

**St. Andrew's Church, Ipplepen**  
**Annual Report**  
**2018 – 2019**



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# 1 Rector's Report

I have now been in post for six months and Claire and I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all those who have made our family so welcome. Too many specific things to mention, but as you read this you might bring to mind a moment in our arrival that has been important for you and give thanks to God for this.

New starts are however not without endings. As TS Eliot puts it in his poem Little Gidding,

*"What we call the beginning is often the end  
And to make an end is to make a beginning."*

This has obviously been true for us as we have left one chapter and started a new one with you. It is also true for us all.

A piece of scripture that helps me think about this process is Luke 5:36-38:

*"36 He told them this parable: "No one tears a piece out of a new garment to patch an old one. Otherwise, they will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old. 37 And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. 38 No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins."*

The challenge that we are facing, alongside Church communities throughout the land, is how do we respond to the new things that God is doing alongside contemporary patterns of work, family and social life. As we meet these challenges and opportunities we will inevitably experience the dynamic described in these verses from Luke.

In all of this we follow the call of the Good Shepherd who leads, guides and protects us. This exploration will cause us to rediscover and refresh the glorious, ancient traditions of the Church. Back to TS Eliot:

*"With the drawing of this Love and the voice of this Calling  
We shall not cease from exploration  
And the end of all our exploring  
Will be to arrive where we started  
And know the place for the first time."*

At the heart of all of this is the extraordinary love of God that we will celebrate at Easter. It is Jesus that we are following on this journey, the one who washed feet, carried a cross, was crucified, placed in a tomb and rose again.

Some final words from Little Gidding:

*"A condition of complete simplicity  
(Costing not less than everything)  
And all shall be well and  
All manner of thing shall be well..."*

I very much look forward to sharing the journey with you, learning together and supporting one another in the path ahead. Our annual reports and associated meetings give us a wonderful snapshot of where the Beacon Parishes Mission Community currently is and I commend them to you.

*Andrew Down*

## 2 Churchwardens' Report

Ten days after the APCM in 2018, we celebrated the 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the re-dedication of the Altar by The Right Reverend Robert Atwell, Bishop of Exeter on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. This day was the highlight of several events that were held before and after the great day. Many people were involved in planning these events and providing the hospitality which accompanied them. We thank the Ipplepen Garden Club who invited Ali Marshal, Head Gardener at Torre Abbey, who gave a very informative talk about Medieval plants and their uses. No doubt the monks who lived in the Priory at the time when Bishop Walter de Stapeldon visited and dedicated the altar in the Priory Church in 1318, had a garden where herbs and other plants were grown for medicinal purposes.

On April 28<sup>th</sup> we were very pleased to hear a fascinating lecture about Walter de Stapeldon by Dr. John Maddicott, Emeritus Fellow of Exeter College, Oxford. On May 5<sup>th</sup> we had a 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fayre in the Village Hall and the church tower was opened to visitors.

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of August we received the the Right Reverend Nicholas McKinnel, Bishop of Plymouth, who presided over the Installation of our new Rector for the Beacon Mission Community, the Reverend Andrew Down. It is wonderful to have Andrew, his wife Claire and their children Charlotte and Joseph with us here in Ipplepen. It was a feat to be able to sit about three hundred people in St. Andrew's Church for this service. After the Induction, our guests were invited to share in food provided by our Hospitality Team and the members of the other three churches in the School Hall. We were very grateful to Mrs. Lacey, Headteacher of Ipplepen Primary School in allowing us to use the hall.

During the Vacancy and afterwards, we continue to be very grateful for the work that John Tuckett and Stephen Bryant do on the church building both externally and internally. In July and August Woodbury Stone worked on repairing the limestone tracery of five windows on the north side of the church. On October 6<sup>th</sup> we had our annual Gift Day and Autumn Fayre in the Church.

The money raised from the Gift Day, the two grants from Alistair Dewhurst's District and County Councillor funds and a generous contribution from the Ipplepen Community Fund, enabled us to be able to pay for the repair of the clock. After much time was spent by Charles Quartley in organising for the clock to be taken away and filling in the paper work for permission from the Diocese to have the repair done, the clock was taken away finally for repair on October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018 and put back in its clean well lit surroundings on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019. We would like to thank the bell ringers who undertook the cleaning of the clock tower while the clock was away.

In October the Ipplepen Family History Group brought back their First World War display and decorated the War Memorial with hand knitted poppies created by Mary Quick. It was a most fitting tribute for the Remembrance Day Service as it was held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November which is the same date as Armistice Day.

