



## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2014

### Visits during the year

This year saw a mixture of London early evening visits and rural focus days with a good attendance from Society members. Following on from last year's visit to St Paul's, at the beginning of May twenty people attended an early evening tour of Southwark Cathedral. We are indebted to the current architect Kelley Christ who led an excellent tour exploring the hidden spaces, interesting quirks and current works at this amazing building. Later in May members enjoyed a visit to the new Bishop Edward King Chapel at Cuddesdon where Niall McLaughlin spoke about the process of designing and constructing this modern worship space at Ripon College. Shortlisted for the Sterling Prize in 2013 this chapel while relatively small in scale has major significance in contributing to current thought in liturgical design and we are grateful to Paul Velluet for organising this visit.

The last of this year's three events saw a small focus-group visit St Mary's Deerhurst and Odda's Chapel on a sunny July Saturday. Under the guidance of Michael Hare, an acknowledged expert on their history, architecture, and archaeology, members explored the buildings' many fascinating details. As well as a trip up the tower there was a chance to discuss and debate the unique post-Reformation communion arrangements in the chancel. The day finished with a complete contrast, a brief visit to Holy Innocents, Highnam, a church of 1851 conceived and decorated by Thomas Gambier Parry.

In addition to those who led these tours many thanks are due to the members who attended for making these such enjoyable visits.

### Annual conference

The seventeenth Annual Conference, which was attended by something under one hundred people, including a number of non-members, was held at the St Alban's Centre, Holborn on 4 October 2014. Its title was 'Twentieth-century churches: new buildings for a changing world', and it was organised in association with the Twentieth Century Society, who played a major role in shaping the event, and marketing it.

The following people spoke (listed in alphabetical order): Louise Campbell on Basil Spence as a church designer, Catherine Croft and Henrietta Billings on the challenges of recent twentieth-century church casework, Andrew Derrick on 'The Basilican tradition as a distinctive Roman Catholic architectural vernacular', Robert Drake on 'Thomas Ford and Hans Feibusch, a unique collaboration', Elain Harwood on 'The Liturgical Movement in

Britain', and our President David Stancliffe on developments in fonts and baptism in the twentieth century.

A number of themes emerged during the day, for example the ecumenical search for the 'purity' of earliest Christianity (in fonts and baptism, and the basilican plan, and the bringing of liturgical action closer to the people) and how often the shortage of money influenced building forms and furnishings – with a tendency to concentrate expenditure on a few key points in the building, and to make a virtue of that. The event, on a topic which the Society has perhaps to some extent neglected in the past, was very successful and appreciated by all those who attended.

### **Annual lectures, etc**

The lecture at the Society's AGM held at the St Alban's Centre, Holborn on the evening of the 10 April was given by Sarah Brown, Director and Chief Executive of the York Glaziers Trust and a Senior Lecturer and Course Director in York University's Department of the History of the Art Centre for Mediaeval Studies, and a distinguished member of the Society's Council. Sarah spoke on 'John Thornton's stained glass Apocalypse in the east window of York Minster: The creation and conservation of a mediaeval master-piece', providing a lucid and fascinating insight into the design, history and care of the one of the finest windows of Western Europe.

Niall McLaughlin's speaking to members about the planning, design and construction of the new Edward King Chapel at Ripon College, Cuddesdon on the occasion of the members' visit on the 27 May served most effectively as the sixteenth Stephen Dykes Bower Memorial Lecture which had been deferred from December 2013, maintaining the broad theme of this series of lectures of contemporary issues and projects in church design and architecture.

Most disappointingly, at a late stage, Ptolemy Dean, Surveyor of the Fabric to Westminster Abbey had to withdraw from delivering the seventeenth Dykes Bower Lecture at The Art Workers' Guild in Queen Square on the evening of Wednesday 3 December, due to serious illness. Ptolemy was due to speak on 'Westminster Abbey: Continuing and new projects'. Fortunately, architect and architectural historian Paul Velluet, a member of the Society's Council, was able to take Ptolemy's place at short notice and spoke on 'Liturgical change and the place of choirs and organs: Some reflections on the work and values of Stephen Dykes Bower and on the current ordering of cathedrals and churches, new and old', drawing together a range of current issues inspired by the architectural and musical interests of our late President and focusing on his work in the fields of re-ordering and the design of organ-cases. The lecture was very well received. The evening was agreeably concluded with the customary pre-Christmas reception for members

### **Publications**

A number of e-newsletters were issued by the Society during the course of the year. These e-newsletters, which are free to anyone who wishes to sign up, advertise the Society's events, and draw attention to many other matters of ecclesiological interest, including events organised by other societies. There are about 1,500 recipients, of whom approximately 500 are members of the Society. The Society's policy is that those members

of the Society who do not receive the emailing are at no disadvantage in respect of the Society's events.

