



# Inclusive Church

## Annual Report 2017



## Chair's report



We have had such a full year since our last Annual Lecture and meeting. Thank you to all our supporters and to the churches which are part of the Inclusive Church family.

During the year 45 churches have joined – that's almost one a week – and it shines a spotlight on the very hard work of our National Coordinator, Bob Callaghan – who in only a part time role has travelled more than 5500 miles. On behalf of the Trustees thank you to our wonderful regional Ambassadors, local groups and individual volunteers. Bob really couldn't do all he does without knowing that you are 'on the ground'.

The Trustees are also to be thanked for their dedication, service and creativity. Our Treasurer, David Hancock and Secretary, Simon Sarmiento ensure that we are able to support Bob as effectively as possible and that as an educational charity we are functioning as effectively as we can. You will see from reports here that our reputation as a charity is growing and that the initiatives we are asked to participate in, as facilitators or providers, are often of national significance. Without the financial support from our supporters this wouldn't be possible.

Thanks be to God for all that has been and all that will be.

**The Very Reverend Dianna Gwilliams.**

**Chair of Inclusive Church and Dean of Guildford**

## National Coordinator's report



As I reflect on the past year with Inclusive Church, what strikes me is the variety of work that we are involved with. For me as National Coordinator it means that no two weeks are ever the same.

We have regular events that take place each year – such as the Annual Lecture, Greenbelt and being at the Church of England General Synod. In 2016 we worked again in partnership with St Martin in the Fields on the 5<sup>th</sup> Disability Conference. These conferences are one of the most important things we do each year

Most weeks I am out and about visiting churches or taking part in events in different parts of the country. You will see in this report how many miles I drive!

The past year has seen some work conclude.

- We have been able to finish the additional resources that supplement the Inclusive Church Book series.
- Our work as part of the team drawing together the Sheldon Hub finished in the spring of 2017. The Hub is now live as an on-line resource for people in ministry.
- In May 2017 we hosted a visit from delegates of the Church of Sweden. We have been working on this visit for several months, and it was good to be part of such an inspiring visit looking at examples of inclusion in Manchester and Liverpool.

None of this would be possible without lots of people behind the scenes.

I am grateful to those individuals and churches who support Inclusive Church financially. We are also fortunate to have a great network of ambassadors around the country who come up with creative ways of profiling the work of Inclusive Church. Behind the scenes, we have a great group of trustees who keep the show on the road! Thank you!

**Bob Callaghan**  
**National Coordinator**

## Highlights of 2016/17

<h1>600</h1> <p>Members of Inclusive Church</p>	<p>In 2017 we reached a total of 600 members – these are individuals who have signed up to our statement of belief</p>
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<h1>45</h1> <p>Churches joined IC during the year</p>	<p>Joining our list of over 300 registered Inclusive Churches</p>
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<h1>41</h1> <p>Days at IC events through the year</p>	<p><b>IC events</b> That's about 1 a week through the year. As well as this we issue a newsletter each month, maintain the website and deal with enquiries</p>
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<h1>5700</h1> <p>Miles driven by the National Coordinator</p>	<p>From Merseyside to Derbyshire, Yorkshire to Northamptonshire, Devon to Hampshire. The National Coordinator is often on the road. (He does take the train as well!)</p>
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<h1>27</h1> <p>Ambassadors are working with us</p>	<p><b>Regional Ambassadors</b> Our ambassadors are active in 23 regions They are the eyes, ears and voices of Inclusive Church on the ground.</p>
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<h1>9k</h1> <p>Social media followers/friends</p>	<p>Inclusive Church has a strong web presence and uses Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and Flickr to raise its profile and highlight issues</p>
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## The Inclusive Church Lecture

The Inclusive Church Annual Lecture provides an opportunity for a leading theologian or commentator to reflect on the nature of inclusion.



Previous lecturers have included Martyn Percy, Linda Woodhead, Michael Jagessar and Loretta Minghella.

The 2017 Lecture entitled ***"Including the Exclusive: how liberal can you be?"*** was given by David Ison in St Paul's Cathedral.



The 2018 Annual Lecture will be held at Leicester Cathedral with Ruth Hunt, CEO of Stonewall giving the lecture. This will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

## Small Group Study Resources

### Small Group Study Resources

In 2016 Inclusive Church added new resources to complement the Resource book series.

Using a grant from the Jerusalem Trust, we produced 6 separate home group study guides exploring core themes of inclusion.

These are ideal for lent, advent or general homegroup use. They designed to be freely available as downloads from the IC website .



Inclusive Church  
Small Group Study  
Resources



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## 5 years of Disability Conferences

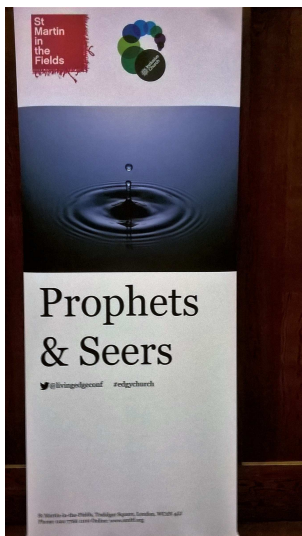


Inclusive Church in partnership with St Martin in the Fields has held an annual disability conference since 2012.

These conferences have become distinctive in that they are 'organised by and for people with lived experience of disability'. The conferences have drawn together over 200 people, for whom the

conference is a vital annual event.

In 2016 the conference became a whole weekend event at St Martin in the Fields. As well as the Saturday main conference, there was a full programme on the Sunday.



At the main morning service the liturgy and sermon reflected the themes of the conference. In the afternoon there was a screening of *Notes on Blindness*, the award winning film based on the audio diaries of the late John Hull.

In 2017 we are working to produce a booklet celebrating 5 years of these disability conferences.

## Inclusive Church and Partnership

Partnership working has always been at the heart of the work of Inclusive Church.



Some of the trustees of Inclusive Church represent some of our partner organisations.

**Partnership Day.** In 2017 Inclusive Church hosted the

annual Partnership Day together with Ministry Division from the Church of England.

The theme was vocation, as we explored how our various partner groups might better raise the profile of vocation amongst our partner groups.

### Church of Sweden visit.

In May 2017 Inclusive Church hosted a visit from the Church of Sweden. They wanted to see examples of good practice around inclusion. Based in Manchester and Liverpool, we

were able to look at amazing examples of inclusion taking place in schools and churches.

Church of Sweden



## Summary of Financial Activities for year ending 31 December 2016

Incoming Resources	Total 2016 (£)	Total 2015 (£)
Balance brought forward	15,338	8,696
Donations from individuals (incl Gift Aid)	33,907	35,564
Donations from corporate bodies	4,745	7,245
Other income (incl. Prepayments and book sales)	2,439	4,734
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>41,091</b>	<b>47,543</b>

Resources Used	Total 2016 (£)	Total 2015 (£)
Cost of generating donations	816	716
Charitable activities	39,169	38,329
Governance costs	1,411	806
<b>Total Resources Used</b>	<b>41,396</b>	<b>40,851</b>
Balance carried forward	15,083	15,388

Certified statements of financial activity are presented to our AGM are available on our website and the Charity Commissions website.

For financial matters contact our Treasurer: [office@inclusive-church.org.uk](mailto:office@inclusive-church.org.uk). Please quote FINANCE as the subject.

## Statement of Belief and contact information



The Inclusive Church statement of belief

We believe in inclusive Church - church which does not discriminate, on any level, on grounds of economic power, gender, mental health, physical ability, race or sexuality. We

believe in Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ.

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