



**St. Andrew's Church,
Ipplepen
Annual Report
2017 – 2018**



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1 Lay Vice-Chairperson's Report

1.1 Introduction

In September 2017 we saw the departure of the Rev. Peter Ashman as he left to become the Rector of St. John the Baptist, Weston-super-Mare the following month. Thus began 'The Vacancy' or as it was once called 'the Inter-regnum'. The role of the PCC remains the same during the 'vacancy' but the lay vice chairperson takes over from the rector in making sure that the PCC fulfils its role.

1.2 Thanks and support

I am indebted for the help and support that has been given to me by Vanessa Bevan our PCC Secretary and Geraldine Dennis our Churchwarden. Between them their experience has enabled us to remain 'on track' and we have been able to do all the things that are required of us. The PCC has had a standing committee meeting that has met prior to each of the PCC's meetings in August 2017, January and March 2018.

I would like to thank all PCC members who have continued to carry out their specific roles in a conscientious way. We had additional meetings in October and November 2017 as PCC members were very keen to discuss amongst themselves and with our congregation, the qualities we want from the new rector. This hard-work was rewarded as our documentation was very helpful when we met to discuss the priest's profile with the other PCCs in the Beacon Mission Community and with the Archdeacon and the Bishop of Plymouth.

I would like to thank our new treasurer Phill Harvey for working with us and keeping our church balances healthy. I would like to acknowledge the time and effort Roger Chamberlain has given in helping Phill and the church wardens.

At St. Andrew's Church we have been doubly blessed because we have two Honorary Assistant Priests. The Rev. Tony Meek and the Rev. Anne Burden. Both of them have worked extremely hard by ensuring that our spiritual lives have been cared for, by taking our Sunday and week day services. They have taken church funerals and provided support and comfort to those whose loved ones have died. During the 'vacancy' we will have had at least one wedding and a baptism, again taken by our honorary assistant clergy.

1.3 700th Anniversary

On May 3rd 2018, we will, with the Rt. Rev. Robert Atwell, be celebrating the 700th Anniversary of the dedication of the high altar, which was performed by Bishop Walter Stapledon on May 3rd 1318. Bishop Robert will during a sung Eucharist, re-dedicate the altar in the chancel, which now has five incised crosses on it, just like the original stone altar that Bishop Stapledon dedicated. Bishop Robert will bless also a wall hanging depicting scenes from the village. This has been made by a group of villagers in Ipplepen. The programme of events to mark the 700th Anniversary is to be found at the end of the Annual Report.

This exceptional anniversary has been achieved only by the love and dedication that the people of Ipplepen have given to the church building and to each other through the centuries. I would like to thank all our parishioners for their support over the years and in particular during the time of the 'vacancy' when people have taken on additional roles and responsibilities.

I commend this Annual report to you. I thank all our contributors and all those who are involved in our church.

Madeleine Fedrick

2 Churchwardens' Report

2.1 Introduction

Every year is a busy year and this year has been busier than usual. In the month of August 2017 the Rev. Peter Ashman announced that he would be leaving the churches of the Beacon Mission Community and would take up the position of Rector in St. John the Baptist, Weston-super-Mare in October 2017. This was the official start of the 'vacancy' although the previous month we had to take over the organisation and running of the church.

This year our report attempts to highlight not just the roles and responsibilities of the churchwardens, including additional work caused by the 'vacancy', but to show that we are not able to do our job, nor the PCC fulfil its roles and responsibilities, without most members of the congregation taking on a particular role or roles. We endeavour to show case this and most importantly to thank individuals and groups of people for the work they do on a regular basis. Trying to thank people can be quite difficult as there is always the difficulty of missing out an individual person or group! However that is not a reason for not trying to recognise the work of everyone who helps. If you or your group are missed out, please do not be offended. We hope that our thank you to everyone involved in making St. Andrew's Church, a warm, friendly, inviting and comfortable church, will be sufficient.

2.2 Additional responsibilities

Our policy is to try and maintain the status quo during the 'vacancy'. The first and most important job has been to find clergy who are available to take the Sunday and week day services. For funerals, baptisms and weddings these events have required extra work, which Geraldine has undertaken, e.g. phone calls to undertakers, additional paperwork and meeting people, who under 'normal' circumstances, would have met the Rector.

Our responsibilities are increased during the 'vacancy', as we with the PCC are responsible for the church and church hall buildings. We meet people who come into either of the buildings to carry out general maintenance and repairs.

2.3 Church building

Our burden has been made lighter as we have been helped greatly by our two deputy churchwardens, Jane Outhwaite and Michael Price. They have taken on some of our duties when we have not been available as well as continuing with their own. Therefore we thank them for all their support. We rely on the expertise of Stephen Bryant with any aspect to do with the church building. We thank him for his hard work and the dedication he has for the building. We thank also John Tuckett and members of the working party who come each month to carry out repairs in and around the church and the grounds. So much of their work is unseen but vital to the protection of the church building. A special thank you must be given to Gordon Dennis who does many jobs to assist us in the church and hall.

We must also thank Shirley Northwood who as the 'booking/events secretary' of the church hall has worked very hard to promote it for hire so that most of the time the hall is being used. The revenue is used to pay bills for the church hall and the church.

