

Aston Clinton Baptist Church Annual Report & Accounts – 2015

“We are called to serve God and to share his love with others”



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Introduction

Welcome to the 2015 Annual Report. Its purpose is to inform the fellowship of our activities and financial affairs during the past year. The report includes a reflection of what individuals and groups have done which has contributed to our corporate life together through Jesus Christ.

As you read it, I am sure you will find items which are news to you and may even refresh your memory and hopefully stimulate you into your own personal reflections and memories of 2015.

I would like to briefly but sincerely offer my thanks to everyone at Aston Clinton Baptist Church and pray that you would all know you have played a valued part in the ministry of the church in 2015 which has seen many blessings.

I believe the Lord would say to us at ACBC *“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him”*. **Colossians 3:17**

Please enjoy reading!

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Minister's Report

As I look back over this last year I am so pleased that we have seen increasing changes within the life of this Church as a whole. I hope to describe some of these during the following paragraphs.

First, I am so encouraged with the numbers of different people that we have coming through our doors in recent times. I am sure all of us appreciate the 'new faces' we have amongst us, and whilst some are less regular in attendance than others, I feel we have a church that is attractive to many, is self-supporting, welcoming of others, and we are a people who worship genuinely together, with many of us truly seeking God for our lives, and for 'the Body' as a whole. In contrast to last year where we were struggling to get adults onto a Christianity Explored course, this year we have truly experienced a change, because we have possibly 7 adults ready, and indeed willing, to go on a course, which will have begun by the time you read this. When I became Minister here, I felt that there was a desire to move on in God, and that we together wanted him to impact the lives of others. This fact shows this to be true. I am certain that this desire has continued, although many challenges remain, including developing a greater 'heart' for this, and maintaining it in the months ahead.

The area of the evening services has been a difficult one, with the Diaconate and I spending many hours in prayer, as well as in discussion, about what God's leading was within it. And whilst it has not been an easy decision to end the services, we trust God's sovereignty within this, and believe He is doing a new thing. God would ask each of us: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up, do you not perceive it"? Isaiah 43v19. It is up to us to embrace *prophetically* what God is doing, to listen to Him individually, giving ourselves over to it in our everyday practices, as well as through our home groups and beyond. With that written, it is important not to lose sight of what the Lord has done through the evening services we have had of late.

From the time when we first held the large scale Christianity Explored course in the Church, through to the last of the evening services, which was a Communion praise in November, many of us have sensed God touching our lives and enabling us to understand Him more. The discussion groups, which were what morphed out from the 'church based' Christianity Explored course blessed many, and it was really good to see God teaching us through a more interactive one-2-one approach, rather than everything just happening from the front. I am sure that all those who attended felt blessed by them. Indeed, it is important to note that since September, the Youth Church Worship Celebration has proved itself to be a very necessary time for young and older people, and maintaining this single service in the evenings, is an essential thing to do. The celebratory dimension of ZEAL - Youth Church - whilst not everyone's flavour - has been a great vehicle through which the Lord has spoken to us. It goes without saying, that I am so very pleased to have the numbers of young people at our Church - each one of them is at the centre of God's attention. These youngsters are the Church of *today*, not just tomorrow, and I trust that deepening bonds between the various age ranges will keep occurring. Church these days cannot be calculated merely by the numbers on Sundays - its expression is also in what happens during the week, as the various groups in youth ministry prove, and beyond.

Indeed, I am moved regularly by the commitment of those involved with Sunday School. I especially want to thank Faith and Emma, because what they are doing is so vital for our children. Where would our children be without their input, every week? I have seen first-hand, through Emily and Anaya, the effects Sunday school has. Let us keep praying, realising that the Enemy would seek to undermine their work, because children matter so much to God.

Our worship, sung, or as in our lifestyles before God, has also grown, and I have been particularly blessed by the various 'words' God has spoken to us over this year. I still desire for the prophetic to be expressed more in the services, without intending that to seem too narrowly defined, as well as room for greater spontaneity. I think often it is our own expectation and preparation before 'coming to Church' that may be part of this, but I do believe we are far more open than we were many years ago. Particular words that stand out to me that I believe will prove to be of further importance in the days ahead, are ones pertaining to a life of greater intimacy with Jesus - a closer walk with God - a true *desire* for Him. Moving to that place where it is no longer us 'working' but Christ's power working through us more and more, is also key.

The picture of hot thermal streams of water flowing, breaking up through the fissures of our lives, out upon the surface, fits with this. It is so important to not 'contain' God's life flow in us, but let Him move in the way He wants - to not allow the symbolic 'bungee ropes' to bind us, because there is a limit to their flexibility. Bungee ropes have the ability to pull one back to the position they were in. We must not return to what we had, individually or as a Church. The blessing God has for us, will only come through that closer walk with Him. Other words given, particularly around the time of September 6th during our 'new beginnings' phase, were about the Harvest being plentiful but the workers are few, Matthew 9v37. Indeed, the seeds that were blown away in the wind [through a picture someone had], had been planted in the last season, which means the Lord is getting ready to bring the flowering [or fruit] from them. The last season was about planting seeds and preparation. The new season is about bringing in the harvest.

I am absolutely sure that God is amongst us, and His Spirit is leading us, and I sense Him regularly as we interact together and at our Church services - all of which are good indicators of the health of the Church. Indeed, from the financial side of things our offerings are up too, which is wonderful. This has been consistently so over the many years. I am sure that if everyone was to attend a morning service, we would touch 85. We praise Him for these things. I also praise God for everyone too - for your commitment physically, spiritually and financially.

We are also blessed with the number of musicians we have. From time to time I get to attend other churches and I want to assure you that in every instance, I have seen again and again, how good God is to us in this regard. Moreover, it is not so much the technical ability of our musicians that impresses me, but how our worship leaders in particular have a true desire to worship Jesus Christ above all else in their lives, no matter what they may be going through. I believe over the year, and years, we have moved on in our worship and the Church is freer than it was, and seeks to hear God as part of Sunday's proceedings. Moreover, thinking in terms of our new Christianity explored course, many churches, even some larger ones, would be so pleased to be in the position we are now in today.

