

St. Andrew's Church, Ipplepen
Annual Report
2022 – 2023



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1 Rector's Report

The Beacon Garden

In our annual reports and at our annual meetings we have a snap shot of church life in each parish – it's not a static shot however but is like a short bit of time-lapse film of a garden showing how it has been growing. As you read enjoy the reports that follow and the insight they give into what has been happening for a particular church in the Beacon Family of Parishes. Each annual report will be focused on a particular bed or boarder in our garden. You might be reading about the parish of Ipplepen with Torbryan, Denbury, Woodland or Broadhempston. Each parish contributes to the whole and we are connected and interdependent yet importantly unique and individual in our own right. Taking the theme of a garden let me give you a sense of what I see is happening as the head gardener here in the Beacon Family of Parishes.

I want to start by sharing a story with you. Hillarie and I on a recent retreat/planning day were confronted as we walked around the gardens at Dartington Hall with the sight of the twelve apostles – these are a series of famous and iconic yew trees - which had been drastically reduced to four feet high. It was quite a shock. The accompanying notice explained how this was being done so that these trees, which had been growing for 150 years, would be ready for the next 150 years of growth. The drastic pruning was letting light and air into the bases which was desperately needed if the trees were to continue to grow healthy. Near those yews crocuses and snow drops were blooming and all around the gardens there were signs that spring was about to get underway with new shoots beginning to emerge.

This says much about where we have been over the last couple of years and now where we are as the Beacon Family of Parishes. Due to the pandemic but also deliberately and importantly for the health of our whole Beacon Parish Family we have cut back and simplified many of our activities. This has at times felt drastic and shocking. This has been done to allow the light to get in and air to flow and very importantly to ease the weight bearing down on exhausted structures and people. It has been done deliberately knowing that such pruning is necessary for good healthy long term growth. In doing this we have been trusting God for the growth that will come.

During this time there has been much blooming and blossoming which has given hope and colour to the life of our Beacon Parishes. There has been the new evening services now regularly happening at Torbryan and in St. Andrew's church hall, the coffee mornings returning to Woodland and Denbury and now just starting in Ipplepen, the community concerts we have put on across our parishes, the various small study and learning groups we have run and the development of regular joint worshipping with our Methodist sisters and brothers in Ipplepen.....that is before we even come onto St. Andrew's youth choir and Christmas tree festival; Denbury's craft workshops and quiz night; Woodland's community lunches and recent amazing retreat day, Broadhempston's Village Nativity and the growing Broadharmony Choir - so so many beautiful things to marvel at and give thanks for. In all this time the regular pattern of our church life continues – baptisms, weddings, funerals, morning prayer, midweek Eucharists, Sunday worship etc.... these are the regular ongoing practices that make us and form us into who and what we are.

What Hillarie and I, through prayer, discussion and reflection, on that retreat day came to realise with greater clarity and conviction was that we are moving into a new season as a Beacon Family of Churches. This is a season of growth. It is spring time in the Beacon garden. This will involve certain tasks - protecting and nurturing new and young growth so that it can become strong and established. This fresh growth can be seen all around our Beacon family – new faces, new skills being developed and explored, new activities in worship, fellowship and service and still lots of new opportunities presenting themselves all the time. Having let the air and light in we now need to watch for, nurture and protect the growth coming from both old and new places. This will continue to require some weeding and as the garden develops more pruning and at times some dead-heading. What a joy to see the beauty of God working amongst us and to be involved in God's garden here in the Beacon Parishes.

So in conclusion my hope and belief is that we are moving into a spring season and this is both exciting and presents some specific challenges. One particular challenge is that a spring garden needs more care and work than a winter one. It will therefore be necessary for more people to be involved in the gardens care and for us all to do our little bit for the beautiful garden which is the Beacon Family of Parishes. I will certainly need to think and plan how to coordinate and support this greater participation – a new challenge

for your head gardener!! We must remember none of us need or should do it all or alone, we just need to take our place in the garden alongside others - to nurture perhaps one bed or boarder or even a single flower or plant that we are drawn to and are passionate about. Let's all get our hands dirty and enjoy the time ahead. There will be hard work yes but we can be sure we can trust God for the growth. We just need together to do our small part. God will do the rest in creating a thing of real beauty amongst us.

We remember with particular gratitude at the time of our Annual Meetings those we have loved, who have tended the garden here in our Beacon Parishes and beyond and have now gone to be in God's greater light and nearer presence. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Peace and good wishes

Andrew

2 Churchwardens' Report

The overshadowing event during the past 12 months and one, the like of which will never be witnessed again was the sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the 8th September, aged 96. Queen Elizabeth II was monarch of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, a title she assumed in 1952 after her father's death and reigned with devoted loyalty for more than 70 years - making her the longest-reigning monarch in British history.

