

**St. Andrew's Church, Ipplepen**  
**Annual Report**  
**2023 – 2024**



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# 1 Rector's Report

I am not much of a gardener but I wish I was and hope that someday I will be. I love spending time with gardeners and going to gardens. Recently I spent a wonderful morning in the formal gardens at Dartington Hall with a friend. As we walked and talked the friend would stop at different plants and say look at this, smell this, have you noticed.....it was a real joy to see the garden through their eyes and be drawn into a deeper appreciation of what was all around me. Our annual meetings and reports are a moment in the year where we are invited to stop, look and notice what is going on in our churches.

In my report to our Church Annual Meetings in the spring of 2023 (following another trip to Dartington) I wrote about gardens as a metaphor for what I was seeing and hoped for in terms of blossoming and growth across the parishes of Ipplepen with Torbryan, Denbury, Woodland and Broadhempston. This spring as we once again hold our annual meetings for 2024 I am heartened to see the fruits of what was looked and hoped for then. The reintroduced services at Holy Trinity Torbryan goes from strength to strength with the trial currently of moving from bi monthly to monthly service. What were relatively new ventures in the informal Come Holy Spirit Service, weekly silent meditation, Coffee and Chat, Denbury craft workshops, St Andrew's Outside, have taken root and become established. There have been the often surprising splashes of colour offered by our one off events such as the Denbury Festival of Flowers and Mary Day, the Hospice talk, Woodland Quiet Days, Christmas Tree Festival. As in all gardens some things lie dormant for a while and then when time is right re-emerge so it is with joy that we are trialling again an 8am early morning communion service in Ipplepen, Evening prayer with Benediction in Denbury, Book of Common Prayer Evensong in Woodland and children's talks as part of our Eucharist's in Broadhempston. These are just a few things that come immediately to mind as I write this I wonder what blossoming you see and notice in our churches?

The season of spring will eventually lead to summer with longer expansive days, then the autumn, a time of reflection, gathering and harvest and finally back to winter with the necessity to hunker down and simplify before spring bursts forth again. This is the cycle of the natural world, our church and our lives. At the time of our annual meetings we are invited to bring to mind and pray for those we have shared the various seasons of life with over the last year both in our church family and wider community. We particularly pray for all those we have had the privilege of accompanying through baptisms, weddings and funerals.

I hope through our annual meetings and reports we will all be drawn into a deeper sense of joy and appreciation for the family of the Beacon Parishes.

Peace and good wishes

Andrew

## **THE BRIGHT FIELD – R. S. THOMAS**

I have seen the sun break through  
to illuminate a small field  
for a while, and gone my way  
and forgotten it. But that was the  
pearl of great price, the one field that had  
treasure in it. I realise now  
that I must give all that I have  
to possess it. Life is not hurrying

on to a receding future, nor hankering after  
an imagined past. It is the turning  
aside like Moses to the miracle  
of the lit bush, to a brightness  
that seemed as transitory as your youth  
once, but is the eternity that awaits you.

## 2 Churchwardens' Report

The last year has proven to be a challenge in the wake of the transition from a team of four Churchwardens in 2022/23 to two Churchwardens in 2023/24. However, through prioritising roles and as a result of the tireless work provided especially by Sue Hird we have managed to successfully plot our way through another 12 months. We are also fortunate and most grateful to Jane and Geraldine to whom we can turn, if necessary, for advice. We are also fortunate from being able to rely on the support of Members of the PCC and others within our congregation to lighten the load of churchwardens' duties. We are hopeful, that the churchwarden team could be supplemented during the forthcoming year with an additional volunteer, so if this appeals, please don't hesitate to make your interest known.

Whilst we were sad to lose the services of Steven Sheldon from the team this year, we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Steven on becoming a Lay Minister, a role for which we all recognise he is eminently qualified.

We would also wish to recognise the service of Shirley Northwood who has decided to relinquish her role as Booking Secretary of the Church Hall. We would like to take this opportunity to extend our grateful thanks to Shirley for the years of devoted service she has given over this time and wish Shirley and husband David good health and our best wishes for the future.

