

## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2012

### Visits during the year

We started the year with a tour of the Union Chapel Congregational church in north London by its current architect Anthony Richardson. Designed by James Cubitt in the 1870s, the site includes not just the vast octagonal 1,600 seater chapel but also a Sunday school, lecture theatre and vestry block. The church remains a place of worship but also hosts a large variety of different musical and theatre activities. However despite the extensive use, the building retains a remarkably intact interior including fascinating details such as the pew ownership pin boards in the committee room and impressive Thomas Earp stone carvings. Our thanks for the warm welcome we received from the Friends of the Union Chapel who also supplied copious tea and biscuits.

The Focus Tour this year was led by Dr Geoff Brandwood who gave our group an excellent June day of Woodyer churches in Surrey. We explored the full gamut of this Victorian architect's work from Burpham, Grafham and beautifully decorated Hascombe to the striking St Martin's Dorking and the later Cranleigh School Chapel, only breaking off for a restorative pub lunch and a look at the extraordinary Scottish Baronial style house at Lochner Holt.

In September we caught the last of the good weather with a walking tour of Cambridge churches led by local architect Nigel Walter. The day took in five churches including The Round church, Jesus College Chapel and Bodley's All Saints. Nigel focused on these key examples to illustrate the fascinating period of change from 1842-1867 during which time significant new churches were built and almost every medieval church in the city was altered.

Unfortunately our August trip to All Saints Tooting designed by Temple Moore had to be postponed but we hope to revisit this church as part of a South London tour in the near future. Visits were well attended and we are as always very grateful for those who gave their time to lead the events.

### Annual conference

The fifteenth Annual Conference, which was attended by more than 100 people, including a number of non-members, was held at the St Alban's Centre, Holborn on 6 October 2012. Its title was 'The experience of worship in the late medieval parish church and cathedral'. It was based on a major three-year research project ([www.experienceofworship.org.uk](http://www.experienceofworship.org.uk)) with a strong focus on the relationship of building and ritual. The project included the editing of key texts, the enactment and audio-visual recording of medieval liturgies in St Teilo's parish church (near Cardiff) and at Salisbury Cathedral, the construction of a medieval-style organ, and the reconstruction of ritual objects, including flagons, bowls, pyxes, pax board, and vestments. Some artefacts were on display at the conference.

The following people spoke: Paul Barnwell on 'The nature of medieval worship', Gerallt Nash on 'Recreating St Teilo's c.1520: structure and decoration', Sally Harper & Dominic Gwynn on 'Clothing the space: books, artefacts, vestments, and organ', Magnus Williamson on 'Sound, movement, and space: the view from the nave', a video presentation on 'Ritual and space: the view from the chancel', John Harper on 'The sensory experiences of

worship', and a small choir singing chant and polyphony in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Holy Name of Jesus.

The event was much appreciated by all those who attended.

### **The fifteenth Stephen Dykes Bower Memorial Lecture**

Dr. Louise Campbell, Professor of Art History in the University of Warwick delivered the fifteenth Stephen Dykes Bower Memorial Lecture at The Art-Workers' Guild on the evening of Thursday 13th December 2012, speaking on 'Towards a New Cathedral: Basil Spence and Coventry Cathedral'.

Given that the 50th. anniversary of the completion and consecration of the new Coventry Cathedral was being celebrated with a series of major events through the year, it was most timely that the 2012 Dykes Bower Lecture should be devoted to the story of the building of the new cathedral – not least, as one of the most significant and influential of the twenty-one Anglican and Catholic cathedrals in England and Wales built or substantially extended during the twentieth century.

As the author of the excellent *Coventry Cathedral: Art and Architecture in Post-War Britain* (Oxford University Press, 1996) and of key chapters on Coventry Cathedral, Sussex University and the Erasmus Building at Queen's, Cambridge in *Basil Spence: Buildings and Projects* (RIBA Publishing, 2012), Professor Campbell was well qualified to speak with authority on the extraordinarily complex story of the design, development and construction of the new cathedral at Coventry and about its architect, and delivered a memorable, much enjoyed and beautifully illustrated lecture.

Professor Campbell's lecture was followed by an informal reception for some forty members and guests in the Guild's attractive Rooms at 6, Queen Square.

