



# **Annual Report of the Trustees for the year 2016**

**to be presented to the Annual General Meeting on**

**11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 2.15 pm at**

**High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, Herts**

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## **ABOUT MODERN CHURCH**

### *Deeper understanding of Christian Faith*

#### **We understand that**

- genuine faith is committed to the search for truth, wherever it comes from
- it is possible to think and talk about God in ways that make sense in our time and culture

#### **We encourage**

- open discussion: freedom to explore ideas, ask questions and change our minds without fear of disapproval
- critical scholarship: keeping up to date with good research, examining the implications of new insights and discoveries
- willingness to change: so that what we believe now can be expressed in the things our churches do and say.

#### **We expect our theology to be**

- public: talking the language of ordinary people, not that of a religious club
- relevant: engaging with what is going on in society, informing our faith and how we live
- respectful: willing to learn from others, within and outside Christianity, since we accept that we don't have all the answers.

#### **Public benefit**

As a charitable organisation we consider that our aims and objects have the following public benefits:

- we have a duty within our present-day society to present Christianity in a way which can be understood by ordinary people
- we encourage all church people, both ordained and lay, to play a full part in the governance and activities of their churches and foster greater engagement with the mission of the churches to support the poor, sick and needy in society
- by engaging in research and study we can help our fellow Christians come to a deeper understanding of their faith and how it has developed
- our approach to theology will encourage people of all faiths to better understand one another thus promoting better relations between the faiths.

## **Report from Chair and General Secretary**

A major task undertaken by Council and Trustees this year was the revision of the charitable Objects of Modern Church. This was a sensitive matter, to remain true to the organisation's roots, whilst expressing the Objects in language appropriate to today and encompassing possible future developments.

In consultation with a solicitor in charity law, an updated version was worked out and presented to the members at the AGM. A resolution was duly passed to adopt the revised Objects and the Charity Commission was approached to request a Scheme to revise the Objects. Their affirmative reply was received early in 2017. At the same time a new strap-line was developed: 'Deeper understanding of Christian faith'.

The annual conference, 'Performing the Faith: Shakespeare in the world' was chaired by Alison Milbank and attracted good numbers; a literary and theological feast in one! This was the first trial of a 3 day conference, a shorter format following feedback in a recent survey. This format will continue in 2017 and will be reviewed for future conferences.

A joint day conference with PCN, Free to Believe and St Marks CRC, the Marcus Borg Memorial conference, run in Birmingham in May, was very successful and it is hoped to develop regional day conferences in future.

In November, Lorraine Cavanagh gave a paper for the MC day conference in Bath. The conference theme was 'Do we need a new Reformation?' Lorraine's paper led to two BBC interviews in which she was able to talk about Modern Church. One of them, with Mark Tully on 'Something Understood', will be aired on July 16th. Steven Shakespeare's editorship of Modern Believing began with some exciting issues of the journal covering, inter alia, pyrotheology, radical theology, and neuroscience and human identity.

Anthony Freeman stood down as assistant editor of Modern Believing and we are very grateful for his committed and reliable work. Trustees were pleased to confirm Steven's choice of Katharine Moody as new assistant editor, with a small honorarium.

Anthony Woollard continued to edit Signs of the Times with engaging and thought provoking writing from a number of members as well as Anthony's own excellent contributions.

Kieran Bohan's role developed in recognition of his increasing hours and he was appointed Communications Officer on a part time employed basis, managing the public profile of the organisation through development of the website as well as through increased use of social media, particularly Twitter.

Adrian Thatcher prepared a very helpful paper on gender inclusive language which he then developed into a booklet and launched within the 'Forewords' series at the annual conference as 'Gender Inclusive Language and Worship', now available on the website.

Guy Elsmore was appointed as Archdeacon of Buckingham and in consequence had to step back from full involvement in MC as General Secretary. This was regrettable but understandable! Guy has been an encouraging and enlivening presence in MC and has contributed to raising our profile publicly. Discussions began about how to replace him and whether to change the nature of the role in some way. In the meantime Lorraine Cavanagh was appointed Assistant General Secretary in October and took over the active role to carry us through to the 2017 AGM; we are very grateful to Lorraine for all the energy and the expertise she has brought to this so far.

Jonathan Clatworthy was elected Vice President in recognition of his long and continuing service to MC.