Turning to other notable Church matters over the year:

**Churchyard Extension Area:** As reported last year, we shall soon require to take-in part of the field in Church Path as an extension area to the churchyard. Following agreement by the PCC in April 2023, a Steering Group was formed to commence feasibility studies and conceptual designs to advance a phased approach for the use of the Church Path field for burials.

Initial design layouts for the 1<sup>st</sup> Phase of the Project comprising an area to be consecrated within the extension were tabled at the next PCC meeting in June 2023. These were considered favourable and was decided that the Steering Group should progress towards finalising design layouts and investigating implementation costs.

At the last PCC meeting in February 2024, the committee considered a supplementary Report which had been professionally prepared by Charles Quartley which detailed the design layout for Phase I of a consecrated churchyard extension area. An area measuring 22 metres x 29 metres, bounded by aesthetic estate fencing and gates would provide some 105 full size burial plots and 108 cremation plots which is estimated to provide burial spaces for the next 12-16 years. The Phase I extension area will, importantly, be located to provide connectivity with the existing churchyard. The design layout also seeks to ensure continuance of use of an amenity area immediately adjoining the Church Hall for the foreseeable future.

The Steering Group were given a mandate by the PCC to proceed with implementing Phase I and moreover, approval to spend up to £20,000 (total cost of the Project plus contingency) which enables an order to be raised with the fencing contractor to secure the cost of materials. In terms of costs; opportunities will also be sought to obtain contributions towards funding.

The field continues to be let on an annual grazing licence which contains clauses to allow us to repossess part when required.

**Contactless Payment:** Following the welcome introduction in 2022 of 'wifi' in the Church which will future-proof the ability for the Church to be used for community type events; you will be aware that from July 2023 we have been able to install a contactless payment system. Special thanks go to Charles Quartley and Roger Chamberlain for overseeing its introduction. In the ever-increasing world of card payment over 'cash' this advancement has proven to be both a safer and a more successful way for people to make donations to the Church.

**Common Fund for 2023:** There is quite a bit of behind the scenes work that CW's carry out and the 2023 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.

**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, improving safety in and around the church etc. Many thanks to all who give up their time and for their hard work which is most appreciated.

#### **Community Engagement:**

**Coffee & Chat:** As many of you will be aware, Coffee & Chat is held in St. Andrew's on the second Saturday of each month. The event has become very popular in the local community and in March this year marked the first anniversary. Our gratitude goes out to all those who have made this event so successful.

**St. Andrew's Outside:** The first St. Andrew's Outside Event was held in the Church Field in May 2023 and take place every other month. Centred around a fire-pit circle, these events combine a subtle religious theme, a relaxed friendly atmosphere, mix of outdoor activities (suitable for all ages) and refreshments. In particular, we would like to recognise the organisational talents of Lesley Mawson and her team of dedicated helpers which has seen St. Andrew's Outside grow from strength to strength. It is particularly pleasing to see people from the local community and young families with children who don't normally attend regular church services – so, if you haven't attended one of these events yet, then would suggest you do so.

**Church Concert:** After four false dawns, St Andrew's Church was able to finally host the long-awaited concert last November from 'Unity in Sound' Community Choir – the concert proved a resounding success raising £1000 for each of their chosen charities, the Devon Air Ambulance and Rowcroft Hospice together with a contribution towards the Church.

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 2023 we have had 4 PCC meetings plus a Mission Community joint PCC meeting. At this meeting we discussed admission of children to communion and the pattern of services plus the Archbishop of Canterbury's visit to Devon, the Unity course and the organisation of ourselves as a Mission Community rather than as individual churches.

Minutes including APCM minutes are always in church after these meetings for anyone to read.

At PCC we have discussed contactless giving which is now up and running with thanks to Charles Quartley; problems with the clock which is now with the Cumbrian Clock Co for repair; the future funding of the Beacon; support for Church Wardens; and our latest project – the churchyard extension. We are rapidly running out of space in our present churchyard so work is ongoing to turn part of the field behind the hall into the churchyard extension.

I said last year that I was desperately trying to stand back from the Secretary's job and that I would only do one more year! That year has ended and for the moment things have settled down as we have a minutes secretary (my daughter Zoe) which takes the stress off at PCC meetings - so for the time being I will continue as Secretary as far as the Diocese is concerned so will deal with e-mails etc. HOWEVER this WILL be my final year.