### **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. Great care is taken that those members of the Society who do not receive the emailing are at no disadvantage in respect of the Society's events.

One issue of *Ecclesiology Today* was published (number 45). This contained a miscellany of articles, together with an extended reviews section. A further edition (number 46) was sent to the press in time for publication before Christmas, but technical matters held up its publication until the New Year. The Council is aware that the publication schedule for the journal has slipped behind, and has plans for catching up.

As reported last year, the news section *Church Crawler* is now a stand-alone publication. It has continued in its expanded form, with a feature in the form of a description by a member of a recent tour undertaken or a favourite church. It is hoped members will wish to contribute further articles in this series.

The Society's website continues to attract visitors.

## **Membership**

With regret the Council noted during the course of the year the death of the following members, either in 2012 or earlier: Mr Nicholas Antram, Mr. L. J. Beckett (a particularly long standing member), Dr Carrington, Dr Colin Cunningham, Mr C. W. Perry, Mr Derek Shorthouse, Canon W. J. Turner.

In 2013 the Society was notified of a legacy of one hundred pounds from the late Mr Perry, for which we are grateful. As is our practice, the legacy will be placed in our Special Purposes and Memorial Fund (appearing there in the 2013 accounts). This Fund is used from time to time for special projects, usually outside the routine of the Society's activities.

During the course of 2012 the Society received a generous gift of £200 from Kenneth Richardson, our former Secretary, to mark his longstanding relationship with the Society, and this has been placed in the same Fund.

At the close of 2012, there were 967 active individual members in the UK (either Life or Honorary members, or with up to date annual subscriptions), at 895 different postal addresses (2011: 938 at 872 addresses). In addition there were 12 overseas members.

During Autumn 2012 members were informed of the change to subscription rates which takes effect at midnight on 31 December 2012 for subscriptions for the calendar year 2013.

## **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.

Your Council continued to meet four times per year in central London, and 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 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.

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 Council co-opted Dr Geoff Brandwood to the role of Hon. Minutes Secretary. Dr Brandwood is an expert on the Victorian period, and members may recall that he organised the excellent Annual Conference on the interior of the Victorian church in 2011, as well as leading our Focus Day in 2012.

## **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 the journal, 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*  
*11 April 2013*

### **Details of the Society**

The Ecclesiological Society is a registered charity, number 201501

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Members of Council are the Trustees of the charity, and at 17 January 2012 they were:

Dr Paul Barnwell  
Dr Geoff Brandwood  
Dr Suzanna Branfoot  
The Revd Dr Lynne Broughton  
Sarah Brown  
Trevor Cooper  
Andrew Derrick  
Phil Draper  
Dr John Elliott  
Anthony Gilmour  
Dr Valerie Hitchman  
Ruth Knight  
Keith Lovell  
Paul Velluet  
Christopher Webster

## ACCRUED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

*Figures rounded to nearest pound*

	2012	2011	Notes
<b>Income</b>			
Subs and donations and sundry	9974	9610	
Life member subs	1900	400	
Surplus/(loss) from conference	-590	-748	
Surplus/(loss) from other events	166	-183	
Sale of inserts into Eccl Today	240	150	
Sale of books and grant	640	4554	1
Interest - Activity Fund	980	375	
Interest - Life Members Fund	483	193	
Interest - other Funds	548	327	
<b>Income from subs, events etc</b>	<b>14341</b>	<b>14677</b>	2
<b>Expenses</b>			
<i>Ecclesiology Today</i> printing, inserts, post, ma	8929	5923	3
Printing and posting pews book etc	1112	17440	1
Admin, sundry & general post	2163	1530	4
Net subsidy to AGM	1744	755	5
Website & publicity	140	139	
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>14088</b>	<b>25786</b>	
<b>Surplus of income over expenses</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>-11109</b>	6
<b>Money drawn down from / (transferred to) our Funds</b>			
Transfer capital to Life Members Fund from in	-1900	-400	
Drawdown (of capital) from Life Members Fun	750	750	7
Drawdown from Pub and SP&M Funds for pev	1000	13000	8
Other transfers (net) out of / (into) Funds	-103	-2241	9
<b>Net drawdown from / (transferred to) Funds</b>	<b>-253</b>	<b>11109</b>	

### Notes

1. This includes sale of backstock of publications. In addition, in 2011 we received a grant of £2,250 from English Heritage towards the publication of the book on church seating, and later recovered some of the costs of our printing from sales of the book. In 2012 our independent distributor paid for the church seating book to be reprinted and he owns the reprints; the Society made a grant of £1000 towards the reprint in order to make it a viable proposition, so that the book remained in print and available to the public.