We learned with sadness the news of Bishop Michael Perham's brain tumour; Michael was to chair the 2018 conference and made considerable progress in booking speakers before handing over to me as conference secretary, pending confirmation of a new Chair. We are delighted that Canon Dr Jo Spreadbury has since agreed to take up this role. Our prayers are with +Michael's family since he sadly died in April 2017.

Several other well known and loyal friends of Modern Church sadly died during 2016: Clare Nicholson in July, Paddy Lewin in August and Joan Dorrell in November. Each made a significant contribution in their own way to the organisation and we mourn their passing, whilst rejoicing that they are at peace.

*Jan van der Lely, Chair.*

## **Modern Believing – “The Journal of Liberal Theology”**

### *Assistant Editorship*

At the end of 2016, we welcomed Dr Katharine Sarah Moody as the new assistant editor of the journal. Katharine has extensive experience in editorial work, not to mention being a significant scholar in her own right of issues in the ‘emerging church/alternative worship movement’ and their links with contemporary radical philosophy and theology.

This meant that we said goodbye to Anthony Freeman. Anthony has been an exceptional servant of the journal. His insight, understanding, meticulous organisation and sensitivity have been invaluable. Modern Church owes him an enormous debt of gratitude, as do I personally; as a new Editor, I deeply appreciated his advice, support and efficiency.

### *Issues and plans*

We have continued to offer a mix of special themed issues and more general content. Since the last AGM, we have had special issues on contemporary philosophy’s continuing fascination with religion and theology (edited by Marika Rose) and on the highly influential work of Peter Rollins (edited by Katharine Sarah Moody). Rollins has helped to make mysticism, doubt, agnosticism and creativity integral to the theology of many emerging from the throes of evangelical forms of worship and doctrine. Both issues attracted outstanding scholars from an international palette, and saw additional sales beyond our subscriber base.

This year has seen a general issue containing an impressive range of articles which fulfil the journal’s ambition to be a platform for creative theological work done in dialogue with other disciplines and across traditions. The last issue saw Alison Milbank take the helm, offering work derived from and inspired by last year’s conference on the theological resonances of Shakespeare.

Coming issues will see a focus on church law, gender and sexuality; a debate on Christology; and, possibly, work on Migration and on Islam.

### *Publication Matters*

Kieran Bohan has done a great job of improving the journal’s online presence, both on the Modern Church website and through social media accounts. This has helped both to raise the journal’s profile and make it more accessible.

We continue to have a good relationship with Liverpool University Press, and we're grateful to their team for enabling the production process.

### *Editorship*

On a final note; due to a number of challenging personal circumstances, I have informed the Trustees that I will be stepping down as editor at the end of 2018. I'm sorry to do this, but will need to focus more on family issues. Hopefully, I have given enough time for a suitable replacement as editor to be found in good time.

***Steven Shakespeare, Editor Modern Believing***

## Modern Church Website

I am grateful to the trustees for accepting my recommendation to review my role and construct a contract for a three-year post as Communications Officer, which more accurately reflects how the role has evolved, and will make it more flexible and sustainable for the future. I began this new four hour a week contract in March 2016, and have made good progress on priority tasks most months – some months I have needed to ask for extra time due to additional tasks such as resolving technical problems with online conference booking and promoting urgent news releases, which could not carry over to the following week or month when the four hours a week was spent. While the most urgent tasks have been dealt with as promptly as possible, progress has been slower with ongoing projects e.g. discussions about our Wikipedia article update and creating a new strapline – both of these will be complete in 2017. Highlights of the year include:

*Website:* The most viewed website pages in 2016 peaked with Martyn Percy's December 2015 call for Justin Welby to say sorry for Church's response to homophobia worldwide, which exceeded 14,000 hits. Guy Elsmore's three part blog 'Can liberals embrace the Growth Agenda?' attracted 7,000 hits. Martyn Percy's paper on the Anglican Communion's conflict over sexuality topped 5,000 hits while his response to the CofE Reform and Renewal programme was viewed almost 3,800 times.

*News:* The number of news items on the website (usually with accompanying media releases) increased from 8 in 2015 to 11 in 2016. This was supported by a number of topical blog posts, which I also shared with partner organisations.