My thanks go to the Rector and all PCC members and Wardens for their support.

*Vanessa Bevan*

### 3.2 PCC Financial Report

2023 has been a more challenging year for the General fund with a deficit of £4.7k.

Income reduced, mainly due to fewer funerals, weddings etc. At the same time, expenses increased significantly with the single largest increase being electricity costs. This is now reducing as general market rates are stabilising. The good news was a significant increase in the General investments of c£12k meaning that overall the General Fund has increased during the year.

The Fabric Fund also shows a deficit, but this was after expenditure on installing the necessary technology to support contactless giving which is already paying dividends in increased collections.

Again, the Fabric investments performed well, increasing the value of the Fabric Fund overall.

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

#### Going Concern

Given that overall the value of the Church's net assets increased, the PCC can once again confidently state that St. Andrew's represents a viable 'Going Concern' for the foreseeable future.

*Phill Harvey – PCC Treasurer*

### 3.3 Planned Giving

I would once again wish to thank everyone who has contributed financially to our parish funds over the last year. Your generosity is vital to St. Andrew's continuing as a going concern.

Over fifty members from our church community are donating to our parish financially through the Parish Giving Scheme, having donated over £220,000 to date plus gift aid over the last eight 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 if desired and can be reduced or cancelled should circumstances change. Costs are paid by the diocese.

I would be very happy to provide details and a simple application form to anyone interested.

Thanks to Charles Quartley setting up Wifi in church, members of the congregation can now make one off donations through contactless giving at other events as well as at services. There is a fixed Giving

Station inside the main entrance to our church, and a portable device is available if required. In addition, forms containing access to a QR code are available in many of the pews.

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

### **3.4 Electoral Roll**

This year the revision of the electoral roll began on 17<sup>th</sup> March and was completed on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

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

During the year we were pleased to be able to add four new people to the roll.

Sadly we have also lost some members. Three members have died, three have moved away and one parishioner has asked to have his name removed from the roll.

The number on the roll has therefore reduced to 79.

I'd like to remind everyone that next year instead of a revision of the roll, a totally new roll will have to be prepared, an exercise that takes place every six years. This will mean that everyone who wishes to be on the roll will need to complete an application form, regardless of whether you are already on the roll or not.

*Liz Lamport - Electoral Roll Officer*

## **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 and churchyard hedge. We are grateful to all those who have taken part.

The Quinquennial Inspection of the church was due in 2023, however, the inspection was subsequently carried out in March. 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. Some small repairs are also needed to the West louvres of the belfry.

The Shepherd memorial has not yet been reinstated but positive discussions are taking place with monumental masons and the Diocese.

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.

*Clive Tompkins*

### **4.2 Bells, tower, clock and ringers**

The Ipplepen Bellringers have enjoyed a full year of ringing during 2023.

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 a new ringer to our group, so are currently training 3 ringers, 2 of which have progressed to regular Sunday morning ringing.

We have now 17 members on our Bellringers WhatsApp group.

During this period, we had 3 teams of visiting ringers to Ipplepen Church, and we rang at one wedding.

We also rang the church bells for several village events including The Annual Flower Show and the Lantern Parade.

On 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023 we, along with all church bells across the country rang a special peal to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

In June 2023 we were very pleased ring a special peal for Colin Clark, the previous Tower Captain to celebrate his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday followed by tea and cake with family and friends. Colin is sadly not able to ring with us any more due to a serious illness in 2022.

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

*Andy Vickery, Tower Captain*

The clock was returned during the summer of 2303, but unfortunately there was still a 'sticking' issue between two of the gears which had been 'renovated'. Fortunately the Cumbrian Clock Company accept it is their problem and have now (Feb 2024) taken the clock away for checking over in their workshop.

Many thanks to the ringers who have helped with the process and to Tom Allen of Quay Scaffolding in the village who has been very generous with his support is installing safety rails while we had the trap doors removed.

*Charles Quartley*

### **4.3 Churchyard**

We are very lucky here at St. Andrews to have a very well maintained churchyard, due to the hard work of John Lynch, who also sees to the maintenance of the mowers etc. The work party each month keeps the hedge in trim, and the weeding of the paths. The churchyard has approximately fifteen spaces left for burials, but that depends on some spaces being unmarked, or hard rock in places.