At the end of November the church was used for the annual Lantern Procession and our Hospitality team provided mulled wine/squash and mince pies. The Christmas tree was delivered on December 13<sup>th</sup> and our team of Flower arrangers decorated the church beautifully for the Christmas Season. The Chandelier was lit for the Carol Service, the Crib Service and the 9.00pm Christmas Eve Service.

*Geraldine Dennis and Madeleine Fedrick*

## 3 Administration

### 3.1 Secretary's Report

Since our last APCM we have had 4 PCC meetings which include Standing Committee meetings 2 weeks prior to PCC meetings. Standing Committee consists of Rector (or Lay Chair) Secretary and Wardens or assistant Wardens if lay chair taking the meeting.

We have also had extra meetings to discuss the application for a faculty for the repair of the clock and the provision of an Administrator to help the Rector.

A joint Mission Community meeting has been held with Hannah Dunn the Diocesan Lay Representative to discuss 'Setting God's people free'. This is the Church of England's Renewal and Reform programme

aimed at helping us become a growing church for all people and for all places. The Diocese wanted us to consider that, apart from the 110 hours per week when we are not in church or sleeping, what do we do with our lives.

Since August we have been lucky enough to have our new Rector - Rev. Andrew Down - and we welcome him with open arms and must do all we can to support him and his wife and family.

My thanks as usual go to the wardens, assistant wardens and all PCC members for their patience and support.

*Vanessa Bevan*

### **3.2 PCC Financial Report**

The accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018 were approved by the PCC on 17 March 2019, having been independently reviewed by Malcolm Dando. The accounts are in section 7 below.

#### **GENERAL FUND**

There was deficit from ordinary activities of £1,912 as opposed to a surplus in 2017 of £2,150 and overall a deficit of £7,375 compared to a deficit in 2017 of £10,098.

The reasons for the ordinary deficit are that both planned and voluntary giving was reduced, no doubt partly explained by the absence of a full time Rector for much of the period. Income from social and fundraising events was also significantly lower.

As far as General Fund expenditure was concerned, our contribution to the Common Fund increased by nearly £4k. There were two items of extraordinary expenditure, being £4.5k on a new lawnmower, and £963 costs relating to the recruitment of the new Rector.

The General Fund Bank Account finished the year with a balance of £9,363, of which £2,141 relates to Restricted Funds. The General Deposit Account had a balance of £29,140.

In line with the investment market generally, The General Investments did not perform so well in the year with their market value reduced by £1,555 to a total value of £106,684. However, this is after very high growth in 2017.

#### **FABRIC FUND**

The Fabric Fund shows a deficit of £6,031, but this is after significant expenditure on refurbishing the windows, the Church Clock and various electrical work. Expenditure was partly offset by a 50% contribution from The Church Estate Charity towards the windows and Grants and Gift Day collections towards the clock repairs.

The balances at the year end showed £5,929 on the main account and £13,109 in the Deposit Account. The investments decreased by £551 to a market value of £31,188.

#### **SUMMARY**

2018 was a period of high, but necessary expenditure on the Church fabric and it was only right that much of the fund raising activity, in particular Gift Day, was focused on the Fabric Fund.

However, it is now the area of General Income and Expenditure that requires attention in the coming months and years. Most of the Church costs, in particular the contribution to the Common Fund, are beyond our control. We therefore need to focus on what we can control, i.e. increasing income through Regular & Voluntary Giving and Events. A working group is already being formed to look at the options.

In the meantime, we have significant reserves to give us time to make the necessary plans for the future.

*Phill Harvey, Treasurer*

### 3.3 Electoral Roll

This year was the one year in six in which the electoral roll has to be recreated from scratch, with parishioners having to reapply if they wish to stay on the list.

Of the 89 members on the 2018 roll, 70 reapplied. Sadly, many of those who did not had either died or moved away from the area.

However, we were very happy to welcome 14 new members to the roll, the biggest influx of new members for some time. This means that the total now stands at 84 people who have committed to being members of our church.

*Liz Lamport*

## 4 The buildings

### 4.1 Fabric

In September our church architect, Mr. Palmer, carried out the Quinquennial Inspection of St Andrew's.

His report says that: *"The church is generally in good structural condition, with little structural movement evident. It is very well maintained with repairs and renewals dealt with as reported and as and when they arise"*.

Mr. Palmer also inspected the church log book, which is kept up to date by the wardens, and commented on the accuracy and detail with which they maintain this important record of works to the fabric.