A Book of Condolence was placed inside the Church and thus began a substantial amount of arrangements of observing protocol following the death of a reigning monarch. To mark the passing of HM The Queen the following day, the bell-ringers rang a muffled peal concluding by the 'tenor' bell being tolled 96 times. They also rang two days later on Saturday 10th September for the proclamation of King Charles III; and also prior to the Funeral of HM The Queen on Monday, 19th September.

A commemorative Service attended by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Devon and parishioners who wished to pay their respects was held on Sunday 18th September 2022.

Earlier in the year with no knowledge of what would unfold some 3 months later; Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of loyal and devoted service to the people of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. To commemorate this unprecedented anniversary a memorial tree was ceremonially planted in St. Andrew's churchyard by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant after the service on Sunday, the 5th June. It must also be mentioned that with any such event a lot work and planning goes into it which in this case involved refreshments afterwards in the Church Hall – many thanks to the hospitality team. Also, a special note of thanks goes to Ann Holroyd who was instrumental in the organisation of this event and Tom, Ann's husband who made such a fantastic plaque.

Turning to other notable Church matters over the year; we commenced the year in the wake of the announcement from Jane and Geraldine that they would be retiring after many years of loyal and dedicated service as Churchwardens (bit of a theme going on here). The last year has been a process of transition by the new team, however, this has been made all the easier by Steven Sheldon's approach to separate the 'wheat from the chaff' to prioritise the duties and function of churchwardens. We would however, wish to document in this report the contribution that Sue and Bridget tirelessly provide in their roles as churchwardens and for all that they do for the church which is quite exceptional and very much appreciated.

We are most grateful for the support we have received from Members of the PCC and congregation who have stepped-up to the plate in providing support to lighten the load of churchwarden's duties.

Turning to other matters:

Church Sound System & Wi-Fi: Special thanks go to Charles Quartley who has been instrumental in overseeing a 'health check' and subsequent refurbishment of the St Andrew's sound system, together with the preparation of a user guide and installation recently of the Wi-Fi in the Church. The Wi-Fi is a welcome

addition and will future-proof the ability for the Church to be used for community type events. On behalf of the CW's thank you for your time and expertise here which is most appreciated.

St. Andrew's Church Guide: Towards the end of November 2022; revised copies of the Church Guide were printed and available from the Church. Many thanks here goes to Stephen Bryant, Pam Thomas for updating the text and to Charles Quartley for editing and arranging the printing.

Church & Churchyard Work Party: The Work Party continues to meet on the first Saturday of each month to supplement the excellent work that John Lynch does in keeping the churchyard looking so wonderfully maintained. The tasks which are tackled by the Work Party are quite diverse and range from trimming boundary hedges, clearing gutters, maintenance of the cremated remains, unblocking drains, weeding of pathways etc. However, the standout task this year has to be the re-fabrication carried out in June to the weather vane that sits on top of the church tower. Thanks here also go to Colin Clarke, St Andrew's Tower Captain, for his expertise which should stand the weather vane in good stead for the foreseeable future. Many thanks to all who give up their time and for their hard work which is most appreciated.

Common Fund for 2023: There is quite a bit of behind the scenes work that CW's carry out and the 2022 survey return on behalf of St. Andrew's is one of them. The function of the Common Fund is to be the primary source of funding for the provision of ministry across the Diocese. The Common Fund system is intended to apportion, in an equitable and understandable way, the contribution being requested from each parish. The calculation determines the sum attributable to each parish resulting from its declared participant numbers, adjusted by the parish's socio-economic banding, a church buildings allowance and potentially an adjustment for larger churches.

Churchyard Extension Area: It is not likely to be much longer before we will need to occupy part of the field as an extension area to the churchyard for burials. The field continues to be let on an annual grazing licence which contains clauses to allow us to repossess part. We will need to consider options for a new fence-line in the field to demarcate the burial area from the remainder of the let land. Charles Quartley had very kindly arranged a topographical survey to be carried out of the new Churchyard extension area which will assist going forward in designing the layout of the grave plots, pathways etc.

Finally, our grateful thanks to those who have served St. Andrew's so willingly throughout the last 12 months from welcoming patrons into church; taking part in the services, whether playing music, reading or leading us in prayer; preparing the vestry; arranging flowers; the coffee makers after each service; Hospitality Team and the Pastoral Care Team for the valuable work they do. Last but not least, thank you to our dedicated team of bell-ringers who are so much appreciated by both church-goers and the local community.

Clive Tompkins. On behalf of St. Andrew's Churchwardens

3 Administration and Finance

3.1 Secretary's Report

Since our APCM in 2022 we have had 5 PCC meetings. Minutes including APCM minutes are always in church after these meetings for anyone to read.

We have discussed Planned Charitable Giving; Stewardship and fundraising; a card reader; St. Andrew's part in the wider community and taking stock of where we are. Pam Thomas has been involved in a project run through the Diocese of Exeter involving the digitalisation of the churchyard including monuments inside and outside the church. We hope that this work will start soon.

Following some difficulties with using the sound system, it has been checked out by the provider to be OK, with the only hardware fault being one intermittent microphone lead. Additional head microphones and interconnections have been purchased and an operating guide written as part of a training programme for users.

The PCC also approved the installation of a Wi-Fi system in church (being installed in March 2023) to enable internet connection within the church, run from the existing internet connection in the Church Office.

We have acquired saplings from the Diocese for planting in the churchyard.

We now have four Church Wardens to lighten the load which seems to be working well and they have had separate meetings and my thanks go to them for all their hard work.

I am desperately trying to stand back from the Secretary's job and it has been decided that we will have a rolling Minutes Secretary and for the time being I will continue as Secretary as far as the Diocese is concerned so will deal with e-mails etc.

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

Vanessa Bevan

3.2 PCC Financial Report

I am delighted to report that after three challenging years 2022 saw a significant improvement in the PCC's finances.

Income increased significantly due to a combination of increased fees for marriages, funerals etc., Collections and giving, and social events. Costs were kept largely under control and despite playing 'catch-up' on Rector's expenses, were only marginally higher than 2021. As a result, for the first time in several years I am pleased to report a surplus on the General Fund. The Fabric Fund also shows a very healthy surplus, in the main thanks to a very generous legacy of £10k from the estate of The Late Winifred Adams.

The PCC again made valuable gifts through the Annual Charitable Giving and various one-off donations as required.

It was not such a good year for the PCC's investments managed by CCLA, but this is a reflection of the investment market in general.

The good 'trading' performance in 2022 has stabilised the day-to-day cash position and removed the current need to cash-in any of the investment holdings.

Whilst the PCC can take satisfaction in what has been achieved in 2022, a weather-eye needs to be kept on the future. The need to increase general revenues remains and the need to spread income sources outside of the main congregation remains key to the future health of the Parish's finances.

Going Concern

Given the improved performance in 2022, underpinned by strong investments and a program to improve future income, the PCC can once again confidently state that St Andrew's represents a viable 'Going Concern' for the foreseeable future.

As far as the current position is concerned, little to report except the latest balances on the Nat West accounts which are as follows:

General £6165.66

Fabric £9544.17

No changes to the Deposit Balances since the year-end.

On the basis that no-one seems to want the job, I am willing to stand as Treasurer for another year.

Church Hall

I am in the process of finalising the accounts for the year ended 30/04/22 which will also be reviewed by Malcolm Dando in due course. I am not expecting any major surprises and the Church Hall continues to cover its own costs as shown by the stable level of the bank balances which as at 13/02/23 stood at £21k. Thanks as always to Shirley for her efficient management of bookings etc.

Please forgive my tardiness in completing these accounts, but after my recent down-time I thought the PCC accounts should take priority.

Phill Harvey – PCC Treasurer

3.3 Planned Giving

Over fifty members from our church community are donating to our parish financially through the Parish Giving Scheme, having donated over £200,000 to date plus gift aid over the last seven years.

Essentially, the scheme enables members to make contributions on a regular basis by Direct Debit, with gift aid also being collected for taxpaying members. Payments can be linked to inflation and can be reduced or cancelled should circumstances change. Costs are paid by the diocese.

I would be very happy to provide further details and a simple application form to anyone interested in joining the scheme. Finally, on behalf of the PCC I would wish to thank everyone who has contributed to our parish finances over the past year. Looking to the future, members of the congregation will shortly be able to make donations through contactless giving, using a smartphone or a debit/credit card.

Roger Chamberlain. (St Andrew's PCC Planned Giving Officer)

3.4 Electoral Roll

This year the revision of the electoral roll began on 16th February and was completed on 21st March.

Prior to this revision there were 82 people on the electoral roll.

Sadly since then three people have died.

We received four applications to join the roll but one of these people was already on the roll and so their application did not boost the numbers.

The number has therefore remained at 82.

Liz Lamport

4 The buildings

4.1 Fabric

The fabric remains in good condition for the age of the building, with no unexpected problems.

The Working Party continues to meet on the first Saturday of each month and has gained new enthusiastic members. It has carried out many small repairs to the outside of the church on a regular basis, and maintained the rainwater systems, roofs and gutters as well as helping to look after the churchyard.

The Working Party removed the weather vane, which was expertly repaired and re-varnished by Mr. Colin Clark. They have replaced it and it is now in working order. We are grateful to all those who took part in this and other tasks.

There has been storm damage to the west belfry louvres which the Working Party has looked at but access is difficult in this area of the tower. A builder needs to carry out this repair in due course.

The Quinquennial Inspection of the church is due in 2023 and most of the requirements of the last one have been met, except for some paintwork needed on external doors to the turrets and roof void doors.

At some stage in the future, when funds allow, it would be good to re-decorate the inside of the church, which has not been done for over thirty years.

Stephen Bryant

4.2 Bells, tower, clock and ringers

The Ipplepen bellringers have enjoyed a full year of ringing during 2022 following the previous 2 years of disruption due to COVID restrictions.

We have continued our ringing on each Sunday at Ipplepen when there were services together with our regular Wednesday evening practices. We are very pleased to welcome two new ringers to the group who are currently undergoing training.

In early June we rang a special peal to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, then sadly in September we joined all other church bells across the country and rang a muffed peal of bells within 24 hours of the Queen's death. We then rang a special peal for the accession of the King, Charles III a few days later.

We also rang a muffed peal again for Queen's funeral on 19th September.

During 2022, we had 3 teams of visiting ringers to Ipplepen church, we rang at 6 weddings and one funeral. We also rang the church bells for several village events including the Beating of the Bounds and the Annual Flower Show.

In November we rang a half-Muffled peal for remembrance Sunday and had a full schedule of ringing over the Christmas period.

Andy Vickery, Vice Tower Captain

The clock stopped working in early January 2023, and a subsequent inspection by the Cumbrian Clock company revealed a worn bearing, causing two of the gears to lock up. They are going to carry out the repairs under warranty. At the time of writing (March 2023), the parts are still away and we await notification of when the work will be completed.

Charles Quartley

4.3 Churchyard

Our churchyard is very well kept, due to the care of John Lynch, and the work party, so very many thanks to all.

It is getting very full, with the exceptional amount of burials in the last twelve months, we are also very grateful to Nick Brock (gravedigger) for his expert help identifying places suitable for burials. With the recent churchyard rules being enforced it makes it very clean and tidy, for people to visit and enjoy the peace and quiet.

Geraldine Dennis

4.4 Church hall

I am pleased to report that although we continue to live with "covid" still very much in our lives, people are trying to get back to as normal as possible, and have definitely returned to their Clubs, which is great news and on behalf of the Church Hall Committee I have been happy to welcome them back as regular hirers of our beautiful hall. Therefore each week we see fitness classes with Madeline Ramsey and yoga with Phill Strand, as well as Ipplepen Brownies and Unity in Sound Community Choir all enjoying their sessions in the hall.

I am also extremely happy to say that I have taken on two regular weekly new bookings and so wish them all well in their new ventures. And so, a big welcome to Pam and Robin Thomas running table tennis sessions every Friday from 4.15 to 6.15 and to Kevern Mortimore also running table tennis sessions every Tuesday from 5 to 7pm. At the time of writing I have also taken a six week booking from Annita Cole who is running a Pilates class on a Tuesday morning and hopefully, if she gets a good attendance, she will be looking to make this a regular booking too.

On the first Wednesday of each month the "Church Lunch Club" meet and on the third Tuesday of each month we have the pleasure of hosting "Ipplepen Memory Café".

"St. Andrews Church Informal Services of reflection" are now being held in the hall on the second Sunday of every month at 4.30pm.

We still have businesses and Clubs who use the hall from time to time, as well as hosting birthday and christening parties. Of course, sadly we see funeral receptions at the hall as well, but as so many people have pointed out to me – the hall has a very friendly ambience, welcoming everyone – and every event therefore has a very personal feeling.

So, as you can see, there is always much activity in St. Andrew's Church Hall, which makes it a great asset to our village.

Shirley Northwood (Church Hall booking secretary)

5 Our Policies in Action

5.1 Health and Safety

Safety inspections have been carried out on Fire Extinguishers, Gas Boilers, the Chandelier Winch and Portable Appliances Testing (PAT) on all electrical appliances, both in the Church and Church Hall. Calibration and safety certificates have been issued following the inspections and testing.

White edging strips have also been replaced on the access ramp into the Church and around the Font. We have also adopted the practice that when the flag on top of the Tower is put up and taken down that two persons are in attendance during this operation.

If there are any health and safety concerns that any parishioner wishes to bring to our attention, please do feel free to contact the under-signed.

Clive Tompkins

5.2 Promoting a Safer Church Safeguarding

We continue our work to maintain the promotion of a safer church at the heart of everything we do at and on behalf of St Andrews as part of the Beacon Mission Community. Prayers were said at services to mark safeguarding Sunday in November and domestic abuse was raised in intercessions for our community in February.

Notice boards at the entrance to the church have been updated as required by the Diocese. These include emergency numbers for those in immediate harm as well as for those where there is concern about their safety. There is also a clear signpost there to the Safeguarding folder inside the church. The folder includes the policy and evidence of the practice that implements the policy.

A review of the policy, adopted in 2019 and approved by the Diocese, is being carried out. This includes a statement on domestic abuse and our practice in raising awareness of our support for victims and survivors. An action plan for the coming year will be approved by the PCC.

There is now a mandatory requirement that those who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults must now renew their training certificate every three years. These courses can be done online and our process for updating has begun. All training requirements for church officers and volunteers are advertised in the safeguarding folder in the church.

Caren in the office continues with the DBS checks and maintains the records for these. They are required to be updated every three years.

The Pastoral Care team continue to meet each month supported by the Rector and Safeguarding Advocate and the team works sensitively with those parishioners who seek their support.

Ann Holroyd

5.3 Pastoral Care Team

Our Pastoral Care Team (PCT) is still functioning and playing an important role in the support of some of our congregation. Winnie Bryant rings people if she is concerned about anyone and forwards that information to me which I then circulate to the Rector and our team of volunteers – Marilyn Ellis, Marilyn Clark, Brian Tuckett and who can then visit or ring. We send cards at Christmas and Easter and at other appropriate times. Ann Holroyd gives advice on Safeguarding.

We have regular monthly meetings with the Rector to see how we can improve the service.

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

There have been 7 baptisms since the last Annual meeting including two adults. Some have taken place in the communion services in which the church congregation has had the opportunity to welcome new members to the church family. Other families have chosen to have their own service and enjoyed being able to share this celebration with many family and friends. On each occasion it has been good to have the

church so full with lots of children and their young parents. They have all participated enthusiastically in the services. None of those baptised cried!

The development of our work with families at the time of baptisms is one of the “life events” priorities of the Diocese. We are developing the preparation work we engage in with families before the baptisms using some of the resources available on the Diocese’s website. In addition we invite each family whose child has been baptised during the course of the year to key services including Mothering Sunday and the Crib service.

As we develop this work we shall be encouraging others to volunteer for this rewarding work.

Ann Holroyd

5.5 Hospitality

It has been good to return to normality finally after not being able to socialise. Refreshments after our services on Sundays resumed in the autumn and it is lovely to see many of the congregation stay to chat over their coffee or tea. We have also provided refreshments for special services and particularly after the late Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Service on June 5th, then after her sad passing, a Commemorative Service on Sunday 18th September. Another special occasion was at the service when Bishop James appointed Rev Andrew Down as Rural Dean.

We hosted a cream tea and cake stall in the Church Hall in September in support of the Devon Historic Church Trust. We provided refreshments at the Harvest Fayre and Annual Gift Day on October 1st and again at the Christmas Fayre 10th December, also after the Carol Service on Sunday 18th December. We have also hosted a couple of funeral teas.

At our last Hospitality meeting we have decided to start Coffee & Chat! in our church on the second Saturday of each month starting on 11th March 10.30-12 noon ish.

More social activities are being planned for in the summer months.

Thank you to everyone who supports us in any way.

Marilyn Clark

5.6 Fund Raising

St. Andrew’s church is a marvellous venue for so many of our events.

- August saw the Tea for Two concert with Tom Morris and Marilyn Ellis followed by delicious home-made cakes.
- More music was heard in September when StAX, our youth choir, entertained after their annual workshop.
- Also in September we held a cream tea for the Devon Historic Churches Trust.
- As autumn approached we held our annual Gift Day and harvest coffee morning with stalls selling delicious cakes, produce and preserves.
- 11th November was an appropriate evening for a talk and slideshow by the War Graves Commission.
- The year ended with a wonderful Christmas tree festival and our major fundraising event the Christmas Fayre.

Hopefully we shall see more events this year to raise funds and socialise.

We thank you for your support and hope it will continue.

Marilyn Ellis

6 Reaching Out

6.1 The Beacon Magazine

The Beacon magazine continues to be produced every two months for distribution in print form to all our parishes within the Mission Community and can also be found on the MC website at www.missioncommunity.org.uk along with past issues.

A generous donation covers the cost of the production which means there is no expense for the parishes and no need to be dependent on advertising revenue.

The policy aim is to produce a magazine which has something of interest for all in the community whether regular church goers, not so regular, hardly ever or of no faith persuasion. Church members are encouraged to take extra copies to pass on to friends and neighbours. Extra copies can also be collected from the Ipplepen Post Office.

I am grateful to Charles Quartley for his time and skill in the production of such an attractive magazine. My thanks to Marilyn Clark who regularly supplies the "News from Ipplepen" for me and to Andrew for his "Message from the Rector".

The success of the magazine depends on all those who contribute articles; readers will often comment on the quality and interest in their content. I am grateful indeed to you all. Any contributions are welcomed and encouraged!

Michael Price

6.2 Youth Choir

StA*X Continues to go from strength to strength and it is all down to the enthusiasm of the choir and to Tom who continues to inspire them with songs in various languages including his beloved Welsh. Over the year the choir has met in various venues and performed in several places. In May the choir took part in 'Ipplepen's Got Talent'. They wore their distinctive uniforms and sang beautifully in the hope of attracting new members, but sadly we are still a select few. Again we had a successful workshop with Rosa Rebecca and this ended with a short concert. The choir learnt folk songs with her and performed them beautifully. We were pleased to welcome Maisie into the choir and she has been a lovely addition.

The choir took part in the Christmas Carol service, and joined a scratch adult choir to perform some carols together.

Just before Christmas the choir was invited to take part in the Christmas tree competition and spent an enjoyable afternoon making decorations for it. Some of the members took part in the local pantomime. Since then we have continued to meet every Thursday and are learning more fun songs to include in our repertoire. In spite of exams and intense study, the members continue to attend as often as possible.

Tom has also started a junior choir and soon we hope to include them in the existing choir. A big thank you must also go to Marilyn for all her wonderful piano accompaniments. We can't wait for another exciting year.

Jo Innes-Lumsden

Jo, Marilyn & I are very aware that the more senior members of StA*X are currently studying for their GCSE exams and that they will soon be doing A-levels and then, most likely, will be leaving Ipplepen.

Fortunately, there is an abundance of talent in the village, as displayed very well in this year's Pantomime. Since January, we have been able to start up a Junior StA*X currently starring Olive, Rose & Paige's little sister, Jacob, who starred in the Pantomime as Michael, and Theo, who when he can fit choir practice into his very busy life, gives me tremendous assistance and thereby participates in both choir branches. Never let it be said that children these days are afraid to sing - you should hear the church on a Monday between 4 - 5pm!

Although the 2 branches of StA*X, of necessity, rehearse at different times, Jo, Marilyn & I hope to bring the whole choir together for a performance when possible - watch this space.....

Tom Morris

6.3 Deanery Synod

Three meetings were held.

1. Wednesday 26th January, 2022 St. John's Church, Bovey Tracey

The recent work carried out on the body of the church was one of the focuses of the evening. We were told that Fr. Nick Debney would be leaving our deanery and therefore stepping down as acting rural Dean to take up a new post in Torquay.

2. Wednesday 25th May, 2022 St. Andrew's Church Hall, Ashburton.

Presentation was by Canon Chris Palmer (Canon Chancellor of Exeter Cathedral). He brought along a large model of the cathedral to outline the proposed changes for the Cathedral going forward into the future and this included planned fund raising events, major building works, renovation upgrades of facilities, along with heating and maintenance programmes. This is a very intense large project as well as being a massive financial undertaking for the future of Exeter Cathedral.

3. Wednesday 28th September, 2022 St. Mary's Church, Kingskerswell

The newly appointed Rural Dean for the Newton Abbot Deanery, the Reverend Andrew Down, opened the meeting and was welcomed and duly noted a new start for the Deanery with this being his first meeting to preside over the Deanery Synod.

A thankyou letter from Fr. Nick Debney was received for a small gift given to him and to acknowledge his time as acting Rural Dean before taking up his new position in Torquay.

We are currently awaiting for the appointed nominees list from all PCCs in the Deanery for the next Triennium. These should be available by the next meeting.

Diocesan and General Synod updates should also be available.

Funds will be relatively unchanged unless any current expenses are being processed.

Date of next meeting still to be confirmed but will be held in Chudleigh.

Susan Hird, Beacon Mission rep. (St. Andrews, Ipplepen)

6.4 Food for Thought Lunch Club

The Lunch Club resumed in August 2021 post Covid and initially our attendance was low, 12 - 14. This was partly because we had lost some members and some were reluctant for a while to meet. While low numbers enabled us to keep a good distance between guests, it did show us that only four to five people per table severely restricted conversation! By November 2021, we were back up to 20 plus guests, with 24 - 28 now regularly attending each month. We try to maintain a minimum of six people per table.

Our list of guests is now 38, but we have several frail folk who want to come but are unable. It is not our plan to exclude folk as we feel that psychologically it is better for them to still feel part of the group. With more frail guests, over 30% do require transport.

Transport may become a problem. We currently operate a one way system, cars coming up Church Path and exiting via a private garden into North End Close. This saves driving down all of Paternoster Lane, which has a number of bends as well as being very narrow. It is possible that this favour will not be available to us after the property is sold. Also, there are parts of the lane where the stones bulge out of the wall, which is a worry to drivers of larger vehicles.