We are very grateful to Nick Brock the grave digger for his expert advice in identifying the state-of-the-ground etc, he is also willing to help when the new extension is completed to advise on digging.

The plans for the extension are progressing with thanks to Charles Quartley.

*Geraldine Dennis*

### **4.4 Church Hall**

I am pleased to be able to report that the Church Hall continues to have great support with all our regular weekly hirings for yoga with Phill Strand, fitness classes with Madeline Ramsey, two table tennis classes with Kevern Mortimore and Pam & Robin Thomas, Brownies and Unity in Sound Community Choir. Although we still hear about covid illnesses, I think we are enjoying our lives better without too much fear of it, which has certainly meant that other bookings are also increasing again for birthday parties, miscellaneous classes and meetings. In fact last year saw the third highest annual takings since 2012.

The hall also hosts regular monthly events - the Church Lunch Club, Ipplepen Memory Café,

"St. Andrews Church Informal Services of reflection" as well as being used in conjunction with the "St. Andrews Outside Event"

The hall always has a special friendly atmosphere for celebrating birthday and christening parties, and gives a rather intimate and personal setting for funeral receptions.

Sadly, due to personal reasons, this will be my last report, as after many years I am stepping down from the position as Booking Secretary. Over the years I have made many friends with all the chats and meetings with people to promote the hall, and with all the regular hirers who collect the keys from me each week (together with their bills at the end of every month)!!

Although being Booking Secretary is work, I trust my successor will also enjoy all the social engagement that comes along with the job. As you know, St. Andrew's Church Hall is a place that holds lots of special memories for me, and it has been a privilege for me to work for its benefit, knowing that it is a building being a great asset to the 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, 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.

The inspection and testing of chandelier winch were also due in 2023, however, at the time of writing an inspection date is awaited from the contractor. A progress report will be given verbally at the meeting.

Flag raising and lowering is carried out by two persons to ensure that no person is unaccompanied whilst carrying out this task.

The work party that meets on the first Saturday of each month also attends to safety related tasks that are brought to their attention, with a proviso that, they are within the scope of works, not requiring specialist attention.

*Clive Tompkins*

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

“Promoting a Safer Church” is at the heart of all that we do.

The policy which follows the Guidance from the Diocese and the House of Bishops has been reviewed and updated across the Mission Community.

Safeguarding is clearly an issue for all our churches and agreed common practice will continue to be developed. Robust procedures are in place to address and manage concerns or allegations that may arise from time to time. Diocesan Guidance is adhered to.

Caren in the office continues as the DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) verifier. She processes the applications and checks for DBS clearance which is essential for a wide range of roles.

The Pastoral Care team continue to develop the work they do in line with safeguarding procedures.

Safeguarding Sunday is marked, as in all churches, each November and domestic abuse has been highlighted.

Permissions are gained from parents for their children’s participation in the choir and all activities and consent forms are completed. Those who hire the church hall are expected to complete forms acknowledging their responsibilities for children, young people and vulnerable adults in relation to safeguarding.

All reports and articles for the Beacon have to be written in a manner that protects the vulnerable.

Safeguarding is an agenda item on every PCC meeting. PCC members are given continued opportunities to access the necessary training either online or face to face. These requirements are highlighted in the Safeguarding folder in the church.

*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, Rev Anne Burden 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 10 baptisms since the last Annual meeting. Each has been a very happy event with Rev Andrew officiating. I can report again this year that no baby or child has cried during their service!

Some families have chosen to have their own ceremonies whilst others have been able to be welcomed into the church by the congregation during a communion service. Whilst all families have been part of the Ippepen community, on two occasions families travelled from both the United States and Australia respectively for the occasions.

Young children attending the services of their family or friends are now given baptism booklets and coloured pencils to take home if they so wish.

We continue to individually invite our baptism families to Mothering Sunday and the Crib service at Christmas and to participate in the “dressing” of the Easter garden in the church. It was lovely last year that the latter event coincided with the coffee and chat morning with senior and junior members of the community enjoying each other.

*Ann Holroyd*

## **5.5 Hospitality**

The Hospitality team continue to provide whatever refreshments are required after Services and Events that are held in Church or the Church Hall.

