960	5,278	10,238	4,500	0	14,738	17,809
Short term deposits	30,233	15,451	45,684	31,720	0	77,405	103,176
Cash at bank	(6,217)	3,280	(2,937)	35,204	0	32,267	45,185
	70,917	30,525	101,441	71,424	34,308	207,174	251,088
LIABILITIES	(33,700)		(33,701)	0	0	(33,701)	(9,561)
TOTAL ASSETS	37,216	30,525	67,741	71,424	34,308	173,473	241,527