



**The Archbishop of Canterbury's  
Anglican Communion Fund**

Annual Review 2016/17







## Our vision

As I look over this annual review, I am humbled by the projects that we have supported over the last few years; the vision of those applying for funding; and the impact that has been made on the lives of people throughout the Anglican Communion.

Our vision is to support these communities, enabling them to live and share the Christian message of love, understanding and forgiveness. The reality is that this vision is often lived out in some of the poorest and most threatened parts of the world where the church is often the only functioning, stable organisation in the area.

Our objectives in the next three years are to be in strategic partnerships with six Provinces and to help towards a sustainable commitment of £1.5m a year to further the Archbishop's aims in the Communion. We will seek to do this through increased fundraising and coordination with other sources of support as appropriate.

We have already started this dialogue with six Provinces and will be able to update you about this in the coming months. Our aim is to work more strategically with them, enabling them to plan significant investment in their churches and communities. This will give them a clearer, more comprehensive view of the support available.

The ACF will continue to provide support to individual projects proposed by Provinces, with the flexibility needed to help with unforeseen situations. We will also continue to provide core funding for strategic international platforms of the Anglican Communion such as the Anglican Centre in Rome and the UN Offices in Geneva and New York. The Archbishop is committed to ensuring that the Anglican voice is heard in international fora.

To each person who was involved with our work this year – thank you. I am deeply aware that behind each story and statistic in this Annual Review is an act of generosity. I pray that as you read these pages you will be encouraged by the difference your support makes to the Anglican Communion and that you will be inspired to continue on your journey with us. I believe this is an initiative which can engage and excite Christians in the UK and I hope you will share what we are doing with your church and friends.

**Stephen Green**

*Chair of the Friends of the Anglican Communion Fund*





## **Chair of the Anglican Communion Fund – The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury**

The vision of the Fund is for a supportive and engaged group of Christians, coming together in a partnership to support the extraordinary work of the Anglican Communion - work that goes on quietly, day after day, often self-sacrificially and at real personal risk in some of the most challenging situations in the world.

This partnership will not only help develop this work but will also enrich us spiritually in more ways than we might ever imagine. I am particularly excited about the opportunity to continue to build up this support through the Anglican Communion Fund over the next three years or so as we prepare for the Lambeth Conference in 2020 - a strategic meeting which will, I pray, set the direction of the Communion for much of the coming century. The Conference will be a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate a partnership which will, I hope, be transformative for so many communities around the world.

The Anglican Communion brings the good news of Christ to countless numbers of people who are in need of love and hope, and thanks to the Anglican Communion Fund, this work is supported both financially and in prayer.

The work of the Fund has grown significantly and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our supporters and the trustees for all that they have done to achieve this. As we work together in the coming years, I am confident that we will make a real and sustainable difference across the Communion.



**in 2016 we committed  
£385,000 to 22 different  
projects in 18 countries  
and supported 3 global  
organisations.**

ACF gives financial support to three key strategic platforms – the UN, The Anglican Centre in Rome and the Anglican Alliance.

The UN, The Anglican Centre in Rome and the Anglican Alliance are key to the success of the work of the Anglican Communion. They act as a vital interface, giving Anglicans a voice on global platforms, promoting mission and creating collaboration in development, relief and advocacy at regional level throughout the world.

### **We supported projects in the following countries:**

Sri Lanka, Kenya, South Africa, Congo, Namibia, Tanzania, Egypt, Swaziland, Angola, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Sudan, West Indies, Fiji, Cyprus, Bangladesh

### **Asia**

Supporting young people and teachers, building renovations, construction and evangelism.

### **Africa**

Supporting peace and reconciliation initiatives, evangelism, micro entrepreneurship, clean water provision, construction, environmental projects, church leadership training and drought relief.

### **Other**

Supporting women, promoting religious harmony, construction, youth projects and support for church leaders.



## The Church of Bangladesh

This project supported vulnerable coastal communities affected by climate change. Households have been trained in basic financial management and the implications of climate change on their community. They have been taught skills such as chicken and cow rearing, tailoring and other small trades and have been shown how to make improvements to their homes including better sanitation.

For the first time in this area, the cooperatives have been formed by Christian women. With over 100 member households now, the community has become vibrant and confident in its future. There are weekly meetings and local microfinance is helping them to secure their future. They have kept careful records of the project and they plan to share the idea so it can be replicated.







## Using sports ministry for reconciliation

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**The Diocese of Mbeere, Kenya** applied for funding in 2016 for its Church Centred Sports Ministry (CCSM) project. Their work is aimed at children, youth and sporting groups in Mbeere and Kenya using sport as an aid to reconciliation. The Diocese faces high levels of intolerance and conflicts due to negative ethnicity, leading to many social problems such as drugs, poverty, secularism and radicalisation. The CCSM has already established different sports teams, hosts regular matches and organised sports camps in holidays but this grant will allow for the appointment of Sports Chaplains, increased sporting activity and more reconciliation meetings.