Two issues of *Ecclesiology Today* were published, both of them double editions (*ET* 47/48 and *ET* 49/50). The latter issue was entitled *For Public Benefit: Churches and Chapels cared for by Trusts*, and was an example of the Society devoting an entire issue of *Ecclesiology Today* to one topic under a named editor, something we have done occasionally in the past. These two issues brought the publication schedule up to date.

Two editions of *Church Crawler* were published in this year, moving to colour for the first time. It continues with a mix of news and features from members. Society activity summaries were included for the first time in the October edition. This mix has elicited positive feedback from members. The Society plans to continue with two editions of *Church Crawler* each year.

The Society's website went live in 1998 and is now out of date in its design and operation. In 2014 Council began a project to build a completely new website, managed by Ruth Knight (to whom the Council is grateful). It will be launched during 2015.

During the year the Society occasionally Tweeted. Our current policy is only to Tweet when we have something worthwhile to say.

### **Other activities**

The Society's Council, having been alerted to the fact that the inscription on the listed tomb of the great Victorian architect, William Butterfield, in Tottenham Cemetery was rendered almost illegible due to over a hundred years of weathering, resolved to undertake a project to mark the bi-centenary of the architect's birth in September 2014 by securing the conservative cleaning of the tomb and the sensitive re-cutting of the inscription.

With fund-raising led by Geoff Brandwood and design, technical and planning aspects directed by Paul Velluet, the work was successfully completed by Hirst Conservation in time for members of the Society and their guests, members of the architect's family, donors and members of the congregation of the nearby All Hallows' Church, to gather for a short lecture by Geoff Brandwood, the blessing of the restored tomb and a tea-party on the afternoon of Sunday 7 September, the bi-centenary.

The Society would like to express its grateful thanks and appreciation to all those who contributed to the funding of the project and its successful completion. Full details of the project will be published in the first 2015 issue of *Ecclesiology Today* (no. 51), including a list of donors.

### **Membership**

With regret the Council noted during the course of the year the death of the following members, either in 2014 or earlier: Dr Margaret Aston; Mr John M. Bray (who provided the excellent drawings for the Society's publication on Southwark churches some years ago); Mr Brian V. Field; Mr John Henman (for many years Membership Secretary of the Society); Mr Paul R. Joyce; Professor Kenneth Murta (a former member of the Society's

Council and Hon. Secretary of the Society); the Revd Dr. Michael Peel, BA, BD, Mlitt (a former member of the Society's Council and Chairman of the Council, and latterly a Vice-President; an obituary was carried in *Ecclesiology Today*); Mr A. Scrivener; Mr J. W. Smith; The Revd Brian E. Torode; and Sir Donald Sinden, CBE, FRSA, (one of our Vice-Presidents).

At the close of 2014, there were 817 active individual members in the UK (either Life or Honorary members, or with up to date annual subscriptions), at 759 different postal addresses (2012: 850 at 789 addresses). In addition there were 6 overseas members.

During the year twelve members formally resigned, most giving financial restraints as the reason, whilst a further 51 failed to pay their subscription. Likewise, 27 members continue to pay their subscription at the old rate despite a further letter and remain in the non-active members list. Four members have moved and not advised of their new address. Twenty-nine new members joined the Society.

### **Governance and administration**

The Laws of the Society describe its aims and how it is governed. They were last modified and approved by the AGM of 19 April 2012. The Society's affairs are administered by a Council, and the Laws describe how members are elected by the membership onto the Council, or are co-opted onto that body.

Continuing to meet four times a year in central London, your Council has transacted a variety of business in pursuance of the aims of the Society. In exercising its duties, it has taken due regard of the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

The Council normally meets at Church House, and the Society is grateful to the Church of England authorities for allowing use of their premises in this way.

During the course of the year the Revd Dr Lynne Broughton resigned from the Council. She was for a period editor of *Ecclesiology Today*, and her background as a priest, academic lecturer and practical expert in church furnishings made her a valued member of Council. We wish her well as she takes on growing responsibilities in the Church. Nick Chapple was co-opted to the Council during the year and will take up his role as Editor of *Ecclesiology Today* during 2015.

The Council has reviewed the training received by new members of Council. As at present, it is intended that this training will draw as appropriate from the history of the Society, its Laws, its policies and the supporting evidence, its recent and planned activities, and general guidance on the responsibilities of a Trustee.

### **Thanks**

As always, the Council is grateful to those members who provide active support to the Society in so many ways: organising and attending events of various kinds, contributing to *Ecclesiology Today* and *Church Crawler*, and carrying out administrative tasks of one sort or another. The Council would particularly like to thank Brigid Ockelton for distributing

publications. It is grateful, too, to Mark Ockelton for his willingness yet again to inspect the Society's accounts.

*The Council of the Ecclesiological Society*  
9 April 2015

### **Details of the Society**

The Ecclesiological Society is a registered charity, number 210501

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Members of Council are the Trustees of the charity, and during 2014 they were:

Dr Paul Barnwell

Phil Draper

Dr Geoff Brandwood

Dr John Elliott

The Revd Dr Lynne Broughton

Anthony Gilmour

*(resigned during year)*

Dr Valerie Hitchman

Sarah Brown

Ruth Knight

Nick Chapple

Becky Payne

*(co-opted during year)*

Paul Velluet

Trevor Cooper

Dr Christopher Webster

Andrew Derrick

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT***Figures rounded to nearest pound.*

	2014	2013	<u>Notes</u>
<b>Income</b>			
Subs and donations & sundry	11735	12249	
Life member subs	0	1200	
Surplus/(loss) from conference(s)	1224	-353	
Surplus/(loss) from other events	639	295	
Sale of inserts into Eccl Today	180	0	
Sale of books	33	19	
Interest - Activity Income Fund	853	910	
Interest - Life Members Fund	401	467	
Interest - other Funds	308	480	
<b>Income from subs, events etc</b>	<b>15374</b>	<b>15265</b>	1
 <b>Expenses</b>			
<i>Ecclesiology Today &amp; Church Crawler</i>	14055	0	2
<i>Church Crawler</i> , inserts, post etc	4087	1393	3
Admin, sundry & general post	739	520	4
Net cost of AGM	763	747	5
Publicity and website (incl. redevelopment)	662	168	
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>20305</b>	<b>2828</b>	
 <b>Surplus /(deficit) of income over expenses</b>	<b>-4932</b>	<b>12437</b>	6
 <b>Money drawn down from / (transferred to) our Funds</b>			
Transfer to Life Members Fund from income	0	-1200	
Drawdown (of capital) from Life Members Fund	750	750	7
Drawdown from Publications fund for ET	5500	0	8
Sum of other transfers out of / (into) Funds	-1318	-11987	9
<b>Net drawdown from / (transferred to) Funds</b>	<b>4932</b>	<b>-12437</b>	

**Butterfield tomb project**

<b>Income from donations etc</b>		<b>3255</b>	
<b>Costs</b>			
Appeal costs	220		
Administration by cemetery	85		10
Celebration event 7 Sep 2014	64		
Cleaning and conservation	2140		
Donation to church	200		
<b>Total costs at 31 December 2014</b>		<b>2709</b>	
 <b>Money in hand 31 December 2014</b>		<b>546</b>	
Anticipated additional work on inscription	490		11
Estimated likely surplus		<b>56</b>	

*As explained in the publicity material, any surplus funds will be donated to the church. It is intended to claim Gift Aid, and this will be added to the sum donated to the church.*

**Notes**

1. Note that income does not take account of the change in market value of our financial assets.
2. In 2013 there were no editions of *ET*. In 2014 there were two editions, both of them bumper editions.
3. In 2013 there was one edition of *Church Crawler*, in 2014 three editions (one of them being delayed from 2013), and the latter two were in colour for the first time.
4. These costs include travel costs of Council members to Council meetings. Included in these costs will be some associated with the conference and other events. As well as general post, this includes the postal costs of one-off mailings to members. In 2012 the Society bought a substantial quantity of stamps at old prices, substantially reducing the cost of stamps in 2013.
5. The AGM is a free event, associated with a free Annual Lecture open to everyone.
6. In 2013 our unusually large surplus was due to the fact we did not print *Ecclesiology Today*. A high proportion of the surplus was put aside for future printing.
7. In addition to interest, some capital is drawn down from the Life Members Fund each year.
8. In 2014 we drew down as planned a substantial sum from our Publications Fund to support the cost of printing the catch up bumper editions of *ET*.
9. In 2013 we deposited £2000 into the special purposes and memorial fund, £3500 into the Publications Fund, and the balance into the Activity Income Fund. In 2014 various relatively small transfers were made to the various Funds.
10. The administration fee was donated back to the appeal by the managers of the cemetery, and appears in the list of donors published in *ET*.
11. This is the expected cost of work on the inscription to William Butterfield's brother,

*Figures rounded to nearest pound*

<b>Investments</b>	<b>Value 31-Dec-13</b>	<b>Interest earned</b>	<b>Interest reinvested</b>	<b>Sold / withdrawn</b>	<b>Mkt price movements</b>	<b>Value 31-Dec-14</b>
£125.51 3.5% War Stock	100	4	0	0	25	125
129 Electra Investment Trust ordinary share	3032	0	0	0	323	3354
CBF CoE Fixed Interest Fund 1F	0	0	0	0	0	0
CBF CoE Fixed Interest Fund 2F	31614	1376	1376	0	2613	35603
	<b>34746</b>	<b>1380</b>	<b>1376</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2961</b>	<b>39082</b>

<b>Financial assets</b>	<b>31-Dec-14</b>	<b>31-Dec-13</b>
Investments at market value (as above)	39082	34746
CBF CoE Deposit Fund	31362	37179
Cash at bank and in hand	797	1090
Income expected, not yet received	0	0
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>71241</b>	<b>73015</b>

<b>Cash Liabilities</b>	<b>31-Dec-14</b>	<b>31-Dec-13</b>
Expenses incurred, not yet paid	<b>8300</b>	<b>200</b>

<b>Surplus of financial assets over cash liabilities</b>	<b>31-Dec-14</b>	<b>31-Dec-13</b>
Net financial assets (surplus)	<b>62941</b>	<b>72815</b>

Note: The change in this surplus correctly does not equal the income for the year for a number of reasons (e.g. includes change in market value; liabilities and accrued income have been revalued)

*Figures rounded to nearest pound*

**Allocation of financial assets**

	<b>31-Dec-14</b>	<b>31-Dec-13</b>
Life Member Fund	18000	18750
Special Purposes and Memorial Fund	1000	5200
Publications Fund	3000	9000
Activity Income Fund	40941	39865
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>62941</b>	<b>72815</b>
Set aside for cash liabilities	8300	200
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>71241</b>	<b>73015</b>

**FUNDS**

The Life Members Fund funds Life Members, from interest and capital. It is topped up with new Life Members.

Capital from the Special Purposes & Memorial Fund is used from time to time for special projects, often outside the routine of the Society's activities. At present it is being used to fund development of the Society's website, and money held in the fund at the end of 2013 has been allocated to 'cash liabilities' at the end of 2014.

The Publications Fund is used amongst other things to support the cost of printing the publications distributed by the Society, including *Ecclesiology Today*.

The Activity Income Fund is used to expand the range and accessibility of activities carried out by the Society beyond what might otherwise be affordable. It currently provides an income of very approximately £900 per annum. It is also a de facto contingency fund.

In 2014, the money set aside for cash liabilities is primarily for the development of the website (where work has been done by our supplier on account) and the cost of further work on the Butterfield tomb to which we are committed, together with other smaller expenses.

**NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS**

The Society possesses a stock of books and booklets. Their value at the lowest of cost and retail value is estimated to be less than one thousand pounds.

The Society possesses an old Kodak carousel projector of little or no value.

The Society possesses a part-set of *The Ecclesiologist*, available to the Editor of *Ecclesiology Today* for reference