

CHURCH OF ENGLAND RECORD SOCIETY

The Society was founded in 1991 with the object of promoting
interest in and knowledge of the Church of England
from the 16th century by publishing
primary sources of information

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ANNUAL REPORT 2016



A MESSAGE FROM PROFESSOR ARTHUR BURNS

It gives me great pleasure to have this opportunity to say a (slightly) formal ‘Hello!’ to members of the Church of England Record Society as we begin the run up to the first Annual General Meeting of the Society since I succeeded Diarmaid McCulloch as its president. The discussions that took place at my first council meeting confirmed that the next few years promise to see a series of outstanding editions delivered to our members, and exciting new developments for the Society as a whole, and I am greatly looking forward to playing my part in seeing that this promise is fulfilled. Before anything else I want to pay my own tribute to Diarmaid’s fantastic contribution to the Society as its president, and my delight that he is staying on as our patron. It will inevitably be a hard act to follow. I’m making it even more difficult for myself by having rashly agreed to mark my assumption of office by delivering this year’s annual lecture after the AGM, thus ensuring another means of highlighting the intellectual distinction of my immediate predecessor. But I hope you will come along anyway – there should be something for everyone as we explore the extraordinary event that was the English Church Pageant. There will be lots of pictures (including GK Chesterton in his role as Dr. Johnson, complete with moustache!) and some artefacts, so even if the talk is substandard, there will be something to keep you occupied. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at Lambeth on 6 July.

Arthur Burns

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Church of England Record Society was held in the Great Hall, Lambeth Palace, on Monday 4 July 2016 at 4.00 p.m.

The Chairman, Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch Kt, warmly welcomed members and guests. The Chairman reminded members that communication with the Society’s membership would largely take place by email, and appealed for email addresses to be given or updated.

Apologies had been received from a number of members, including Professor Alex Walsham, and were duly recorded.

A minute’s silence was held in memory of the late Revd Professor Owen Chadwick, Patron of the Society.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 2 July 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record.

The Chairman presented the Annual Report for 2015. There were no questions.

The report of the Honorary Treasurer, Dr. Sarah Mortimer, was delivered and the accounts for 2015 were accepted. Dr. Mortimer emphasised that the impending publication of multiple volumes would inevitably impact on the otherwise healthy state of the Society's finances. Dr. Flew also stated that institutional subscriptions should rise in 2017 from £38 to £45. Dr. Rod Ambler queried discriminating against institutions, but Dr. Mortimer insisted that the Society's publications remained good value and Professor Taylor stressed that many institutions were in effect receiving a heavy discount on publications they would purchase in any case. In answer to Dr. Ambler's question on electronic publishing, Professor Taylor reported that the situation was very fluid, and reported Boydell's recent agreement to publish through JSTOR. It was also pointed out by the Rev. Dr. Nicholas Cranfield that the subscription rates shown in the Annual Report were incorrect, as they should read £25 for individuals and £38 for institutions. The proposed increase of institutional subscriptions was put to the vote and was passed *nem con*. A vote of thanks was passed in recognition of Dr. Mortimer's work as Honorary Treasurer.

The Honorary Secretary, Dr. Michael Snape, proposed that Professor Arthur Burns, the senior Vice-President, be elected President of the Society in place of Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch, who would replace Professor Chadwick as the Society's Patron. These proposals were seconded and both Professor Burns and Professor MacCulloch were elected *nem con*.

Prof. Stephen Taylor, the Honorary General Editor, reported on the Society's publications. He was pleased to report the publication of *The Journal of Bishop Daniel Wilson of Calcutta* (Volume 21, for 2014), but regretted that *The Sermons of the Revd John Sharp* was somewhat delayed. The Society's publication for 2017 would therefore either be this volume, or volume two of *National Prayers*. Professor Taylor also reported a healthy flow of new proposals that had been approved, including those from Rev. Dr. Peter Howson (on the diaries of Bishop L.H. Gwynne) and Dr. Grant Tapsell (on the correspondence of Archbishop Sancroft). A question was raised from the floor about linking publications more firmly to particular years, but Professor Taylor stressed that experience showed this to be impractical. In light of Professor Taylor's announcement that he would stand down in 2017, Professor MacCulloch mentioned that the Honorary General Editor's role might be reconfigured.

The Honorary Secretary and Honorary General Editor agreed to stand for re-election and were duly re-elected. There were no alternative nominations from the floor to the position of Honorary Treasurer, and so Dr. Sarah Flew was duly elected to replace Dr. Mortimer.