Over this year we have learnt much together, which has propelled us into a greater Word-based-life and a closer abiding relationship with The Word, Jesus. I trust that through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit we are becoming an increasingly Word and Spirit orientated people. We may not always be consciously aware of The Vision we agreed to a long time ago, but we have been fulfilling it. We are worshipful, welcoming, mission-minded, sacrificial and prophetic, and we will increasingly become so if we make Jesus more and more at the centre. That life of intimacy with Him will simply give way to this - a natural, indeed a supernatural! outworking. If Jesus is at the centre of our lives, these sorts of values, and more, will just happen - a building the spiritual house, 1 Peter 2v4-5, 9.

I am also grateful to those who have taught alongside me this year, and it is noteworthy to point out that we have been blessed with many gifted people in this Church - in a myriad of ways. Often people may think that they are not especially gifted because they do not have an overt 'up front' ministry. I assure you that this not true, and the quiet behind the scenes work that many do so faithfully, is critical to our survival - indeed their gifting is often used outside of 'the Church'. The Diaconate has worked very hard this year and deserves our thanks, as has Assunta Loxley and Cathy Graham in their respective and demanding capacities.

As far as home groups are concerned, I am pleased that each group has endeavoured by different means to honour God's leading. The commitment the leaders continually exhibit should not be taken for granted, and they all work hard to bring God's word to people. The challenge remains to keep honouring the home group vision, to deepen our one-2-one relationships with each other and with unbelievers. As a group truly hears and knows Jesus, and moves in the Spirit, I am sure that the individuals within it will become closer to God, and the groups as a whole will be a good foundation for the church; a structure upon which many other things can be laid. I trust that what happens on the Sundays will support what is occurring in the home groups and vice versa.

Fresh Horizons has been successful throughout the year, although it has now closed having run its time. Sylvia Sutherland has been faithful to it, and so we thank her. I also personally attend a monthly community event called 'The Friendship Group', 'Old Friends' as it was called, along with Sylvia, and our hope is to be a witness during those times.

The evangelism team ran for a significant part of the year, but gradually phased out. Its end was not so much to do with a lack of evangelistic fervour, it was just hard to maintain the commitment for these regular meetings, and to have them overseen properly. However, 'evangelism' has continued on the 'events' side of things, and dovetailing with this were a number of Men's Nights, with relationships being formed through them. In the new year such things will continue again. Particular thanks goes to JB Leach in this regard.

The Youth Work has continued to develop and Susanna has been working admirably within her role, with Marco giving her tremendous support. They make a great team together - we are so blessed to have them! Many youngsters are beginning to be part of us and the ongoing teaching of the gospel at the Friday night clubs is making an effect in the lives of many, not to mention the incredibly important teaching that occurs in various groups throughout the week. Until the demise of the evening services, quite a few youngsters attended them, and they openly contributed too, which always enthralled me. Some of their answers were truly insightful as well! We have also been gradually moving towards another 'Mexico', which has once again been blessed by God. Susanna's commitment to all these things is excellent, and with Youth Cafe on Wednesdays consistently being supported by Marco too, we are beginning to see development there. As a membership we have continued to prove ourselves to be spiritually and financially faithful to the youth ministry; those who support Susanna at her clubs and cafes with their physical presence deserve our special thanks.

The Totspot groups have continued to develop through Nicky's work, and with Susanna now taking on Tuesdays, they both deserve our thanks also. Corinne Jeffrey has been able to help in this regard, on Tuesdays, and Cathy continues to give excellent support on Thursdays. The building up of relationships with the Mums [and some Dads] continues with gusto, and this has enabled us to maintain better links with people - thus it is supportive of our Church vision.

The wider profile of the Church in the community continues in other ways. I only had Year 1 from the local school come to the Church the other day, which was a good time. The buildings are in regular use by outsiders, although less than they were - in fact the buildings have been improved and are being carefully monitored. We are grateful to JB Leach and his team in this regard. I am so pleased that Valerie Owen has continued with the 'bookings' aspect of church life - it remains an essential role, aiding our income too. Often it is a thankless task, but one that I am personally grateful for.

In Church life, it is easy for some to remain on the peripheries, and whilst it remains a concern, I believe that many feel that they have more of a sense of 'belonging together' than before. Many newcomers have spoken to me about how friendly we are, and that is such an important feature because first impressions often do count. We have also had an increase in members, including some young people within that.

My heart is still one of desiring each person to belong and grow, and to know the risen Christ in their everyday life. I yearn for this to occur across the board, through the various ministerial expressions we have, touching into the community around us. We need to keep our momentum and not let it go - indeed to build it up. We need to keep 'in the Spirit'. God is going to ask more of us in this year coming; challenging us to be bold through him. We must not let fear rob us of faith for that which he will lead us into. We have seen exciting things already, but more is to come. And so we need to be more outward looking, and effective with that - to simply trust Jesus.

On a personal note I would like to write on behalf of my own family, how wonderfully supportive you as a Church have been to us, generous and prayerful. I am so pleased to be part of you.

God bless you, with Christian love.

Simon Downing

Secretary's Report

As I consider the year just gone, once again I find myself humbled when I think of all the willing and sustained contributions made to the life of Aston Clinton Baptist Church in so many different ways; we have so much to be grateful for in Jesus Christ.

I would like to start by saying thank you to Simon, in particular for his ministry, dedication and commitment to our church. Simon works hard to continually meet the spiritual and emotional needs of so many people within and outside of the church even when things have been difficult for him personally. We also thank Nicky for her part in the life of the church and the support that she gives to Simon; let us not also forget Emily and Anaya who bring their cheerfulness and eagerness to support their dad particularly at family services.

Together as a church, we are finding new strengths in our fellowship; we are learning to support each other in achievement, and I pray this will continue with our Lord's wisdom and guidance for 2016. "*We are His ambassadors*" 2 Cor 5 vs 20 and I pray He will continue to give us many more opportunities to draw people from the outside into His presence.

Let us now look at the broader picture of 2015; we have our own particular memories of things that may have affected us personally throughout the year, but I hope as you read the various reports you will get a good summary of how the Lord has blessed us all. When God straightens our paths this is true success and it is tied to acknowledging God for all of His marvellous blessings. I am sure God will continue to straighten the crooked paths so that we will not stumble - indeed who can make crooked what God has straightened?!

Leadership Team

At the February 2015 AGM we saw the re-election of Sue Leach as Deacon. Cathy Graham continued as Treasurer, Assunta Loxley continued as Secretary and Gill Brownell and Martin Spriggs continued to serve as Deacons. The Diaconate continue to meet twice monthly under the chairmanship of our Minister, Simon.

The role of the Diaconate is to be equipped by God to be a servant of the Lord in the church, overseeing the everyday running of the church, leadership and spiritual guidance to the fellowship whilst helping to promote growth. We are like a body with each part playing its own part for the good of the whole (Ephesians 4:16). We also review any fiscal and legislative requirements as they arise.

During the year, some of the major topics the Diaconate has been led towards or continued to develop further included:

- Worship Leaders and Music
- Youth Work
- The Church Vision and its Core Values
- Christianity Explored Course
- The Family Services and for a period the Sunday Evening Services
- Evangelistic & Social Events
- Prayer Cards & Prayer Walks
- Leadership Away Days
- Church Structure for Membership
- ACBC website and Twitter
- Prayer Life

The leadership team shared in the annual Away Day in May and October during which we debated and agreed matters of strategic importance as well as our main focus - the development of the Sunday Evening Services and the aims to be achieved during 2015 and beyond.

Church Diary

We started 2015 with our Youth Church (Zeal) and two of our young people, Ethan Phillips and Matthew Hoinville being baptised; what a fantastic blessing to start the year. This was followed by a Christianity Explore Course which began on 1st March and ran for 8 weeks. This was very well attended by non-Christian friends and family members of the fellowship with some excellent feedback.

The Women's World Day of Prayer took place on Friday, 6th March at Aston Clinton Baptist Church and was well supported by many of our own ladies from the fellowship as well as those from other local parishes. Our thanks go to Gloria Bessent for her support in organising this event.

The annual Pulpit Exchange took place on Sunday, 8th March when we welcomed Rev Jonathan Stewart who was the Associate Minister from Little Kingshill Baptist Church. Jonathan was very thankful to us for being such a welcoming and friendly church and he was particularly impressed by our worship leaders and the music band.

On Thursday, 12th March we welcomed the Christian Institute who gave a very inspiring talk on Defending the Gospel and where we saw many from other local churches in attendance. We also welcomed Bill Humphries from Open Doors who came on Sunday, 22nd March to give such a powerful and moving talk on behalf of the powerless and the 'Persecuted Church'. Many of us were in awe of the valuable work Open Doors do in 'Serving Persecuted Christians' around the world.

We shared the usual Maundy Thursday joint service with St Michael's at Aston Clinton Baptist Church where we all took part and enjoyed the "Passover Meal" and after our Good Friday morning worship, we completed a walk of witness around the village. Our Easter celebrations continued with our Easter Sunday Service and my thanks to all those who were involved in making the church look and smell so wonderful with all the flowers.

On Saturday, 16th May the leadership team had the first of their annual Away Days at the church. This was a very full and positive day with the main focus on 'Sunday Evening Services' and where we prayed and waited upon the Lord. When all our words were considered together, we had a sense that we as a body have received the knowledge that 'Christ is in us', but perhaps the next stage is knowing how to 'Live in Christ', to truly 'understand the word that we hear'. We all felt that to understand the unity of the faith and to live in Christ all of the time and not just on Sundays or when reading the bible etc was what the Lord was saying to us on this day.

At the May 2015 Church Business Meeting, Gloria gave us a picture "the Lord has Allsorts in safe hands" as we were looking for someone to lead this programme for July 2015. The Lord spoke clearly - the group leading the summer Allsorts were Nicky Downing, Jo Drury, Emma Francis, Cathy Graham and Susanna Lampert. So in July we finished the summer term with another successful Allsorts programme from 27th to 31st July 2015 followed by the Allsorts BBQ on Sunday, 2nd August.

The group had decided on a slightly different structure of having one day in the week, where they invited a special speaker who was good at leading children and young people through worship. Duggie Dug Dug was invited to lead a one-day session. Everyone had a wonderful time – it was 'fun, funky and touching God'. This was followed by the Allsorts worship service and a successful BBQ. Thank you to everyone who helped make Allsorts go as smoothly as it did – thank you Lord for the good weather.

Throughout the year a number of other evangelistic and social events took place and I thank the Evangelistic Team and all those who put in a lot of hard work to make these events so successful.

In October, Faith and her body of helpers organised an alternative to Halloween 'The Light Party' and this was a great success, although with fewer children attending. Thank you to all those who helped to make this event enjoyable for the children and adults!

The Harvest Supper took place on Saturday, 19th September; this was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to all those who helped make the evening a success. As part of our harvest giving this year, we were also able to receive the great many donations of clothes for the Refugee Crisis in Europe. Thank you to all those who donated; with many bags of clothes coming from people in the Aston Clinton community and thank you to Cliff and Jo for transporting these donations to 'Calaid' in Slough. The remaining items that Calaid were not able to take were very gratefully received by Vineyard – thank you to Gloria for organising this who said it was such an uplifting experience to spend some time with the volunteers at Vineyard.

Simon and the Deacons again met for another Away Day on Saturday, 10th October again with the main focus on Sunday Evening Services. Patient and persisting in prayer we believe the Lord was telling us that the Church belongs to Jesus and what He wants is paramount.

We joined the Remembrance Sunday worship at the War Memorial on Sunday, 8th November, followed by a joint service at St Michael's Parish Church.

On Tuesday, 15th December brave members of the fellowship gathered to sing carols at the Oak Public House on Green End Street on a wet and stormy night! This was well received – many of whom came out to join us. What a great witness! We thank the owners of the Oak who came out and offered everyone a glass of mulled wine and mince pies. The Carol Singing due to take place on Beaconsfield Road was cancelled because of even more rain and wind!

On Sunday, 20th December we celebrated our annual joint Christmas worship with St Michael's at St Michael's and Simon delivered a very inspiring Christmas message. This was followed by our Carols by Candlelight Service in the evening where a great number of visitors, family and friends attended this wonderful reflective service.

Membership

We had 2 of our young people baptised in 2015. We also had 4 new members and 1 member resign for 2015. To date we have a healthy total of 60 members.

Worship Leaders

We are very grateful to Alan Cookson, Assunta Loxley, Corinne Jeffery, Gerry Bessent, Helen Hagon, Julie Mason, Marco Loxley, Martyn Mason, Martin Spriggs and Sue Leach of our own fellowship who in their various capacities have led worship services during the year. We pray that the Lord will continue to inspire them to grow in the grace of hearing His voice and speaking His word for 2016.

Final Thanks

During the year, valuable work has been done in re-vamping our church website. We thank Paul for all his efforts and time in keeping the website up to date.

Thank you to Keith and Paul for advertising all our evangelistic and social events on the church notice board. I am sure many people who pass by give a glance as to what goes on and it is a pleasure to see such excellent art work. Our thanks also go to Valerie for her continued efforts as booking secretary for the church buildings; we owe a debt of gratitude to Valerie for keeping this going especially when she has been in considerable pain and discomfort during the past year. Thank you also to Penni and Martin for overseeing the pastoral visiting during 2015.

Thank you to JB and his wonderful team of gentlemen for overseeing the very important maintenance tasks that go on behind the scenes throughout 2015.

Let us not forget, a huge thank you must go to Gloria and her team of volunteers for the time involved in keeping the church clean, tidy and smelling nice. I know this is much appreciated by us all but would ask that if you have some spare time please offer your cleaning services to Gloria. Your help is always needed!

A final note – I would like to take this opportunity to say a very personal and special thank you to all of you for your support in 2015. Let the love of our Lord be your constant companion and trust Him in all things. Rest assured that our Lord is with us always and let us look forward together to what He has in store for us in 2016. I leave you with 1 Thessalonians 5:11 – *“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing”*.

God Bless You.
Assunta Loxley

Treasurers Report

First, I'd like to say a personal thank you to all who have helped so much with managing the church finances in 2015 and throughout my 6 years as treasurer. I am very grateful to all those who help with counting and banking, particularly Anne and Rodney who undertake this task practically every week, to Valerie for managing the hall lettings once again and to the deacons and Simon for their support.

In 2015, we achieved a surplus of £1,271 which was £1,237 better than budget and compares with a surplus of £5,384 in 2014. The reasons for the improvement versus budget are analysed in greater detail below:

Income

Our total income for 2015 at £73,394 was £1,606 or 2% below budget and 1% lower than last year's figure. Offerings and tax recovered grew to almost £70,000 which was 3.4% ahead of 2014 and slightly ahead of our budgeted figure. We benefited from generous giving via regular contributions (both through standing order directly into the church bank accounts and weekly offerings) and also via increased cash offerings. Once again, the church was able to claim Gift Aid on Small Donations (GASDs) for the whole of this financial year. Despite increased offerings, overall income was below budget resulting from a drop in lettings. The loss of three regular hirers at the start of the year led to income from this source at £3,422 being 35% below budget and 46% lower than 2014 levels.

Expenditure

Total church expenditure at £72,123 was £3,500 or 5.1% higher than last year but 3.8% better than our budgeted level.

As can be seen from the various analyses in the accounts, around 48% of the total expenditure in 2015 was on the minister's pay, manse and working expenses (2014: 48%). Expenditure on this area was slightly (£280) below budget because there we incurred no costs for a manse boiler care plan in 2015 (the boiler having been replaced in 2014 and therefore still under guarantee).

Mission including Youth activities and Allsorts amounted to 22% of the total net spend. Expenditure on Youth was £500 below budget with the Youth Leader employment costs in line. The Youth Café once again received a grant from Village Life for £350. This grant, combined with balances remaining from 2014 donations towards youth work from individual church members has enabled the purchase of various items of equipment for the youth café, and more new bibles for the youth. There are just under £1,100 of funds remaining and available for spend in 2016.

Approximately 15% of our total costs were on maintenance, cleaning, heating and lighting of the church property. This category is slightly (2%) favourable to budget despite an increased allocation to the building fund this year (£5,500 compared to a budget of £4,000). The reduction reflects the fact that lower gas units were used compared to budget because of much lower hall lettings and the fact that the church did not employ a cleaner for the second quarter of this year.

Gifts to other causes such as Home Mission, Rennie Grove, Pulse, BMS, Children for Christ Romania and Hands of Mercy Philippines was budgeted at £7,500 or 10% of budgeted income. In 2015, the church gave £7,340 to other causes, which was slightly below the budgeted figure reflecting the lower income levels. Individuals supported a number of causes including Spurgeons, the BMS Birthday Scheme, Operation Agri and our own 2016 youth trip to Mexico.

4% was spent on equipment and miscellaneous which includes boiler maintenance contracts, toner, subscriptions, website costs, refreshments etc. This year, we purchased a new radio mic and photocopier as well.

Once again, the whole church has been very generous with both money and time in 2015. Thank you all for your generous giving. I pray that God will continue to guide us in 2016 and give us His wisdom in how we should use the resources He provides.

Cathy Graham

Property Report

Over the past year, various issues relating to the church buildings have been addressed:

- Dampness issue on the side wall of the church - a local roofing contractor installed new flashing under the gutter and lead flashings to the 2 sections of high level brick buttresses. All the gutters around the whole building at high and low levels were also cleared out.
- Any noticeable crumbling masonry to the other brick buttresses around the church have also been repaired. All the brick buttresses have been dressed with lead flashings.
- A Work Day was held in May 2015 when various maintenance items and heavy cleaning were undertaken.
- The lock to the church front door completely failed – and was replaced in December 2015. A log is going to be kept of the key ownership in the future.
- The misted double glazed panel to the church front door was replaced.
- The external spotlight to light the cross at the front of the church was replaced – together with various bulbs and fittings around the church.
- It appears that the Crèche room in the Church Hall is uncomfortably cold for most of the year, despite the windows having been replaced. Therefore, we have applied draught excluder to the Crèche door to the Church Hall lobby. We are looking to install secondary heating in this room – suitable for infants. Please could users of the room be mindful not to stack items in front of the radiator – since this limits the heat output.
- A new padlock has been added to the church shed.
- Various other sundry items have been attended to.

There are some items of work to be done for 2016. Further details will be given at the Annual General Meeting.

JB Leach

Youth Work

We started the year with the baptism of Ethan and Matthew following their commitment at Soul Survivor in the Summer. Although it is hard for them to attend church, they are both attending at other groups regularly and continuing in their faith.

Marco & I continue to run cell groups on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a total of 16 Christian young people and we have had many and varied discussions with them, including ‘why aren’t there more miracles?’ ‘how do I witness to my friends?’ and ‘why are there so many other faiths?’ as well as Bible studies of 2 Timothy, Acts and Exodus. The young people are all growing in their faith and asking questions, and I thank God for all He is doing, and will do, in their lives. I am praying He is raising up a strong, new generation of Godly young men and women to carry His Truth into the difficult times ahead.

The Wednesday Youth Cafe is going well, with 35 -50 young people regularly attending. There have been a few minor issues with some of the personalities in this group, but we are gradually seeing positive changes in behaviour and an understanding of the ethos of the Cafe. I am very grateful for Marco’s help at this group, and also for our wonderful team of kitchen ladies who keep up an endless supply of toast and milkshake for the hungry hoards!

Fridays are going well, with numbers this term at around 18-23 each week, and since September I have been using small extracts from the Youth Alpha series, which have provoked some excellent discussions in the half hour ‘God slot’ at the end of the session. Around 20 young people stay each week for this part of the evening, and up to half of them are non-Christian and do not attend any other Christian activities or events.

So it is an amazing opportunity to reach them for Christ! Please continue to support this group in prayer, and if you feel able to offer practical help on Friday nights, it would be hugely welcome. I have a rota of faithful and supportive helpers for which I am so thankful, but if we had more help it would ease the burden for the others. Please talk to me if you are interested.

On Sunday mornings I have re-started the 'Escape' sessions every other week, as we now have several young people who have moved up from Sunday School and a couple of extras who we invited from Youth Cafe. So far this has been a blessed and worthwhile time. We are also very happy that the Sunday Evening Youth Services will be continuing on the third Sunday of each month. We would welcome 'older' members of the congregation along to these services, as we value your input and feeling of 'family' that this generates for the young people, and so we ask for your support with this.

The fund raising for our mission trip Rebuild Mexico is almost complete, with an incredible £11,200 raised, of the £12,000 required in the group pot. (The young people have also had to raise £800 per person individually and have worked incredibly hard to do this.) We are so grateful for everyone's support and encouragement. God has been amazing in His provision. Please pray for all the young people going, that God is preparing their hearts and will use this trip for His glory in each of their lives. There are several non-Christians going, and a few 'nearly' Christians! The dates of the trip are: Saturday 26th March to Tuesday 5th April 2016.

As always, I am indebted to all my volunteers, and the other people who support the youth ministry at this church. Thank you to everyone who has been involved during 2015 and to everyone who has faithfully supported me from the start. God bless you all, and I look forward to working with you all again next year, as we see what God will do in our community, including with the young people and their families.

Susanna Lamport

Totspot

Totspot has continued to run well this year. We had a big change in September with Susanna taking over the running of the Tuesday group. I was offered a new teaching job meaning I could no longer run both sessions. Susanna is supported by Corinne and Karen Toyne and I have continued to run the Thursday group, with support from Cathy. The transition has worked well and both groups continue to be well attended.

We have a mixture of parents, grandparents and childminders who bring the children along to the groups. We continue to have lots of activities on offer, using three separate rooms to create enough space for everyone. We also make good use of the garden during the warmer months, which the children always enjoy. In December we had two successful Christmas parties and a number of the adults came along to an evening Christmas meal. With many thanks to all those who help.

Nicky Downing

Allsorts Sunday (aka Sunday School)

Along with the children we have tried to come up with a new name for Sunday School. Even though everyone knows what we are talking about when we say 'Sunday School' it was felt to be too 'old school' and too 'schooly'.... can you see the theme that keeps coming up?!! The children didn't think it was like school but the name made it not so appealing, and so we have come up with the name ALLSORTS Sunday to try and link it to the summer ALLSORTS holiday club. In turn this will hopefully make the transition to joining us for ALLSORTS Sunday (Sunday School) smoother and more natural.... we're trying!!

Again we have had a consistent 12-13 children attending each week, with a few moving up to the Youth Groups this September. It's been wonderful to welcome some new regular ones too. The other children have been fantastic at welcoming them into the family.

The split groups of Firecrackers (older ones, 8-11yrs old) and Sparklers (younger ones, 2-8yrs old) continues to work amazingly well. We notice the difference when on occasions we have had to join the groups and it has been so much more difficult to gauge and approach the mix. It wouldn't have been possible without the truly wonderful team that continues to amaze me with their support and care in making it happen week in, week out.

As you may have noticed there seems to be a slight boom of the little treasures entering our Aston Clinton Baptist Church family (and with more promised!), and we are feeling the need/push to provide a crèche service. Jo Bartlett-Brown has very kindly offered to be involved in leading this provision forward. Please do get in touch with Jo, Emma or Faith if you feel you could help out in any way.

This year we have enjoyed exploring the topics of Female Heroes of the Bible, Proverbs and Godly wisdom, getting to know Jesus more and how we can become more like Jesus. The children have worked so hard at remembering the memory verses and gaining stars, leaves, stickers to add to their charts...often remembering it better than me!!

Many thanks to all of you, for your prayers and loving support to us as leaders. We have felt more and more the 'family' that is Aston Clinton Baptist Church, even though we are in the other room.

We look forward to the journey God is going to lead us through in 2016.

Faith Rollins

Allsorts 2015 & BBQ

Allsorts was a great time this year, with a good cohesive teaching structure, covering the 'Why did God do this' element of the Christian faith. The themes ranged from Creation, Noah, why did Jesus die and finally his resurrection, interjected, on the Tuesday, with Doug Horley coming along with his team for a praise party.

We found there to be a true sense of peace throughout the week, with all the young people enjoying their time together. All of us learned more about God, and it was good to have some children asking further questions about Jesus during the break time, with others desiring to further their commitment to God in response to certain 'calls' from the leaders, particularly in the older group.

Those who helped out were absolutely wonderful, as always, and their commitment was second to none. We are blessed to have such a great group of people, so willing to help. Our particular thanks goes to those who oversaw the week - their hard work paid off.

Following the Allsorts Holiday Bible Club week the Allsorts BBQ was held after the morning service on Sunday August 2nd. We were blessed with a fine dry day which helped the men assembling the gazebos, bringing out, erecting and setting up all the tables and chairs, and the BBQ's and the Bouncy Castle.

The men stood and cooked a great feast of Burgers and Sausages. The ladies brought and served super salads and delicious deserts, and poured a vast amount of cold drinks. The children thoroughly enjoyed the Bouncy Castle overseen by watchful eyes to keep them safe. The kitchen was busy with helpers washing, wiping and putting away, the clearing always takes time!

The grounds were kept impeccably clean by our 'site manager' and everyone seemed relaxed and appreciated the time to sit chat and get to know our newer friends talking together in the warm sunshine.

It was great to be 'Church Outside' in full view of the neighbours, passing traffic and walkers looking to see what was happening at church, enjoying the day.

Success? Yes, thanks to all the 40 plus people who made the day happen. May God bless you all.

Many thanks for all your help in every way.

Simon Downing and Gloria Bessent

Fresh Horizons

To some extent, this has been a somewhat disrupted year for Fresh Horizons, but we have had some interesting talks, one by Simon on Astronomy and another by Mr & Mrs Baile on their visit to the Holy Land.

In May we had a trip to Wendover Woods to see the bluebells (which fortunately were in bloom) followed by tea in the Café. The year closed with an afternoon led by the Chiltern Handbell Ringers which was enjoyed by all.

In spite of these 'highlights' it was felt that the group had outlived its purpose and although two or three members were disappointed, it has been decided to close Fresh Horizons. We therefore had a farewell lunch at The Oak Pub on Thursday, 7th January 2016; it may be, of course, that the Lord has something else in mind which will become clear over the coming months.

In closing, I would like to thank all the members for their support to me personally and to the group as a whole. I really have appreciated the love and encouragement shown, and even if an opening does not arise, it was felt that we could have a meal out each January so that we can keep in close contact with each other.

May God bless each and every one of you.

Sylvia Sutherland

Men's Breakfasts

2015 has seen an increase in the overall number of individuals who have attended on a Saturday morning to enjoy a cooked breakfast and the friendly social atmosphere. I say enjoy because those who first attended during the year have returned for seconds or even thirds! The monthly attendance has fluctuated between a dozen and sixteen. As with all groups we have lost some regular attendees, each of whom have their own reasons for ceasing. On behalf of all these attendees I would like to thank the team of seven who have faithfully braved the logistics to provide a 5, 6, or even a 7 item cooked breakfast each month. Grateful thanks also go to Craig Revie and Keith Loxley – Craig for providing and overseeing the coffee and tea and Keith for his own home-made bread and marmalade – when they are in attendance. Every good chef has an army to deal with the aftermath and we are no exception. A big thank you to everyone who has helped to wash up and clear everything away afterwards!

At the beginning of the year Keith gave his delayed talk on the 'History of Time Keeping' in our series of after-breakfast presentations. Later in the year Alan gave a very moving presentation entitled 'Saved by a Bomb' – the story of his father's release from a Japanese POW camp and his journey home after the detonation of the Hiroshima atom bomb. Although I have asked for volunteers to give a talk no-one has been forthcoming – possibly a case of follow that!

Our reputation has travelled far and wide – a visitor from North America joined us on a couple of occasions during the year. (No! He didn't fly in especially each time.) So, if you know of anyone who would like to join us at 9.00am on the first Saturday of each month, albeit occasionally, then please let me know. I will include them along with the other thirty-plus contacts I make each month. Thank you for all your prayerful support.

Rodney Floyd

Evangelism Team

At the beginning of this year the Lord gave the outreach team this piece of scripture from Romans 10:12-15: *For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call upon Him; for 'WHOEVER WILL CALL UPON THE LORD WILL BE SAVED'. How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And How shall they hear without a **preacher**? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, 'HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS'.*

The word 'preacher' in the Greek is **Kerusso** and means - to herald, to proclaim, to publish.... the Divine Truth. We all as children of God have the Divine Truth that is Jesus....to Herald that truth is not about preaching **at people**, it's about all of us IN Christ living and speaking our faith...the faith that we live by in our everyday. Living our faith and speaking naturally *from* our faith...

As a team we felt that the Lord was showing us that Witnessing/Evangelism is a constant way of life. Relationship with people being the key. Relationship not with an agenda of bringing people to fill up the church...but with the intention of 'heralding the truth' so that people can meet with Jesus for themselves.... when 'IN' Jesus people will naturally want to mix with people of like minds...ie Church.

The Lord also gave us the phrase 'Open Door', through an open door people **go out** as well as come in.... we Christians must go out to the people, as well as people coming into us...this isn't about 'doing church' but about going into their world/lives, and people being able to come into ours... (not church services, but the kingdom of God).

During the month of April, we had a ladies' soup and craft evening. And in the same month a bowling event was organised. Both events were well supported and enjoyed for us as a church and our guests.

As a team we no longer meet together, as last May I felt called to step down from co-ordinating the team and there has been no one as yet who has felt called to take on this role. However, the prayer card system is continuing to reach people and I am still asked for Welcome Wagon baskets, a lovely way to say "Hi" to new neighbours moving into our streets. And many of us invite people into our homes to 'meet and eat' physically and spiritually.

Each one of us is a new creation in Christ. God has given each one of us the Holy Spirit enabling us to walk by faith and not by sight. God has changed us and restored us to an intimate relationship with Him giving us salvation, and offering salvation to those around us. The apostle Paul says that we are 'Ambassadors for Christ', Ambassadors of the truth. God has committed to each one of us the word of reconciliation.... we have all been given the '**ministry of reconciliation**', we all have the privilege of telling others so that, they too can be restored to an intimate relationship with the Lord God through His Son Jesus Christ ...Saviour of the World.

So is there an outreach Team? Yes of course there is. It is each one of us, every believer who has called on the Name of the Lord, and as such every one of us has the '**ministry of reconciliation**', that is living our lives IN TRUTH...that is Jesus. Living and speaking the faith that we live by in our everyday.

Sue Leach

Home Groups

We have various home groups, these meet weekly on different days and times. They bring together over 45 people for prayer, the study of God's Word, support and caring for each other and outreach. Some home group leaders have given a report on their individual groups and I would just like to add my thanks to them for their continued commitment and time they put into their groups.

If you are not in a group at the moment and would like to join one please have a word with Simon and he will be pleased to place you in a group suitable for you.

Individual reports as follows:

We continue to enjoy our times around God's Word and our studies have been varied. We picked up on Simon's sermon some months ago about people who had been faithful to God and have looked at the lives of Ruth, Leah and Mary, the mother of Jesus. We have also looked at the letters to the churches in Revelation.

We are about to start a new series on Elijah, the prophet of fire and later to look at Solomon and the genealogy of Jesus.

We thank God for answered prayer in the lives of several of our members, and we continue to minister and care for each other.

A big thank you to those members who have led some of our studies in the past.

Alan Cookson

Our home group has continued to meet regularly all year, including during the summer holidays. There are now a total of nine of us when we all manage to meet together.

This year we have looked at some of Simon's sermons and have also concluded 2 Peter. We also studied the Sermon on the Mount, Colossians and Malachi. As well as this, we have supported each other in prayer and have prayed for varying issues in our church life.

We look forward to continuing to meet during the coming year and to continue studying God's word and praying together.

Martin & Penni Spriggs

This year has been an interesting one for the group with weddings, significant birthdays and family events. Through all these things we try to support and pray for each other and from time to time have a meal together.

As is our custom, we meet to pray, worship and read God's word together. We try to spend time each week in worship so that we give glory to God for who He is and what He has done in Jesus.

This year we have continued looking at the beginning chapters of the book of Matthew and, more recently, we have read and discussed aspects of the life of Moses.

Together we look forward to this new year and, as we pray specifically for members of our families, we look forward to what God will do in our own lives, the lives of those for whom we pray and within the life of the whole church.

Karen Dunnell

The house group has run well this year. We have continued to mainly use Simon's sheets as a basis for our discussions. We have spent time studying the Word and praying together, which we have all found to be encouraging and uplifting. We have organised a number of meals which we have invited people to and hope to continue with this next year. The meals have proved to be a good way to reach out to others and have led to some very enjoyable evenings.

Nicky Downing

We have had a very blessed time this year. Some amazing answers to prayer – healings, visas, houses, jobs and travelling protection. Our studies have been challenging and I know we have all grown in our understanding of who we are in Christ. We enjoyed a number of fellowship meals and outreached to friends and neighbours. With a big thank you to Gerry for leading our studies during the year, and an expectation of what the Lord will do next year.

Tina Gibbs

Well it's that time of year again, put aside the festivities and recap the year. As you may know, I have 2 groups in my home - a Tuesday morning ladies group and a Thursday evening ladies and gentlemen group.

Both groups have continued in the same way as previous years, studying God's word by looking at a particular book in Scripture and going through that book chapter by chapter. From the base of studying scripture, we find that we form deep relationships with each other, supporting each other in the good times and the not so good times. We also spend time seeking the Lord for each other.

In each group we alternate between the Old Testament and the New Testament as they are essential to each other.

In the Tuesday group we have been studying 1 Kings and now 2 Kings, in the Thursday group having finished Isaiah we took to the book of Revelation....this is proving to be very interesting!!

Throughout the year we meet together socially, celebrating birthdays and various special events. As groups of people loving the Lord, we all wait and watch in wonder as to all that the Lord will teach us in 2016.

Sue Leach

Our home group, small as it is, has continued to provide support to each other through the year. It has been a blessing to work through God's word together and explore how we can apply it in our everyday life. However, it has been the discussions of everyday life problems viewed through the supportive eyes of fellow Christians which have been particularly important, I feel.

I can only thank the members and Cathy, my co-leader in particular, for all their contributions, honesty and wonderful fellowship.

Jo Drury

Pastoral Visiting

Penni and I have visited a number of people in 2015. Usually these are church members, but sometimes people just need a visit, a chat, a coffee.... whatever. On occasions, individuals are hurting and struggling, just as we have been with family issues during the year. So, we all help one another. Penni and I enjoy meeting people, which makes chatting a pleasure.

If you would like us to visit you, please ask or phone. 'Occasionally', we are away on holiday, but usually we are around – retirement is a wonderful thing!

Martin and Penni Spriggs

Monthly Soup Lunches

Our ladies monthly get together for homemade soup and fellowship has been a great opportunity for us to get to know each other better. Numbers have varied each month. I send out text messages to remind people and we have also seen some new faces.

During the summer we stopped – mainly due to holidays and then in October my circumstances changed and I need to be with my parents. Now that my parents are settled in Cheddington, I hope to re-instate the soup lunches.

I have been asking the Lord about the future of the lunches – in reply I felt him prompting me to invite neighbours and friends – who might not know Jesus. So please if you (and your friends/neighbours) would like to join me for soup lunch, let me know.

May the God of patience and comfort grant us to be like-minded toward one another according to Christ Jesus. **Romans 15:5**

Gill Brownell

Prayer Cards & Prayer Walks

There have been 4 prayer card drops – we have had a couple of responses and it opened a door of conversation with one family – to invite them to other events.

After a lot of prayer – I felt the Lord lead me to the National Day of Prayer Weekend. Unfortunately, I didn't listen carefully enough to the Lord and our timing was out. However, the Lord never gives up and the prayer team are currently making plans for a joint St Michael's and Aston Clinton Baptist Prayer Weekend in June 2016, as well as having a prayer tent together as part of the Village Market Day in May 2016.

New prayer cards have been designed and an advert is intended to go out in the Village Life magazine for these events. We are still working on the details with St Michael's about the different strategies with regard to these events and how that fits with our regular delivering of prayer cards through people's doors.

I would very much like to thank the prayer team – Simon, Emma, Penny and Gerry for their continued patience and support over the year.

Holy God, open the eyes of the people in Aston Clinton and help them to see wonderful truths in your Word. **Psalms 119:18**

Gill Brownell

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2014	Budget Head	Actual	Budget
£		£	£
	<u>Receipts</u>		
55,119	Church Offerings	57,283	57,000
11,134	Tax Recovered	11,286	11,400
1,383	Gift Aid On Small Donations (GASDs)	1,355	1,250
6,327	Donations	3,422	5,300
<u>47</u>	Interest	<u>48</u>	<u>50</u>
<u>74,010</u>	Total Income	<u>73,394</u>	<u>75,000</u>
	<u>Payments</u>		
28,697	Pastor's Salary, NI & Pension	30,560	30,595
4,366	Pastoral Expenses (inc Manse)	4,417	4,700
35	Preachers	35	100
5,700	Payments to the Building Fund (2)	5,500	4,000
1,280	Church Cleaning	900	1,450
4,670	Church Premises Running Costs	4,616	5,800
12,117	Youth Leader Salary, NI & Pension (4)	12,371	12,371
1,682	Mission – Youth Café & Youth (4)	2,336	2,850
919	Mission – Adults, Allsorts, etc (4)	921	1,600
3,320	Equipment & Miscellaneous (3)	3,127	4,000
<u>5,840</u>	Church Gifts to Other Causes (1)	<u>7,340</u>	<u>7,500</u>
<u>68,626</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>72,123</u>	<u>74,966</u>

5,384	<u>Surplus Against Budget</u>	1,237
5,384	Overall Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>1,271</u>
3,296	Individual Gifts to Other Causes	2,280

<u>Reasons for the difference between actual and budget</u>		
Additional Offerings	283	
Lower Hall Lettings	-1,878	
Lower Premises Running Costs	1,184	
Increased Allocation to Building Fund	-1,500	
Church Cleaning	551	
Lower Equipment & Misc	873	
Lower Adult Mission	679	
Lower Youth Costs	514	
All Other Variations	<u>531</u>	
	<u>1,237</u>	
Church Cash Balances	01/01/2015	31/12/2015
Church Account	18,857	20,128
Building Fund (Note 2)	<u>5,056</u>	<u>9,003</u>
Total	<u>23,913</u>	<u>29,131</u>

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<u>Total</u>	<u>Gifts to Other Causes (Note 1)</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Personal</u>	<u>Total</u>
1,472	Home Mission	1,835	13	1,848
1,020	Aylesbury Vale Youth for Christ	0	0	0
440	Iain Rennie Hospice	918	178	1,096
0	Pulse	917	0	917
388	Spurgeon's Children's Homes	0	471	471
31	Communion Fund	0	38	38
<u>3,351</u>		<u>3,670</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>4,370</u>
1,690	BMS World Mission (Inc Birthday)	1,835	190	2,025
895	Toybox	0	205	205
585	Children for Christ Romania	917	0	917
585	Hands of Mercy – Philippines	918	0	918
<u>2,030</u>	Other Causes – DEC, Agri, Mexico, Youth, etc	<u>0</u>	<u>1,185</u>	<u>1,185</u>
<u>5,785</u>		<u>3,670</u>	<u>1,580</u>	<u>5,250</u>
<u>9,136</u>	Total	<u>7,340</u>	<u>2,280</u>	<u>9,620</u>

Building Fund (Note 2)

Building Fund – Income

Brought Forward from 2014	5,056
Income – From Church Funds	5,500
	<u>10,556</u>

Building Fund – Expenditure

Roof Repairs - Telnik	1,014
Church Door Lock	253
Window	109
All Other	<u>177</u>
	<u>1,553</u>

Building Fund – Carry Forward to 2016 **9,003**

Equipment & Miscellaneous (3)

Fire Check	54
New Photocopier	209
Boiler Maintenance (2 Boilers)	435
Toner / Printing, etc	462
CCLI Licence	249
Memberships / Subs	315
Paper Hand Towels	353
New Radio Mic	345
Easy Worship / Website	122
Mower Service / Repairs	90
Other	493
Total	<u>3,127</u>

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<u>Mission – Youth, Children, Cafe, Adults (4)</u>		
<u>Main Items</u>		
12,117	Youth Leader – Pay, NI & Pension	12,371
2,400	Pulse – Support for Café (see below)	2,700
145	Christmas Leaflets (Inc Live Nativity 2014)	105
755	Soul Survivor	710
167	Allsorts / Allsorts +	275
169	Sunday Allsorts / Light Party	95
1,696	Youth Club & Youth Café	1,744
226	Weekly Youth Cell Groups	505
240	Urban Saints Youth Resources	240
147	Village Events	0
290	Outreach Events	189
0	Christianity Explored Resources & Food	239
50	Youth Church	70
53	All Other	161
18,455		19,404
1,969	Less Contributions Rec'd for Pulse Worker	1,949
431	Pulse Reserves Used	732
<u>1,337</u>	Less Grants Utilised	<u>1,095</u>
<u>14,718</u>	Net Expenditure	<u>15,628</u>
732	Pulse Worker Contributions c/f to 2016	<u>0</u>
1,788	Grants / Youth Funds Remaining in Reserves	<u>1,064</u>

<u>Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31 December 2015</u>		
<u>Assets</u>		
18,857	Church Account	20,128
5,056	Building Fund (Note 2)	9,003
732	Pulse Youth Worker (Note 4)	0
3,332	Other Funds	2,330
1,272,071	Church Buildings (Insured Value)	1,284,771
92,115	Church Contents (Insured Value)	93,035
<u>184,194</u>	Manse (Insured Value)	<u>194,379</u>
1,576,357		1,603,646
1,576,357	Pledge to Future Church Members	1,603,646

<u>Manse – Charity Number 273094</u>		
2,184	Council Tax & Water Rates	2,250
229	Insurance	238
302	Maintenance & Gas Boiler	0
2,220	New Boiler (2014)	0
265	Replace Fridge/Freezer (2014)	0
<u>141</u>	Phone Rental	<u>141</u>
<u>5,341</u>	Deficit for the Year	<u>2,629</u>

The manse is provided for the residence of the Minister of Aston Clinton Baptist Church who under the terms of his appointment is granted rent free tenure. All expenses of upkeep of the manse are paid by the church.

Accounts prepared by Cathy Graham, Church Treasurer

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Report of the Independent Examiner to the Deacons and Members of Aston Clinton Baptist Church

In accordance with the provisions of Section 43 of the Charities Act 1993, I have examined the receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities of the church on pages 20-22 relating to the year ended 31st December 2015.

I confirm that the accounts and statement accord with the accounting records of the church and that such record satisfy the requirements of the Act. I am not aware of any matter to which attention needs to be drawn in order to obtain a proper understanding of the accounts.

Signed
(Independent Examiner)

Date