2.4 Church grounds

Recently we have been very fortunate to have John Lynch who keeps the grass under control, and makes sure that the graveyard is kept tidy. John is helped by the work of our volunteers who help him cut the grass. Consequently the graveyard always looks very well kept and many people make positive comments. Each week John puts out the rubbish bins and when we have funerals and weddings, he sets out the bollards by the west lychgate. On March 1st when we experienced the blizzard, John ensured that the path from the lychgate to the church was gritted and he swept the snow away before and after the funeral service. We thank him for his work.

2.5 Those involved in preparing for our church services

Our church services have remained the same in number and high in quality during the 'vacancy' due to the wonderful work of the Revs. Anne and Tony. We are very grateful and thank them very much. They have taken most of the Sunday and week day services, funerals, weddings and baptisms. Madeleine has not had to find many other clergy to take services. We would like to thank the Rural Dean, Prebendary Alan White for taking some of the services and being on the end of the telephone to help us with queries.

We are grateful to Michael Price for arranging the programme of lay-led services, the speakers and creating a team of members from the congregation who lead these services. We thank those who are part of this team.

We thank also Jane Outhwaite for organising the readers for our Sunday services and all who are part of the team of readers. Also we are grateful to Jane for arranging the service of Compline during Lent and thank all those who prepare our prayers of intercession on Sunday.

Almost every Thursday afternoon, under the direction of Jo Innes-Lumsden, a small number of choir members meet and either Marilyn Ellis or Madeleine Fedrick come to play the organ for them during their practice of the hymns for the following Sunday's Parish Communion service. We would like to thank them for their steadfast loyalty and weekly commitment to help the congregation sing their praises to The Lord. We would like to mention and thank Tom Morris for his solo performances, his guitar playing and his support in the choir.

At this point we would like to thank Peter Gage for all his meticulous work in preparing the two altars, setting up the credence table and acting as server at our Parish Communion services. Without the support of Winnie Bryant and her team of Sacristans, whose numbers have been swelled by three new members, we would have to undertake the important jobs they do. This includes changing the altar frontal according to the feast days or season and taking home and laundering any linen used from the services. Thank you to all of you. Madeleine has continued to order all wine and hosts for use in all the Beacon Mission Churches as well as ordering candles and the annual orders of advent and paschal candles, ash and palms.

The smooth running of each service would not happen unless we had a team of reliable sides- people. Their role is very important as they are the first person someone will see as they come into the church for a service. The 'Welcome' helps everyone, including visitors who come into the church, to receive a smile, a hello and a hymn book etc. Their other jobs are to collect money during the Offertory hymn and then present it to the priest, where it is blessed. Later in the service they make sure that people who wish to receive Holy Communion go in an orderly manner and help those who need support stepping over the step in the Lady Chapel. We would like to thank them for doing these important tasks.

We have a team of hard working church cleaners who undertake the cleaning of what is a difficult space. As it is an old building, they have to battle against the dust and debris that falls down quite easily as well as the spiders that enjoy spinning their webs in all the difficult places to reach. We thank you for your work keeping the place clean and tidy. The congregation and visitors to the church appreciate your efforts.

What would our church look like if it was like Lent all year and there were no flowers? During Lent we miss having flowers so it is with great delight we see Sheila Stacey and her flower arrangers come in with armfuls of flowers and foliage to dress all the window sills and many other surfaces for Easter Sunday, Harvest and Christmas. During the rest of the year every week, one or two of the flower arrangers provide a flower arrangement. We thank them for their work and the joy their flower arrangements bring to the congregation.

2.6 Communication

The last group of people we would like to thank in our report are those who are involved in the important aspect of communication. Many thanks go to Richard Lumsden for designing and printing programmes and posters. When the Rector was here Richard printed all our service cards and more lately the pew leaflets which Madeleine produces.

We all enjoy receiving the Beacon Magazine and our grateful thanks go to Michael Price the editor and to Charles Quartley who prepares it for publishing and puts it on The Beacon Mission Community web site. Charles has also agreed to prepare for publishing this year's Annual Report.

During the 'vacancy' all the PCCs had to work together to provide a joint Beacon Parishes Community Profile. Charles very kindly agreed to set our profile text in a very professional and attractive format for us. Having received approval from the Bishop of Plymouth, the document was placed on the Diocese website so that prospective candidates who are looking for the position of Rector could read all about us. We would like to thank him for the time he spent on putting together this important document.

The remainder of the Annual Report has reports written from many other people who hold important roles or represent groups of people who work in our church. We would like to say a final thank you to them. As you read the report we hope you will see how complex an organisation this church is and that we rely on the kindness and generosity of so many volunteers.

Geraldine Dennis and Madeleine Fedrick

3 Administration

3.1 Secretary's Report

We have had 3 PCC Standing Committee Meetings; 4 PCC meetings and 1 joint PCC meeting with those from the other parishes in the Beacon Mission Community since our APCM in 2017.

The joint PCC meeting was to discuss Legacies with Katie Stevenson from the Diocese as our speaker and a short talk by Steve Bassett our Health and Safety Officer. We now have leaflets in church concerning wills and our Treasurer has the Legacy packs.

We have also had a meeting to approve the use of online banking at St. Andrew's.