The generosity of the congregation at coffee after the services each week, mean we are able to help fund many different extras for the Church. This includes replacing coffee etc, cleaning products, Mothering Sunday Posies, provisions for lantern procession and Carol Service, buying the Christmas Tree etc.

We thank the congregation for being so supportive and at the end of the year we are still able to bank some money.

We look forward to future events, the next being a Cheese and Quiz evening in the Church Hall on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

*Sue Sander and Marilyn Clark*

## **5.6 Coffee and Chat**

March 2023 saw the first Coffee and Chat morning in St. Andrew’s church.

So much has been written about loneliness that I suggested to the Hospitality team that we set up a coffee morning on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month.

No charge, just donations.

As we celebrate our first anniversary we have a very successful event with a band of volunteers to host, bake and serve coffee.

Many of our guests and hosts are not regular church attenders.

Tom Morris has now joined us and provides us with music, sometimes joined by members of StA\*X.

There is no charge but donations are welcome and we have received £1,100 this year.

*Marilyn Ellis*

## **6 Reaching Out**

### **6.1 The Beacon Magazine**

The Beacon magazine continues to be produced bimonthly both in electronic and printed format. Until June last year, thanks to a generous benefactor the magazine was printed at no cost to the PCC. This contribution has now come to an end. However the PCCs in the Mission Community have agreed to finance these costs until October 2024.

As editor I welcome contributions from all. I am particularly grateful to Marilyn Clark who reports on the ‘News from St Andrew’s’ and Charles Quartley for his expertise on the lay out and production.

*Michael Price*

### **6.2 Youth Choir**

StA\*X - Ipplepen’s Youth Choir based at St. Andrew’s Church - is run by Jo Innes-Lumsden and Marilyn Ellis with assistance from Tom Morris.

Current Choir numbers are seven senior and two junior.

Rehearsals: Senior choir 1 hour on Thursday 16:30 - 17:30

Junior choir 45 mins on Monday 16:15 - 17:00

The choir continues to delight all who hear them sing.

We knew that last year would involve important exams for most members of the choir and so no performances were possible until the end of the Summer Holidays. Three members flew out to South Korea in August to join in the 25<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree. Sadly, through organisational short-falls it proved to be very much more challenging and not the experience they had hoped for. They did at least get to sing “Bella Ciao” with the Italian Scouts and Abba songs with the Swedes.

Lesley Mawson kindly invited the choir to sing around the fire-pit at St. Andrew’s Outside on September 10<sup>th</sup>. It was a pleasure to be in the lovely church garden with the evening sunshine. The choir led communal singing accompanied by Tom’s guitar. This was the first occasion that the Junior choir, formed in January 2023, had performed for an audience and joined the Senior choir members. It was a lovely occasion with hearty singing from everyone.

In November, Marilyn, Jo and Tom organised a re-run of “Tea for Two”, an hour long concert in the church with piano accompaniment followed by delicious refreshments. Funds were raised for the Youth Choir activities and music scores. All who took part enjoyed the variety of songs and the audience feedback was very encouraging.

December 17<sup>th</sup> saw the choir participate in the St. Andrew’s Carol concert. As well as joining in the traditional carols with descants and solos, the choir sang beautiful pieces on their own.

January is village Panto time and the talents of choir members, including our Junior members, was fully utilised.

Both Senior and Junior choirs are currently working hard towards a very important concert on 9th June to commemorate the D-Day anniversary. We are receiving expert tuition from Anna Haywood, who is teaching us Sign-language to use for some of the songs we will be performing. The concert will raise money for church funds and Motor Neurone Disease.

StA\*X remain a joy to work with.

*Jo, Marilyn & Tom*

### **6.3 Deanery Synod**

All meetings open with prayers.

