



## ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH DEVELOPMENT APPEAL

### ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, DONHEAD ST ANDREW

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#### **IN THIS ISSUE**

***We report on the Annual General Meeting of the Friends, which took place on Saturday 1st April 2017 in St Andrew's Church.***

- ***Danuta Tagg FCA, the Honorary Treasurer of the Friends, reports on the results of the Development Appeal for the calendar year 2016 and the first three months of 2017, explains the sources of these funds and reviews the Appeal since its launch in 2012***
- ***Michael Hockney, the Chairman of the Friends of St Andrew's Church, thanks members of the village community for their many contributions to the Development Appeal in 2016***
- ***Valerie Walters, the Honorary Secretary of the Friends, reports on the elections of the officers and committee of the Friends***
- ***George Lisle, the Chairman of the Development Committee, provides an update on progress with the Development Project since the last Newsletter in October 2016***
- ***members of the Friends share their thoughts about what the Development Project will bring to the church and village community once it is completed.***
- ***Danuta Tagg FCA, the Honorary Treasurer of the Friends, briefly describes the ways in which villagers can contribute to the Development Appeal.***
- ***a report on recent events and activities and details about the forthcoming fundraising event and activities for the Development Appeal***
- ***details on how to access St Andrew's Church's website and see the video of what the church will look like after the Development Project is completed***
- ***first details about the Patronal Festival Bank Holiday Weekend in August***

## FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR 2016

We ended 2015 with £215,000 in total in Appeal funds. During 2016 £65,000 was added to that figure, bringing the total raised to just over £280,000. This splendid result was achieved by successful and popular fundraising events and activities, generous donations from members of the village community and over £41,000 from Trusts and Foundations.

### FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT: SUMMARY January to December 2016

	£
<b><u>Total Funds available at 1st January 2016</u></b>	<b>215,041</b>
<b><u>Income and Expenses (to date)</u></b>	
<b>Donations (including Gift Aid)</b>	
Personal and Private Trust Donations	4,702
Village Appeal - New Donations	6,323
Friends' Subscriptions	2,803
PCC Share of Fete income	675
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	<b>14,503</b>
<b>Grants from Trusts and Foundations</b>	<b>41,500</b>
<b>Government grant -to cover VAT</b>	<b>2,731</b>
<b>Events and Activities</b>	<b>6,192</b>
<b>Sale of Merchandise</b>	<b>287</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Expenditure</b>	<b>(813)</b>
<b>Bank Interest</b>	<b>890</b>
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	<b>65,290</b>
<b><u>Total Funds available for the Development at 31st Dec. 2016</u></b>	<b>£ 280,331</b>

## 2017 FINANCIAL RESULTS TO DATE

2017 has started very positively. Further members of the village community have donated nearly £19,000 to the Appeal including Gift Aid and the PCC has contributed a further £25,000 from its Reserves. In addition, a Trust is contributing £5,000. Together that adds over £49,000 to Appeal funds, taking the total raised as at 31st March 2017 to very nearly £330,000.

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#### **Income and Expenses (to date)**

##### **Donations (including Gift Aid)**

Personal and Private Trust Donations	50
Village Appeal - New Donations	18,769
Friends' Subscriptions	576

<b>Grants from Trusts and Foundations</b>	5,000
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<b>Contribution from PCC reserves</b>	25,000
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**49,395**

