



ALLCHURCHES TRUST LIMITED®
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Another record year of giving

Review of 2015

**Benefiting churches, charities
and their communities**

Chairman's Report



2015 was another outstanding year for Allchurches Trust. Helped by receipts totalling £20.0m from Ecclesiastical, our wholly owned subsidiary, we were able to give away £2.0m more in grants to churches, schools and charities than in 2014. The total of grants made - £11.7m as against £9.7m the previous year - was another record.

A Company to be Proud of

Ecclesiastical has transformed its performance over the last 3 years. In 2015, it achieved pre-tax profits of £53.6m and record net assets, despite difficult market conditions and severe floods in the UK at the end of the year. This excellent outcome meant that Ecclesiastical ended 2015 well on the way to achieving its target of giving £50m to good causes through Allchurches over the three years 2014-16, a target it announced it had reached in March 2016, well ahead of its self-imposed deadline.

Together with our beneficiaries, we thank Ecclesiastical's staff, management and Board, and all its loyal customers, for their respective contributions to this very considerable achievement.

The Grants we Made

Later in this Review you will find a detailed account of where the money we received in 2015 as a result of our ownership of Ecclesiastical went, along with some examples of the projects we supported. Among the highlights, we:

- Increased our block grants to dioceses and cathedrals by 2.5%, on top of a 5% increase last year.
- As well as those grants to dioceses and cathedrals (totalling £8.0m), handed out £3.7m (2014: £1.8m) in response to applications received directly from parishes, cathedrals, schools and charities. A breakdown of these grants is given on page 3.
- Committed over £500,000 to three "flagship projects", one of them being the 'Just Pray' Campaign. This not only achieved very considerable publicity just before Christmas 2015 for the importance of Prayer but has also created a lasting digital prayer resource managed by the Church of England.

- Set aside £1.0 million to help especially vulnerable churches to acquire roof alarms to guard against the theft of lead.
- Began to apply a systematic uplift to grants to give additional help to less well-off parishes, as determined by the Church Urban Fund deprivation index.

In addition we were able to add £10.0 million to our expendable endowment fund, a policy we have adopted in order to diversify and enhance the Trust's asset base, increasing its size from £36m to £45m at the year end. We use the income from this fund to help us make more grants. Our reserves at 31 December 2015 stood at £15.1m, of which £0.6m was to cover grants committed but not yet expended, £8.0m was to cover grants expected to be made to dioceses and cathedrals in 2016, and £1.0m was to cover other programmes expected to be undertaken in that year.

Improving our Performance

We continued our systematic review of our grants policies. One result of this was our decision to introduce new arrangements for grant-making in Canada and Ireland, building on the success of the more devolved approach already in place in Australia. These arrangements will come into effect in 2016.

We have also been busy improving our systems of governance and the resources which underpin the service we give to our beneficiaries. Our new-look Report and Accounts is the result both of our adoption of the new SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice) for Charities and of other steps we have taken to make these key documents easier to read and therefore more accessible. We have updated our articles of association and other constitutional documents. We have upgraded our website, as well as making other improvements to the way we communicate what we do to key interested parties. We employed a second grants officer, Peter Mojsa, covering the North of England, Scotland and Ireland, and acquired a third, Jeremy Noles, covering the South East and East Anglia, early in 2016. And we have just recruited Janet Gough to a new post of executive Director of the charity, which will become effective on the retirement of our much-respected Grants and Relationships Manager, Philip Arundel, at the end of August 2016.

Ensuring Continued Effective Leadership

The Board of the Trust has welcomed the arrival of a new member, Stephen Hudson, early in 2016. Stephen is the experienced Finance Director of another significant charity as well as an active parishioner in the Derby Diocese. Later in the year we shall bid farewell to Michael Chamberlain, one of our longest serving trustees and a much valued colleague. That, however, is a subject for next year's Review.

More immediately, I cannot end this introduction to our Review without paying a very warm tribute to Will Samuel and David Christie, respectively Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Ecclesiastical, who stood down from those roles in March 2016. Both have at different times served on the Board of Allchurches and Ecclesiastical owes much

of its present success to their sustained efforts. On behalf of Allchurches, I can only say thank you to them both and wish them well as a new chapter opens for each of them, and for Ecclesiastical. My colleagues and I also welcome Edward Creasy as Will Samuel's successor and wish him well in the demanding role he is now taking on. Together we look forward with confidence to the years ahead.

Sir Philip Mawer
ATL Chairman

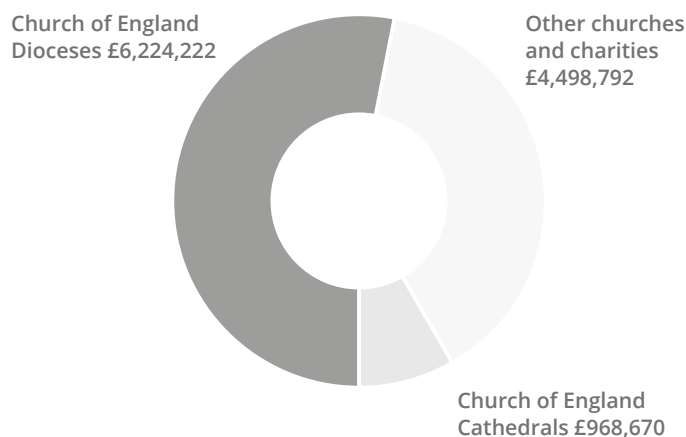
Our Grants - £11.7 million

The £11.7 million we gave away to good causes in 2015 breaks down like this:

Where the money went	Number of grants	How much £000
Church of England Cathedrals	90	969
Church of England Dioceses	84	6,224
Large Grants, above £3,000	224	2,242
Small Grants, up to £3,000	912	1,136
Special Projects	30	1,121
Total Grants	1340	11,692

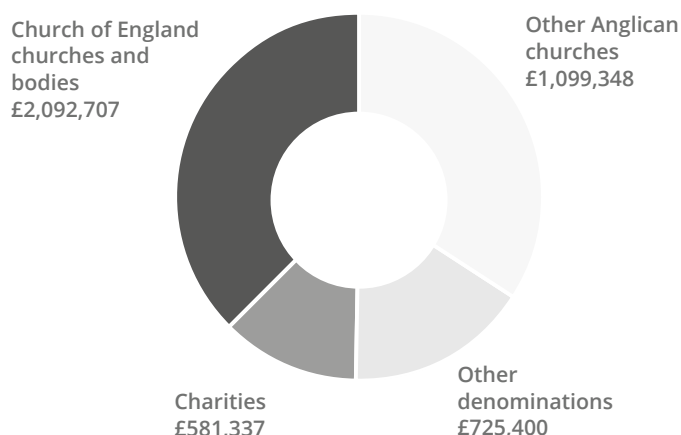
Grants to Church of England Dioceses and Cathedrals totalling £7,192,892 were used in many different ways including:

- supporting the deployment of clergy, particularly in areas of greatest need
- funding specific mission initiatives, for example, youth and children's work
- training of lay and ordained people, including pioneer ministers
- resourcing and developing music in cathedrals
- repairs and maintenance of cathedral fabric
- educational outreach and programmes in cathedrals.



Grants to Church of England parishes and bodies, churches of other denominations and charities totalling £4,498,792, were made and used for a variety of projects including:

- building and restoration works
- church community initiatives
- school projects
- projects helping people in need.



Our impact

Helping Bristol Cathedral provide a truly warm welcome

Bristol Cathedral's fabric and facilities were holding back its vision for community outreach.

The boiler was old and not working well, the toilet facilities were no longer fit for purpose and the back offices urgently needed better fire protection.

A grant from Allchurches Trust helped Bristol to carry out much-needed refurbishment work. The back office now has fire protection and a fire escape, and the washroom facilities have been upgraded, with five new ladies' toilets and a refurbished gents'.

Now that the basics are in place, Bristol Cathedral aims to harness some of the creative talent in Bristol to enhance the visitor experience.



The Well that keeps on giving

Two Christian schools in Bath, one Church of England and one Roman Catholic, have got together to create a much-needed further education facility in Bath. The New Sixth is a space where students can come and meet each other, with facilities including a café and auditorium.



The space is also home for The Well, a pastoral centre that gives students a space they can call their own. Students of any faith can meet in their free time, and school chaplains can use the facility for mentoring and support.

At Allchurches Trust, we were very impressed by how the project was bringing together two schools of different denominations, and by their vision for The Well. We have made a grant towards the project, to help the parents and students who have been passionately fundraising to make their dream a reality.

A food bank is bringing more than nutrition to Reddish

Reddish is a borough in the north of Stockport. The community is facing hard times, and statistics show there are growing pockets of deprivation, with a number of families living in food poverty.

Now the Manchester Diocese is using funding from an Allchurches Trust grant to bring resources, hope and opportunity to people in the community. The Diocese has



set up 'Re:Dish', a charity that provides no cost and low cost food for families in the area, using local expertise to encourage healthy nutrition.

The charity isn't just helping to improve people's

health, it is also reconnecting people to networks of help and support. People are learning how to cope with debt and take control of their lives to overcome chaotic living.

One of the Manchester Diocese's mission goals is to work with and serve communities, and the grant from Allchurches Trust is helping them do just that.

Helping Moorlands build tomorrow today

Situated close to Christchurch in Dorset, Moorlands College has trained over 3,000 graduates. The emphasis is on 'Applied Theology,' which means moving from theory to practice. Students become people of integrity who make an impact in their community, for instance going on to work with Social Services or helping with the rehabilitation of ex-offenders.



By 2014 Moorlands' buildings and facilities had become stretched to the limit. To attract students and maintain its high standards of education, Moorlands needed a new chapel, a larger lecture room and new dining facilities.

Supporting Christian projects that benefit young people is very close to our heart, and we were happy to make a grant towards the development. The building work was completed in Autumn 2015, and the college now has new kitchen and dining room facilities, as well as a new reception area and larger lecture theatre.

With a light, attractive Chapel and multi-use facilities, the development is an inspiring place. We are proud to say that one of the seminar rooms is badged as being sponsored by Allchurches Trust Limited.



Restoring a national treasure

The Landmark Trust is a charity that restores historic buildings across the country, making them available for holidaymakers to rent out and experience.

Thanks to a timely legacy, the Trust was able to purchase St Edward's Presbytery in Ramsgate when it came on the market. This historic building was part of the architect Augustus Pugin's vision for a thriving Catholic community, but it had fallen into disrepair.

The Trust approached Allchurches Trust for a grant to carry out essential repairs. Not only would a renovated

Presbytery take pride of place next to the thriving church of St Augustine's, it would provide much-needed employment in a deprived area.



We made a grant towards the restoration work, which involved reusing original

materials wherever possible. The restoration of the Presbytery means that the whole site is now much as Pugin first intended. "It's brought a historic building back into use," explains Amy Taylor, Media Officer for the Landmark Trust, "and it will give a real boost to the local economy."



Reinstating a new community hall

Situated in the Thames Gateway, most of the accommodation in the district of Erith is social housing, and average household incomes are low. A community hall for local groups is urgently needed, yet the old church hall at St. John the Baptist Church is in a bad state of repair.

Through grants and loans, the Diocese of Rochester has helped the church purchase a nearby industrial unit and it is now being transformed into a new community centre. Allchurches Trust has made a grant towards the project, and work has already begun. Many local groups are planning to use the new hall, and the first floor will provide a large meeting space, with a kitchen and toilets.

The ground floor will become the new home of Re-Instate, a charity that supports disadvantaged people such as those with mental illnesses and learning difficulties, helping them live independent lives, and which was originally set up in the 1940's by the then Curate of St John's to provide support for former servicemen suffering from shellshock.

Across the diocese there is a real feeling that the new hall will release the potential within St. John's to reach out to the wider community. We're pleased to be involved.

From a small building comes a big vision

St Madoes and Kinfaus Parish Church in Perthshire was built as a preaching box in 1799, but these days it is just too small for all the work the busy congregation does. The church lacks a kitchen or lavatory, and access is extremely difficult as the building is down an unmade narrow lane.

After much prayer and public consultation, the congregation decided they needed a new building that could serve the whole community. The new building will be on the main road, with much easier access to the village, and will serve as a worship space as well as a community hall.

Allchurches Trust was very impressed with the community work that St Madoes does, with pastoral visits, a weekly soup lunch, dementia care support groups and more. The new space will also make a world of difference to people from the disabled housing project in the village, as it will be so much easier to access and use.

A home for the homeless

Despite its image as a well-to-do seaside location, Clacton-on-Sea is a town with a number of social problems. Homelessness is rife, perhaps because there



is a common myth amongst prison populations that the town offers plenty of work and accommodation for ex-offenders.

Trinity Methodist Church Clacton is doing all it can to

help the homeless. The church helps with the nightly soup run, and offers tea and toast in the church hall each Wednesday morning, as well as a Grub Club providing people with a hot meal once a week.

So many people are coming along to benefit from the food, support and shelter, that Trinity is looking to expand this part of its ministry. Allchurches Trust is supporting them with a grant to help them create a community café that will be open every day. The planned refurbishments will create a useful, flexible space and an even warmer welcome to people who need support.

Timely help for West Yorkshire Community Chaplaincy Project

Spending time in prison can significantly diminish a person's self-esteem, and they can face prejudice in the outside world. West Yorkshire Community Chaplaincy Project (WYCCP) gives support to ex-offenders, helping them find a place in society once more.

The support includes practical help such as claiming benefits, accessing a doctor and looking for work, as well as advice to help men make positive choices and lead a crime-free life.

The project, which works with around 300 men a year, is clearly successful as 75% of the men that WYCCP worked with are still in the community one year on from release.

At the beginning of 2015, the foundation was facing a significant cash flow problem. They approached Allchurches Trust for a grant, and we were happy to help them continue their life-changing work. Since the grant the project has managed to come through this difficult period.



That's great news for ex-offenders like Eddie, who says "I truly believe that the more people there are that can do what WYCCP do for ex-offenders like me, a lot less crime would be committed."

Our people – comings and goings

The talents and expertise of our people are the cornerstone of ATL's success as an efficient and generous charity.

New to the Board of Trustees is Stephen Hudson, who was appointed in January 2016 having worked within the charity sector for nearly 30 years. Stephen is a Chartered Accountant and currently serves as the Finance Director and Secretary of the Investment and Audit Committee of the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation, a large national charity working within the former coal communities within the UK. He also acts as Independent Examiner for a number of charities. Prior to his work within the charities sector Stephen was Head of Finance for a trade union and trained and worked in auditing for KPMG.

Stephen will be replacing Michael Chamberlain who retires from the ATL Board in 2016 after serving as an ATL Trustee for 10 years.

Also retiring in 2016 is ATL's Relations and Grants Manager, Philip Arundel.



We have appointed Janet Gough, currently director of ChurchCare, as our new Chief Executive from 1 September.

We welcome Jeremy Noles who joins the grants team as Grants Officer covering the South East of England.

We're really proud of all the work our Board and staff do to make decisions about grants and manage ATL's finances. Read more about them at www.allchurches.co.uk

The ATL Trustees are: Sir Philip Mawer, Michael Arlington, Michael Chamberlain, David Christie, The Venerable Annette Cooper, Stephen Hudson, Sir Laurie Magnus, Christopher Smith, The Rt. Revd. Nigel Stock, Denise Wilson OBE.

If you apply for a grant, it is likely you'll be in touch with at least one person from our grants team:

Iain Hearn: Grants Administrator

Peter Mojsa: Grants Officer covering the North of England, Scotland and Ireland

Jeremy Noles: Grants Officer covering the South East of England

Paul Playford: Grants Officer covering Wales and the South and West of England

Helping to change people's lives



Photo courtesy of The Engine Room

Ecclesiastical's Chief Executive Officer, Mark Hews, visited projects supported by ATL during the year.

The first beneficiary was a new church "St Francis at the Engine Room" in Tottenham Hale. This is the

first of 100 new churches that the Bishop of London is establishing to cope with the surge in population and, therefore, church attendance around London.

On arrival it was clear that this was not a church in a conventional sense, but a new thriving and caring community hub, situated on the ground floor of a

modern tower block with some very deprived areas nearby. Indeed it was right by the place where Mark Duggan was shot a few years ago, which sparked the Tottenham Riots. The new hub will provide a café, kitchen, nursery, counselling, training for work, art workshops for the disabled, "make lunch" projects (how to cook), youth clubs, Sunday worship and much more!

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The team we met were inspirational, supporting many people and helping to change people's lives. ”

Mark Hews,
Ecclesiastical CEO

Our thanks

Because ATL receives its money from a business and not from public donations, the success of that business crucially affects the extent to which ATL can support good causes.

Projects like those outlined on the previous pages could not be supported without the achievements of the Ecclesiastical Board and staff.

And of course Ecclesiastical could not achieve all that they do without the loyal support of their customers.

Together, we are passionate about protecting and supporting churches and the communities they serve. Thank you for making 2015 such a generous year of giving.

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You've directly affected the lives of young people in Waterloo in a really positive way ”

Sam Mepham,
Hub Athletic FC, Oasis Trust

There are many more beneficiaries, visit www.allchurches.co.uk to keep in touch about how grants benefit churches and communities every day.



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