- 1) Minutes of previous meeting to be signed off.
- 2) Matters arising
- 3) Guest speaker to give talk, followed by questions and answer time.
- 4) Then move on to the business side of the meeting. Secretary Clare Lillington records all minutes and sends out to members.
- 5) Julian Knight gives an up to date account of Deanery funds, currently standing at £1,778, so it was decided that no fees will be asked from the parishes for the last 12 months as there are funds available in the account.
- 6) It was noted at the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 that the diocese was not in a good position with payment of the parochial share. It was said that the 4 deaneries of the Totnes archdeaconry were the worst at paying the share, often down to delays.
- 7) Diocesan Synod report by Graham Hamilton was greatly shortened with the two main topics being:
  - A) Restricted funds- that churches would encourage movement away from legacies that include restricted funds.
  - B) also under further discussion same sex marriages. The Bishops couldn’t arrive at a firm decision so were passing it back down to clergy and PCCs. It is being seen that the House of Bishop’s are failing to advise us on how we can look at same sex relationships.
- 8) We were asked to pray for the General synod meeting 12/13<sup>th</sup> November 23, on two matters 1. Abuse and 2. Safeguarding.
- 9) The Archbishop held a ‘Come and See’ weekend in November, with various guests invited to visit parishes on his behalf.

10) Thanks were given to all Deanery Representatives.

11) News from around the parishes is shared at this point.

Meetings close with night compline.

Dates for next meetings are: 20<sup>th</sup> March and 9<sup>th</sup> June. Venues t b c.

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

#### **6.4 Food for Thought Lunch Club**

The lunch club continues to run on a regular monthly basis with numbers on average between twenty eight and thirty each month, although on our records we have up to thirty five members. Increasingly, many are requiring transport due to age and frailty.

Our drivers are dropping our guests off at the hall and progressing down Paternoster Lane which is proving not so easy as previously because we are no longer able to use the exit through the garden of a local house. The hedges are growing out into the lane and the walls are bulging out making it difficult to drive down.

We are still very fortunate to have Amanda as our cook together with her husband Stuart, and we have Dawn as our relief cook when Amanda is away on holiday. In addition, we have a small number of speakers who give us a Pause for Thought between courses.

We have also been grateful to have Year Six pupils from Ipplepen Primary School acting as waiters as part of their community service.

We still maintain a cost of £7 per meal for two courses with coffee and mints, and make a contribution of £40 per month to hall costs. We currently have about £280 in our funds.

We recently held a meeting for our volunteers, with fifteen members present and three apologies. All are prepared to continue with the Churches needing to be aware of any folk who may be isolated and should to be included in our numbers.

*Maria Alsop and Rose Chamberlain*



<b>Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan</b>				
<b>Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2023</b>				
<b>General Fund Receipts and Payments Account</b>				
	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>				
<b><i>Planned Giving</i></b>				
Regular giving through PGS, envelopes and bankers orders	<b>28,912</b>		30,127	
Income tax recovered thereon	<b>11,056</b>		<b>8,891</b>	
		<b>39,968</b>		39,018
<b><i>Other Voluntary Giving</i></b>				
Collections	<b>5,286</b>		3,910	
Gift Day	<b>1,973</b>		1,700	
Tax Reclaimed on Gift Day	<b>493</b>		838	
Collections - restricted funds	<b>587</b>		0	
Church wall box	<b>401</b>		112	
Social & fund-raising events:	<b>2,883</b>		3,125	
Votive candle stand	<b>0</b>		0	
Floodlighting Income	<b>488</b>		697	
Sundry donations	<b>350</b>		1,088	
		<b>12,461</b>		11,470
<b><i>Other Ordinary Income</i></b>				
Fees payable to P C C	<b>10,486</b>		14,374	
Fees from weddings, funerals etc. payable to diocese	<b>(3,225)</b>		(3,308)	
Dividends and interest on investments	<b>4,236</b>		4,101	
Rent receivable	<b>0</b>		0	
Sundry	<b>667</b>		837	
		<b>12,164</b>		16,004
<b><i>Extraordinary Income</i></b>				
Legacies in wills			0	
Restricted donations - flowers			0	
Grants received			1,290	
		<b>100</b>		1,290
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR</b>				
		<b>64,693</b>		67,782
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>				
		<b>(69,392)</b>		(65,075)
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>				
		<b>(4,699)</b>		<b>2,707</b>
Extraordinary income:				
Fuel Grant from Diocese		100		1,290
Net non-recurring fund-raising income:				
Extraordinary expenditure:				
<b>Surplus/(deficit) from extraordinary activities &amp; events</b>				
		<b>100</b>		1,290
<b>Surplus/(deficit) from ordinary activities</b>				
		<b>(4,799)</b>		1,417
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>				
		<b>(4,699)</b>		<b>2,707</b>