One guest has been referred to us by the Social Prescriber at the surgery. She lives in Broadhempston but is a patient at the village surgery and also dependant on her wheelchair. Due to her isolation, I felt obliged to accept her. She is independent with her own adapted vehicle and has joined us and enjoyed the friendly company, parking her car in the carpark. It would be difficult for our volunteer drivers to transport her which she understands and is happy to drive herself.

At our open meeting for volunteers, transport was well discussed as was the location of our guests. Similarly, the number of people we are in touch with was discussed! We are at our limit for the time being and do have a small waiting list.

Recently, some folk who have joined us think that they can just turn up on the day and invite others as well. We are ensuring that our call volunteers make contact a week before lunch so that we have a working knowledge of numbers for our cook and to be able to organise transport for those who need it.

Our cook is maintaining a high standard of meals, with very little waste. She has been joined in the kitchen by her husband and they are an extremely good team. Wonderfully, Amanda is sourcing food economically. Although costs have inevitably increased, they are being well managed. At the moment £7 per meal remains the right cost. (We did ask our drivers if fuel costs were becoming a problem. They assured us that all was well for which we are grateful.)

We continue to source homemade birthday and Christmas cards from someone who enjoys doing this for a donation to cover costs of materials.

Flowers for the tables are now sourced from the nursery in the village.

In December we were able to make a donation of £100 to HITS.

We have a small number of volunteers who lead the 'Pause for Thought' between meal courses. If there is anyone else who would like to join this rota, to give a brief light hearted talk that offers a message, please let us know.

Maria Alsop and Rose Chamberlain

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan					
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2022					
General Fund Receipts and Payments Account					
	2022		2021		
	£	£	£	£	
RECEIPTS					
Planned Giving					
Regular giving through PGS, envelopes and bankers orders	30,127		29,330		
Income tax recovered thereon	8,891		6,882		
		39,018			36,212
Other Voluntary Giving					
Collections	3,910		2,970		
Gift Day	1,700		1,868		
Tax Reclaimed on Gift Day	838		409		
Collections - restricted funds	0		0		
Church wall box	112		101		
Social & fund-raising events:	3,125		2,315		
Votive candle stand	0		0		
Floodlighting Income	697		383		
Sundry donations	1,088		1,943		
		11,470			9,989
Other Ordinary Income					
Fees payable to P C C	14,374		10,565		
Dividends and interest on investments	4,101		3,904		
Rent receivable	0		0		
Sundry	837		1,668		
		19,312			16,137
Extraordinary Income					
Legacies in wills	0		0		
Restricted donations - flowers	0		0		
Grants received	1,290		0		
		1,290			0
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR					
		71,090			62,338
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR					
		(68,383)			(67,495)
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR					
		2,707			(5,157)
Extraordinary income:					
Fuel Grant from Diocese		1,290			0
Net non-recurring fund-raising income:					
Extraordinary expenditure:					
Surplus/(deficit) from extraordinary activities & events					
		1,290			0
Surplus/(deficit) from ordinary activities					
		1,417			(5,157)
Surplus/(deficit) for the year					
		2,707			(5,157)

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan					
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2022					
General Fund Receipts and Payments Account					
		2022		2021	
	£		£	£	£
PAYMENTS					
The Ministry					
General ministry expenses including Rector's expenses	2,502			123	
			2,502		123
The Church and Services					
Share of PA Costs	5,742			5,585	
Heating, lighting and cleaning, etc.	2,892			2,875	
Upkeep of services	1,766			1,255	
Flowers	0			0	
Churchyard expenses including verger's honoraria	1,906			2,566	
Sexton's honorarium	0			112	
Organists' honoraria	1,950			1,262	
Organ tuning	198			198	
Director of Music honorarium	0			0	
Music	0			0	
Fees from weddings, funerals etc. payable to diocese	3,308			3,407	
			17,762		17,260
Other Ordinary Expenditure					
Leasing and expenses of photocopier	575			1,025	
Ipplepen Magazine/Diocesan leaflets/Christians Together	0			185	
Minor Church Maintenance	113			103	
Administration, postage, stationery etc.	680			647	
Payments to missions and charities	1,699			1,699	
Payments to missions and charities - restricted funds	1,098			218	
Parochial share payable to diocese	43,277			45,229	
Deanery contribution	0				
Payments to restricted funds	980				
Social and fundraising events	432			0	
Computer Expenses	144			529	
Website	30			71	
Other Shared Expenses recovered	(1,338)				
Prior year adjustment					
Sundry expenses	429			406	
			48,119		50,112
Extraordinary Expenditure					
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR			68,383		67,495

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan					
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2022					
Choir Receipts and Payments Account					
	2022		2021		
	£	£	£		£
RECEIPTS					
Fees received from weddings	0		0		
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		0			0
PAYMENTS					
Music	0		0		
Payments to singers at weddings	0		0		
Dinner	0		0		
Flowers	0		0		
Music stand	0		0		
Voucher	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 2022					
Bellringers Receipts and Payments Account					
	2022		2021		
	£	£	£		£
RECEIPTS					
Visitor donations	0		200		
Ipplepen Community Fund	0		0		
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		0			200
PAYMENTS					
Membership subscriptions	0		0		
Draw prizes & tickets	0		0		
Competition entry fees	0		0		
New Carpet	0		0		
Donation towards Rev Peter	0		0		
Other donation	0		0		
Repairs to bells	0		0		
Sundries	0				
New Cupboard	0		0		
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR		0			0
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		0			200

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan						
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2022						
Belleplates Receipts and Payments Account						
			2022		2021	
		£	£		£	£
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 2022						
STAX Receipts and Payments Account						
			2022		2021	
		£	£		£	£
RECEIPTS						
Donations received		220			0	
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR			220			0
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR						
STAX expenses		167			0	
			(167)			0
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR			53			0

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan					
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2022					
Million for Mission Receipts and Payments Account					
	2022		2021		
	£	£	£	£	
RECEIPTS					
Million for Mission grant	0		0		
Messy Church donations received	0		277		
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		0		
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		0		277	
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR					
Messy Church costs (food, craft materials, use of hall)	0		63		
Adult education course costs	0		0		
Cost of children's Lent sheets & Advent books	0		0		
Cost of items for school assemblies	0		0		
Cost of items for school leavers	0		0		
Other mission community resources	0		0		
		0		(63)	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		0		214	
<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 2022					
Fabric Fund Receipts and Payments Account					
	2022		2021		
	£	£	£	£	
RECEIPTS					
Donations					
Church Estate Charity's contribution toward windows					
Donation towards fabric funds	10,159		0		
Floodlighting contributions	40		200		
		10,199		200	
Gift Day	0	0			0
Investment Income Received					
Deposit accounts interest	56		299		
Dividends & other investment income	1,190		891		
		1,246		1,190	
Extraordinary Income					
Proceeds of insurance claim re storm damage					0
Prior year adjustment					0
Grants					1,000
Income Tax Recovered					
		0			
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		11,445		2,390	
PAYMENTS					
Church Repairs and Renewals					
Annual fire inspection	259		204		
Other	61				
Annual inspection of chandelier winch	432		216		
Floodlight Maintenance	127				
Repairs to sound system	250				
Window Repairs	115				
Boiler Service/repairs	194				
New Path			2,640		
Sundry other repairs & replacements			182		
		1,438			3,242
Expenditure re Restricted Donations					
Work on tower roof	0		0		
		0			0
Church Tower Expenses					
Inspection of & work to lightning conductors	60		0		
		60			0
Other Expenditure					
Bank charges		0			
Prior year adjustment		0			0
Insurance - Building					
		3,381			1,903
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR		4,879		5,145	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		6,566		(2,755)	

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan					
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2022					
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2022					
	General Fund	Restricted General Funds (see analysis)	Restricted Fabric Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
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	6,834	2,797	9,052	18,683	8,291
Central Board of Finance - Deposit Account	2,425		4,296	6,721	6,634
Central Board of Income Fund Units (re R Griffiths)	40,000			40,000	40,000
NatWest - Current Account (Choir Fund)				0	0
Owed between funds	(1,000)		1,000	0	0
Bellringers Funds		406		406	406
Debtors				0	0
Shared Expenses not recovered				0	1,153
Due to Village Hall					
	59,921	3,203	26,348	89,472	80,146
Funds					
Balance brought forward at 31 December 2021	57,214	3,150	19,782	80,146	80,146
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	2,707	53	6,566	9,326	(7,712)
Balance carried forward at 31 December 2022	59,921	3,203	26,348	89,472	80,146
Valuation of General Fund Investments					
Parochial General Fund - 886 shares				18,292	20,720
Churchyard - 2,506 shares				51,739	58,607
Churchyard (Diocesan A/C) - 242 shares				4,996	5,660
Churchyard (re Dr Fry) - 52.01 shares				1,074	1,216
CBF Income Fund Units (re R Griffiths)				60,623	68,670
				136,724	154,873
Valuation of Fabric Fund Investments					
£18,859 4% Consolidated Stock				0	0
1,936 CBF CofE Investment Fund Income Units				39,970	45,276
				39,970	45,276
The attached notes form part of these financial statements.					
Approved by the PCC on _____ and signed on their behalf by Rev. Andrew Down (Rector) and Mr Phill Harvey(PCC Treasurer).					

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan	
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2022	
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 2021

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: 18th February 2022