##### **Expenses:**

Website costs	(60)
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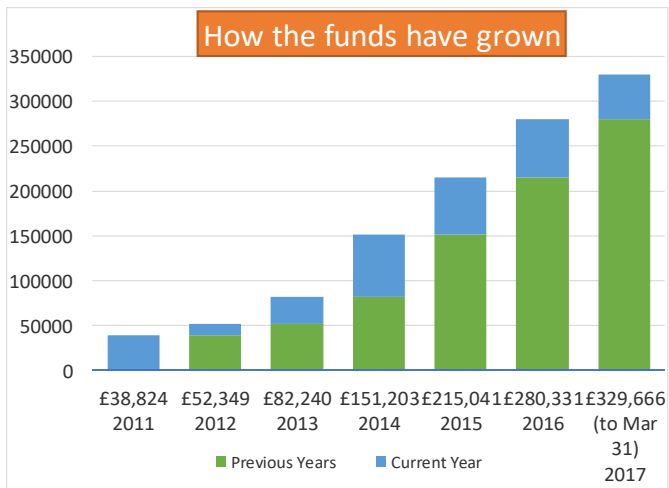
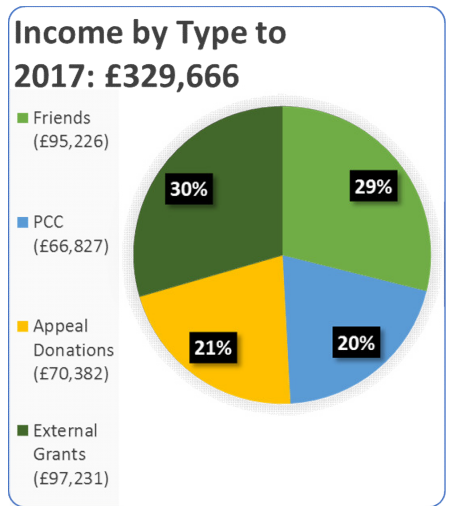
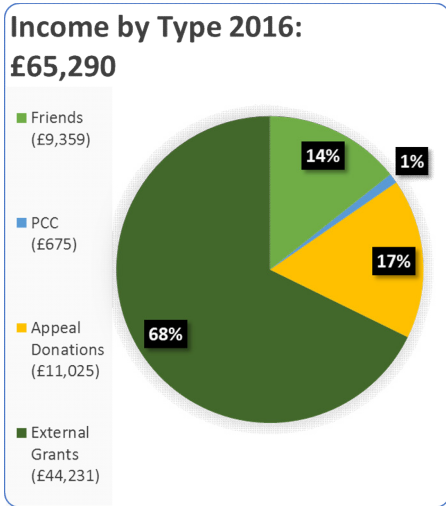
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**Total Funds available for the Development at 31st March**

<b>£ 329,666</b>
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## REVIEW OF THE APPEAL SINCE THE LAUNCH IN 2012

The two charts below give a clear indication as to the success of the Appeal in attracting funds from different sources. Firstly from Friends' events and activities. Secondly, from generous donations from many villagers and others with an historical connection with Donhead St Andrew. Thirdly, from Trusts and Foundations which exist to support Christian churches with funds for repairs, for improvements and for new facilities. Fourthly, the PCC has contributed significantly from St Andrew's Church Reserves.



**Danuta Tagg**

## **THANK YOU**

On behalf of the PCC and the Friends' Committee, I would like to thank the many members of the village community for everything they have done to support the Development Project and the Appeal.

- Samantha Freisenbruch for organising the Open Gardens Weekend, with wonderful catering from Chris York and Jane Brown
- Katie Hacker for organising the Children's Scarecrow Competition
- Chris York, supported by Ian Robertson, for running the Village Produce Stall at Crossrivers
- Lynda Appleby for organising the Children's Christmas Card Competition
- Elizabeth Campbell and Jane Hill have handled the ticket sales for our events with great efficiency. We are very grateful to them.
- Zillah Gillespie has looked after the Friends' Stall on Sundays after church services and has provided a seemingly never-ending supply of her delicious marmalade to sell.
- Roly and Dee Shaw have done an amazing job, running the Fine Wine Raffle at all but three of our fundraising events since the first one in the autumn of 2012.
- The two powerhouses of the St Andrew's Friends Committee, Valerie Walters, our Hon. Secretary and Danuta Tagg, our Hon. Treasurer.
- All the other members of the Friends' Committee who work so hard to organise and run our events.
- Ludwell Village Stores and Ansty Farm Shop for displaying our posters and flyers. Ludwell Village Stores also sells tickets for our events.
- The Editors of the Blackmore Vale Magazine and the Valley News for their regular coverage of our Appeal.

Finally, thanks to all members of the Friends and to the other members of the village community who have helped in some way or other in the last year. We estimate that over 150 villagers have been involved in helping at or in putting on Friends' activities.