As we have been in a Vacancy since October we have had 4 meetings with the other parishes – one of them being with the Archdeacon – to discuss our way forward and the Parish Profile for approval. These have been smooth running and my thanks to all and especially Mick Sutherland-Cook for chairing these meetings. As you can see we have been very busy.

Needless to say, the churchwardens have had separate meetings and my thanks go to them for all their hard work. There is a lot for them to do during a Vacancy.

Finally my thanks go to all PCC members and Wardens for their support.

Vanessa Bevan

3.2 PCC Financial Report

The accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017 were approved by the PCC on 27 March 2018, having been independently reviewed by Malcolm Dando. The accounts are in section 7 below

GENERAL FUND

There was surplus from ordinary activities of £2,150, but overall a deficit of £10,098. This was mainly down to the General Funds contribution to the new boilers (total cost £15,833, of which £1,000 was paid from the Fabric Fund).

There was a reduction in Regular Giving through Yellow Envelopes, but it was more than compensated for by a general increase in collections. The Parish Giving Scheme continues to work very well.

There were no significant increases to general expenses to report, but as well as the new boiler expenses, there was a further £1,187 of extraordinary expenditure for a new lawnmower and church chairs. This was offset by extraordinary income of £4,772 being a legacy, various grants and the sale of a piano.

The General Fund Bank Account finished the year with a balance of £17,520 of which £2,136 relates to Restricted Funds. The General Deposit Account had a balance of £28,996.

The General Investments performed well in the year with their market value increasing by £8,600 to a total value of £108,239.

FABRIC FUND

The Fabric Fund showed a surplus of £1,744 with no major changes to Income or Expenditure, except for a £1,000 contribution toward the boiler. Once again, the major source of income was the Gift Day and tax recovered thereon via Gift Aid.

The balances at the year end showed £11,317 on the main account and £13,044 in the Deposit Account. The investments also performed well, increasing by £2,627 to a market value of £31,739.

Phill Harvey, Treasurer

3.3 Electoral Roll

The revision of the electoral roll will take place this year between 28th and 30th March.

However, at the time of writing, the position is as follows. At the beginning of the year there were 95 people on the electoral roll.

During the course of the year we were pleased to welcome one new member. Two members moved away and eight members have sadly died, which means that there are currently 86 people on the electoral roll.

Liz Lamport

4 The buildings

4.1 Fabric

There has been little change during the year and the building remains in good condition for its age.

The central heating system is now working well, but additional work needs to be done to the boiler house roof since the old flue was removed.

A new key safe has been installed in the vestry, bolted to the wall for security.

The north window cill of the belfry has been built up so that it now slopes outwards and rainwater runs to the outside. This work has been carried out, with help, by Colin Clark, Tower Captain.

Repairs to the window tracery are in hand and will commence in the spring of 2018.

As ever we are sincerely grateful to John Tuckett and others on the Working Party for the maintenance and repair work they carry out each month.

Stephen Bryant

4.2 Bells, tower and ringers

We have had yet another busy year, ringing for every Sunday morning service, the maypole dancer's parade on Flower Show day, the Lantern procession in November and five weddings.

Our new learner, Lynda Gaunter, is progressing very quickly; she is now ringing for Sunday services. Two new, potential ringers recently came to have a try and they seem very interested.

The ringing chamber has been redecorated by the ringers, a new carpet has been laid, and it now looks very palatial. The old decor was looking somewhat tired.

The problem I mentioned in last year's report concerning the cill in the bell chamber, namely rain running down onto the bell frame causing corrosion has now been rectified by Mike Squire and myself, with concrete blocks and cement kindly donated by Jim Bruce. There are just a few finishing touches to complete the job.

We have ordered a new set of eight bell ropes, (due to be delivered shortly). In the past we have used flax/hemp ropes, which are affected by the weather causing them to shrink or stretch, so we decided to go for a pre stretched polyester type rope. These do not stretch or shrink with the weather but they are more expensive, £125 each for hemp, roughly £150 each for polyester. However they last at least three times longer. We were fortunate in kindly receiving a grant from the Ipplepen Community Fund for £1000 towards the cost of these.

The seventh bell has been getting harder to ring recently. There was definitely something wrong. Tony Clark, Mike Squire and I inspected and found that the bearings were badly worn. We purchased and fitted two new bearings. By undertaking the job ourselves we saved a considerable amount of money.

On the 27th January Andrew Vickery and I attended the Church of England Safeguarding Training Module for children and adults at risk.

Colin Clark

4.3 Churchyard

The committee met informally at monthly Working Parties. During the year all headstones have been checked for safety and mounds levelled where possible.

The churchyard is nearly full and, apart from reserved grave spaces, room for future burials is very limited. During 2018 we will need to fence off part of the extension and lay out this new area for consecration.

We are grateful to John Lynch, who has maintained the churchyard to a high standard, and to the band of volunteers who have again helped cut the grass, and trim the laurel hedge. The working party also removed fallen debris from the trees each month, kept the gravelled area at the rear of the hall free from weeds and carried out repairs to the walls.

During the year an enthusiastic group of children from Ipplepen School once again worked hard in the churchyard removing weeds from the paths and stripping ivy from graves and trees. It was again a most enjoyable and happy event and much useful work was done. We are grateful to them and their teachers.