During the year the main item he noted has been the repair of the stonework and tracery of windows on the north side of the church.

Similar repairs to the other windows will continue in 2019.

The clock was removed for a complete overhaul, with help from the bellringers.

We are grateful to Mr. John Tuckett and his working party for carrying out many small repairs to the church on a regular basis, and for maintaining the rainwater systems, roofs and gutters.

*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, the carol service in the square, and five weddings. We also rang at Denbury to celebrate the wedding of Peter Ashman's son, Tim.

On Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> we rang for the 700th Anniversary Fayre, and afterwards we conducted tours of the tower, where visitors saw the bells and enjoyed wonderful views of the village and surrounding countryside from the top of the Tower.

On April 12<sup>th</sup> we joined the choir and friends at the Wellington Inn for our annual dinner, after which we were entertained by Jo's suggestion of making up limericks, and very much enjoyed the laughter when they were read out.

After what seemed a very long time without a rector, we eventually, on August 28<sup>th</sup>, rang to welcome Andrew and his family to Ipplepen at his induction.

At the end of October, as part of the clock repair and overhaul project, a working party of ringers helped Tom Allen of Quay Scaffolding erect safety rails around the trap doors in the ringing and clock chambers. We then assisted the clock makers to lower the disassembled clock down to ground level.

We rang the bells half muffled for the remembrance service on November 11<sup>th</sup> and afterwards for the procession to the War Memorial. In the evening, as this year was the one hundredth anniversary of the First World War Armistice, we rang at 7.05pm along with over 1000 towers throughout the country with a peal of 100 Devon call changes.

The new bell ropes which I ordered last year have been in use for about eight months. They are not affected by the weather as much as the old hemp ropes (which varied in length depending if it was dry or wet) and there seems to be less rope noise when ringing.

*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 2019 we will fence off part of the extension and lay out this new area for consecration.

We have purchased a new industrial mower and 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**

We are lucky in this parish to have a beautiful old Church Hall, which is kept in a good state of repair, and I feel that with its internal décor it is a most welcoming place for all parishioners and visitors to use, and truly in keeping with the friendliness that we all want to afford right throughout St. Andrew's.

As in past years we have our regular hirers for fitness activities and yoga and pilates.

1<sup>st</sup> Ipplepen Brownies and Unity in Sound (our Community choir) have weekly sessions at the hall and of course we hold all our own Church meetings, Luncheon Club and Messy Church there too. Family gatherings for christening and birthday parties and funeral receptions all add to the bookings each year.

Sadly, we have recently lost a regular Wednesday afternoon pilates class, but Paul Rosati who ran these classes had the opportunity to expand by taking on classes at Torquay, and so on behalf of us all I would like to wish him every success, and record our thanks to him for all the years of support he had given to the hall.

To conclude, as always, I would like to thank all the hirers of the hall throughout the year, and for the support of Geraldine and Churchwardens to whom I report all the bookings each week. Special thanks to Jane who is currently holding the diary for me whilst I am on holiday!, and to her and Madeline who throughout the winter have been setting the appropriate heating each week to keep my hirers warm and comfortable. Thanks to Phill our Church Treasurer to whom I pay all the monies collected by me each month – and let's hope that next year will be as successful as the one just gone.

*Shirley Northwood*

## **5 Our Policies in Action**

### **5.1 Health and Safety**

All the safety checks and certificates on the chandelier winch and fire extinguishers are all up to date. We continually check for any hazards in the church, churchyard, and hall, and make every reasonable effort to keep everyone safe. It is something we do every time there is a service or event taking place, and also during week days when visiting the church. The training for how to use the fire extinguishers is in hand and waiting for details and dates from various firms. This will be a very useful exercise.

*Geraldine Dennis*

### **5.2 Promoting a Safer Church ..... Safeguarding**

The Safeguarding Policy has been updated using the Diocesan toolkit and resources pack. This was presented to a joint PCC meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and sent to the Diocesan Safeguarding team for comment.

We are working towards ensuring that our practice reflects the principles of the policy and that we can demonstrate that we show compassion and vigilance in the management of risk to children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Reverend Andrew Down met with Carol Robinson, Safeguarding Officer and Ann Holroyd, local Advocate in December. It was decided that the process of obtaining and renewing DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks should become, in future, a task for an administrator.

We continue to participate in Diocesan training events to ensure that we fully understand the changing risks in society and to identify our role in keeping people in our Beacon Mission Community safe.

All PCC members are required to do training in safeguarding. Currently additional training has included the Guidance on Safer Recruitment.