*Blog:* The aim since the relaunch of the website has been to enable a diverse range of contributors. Jonathan Clatworthy and Lorraine Cavanagh remain the most regular correspondents, with occasional posts from Anthony Woollard, Guy Elsmore and I. I invite new bloggers to make contact via social media each month and receive occasional enquiries – this has occasionally generated one or two posts from a new contributor, but this has not been sustained. I would welcome members' contributions on an occasional or regular basis. At the end of December 2016 the Modern Church blog was awarded number 26 in a list of the Top 50 Church Blogs & Websites For Christians.

*Social media:* I have maintained a pattern of scheduling an average of one post every day featuring key content from the MC website, as well as any blog posts and news items we publish, and occasionally articles of interest from other sources. Facebook: 268 likes on 01/01/16 – 387 @ 31/12/16 = + 119. Twitter: 627 followers on 01/01/16 – 883 @ 31/12/16 = + 256.

*March 2016 Council meeting:* I live-tweeted Elaine Graham’s presentation to Council on public theology, publishing around 50 tweets summarising key points which were viewed more than 7000 times. This generated 21 new followers in two hours, equalling a typical monthly increase. I published the full text of her presentation as a download with a news item summary.

*2016 Conference:* I attended conference for the first time, to create social media content during the talks where possible, and share photos from the event which generated interest and interaction. Due to technical problems with recording some speakers, there was a delay in promoting conference content. We have learned from this and now suggest that speakers provide text of their talk as soon as possible after it is delivered for publication on the Modern Church website if audio is unavailable.

*Events:* I assisted with the publicity for the south west New Reformation day conference – I am happy to support members with marketing local events. I aim to update our ‘Partner Events’ page on the website regularly – I welcome suggestions for events to include on our Partner Events page which may be of interest to Modern Church members.

*E-Newsletter:* In 2016 Modern Church trustees increased the frequency of the email newsletter from four to eight times a year, so it comes out each month that there is no Signs of the Times issue. Our plan for 2017 is to move to a more attractive e-news template using MailChimp.

*Publications:* The production of the Signs of the Times quarterly newsletter is going more smoothly, though online publication has sometimes been delayed due to late distribution by Liverpool University Press (LUP). I am working with the Editor of our Modern Believing journal on a strategy to promote Modern Believing more effectively online, including how to get single issues of the journal without a subscription, and how to access content on the LUP website. Starting with Steven

Shakespeare's first issue as editor in January 2016, LUP gave permission to add the abstracts of journal articles to the Modern Church website as well as the editorial and lists of books reviewed and received for review. I formatted and arranged the printing of Adrian Thatcher's Forewords booklet on gender-inclusive language in worship. I continue to promote all the other publication series on social media monthly.

*Kieran Bohan, Communication Officer*

## Membership Report

2016 was the third full year for which the subscriptions to Modern Church were managed by Liverpool University Press (LUP) and operating on a calendar year subscription. All practical details were carried out by LUP's agents, Turpin Distribution who sent out invoices and processed payments. It had been hoped that the new system would be fully embedded with members this year but there is still significant work involved in contacting members who have not cancelled standing orders.

The numbers of subscribers for the three year period were as follows:

<b>Subscription type</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Individual member	344	322	314 <sup>1</sup>
Joint member	31	9	11 <sup>2</sup>
Life member	10	10	10
Honorary member	10	10	16
<b>Total members</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>351</b>

### Notes

1. Of which 122 paid the concessionary rate (125 in 2015).
2. Of which 11 paid the concessionary rate (9 in 2015).

*Diane Kutar, Administrator*

## **Signs of the Times Report**

Our popular newsletter continues to flourish, despite the increasing importance of other forms of communication (notably the Modern Church blog and website).

2016's issues covered many diverse themes. A common thread was the "serialisation" of Guy Elsmore's work on "Can liberals embrace the growth agenda?" Issues from the language of worship to the relevance of Shakespeare (relating to the 2016 Annual Conference) also featured amongst others.

Another increasingly common feature, sadly, is obituaries and recollections of past members. All too many of those who worked so hard for the revival of our organisation over the past decades have now reached the end of their lives on earth. But the pages of our newsletter have given us space to honour them and share in inspiration from them. At a time when, it seems, some in the C of E are happy to jettison the past in a frantic search for a future, we in Modern Church are enriched by remembering the rock from which we were hewn – great figures such as Elizabeth Darlington and Paddy Lewin.

