



West
Dartmoor
Benefice

Annual Report for year ending 31st December 2011

St Paul's, Yelverton

St Peter's, Meavy

St Leonard's, Sheepstor

St Mary the Virgin, Walkhampton

United Church, Princetown

St John the Baptist, Horrabridge

St Mary, Sampford Spiney

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St Leonard's Sheepstor

Mrs Drinda MacDonald ☎854884
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St Peter's Meavy

Mr Philip Helby ☎855010
Dr Jenny Sharp ☎853652

St Mary the Virgin Walkhampton

Mr Mike Dobson ☎852937
Mrs Mary Geen ☎855887

United Church Princetown

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St John the Baptist Horrabridge

Mrs Jean Horsfall ☎855482
Mrs Carolyn Hempenstall ☎852385

St Mary's Samford Spiney

Mrs R. Pugh ☎853442

Parochial Church Council members:

St Paul's Yelverton

Mr D Read (Lay Vice Chair)
Mrs K Howard (Deanery Synod)
Mrs BJ Gardiner (Deanery Synod)
Mrs W. Brown
Mr M Child
Mr P. Corderoy
Mr B Medhurst (Treasurer)
Mrs. V. Thompson

St Leonard's Sheepstor

Cdr T MacDonald RN (Lay Vice Chair, Treasurer)
Mr P Legassick (Captain of Bell Tower)
Mrs M Bennett
Mrs D Bayly
Mr R Chapman
Mr R Bayly (Secretary, also Churchwarden, Deanery Synod, & Sacristan)
Mrs D MacDonald (Electoral Roll Officer, also Churchwarden and organist)

St Peter's Meavy

Mr John Fry (Lay Vice Chair, Health & Safety, and Data Protection)
Mrs Rosemary Weir (Deanery Synod) (till April 2011)
Mr Kerry D. Elson (Deanery Synod)
Mrs Mary Helby (Treasurer)
Mrs Sarah Gordon (Assistant Treasurer)
Mrs Penny Shobrook
Mrs Pauline Hamilton-Leggett

St Mary the Virgin Walkhampton

Mr J Knight (Lay Vice Chair)
Mr K Baxter (Treasurer)
Mr R Locock (Deanery Synod)
Mrs C Brannagan (Secretary)
Mrs D D'Oyly (Deanery Synod)
Mrs K Miall

St Peter's Meavy (cont'd)

Mrs Catherine Leather
 Mrs Nicky Smith
 Mrs Roslynn Tall
 Mrs Anne Inman (Secretary &
 Electoral Roll Officer)

United Church Princetown

Mrs Anne Crozier (Secretary)
 Mrs Chris Eriksson (Deanery Synod)
 Mr Carl Heywood

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**St Mary the Virgin Walkhampton
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Mrs M Goddard

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 Gareth Jones (Treasurer)
 Peter Ballinger
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 Phyl Hellier
 Hilary Prout
 Kathy Roche

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St Mary's Sampford Spiney**Bankers & Independent Examiners****St Paul's Yelverton**

Lloyds TSB, Royal Parade, Plymouth &
 HSBC, Bedford Square, Tavistock
 Examiner: Col. G. Mills

St Peter's Meavy

National Westminster Bank, Bedford
 Square, Tavistock
 Examiner: Capt. D. Tall R.N.

United Church Princetown

Lloyds TSB, West Street, Tavistock
 Examiner:

Sampford Spiney

Examiner:

St Leonard's Sheepstor

Alliance & Leicester Commercial Bank,
 Bootle.
 Examiner: J. C. Fry FCA

St Mary the Virgin Walkhampton

Barclays Bank, Bedford Square,
 Tavistock
 Examiner: Mrs R Waldron

Horrabridge

Lloyds TSB, West Street, Tavistock
 Examiner:

The Purpose of Each Parochial Church Council in the Benefice

Each Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

The PCC (Powers) Act 1956 states that the PCC *'is to cooperate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical'*.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules 2006.

The Report of the Priest in Charge

Change

This annual report contains so much information about the life of this Benefice – to all who contribute so much so willingly I say “thank you”. It is right and proper to start with thanks before moving on to recognise that 2011 has been another year of change, some of which was expected, some of which took shape and came to fruition rather quickly and somewhat unexpectedly, and some of which I want to flag up for 2012.

Schools

It has been a time of change for our two church schools: they became the West Dartmoor Federation this year as the schools combined to help secure their long term future. Whilst each will retain its own distinctive identity they will work together formally under the guidance of one governing body and one executive head. Mrs Sue Blair, the head teacher of Meavy School, has retired on a high note just before Christmas, with the school achieving an outstanding result for the school’s Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools. I wish Sue a very long and happy retirement. I am also pleased that both our schools are now working together without the need to compete against each other for children.

Princetown

The ecclesiastical parish of Princetown is set to be dissolved as part of a re-organization of its daughter churches. Princetown itself will become a daughter church of the parish of Walkhampton whilst Huccaby and Postbridge will remain part of the Moorland Team and join with Holne and Widdecombe.