Stephen Bryant

4.4 Church hall

I am pleased to report on another successful year for St. Andrew's Church Hall, in which the hall is being used every day of the week for either Church run events, or regular hirers for different classes such as yoga, pilates, fitness classes, Brownies, choir and band practices together with private parties and meetings. Church Luncheon Club and Messy Church are two other regular events.

This year I have taken on more regular hirers, which include Tai Chi lessons on Tuesday mornings and Spanish lessons for young children on Friday mornings. This all goes to prove what a great asset the hall is for the whole community.

Speaking of the community, following our application for a Co-op grant, I must say a big thank you to all parishioners who nominated our hall as their chosen charity. The Co-op gave 1% of all the monies spent on their own products throughout the year, and we were all certainly amazed when we were presented with a cheque for just over £1,400. This money will be used for new safety flooring and refurbishment work in the toilets and should hopefully be completed soon.

As always, I would like to thank all the hirers of the hall throughout the year. The monies raised help us to maintain the beautiful old building to such a high standard. My thanks also go to Geraldine and Madeleine for their support and to Jane who sets the heating in the winter months to keep my hirers warm. It has been my first year of working with our new Church Treasurer, Phill Harvey, who gladly accepts all the monies collected by me each month!

I look forward to continuing my work within the hall for the coming year.

Shirley Northwood

5 Our Policies in Action

5.1 Health and Safety

Regular checks are made on the Fire extinguishers, and the winch for the Chandelier.

The white tape around the edge of the ramp, font, and the steps in the chancel have been renewed. We have recently had a thorough safety inspection and we are following all the correct procedures to ensure the safety of everyone who comes into the church.

Plans are in place to put a permanent step outside the West door, to make it more accessible.

Geraldine Dennis

5.2 Safeguarding

Ann Holroyd (Mission Community Local Advocate for Children and Adults at risk) and Carol Robinson (Mission Community Safeguarding Officer) continue the Safeguarding work of the Mission Community in the absence of a Rector, to ensure that the Statutory Obligations are complied with under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2017. Records of DBS checks are maintained to ensure compliance and that Safeguarding remains an essential item on the PCC meeting agenda.

Ann Holroyd and Carol Robinson

5.3 Pastoral Care Team

It may not be common knowledge at St. Andrew's but we do have a Pastoral Care Team (PCT). Winnie Bryant keeps an eye on the congregation to see who is there and who is missing and rings if she is concerned about anyone. If there is a problem we have a team of visitors – Marilyn Ellis, Marilyn Clark, Brian Tuckett and Jane Outhwaite who can visit. Winnie passes the information on to me and I circulate it to the volunteers.

If you are concerned about the wellbeing of anyone in the congregation do please get in touch with one of us.

Vanessa Bevan

5.4 Baptism Team

Michael Price, Anne Holroyd and Jo Innes-Lumsden continue to share the baptisms which take place. This year there have been five candidates. When the initial meeting with the parents takes place, the service and is explained and any questions answered. Usually they are invited to choose a favourite hymn. It is always stressed that we at St. Andrew's prefer baptisms to take place during the Sunday Communion. In that way the candidates are welcomed into the church family, and the guests are led through the service with explanations of the symbolism involved.

The parents and Godparents are encouraged to continue to bring their children to church in the following years.

Jo Innes-Lumsden

5.5 Hospitality

The Hospitality Team has had a busy year, catering for annual events such as the Lantern Procession and Carol service, and lunches for Harvest, St. Andrew's Day etc., though sadly we had to postpone the St. David's Day lunch with the Devon Close Harmony Quartet because of the appalling weather. We have also catered for several funerals, teas and coffee mornings.

I would like to offer heartfelt thanks to all those in the Team for their continuing hard work and frequent donations of puddings and cakes. Without them the church would lose a large part of its social life – which is what Hospitality is all about.

I would also like to offer grateful thanks to all of those who so willingly provide refreshments for us each Sunday after the 11 am service. They provide the milk and biscuits as well as give their time and effort.

If anyone would like to join the Hospitality Team (very informal!) or go on the Coffee Rota we should be delighted to see you. Please either speak to me at church or give me a ring on 812879.

Jane Outhwaite

5.6 Fund Raising

GIFT DAY

Utilising the space at the front of the church we manned stalls of harvest produce and preserves. Sales were very successful and the beautiful harvest flower displays could be enjoyed over a cup of coffee. This all added a new dimension to Gift Day.

COFFEE AT CHRISTMAS

This event was held in church with a variety of stalls selling cakes, preserves and craft items. Many people came to purchase Christmas cakes which they had so enjoyed the year before.

MAY FAYRE 5th May 2018

We postponed our Christmas fayre in order to hold a May FAYRE and be part of the 700th celebrations. We have booked the village hall again and hope everyone will do their bit to make it successful.

FUNDRAISING TEAM

We meet regularly and we appreciate Richard Lumsden's help with posters and advertising.

Marilyn Ellis, Jo Innes-Lumsden, Sue Sanders, Sheila Stacey

5.7 Home Communion

Once a month we take communion to members of our congregations who are unwell at home. The bread and wine have been consecrated previously in a regular church service. We hold a short service in each house including the collect and bible readings for that week. At present we have half a dozen people we visit in their own homes and we also visit the Grange and Brambledown. If you know of anyone who would like to receive Communion at home, please contact your churchwardens.