A wide range of members has contributed over the year. There is a healthy flow of contributions and rarely any trouble in filling editions; indeed, some occasionally have had to be held over from one edition to the next. However, we could be still more representative of our diverse membership, in a way which reflects their different views on many issues whilst respecting the open and questioning ethos of Modern Church.

An increasingly prominent feature of the newsletter has been reviews of books which might not be as academically rigorous as those reviewed in Modern Believing but which are thought to be of interest to the membership. Chris Savage has now taken over as Reviews Editor and is already broadening the range of books reviewed and of reviewers.

Contributions on any issues of potential interest to the membership, of a less academic kind than would be appropriate for our learned journal, are always welcomed. For technical reasons, as well as in recognition of the increasing volume of contributions, deadlines are now earlier – around the 8th of March, June, September and December. The quality of the material depends on our members, and lively, concise and (where relevant and possible) illustrated contributions are particularly appreciated.

***Anthony Woollard, Editor, Signs of the Times***

**Annual Conference: 11th to 13th July 2016**  
**Performing the Faith: Shakespeare, the Theatre and Theology Today**

The Annual Conference was as usual held in mid-July, and on this occasion took the theme “Performing the Faith: Shakespeare, the Theatre and Theology Today” in honour of the 400th anniversary of the Bard’s death. Some 80 people attended; not by any means all of them (or of the speakers) members of Modern Church, though some have joined subsequently.

Alison Milbank chaired the conference, drawing on her knowledge of the field of theology and literature to help guide discussions and develop themes. Speakers included luminaries such as Rowan Williams (on examples of prayer in the plays) and Graham Ward (on *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* as contributing to a theology of the imagination), as well as, from amongst Shakespeare scholars, Ronnie Mulryne, who drew striking parallels between the troublous times portrayed in *King Lear* and our own times in the “year of Brexit”. Two younger Shakespeare scholars, Bea Groves and Alycia Smith-Howard, contributed thoughts respectively on *Measure for Measure* and the mystery play tradition, and on *The Tempest* and its links with the Biblical story of Joseph. Shorter papers were presented by other younger scholars.

Alongside this academic but far from dry diet, worship was led inspiringly by chaplain Paul Edmondson, himself a most distinguished Shakespeare scholar who also enlivened the proceedings with an interview with Phillip Breen who produced the most recent York Mystery Plays. A highlight of these few days was Paul’s Poetry Mass, in which he presided at a Eucharist making large use of Shakespeare’s words.

The debate went far beyond the customary arguments as to whether Shakespeare was a closet Catholic, or an out-and-out Protestant, or an irredeemable sceptic. Those who attended must have come away persuaded that he is (to adapt Ben Jonson’s words) “not of an age [or a sect], but for all time”, and that therefore, as Alycia movingly put it, his words can lead us to the heart of God.

***Anthony Woollard***  
***Conference Secretary***

## **Treasurer's Report 2016**

### **Membership subscriptions and Turpin/Liverpool UP**

The subscription income has fallen slightly from 2015 reflecting a reduction in members.

It is disappointing that a considerable number of members were still paying by standing order into the MC account in 2016 – these have been treated as donations as unless they pay through Turpin and receive SOTT and MB they can't be considered to be members. Our Administrator has tried to contact each member to discuss future member payments through Turpin, but at the end of February 2017 we still had 11 people paying by standing order for January and February. Membership figures for 2015 were 368 and in 2016 were 362 according to figures for paid up members from LUP. However some members paid for 2016 in 2016 while others paid for 2016 in 2015 (and likewise for the previous financial year) and therefore income from subscriptions is not exactly comparative with membership numbers.

### **Gift Aid**

During the course of this year we reclaimed the Gift Aid money due to us from HMRC for 2014 and 2015 which was £73 more than estimated last year. For 2016 £2000 is estimated as the amount recoverable and is shown on the Balance Sheets as a debtor.

### **Reserves**

As part of our reporting responsibilities to the Charity Commissioner, we are now requested to review our Reserves policy regularly. Our policy has been that the funds invested in the Central Board of Finance provide an important part of our annual income to pay running costs. In the 2016 budget I have assumed an income of £8000 for the year. In addition to the value of these funds – currently valued at £218,019 – we have £26,888 in the CCLA Deposit Account. Our Independent Examiner has advised that we should maintain up to two years' running costs available in case of emergencies – this would be about £110,000. Because of our need for income above that generated from subscriptions and conferences, the Trustees agreed for 2016 that for the time being at least we should treat the whole £218,000 currently held as investments as untouchable reserves. The £26,888 in the deposit account, however, should be used as an ongoing development budget. Therefore the Budget for 2016 included the sum of £5000 from Reserves to add to

the £1500 to make a total of £6,500 for “Projects”. This was intended for the development of the Liberal Alpha course and for promotional work to raise the profile of MC, but in fact this reserve has not been spent in 2016.