A seminar arranged by the Diocese on Domestic Abuse in March at Buckfast Abbey was attended by a PCC representative. Subsequently a report was written for the Beacon. The wide distribution of the Beacon keeps the Safeguarding issues on all our minds and encourages active development of our policy in practice.

*Ann Holroyd*

### **5.3 Pastoral Care Team**

Winnie Bryant has done a sterling job this year contacting those parishioners who have been absent from church or who she knows need a bit of extra support and our visiting team have been on hand to help.

If you are concerned about the wellbeing of anyone in the congregation and you think they would like a visit or telephone call please do let Winnie or myself know.

We hope to have a meeting soon with the Rector to talk about the way forward.

*Vanessa Bevan*

### **5.4 Baptism Team**

The sacraments are about nothing less than salvation. That is their point and purpose. We see this most clearly with baptism, which is the first and foundational sacrament. The Christian faith goes further: not only is baptism about salvation, but salvation is about baptism: 'no one can enter the kingdom of God,' Christ said, 'without being born of water and Spirit' (John 3.5).

Baptism appears to be the cosiest of sacraments, involving pink-cheeked babies and a welcome into the family of the Church. Alongside this, we are aware that baptism is also magnificent and terrible. We should put it no less forcefully than this: if baptism is about life then it is also about death. Baptism is the most extreme of remedies, since it kills us. In baptism we share in the death of Christ and in his resurrection. If this seems hyperbolic, consider how central it is for Paul that we die with Christ, and when he says so, baptism is often close at hand. Salvation is rescue from a shipwreck, but the paradox is that baptism saves us by drowning. Baptism by full immersion points most closely to this, and our more common rite of pouring water points to this. Submersion is like plunging into the death of Christ, and early baptismal pools have something of the shape of a tomb.

Whilst the canons of the Church of England forbid any minister from obstructing the baptism of an infant, a priest can insist on a reasonable programme of preparation for the family before baptizing a child, which might be all the more important if the family are not regular churchgoers. However, this cannot be used as an obstacle to baptism.

Programmes of preparation have been important since the earliest days of the Church. A child that is baptized a Christian should be raised a Christian, and that means bringing them to church. We have to trust parents over this, and honour their sense that, with baptism, they are doing the right thing by their child. One hopes to succeed in building a bridge between a family and the Church.

Those of us involved must pitch a message and instruction that is appropriate to the parents we see. There is no rush. Except in exceptional cases, baptism is within the communion service with the baptism



party limited to forty. This enables the members of the congregation to have our own space both to welcome the newly baptised and their family whilst at the same time to reflect on our own baptismal promises.

There have been nine baptisms since January 2018.

The mission community team consists of Jo Innes Lumsden, Ann Holroyd and Michael Price from Ipplepen and Fran Howells from Denbury under the guidance of Revd. Andrew. We depend on your continuing prayer in our efforts. We would warmly welcome anyone wishing to join us.

*Michael Price*

## **5.5 Hospitality**

We have had another busy year with events at which we provided hospitality.

At the end of April, together with the Methodist church we held a café-style church with continental breakfast.

Leading up to the 700<sup>th</sup> celebrations we provided wine and nibbles for the talk by Dr. Maddicott, then early in May we had our wonderful 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, when we held a buffet following the evening service, followed on the Saturday by cream teas at the May Fair. Later in May we held a Christian Aid lunch after the joint service with our Methodist friends at St. Andrew's.

We have provided coffee and biscuits at various events during the year, including Gift Day and Coffee at Christmas, arranged by the fund-raising team. We also catered for a funeral, which we are always willing to do.

We catered for a buffet, together with the other churches in the Mission Community, for Andrew's Induction on August 28<sup>th</sup> which was a wonderful occasion, and later held a coffee morning for Andrew and his family to meet St. Andrew's congregation.

There were two lunches, for Harvest and St. Andrew's Day, then mulled wine and mince pies for the Lantern Procession and Carol service and refreshments for the Crib service.

I would like to express my gratitude to all the members of the Hospitality team for all the help they have given, and for contributions of cakes and puddings etc.

I would also like to thank those people who provide refreshments after church, which is much appreciated as part of our fellowship with other members of our congregation.

Hospitality is concerned first and foremost with offering friendship and not with making a profit for the church. However we are holding a meeting shortly with the Fund-raising group to discuss ideas for raising money, which our church needs as our contribution to the Common Fund rises each year.

Hospitality is not a formal committee. We are always in need of more help, and if you feel able to contribute in any way we shall be very grateful.