Tessa Amies and Steve Bassett

5.8 Readers

Interregnums can be busy times for Readers! Although the actual numbers of services we can take remain relatively few, we can preach and take prayers, funerals and lent courses etc. to help out.

This year we have welcomed Hillarie Griggs as a reader-in-training. Now in her second year of training she is busy attending lectures, writing essays and practising preaching and taking services in our four churches. We wish her good luck!

Tessa Amies

6 Reaching Out

6.1 Messy Church

This year Messy Church has been meeting once every half-term instead of once a month. This gives our loyal volunteers time to recover and plan between each meeting. It also saves money!

Numbers are generally up from last year. Sometimes we have around 25 children - with their parents - which is noisy and chaotic; at other times fewer children gives us time to interact with each one. Through activities, crafts and the celebration in Church we follow the church's calendar e.g. Harvest and Christmas or explore one of the well-known bible stories.

We are always on the lookout for more volunteers to help with either the crafts or the catering.

Yes! We finish with a sit down meal around a large table with time to celebrate birthdays and good news.

Tessa Amies and Linda Simmonds

6.2 The Beacon Magazine

The Beacon is the magazine for the Mission Community of Ipplepen with Torbryan, Denbury, Broadhempston and Woodland. It continues to be produced bimonthly at no cost to the Mission Community and is available on line at the Mission Community website www.missioncommunity.org.uk

Charles Quartley continues to lay out the magazine with great flare and increasing expertise and to oversee the production. The editor is always grateful to all those who have contributed during the last year with particular thanks to Marilyn Clark who acts as the "reporter" for the events at St. Andrew's.

Michael Price

6.3 Deanery Synod

The Rural Dean the Rev. Preb. Alan White presides over the Deanery Clergy and elected representatives.

There were 3 meetings over the year:-

26th June 2017 here at St. Andrew's with a presentation by Peter Snook (street pastor)

19th October 2017 at Kingskerswell parish room and presentation by Charlie Pitman (safe guarding adviser)

15th January 2018 at St. Luke's Church, Milber, presentation by Rev. Preb. John Good, (one of the Bishop's Clergy officers)

Meetings close with Compline or the Lord's Prayer & Grace.

1) The main topic item for discussion and decision has been the Deanery financial situation, resources and expenses. The proposal was to charge parishes in our Deanery a % payment per parish/church, as adopted in other Deaneries. With this in mind and taking into account the re-organisation within our own Deanery. The standing committee after much careful discussion proposed to amend the sub-structure on a percentage of the common fund, and set an income figure of a £1,000 from the 5 Mission Communities. Each community will then decide how to split their contribution between the parishes.

2) The latest edition of the PCC Accountability Accounting Guide is being published and should now be available.

3) Safe-guarding – each parish is to up date

4) Health & Safety

It is with much sadness that after two years of agreed appointment time, the Rural Dean Rev. Preb. Alan White will stand down in May 2018, and he will be missed as he has served our Deanery with interest and dedication.

Also not seeking re-election on doctor's advice, after a very long and devoted service to the Deanery is our treasurer, Mr. Peter Gay.

Via the Deanery and PCC's a request by e-mail to contribute towards a leaving gift for Bishop Sarah.

For future Discussion this year:

A) Good News Stories.

B) Stepping Stones – and event to bring young people into the church.

Next Synod meetings are 13th June and 10th October

Susan Hird

6.4 Ipplepen Primary School

Here at Ipplepen Primary School life continues to be very busy. We ensure that we take every opportunity to join in with community events.

All the children, staff and a large proportion of the parents have visited the church to celebrate many events over this year. In the Autumn term, we held a celebration for harvest and the children and their families collected a large amount of foods which added to the church donation for HITS.

We also held a very enjoyable service to celebrate Christmas, led by our present Year 6 who supported and encouraged the Foundation stage. These 2 year groups retold the birth of Jesus through actions, songs and readings.

All of these services and celebrations have been very well attended and we hope this pattern can be continued into next year.

Our Eco Councillors again attended the Remembrance service and were part of the uniformed parade and laid a wreath to remember the fallen. We collected shoe boxes for charity and representatives from school attended this church service. In January, the Eco Councillors represented the school at a United Service at the Methodist Church.

The church provided a fantastic Christmas experience for the children in Year 5 and each child had positive comments about this. Can I say how powerful this experience was! I know it was a lot of hard work and many people gave up their time but it was a very good experience –so thank you very much.

As I have previously said, as Ipplepen is a village community school I believe it is very important that the school is central in the community, therefore we have been busy developing these links. Since last year we have been involved with the following: we send 4 children to help serve at the Church Community lunch each month. In addition to this we have sent the choir to sing at Christmas and they will return later in the school year. We have supported the local lantern parade, each class made their own large lantern and many of our children accompanied by their parents carried them in the parade.

As a school we have taken part in an Arts/History/RE week in association with the Ipplepen History Society. We used this week to support the 700th birthday of the Church. We have been and are very busy getting ready for this event.