The policy is to be reviewed annually by the trustees.

### **General Secretary**

We were delighted to hear last summer of Guy Elsmore’s appointment as Archdeacon of Buckingham. Unfortunately for MC, pressure of work in his new post, led to his resignation as General Secretary. We are most grateful to Lorraine Cavanagh for being willing to act as General Secretary until a new appointment can be made at this year’s AGM.

The increasing demands on the time of the General Secretary have led the Trustees to decide to appoint a paid Executive General Secretary. This appointment will be initially for a fixed term of three years. To pay for this, we are budgeting for £25,000 from the reserves on an annual basis. It is very much hoped that the post holder will raise the profile of MC and possibly increase membership, but increased membership income is not considered to be an essential outcome. Consequently I have added £12,500 to the budget for 2017.

*Rosalind Lund, Treasurer*

**Modern Church Treasurer's Report 2016**  
**Income and Expenditure Account**

	2016	2016	2015	2015	
	<i>Note</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expend</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expend</i>
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>					
Annual Conference		16,678		24,196	
CCLA		7,055		8,156	
Other conferences - net		1,075		698	
Council contribs to residential (set against admin costs)		1,224		256	
Donations		1,605		9,620	
Gift Aid	1	2,073		2,683	
Interest		126		145	
Membership subscriptions		13,501		13,870	
Miscellaneous		0		412	
Publishing (inc Joint Publications)		267		2,110	
<b>Expenses</b>					
Administration costs meetings etc			5,919		6,477
Administrator costs			7,715		8,083
Advertising			1,824		1,683
Annual Conference			14,815		21,709
Modern Believing and SOTT			7,820		8,927
Other	2		1,529		592
Projects and other conferences			1,017		507
Publishing - Joint Publications			268		1,054
Website	3		4,357		3,647
<b>Total</b>		<b>43,604</b>	<b>45,264</b>	<b>62,146</b>	<b>52,679</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit (-) for year</b>		<b>-1,660</b>		<b>9,467</b>	

Notes

1. Gift Aid claimed for 2014 and 2015 but see Funds where only one year of GA is now outstanding.
2. Mostly solicitors' advice re Objects.
3. Includes salary of Communications Officer and costs of maintaining website

## Balance Sheet at 31 December 2016

2015		Note	2016
250,648	Balance as at 1 January		262,664
9,467	Surplus (Deficit) for year		-1,660
2,549	Investment appreciation (depreciation)		22,869
<b>262,664</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>283,873</b>

12,917	Barclays Bank current account - cash	1	12,945
516	Paypal		1,026
26,888	CCLA Deposit Account		27,014
4,324	Estimate of Gift Aid tax reclaimable	2	2,000
218,019	CBF Investment Fund - year end share value	3	240,888
<b>262,664</b>			<b>283,873</b>

### Notes:

Bank balance of £13216 less uncashed cheques at 31-12-16 of £270.75 = £12,945

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Gift Aid claim for 2016 not yet processed is shown as an estimated value - claims in 2016 were for tax years 2014 and 2015

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206,970	CBF investment fund brought forward	3	218,019
8,500	Purchase from legacy income (2015 only)		
2,549	Revaluation for the year		22,869
<b>218,019</b>	<b>Carried forward</b>		<b>240,888</b>