Their interim report shows that to date the grant has allowed for the training of clergy in using sports ministry for reconciliation, training sports coaches and captains, the formation of nearly 50 different teams, referee training, three sports youth camps, equipment purchases and a variety of advocacy forums.

A further Sports Camp is planned for December 2017 with over 300 young people expected to attend.

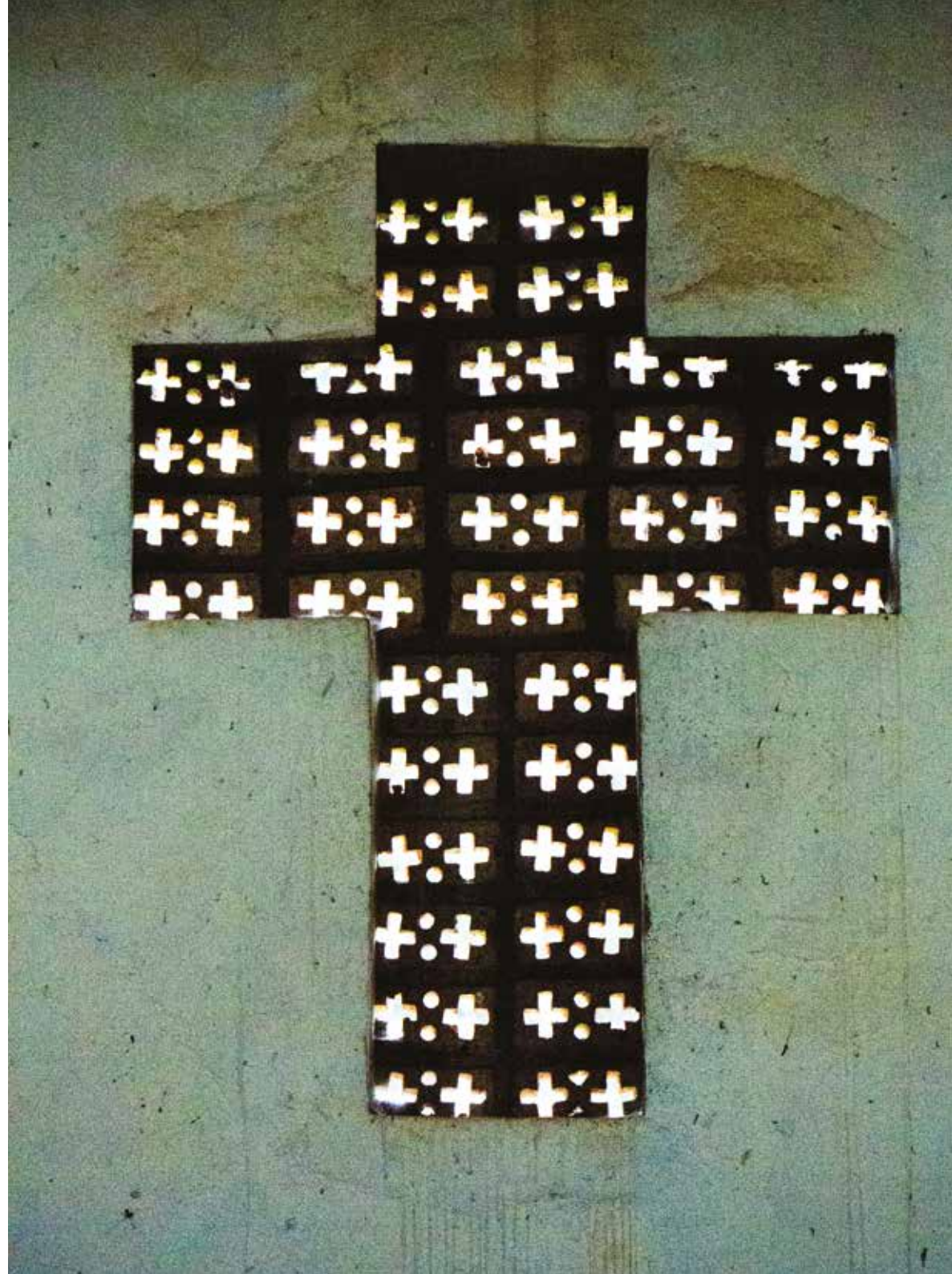


**The Awerial Agricultural Training Centre in South Sudan** was set up by Archbishop Daniel Deng Bul. Established with a grant of £20,000 the centre has had its first graduates from their training scheme for pastors, women's and youth leaders. Set up to address the long-term needs of the displaced communities fleeing to Awerial County following the escalation of violence and human rights abuses at the end of 2013, the Training Centre gives people both agricultural and business skills. The graduates leave able to grow their own crops and design a business plan, ensuring long term food security and income. They will then train their communities, helping to reduce the risk of famine and to stabilize the area, creating community and encouraging peace.

**West Indies.** The Church in the Province of the West Indies applied for funding from the ACF for their Provincial Youth Gathering to enable as many as possible, through bursaries, to attend the week of prayer, study and reflection on the theme of "Anglican Youth – Co-workers with Christ: Living the Faith".