If there are links which I have not begun to access please let me know. I strive to continue to develop strong community links and look forward to meeting you at village events.

At the end of the summer term Year 6 will again be involved with the community award and will be cleaning the church and clearing the grounds.

At school we always welcome visitors and would love to have members of the church come in to hear readers or read their favourite story.

Amanda Lacey

6.5 Food for Thought Lunch Club

2017-18 has seen some significant changes in the Lunch Club. Many of our guests, who have been with us for nearly eleven years, have departed this life. For the first time in five years we have no centennials on our list. One lady is still with us, but cared for at home as she approaches her 102nd birthday.

Since July 2017 we have had four Year 6 children from the Primary School, two boys and two girls, who come and help to serve the main course and assist guests to their seats. These children have been amazing. I go to the school two days before Lunch Club and brief the 'chosen four' for that month. They attend with a teacher who takes lots of photographs for the school website. The children have shown such kindness and sensitivity to the elderly guests,

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan					
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2017					
General Fund Receipts and Payments Account					
	2017		2016		
	£	£	£	£	
RECEIPTS					
Planned Giving					
Regular giving through PGS, envelopes and bankers orders	28,848		32,430		
Income tax recovered thereon	10,010		9,771		
		38,858			42,201
Other Voluntary Giving					
Collections	6,395		3,448		
Collections - restricted funds	1,124		1,176		
Church wall box	194		594		
Social & fund-raising events:	2,485		4,434		
Votive candle stand	386		295		
Sundry donations	2,339		1,070		
		12,923			11,017
Other Ordinary Income					
Fees payable to P C C	8,422		10,744		
Dividends and interest on investments	3,852		3,128		
Rent receivable	107		97		
Sundry	165		90		
		12,546			14,059
Extraordinary Income					
Legacies in wills	1,000		0		
Restricted donations - flowers	0		0		
Grants received	3,572		0		
Sale of piano	200				
		4,772			0
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		69,099			67,277
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR		(79,197)			(67,320)
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		(10,098)			(43)
Extraordinary income:					
Legacies in wills		4,772			0
Net non-recurring fund-raising income:					0
<i>ExeVox, Abbotskerswell Choir & Galampton Jazz Band concerts</i>					
Extraordinary expenditure:					
Purchase of new photocopier		0			0
Pew cushions		0			(5,636)
700th Anniversary		0			(45)
New Lawn Mower		(504)			
New Chairs		(683)			
New Boiler		(15,833)			
Surplus/(deficit) from extraordinary activities & events		(12,248)			(5,681)
Surplus/(deficit) from ordinary activities		2,150			5,638
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		(10,098)			(43)

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan									
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2017									
General Fund Receipts and Payments Account									
					2017			2016	
					£	£		£	£
<u>PAYMENTS</u>									
<i>The Ministry</i>									
General ministry expenses including Rector's expenses					2,409			2,557	
						2,409			2,557
<i>The Church and Services</i>									
Heating, lighting and cleaning					3,035			2,526	
Upkeep of services					1,370			1,391	
Flowers					289			448	
Votive candle stand					0			0	
Churchyard expenses including verger's honoraria					1,944			1,523	
Sexton's honorarium					0			640	
Organists' honoraria					933			700	
Organ tuning					174			282	
Director of Music honorarium					0			0	
Music					0			0	
Fees from weddings, funerals etc. payable to diocese					2,014			3,795	
						9,759			11,305
<i>Other Ordinary Expenditure</i>									
Leasing and expenses of photocopier					281			206	
Ipplepen Magazine/Diocesan leaflets/Christians Together					145			145	
Minor Church Maintenance					443				
Administration, postage, stationery etc.					613			333	
Payments to missions and charities					4,200			3,700	
Payments to missions and charities - restricted funds					1,124			1,176	
Parochial share payable to diocese					40,525			40,102	
Deanery contribution					119			20	
Payments to restricted funds					1,075				
Social and fundraising events					1,265			1,731	
Website					71			46	
Shared Expenses recovered					(526)			0	
Prior year adjustment					(47)				
Sundry expenses					721			318	
						50,009			47,777
<i>Extraordinary Expenditure</i>									
700th Anniversary					0				45
Pew cushions					0				5,636
New Lawn Mower					504				
New Chairs					683				
New Boiler					15,833				
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR						79,197			67,320

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan							
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2017							
Choir Receipts and Payments Account							
	2017		2016				
	£	£	£	£			
RECEIPTS							
Fees received from weddings	0			75			
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		0					75
PAYMENTS							
Music	18			57			
Payments to singers at weddings	0			60			
Dinner	147			77			
Flowers	25			33			
Music stand	0			61			
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR		(190)					(288)
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		(190)					(213)

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan							
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2017							
Bellringers Receipts and Payments Account							
	2017		2016				
	£	£	£	£			
RECEIPTS							
Visitor donations	29			66			
Ipplepen Community Fund	1,000						
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		1,029					66
PAYMENTS							
Membership subscriptions	20			15			
Draw prizes & tickets	9			9			
Competition entry fees	0			0			
New Carpet	155			0			
Donation towards Rev Peter	10			20			
Other donation	0			0			
Repairs to bells	13			13			
Sundries	5			0			
New Cupboard	15						
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR		(227)					(57)
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		802					9