There were two vacancies for ordinary members of Council following the retirement by rotation of Rev. Dr. William Jacob and Dr. John Maiden. Dr. David Ceri Jones and Professor Stephen Parker were proposed, seconded and duly elected. There were no other nominations. In view of the unexpected resignation of Dr. Peter Webster, Council was mandated to identify his successor over the coming months.

The new Council therefore comprised: Dr. David Crankshaw, Revd. Dr. Stephen Edmonds, Dr. Geordan Hammond, Dr. David Ceri Jones, Dr. Giles Mandelbrote, Dr. Natalie Mears, Professor Stephen Parker, Dr. Grant Tapsell, and Dr. David Wykes.

Mr. Simon Purvis of Dr Williams's Library had agreed to stand for re-election as the Society's financial examiner. He had served in this capacity for several years and the Society was grateful to him for his expertise and advice. Mr. Purvis was duly re-elected.

The Chairman concluded the meeting with warm thanks to the Librarian of Lambeth Palace Library, Dr. Giles Mandelbrote, for the use of the Great Hall which provided a very appropriate setting for the meeting.

2016 ANNUAL LECTURE

The 2016 Annual Lecture, which preceded the Annual General Meeting, was given by Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch Kt and was entitled 'The Early Career of Thomas Cromwell'.

2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND LECTURE

The 2017 Annual General Meeting and Annual Lecture will take place in the Great Hall, Lambeth Palace, on Thursday 6 July. The lecture will be given by Professor Arthur Burns and will be entitled 'A National Church Tells its Story: The English Church Pageant of 1909'. Further details are given on the back cover of this report. Members are welcome to bring guests, but in view of the venue, it is essential that they notify Professor Michael Snape of their intention to attend by Friday 23 June (michael.snape@durham.ac.uk).

PUBLICATIONS

I am sorry to report that the size and complexity of *National Prayers. Volume 2: 1689–1870*, edited by Philip Williamson, Alasdair Raffe, Stephen Taylor, and Natalie Mears, resulted in further delays. However, at the time of writing this report the first proofs had been returned to the publisher and we are expecting publication in July. Kenneth Fincham's edition of *The Further Correspondence of William Laud* is currently with the typesetter and we are expecting publication during the summer, perhaps as early as July. These volumes will be published as the subscription volumes 22 (for 2015) and 23 (2016) respectively, and we currently intend to circulate them together to members over the summer, ensuring a significant saving on postage costs. Three further volumes are close to completion, and we expect at least one to be delivered during the early summer. We are therefore optimistic that subscription volume 24 for 2017 will be circulated to members by the end of this year. Moreover, the flow of projects which are nearing completion means that Council, perhaps for the first time since the foundation of the Society, is confident that it will be able to a volume within the subscription year over the course of the next few years.

I am pleased to be able to report that negotiations have now been successfully concluded with Boydell and Brewer for the publication of both the back and front list of the Society's

volumes in e-book format. We have also agreed to produce e-book editions of the whole of the Society's backlist. Council has agreed that the full list will be made available to current individual members at no extra cost. New titles will also be circulated to individual members as part of their subscription. In order to minimize costs the e-book editions circulated to individual members will have a generic watermark. We therefore urge members to respect the copyright by keeping the e-books for their personal use only and not circulating the files further. The Society will be contacting members shortly to ask whether they wish to receive e-book editions, both backlist and future publications, and, if they do, to provide details for delivery.

In the course of this year the Society accepted a proposal from Grant Tapsell for an edition of *The Letters of William Sancroft*, who was archbishop of Canterbury between 1678 and 1690. A full list of the volumes that have been accepted for publication by Council is printed at the end of this report and details of the Society's past publications may be viewed on the series page of our publisher's website:

<http://www.boydellandbrewer.com/store/listCategoriesAndProducts.asp?idCategory=74>

or by following the links on the Society's website:

<http://www.coers.org/publications/index.html>

On a personal note I am standing down as General Editor at this year's AGM. I shall do so with some sorrow, but, having filled the role for over twenty-three years, almost since the foundation of the Society, the time has come for new blood. It has one of the privileges of my academic career to serve the Society, to work for so long with a dedicated Council firmly committed to the objectives of the Society, and to support a series of distinguished editors in the production of a series of volumes that have, I believe, consistently been of the highest academic standards. I hope that I leave the publication programme in reasonably good shape for my successor.