Ministers

It has been a time of change within the ministerial staff:

- One unexpected change was the long term illness of our Team Vicar, Rev'd Nicola Hunt, who has been off work since September. Nicola has now decided to retire early as a result. Having welcomed her in my report last year I was not anticipating saying goodbye to her in 2011’s report. I hope that her health issues settle down and that she can enjoy a new pace of life in retirement. At the time of writing this report the outcome of Nicola’s application to retire early has yet to be determined.
- We have welcomed Rev'd Jackie Giddings and Mr Tony Giddings back to the ministerial team with both of them offering to assist in the Benefice, having finished their ministerial time in Tavistock.
- Revd Geoff Lloyd, our Rural Dean, retired in August and, as planned, Sampford Spiney and Horrbridge parishes are joining the Mission Community. This has involved them in a time of readjustment. As I write this report plans are already in hand to find a replacement minister who will be based in Horrbridge but who will

work across the whole Mission Community. This half-time appointment will take some time to fill and I hope to be able to speak about having welcomed a new colleague in next year's report.

- Another addition to the ministerial team in 2012 will be a new curate. Rev'd Andy Barton (as he will be when he joins us) is to be ordained in September 2012 and will work across the Mission Community. We look forward to welcoming Andy, his wife Sioned and their two children Tom & Hannah.

- In 2012 I will become Priest in Charge of Sampford Spiney and Horrabridge with a new post based at Horrabridge being advertised. The stipendiary Associate Priest will work across the whole Mission Community.

With various clergy across the Deanery succumbing to times of sickness and absence we had a very busy period dealing not only with our own occasional offices, but numerous weddings, funerals and baptisms across the Deanery. It put a real strain on our resources and thankfully life across the Deanery has calmed down a little. Whilst it is hoped and expected that staff will join us in 2012 we start the year somewhat under pressure. As such I am extremely grateful to our ministerial team who all give unstintingly of their time and energy in their retirement.

Service Times

It has been a time of change for our service times. I was very pleased to have been joined in the task of reviewing the service times by a group of people from across the Benefice. The changes in the service times were something necessitated by the staff changes that we face. By altering service times it allows ministers to "double up" on services. Such changes mean that there is a greater probability of maintaining a service in each parish each week. Across the Diocese I have been told that a large proportion of serving clergy reach retirement age in the next 5 years (between 30-45% depending on who is telling the story). We are not immune from these changes. In many ways we have been sheltered from large scale service changes because of the fantastic efforts put in by the number of retired clergy in the team who continue to offer their services in retirement. In addition, the Worship Teams across the Benefice have grown in stature as the year has gone on. Again I am extremely grateful to them for their continued support.

Service Pattern

2012 will be a time of change for our service pattern, not least because we have to find ways of engaging with families. It has been a year of highs and lows: in January 2011 we held a Baptism Party and invited everyone who had their child baptised in the Benefice in the last 5 years (some 50 children). The response to our invitation was not good; the turn out was rather small with only a few families joining with us. Later in the year we ran a picnic in the park – but no families with small children came (other than my grandson). However, we finished the year with a Posada which caught the imagination of the children across the Benefice who invited Mary & Joseph (knitted dolls – not forgetting the Donkey...) into their homes in Advent and the Posada finished with a Crib Service at St Paul's with nearly 200 in attendance. On a week by week basis most of the parishes in the Benefice have one

or two families with small children but none have sufficient numbers to enable us to provide adequately to meet their needs. The Benefice Council has asked that we try something new in 2012: a service which brings together our resources from across the Benefice and the families so we can worship together at one time. I hope that this new pattern will be in place after Easter 2012.

Israel

In March 2011 I led a small group from the Benefice (and beyond) on a pilgrimage tour to Israel. This was an evocative trip, not least to experience the contrasting fortunes of the Israelis and Palestinians as we all continue to pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Million for Mission

Million for Mission Fund is an initiative from the Diocese to release funds to parishes for mission based projects. Although some parishes were not successful in their bids some were: Princetown received a grant to help with Messy church and Sheepstor received a grant to work up a project with Plymouth University to help us with our mission to the numerous visitors to St Leonard's. These are exciting initiatives which I hope will bear fruit.

Thank you

As ever there are so many people who I should thank for so many quiet acts of loving kindness and concern carried on, not in the full exposure of any spotlight, but quietly behind the scenes – tasks faithfully carried out without fail. Without them the Benefice would simply not function: wardens, PCC members, welcomers, cleaners, flower arrangers, bell ringers, organists, choir members, those who produce the bulletin and service sheets – there are so many more as well.

I know it is always dangerous to single out any one person but I want to express my thanks to Win Brown who has retired as Verger at St Paul's this year. Win has worked tirelessly for many years undertaking so many small but important tasks that have oiled the wheels at St Paul's. Her contribution will be missed and I wish her well in her retirement.

The life of the Benefice is not about structures and organizations – they are there to facilitate everyone in their discipleship, to become the people Christ would have us be individually and collectively as his Body. So I pray that as we look to make plans for 2012 we will have Christ at the centre of all our hearts' desires.