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan						
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2017						
Belleplates Receipts and Payments Account						
	2017		2016			
	£	£	£	£		
RECEIPTS						
Donations received	0		0			
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		0		0		
PAYMENTS						
Music stands	0		0			
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR		0		0		
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		0		0		

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan						
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2017						
Youth Initiatives Receipts and Payments Account						
	2017		2016			
	£	£	£	£		
RECEIPTS						
Donations received	0		0			
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		0		0		
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR						
Sunday Club set-up expenses	0		0			
Beacon Mission Community USB sticks for school leavers	0		0			
World War I gospels for school leavers	0		0			
		0		0		
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		0		0		

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan					
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2017					
Million for Mission Receipts and Payments Account					
	2017		2016		
	£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS					
Million for Mission grant	0		0		
Messy Church donations received	375		297		
Messy Church funds raised from sale of paintings	0		0		
Messy Church funds raised from Cottage Garden Show & School Fayre	0		99		
Donation towards Million for Mission	0		0		
Adult Education book sales income	145		138		
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		520			534
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR					
Messy Church costs (food, craft materials, use of hall)	217		143		
Adult education course costs	0		273		
Cost of children's Lent sheets & Advent books	120		80		
Cost of items for school assemblies	0		98		
Cost of items for school leavers	0		101		
Other mission community resources	0		71		
		(337)			(766)
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		183			(232)
<p><i>The Million for Mission fund relates to monies held & administered by the parish of Ipplepen & Torbryan on behalf of the mission community of Ipplepen with Torbryan, Denbury & Woodland parishes. These monies were received from the diocese of Exeter following a mission community application for funds towards joint mission activities, including but not limited to the running of Messy Church and various religious education courses.</i></p>					

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan					
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2017					
Fabric Fund Receipts and Payments Account					
	2017		2016		
	£	£	£	£	
RECEIPTS					
<i>Donations</i>					
Donation towards fabric funds	109		1,000		
Floodlighting contributions	300		505		
		409		1,505	
<i>Gift Day</i>		3,690		3,735	
<i>Investment Income Received</i>					
Deposit accounts interest	338		61		
Dividends & other investment income	497		848		
		835		909	
<i>Extraordinary Income</i>					
Proceeds of insurance claim re storm damage		0		0	
Prior year adjustment		302		0	
<i>Income Tax Recovered</i>		1,783		0	
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		7,019		6,149	
PAYMENTS					
<i>Church Repairs and Renewals</i>					
Annual fire inspection	133		171		
Fire safety equipment for votive candle stand					
Annual inspection of chandelier winch	216		216		
Replace floodlighting	0		144		
New tap in vestry sink	72		0		
Repairs to roof after storm damage	0		0		
Repairs to porch drainage					
Repairs to gutters & general maintenance of metalwork					
Upgrade to audio system					
Installation of altar lights in chancel					
Repairs to flooring					
Repairs to render on all elevations & north buttresses					
Repairs to south entrance					
Contribution to new boiler	1,000		0		
Sundry other repairs & replacements	0		16		
		1,421		547	
<i>Expenditure re Restricted Donations</i>					
Work on tower roof	0		0		
		0		0	
<i>Church Tower Expenses</i>					
Inspection of church tower clock	156		0		
Clock regulator	0		0		
Inspection of & work to lightning conductors	48		48		
Repairs to headstock of bells					
Lights for bells					
Work on guttering	70		70		
		274		118	
<i>Other Expenditure</i>					
Bank charges	0		0		
Architectural plan for window repairs etc.	576		0		
Prior year adjustment	0		0		
		576		0	
<i>Insurance - Building</i>		3,004		2,773	
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR		5,275		3,438	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		1,744		2,711	

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan					
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2017					
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2017					
	General Fund	Restricted General Funds (see analysis)	Restricted Fabric Fund	Total 2017	Total 2016
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets - at cost					
Land - Part of Church Park (field being extension to Churchyard)	150			150	150
Investments - at cost					
Central Board of Finance (Investment Fund)					
Parochial General Fund - 886 shares	750			750	750
Churchyard - 2,506 shares	9,992			9,992	9,992
Churchyard (Diocesan A/C) - 242 shares	270			270	270
Churchyard (re Dr Fry) - 52.01 shares	500			500	500
£18,859 4% Consolidated Stock			0	0	0
1,936 CBF CofE Investment Fund Income Units			12,000	12,000	12,000
Monetary Assets					
NatWest - Current Account	15,384	2,136	11,317	28,837	20,427
NatWest - Fixed Term Deposit	0		0	0	0
Central Board of Finance - Deposit Account	28,996		13,044	42,040	57,740
Central Board of Income Fund Units (re R Griffiths)	40,000			40,000	40,000
NatWest - Current Account (Choir Fund)		344		344	534
Cash not yet banked	15	54		69	
Bellringers Funds		410		410	608
Debtors	245		708	953	
Creditors	(903)		0	(903)	
	95,399	2,944	37,069	135,412	142,971
Funds					
Balance brought forward at 31 December 2016	105,497	2,149	35,325	142,971	141,021
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(10,098)	795	1,744	(7,559)	1,950
Balance carried forward at 31 December 2017	95,399	2,944	37,069	135,412	142,971
Valuation of General Fund Investments					
Parochial General Fund - 886 shares				14,525	13,323
Churchyard - 2,506 shares				41,084	37,683
Churchyard (Diocesan A/C) - 242 shares				3,639	3,639
Churchyard (re Dr Fry) - 52.01 shares				852	782
CBF Income Fund Units (re R Griffiths)				48,139	44,153
				108,239	99,580
Valuation of Fabric Fund Investments					
£18,859 4% Consolidated Stock				0	0
1,936 CBF CofE Investment Fund Income Units				31,739	29,112
				31,739	29,112
The attached notes form part of these financial statements.					
Approved by the PCC on 19 March 2018 and signed on their behalf by Madeleine Fedrick (Warden) and Mr Phill Harvey(PCC treasurer).					
I have examined the Receipts and Payments Accounts and the Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2017 in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 43 (7) (b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2001 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. My attached report is given in accordance with these directives and should be read in conjunction with these Accounts. Accordingly I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by these Accounts.					
Mr M S Dando					