*Jane Outhwaite*

## **5.6 Fund Raising**

May was a month of celebrations so we hired the village hall for a May Fayre. It was a perfect day and a great success, raising £1,210.

The church tower was open so many people were able to climb it and admire the view and afterwards enjoy some refreshments sitting outside in the sun.

The stalls were laden with crafts, plants, cakes and preserves. After weeks of preparation and a lot of help it was all worthwhile.

A smaller celebration happened in May when the Hospitality and Fund Raising teams celebrated Fiona Muddeman's very special birthday in my garden with a lunch and birthday cake. Thank you Fiona for all your willing help.

Gift Day in September became a Harvest coffee morning with stalls in church once again laden with donations. We raised £103.

The first Saturday in December was coffee at Christmas in church. It was Working Party so they were able to carry tables for us from the hall. Thanks to Stephen Bryant and his team and to Edward Ellis for placing posters in the Beacon churches. It pays to advertise! Over the year we raised £1,600.

Thank you to all who have supported these events.

*Marilyn Ellis*

## **6 Reaching Out**

### **6.1 Messy Church**

Messy Church has had a good year. We meet every other month, six times a year. Generally in St. Andrew's Church Hall with an outdoor meeting in the summer. Each meeting starts with 70 mins of Crafts - all sorts - the messy and 'foody' ones are usually the most popular! Then over to the church for our Celebration and back to the hall for our meal together.

Our theme for each meeting is usually based on the church calendar e.g. Christmas, Mothering Sunday, etc.; but you may have noticed our rather spectacular 'coat of many colours' after we discovered Joseph, an Old Testament Hero!

We have a great team of volunteers, many thanks to all. Claire Down has recently joined us and it's great to have the young from the Rectory too. We are always in need of more help, especially with the cooking. If you feel you could help, please get in touch.

*Tessa Amies and Linda Simmonds*

### **6.2 The Beacon Magazine**

The Beacon is the magazine for the Mission Community of Ipplepen with Torbryan, Denbury and Broadhempston and Woodland. It continues to be produced bimonthly at no cost to the Mission Community thanks to an anonymous donor.

It is also available on line at the Mission Community website [www.missioncommunity.org.uk](http://www.missioncommunity.org.uk). The Christmas edition saw an increase in circulation as there were an extra 250 copies distributed to those attending Carol Services, School Christmas events and the Christmas coffee morning. Congregation members responded magnificently to the request to deliver to nearby neighbours and friends. The edition ran to 30 pages.

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**

Lay Chair: Hilary Howell

There were 3 meetings:-

13<sup>th</sup> June: presentation by Debbie Shotton – Community Fund raising officer from Rowcroft Hospice

10<sup>th</sup> October: Presentation by Giles Frampton – from the Diocesan Board of Finance on the Deanery Consultation paper (dated Aug 2018) on the Common Fund.

27<sup>th</sup> Feb: report of General Synod by the Archdeacon of Totnes, Ven. Douglas Dettmer

The format of the evening meeting is to open with Welcome and prayers; in the October our own Rector Rev. Andrew Down was welcomed.

Deanery synod has had its first year of having a guest speaker or presentation to start the first half of the meeting and is proving to be a successful addition to the Agenda. Other key points are:

1) as proposed last year, each parish was thanked for their % payment contribution to the Deanery Account and funds stand at a balance of £1,600.

2) Safeguarding is still high on the Agenda to be considered with PCC's and updated at every parish.

3) Health & Safety – reports to be submitted with PCC’s

4) Topics to be covered.

Setting God’s people free.

Children and young people growing in faith.

Good news stories; from Parishes.

Meetings close with Compline or The Lord’s Prayer & Grace.

*Susan Hird*

## **6.4 Ipplepen Primary School**

The school motto is ‘Thinking, Caring, Learning and Sharing’. We hope that this is reflected in the actions of the school. It certainly is the reason that the school takes such an integral part in community and church life.

The school year began with the school hall being used to welcome Reverend Andrew Down and his family. Some members of the school community were at the initial service to welcome him and his family.

Since arriving in his new position the Reverend has been working with us here at school and he has planned assemblies for all our children.

All the children, staff and a large proportion of the parents have visited the church to celebrate many events over this year. All of these services and celebrations have been very well attended and we will continue with the same cycle into next year, if we are allowed.

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.

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.

Ipplepen is a village community school and I believe it is very important that the school is central in the community, therefore we have been busy continuing to develop 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 week in association with the Ipplepen History Society.

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.

Our Year 6 children went to Buckfast Abbey to take part in an United School Federation Christmas advent event.

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

This year has seen an enormous change FFTLC. Seona Wilson, who had the original idea for the project and got it started some 12 years ago decided to step down from its organisation. Seona co-ordinated the volunteers, allocated the guests who needed transport to their drivers, welcomed all the guests and organised the speakers each month. In September, she handed this role over to Rose Chamberlain and Maria Alsop. We can confirm that all she did, on her own for so many years was no mean feat!

This work was much appreciated by guests and volunteers as they were able to present a surprised and speechless Seona with a generous gift.

Over the years FFTLC built up to 35 or more guests each month. Latterly, the numbers have reduced below 30. We have lost some of very senior guests and others have become too frail to attend. During the winter months various infections/illnesses reduced our number on one occasion to 20.

At the moment, we rely on our Ministers and Pastoral Visitors to identify new guests (folk isolated on their own, those who have lost their partner etc.). We also liaise with Sharing Care. Volunteers are also identifying folk in the various groups that they have contact with.

A gradual increase in numbers is manageable, but it would be difficult to cope with a sudden influx from a general advertisement across the village for example, via the Magazine. We need to keep this matter under close review.

There has been a suggestion from a general meeting of volunteers that we run three catering teams. At the moment, we do not have a leader for the third team and not enough volunteers to split evenly between three. (We could allocate sufficient volunteers if some were happy to help 2 months out of 3 rather than alternate months.)

On a positive note, we are delighted that we have additional waiting staff from Ipplepen Primary School. Four different children from year 6 come each month during term time to help serve the meals and chat to our guests. This arrangement seems to be enjoyed by old and young alike.

*Maria Alsop and Rose Chamberlain*



Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan					
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2018					
General Fund Receipts and Payments Account					
	2018		2017		
	£	£	£	£	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
<b>Planned Giving</b>					
Regular giving through PGS, envelopes and bankers orders	27,683		28,848		
Income tax recovered thereon	9,591		10,010		
		37,274			38,858
<b>Other Voluntary Giving</b>					
Collections	7,392		6,395		
Collections - restricted funds	680		1,124		
Church wall box	107		194		
Social & fund-raising events:	1,395		2,485		
Votive candle stand	181		386		
Sundry donations	1,498		2,339		
		11,253			12,923
<b>Other Ordinary Income</b>					
Fees payable to P C C	8,939		8,422		
Dividends and interest on investments	3,743		3,852		
Rent receivable	107		107		
Sundry	970		165		
		13,759			12,546
<b>Extraordinary Income</b>					
Legacies in wills	0		1,000		
Restricted donations - flowers	0		0		
Grants received	0		3,572		
Sale of piano	0		200		
		0			4,772
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>62,286</b>			<b>69,099</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>(69,661)</b>			<b>(79,197)</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>(7,375)</b>			<b>(10,098)</b>
Extraordinary income:					
Grants etc		0			4,772
Net non-recurring fund-raising income:					
Extraordinary expenditure:					
Purchase of new photocopier		0			0
Recruitment Costs for new Rector		(963)			0
700th Anniversary		0			0
New Lawn Mower		(4,500)			(504)
New Chairs					(683)
New Boiler					(15,833)
<b>Surplus/(deficit) from extraordinary activities &amp; events</b>		<b>(5,463)</b>			<b>(12,248)</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) from ordinary activities</b>		<b>(1,912)</b>			<b>2,150</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>		<b>(7,375)</b>			<b>(10,098)</b>

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan						
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2018						
General Fund Receipts and Payments Account						
	2018		2017			
	£	£	£	£		
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
<b>The Ministry</b>						
General ministry expenses including Rector's expenses	1,135		2,409			
		1,135				2,409
<b>The Church and Services</b>						
Heating, lighting and cleaning	3,654		3,035			
Upkeep of services	1,345		1,370			
Flowers	758		289			
Votive candle stand	0		0			
Churchyard expenses including verger's honoraria	1,668		1,944			
Sexton's honorarium	0		0			
Organists' honoraria	525		933			
Organ tuning	174		174			
Director of Music honorarium	0		0			
Music	0		0			
Fees from weddings, funerals etc. payable to diocese	1,619		2,014			
		9,743				9,759
<b>Other Ordinary Expenditure</b>						
Leasing and expenses of photocopier	306		281			
Ipplepen Magazine/Diocesan leaflets/Christians Together	310		145			
Minor Church Maintenance	360		443			
Administration, postage, stationery etc.	635		613			
Payments to missions and charities	4,200		4,200			
Payments to missions and charities - restricted funds	1,197		1,124			
Parochial share payable to diocese	44,423		40,525			
Deanery contribution	187		119			
Payments to restricted funds	708		1,075			
Social and fundraising events	1,381		1,265			
Website	41		71			
Shared Expenses recovered	(581)		(526)			
Prior year adjustment	0		(47)			
Sundry expenses	153		721			
		53,320				50,009
<b>Extraordinary Expenditure</b>						
700th Anniversary		0				0
Recruitment Costs for new Rector		963				0
New Lawn Mower		4,500				504
New Chairs		0				683
New Boiler		0				15,833
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>69,661</b>				<b>79,197</b>





Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan					
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2018					
Choir Receipts and Payments Account					
	2018		2017		
	£	£	£	£	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Fees received from weddings	0		0		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Music	0		18		
Payments to singers at weddings	0		0		
Dinner	110		147		
Flowers	0		25		
Music stand	0		0		
Voucher	50				
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>(160)</b>		<b>(190)</b>	
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>(160)</b>		<b>(190)</b>	

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan					
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2018					
Bellringers Receipts and Payments Account					
	2018		2017		
	£	£	£	£	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Visitor donations	72		29		
Ipplepen Community Fund	0		1,000		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>72</b>		<b>1,029</b>	
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Membership subscriptions	20		20		
Draw prizes & tickets	0		9		
Competition entry fees	0		0		
New Carpet	0		155		
Donation towards Rev Peter	0		10		
Other donation	0		0		
Repairs to bells	0		13		
Sundries	10		5		
New Cupboard	0		15		
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>(30)</b>		<b>(227)</b>	
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>42</b>		<b>802</b>	

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Belleplates Receipts and Payments Account					
	2018		2017		
	£	£	£	£	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Donations received	0		0		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Music stands	0		0		
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan					
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2018					
Youth Initiatives Receipts and Payments Account					
	2018		2017		
	£	£	£	£	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Donations received	0		0		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>					
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		
		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan						
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2018						
Million for Mission Receipts and Payments Account						
	2018		2017			
	£	£	£	£		£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Million for Mission grant	0		0			
Messy Church donations received	162		375			
Messy Church funds raised from sale of paintings	0		0			
Messy Church funds raised from Cottage Garden Show & School Fayre	0		0			
Donation towards Million for Mission	0		0			
Adult Education book sales income	0		145			
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>162</b>				<b>520</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>						
Messy Church costs (food, craft materials, use of hall)	101		217			
Adult education course costs	0		0			
Cost of children's Lent sheets & Advent books	0		120			
Cost of items for school assemblies	0		0			
Cost of items for school leavers	0		0			
Other mission community resources	0		0			
		<b>(101)</b>				<b>(337)</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>61</b>				<b>183</b>
<p><i>The Million for Mission fund relates to monies held &amp; administered by the parish of Ipplepen &amp; Torbryan on behalf of the mission community of Ipplepen with Torbryan, Denbury &amp; 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 2018					
Fabric Fund Receipts and Payments Account					
	2018		2017		
	£	£	£	£	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
<b>Donations</b>					
Church Estate Charity's contribution toward windows	3,483				
Donation towards fabric funds	0		109		
Floodlighting contributions	400		300		
		3,883		409	
<b>Gift Day</b>		5,000		3,690	
<b>Investment Income Received</b>					
Deposit accounts interest	65		338		
Dividends & other investment income	1,052		497		
		1,117		835	
<b>Extraordinary Income</b>					
Proceeds of insurance claim re storm damage		0		0	
Prior year adjustment		0		302	
Grant towards Clock Repairs		2,635			
<b>Income Tax Recovered</b>		1,100		1,783	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>13,735</b>		<b>7,019</b>	
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
<b>Church Repairs and Renewals</b>					
Annual fire inspection	0		133		
Fire safety equipment for votive candle stand					
Annual inspection of chandelier winch	216		216		
Replace floodlighting	0		0		
New tap in vestry sink	0		72		
Repairs to roof after boiler installation	474		0		
Repairs to porch drainage					
Repairs to gutters & general maintenance of metalwork	89				
Window Repairs	6,967				
Quinquennial Inspection	540				
Boiler Service/repairs	2,324				
Repairs to grill	168				
New door keys and locks	175				
Contribution to new boiler	0		1,000		
Sundry other repairs & replacements	312		0		
		11,265		1,421	
<b>Expenditure re Restricted Donations</b>					
Work on tower roof	0		0		
		0		0	
<b>Church Tower Expenses</b>					
Inspection of church tower clock	156		156		
Clock regulator	0		0		
Inspection of & work to lightning conductors	48		48		
New bearings	109				
New Bell ropes	1,513				
Work on guttering	0		70		
		1,826		274	
<b>Other Expenditure</b>					
Bank charges	0		0		
Architectural plan for window repairs etc.	1,584		576		
Prior year adjustment	0		0		
Clock Repairs	2,004				
		3,588		576	
<b>Insurance - Building</b>		3,087		3,004	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>19,766</b>		<b>5,275</b>	
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>(6,031)</b>		<b>1,744</b>	

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan					
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2018					
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2018					
	General Fund	Restricted General Funds (see analysis)	Restricted Fabric Fund	Total 2018	Total 2017
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets - at cost</b>					
Land - Part of Church Park (field being extension to Churchyard)	150			150	150
<b>Investments - at cost</b>					
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
<b>Monetary Assets</b>					
NatWest - Current Account	7,222	2,141	5,929	15,292	28,837
NatWest - Fixed Term Deposit	0		0	0	0
Central Board of Finance - Deposit Account	29,140		13,109	42,249	42,040
Central Board of Income Fund Units (re R Griffiths)	40,000			40,000	40,000
NatWest - Current Account (Choir Fund)		184		184	344
Cash not yet banked	0	110		110	69
Bellringers Funds		452		452	410
Debtors	0		0	0	953
Creditors	0		0	0	(903)
	<b>88,024</b>	<b>2,887</b>	<b>31,038</b>	<b>121,949</b>	<b>135,412</b>
<b>Funds</b>					
Balance brought forward at 31 December 2017	95,399	2,944	37,069	135,412	142,971
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(7,375)	(57)	(6,031)	(13,463)	(7,559)
Balance carried forward at 31 December 2018	<b>88,024</b>	<b>2,887</b>	<b>31,038</b>	<b>121,949</b>	<b>135,412</b>
<b>Valuation of General Fund Investments</b>					
Parochial General Fund - 886 shares				14,273	14,525
Churchyard - 2,506 shares				40,370	41,084
Churchyard (Diocesan A/C) - 242 shares				3,898	3,639
Churchyard (re Dr Fry) - 52.01 shares				838	852
CBF Income Fund Units (re R Griffiths)				47,303	48,139
				<b>106,682</b>	<b>108,239</b>
<b>Valuation of Fabric Fund Investments</b>					
£18,859 4% Consolidated Stock				0	0
1,936 CBF CofE Investment Fund Income Units				31,188	31,739
				<b>31,188</b>	<b>31,739</b>
The attached notes form part of these financial statements.					
Approved by the PCC on 27 March 2018 and signed on their behalf by Madeleine Fedrick (Warden) and Mr Phill Harvey (PCC treasurer).					

Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2018

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2018

Analysis of Restricted General Funds

	Restricted Fund re Val Phillips Memorial Prize	Restricted Choir Fund	Restricted Bellringers Fund	Restricted Belleplates Fund	Restricted Youth Initiatives Fund	Total Restricted General Parish Funds 2018	Restricted Million for Mission Fund <i>(mission community fund)</i>	Total Restricted General Funds 2018	Total Restricted General Funds 2017
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Monetary Assets</b>									
NatWest - Current Account	23		1,000	128	0	1,151	990	2,141	2,136
NatWest - Current Account (Choir Fund)		184				184		184	344
Bellringers' Current Account			387			387		387	387
Bellringers' Petty Cash			65			65		65	23
Messy Church Cash Not yet banked							110	110	54
	<b>23</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>1,452</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,787</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>2,887</b>	<b>2,944</b>
<b>Funds</b>									
Balance brought forward at 31 December 2017	23	344	1,410	128	0	1,905	1,039	2,944	2,149
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	0	(160)	42	0	0	(118)	61	(57)	795
Balance carried forward at 31 December 2018	<b>23</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>1,452</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,787</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>2,887</b>	<b>2,944</b>

**Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan**

**Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2018**

**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.

<b>INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF IPPLEPEN</b>									
I report on the accounts of Ipplepen PCC for the year ended 31 December 2018									
<b>Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner</b>									
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:									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 act</li> <li>- 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</li> <li>- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention</li> </ul>									
<b>Basis of independent examiner's report</b>									
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.									
<b>Independent examiner's statement</b>									
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and</li> <li>- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</li> </ul>									
<b>Mr M S Dando</b>									
1 Edgelands Lane Ipplepen									
15th March 2019									