In total 160 young people came together. They were able to make connections, hear personally from the Bishops of the Province and go back home better equipped to implement the ideas they developed over the week.

Although wide-spread geographically, many are using social media to stay in touch and the Provincial Youth Council is developing a youth strategy to support them.





## **We want to build a dynamic group of supporters who will be part of making a real impact across the Communion.**

### **Give**

It's only thanks to the generosity of our donors that we can support the vision of the Archbishop to make the needs of the local church throughout the world a priority. Every donation, whether regular or one-off, as an individual or as a church, makes a real difference. Please get in touch if you would like to support us financially.

Marjorie Bannister, Trustee and donor; "My involvement with the ACF began around 3 years ago. I was excited to get involved because I could see the impact that relatively small grants were making to the lives of large numbers of people. Archbishop Justin's belief that as members of the wider Anglican Communion we are all part of the one Body of Christ is compelling and something I wanted to play a part in. The ACF is doing this."

The Bishop of Guildford, The Rt Rev Andrew Watson; "We chose two projects for our Lenten Appeal this year, one of which was an ACF project in Africa. Knowing that the ACF has strict criteria and tight controls to ensure the money spent on the project is used wisely gave us great reassurance. The grants are for relatively small sums of money which makes it very achievable for a church or diocese to raise enough to cover a whole project. It gives us a real sense of partnership with another part of the Communion."

### **Pray**

We believe that prayer makes a difference. We would love you to pray for the work of the ACF and the projects we support. Whether you have an interest in a particular part of the world or particular themes (such as youth work or the environment) and would like to be linked to projects that are relevant or just want to pray for the work of the charity and the Anglican Communion, we would love you to be a Prayer Ambassador for us. Please contact us so we can support you with this.

### **Share**

Did you know that the Anglican Communion is one the largest faith communities in the world with 85 million people in over 165 countries? Archbishop Justin believes that the potential for the Anglican Communion is beyond anything we can imagine and yearns for more people in the UK to see their place in this wider community, to understand the complexities and richness of the Communion and to take an active interest in it.

Sharing the work of the ACF with your network of friends, family and church is an easy way to do this. For example, in the last 12 months, a number of supporters have hosted dinners for the ACF. They are a great opportunity to share the work of the charity with other people whom you feel may have an interest in hearing about and supporting our work.

Stephen Bampfylde hosted two dinners recently. "After hearing about the work of the ACF, I knew I wanted to get involved. I have good friends and contacts who I knew would be equally interested in its work with the Anglican Communion; so finding a dozen or so people to invite for dinner was quite easy. One of the trustees attended the dinners so guests were able to hear directly from someone involved with the charity. Several of those people have gone on to become supporters so it has been a really successful and very easy way for me to help."

If you would like to host a dinner or have other ideas about how you could support our work, please get in touch.

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## Income (£)

Donations receivable	
US Friends	180,479
UK Friends	233,344
UK donation re Development Office	25,000
Administration services donated by Lambeth Palace	16,000
Interest	437

**Total income** **455,260**

## Expenditure

Grants approved	387,343
Administration	17,675
Gain on exchange	-1,706
Fundraising	8,576

Total expenditure 411,888

SURPLUS for the year 43,372

RESERVES  
at beginning of year 240,749

**at end of year** **284,121**



# Management Committee



## **Stephen Green - Chair**

Stephen is the Chair of the FACH and has been involved with the charity since its inception. He has chaired a major international banking business and has served as Trade Minister in the British Government. Amongst other roles, he chairs the Natural History Museum and Asia House. He is an ordained priest in the Church of England.



## **Marnie Dawson Carr - Vice Chair**

Marnie is the Vice Chair of the FACH and was instrumental in the formation of the charity in 1997. She has extensive experience in international humanitarian assistance. Marnie has played a major role in the establishment and ongoing governance of the Anglican Communion Office at the UN, set up and headed the Episcopal Church's Refugee and Migration Programs, and led her own successful direct marketing company for twenty-six years.



## **Barry Nichols - Treasurer**

Barry has been Treasurer since the creation of the charity in 1997. He is a chartered accountant and was a partner in Ernst & Young for 30 years and subsequently Chairman of their pension scheme. He is also a priest.



## **Marjorie Bannister - Trustee**

Marjorie joined as a Trustee in 2015. Her previous roles include working as a financial consultant and a banker. Marjorie also set up and ran her own extensive retail business for 12 years. She is currently Chair of Governors of St Michael's Catholic College, London, having wide experience as a school governor.



## **Suzie O'Brien - Trustee**

Suzie became a Trustee in 2016, bringing with her a wealth of knowledge in marketing, events and donor management. Her previous roles include brand management for two global FMCG companies and experience in the charity sector with Tearfund, World Vision and The Prince's Trust.





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The Anglican Communion Fund (ACF) was created to apply its income for the benefit of the churches and provinces of the Anglican Communion and the international ministry of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Friends of the Anglican Communion Fund (FACF) and its sister charity, the American Friends act as the fundraising arm for the ACF.

## **Supporting the Anglican Community Worldwide**