



THE CHURCH IN WALES
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Annual Vestry Report

For year ended
31st December 2017



PARISH OF
COITY, NOLTON & BRACKLA

Parish Mission Prayer

***Father, pour out your Spirit
upon the people of this parish,
and grant us
a new vision of your glory,
a new experience of your power,
a new faithfulness to your word,
and a new consecration
to your service,
that your love
may grow among us
and your kingdom come;
through Jesus Christ,
our Lord. Amen.***

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The Annual Vestry gives us the perfect opportunity to reflect on how well we have achieved our aim of working with God to build up his Kingdom in the area served by our parish.

Often it can seem as if we are working hard to uphold the institution of the Church rather than to increase its effectiveness as an agent of transformation in the world, but that is a consequence of its being a relatively large, diverse and complex organisation.

It is the Anglican philosophy to try and have a physical presence in every community, with that presence usually being symbolised and expressed through the church building. Today there is a need for us to consider how our buildings can be more frequently and effectively used in and by our communities, but it remains the case that our beautiful churches, with their innate sense of peace and tranquillity, are places which many people recognise as being sacred spaces.

Nevertheless, our churches are not the Church, and our work must always ultimately have a human focus. The following report gives a summary of many (but not necessarily all) of the activities undertaken in the parish, each of them in their own way contributing to the work of outreach, mutual care or other dimension of the Christian life which we are called to follow.

I would like to record my thanks to all those who in any way contribute to the mission and ministry of the local Church – without you so much of what we achieve would not be possible.

May God continue to bless us in this coming year.

The Reverend Canon Michael Komor, Rector

Minutes of AVM held on Sunday 23rd April 2017

Apologies: John O'Leary, Glenys O'Leary, Philippa Coulson, Chris Merkins,, Dr Susy Rogers, Fred Custerson, John Dixon, Mari Dixon, Aeron John Williams, Keith Jones, Ruth Jones

1. The meeting was preceded with Holy Eucharist at 10:00am in St Mary Brackla
2. The AVM opened at 11:30 with Parish Prayer led by Father Michael
3. Apologies received were read by Secretary
4. The Rector was in the Chair and warmly welcomed everyone to the AVM 2017

The Rector opened with an expression of gratitude to all who have worked so hard over the year in God's service particularly clergy members. Last week we bade farewell to Revd Jayne whose shoes will be difficult to fill. Her replacement, Mark Broadway, bring his own special skills when he joins us.

Ministries of our benefice Readers bring a special range of skills to the Parish

Thanks to the Parish wardens. Philippa and Glenda, who carry out their duties so well. The duties of a Churchwarden are not clearly defined but Philippa has made the role her own and we thank her for her work. Glenda brings her common sense and groundedness to the role carrying out so much unseen work, Thanks to the Parish officers, Mel, as treasurer and his team and also to all who contribute so much to the work of the Church.

We also thank all PCC members, Choir members, flower arrangers, Sidespersons and all those who carry out work in the Parish We are grateful to everyone for all they do.

The annual report records event but also gives us a chance to look forward. The establishment of a Ministry Area in Bridgend is moving forward. The CinW review included a strategic plan for the future in which Ministry Areas were key. The Parish system is not going to dissolve. Ministry Areas is about seeking strength in cooperation and collaboration. There are a large number of Anglican churches, so they are accessible, but some are becoming stretched. Ministry areas are to try to strengthen the Churches in an area.

In the Diocese, parishes have been able to develop Ministry area to best fit resources and requirements rather than have a model imposed. A number of conversations have been held with all the Parishes in the Bridgend area to establish if this is the right setup for all the parishes. There is already some sharing of information across Parishes, the new Bridgend town guide will include one advert for all Parishes together. Under consideration is cross-licensing of ministers across the Parishes involved enabling regular sharing of clergy across Parishes in the area. We may also occasionally bring together Parishes for shared services. We are asked to pray for the link parishes in our prayers. In response to a request from the Chair there were no questions on this issue.

5. Minutes of previous Annual Vestry Meeting as published in Annual report were received by the AVM and accepted as a true record
6. The Annual Report had been issued, thanks to those who had submitted reports on Parish groups and activities. The Mission report was accepted with those amendments
7. Thanks to Mel Oglesbee and Keith Jones for preparing the Annual Financial report and accounts and to the Independent Examiner, John Griffiths. The annual accounts were accepted as presented.
8. Elections: Philippa Coulson was elected People's Warden. Glenda Davies was appointed Rector's Warden, Dave Godin was elected Subwarden at Brackla, Gaynor Coles was appointed subwarden at Brackla, Nader Omidvar was elected Subwarden at Coity, Fred Custerson was appointed Subwarden at Coity, Dr Susy Rogers was elected Sub Warden at Nolton, Keith Jones was appointed Sub Warden at Nolton, There was no ballot for PCC as there were only 16 nominations, all were elected; all Sidespersons listed were appointed.
9. John Griffiths has taken on the role of Independent examiner of Accounts. PCC to be asked to review re taking the role for next year

There was no other business. The meeting was declared Closed at 11:58 with the Grace. Thanks to those who had prepared everything for the Parish service and the Vestry meeting

Achievements and Activities

Living Faith Course

The Living Faith group continues to meet fortnightly for our regular bible study. This Year we are studying Challenging Choices, a module based on Christian ethics that looks at some of the challenges of modern life from a Christian perspective. The group continue to have lively and interesting discussions around the subject matter, often with as many viewpoints as there are people in the group!

It is a privilege to lead such a committed and lively group and to see them develop in both knowledge and faith. They have worked through concepts that are challenging to either faith, intellect or both and have come through with a stronger, more mature faith as a result. Well done to all! This is the final module in the course, but the group will continue to meet and hopefully more people will join us. Everyone is welcome!

Glenda Davies

Coity Church Choir

The choir continues to lead the worship on Sunday mornings, occasionally at Evensong and Taizé, and at Mattins once a month.

During the year the choir sang at four weddings and at five funerals.

In February the choir held their annual dinner at The Sycamore Tree Inn at Colwinston and, as in previous years, hosted one of the lunches during Lent and Advent.

Once again the choir supported the Christmas Tree Festival with a tree representing music and song.

The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols was held on the Tuesday before Christmas with a lantern procession, this year from the church porch because of inclement weather. The soloist at the service was Rose Edwards.

The choir is indebted to regular organists Russell Lock, Hilary Johns and Joanne Blackwell, particularly for their commitment to Tuesday evening practices.

My personal thanks to the choir and organists for their commitment and support of all our activities and to the clergy and congregation for their encouragement.

Mari Dixon

Nolton Church Choir

Each Sunday the choir sings at Eucharist services. They also lead other services at festivals when they occur. Some members have also supported Evensong for many weeks through the year.

In 2017 anthems sung were:

- As water to the thirsty (Epiphany season)
- Lord for thy tender mercies' sake (Lent)
- O, Saviour of the world (Passiontide)
- Rejoice, O Heavenly Powers! (Easter)

- Panis Angelicus (Easter Season)
- O, for the wings of a dove (Remembrance)

The Lessons and Carols Service at Christmas this year was held on an evening in mid-week since Advent 4 was Christmas Eve. The choir sang special items of Christmas music as well as leading all the usual congregational carols. The choir also gave a half hour performance at the Live Music sessions of the Tree Festival early in December.

At Easter this year the choirs of Coity and Nolton combined to lead the singing at the final service of Rev Jayne Shaw. This was held at St. Mary, Nolton.

My thanks go to Father Michael for his involvement, help and encouragement in all that we do for the music at St. Mary, Nolton.

John Davies

Coity Church Bellringers

Members

The membership now comprises 12 Adults and 1 Student who are all members of the Llandaff and Monmouth association of Church Bell Ringers.

We ring for Morning and Evening services also for Weddings.

Ringing Trips

(1) The Spring trip on Saturday 20th May we rang at Pen-y-fai (6 Bells), Laleston (6 Bells) Unfortunately we were unable to gain access to ring at Newcastle. Lunch was then enjoyed at the local Pub.

(2) Autumn trip on Saturday 21st October we rang at Mynyddislwys (8 Bells).

Llanfrechfa (8 Bells) and Bleanavon (8 Bells). We then enjoyed lunch at the Whistle inn and to round the day off we visited the Rhymney Brewery which was very interesting. The weather was terrible, gales and heavy rain (Storm Brian) so much in fact that the roof of the Conservatory blew off!! We had to wait for it to be repaired before we could have our meal.



Queen's Platinum Wedding Anniversary: On the 20th November we rang Call Changes to celebrate this event.

Weddings: We rung for 11 weddings at Coity, 1 at Laleston and 1 at St. Brides.

Hand Bells: The Hand Bell Team practice regularly during the winter months. We rang at the Christmas Tree Festival on the 9th of December at Nolton (We entered a tree), also rang for the Carol Service at Coity on the 19th of December.

Peal: On the 16th of October a visiting band peal failed due to a conductor error.

Quarter Peals: Rang half muffled on Sunday 12th of November 1260 changes of Plain Bob doubles for Evensong on Remembrance Sunday in 43 minutes. Rang on Sunday 9th April 1260 changes of Grandsire doubles for Evensong to say farewell to the Rev'd Jayne Shaw in 44 minutes.

Striking Competition: This year was held at Llanblethian we entered a band, rang well but did not appear in the results.

Social Events: Our AGM was held at the Sycamore Inn on Wednesday 12th April followed by an excellent meal. On Friday the 1st of December the Annual Christmas Dinner was again held at the Sycamore Inn for some 12 ringers and friends. We had an excellent meal enjoying good food and company. On Wednesday the 20st of December a "Nibbles Night" was held in the Vestry washed down with Bucks Fizz.

New Year: We finished the year in the traditional way by ringing out the old year, striking midnight, then ringing in the New Year. Celebrated with Mince pies washed down with Bucks Fizz

Thank You: To the Ringers for their loyal support at Practice, Weddings and Church services throughout the year. Mel for the events at the Sycamore Inn and his treasurer duties. Philip for his Vice Captain duties and for arranging the Autumn Trip Towers. I arranged the Lunch and to Rowena our Tower Secretary.

Practice Times

Tower Bells - Wednesdays 7.15 to 8.45 pm.

Hand Bells - Sundays 4.45 to 5.30 (Winter Months only)

Service ringing on Sundays: Morning 9.00 to 9.25.am, Evening 5.30 to 5.55 pm.

If anyone would like to ring please contact me on 01656 659741 or in Church.

Fred Custerson Tower Captain

Parish Recorder Groups

The parish recorder groups continue to meet weekly during term time.

As what were our beginners advanced to the point where they became 'Recorder Group 2', so there was a need to start a third group for very new players, and these have progressed well. It has a mix of age ranges, including many children who are learning alongside their parents or grandparents. These players have performed in public on a number of occasions through the year. We are always very pleased to welcome new members.

The more advanced groups play a wide range of music, with Recorder Group 1 using the full range of descant, treble, tenor and bass recorders. It has been a delight to see members develop their talent over a period of years, to the point where there are some very skilled and able musicians among their number, particularly the younger members.

I would like to thank the members for their continued weekly support and also those additional players who help us out for special events. Also, thanks to Jo Blackwell for providing piano accompaniment whenever she is asked.

Anne Komor

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union branch of this parish remains very strong.

There are two meetings a month, the first on the second Thursday with our Corporate Communion service held in Nolton at 10am. This is then followed by fellowship in the Hall.

Our second meeting is held on the third Tuesday of the month, in the Dunraven Room in Nolton Hall at 2pm, when we have a speaker or some other items of interest, eg a Quiz, Cream Tea, Harvest Tea, Carols and Readings, and also our annual Day Trip in September. We also now hold a Branch Dinner in a restaurant of our choice.

The Bridgend Deanery holds special services during the year. The Deanery Festival is always held at the beginning of May and Advent Service in early December. A minibus is generally hired for these services.

Primarily the MU is dedicated to prayer and worship, and to commending Christian ideals of marriage and family life in society. This is not an easy task these days, but it remains one that is worthwhile.

We pray that the year ahead will bring many blessings to us as a group, and we do welcome anyone who is interested in joining us.

Mary Phillips

Tuesday Fellowship

Tuesday Fellowship continued to meet monthly with a full programme of speakers punctuated by a Lenten Eucharist service and a fish and chip supper at the ABM in June. The customary Christmas party was held in December enabling a donation to the parish charitable fund.

The year began with an interesting talk by Rod Jones about the unusual wildlife of Madagascar followed in February by a round the world tour with Rhianwyn and John Porter. In May John Mason gave an insight into the important work of the Blood Transfusion Service.

After the summer break, in October, we heard about the specialist training undertaken by the Guide Dogs for the Blind and in November Dr David Rogers made a welcome return visit to talk about the history of penicillin.

Once again this year we have been pleased to welcome new members. Tuesday Fellowship is open to all and everyone is warmly welcomed.

Thanks to those who help to run our meetings and to all who support month by month.

John Dixon

Link with Parish of Bälinge

A small delegation from the benefice made a visit to Sweden in September 2017, to cement relations with our twin parish of Bälinge in the Diocese of Uppsala. This was a return visit following the inaugural visit by the Revd Fredrik and some of his parishioners in September 2016, when our link agreement was signed following a Eucharist in St Mary's, Nolton.

The Bridgend delegation was led by the Rector, with Huw Jones, Richard and Iona Logan representing our parish, and Peter Craven representing the parish of Coychurch. We received warm hospitality from our Swedish hosts over three crisp autumn days, staying with host families in the parish of Balinge and making excursions to nearby Uppsala for a tour of the cathedral and old town, and to the original settlement of Old Uppsala where the first kings of Sweden are buried in an impressive set of green burial mounds. We also took part in a deanery Gospel praise service and the Sunday morning Eucharist in the parish church in Bälinge itself, where the Rector preached (in English!).

Plans are now being made for a visit in September 2018 by the combined parish choirs from Balinge, to include a joint concert with the Bridgend Tabernacle choir. Please continue to pray for the Revd Fredrik and his congregations in Bälinge and surrounding area, for the Diocese of Uppsala and the Church of Sweden; and if anyone would like further information or to join the organising committee, please get in touch with Huw (huw@cnb-parish.org.uk) or Richard or Iona Logan.

Coity Church Flower Club

The 2016/ 17 programme was, as usual, diverse and interesting. In the first week of January 2017, Mrs Gwerfyl Gardener, spoke on the subject of Duffryn Gardens which we, as a Flower Club, has visited on a previous occasion. She illustrated the topic with slides and described the history of Duffryn House. In February a Spring floral practice was held. Mrs Mair Cripps organised this session and the ladies brought they own flowers and greenery to copy her example. Our Annual dinner was held in March at the White Horse in Coychurch. This was a change from our usual meal at the Mason's Arms, Bryncethin but we may try another venue next year.

The ladies enjoyed practising an Easter arrangement in April- demonstrated by our President, Mair Cripps. Later on in the month the ladies helped to decorate Coity Church ready for the Easter celebrations. May 2nd was the date for our annual day away which this year was held in Devizes in Pam Lewis's garden and house. Pam escorted us around her attractive gardens and demonstrated some lovely arrangements which were later raffled. We ate lunch there and then had the opportunity to purchase some goods from her

shop. In June, Claire Breward, a florist from Bee Orchid came to show the ladies how to tie and arrange bouquets using bows and wrapping paper. The ladies found this useful and we learnt a lot from Claire.

The AGM was held in July although a committee meeting was held in Mair's house previous to this. Ella read last year's minutes while Mair and Anne reported on the past year and enlightened the ladies on what was envisaged for the following year's programme. Special thanks to Jean, Enid, the two Mairs, Menna, Marian, Ella and Anne for their contribution to the smooth running of Coity Church Ladies Flower Club.

It was agreed that £100 would be donated to The Air Ambulance, £100 to Sierra Leone and £100 to the Scleroderma Society.

Although the Flower Club didn't meet again until October, a lot of organisation was going on behind the scenes eg consolidation and printing of the 2017/18 Programme, booking visitors, finalising the Tea Rota, organising practice nights etc. Members were notified to meet to decorate the church for Harvest at the end of September.