***Michael Hockney***

## **ELECTION OF THE FRIENDS' OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

At the AGM, the following were re-elected unanimously:

Chairman	Michael Hockney
Hon. Secretary	Valerie Walters
Hon. Treasurer	Danuta Tagg FCA
Committee	Edrys Barkham, Samantha Freisenbruch, John Goodwin, Katie Hacker, David Hammersley, George Lisle, Michael Jodrell, Keith Walters

### ***Valerie Walters***

## **UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

The Position in March 2016

As reported at last year's Friends' AGM, tenders for the building works had just been received and reviewed. At that time, minor adjustments were underway in preparation for a submission to the DAC for a "Notification of Advice", which is the approval of the plans and the technical detail on every aspect of the Project that has to be obtained before a Petition for a Faculty can be lodged with the Chancellor.

Progress since March 2016

An application to the DAC was submitted in early May 2016. The approval process turned out to be a far more lengthy and demanding procedure than anyone had expected. Approval was finally received from the DAC in mid December 2016, after further detailed design submissions and technical changes were requested by the DAC. The very long delay was also aggravated by staff sickness at the DAC (there appeared to be no replacement available to progress our application), by a request for additional ecological reports and then a request for us to temporarily remove the re-roofing works from the application and carry out an echo bat detection survey in the summer months of 2017.

A Petition for a Faculty was lodged with the Chancellor's office on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017. During the public consultation period that followed, a number of letters of objection were sent to the Chancellor. Six of these were subsequently converted into formal, legal objections. As a result, whilst a decision to grant a Faculty still rests with the Chancellor, she may choose to hold a formal hearing before a judge in the church. If this does happen, it will inevitably delay the project further. The PCC will also have to take into account the legal costs that will now arise as a result of the formal legal objections.

## Anticipated Programme

It is not clear how long we may now have to wait for the granting of a Faculty, so that we can then proceed with the Project. We hope that might be by the end of June. After allowing for updating the costs as a result of this delay, allowing time for further applications to Trusts and Foundations that will only make a grant once a Faculty has been granted, and a lead-in time that will be required by the contractor, works could begin in September 2017. Completion would then be achieved in May 2018.

The requested bat survey is planned for May/June 2017. If roosting bats are found under the tiles, which is very unlikely to be in more than the two places where tiles are currently missing, only a minor design adjustment will be required to allow them to return to those spots when the roof is replaced. We will need to apply for a new DAC approval for the roof works when the results of the survey are known and then a new Faculty for this work. If all goes to plan, these approvals should be received quickly and it should then be possible to re-integrate the roof works into the main contract.

## Costs

There have been further uplifts in cost since last year for the following reasons:

1. Closer survey work has revealed a much more extensive schedule of repairs is required than was apparent in the last quinquennial inspection, due to water ingress in three areas through the roof and down the walls, the discovery of asbestos under the floor and in the boiler house and the need to replace the impermeable plaster on the interior walls.
2. After reviewing our original proposal to insulate the roof from underneath, we found that this would have introduced a condensation issue. Consequently the proposal has been changed to stripping off the tiles and replacing them over new insulation. Although more expensive, it will enable a much better insulation value to be achieved.
3. The validity of the tenders received over a year ago are now well out of time. We continue to have contact with the preferred contractor and are confident at this stage that it will be possible to negotiate a fair contract price when the time comes and which the Development Committee will be able to recommend to the PCC. However, the building market is buoyant at the moment and the cost of materials has increased during the periods of delay.

**It is important for everyone to appreciate that the St Andrew's Development Project is, today, very different to that envisaged and approved by the PCC at the time of the Village Appeal Launch in 2014.**

**Then we were looking to introduce substantial improvements within the existing church building and to add resources and facilities in the new building.**

**Now, the PCC has decided that its first priority is to bring the church up to a good standard of repair. The second priority is then to undertake the improvements and the third priority to build the extension.**

**To fail to undertake these important repairs, albeit at a significant additional cost, would be illogical and a false economy.**

***George Lisle.***

## **COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDS**

*“The Church has been the centre of the village community for centuries and I wish to see that continue long into the future. We all fully agree with the wish to keep the church as a place of regular worship, of beauty and for quiet contemplation. I am certain all of that can be maintained whilst also being a place that is used for a wide variety of other religious and secular purposes which bring the community together in its own local space”.*

*“We in Donhead St Andrew are not alone in seeking to make changes. All over the countryside, other churches are making decisions about the future. The ‘Church Times’ and ‘Church Architecture’ magazine are full of stories like ours. They are proof of new ways of building the community and new ways of growing the Christian Church and its mission and service in rural parishes”.*

*“We are only too aware of the way that so many of the professional and life skills represented in our village community have been brought to bear on the Development Project and the Development Appeal. We are indeed lucky that these talents within the village have been applied to the Project to ensure that St Andrew’s Church will, once the Project is completed, look timeless, will be focussed on its principal role as a church but also be resourced to offer so much to the whole community”.*

*“Looking at the figures presented at the Friends AGM, I was struck by the level of support for the Development Project from members of the village community; the number of households which have given a donation, the number of villagers who have attended events and the number of villagers who have helped in some way”.*

*“We’re not doing this for ourselves but for future generations”.*



## **HOW TO DONATE TO THE DEVELOPMENT APPEAL**

**The PCC is very grateful for the generous contributions of many village families in so many ways.**

For those who have yet to make a financial contribution, there are a number of ways in which you can help:

1. A single donation
2. An annual, quarterly or monthly donation in each of the next three years
3. A donation of stocks and shares or other assets
4. The gift of a Work of Art or an object of value
5. A legacy in your will.

I will be happy to discuss these ways of giving, advise on the tax relief that might be available on the gift of an asset and advise on how the Church can claim Gift Aid to increase its value. Please contact me on 828106. Further information on donating is also available on our website: [www.sacda.uk](http://www.sacda.uk).

Villagers are also invited to fund a specific aspect of the Development Project. The Chairman of the Friends' Committee has details of these opportunities.

***Danuta Tagg***

## **RECENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

### **The Village Produce Stall**

The Stall opened at the beginning of March and closed at the end of October 2016. Chris York, supported by Ian Robertson, has done a wonderful job of keeping the stall stocked every week. Our thanks to Chris and Ian for their splendid support for the Development Appeal; they raised just under £1,000 in 2016.

### **Illustrated Talk**

On Saturday 19th November 2016 Matthew Reese gave a wonderful illustrated talk on his work in creating an English garden at Maverley. Matt had previously worked at Great Dixter and at Ferne Park. His talk raised over £800 for Appeal Funds.

### **The Festival of Nine Lessons with Carols**

This very popular service took place on Sunday 19th December 2016 with excellent singing from the Choir. It was followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Henrietta Barnett Field Centre, organised by the Friends' Committee.

## **OUR NEXT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

### **House Contents Clearance Sale**

Our next event is a House Contents Clearance Sale. A supporter of the Development Project who has downsized recently has given pictures, glass, china, cutlery, linen, silver, brass, cushions and small pieces of furniture for the Friends to sell, with all the proceeds going to the Development Appeal.

The sale will take place on Saturday 6th May 2017 from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm at the New Remembrance Hall in Charlton.

Admission will be £1; refreshments will be available.

### **The Village Produce Stall**

The stall at Crossrivers re-opened recently and is already doing a very good trade. Do have a look at what's on offer; it changes every day.

Chris York welcomes contributions of cuttings, seeds, plants, tied bunches, fruit and vegetables.

## **ST ANDREW'S CHURCH'S DEVELOPMENT APPEAL WEBSITE**

Do go on line and have a look at the newly updated website.

You can find it at [www.sacda.uk](http://www.sacda.uk).

There's lots of information on it about the church's history, the Development Project, the Development Appeal and forthcoming events.

If you would like to see the architect's impression of what the church will look like after the Development Project is completed, there's a video to look at which you can find via the website.

## FURTHER ACTIVITIES ON THE LATE SUMMER BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

### ST ANDREW'S CHURCH PATRONAL FESTIVAL

FAMILY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST 2017

10:30 AM

WITH CHOIR AND ORGAN

FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS AND A CELEBRATION CAKE

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### ST ANDREW'S CHURCH SUMMER FETE

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 28th AUGUST 2017

STONEY HILLS FIELD, SANS LANE

1:00 TO 5:00 PM

*Please put these dates in your diary*



# HOUSE CONTENTS CLEARANCE



china, glass, cutlery, silver, brass, books,  
pictures, linens, cushions and furniture

**Saturday 6th May 2017**  
**2 - 4pm**

New Remembrance Hall,  
Charlton SP7 0PL

Admission £1. Sale in aid of the St. Andrew's Church  
Development Appeal, Donhead St. Andrew