2. Note that income does not take account of the change in market value of our financial assets.

3. In 2011, one edition of *Ecclesiology Today* (ET44) was seen through the press, being sent to members in January 2012. There were other mailings, and some previous ET mailing costs were carried over to that year. In 2012 there were two editions (ET45 and ET46), though the latter was delayed in production over the Xmas period and appeared early in 2013.

4. This includes general post, cost of sending out back copies to newly joining members and authors, cost of dealing with review copies, and travel costs of Council members to Council meetings. In 2012 the Society bought a substantial quantity of stamps at old prices, and the cost is included here.

5. The AGM in 2012 bore the unusual costs associated with extensive photocopying and mailing to explain the proposed change to subscriptions and to the Laws of the Society.

6. In 2011 our expenses were considerably greater than our income, for the most part because of the cost of printing the book on church seating. As planned, we covered this shortfall from money set aside for the purpose in our Funds (see note 9). In 2012 the grant made towards the reprint of the book on church seating also came from our Funds, as planned.

7. In addition to interest, some capital is drawn down from the Life Members Fund each year.

8. In 2011 we used £12,000 from our Publications Fund to support the cost of printing the book on church seating, together with £1,000 from the Special Purposes and Memorial Fund, representing a donation from the estate of the late Dr James Johnston. In 2012 we made a grant of £1000 to support the reprinting of the book (see note 6).

9. In 2012, amongst other movements, we deposited a special donation of £200 into the Special Purposes and Memorial Fund.



## INVESTMENTS, ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

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Figures rounded to nearest pound

	Investments		Interest earned	Interest reinvested	Sold / withdrawn	Mkt price movements	Value 31-Dec-12
	Value 31-Dec-11	Value 31-Dec-12					
£125.51 3.5% War Stock	88	88	4	0	0	6	94
129 Electra Investment Trust ordinary share	1806	1806	0	0	0	664	2470
CBF CoE Fixed Interest Fund 1F	82	82	5	5	0	1	87
CBF CoE Fixed Interest Fund 2F	30226	30226	1679	1679	0	285	32190
	<b>32202</b>	<b>32202</b>	<b>1688</b>	<b>1684</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>34841</b>

### Financial assets

	31-Dec-12	31-Dec-11
Investments at market value (as above)	34841	32202
CBF CoE Deposit Fund	36967	36643
Cash at bank and in hand	984	2579
Income expected, not yet received	0	0
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>72791</b>	<b>71424</b>

### Cash Liabilities

Expenses incurred, not yet paid	<b>10034</b>	<b>9876</b>
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### Surplus of financial assets over cash liabilities

Net financial assets (surplus)	<b>62757</b>	<b>61548</b>
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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)

## ALLOCATION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS (DRAFT)

Figures rounded to nearest pound

### Allocation of financial assets

	31-Dec-12	31-Dec-11	Comment
Harrison Fund	87	82	Residue of the Harrison Fund, for publications relating to City churches
Life Member Fund	18300	17150	Funds Life Members, from interest and capital. Topped up with new Life Members.
Special Purposes and Memorial Fund	3200	3000	See note below
Publications Fund	5500	6500	See note below
Activity Fund	35670	34816	See note below
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>62757</b>	<b>61548</b>	
Set aside for cash liabilities	10034	9876	Our estimate of what we owed at the end of the year
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>72791</b>	<b>71424</b>	

### FUNDS

Capital from the Special Purposes & Memorial Fund is used from time to time for special projects, usually outside the routine of the Society's activities.

The Publications Fund is used amongst other things to print the free volumes distributed by the Society. The next call upon this Fund is likely to be the delayed edition ET47 of *Ecclesiology Today*.

The Activity Fund is used to expand the range and accessibility of activities carried out by the Society beyond what would otherwise be affordable. It currently provides an income of very approximately £400 per annum.

### 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*, used by the Editor of *Ecclesiology Today* for reference purposes.

The Society possesses a number of postage stamps, purchased before the mid 2012 price rise.