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan					
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2023					
General Fund Receipts and Payments Account					
		2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
<b>The Ministry</b>					
General ministry expenses including Rector's expenses		3,421		2,502	
			3,421		2,502
<b>The Church and Services</b>					
Share of PA Costs		6,080		5,742	
Heating, lighting and cleaning, etc.		5,232		2,892	
Upkeep of services		2,910		1,766	
Flowers		16		0	
Churchyard expenses including verger's honoraria		2,444		1,906	
Sexton's honorarium		0		0	
Organists' honoraria		2,050		1,950	
Organ tuning		0		198	
Director of Music honorarium		0		0	
Music				0	
			18,732		14,454
<b>Other Ordinary Expenditure</b>					
Leasing and expenses of photocopier		1,217		575	
Ipplepen Magazine/Diocesan leaflets/Christians Together		200		0	
Minor Church Maintenance		0		113	
Administration, postage, stationery etc.		792		680	
Payments to missions and charities		1,699		1,699	
Payments to missions and charities - restricted funds		1,299		1,098	
Parochial share payable to diocese		42,910		43,277	
Deanery contribution		0		0	
Payments to restricted funds		0		980	
Social and fundraising events		14		432	
Computer Expenses		149		144	
Website		11		30	
Other Shared Expenses recovered		(2,058)		(1,338)	
Prior year adjustment					
Sundry expenses		1,006		429	
			47,239		48,119
<b>Extraordinary Expenditure</b>					
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>					
			<b>69,392</b>		<b>65,075</b>

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan							
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2023							
Payments to Charities							
	2023		2022				
	Annual Giving	Restricted Donations	Annual Giving	Restricted Donations			
	£	£	£	£			
<b>Annual Giving</b>							
US			125				
Christian Aid				181			
Rowcroft	200		200				
Samaritans							
Church Army							
Clergy Orphan Fund							
Marie Curie							
Children's Hospice South West	200		200				
Embrace the Middle East							
Shelterbox	200		200	0			
Society of Mary & Martha (Sheldon Centre)	100		100				
Alzheimer's Society							
Disaster Emergencies Committee: Nepal Appeal							
Royal British Legion from Remembrance Sunday		506		239			
Stroke Association							
Devon Air Ambulance	199		199				
Medecins Sans Frontieres UK							
EGHO							
Barnabas Fund							
CALM	200		200				
HITS	200	20	200				
The Children's Society		53		130			
Night Stop	200		200				
Heat Packs	200		200				
Devon Historic Churches Trust		190		175			
Deaf Academy				150			
Torbryan		375					
Churches Conservation Trust		125					
DEC		30		223			
	<u>1,699</u>	<u>1,299</u>	<u>1,824</u>	<u>1,098</u>			
<b>Note:</b>	<i>PCC approved Regular Giving of £1700.</i>						
	For reasons unknown, Devon Air Ambulance take £199, instead of the £200 approved, hence the £1 discrepancy.						

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan					
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2023					
Bellringers Receipts and Payments Account					
	2023		2022		
	£	£	£	£	
<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>					
Visitor donations	104		0		
Ipplepen Community Fund	0		0		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>104</b>		<b>0</b>	
<b><u>PAYMENTS</u></b>					
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	58				
New Cupboard	0		0		
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>(58)</b>		<b>0</b>	
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>46</b>		<b>0</b>	

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan					
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2023					
STAX Receipts and Payments Account					
	2023		2022		
	£	£	£	£	
<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>					
Donations received	335		220		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>335</b>		<b>220</b>	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>					
STAX expenses	17		167		
		<b>(17)</b>		<b>(167)</b>	
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>318</b>		<b>53</b>	

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan				
Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2023				
Million for Mission Receipts and Payments Account				
	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Million for Mission grant	0		0	
Messy Church donations received	0		0	
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	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>				
Messy Church costs (food, craft materials, use of hall)	0		0	
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	
		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>0</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 2023						
Fabric Fund Receipts and Payments Account						
	2023		2022			
	£	£	£	£		
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
<b>Donations</b>						
Church Estate Charity's contribution toward windows				10,159		
Donation towards fabric funds				40		
Floodlighting contributions		0				10,199
<b>Investment Income Received</b>						
Deposit accounts interest	138			56		
Dividends & other investment income	1,196			1,190		
		1,334				1,246
<b>Extraordinary Income</b>						
Proceeds of insurance claim re storm damage						0
Prior year adjustment						0
Grants	130					0
<b>Income Tax Recovered</b>						
			130			
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR</b>			<b>1,464</b>			<b>11,445</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
<b>Church Repairs and Renewals</b>						
Annual fire inspection	112			259		
Other				61		
Annual inspection of chandelier winch	0			432		
Floodlight Maintenance				127		
Repairs to sound system				250		
Window Repairs				115		
Boiler Service/repairs				194		
Sound system and wifi upgrade	2,577					
Sundry other repairs & replacements	1,039					
			3,728			1,438
<b>Expenditure re Restricted Donations</b>						
Work on tower roof	0			0		
			0			0
<b>Church Tower Expenses</b>						
Inspection of & work to lightning conductors				60		
			0			60
<b>Other Expenditure</b>						
Bank charges						
Prior year adjustment			0			0
			0			
<b>Insurance - Building</b>			3,690			3,381
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>			<b>7,418</b>			<b>4,879</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>			<b>(5,954)</b>			<b>6,566</b>

Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan

Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2023

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2023

	General Fund	Restricted General Funds (see analysis)	Restricted Fabric Fund	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
<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	1,057	3,062	3,961	8,080	18,683
Central Board of Finance - Deposit Account	2,503		4,433	6,936	6,721
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				0	0
Bellringers Funds		814		814	406
Debtors				0	0
Shared Expenses not recovered				0	0
Due to Village Hall				0	0
	<b>55,222</b>	<b>3,876</b>	<b>20,394</b>	<b>79,492</b>	<b>89,472</b>
<b>Funds</b>					
Balance brought forward at 31 December 2022	59,921	3,512	26,348	89,472	80,146
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(4,699)	364	(5,954)	(10,289)	9,326
Balance carried forward at 31 December 2023	<b>55,222</b>	<b>3,876</b>	<b>20,394</b>	<b>79,492</b>	<b>89,472</b>
<b>Valuation of General Fund Investments</b>					
Parochial General Fund - 886 shares				20,028	18,292
Churchyard - 2,506 shares				56,649	51,739
Churchyard (Diocesan A/C) - 242 shares				3,770	4,996
Churchyard (re Dr Fry) - 52.01 shares				1,176	1,074
CBF Income Fund Units (re R Griffiths)				66,377	60,623
				<b>148,000</b>	<b>136,724</b>
<b>Valuation of Fabric Fund Investments</b>					
£18,859 4% Consolidated Stock				0	0
1,936 CBF CofE Investment Fund Income Units				48,198	39,970
				<b>48,198</b>	<b>39,970</b>
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 2023										
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2023										
Analysis of Restricted General Funds										
	Restricted Fund re Val Phillips Memorial Prize	Restricted Choir Fund	Restricted Bellingers Fund	Restricted Belleplates Fund	STAX	Total Restricted General Parish Funds 2022	Restricted Mission Fund (mission community fund)	Total Restricted General Funds 2023	Total Restricted General Funds 2022	Total Restricted General Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Monetary Assets</b>										
NatWest - Current Account	23	79	1,200	128	318	1,748	1,314	3,062	1,748	2,744
NatWest - Current Account (Choir Fund)		0				0		0		0
Bellingers' Current Account			692			692		692	692	342
Bellingers' Petty Cash			122			122		122	122	64
Messy Church Cash Not yet banked							0	0		0
	<b>23</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>2,014</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>2,562</b>	<b>1,314</b>	<b>3,876</b>	<b>2,562</b>	<b>3,150</b>
<b>Funds</b>										
Balance brought forward at 31 December 2022	23	79	1,968	128	0	2,198	1,314	3,150	2,198	2,950
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	0	0	46	0	318	364	0	364	364	200
	<b>23</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>2,014</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>2,562</b>	<b>1,314</b>	<b>3,514</b>	<b>2,562</b>	<b>3,150</b>
Balance carried forward at 31 December 2023										

<b>Parish of Ipplepen and Torbryan</b>									
<b>Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2023</b>									
<b>Notes to the Financial Statements</b>									
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 2023

**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: