



**L'ÉGLISE ANGLICANE DE TOUS LES SAINTS
DANS
L'HÉRAULT**

ALL SAINTS, HÉRAULT
(The English Church At Saint-Pargoire)

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS
OF THE CHAPLAINCY COUNCIL**

for the year ending 31st December 2017

Priest in Charge

Revd Roger Smith, 14 Rue du Parc, 34480, Autignac

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Annual Report 2017

All Saints Hérault Chaplaincy Council (CC) has the responsibility of promoting the whole mission of the Church, spiritual, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibility for compliance with French Association Law as well as the Canon Law of the Church of England. The chaplaincy is part of the Church of England Diocese in Europe and is a regularly constituted and recognised Association Culturelle (1901) and Association Cultuelle (1905) under French law.

Membership

Members of the Chaplaincy Council (CC) are appointed ex officio (Chaplaincy Clergy, Churchwardens and Synod Representatives) or directly elected to the Council by the Annual Chaplaincy Meeting. Further members may be co-opted by the CC, in accordance with Church Representation Rules.

During the year, the following were members of the CC:

Priest in Charge	Revd Roger Smith	
Wardens	Patricia Bigot Nigel Summersall	
Representatives on the Archdeaconry Deanery Synod	Julie Johnson Delia Smith	until 2020 until 2020
Elected CC Members	Alison Kane Christine Marshall Jenny Morgan Steven Hopkins Andy Marshall Jac Phillips	until 2018 until 2018 until 2020 until 2020 until 2020 until 2020

CC Officers (appointed by the Council, at the first meeting after its election):

Chairman (ex-officio)	Revd Roger Smith
Vice-Chairman	Nigel Summersall
Secretary	Nigel Summersall
Minutes Secretary	Delia Smith
Treasurer	Francis Bigot
Electoral Roll Officer	Patricia Bigot
Safeguarding Officer & ID Checker	Jenny Morgan
Environment Link & Youth Officer	Steven Hopkins
Website Manager/Publicity	Andrew Marshall
Social Events Organiser	Christine Marshall
Music Team Leader	Alison Kane

Standing Committee

This committee is required by Church law. Members are the clergy, the churchwardens and two other members of the CC (for 2017: Julie Johnson and Delia Smith). The Standing Committee has power to transact the business of the CC between its meetings, subject to any discretion given by the Council.

Review of the year

The CC held 4 regular meetings during the year with an average attendance of 86%.

Sally John did not stand for re-election at the 2017 Chaplaincy Meeting and retired with the Council's thanks and good wishes. Sally had been a member of Council since 2014 and had earlier provided valuable assistance in maintaining our website.

Julie Johnson, despite ill-health, has progressed to the final module of her Reader training, and achieved some excellent grades for her submissions. Julie also produces the monthly Prayer Diary to guide and inspire us in our daily devotions.

Steven Hopkins started out along the road which we all hope will bring him to ordination. After interview with the Director of Ordinands in June and much work and study since then Steven was due to attend a Vocations Seminar in February 2018 and for a series of interviews with the Bishop's Advisory Panel at the end of April at which his acceptance for ministry training will be decided. Assuming it is, he will go on to the initial summer school of the Eastern Region Mission Course (ERMC) to be held over one week beginning 19th August.

As at 31st December 2017 there were 61 members on the Chaplaincy Electoral Roll, all of whom were full- or part-time residents in the Hérault. There were six leavers during 2017. (Since the end of 2017 a number of further names have come forward for inclusion in the roll.)

Archdeaconry Synod 17-20 May

Synod was held in Brittany, as usual, and attended by Roger and Julie Johnson and Delia Smith, the two lay representatives. The theme was "Walking together in Faith" - the title of the Diocesan Strategy. As usual, the three days were structured around worship and Bible study, with a Eucharist each day and Morning Prayer on the two full days. This was the first Archdeaconry of France Synod for the new Archdeacon, the Ven Meurig Williams. Bishop Robert attended with his wife and led a discussion and took feedback about the Diocesan Strategy. Also present were the RC Archbishop of Toulouse, Dom Robert Le Gall and the Bishop of St Brieuc, in whose diocese we were meeting.

Dr Meg Warner led Bible studies looking at Exodus and Deuteronomy and drawing parallels between the attitudes, experiences and problems of our Jewish forebears in the 5th century BC and the issues of the 21st century. Professor Michel Bondurand, an Islamic scholar, addressed Synod on being Muslim in France today and included a very interesting presentation of the origins of Islam. Dr Clare Amos talked about discipleship and the benefits of a "Rule of Life".

There were the usual separate meetings of the House of Clergy and the House of Laity, where we learned that, as a result of questions from previous Synods, the Appointments Secretary now reports to Bishop Robert and there have been changes in the "mechanics" of clergy appointments.

So, as usual, it was a packed, tiring but rewarding three days which offered the annual opportunity to feel part of the larger Church of England family and to learn together.

Worship

The established pattern was maintained. Average attendance on Sundays was virtually static compared with last year with an average of 38 attending of whom 37 were adults. Average number of communicants dropped from 38 to 34.

Holy Communion following the order of Common Worship remained the norm for our bi-monthly service. Three Eucharists were celebrated according to the Book of Common Prayer. A sung Evensong was held on 26th March.

Additional services, in the form proper to the day, were celebrated on Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday (in the chapel at Puissalicon), Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Christmas Eve.

Our annual service at Notre Dame de Roquessels, this year on 25th June, saw attendance slightly down at 28, nonetheless the subsequent shared lunch was hugely enjoyed by all participating. All thanks to Simon and Monica Coulshaw for organising it. Communion was celebrated at Saint Christophe, Margon, on 20th August thanks to the good offices of our Churchwarden Patricia, with a baritone solo from James Grainger during Communion.

Prayer Group

The Prayer Group continued to meet each month. The number of people involved has diminished due to members of the congregation moving away. The group usually meets at St Joseph de Mont Rouge at Puimisson, but if the chapel there is unavailable, at St Giraud in Puissalicon. Members take it in turns to lead the group in a period of silent prayer preceded by prayers for fellow members of our congregation or other friends who are in difficulties, as well as prayers for the world situation. The session usually ends with a hymn and the exchange of the peace.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club has continued to meet once a month, on the first Sunday. It commences with a simple breakfast and is followed by a Bible study, using different homes each month. During the year we continued with the study of 1 Corinthians, started last year, and then went on to Galatians. We decided not to continue with donations so there have been no contributions to charity from the Breakfast Club recently (any monies that had been collected previously were given to charities).

Lent Groups and Lunches 2017

The Lent groups in 2017 were a change from the previous format. They followed the York Course 'Receiving Christ'. This ran over 5 sessions:- Receiving Christ as ... Children of God, ... in the strangers and needy, ...in Holy Communion, ... through prayer and fellowship, and ... Christ in you the Hope of Glory. The sessions were held in different homes over five weeks in Lent and were followed by a frugal lunch. (In general the York Course was not considered to be as good as previous courses, mainly because it was very much based in Britain and did not cater for a wider audience.) Funds raised by donations for the lunches amounted to 453 € and this donation was made to the Bishop's Lent Appeal for 2017 which was to aid refugees by providing better living conditions and helping them to integrate into the local community in Budapest.

Music Team

The Music team met regularly, to choose hymns that are both relevant to the themes of each service and which to a certain extent provide a diversity of styles. This past year we put out a request for members of the congregation to let us have a list of 5 hymns they would like us to include, and their response has been extremely helpful.

We have also added more singing during the course of the service. Having already added a sung version of Agnus Dei, we now also sing the Sanctus.

We are always happy to have offers of other musical additions, and last August we were fortunate to have Baritone James Grainger sing for us during Communion. Peter Fawcett, who

has played the keyboard for us on occasion when staying in the Languedoc, has been unable to do so in recent months owing to having eye surgery.

Web Site

The website continues to evolve. Over the last 12 months, we have had 1977 visitors to the site, viewing some 4,644 pages. The site aims to provide a positive window on the activities of our church.

We now have reciprocal links to several websites including the main Church of England sites affecting us.

The top five pages visited were the Home page, Our Church page, Local Christian Organisations, Local Website directory and links to Church of England Websites.

Ecumenical Activities

The annual Ecumenical Service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity took place in January in the Temple at Saint-Pargoire. Our Priest-in-Charge officiated jointly with Clergy of the Protestant and Catholic communities whose congregations were also well represented.

Members from All Saints also participated in two other ecumenical events, at Hameau de Besse on 10th June and the marking of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation on 29th October.

The Fontès Carol Service on 10th December saw numbers slightly down due to adverse weather but the spirit and joy of the occasion was undiminished. Thanks are again due to Roger Armson who, despite severe family health problems, organised the publicity and to the members of All Saints and Simply Church who assisted in organising and supporting the event in various ways. This year for the first time we were privileged to have the organist of Béziers Cathedral, Chris Hainsworth, playing for us. Bishop David Hamid also joined us and gave a very brief ‘thought for the day’.

Temple: premises and chattels

Arrangements with the Église Protestante for our use of the Temple continued unchanged throughout the year.

Early in 2017, we were the grateful recipients of two new collection bags, kindly made and donated by Sally Wheeldon. Also 50 Morning Prayer booklets, 1 NRSV Bible and 1 Common Worship, compiled or bought by Roger Smith for use when he is away. We also bought a new long-armed stapler. These and items previously listed in Annual Reports are now recorded in an inventory register.

The intention to acquire two further chalices when suitable ones can be identified stands.

Support for Charities

In 2017 charitable donations were made on a lesser scale, the principle being a tithe, 10% of income. Donations were 1912 €, down from 4067 € in previous years, to enable funds to be set aside for additional expenditure expected to arise when the time comes to appoint Roger’s successor. The charities to which donations were made were:

287 € to Secours Populaire (proceeds of Harvest Events)

474 € to Restos du Cœur (proceeds of Harvest Events)

453 € to Bishop Robert's Lent Appeal for the Menedékház Foundation, Budapest (proceeds of Lent Lunch donations)

200 € to the British Charitable Fund, Paris

200 € to Enlighten Educational Trust, South Africa

250 € to Water Aid

250 € to Bishop Robert's Advent Appeal for the Joel Nafuma Refugee Center for homeless refugees in Rome

250 € to the Disasters Emergency Committee, London, for aid to the Rohingya refugees fleeing to Bangladesh from Myanmar

In addition donations of 200 € were made to other churches in which we held services and a retirement gift of £30 to Adrian Mumford on his retirement as Diocesan Secretary.

Planned Giving (France) and Gift Aid (UK) Schemes

Participation in our Planned Giving schemes has held up and now represents more than 70% of total collections. The total of thirteen donors remains unchanged but planned giving receipts were 18% ahead of 2016. Plate collections by contrast dwindled marginally from 3,016 € to 2,879 €.

The UK Gift Aid scheme benefited from reclaimed tax amounting to £114 during the year but future reclaims will be substantially reduced following the ending of tax withholding from dividend payments.

In addition to the tax benefits we would like to mention the intangible benefit to the Chaplaincy which the Planned Giving provides in the form of visibility of income. Having reasonable assurance of the future income stream allows us to budget current and future expenditure with a degree of confidence impossible otherwise.

The formalities required are very simple and by pledging a regular donation the donor benefits from a very substantial tax reduction (normally 66% of the amount gifted). This benefit reinforces the case for participation.

It should be stressed that joining one of our Planned Giving schemes does not create any obligation to maintain payments indefinitely. Contributions can be suspended or modified merely by giving written notification. It is understood that some members may need to reduce their contributions, if personal circumstances dictate.

Financial Report

The salient features of the accounts presented here may be summarised as:

- Stable collections but total income 9% up on 2016 thanks to successful fund-raising for the Lent Lunches and Harvest Event.
- Expenditure other than Support for Charities broadly stable despite significant but predicted increase in Diocese & Archdeaconry costs.
- Overall Support for Charities was curtailed (by 45% against 2016) in order to set aside designated funds principally for the Priest-in-Charge's succession. In 2017 funds for Succession were set aside at the monthly rate of 600 € from January to April, when this was seen to be too ambitious and the monthly amount was reduced to 300 €. No funds were set aside in November – December in order to free up a modest sum for charitable donations at year end.

- Chaplaincy funds are held wholly in bank accounts (sterling funds are held on an account with Diocese). At year-end 9,700 € (90% of the total) was held in an interest-bearing Livret A and the balance on current accounts.
- A new element in this year's reporting is the statement of Receipts & Payments analysed by the class of fund (Unrestricted, Designated or Restricted) to/from which monies are paid. In 2017 Council decided that the problems which arose last year when trying to set up a 'provision for succession' by debit to revenue account could be solved by setting up different classes of Chaplaincy funds between which monies set aside could be transferred. This form of statement is obligatory for registered charities in England and Wales and in widespread use in Church of England parishes in England. The following table summarises movements over Chaplaincy Funds during the year, restating the opening position as if fund accounting had already been introduced in 2016.

Summary Statement of Funds as of 31 December 2017

		Balances b/frd	Incoming Resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Balances c/frd
Designated Funds	Succession Planning	6,000.00 €			4,200.00 €	10,200.00 €
	Disaster Appeals	400.00 €			100.00 €	500.00 €
Restricted Funds	Lent lunches	0.00 €	453.20 €	453.20 €		0.00 €
	Harvest	73.00 €	711.30 €	784.30 €		0.00 €
	Secours Populaire	20.00 €	0.00 €	20.00 €		0.00 €
	Charity donation	0.00 €	150.00 €	150.00 €		0.00 €
Unrestricted	General Fund	-914.88 €	10,239.13 €	5,006.78 €	-4,300.00 €	17.47 €
Totals		5,578.12 €	11,553.63 €	6,414.28 €	0.00 €	10,717.47 €

Notes:

Designated Funds are the Council's choice – which may be changed.

Restricted Funds are money only to be spent for the given purpose.

- In the Income and Expenditure statement and balance sheet below, drawn up by our auditor in the format required by Diocese and appropriate for submission to the French Authorities, the items marked * are further analysed in the Funds Receipts & Payments statement included in the accounts.
- The figure standing to the credit of Designated Funds at year end was 10,700 € of which 500 € represents the Charities Emergency Reserve and 10,200 € the Succession Fund (of which in turn 6,000 € relates to 2016).

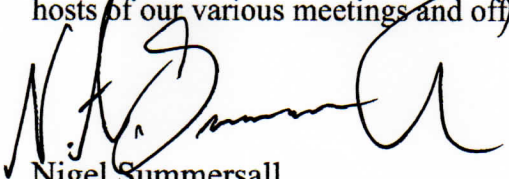
The Chaplaincy Council since 2016 has set aside 500 € to enable rapid response between meetings (at the discretion of the standing committee) to disaster appeals. None of this was utilised in 2017 and the amount is carried forward to 2018.

The audited accounts (including the Funds Statement mentioned above) and the opinion of our Independent Examiner (Auditor) are appended to and form part of this report as does the usual pie-chart analysis of income and expenditure.

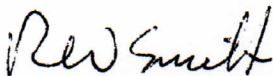
Conclusion & Thanks

A year of continuity and evolution. We continued to seek a sustainable response to the financial challenges of succession-planning for after Roger; we eagerly watched Steven's

progress along his path to the Ministry. Our hearts and prayers went out to Trish and Roger Armson on the news of Trish's illness. Once more it was a year in which the contributions of so many to the life of the Chaplaincy continued unstinted. Grateful thanks are due especially to Barbara Marsh and Roger Armson for organising an extraordinarily successful Harvest Event, to Mr John Holmes, the Independent Examiner of our financial statements, and to all the teams who support the life of All Saints: to the fund-raisers, the events organisers, to the hosts of our various meetings and off-site events.



Nigel Summersall
Vice-Chairman & Secretary to the Council
21 February, 2018



Reverend Roger Smith
Chairman of the Chaplaincy Church Council
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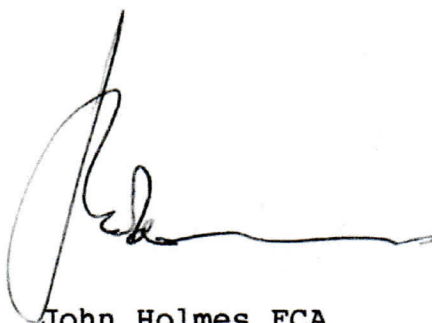
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2 February 2018

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I have audited the books, records of the above Association for the year to 31st December 2017 and the Accounts are in accordance with those books and records.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John Holmes', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Holmes FCA

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ASSOCIATION L'ÉGLISE ANGLICANE DE TOUS LES SAINTS DANS L'HÉRAULT
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2017

2016		INCOME		2017
		Collections		
6,372.00		Planned	5,950.00	
		Sterling (inc Gift Aid)	1,115.79	7,065.79
3,166.93		Plate		2,879.40
9,538.93		Total		9,945.19
		Fees, other donations		
160.00		Lent Booklets	70.50	
		Other	366.00*	
160.00		Total		436.50
		Fund Raising Events		
392.00		Lent Lunches	453.20*	
460.80		Other	711.30*	
852.80		Total		1,164.50
		Interest and Investment Income		7.44
		10,551.73 TOTAL INCOME		11,553.63
EXPENSES				
		Chaplain Accommodation & Expense		
0.00		Chaplain Expenses	87.00	
0.00		Total		87.00
		Charitable Giving		
400.00		Lent Lunch Proceeds	453.20	
200.00		Fellow Churches and Gifts	236.60	
4,066.62		Support for Charities	1,911.65*	
4,666.62		Total		2,601.45
		Diocesan & Archdeaconry Quotas		
30.00		Archdeaconry Quota	40.00	
260.00		Continuing Ministry Education	230.00	
453.29		Synod Expense	655.00	
262.48		Other Diocesan Common Fund	366.00	
1,005.77		Total		1,291.00
		Exceptional Items		
554.95		Readership & Ministry Training	404.98*	
127.24		Social Events	158.76*	
682.19		Total		563.74
		Upkeep of Church Fabric		
600.00		Contribution for Temple Upkeep	800.00	
226.72		Insurance	234.98	
337.90		Other Premises Costs	159.99	
1,164.62		Total		1,194.97
		Service and Admin costs		
25.70		Bank Charges & Legal	42.62	
234.44		Books etc for Congregation	122.90	
244.03		Printing and Consumables	382.48	
96.34		Publicity	74.75	
58.25		Unrealised loss on exchange	53.37	
658.76		Total		676.12
8,177.96		TOTAL EXPENSES		6,414.28
2,373.77		SURPLUS or (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		5,139.35

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ASSOCIATION L'ÉGLISE ANGLICANE DE TOUS LES SAINTS DANS L'HÉRAULT


BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2017

2016	ASSETS		2017
8,428.12	Cash at Banks	10,717.47	
-	Cash	<u>-</u>	10,717.47
150.00	Debtor		
8,578.12	Total Assets		10,717.47
	LIABILITIES		
	Chaplaincy Account		
3,204.35	As at Jan 1st	5,578.12	
2,373.77	Surplus (Deficit) for the year	<u>5,139.35</u>	
5,578.12	Account as at 31st December (See Note)		10,717.47
	Other Liabilities		
3,000.00	Creditors		-
8,578.12	Total Liabilities		10,717.47

Note:- The chaplaincy account at the 31st December is made up as follows

Unrestricted Funds	17.47
Succession Planning	10,200.00
Emergency Appeals	<u>500.00</u>
Total	<u><u>10,717.47</u></u>

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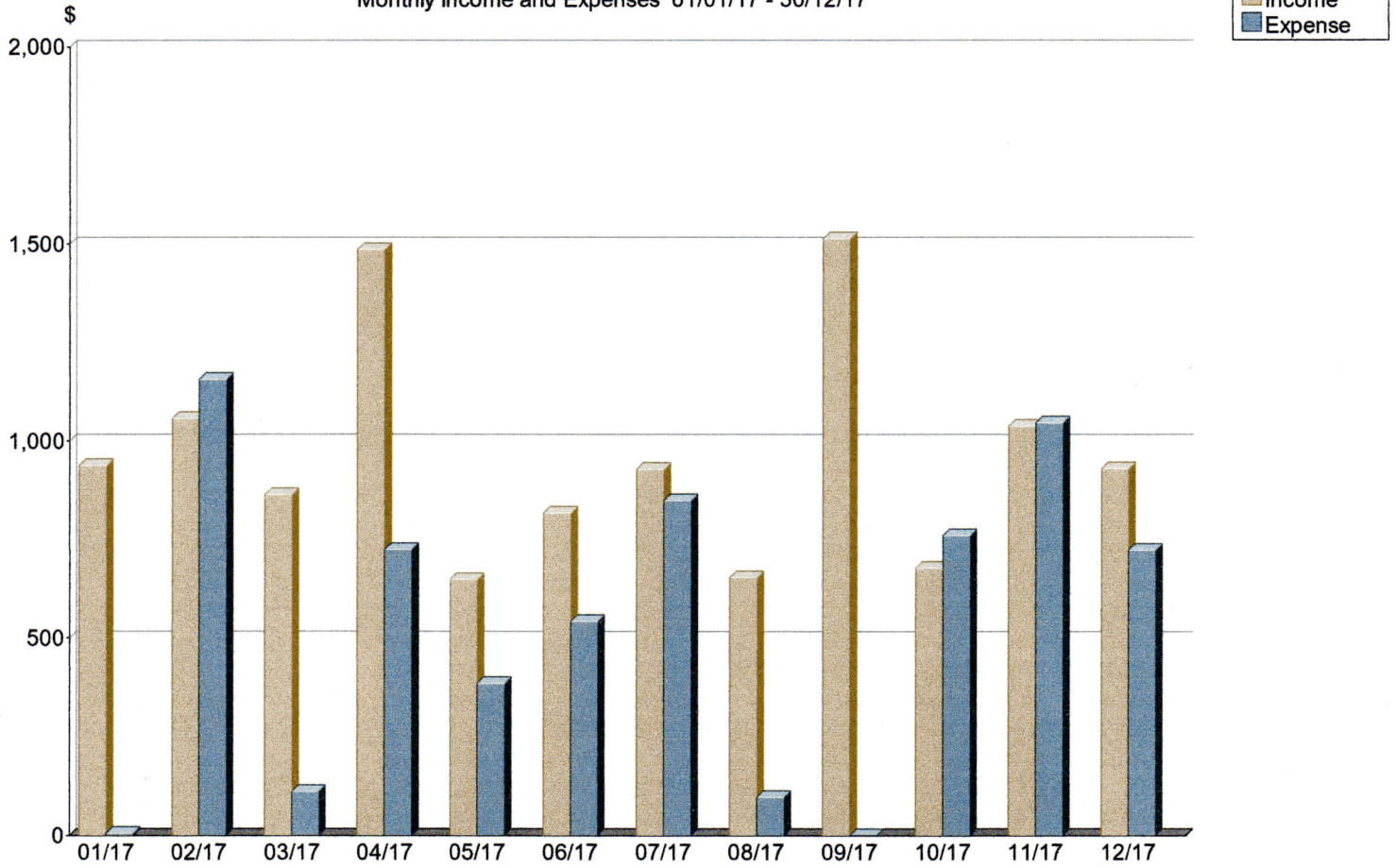
	All Saints Herauld Receipts and payments accounts	No. of years CC16a
From 01/01/17	To 31/12/17	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest €	Designated funds to the nearest €	Restricted funds to the nearest €	Total funds to the nearest €	Last year to the nearest €
A1 Receipts					
Collections Plate and Planned	9,945			9,945	9,539
Fees, Other donations	287		150	437	160
Lent Lunches			453	453	392
Harvest Event			711	711	461
Interest	7			7	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
<i>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</i>	10,239	-	1,315	11,554	10,552
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,239	-	1,315	11,554	10,552
A3 Payments					
Council Transport	87			87	-
Charitable Giving	1,480		1,122	2,601	4,667
Diocese & Archdeaconry	1,291			1,291	1,006
Premises Cost	1,195			1,195	1,165
Upkeep of Services & Administration	676			676	659
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
Ministry Training	255		150	405	555
Social Events	116		43	159	127
Exchange Adjustment				-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	5,100	-	1,315	6,414	8,178
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,100	-	1,315	6,414	8,178
<i>Net of receipts/payments</i>	5,139	-	-	5,139	2,374
A5 Transfers between funds	10,700	10,700		-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,578			5,578	3,204
<i>Cash funds this period end</i>	17	10,700		10,717	5,578

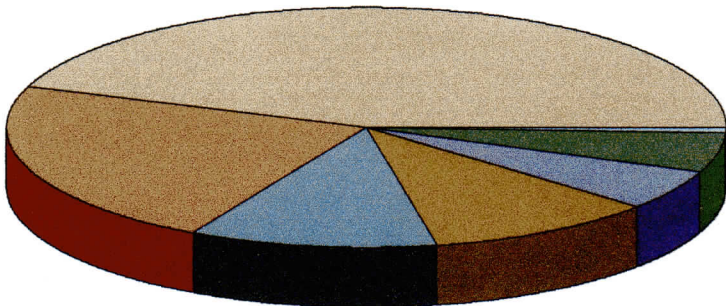


Monthly Income and Expenses 01/01/17 - 30/12/17

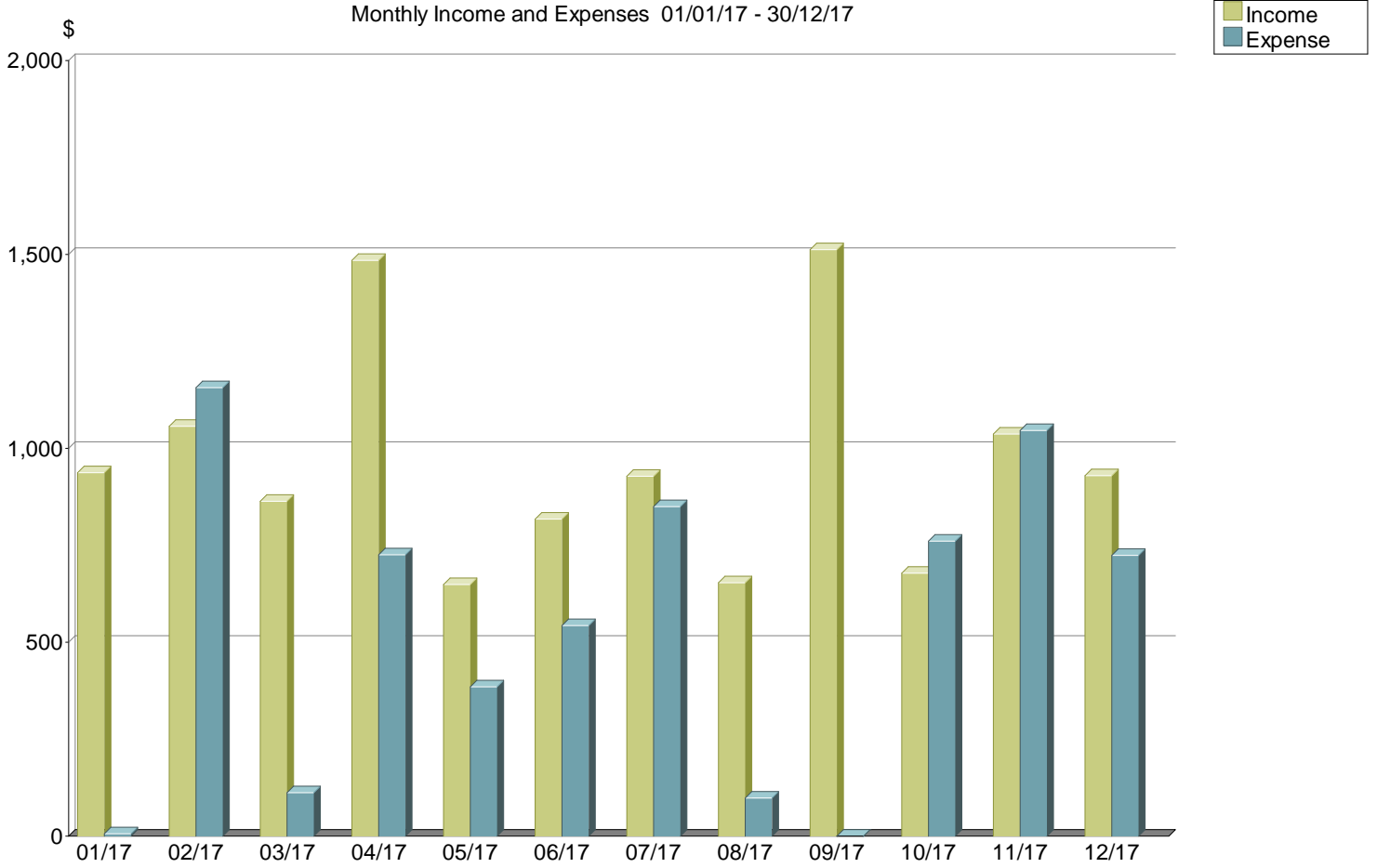


Net Savings and Expense Comparison 01/01/17 - 30/12/17
as a Percentage of Total Income

Net Savings	%44.48
Charitable Giving	%22.52
Diocesan & Archdeaconry Quotas	%11.17
Upkeep of Church Fabric	%10.34
Upkeep of Service & Admin. Cost	%5.390
Exceptional Items	%5.341
Chaplain Accommodation & Expense	%0.753
Total	\$11,553.63



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