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan										
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2017										
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2017										
Analysis of Restricted General Funds										
	Restricted Fund re Val Phillips Memorial Prize	Restricted Choir Fund	Restricted Bellingers Fund	Restricted Belleplates Fund	Restricted Youth Initiatives Fund	Total Restricted General Parish Funds 2017	Restricted Million for Mission Fund (mission community fund)	Total Restricted General Funds 2017	Total Restricted General Funds 2016	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Monetary Assets										
NatWest - Current Account	23		1,000	128	0	1,151	985	2,136	1,007	
NatWest - Current Account (Choir Fund)		344				344		344	534	
Bellingers' Current Account			387			387		387	541	
Bellingers' Petty Cash			23			23		23	67	
Messy Church Cash Not yet banked							54	54		
	23	344	1,410	128	0	1,905	1,039	2,944	2,149	
Funds										
Balance brought forward at 31 December 2016	23	534	608	128	0	1,293	856	2,149	2,590	
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	0	(190)	802	0	0	612	183	795	(441)	
Balance carried forward at 31 December 2017	23	344	1,410	128	0	1,905	1,039	2,944	2,149	

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan	
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2017	
Notes to the Financial Statements	
1.	The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments basis.
2.	The following asset is recognised at cost but not valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities: Land at Church Park - a field being intended for a future extension to St Andrew's Churchyard.
3.	The expenses paid to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion which relates to their function as PCC members. The only other payments made to PCC members were to reimburse them for expenditure necessarily incurred by them on behalf of the PCC.
4.	The general fund is used for the day-to-day running of the church, its services and its charitable & mission activities.
5.	The restricted general funds relate to monies held specifically for the following purposes:
a.	The Val Phillips Memorial Prize Fund: to fund the purchase of prizes for the annual Val Phillips Memorial Competition.
b.	The choir fund relates to monies held & administered by the choir of St Andrew's Church Ipplepen. These monies are held specifically to finance the activities of the choir.
c.	The bellringers fund relates to monies held & administered by the bellringing team of St Andrew's Church Ipplepen. These monies are held specifically to finance the activities of the bellringing tower.
d.	The belleplates fund relates to monies held specifically to finance the activities of the belleplates group, the St Andrew Bell Ringers Extraordinaire.
e.	The youth initiatives fund relates to monies held specifically to finance activities for young people and children in the church and village and mission community.
f.	The Million for Mission fund relates to monies held & administered by the parish of Ipplepen & Torbryan on behalf of the mission community of Ipplepen with Torbryan, Denbury & Woodland parishes. These monies were received from the diocese of Exeter following a mission community application for funds towards joint mission activities, including but not limited to the running of Messy Church and various religious education courses.
6.	The fabric fund represents accumulated donations and appeals for fabric maintenance and can only be spent for that purpose.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF IPPLEPEN									
I report on the accounts of Ipplepen PCC for the year ended 31 December 2017									
Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner									
The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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									
- 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 project 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.									
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.								
Mr M S Dando	1 Edgelands Lane	Ipplepen						Date:	17th March 2018



**Programme of Events to mark the
700th Anniversary of St. Andrew's Church
Ipplepen in 2018**



**Wednesday April 25th at 7.30 pm
in the Village Hall**

**Ipplepen Garden Club have invited Ali Marshal
Head Gardener at Torre Abbey to speak about
Mediaeval Plants and their uses.**

Open to all.



**Saturday April 28th at 7.00 pm
in St. Andrew's Church Hall**

Dr. John Maddicott

Emeritus Fellow of Exeter College, Oxford

will give a talk about

Walter de Stapeldon, Bishop of Exeter, 1307-26

'Good Man or Bad Man'?



Thursday May 3rd at 7.00 pm

in St. Andrew's Church

The Right Robert Atwell, Bishop of Exeter

will celebrate the Eucharist and

re-dedicate the High Altar and bless

the wall hanging.



Saturday May 5th 700th Anniversary Fayre

in the Village Hall

from 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm.

Saturday May 5th the bells will be rung at 2.00 pm.

Afterwards the Tower will be open to visitors

and timed tickets will be available from the

700th Anniversary Fayre in the Village Hall