<b>2017 Budget</b>	<b>2016 actual</b>	<b>2016 budget</b>	<b>2017 budget</b>
<b>Income</b>	£	£	£
Annual Conference	16,678	20,000	18,000
CCLA	7,055	8,000	7,500
Other conferences	1,075	1,000	1,000
Council contribs to residential (set against admin costs)	1,224	1,000	1,000
Donations	1,605	1,500	1,000
Gift Aid	2,073	3,500	2,000
Interest	126	100	100
Membership subscriptions	13,501	10,000	13,100
Miscellaneous	0		
Publishing (inc Joint Publications)	267	2,500	
	<b>43,604</b>	<b>47,600</b>	<b>43,700</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration costs meetings etc	5,919	6,000	6,000
Administrator costs	7,715	7,500	8,000
Advertising	1,824	2,000	2,200
General Secretary post			12,500
Annual Conference	14,815	18,000	18,000
Modern Believing and SOTT	7,820	7,000	7,500
Other	1,529	600	500
Projects and other conferences	1,017	6,500	1,000
Publishing - Joint Publications	268	1,000	
Website	4,357	4,000	4,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,264</b>	<b>52,600</b>	<b>60,200</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit (-) for year (from Reserves)</b>	<b>-1,660</b>	<b>-5,000</b>	<b>-16,500</b>

## Annual Conference and Other Projects

	<i>Expend</i>	<i>Rcpts</i>	<i>Deficit(-) /surplus</i>
	£	£	£
<b>Annual Conference 2016</b>			
CCT deposit paid 2014	200		
CCT deposit paid 2015	1,452		
Conference fees to CCT 2016	11,944		
Expenses	1,368		
Advertising	1,210		
Receipts 2015 (£3,575) and 2016 (£12,188)		15,763	
Restricted donations for 2016 used for 1 student place		210	
	<b>16,174</b>	<b>15,973</b>	<b>-201</b>

Note

The figures do not match exactly those in the income and expenditure accounts for 2015 and 2016 as, for example, some advertising has been identified as relating specifically for conference for the purposes of this sheet only. This is intended to provide an indication year on year as to how financially successful a particular conference has been.

<b>Restricted donations</b>		
Restricted donations for 2016		240
Restricted donations brought forward from 2015 conference		390
<b>To carry forward to 2017</b>		<b>630</b>

<b>Annual Conference 2017</b>		
Deposit paid 2016	1,618	
Advertising	264	
Restricted donations		455
Receipts		4,450
	<b>1,882</b>	<b>4,905</b>

<b>Butler-Bass Conference (with PCN) 2016</b>	722	677	(+income from 2015)
<b>Bath Conference October 2016</b>	372	370	

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Modern Church

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I report on the accounts of the Modern Church for the year ended 31 December 2016, which are set out on pages 14 and 15 and show a revenue deficit of £1,660, together with funds totalling £283,873.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Jonathan H. Rudge MA FCA  
20 Blackthorne Close  
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7th June 2017

## Modern Church Officers and Post-holders: 2016

<b>President</b>	Prof Linda Woodhead
<b>Chair of Council</b>	Rev Dr Jan van der Lely
<b>Vice Chair of Council</b>	Rev Tim Stead
<b>General Secretary</b>	Canon Guy Elsmore
<b>Acting General Secretary</b>	Rev Dr Lorraine Cavanagh
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mrs Rosalind Lund

### **Vice Presidents:**

Prof Paul Badham  
Ms Joan Dorrell  
Prof Elaine Graham  
Rev Dr Nicholas Henderson  
Rev Prof M McCord Adams  
Dr Peter Mills  
The Most Rev Barry Morgan  
The Very Rev Prof Martyn Percy  
The Rt Rev Dr John Saxbee  
The Rt Rev Brian Smith  
The Rt Revd Tim Stevens  
Rev Canon Richard Truss  
The Rt Rev Martin Wharton  
Rev Jonathan Clatworthy

## Council Members during 2016

**Rev Dr Jeyan Anketell**

Mrs Jean Barnett

Helen Burnett

Mrs Pat Boyd<sup>1</sup>

Rev Rachel Brooke

**Rev Dr Lorraine Cavanagh**

**Rev Jonathan Clatworthy**

Rev Canon David Driscoll

**Canon Guy Elsmore**

**Rev Ruth Fitter**

Rev John Goldsmith

Mr Richard Hall

Rev David Howard

Rev David James

Rev Tom Keates<sup>1</sup>

**Mrs Rosalind Lund**

Rev Stephen Parsons

**Canon Trevor Pitt<sup>1</sup>**

**Canon Dr Alan Race<sup>1</sup>**

Mr Hugh Rock<sup>1</sup>

Rev David Simon

**Rev Tim Stead<sup>1</sup>**

**Prof. Adrian Thatcher**

**Rev Dr Jan van der Lely**

**Mr Anthony Woollard**

<sup>1</sup>Term of office ends at the 2017 AGM but can stand for re-election

**In bold** – current trustees