THE SOCIETY'S WEBSITE

Thanks to Mrs. Claire Cinnamond, the Society's website (www.coers.org) is regularly updated with information on forthcoming publications, details of the Annual General Meeting and Lecture, and with a copy of the latest Annual Report. Forms for membership and the purchase of back volumes are also available there.

MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS

Details of membership are given below, on page 13. In order to improve the speed of communications and reduce growing postage costs, as far as possible Council seeks to correspond with the Society's membership via email, the Society's website (www.coers.org), and through Twitter (#CofERecSoc). If you are not on our electronic mailing list, please send your email address to susan.royal@durham.ac.uk. Equally, if you are already on our electronic mailing email list, and change your email address, please send your old and your new details to Dr. Royal for updating. Finally, if you have any appropriate events that you would like to promote through CoERS channels, please send the details to Dr. Royal.

Church of England Record Society
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR 2016

	2016	2015
	(Unrestricted)	(Unrestricted)
INCOME	£	£
Subscriptions	7544	6977
Royalties	1698	652
Additional sales	0	87
Bank interest and dividends	0	1
Donations and Grants	0	5200
<i>Total</i>	<i>£9,242</i>	<i>£12,917</i>
EXPENDITURE		
Direct charitable expenditure:		
Publication costs	3356	3420
Copy-editing	0	972
Distribution of publications	1068	17
Indirect charitable expenditure:		
Independent examiner's fees	100	100
Meeting/annual report	643	620
Administration and website domain fees	23	0
Bank charges and refunds	91	55
Publicity	0	27
Honorarium	200	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>£5,481</i>	<i>£5,211</i>
Excess of Receipts over Payments	3,761	7,706
Transfer to investments	0	0
Total	3,761	7,706
Bank balances at 1 January	35,619	27,913
Bank balances at 31 December (including uncleared CAF cheque)	39,380	35,619

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Cash Total

HSBC Current Account	39,065	35,473
CAF Gold Deposit Account (note 1)	0	146
Uncleared CAF cheque (note 1)	146	0
HSBC USA Business Extra Account	0	0
Paypal Account	169	0
Cash total	39,380	35,619

Investment Assets (note 1)	31 Dec 2016	31 Dec 2015
M&G Charibond	£27,148	£24,781
M&G Charifund	£19,811	£17,619
Liabilities		
Copy editing /Publication	2302	4325
Honorarium	0	200
Independent examiner's fee	200	200

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

These accounts have been prepared for the approval of the Council at their meeting on 6 July 2017.

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

1. Investment Assets: Due to the low interest returns the Society was receiving on its cash balances The Society invested £15,000 on 9th August 2014 in a Charifund Fixed Investment (Accumulative). It also invested £20,000 in July 2011 in a Charibond Charities Fixed Int. Common Investment Fund (Accumulative shares). The Fund balances at 31st December 2016 are shown above. The distribution income in the two funds is retained in the funds and is reflected in the price of the units/shares. The Charifund received £885 in the year and the Charibond received £946. At the end of 2016, CAF closed the COERS account due to lack of activity and issued a cheque for £146; this will be noted in the 2017 accounts.
2. Surplus for year: There was a large surplus this year as no publications were published. It is expected that two will be published in 2017 and that the society will then be up-to-date with its backlog in issuing publications to members on an annual basis.

Reserves: The total assets of £86,339 meet our reserves policy of four years' income, designed to cover the costs of two volumes in process of publication and the expenses of the Society's AGM and Annual Report. The total assets will be lower in the 2017 annual report due to the publication of two books (representing membership for 2016 and 2017).

Risk Management: The Trustees have identified major risks and believe that appropriate action has been taken to mitigate these.

Governance: The Trustees are satisfied with the accounting systems and procedures, which the Society has in place, in the light of the size of annual income and expenditure. All disbursements of £100 or greater have to be countersigned by two of the President, Honorary Secretary, Executive Secretary or Honorary Treasurer.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Trustees and Members of the Church of England Record Society

I have examined the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016 as set out on the preceding pages.

Respective responsibilities of the 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(2) 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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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.

Simon Purvis, Flat 9, Hedley Court, Putney Hill, London SW15 3NS.

THE SOCIETY'S PUBLICATIONS

- Volume 1: Kenneth Fincham, *Visitation Articles and Injunctions of the Early Stuart Church*, vol.1, 1994. £60. (£30)*[†]
- Volume 2: Jeremy Gregory, *The Speculum of Archbishop Thomas Secker: the Diocese of Canterbury, 1758–1768*, 1995. £60. (£30)*
- Volume 3: Sarah Brewer, *The Early Letters of Bishop Richard Hurd, 1739–1762*, 1995. £75. (£37.50)*
- Volume 4: Andrew Chandler, *Brethren in Adversity: Bishop George Bell, the Church of England and the Crisis of German Protestantism, 1933–1939*, 1997. £60. (£30)*
- Volume 5: Kenneth Fincham, *Visitation Articles and Injunctions of the Early Stuart Church*, vol. 2, 1998. £60. (£30)*
- Volume 6: Gerald Bray, *The Anglican Canons, 1529–1947*, 1998. £95. (£47.50)*
- Volume 7: Stephen Taylor, *From Cranmer to Davidson. A Church of England Miscellany*, 1999. £60. (£30)*
- Volume 8: Gerald Bray, *Tudor Church Reform: the Henrician Canons of 1535 and the Reformatio Legum Ecclesiasticarum*, 2000. £95. (£47.50)*
- Volume 9: Susan Mumm, *All Saints Sisters of the Poor. An Anglican Sisterhood in the Nineteenth Century*, 2001. £60. (£30)*
- Volume 10: Patrick Collinson, John Craig and Brett Usher, *Conferences and Combination Lectures in the Elizabethan Church. Dedham and Bury St. Edmunds, 1582–1590*, 2003. £60. (£30)*
- Volume 11: Tom Webster and Kenneth Shipps, *The Diary of Samuel Rogers, 1634–1638*, 2004. £60. (£30)*
- Volume 12: Mark Smith and Stephen Taylor, *Evangelicalism in the Church of England c.1790–c.1890*, 2004. £60. (£30)*
- Volume 13: Anthony Milton, *The British Delegation and the Synod of Dort, 1618–19*, 2005. £75. (£37.50)*
- Volume 14: Henrietta Blackmore, *The Beginning of Women's Ministry. The Revival of the Deaconess in the Nineteenth-Century Church of England*, 2007. £60 (£30)*
- Volume 15: G. M. Ditchfield, *The Letters of Theophilus Lindsey (1728–1808)*, vol. 1, 2007. £90. (£45)*
- Volume 16: Michael Snape, *The Back Parts of War. The Y.M.C.A. Memoirs and Letters of Barclay Baron, 1915–1919*. 2009. £60. (£30)*
- Volume 17: Susan Hardman Moore, *The Diary of Thomas Larkham, 1647–1669*. 2011. £70. (£35)*
- Volume 18: Melanie Barber and Stephen Taylor, with Gabriel Sewell, *From the Reformation to the Permissive Society. A Miscellany in Celebration of the 400th Anniversary of Lambeth Palace Library*. 2010. £100. (£50)*

- Volume 19: G. M. Ditchfield *The Correspondence of the Revd Theophilus Lindsey (1723–1808). Volume II: 1789–1808*. 2012. £100. (£50).*
- Volume 20: Natalie Mears, Alasdair Raffe, Stephen Taylor and Philip Williamson (with Lucy Bates), *National Prayers. Special Worship since the Reformation. Volume I: Special Prayers, Fasts and Thanksgivings in the British Isles 1533–1688*. 2013. £100. (£50)*
- Volume 21: Andrew Atherstone, *The Journal of Bishop Daniel Wilson of Calcutta, 1845–1857*. 2014. £70. (£35)*
- Volume 22: Philip Williamson, Alasdair Raffe, Stephen Taylor and Natalie Mears, *National Prayers. Special Worship since the Reformation. Volume II: General Fasts, Thanksgivings and Special Prayers in the British Isles, 1689–1870*. 2017. £120. (£60).*
- Volume 23: Kenneth Fincham, *The Further Correspondence of William Laud*. 2017. £75. (£37.50).*

Outside the main series the Society has published:

Patrick Collinson, *The History of a History Man. Or, the Twentieth Century from a Safe Distance*. 2011. Out of print.

Published by The Boydell Press, in association with the Church of England Record Society:

The Records of Convocation, ed. Gerald Bray. 20 vols, 2006.^{††}

* indicates reduced price to members wishing to purchase back numbers or additional copies. Members should send orders for back copies to the Honorary Treasurer.

† now available as print on demand.

†† please contact Boydell and Brewer Ltd for details of these volumes.

FUTURE PUBLICATIONS

The following proposals for editions have been accepted for publication:

The Correspondence and Papers of Archbishop Richard Neile, 1598–1640, ed. Andrew Foster.

The Household Accounts of William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1635–1642, ed. Leonie Wells-Furby.

The Correspondence of William Sancroft, ed. Grant Tapsell.

The 1669 Return of Nonconformist Conventicles, ed. David Wykes.

The Correspondence of Francis Blackburne, ed. G. M. Ditchfield.

The Sermons of the Revd John Sharp, ed. Françoise Deconinck-Brossard.

The Letters and Papers of William Paley, ed. Neil Hitchin

The Correspondence and Papers of Charles Simeon, ed. Andrew Atherstone.

The Diary of an Oxford Parson: the Revd John Hill, Vice-Principal of St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, 1805–1808, 1820–1855, ed. Grayson Carter.

National Worship from the Reformation to the Present. Volume 3: Days of Prayer and Special Prayer in Britain 1872–2002, ed. Philip Williamson, Alasdair Raffe, Stephen Taylor and Natalie Mears.

Correspondence of Archbishop Lang with Bishop Wilfrid Parker, ed. Garth Turner.

Suggestions for publications are welcome and should be addressed to:

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**CHURCH OF ENGLAND RECORD SOCIETY
2015–2016**

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Full-time students: £12 (\$20)
Individuals: £25 / £24 if paid by Standing order or Direct Debit (\$37.50)
Institutions: £38 (\$55)
Life membership for those over 65: £240 (\$375)

Subscriptions are due annually on 1 January, and should be sent to the Membership Secretary, Dr. Susan Royal, Department of Theology and Religion, Durham University, Abbey House, Palace Green, Durham, DH1 3RS. Banker's orders are available on request. Members are also asked to notify the Membership Secretary of changes of address (susan.royal@durham.ac.uk).

Membership is open to all who are interested in the history of the Church of England. Members are encouraged to invite their friends to join the Society. If every member recruited one new member, the Society would double its membership.

CONSTITUTION, CHARITY REGISTRATION AND OBJECTS

The Society was set up at its inaugural meeting held in the Great Hall, Lambeth Palace, in December 1991. The original constitution was adopted at that meeting, and has been amended twice since, in December 1995 and in July 1999. The Society is registered with the Charity Commissioners as number 1013701. The primary object is to promote interest in and knowledge of the Church of England from the 16th century onwards by publishing primary sources of information of significance for the history of the Church of England.

CONSTITUTION

1. The Society shall be called the Church of England Record Society.
2. The object of the Society shall be to advance the education of the public in the history of the Church in England, and in particular of the Church of England, from the sixteenth century onwards by the publication of primary sources of information.
3. Membership of the Society shall be open to individuals and institutions, and shall be constituted by the payment to the Honorary Treasurer of an annual subscription of such an amount as may be determined from time to time by the Council, payable in advance on the first day of January each year.
4. Each member of the Society shall be entitled to receive one copy of every work published by the Society in respect of his/her membership. If this copy is lost in the post, a replacement volume shall be supplied at no additional cost unless the loss is the result of a failure to notify the Society of a change of address. No member shall receive any such volume if his/her subscription be in arrears. Each individual member, and one representative from each

subscribing institution, shall be entitled to attend and vote at general meetings of the Society.

5. There shall be a President of the Society who shall be elected for five years at the Annual General Meeting. In the event of his/her being unable to accept office, the Vice-President of longest standing shall act as President. There shall be not more than six Vice-Presidents who shall be elected for five years, on the nomination of the Council, at an annual general meeting.

6. The management of the affairs of the Society and of its funds shall be vested in a Council consisting of the Officers of the Society, namely the President, the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary General Editor, and eight ordinary members to be elected at an annual general meeting of the Society. The ordinary members shall serve for not more than five years successively, elections taking place as vacancies occur. The Officers of the Society shall be elected annually, those retiring being eligible for re-election in that year. Nominations for Officers and members of the Council may be made by the Council and by any two members of the Society, and shall be communicated in writing to the Honorary Secretary not less than three weeks before the Annual General Meeting. Retiring Council members shall not be eligible for re-election in that year. The Honorary Secretary shall be elected from among the Council Members.

7. The Council shall have the power to co-opt not more than two additional members, and to appoint committees. Vacancies among the Officers of the Society occurring between annual general meetings shall be filled by the Council. The Council shall meet at least once a year, and on any other occasion at the request of at least three of its members. Five members shall form a quorum.

8. An annual general meeting of the members of the Society shall be held each year to receive a report of the work of the Society with its inspected or audited accounts as required under paragraph 11; to elect Officers, members of the Council, and an inspecting accountant or Honorary Auditor for the year ensuing; and to transact any other business. Not less than one month's notice of the meeting shall be given to members.

9. A special general meeting may be called at the discretion of the Council or at the written request of 15 members of the Society. Not less than one month's notice of such a meeting shall be given to members.

10. All monies raised by or on behalf of the Society shall be applied to further the objects of the Society and for no other purpose provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any employee of the Society or the payment to members of the Council of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

11. The Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the finances of the Society. The Society's year of account shall be 1 January to 31 December. The accounts shall be subject to an independent review at least once a year by the inspecting accountant appointed at the Annual General Meeting. Should expenditure or income exceed the limits set by law for this arrangement, the accounts shall be audited by the auditor or auditors appointed at the Annual General Meeting. A statement of the accounts shall be submitted by the Council to the Annual General Meeting as aforesaid, and circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

12. A bank account shall be opened in the name of the Society with such bank as the Council shall from time to time decide. All cheques up to a maximum determined from time to time by the Annual General Meeting shall be signed by the Treasurer only. The Council shall authorise in writing the Officers of the Society to sign cheques on behalf of the Society. All cheques must be signed by not less than two of the authorised signatories, and where possible shall be signed by the President and Treasurer. No expenditure shall be incurred without the prior approval of the Council.

13. Alterations to this Constitution shall receive the assent of two-thirds of the members present and voting at an annual general meeting or a special general meeting. A resolution for the alteration of the Constitution must be received by the Honorary Secretary of the Society at least twenty-one days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward. At least fourteen days' notice of the resolution must be given by the Secretary to the membership, and must include notice of the alteration proposed. Provided that no alteration to clause 2, clause 14 or this clause shall take effect until the approval in writing of the Charity Commissioners or other authority having charitable jurisdiction shall have been obtained; and no alteration shall be made which would have the effect of causing the Society to cease to be a Charity in law.

14. If the Council by a simple majority decide at any time that on the ground of expense or otherwise it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Society it shall call a meeting of all members of the Association who have the power to vote, of which meeting not less than one month's notice (stating the terms of the Resolution to be proposed thereat) shall be given. If the decision shall be confirmed by a majority of those present and voting at such a meeting, the Council shall have the power to dispose of any assets held by or on behalf of the Society. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Society as the Council may determine and if and in so far as effect cannot be given to this provision then to some other charitable purpose.

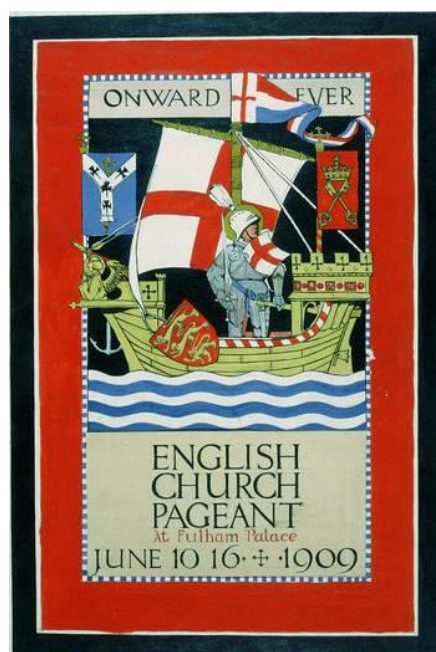
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE
CHURCH OF ENGLAND RECORD SOCIETY

will be held in
The Great Hall, Lambeth Palace, London, SE1 7JU

on
Thursday 6 July 2017 at 4.15 p.m.

before the Annual Lecture entitled

**‘A NATIONAL CHURCH TELLS ITS STORY: THE ENGLISH
CHURCH PAGEANT OF 1909’**



to be given by

Professor Arthur Burns (King's College London)

R.S.V.P. by 23rd June to Professor Michael Snape (michael.snape@durham.ac.uk)

**AGM at 4.15 p.m.
Lecture at 5.00 p.m.
Entrance via the Main Gate, Lambeth Palace.**

Members and guests wishing to attend must notify Professor Snape of their intention to come.