In October we started back to an Autumn Practice evening led by Mrs Mair Cripps. We remembered Mrs Megan Chandler a faithful member of the church and flower club who had sadly passed away recently. Members were notified to meet to help to make items for the Autumn Fayre. A very enjoyable evening was held in November when visitors were invited to watch Mrs Sharon Dower demonstrate her lovely Christmas based arrangements. These were later raffled to the ladies. Mrs Pat Jenkins kindly donated some of her delicious mince pies. The ladies were asked to help decorate a Christmas Tree in readiness for the Christmas Tree Festival held annually at Nolton Church in December.

To end the year our Christmas party was held in the church hall in December when the ladies brought various delicious food items. Dawn made a cake to celebrate 30 years since the start of the Flower Club and some of the original ladies were present that night. Sadly it was announced that Mrs Oenwen Jones a faithful church and Flower Club member had passed away. Later in the month the ladies met in the church to decorate it in readiness for Christmas.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month and new members are always made very welcome.

Anne Thomas (Chairlady)

Report on Conferences

Diocesan Conference

The 2017 Diocesan Conference was the first to be presided over by our new Bishop, June Osborne. She had arranged the worship and business of the day so that the whole session formed a single act, within the context of the Eucharist.

As part of her getting to know her diocese she asked each of the Deaneries to describe themselves in three words, and these were generated by means of Deanery break-out groups.

Bishop June spoke of her desire to generate in her mind a map of the diocese, and to that end would be spending a day in each of the Deaneries by the beginning of 2018.

In addition to the discussions and Presidential Address, the usual necessary business of reporting also took place.

Finally, there was a period of hustings for those members seeking election to some of the Provincial bodies.

Deanery Conferences

In line with recent custom the Deanery Conference met on multiple occasions during the year.

At its February meeting a presentation was given by a representative of *Citizens Cymru* about how some Welsh communities had responded to the Syrian refugee crisis. Conference split into groups to consider whether some of these responses were ones that could be imitated in the Bridgend area.

In addition, we began to discuss ideas for how and why we might apply for funding for Deanery projects. These ideas were collated for further consideration by the Deanery Executive, and a Prayer Breakfast planned for May when Conference members could come together and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in regard to a future Deanery-wide project.

At our June meeting we welcomed our Archdeacon, Peggy Jackson, who was present to swear in Churchwardens for 2017-18.

Feedback from the Prayer Breakfast regarding a possible Deanery Project was given and discussed, though there was no clear outcome.

The possibility of presenting a Motion to Diocesan Conference regarding clergy remuneration was discussed, and the principle agreed.

Reports were given on the development of Ministry Areas in the Deanery.

Most of the October meeting was given over to Bishop June, who had spent the day in the Deanery as part of her tour of the diocese. She had a very warm reception from the Conference, spoke about herself, and invited questions from the floor.

The Conference formally approved a request by the parish of Ewenny and St Brides Major to transfer from the Deanery of Bridgend to the Deanery of the Vale of Glamorgan as from 1 January 2018.

Area Dean

Events Committee

Several events were held since the last Annual Vestry Meeting, starting in June 2017 with an evening of musical entertainment featuring the Porthcawl Ukulele Band. This was a charity event and £216 was raised for the Alzheimer's Society. The annual Family Picnic took place in July, and just like last year we had to make use of the hall due to the constraints of our summer weather [it rained all day!] However, our enthusiasm to enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and fun was not dampened; with plenty of food to eat there was lots of chatting and laughter throughout the afternoon.

September saw our first Film Night; our intention was to show recordings of some of the parish productions put on by parishioners back in the day. Popcorn, drinks and ice-cream were in plentiful supply and despite gremlins in the computer preventing us, we made the best of the situation. Grateful thanks to John Davies who saved the day by stepping in to provide the music and lyrics for a good old-fashioned sing song. [We will do better next time...promise!!]

Harvest Supper was celebrated at Coity in October and everyone enjoyed the evening. A supper of jacket potatoes and various fillings, followed by apple pie with custard proved to be a mouth-watering, heart-warming supper on a cold autumn night.

The Autumn Fair was held in November; benefitting charities were Ty Hafan, Sandville Self Help, Parkinson's UK and Huntington's Disease Association. The event was well supported and £970 approximately was raised from a variety of stalls.

The Christmas Tree Festival ran from the 1st to 8th December, whilst a separate committee organises the festival, several members of the events committee also give their time to make this such a success fundraising event.

Which brings us to 2018, Shrove Tuesday and the Pancake Party held in Coity hall on 13th February. The evening started traditionally with a few games tossing [and attempting to catch] pancakes. Warm pancakes were served with lemon and sugar followed by a nice cup of tea [or coffee]. A lovely atmosphere filled the hall as we spent time together.

I would like to thank all members of the events committee for their support and enthusiasm over the last twelve months in organising events for parishioners and friends of our parish.

Gaynor Coles, Events Committee Chair

Fabric Committee – 2017

Rolling Programme

Completed on the schedules were the annual service contracts for both Churches and Halls as follows, fire alarms, fire extinguishers, gas boilers, water heaters, cookers together with certificates, lightning conductor tests with certificates, grass cutting, portable electrical testing, emergency lighting testing, empty cess pit Coity hall, Coity clock serviced, organ servicing,

Graveyard Safety inspection Coity and Nolton.

Coity Hall new slate roof.

Coity Graveyard and Hall Boundary Walls repaired.

Remedial work

Coity Church

Gutters cleaned out. Emergency lighting and Porch outside light replaced. Microphone repaired. New outside notice board. C.D. player replaced. Large fallen tree removed. Vacuum cleaner replaced.

Nolton Church

Microphone replaced. New LED lights over East end drive in. New outside notice board. West door curtain cleaned and repaired also new draught excluder. Outside doors redecorated.

Coity Hall

Asbestos Management survey completed. Entrance hall decorated. Boiler Replaced Toilet seat replaced. Zip Hydroboil repaired. Blocked sewer cleared. Smart Water kit purchased.

Nolton Hall

Asbestos Management survey completed. Fire extinguisher replaced. New traps in Gents Toilet. Office locks replaced. Kitchen sinks hot water heater replaced. Swing doors repaired. Extra double electric socket fitted. Smart water kit purchased. Roof Repairs. New Banqueting chairs. New Tables. Repair to locks after break in. Water Boiler control and switch replaced in Kitchen.

Fred Custerson Chairman

And that's not all...

In addition to the formal activities listed above the parish is engaged in a full range of pastoral ministries (including teams for Home Communion, Visiting and Befriending Teams, hospital visiting), discussion and study groups at Lent and other times of the year, preparation for Baptism, Communion, Confirmation and Marriage, etc. We also have links with nearly all the Primary Schools in the parish.

Ecumenically we have involvement in projects in Bridgend such as FoodBank, and the Wallich charity for the homeless. As members of the Bridgend Churches Together we share in joint acts of witness and discussions about matters of mutual concern, and also fund raise, with other churches, for Christian Aid. We participate each year in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Description of the Parish

The Parish is part of the Town of Bridgend, together with its adjoining areas of Wildmill, Litchard, the Village of Coity and Brackla. It is part of the Deanery of Bridgend, which is within the Diocese of Llandaff and the Province of the Church in Wales. The Parish is a Registered Charity - 1135927

Dedication of Churches

The Parish Church is dedicated to St. Mary the Virgin and is situated in the Village of Coity.

The daughter Church is also dedicated to St. Mary and is situated very close to the Town Centre in the area of the Town known as Nolton.

The third Church, also dedicated to St. Mary, is situated within the Archdeacon John Lewis Church In Wales Voluntary Aided Primary School, on the Brackla Estate.

Objectives

The Church in Wales is a Province within the Anglican Communion and as such has the task of advancing the Christian Religion, through worldwide Mission. The Parochial Church Council is required to ensure that the life and work of the churches within their Parish is fulfilled both locally and further afield.

The PCC is not a body corporate. Its composition, procedures and powers are set out and regulated by the Constitution of the Church in Wales. This is amended from time to time to keep pace with changing times. It is set up under Section 3(1) of the Welsh Churches Acts of 1914. Elections to serve on the Parochial Church Council take place at the Annual Vestry Meeting.

The Representative Body of the Church in Wales holds lands and property, which includes the churches of Coity and Nolton, their contents and churchyards. It also acts on behalf of the Province for paying stipends to full time clergy.

The PCC is responsible for promoting the mission of the Church, the parochial budget, all expenditure, the care and maintenance of church fabric and churchyards and also for acting on any matter referred to in the Constitution. The Council is the normal channel of communication between parishioners and the Bishop of the Diocese.

With regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the advancement of religion, we try to enable people in our communities to live out their faith as part of our parish through: worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel, and developing their knowledge, faith and trust in Jesus; providing pastoral care for the people of the parish; and engaging in missionary and outreach work. To facilitate this work we consider it vital that we maintain the fabric of our three churches and two church halls.

Administrative Information

Incumbent:	The Revd Canon Michael Komor, The Rectory, Merthyr Mawr Road North, Bridgend CF31 3NH
Ministerial Team	With the above: Asst Curates the Revds Jayne Shaw (until May 2017), Pauline Smith, and Mark Broadway (from July 2017); Readers – Dr J Dixon, Mr H Jones, Mrs C Judd, Mr P Craven
Independent Examiner	Alwyn Thomas Chartered Accountant, Glenaub House, Old School Rd, Porthcawl CF36 3LH (Assisted by John & Glenys O'Leary, c/o the Parish Office)
Bankers	H.S.B.C. Bank Plc, 13 Dunraven Place, Bridgend
Professional Advisers	Davies Sutton Architects: Penhevad Studios, Penhevad Street, Cardiff, South Glamorgan CF11 7LU

Members of the Parochial Church Council for 2017/2018

Clergy:	Fr. Michael Komor, Asst Curates the Revds Jayne Shaw (until May 2017), Pauline Smith, and Mark Broadway (from July 2017)
Ex Officio:	Gaynor Coles, Philippa Coulson, Fred Custerson, David Godin, Keith Jones, Glenda Oglesbee, Nader Omidvar, Susy Rogers
Elected:	Joanne Blackwell, Stuart Davidson, Christine Judd, Chris Merkins, Ann Parfitt, Janet Gravenor, Philippa Coulson, Alexis Frew, John Davies, Mel Oglesbee, Aeron Williams, Linda Jenkins, John Dixon, Liz Short, Mal Short, Huw Jones
PCC Secretary	Stuart Davidson
Churchwardens	Glenda Oglesbee (Rector's Warden) Philippa Coulson (People's Warden)
Sub wardens	Fred Custerson, Nader Omidvar (Coity), Keith Jones, Susy Rogers (Nolton) Gaynor Coles, David Godin (Brackla)
Parish Treasurer	Mel Oglesbee
Safeguarding Officer	Alexis Frew
Health & Safety Officers	Fred Custerson (Coity), Angela Roberts (Nolton Hall), David Godin (Nolton Church)

Organisation of Parochial Church Council

The Parochial Church Council is at present organised into sub committees, which carry out the duties and business assigned to it by the parent body. All the deliberations and recommendations of the Sub Committees are brought back to the PCC for ratification and/or authorisation. Membership of the sub committees is decided at the first full meeting of the PCC after the Annual Vestry Meeting, each year. The PCC met as a full body on nine occasions during 2017.

The Mission Sub Committee

The Committee was formed at the first full PCC meeting following the 2015 AVM. During the past year it has worked on the 'Mission Half Hour' sessions that begin each PCC>

The Communications Sub Committee

This Committee picked up on the work of the equivalent Committee that had ceased to function some years ago. Its principal focus was the setting up of a parish Facebook page, work which is now completed.

Finance Sub Committee

The Committee prepares budgets for the forthcoming year and keeps a watching brief on all income and expenditure throughout the year. It also prepares budgetary advice on specific items referred to it by the PCC. The Parish Treasurer presents a written financial report to the PCC at each meeting.

Fabric Sub Committee

The Committee normally meets prior to each PCC meeting. Its business, like all sub committees, is minuted and presented for approval by the parent body. It is authorised to spend up to £1000 on urgent items, without further approval by the PCC. The Committee has a pro-active concern for the fabric of the churches, churchyards, church halls, boundary walls and houses of the assistant clergy. It also considers in detail and prepares budgets for items referred to it by the PCC. Under the guidance of its chairman it also ensures a prompt response to all recommendations resulting from Quinquennial Inspections.

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll has been reviewed for 2018. The current number on roll is 203.

Ministry Area of Greater Bridgend

In line with the provincial and diocesan policy of parishes moving towards forming Ministry Areas our benefice formed an association with the neighbouring benefices of *Newcastle* and *Laleston and Merthyr Mawr with Penyfai*. This was formally inaugurated in December 2017 at a service held at St Illtud's, Newcastle, with both our Bishop and Archdeacon being involved.

The association took the form of a cross-licensing of Clergy and Readers, and an agreement to work towards integrating some of our activities and provision of (non-liturgical) services such as preparation for weddings, baptism, etc. It builds on the very encouraging links that are already developing with our grouped parish of Coychurch.

Parish Sunday Services

St. Mary's Coity:

8am	Holy Eucharist 4 th Sunday only
9:30am	Sung Eucharist, with Sunday School meeting at the same time (Morning Prayer on 4 th Sunday)
6pm	Evensong (Taizé on 1 st Sunday every second month)

St. Mary Nolton

8am	Holy Eucharist – 2 nd Sunday only
11am	Sung Eucharist
6pm	Evensong

St. Mary Brackla

9:30 am	Café Church (1 st and 3 rd Sundays) Holy Eucharist other Sundays, with Sunday School meeting at the same time on Eucharist Sundays
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2017.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Alwyn Thomas
Chartered Accountant

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31.12.2017

INCOME

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2017	2016 £
Planned Direct giving					
Gift Aid Nolton		18,313	0	18,313	20,494
Gift Aid Coity		17,305	0	17,305	20,055
Gift Aid Brackla		2,511	0	2,511	3,007
Gift Aid Other		1,578	0	1,578	0
Direct Giving		3,164	0	3,164	0
Planned Giving Nolton(SDGAS)		6,195	0	6,195	2,398
Planned Giving Coity(SDGAS)		2,748	0	2,748	1,117
Planned Giving Brackla(SDGAS)		608	0	608	80
Loose Nolton(SDGAS)		0	0	0	7,248
Loose Coity(SDGAS)		0	0	0	3,225
Loose Brackla(SDGAS)		0	0	0	330
Other offerings & collections(SDGAS)		5,578	0	5,578	0
One off Gift Aid		0	0	0	0
TOTAL		58,000	0	58,000	57,954
Indirect Giving					
Gift Aid Tax Refunds	2,3	9,815	0	9,815	13,185
Gifts and Legacies		0	0	0	6,342
Investment Interest	4	9,919	0	9,919	5,196
Churchyard Accounts		638	0	638	1,180
Parish Mag. Add. Income		290	0	290	540
Special Collections	5	2,999	0	2,999	1,948
Wedding Fees	7	9,175	0	9,175	8,915
Funeral Fees	7	2,813	0	2,813	1,810
Fee Share	7	0	0	0	1,770
Grant Aid	16	0	14,750	14,750	11,000
Parish Office		85	0	85	33
Events	6	4,386	0	4,386	4,331
Other Fund Raising		164	0	164	0
Parish Share Refunds	9	23,092	0	23,092	24,132
Misc. Refunds		3,046	0	3,046	6,546
Misc. Receipts		2,270	0	2,270	3,080
Virger Duties		695	0	695	0
Insurance Claims		0	0	0	1,763
TOTAL		69,387	14,750	84,137	91,771
Parish Organisations					
Coity Bell Ringers		0	1,898	1,898	1,497
Mothers' Union		0	712	712	828
Ladies Fellowship		0	302	302	326
Tuesday Fellowship		0	416	416	327
Coity Flower Club		0	2,185	2,185	1,043
TOTAL		0	5,513	5,513	4,021
Rents and Hire Income					
Leominster	1C1	38,500	0	38,500	37,750
Coity Hall		10,242	0	10,242	9,802
Nolton Hall		29,308	0	29,308	35,430
Nolton Car Park		5,358	0	5,358	4,466
TOTAL		83,408	0	83,408	87,448
Income Grand Total		210,795	20,263	231,058	241,194

EXPENDITURE

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2017 £	2016 £
Parish Share		91,134	0	91,134	95,075
Fee Share		5,755	0	5,755	4,859
Parochial Expenses for Clerics	11	6,385	0	6,385	6,989
TOTAL		103,274	0	103,274	106,923

Maintenance of Church Buildings and Churchyards

Rates		2,516	0	2,516	2,299
Heating/Lighting/Cleaning/water		13,626	0	13,626	13,058
Insurance		5,502	0	5,502	5,488
Repairs/Renewals	8	14,547	0	14,547	15,146
Churchyards Repairs		6,568	6,000	12,568	4,839
Non Recurring major items expenditure		2,730	14,750	17,480	3,865
Choir, Junior Church, Organs, Organists		4,360	0	4,360	4,138
TOTALS		49,849	20,750	70,599	48,833

ADMINISTRATION

Stationary/Printing		4,288	0	4,288	1,153
Office Running Costs		2,427	0	2,427	6,996
Cleaning Material		3,220	0	3,220	2,965
Vestments/Liturgy		415	0	415	490
Altar Requisites		1,175	0	1,175	1,285
Brackla Church		3,107	0	3,107	3,085
Cost of Fundraising		1,619	0	1,619	0
Charitable Donations	13	14,464	0	14,464	13,449
Bank Charges		36	0	36	0
Wages/Salaries/HMRC		32,193	0	32,193	32,418
Professional Training & Fees		88	0	88	0
Visiting Clergy & Readers expenses		218	0	218	0
Mission		41	0	41	0
Miscellaneous		11,919	0	11,919	16,864
TOTALS		75,210	0	75,210	78,704

Parish Organisations

Coity Bell Ringers		0	1,668	1,668	1,503
Mothers' Union		0	713	713	789
Ladies Fellowship		0	450	450	450
Tuesday Fellowship		0	416	416	375
Coity Flower Club		0	2,584	2,584	801
TOTALS		0	5,831	5,831	3,918

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

228,333	26,581	254,914	238,378
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Net income/(expenditure) for year

(17,538)	(6,318)	(23,856)	2,816
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Funds brought forward

1,896,359	610,779	2,507,138	2,504,322
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Funds carried forward

1,878,821	604,461	2,483,282	2,507,138
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FIXED TANGIBLE ASSETS	NOTES	2017	2016
		£	£
Church Hall Nolton		638,000	638,000
Church Hall Coity		507,678	507,678
Leominster 12-16 High Street		447,500	447,500
TOTALS		1,593,178	1,593,178
INVESTMENTS			
The Glyn Cule Jenkins Trust	Restricted 14	10,676	10,676
E. M. Price Jones	Restricted 15e	11,644	11,644
Roland & Ann Davis Fund Nolton	Restricted 15Bi	241,276	241,276
Roland & Ann Davis Fund Coity	Restricted 15Bii	241,276	241,276
TOTALS		504,872	504,872
CURRENT ASSETS			
RBCIW Sale of Assets Fund		258,289	244,129
CW Credit Union Account		2,006	2,000
Bank Current Account		15,294	18,185
Bank Deposit Account		10,054	10,050
Parish General Fund	Restricted 15f	38,003	47,901
Thomas Sisters Trust	Restricted 15	17,608	20,562
Betty Mavis Ingram Fund	Restricted 15c	26,156	29,090
The John & Barbara Ladbrooke Fund	Restricted 15d	15,470	15,433
Coity Bell Ringers		1,020	790
Mothers' Union		428	428
Ladies Fellowship		421	569
Tuesday Fellowship		127	127
Coity Flower Club		356	755
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		385,232	390,019
NET ASSETS		2,483,282	2,488,069
FUNDS			
Restricted income funds		632,773	598,789
Unrestricted income funds		1,850,509	1,889,280
		2,483,282	2,488,069

Notes Relating to the Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st December 2017

1. Accounting policies

- a) The statement has been prepared paying due regard to the requirements of the Charity Commissioners and the Church in Wales accounting regulations
- b) The receipts and payments basis of accounting has been adopted.
- c) **Freehold property.** The church buildings, their contents and churchyards are vested in the Representative Body of the Church in Wales. Consequently, none of these form part of the assets of the parish
 - I. A property at Leominster was purchased for £442,026 on 29/01/2015 with an income off £9375 per quarter.
 - II. Coity Church Hall was inspected on behalf of the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group On the 7th December 2006 and is stated at their recommended valuation of £495,023 for the building and £12,655 for the contents.
 - III. Nolton Church Hall was inspected on behalf of the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group On the 7th December 2006 and is stated at their recommended valuation of £595,000 for the building and £43,000 for the contents
 - IV. No provision has been made for depreciation of the Church halls and Leominster. Addition and replacements to the Church Halls contents are generally charged to funds as current expenditure
- d) **Office equipment.** All equipment has been charged in full to expenditure in the year of purchase.
- e) **Restricted Funds.** Restricted Funds represent:
 - i) Income from trusts or endowments that may be used only on the objects provided for in the terms of the trust or bequest.
 - ii) Donations or Grants received for a specific project or requested by the Parochial Church Council for a specific project: The fund may then be used in relation to the specific project for which they have been given. Any balance must be carried forward as a balance on the fund.
- f) **Designated Funds.** Designated funds represent funds made available by the Parochial Church Council out of general funds for the specific purpose designated when the fund is established

2. Restricted funds income includes:

Advent 3 collection: this was waived by the Diocese in 2017
Gifts and legacies specifying a particular use
Tax refunds on gifts specifying a particular use
Special collections e.g. Christian Aid Sight Savers (see note 12 note 5)
Monies received for the maintenance of churchyards

3. Gifts and legacies

No legacies were given during the year but the parish received other gifts totalling £1200.00. This year we have taken money from 3 of our investments: £3000.00 from both the Ingram & Thomas accounts, This was used for the boundary wall at Coity & the tidying up of Nolton Churchyard including the removal of brambles, saplings and general grass cutting throughout the year. £10,000.00 from the parish fund to assist with a cash flow problem during the time Coity Hall roof was under renewal. At the same time, several unforeseen circumstances which needed paying left us with a short fall of cash. This was resolved once the promised Grants had been received.

4. Investment income is broken down as follows

	£
Legacy interest	9,911.65
Bank Interest	8.35

5. Special Collections

Collections were taken for 46 charities during the year totalling £11,362.73 (see note 12)
The Advent lunches & Christmas Tree Festival Donations (see note 6) we dispersed in the New Year resulting in exceeding our £10,000 target.

6. Fund raising

Lent Lunches receipts £216.00 Paid to Alzheimer's society

Bobath	100.00
Breathe Easy (lung Foundation)	100.00
Bridgend Adult Carers	100.00
British Red Cross	100.00
Calon (Women's Aid)	100.00
Church Army	100.00
Christian Aid	1313.86
Click Sargent	100.00
Dash	100.00
DEC Yemen Famine Appeal	811.60
DEC Myanmar Appeal	300.00
Food Bank	100.00
Gideon's International	100.00
Guide Dogs for the Blind	100.00
Haiti Hospital	100.00
Huntington Society	160.00
Llamau	100.00
Mental Health Matters	100.00
Mind Cymru	301.00
Mission to Seafarers	100.00
Motor Neurone Des. Association	100.00
Marie Curie Hospital	100.00
Macmillan Cancer Support	100.00
Medicines San Frontiers	100.00
Multiple Sclerosis Society	100.00
Royal British Legion	100.00
RNLI	100.00
Samaritans (Bridgend)	100.00
Shoebox Appeal (AJL)	200.00
Sights avers	100.00
S.S.A.F.A.	100.00
Sandville Self Help Centre	100.00
St Mary's Football Team	500.00
Sponsorship	
Wallich	100.00
Wales Air Ambulance	100.00
Water Aid	100.00
Welch Hearts	2900.00
Y Bont	100.00
Young Carers	100.00
Y Bwthyn Newydd	100.00
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The above is the list of the charities that we have donated to during the year. In addition there were the Lent lunches and the Christmas Tree Festival that were paid out at the beginning of 2018

14. Restricted (Endowment) Funds

The Glyn Cule Jenkins Trust – investment through COIF Charity Funds-allows the parish to use the annual income in maintaining the graveyard at St. Mary, Coity. £501.07 was received and used accordingly.

15. Restricted (income) Funds

(a) **The Rebecca, Elizabeth and Catherine Thomas Trust**, also invested through the COIF Charity Funds, allow the parish to use the gift at St. Mary, Coity. £46.04 was received and used accordingly. £3000.00 Was withdrawn from this account towards the maintenance of the Churchyard at Coity

(b)

i) **The Roland and Ann Davies Trust invested through: The Representative Body of the Church in Wales General Funds Nolton.** This fund is restricted. The original value of the shares invested was £241,276.00The interest from the shares is used to purchase extra shares that are accrued

ii) **The Roland and Ann Davies Trust invested through: The Representative Body of the Church in Wales General Funds Coity.** This fund shows the (NAV) of the shares from which we receive money into our general fund. £241,276.00 was received and used according to the terms of the legacy.

(c) **The Betty Mavis Ingram Fund invested through CCLA COIF Charities Fund.** This fund is restricted. The interest of £65.92 from the shares is used to purchase extra shares that are accrued. £3000.00 Was withdrawn from this account towards the maintenance of the Churchyard at Nolton

(d) **The John and Barbara Ladbrooke Fund through CCLA COIF Charities Deposit Fund.** This fund is restricted. The interest of £35.99 from the shares is used to purchase extra shares that are accrued.

(e) **Miss Evelyn Mary Price-Jones Legacy invested through: The Representative Body of the Church in Wales General Funds.** This Fund allows the parish to use the annual income to maintain the graveyard. This year £399.40 was received

(f) **The parish of Coity, Nolton & Brackla Charities Deposit Fund invested through CCLA.** This fund is restricted. The interest of £102.34 from the shares was used to purchase extra shares that are accrued. £10,000.00 Was withdrawn from this account towards the cash flow due to having to wait for the Grants that had been promised. At the same time, we had lead stolen from the roof at Nolton Hall and boilers at our hall needing replaced

All the above legacies accrue extra value if the shares increase in value or decrease if the value drops. The funds are shown original value when purchased for the purpose of the accounts

16. Grant Aid. We have received 3 grants in total this year all for the use of renewing the Coity Hall Roof: £10,000 from the Welsh Church Act, £1,000 Churches Fund (Ecclesiastical) and £1,000 from BCBC. There was a 4th but as at 31/12/2017 we had not yet received it.

The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts.

Minor discrepancies in totals arise from the rounding up or down of figures to whole pounds

Approved by the PCC on 3 March 2018



and signed on its behalf by the Rector The Revd. Canon M. Komor: