



**ALLCHURCHES TRUST LIMITED**®  
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# A record year of giving

Review of 2014

**Benefiting churches, charities  
and their communities**

# Chairman's Note



"Welcome to our first annual review, a chance to look back on a record year of giving by Allchurches Trust Limited (ATL).

ATL's mission is to promote and support the Christian religion. It does this by contributing financially to charitable organisations and churches. We can give in this way because we own a business, Ecclesiastical, which specialises in insuring Anglican churches and churches of other denominations and providing advisory, insurance broking and investment services. We use all the available profits from this business to support good causes.

Every year, we receive over 1,000 applications, which are carefully considered by our trustees.

In 2014, ATL distributed grants totalling £9.7 million, the most we have ever given in a year, which went to a wide range of churches, cathedrals and charities throughout the British Isles.

Although the majority of our support goes to the Church of England, grants are also made in response to applications from ecumenical partner churches, church schools and charities. We particularly welcome applications from less well off parishes and for projects which benefit mission and help local communities.

Grants from ATL range in size depending on the scale of the project to be undertaken. This review shows you how our total giving is split between small and large grants, as well as giving you a taste of how churches and communities benefit.

Ecclesiastical has committed to donate £50 million to good causes through ATL over the three years 2014-2016. This is a challenging but hugely commendable ambition.

Given Ecclesiastical's solid performance and favourable conditions in the insurance market, we hope to be able to increase our giving to the Church even further over the coming three years. With the continued support of Ecclesiastical's customers, we are confident we can achieve that aim".

**Sir Philip Mawer**

ATL Chairman

# Our people - comings and goings



Michael Arlington

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 Directors is Michael Arlington. Michael is a farmer, as well as the Chair of the Finance Committee in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham and Deputy Chair of the Finance Committee of the Archbishops' Council. He replaces Fraser Hart who served with distinction for ten years on the board. We wish Fraser a happy retirement.

We're really proud of all the work our board does to make decisions about grants and manage ATL's finances. Read more about them at [www.allchurches.co.uk](http://www.allchurches.co.uk).

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



Philip Arundel



Iain Hearn



Peter Mojsa



Paul Playford

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

**Paul Playford:** Part-time Grants Officer covering Wales and the South and West of England, recruited in 2014.

**Peter Mojsa:** Part-time Grants Officer covering the North of England and Scotland, recruited in 2015.

Both Grant Officers support ATL's Relations and Grants Manager **Philip Arundel** and Grants Administrator **Iain Hearn**.

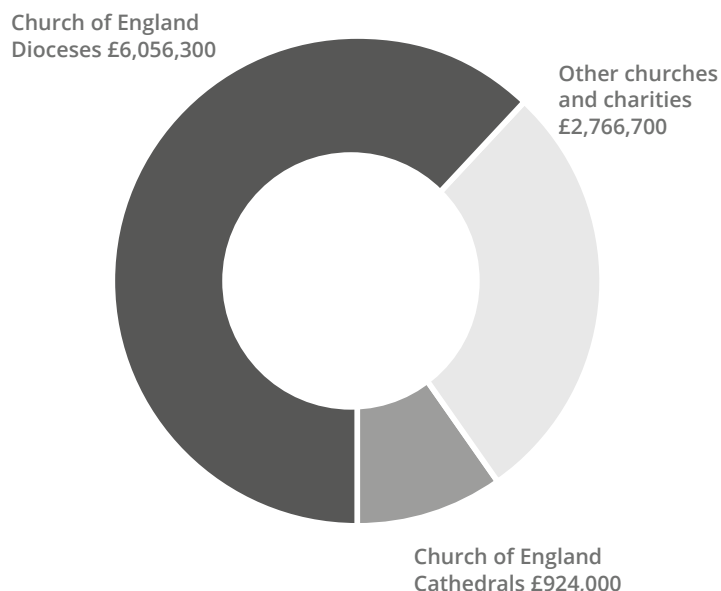
# Our Grants - £9.7 million

The £9.7 million we gave away to good causes in 2014 breaks down like this:

Where the money went	Number of grants	How much £
Church of England Dioceses	41	6,056
Church of England Cathedrals	43	924
Large Grants, above £3,000	150	1,695
Small Grants, up to £3,000	831	793
Special Projects - those which have a national impact	12	279
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>1077</b>	<b>9,747</b>

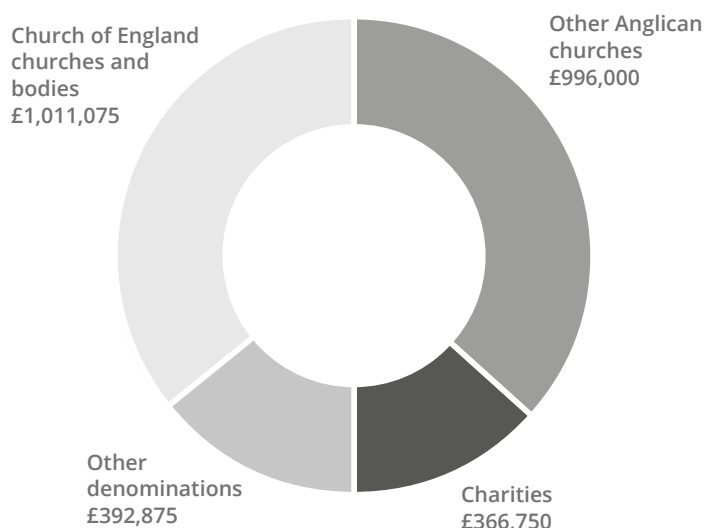
Grants to Church of England Dioceses and Cathedrals totalling £6,980,300, were used in many different ways including:

- 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 £2,766,700, were made and used for a variety of projects including:

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



## Dioceses



Our grants to dioceses enable them to support local projects to enhance the mission of the church that may not otherwise be possible. In the Diocese of Newcastle our 2014 grant was used to pay for a venue for a conference for 100 people who have a role in their local church, but who aren't ordained.

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The conference was set up to explain how much lay people matter, and give them a confidence-boost to really encourage them to have their say in the way the Church of England is run ”

**Canon Carol Wolstenholme**  
Diocese of Newcastle

## Cathedrals



The tercentenary in 2014 of Birmingham Cathedral is typical of the projects supported by our Cathedral grants. With ATL's support, the cathedral has been able to offer a rich and varied programme of musical, cultural and educational events throughout the year.

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There have been so many events which have brought people together from all over Birmingham into the cathedral or its grounds, and we hope that through those events, people have felt the love and hospitality that a cathedral can offer ”

**Anna Pitt**  
Director of Fundraising, Birmingham Cathedral

## Grants and Special Projects

ATL provides support to many churches and charities through its grant programmes and also helps support some large special projects. More examples of ATL grants are given on the following pages.

“

I am sure that many of the community groups who use our hall will benefit enormously from this repair. ”

**Rev Bernadette Hegarty**  
St Paul's Church, Bow Common, London

# Our impact – a taste of good things

This is just a small sample of some the churches and charities which have benefited from ATL grants.



## St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School, Irlam, Manchester

A small grant of £1000 went towards the repair and refurbishment of a former caretaker's office, which was transformed into a prayer room for the children.

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As well as the prayer and worship that will take place there, we have a weekly visit from a family counsellor who supports children who are experiencing challenging circumstances. She will be able to use this lovely space too ”

**Dawn Ridyard,**  
Headteacher

## Rainbow Living

Parents of young people with learning difficulties and special needs worried about their children's future. With the help of an ATL grant of £5,000 they purchased a house to convert into a bespoke home where their children could live with carers and receive a varied, stimulating and loving place to live, for the rest of their lives.

“

We know that Michael has such a happy, varied and full life where he lives at Rainbow House. That's so good for him, but it's such a good thing for us as well

”

**Parent of young person with special needs**



## Helping young offenders in Ireland towards a new life

The Dublin based Solas Project has used an ATL grant to deliver a seamless, structured pre and post release programme delivering emotional support and practical assistance for young offenders. Thanks to these interventions, there has been a dramatic decrease in reoffending rates.



“

It was great to get that bit of help to get back on my feet ”

**Tony**  
a former young offender, age 20

## Buckland United Reformed Church, Portsmouth

The congregation at Buckland URC church had long-dreamed of making their church building more suitable for community use and already offer rooms so that support and self-help groups, as well as groups for children and small start-up businesses, have a place to meet and work. Homeless people can find food and other provisions there on a weekly basis.

“

It is so exciting to see the builders on site and to know that our dream of more fully engaging with our local community is a step nearer. We are so grateful to ATL for its support and grant of £5,000 ”

**Cliff Bembridge,**  
URC Minister



# Turning young lives around

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

The first was a visit to PSALMS, a youth project in the Stroud area, established in 2009 to engage with 'socially excluded' young people, typically young men aged 16 to 21. 'Excluded' perhaps due to substance abuse, poor education, limited employment prospects or aggressive or anti-social behaviour – 90% of participants were NEET (a person Not in Employment, Education or Training).



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Over time, this project helps to develop social, community and teamwork skills, and even leadership and coaching skills, which in turn helps to build confidence and self-esteem. The team running the project was inspirational. And their work – unlocked in part by the funds from ATL – was undoubtedly transforming young 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 2014 such a generous year of giving.

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What you are doing is saving peoples' lives. When I felt there was no hope you gave me hope ”

**Single mother,**  
Salvation Army, Droitwich Spa

There are thousands more beneficiaries, visit [www.allchurches.co.uk](http://www.allchurches.co.uk) to keep in touch about how grants benefit churches and communities every day.



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