Prebendary

On a personal note, in June, I was appointed a Prebendary of Exeter Cathedral by the Bishop of Exeter. The Service in the Cathedral was full of pomp and circumstance and I was quite overwhelmed by the number of you who travelled to Exeter to share in the occasion. For those worried about what additional burdens this may place on me: so far it has only amount to meetings twice a year.

Nick Shutt, Rector

Deanery Synod Report

The Deanery Synod meets about three times a year and helps to bring the Christian community together. Each session is divided into two parts, a presentation on a local or diocesan matter and a business meeting concerning Deanery matters. In February we had a presentation by Alex Ewing the newly appointed Catalyst Youth worker, while the business mainly concerned the planning of Bishop John's visit to the Deanery in June. Our June meeting started the new Triennium and election of the Lay Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. Business consisted mainly about the visit of Bishop John and the organization about the Confirmation Service on the weekend of 25th -26th June. There was also a fairly heated discussion about the provision for those who do not accept women Bishops although no voting was permitted. October was the first meeting under our new Rural Dean, Revd. Nick Law. We also heard from the Diocesan Missioner Revd. Anna Norman-Walker, who gave an enthusiastic talk, entitled "Putting Mission the Map. I feel that the Diocesan Synod helps to bring the Deanery Churches together and allows us all an 'update' on the Parishes and Mission Communities of our area. This is both most helpful and all very illuminating.

KDE

Benefice Choir

The choir met 51 times during the year. One of the highlights was our first concert as a choir, which was held in St Paul's in June, with choral music, solos, duets and our madrigal group performing pieces all chosen by choir members. With donations and choir members purchasing their own copies, we were able to buy the new hymn book 'Sing Praise' for use by the choir, published by Hymns Ancient & Modern.

At the end of the year there were 44 choir members with an average attendance at services of 30. The choir sang at Benefice services at St Peter's Meavy, St Paul's Yelverton, St John's Horrabridge, St Mary's Walkhampton and St Michael's Princetown in 2011 as well as in the open air in August at the service to mark the 70th anniversary of RAF Harrowbeer. The choir has also led the singing at Evensong, Healing services, a Sea Sunday service and Carols at Easter, Advent and Christmas.

The choir tackles new music first sung by any choir, as well as traditional choral music. Members enjoyed singing with Andrew Maries three times during the year when he introduced new hymns. Andrew is the consultant for church music in the Diocese of Exeter.

Choir practices are fun and many are followed by food and drink. Practices are held in churches in the Benefice or in members' homes. There are no auditions to join the choir and those who enjoy singing are always welcome to become members.

Pauline Hamilton-Leggett

Benefice Prayer Chain

The prayer chain offers a confidential service to all in the Benefice. Members pray on a daily basis and meet occasionally for updates.

If you have a request, please first ask the person whom you wish to be prayed for and then telephone one of the following members, or speak to them personally. The message will then be passed on through the chain by telephone. It is better not to use e-mail, which cannot be guaranteed confidential.

Telephone numbers of Prayer Chain members are as follows:

Barbara Smith	853505	Caroline Balmer	852421
Ann Medhurst	853337	Jean Corderoy	258269
Diana Wallace	852601	Susanna Emerson	852070
Sheila Elson	854217	Carol Hughes	854256
Drinda McDonald	854884	Nicky Smith	855464

Mothers' Union Report

If you think that the Mothers' Union is a cosy little bunch of elderly ladies who meet once a month to hear a speaker and have a nice cup of tea, you couldn't be more wrong. There are over 3 million MU members in 63 countries around the world and the average age is under 40.

We in the Benefice meet once a month for communion, fellowship and prayers. Through our mission giving we support such projects as literature schemes, home business set-ups and the teaching of basic hygiene and child welfare, mainly in Africa.

Within the Benefice we are fully involved in all aspects of church life, such as church services, visiting, choir, prayer chain and also social events.

Ladies Lunches

The Ladies' Lunches have proved a great success again this year and, judging by the many 'regulars', have been enjoyed by many. The group was formed two years' ago to bring together the ladies of the Benefice so that they might get to know each other and, primarily, to provide a social gathering. Although the majority of our members are from St. Peter's and St. Paul's, we do have a member from St. John's, Horrabridge and one from St. Mary's and also one lady from Plymouth. This past year has also seen ladies from Holy Cross joining our group and we have had one or two ladies who do not attend church.

Our speakers have, once again, been very varied. In January Kathy Howard talked about her work with SSAFA and then Sue Walsh spoke about the Catholic Women's movement. In March we heard from Margie Goodfellow about her work as a physio. and in May Laura Noble gave a fascinating talk about being a diplomat's

wife in the Yemen. In June Janet Tomlinson talked about living and working in Sarawak and in July Jenny Sharp gave us an insight into being a School Governor. There was no meeting in August but in September Rachel Hawley (the wife of the Headmaster of Kelly College) talked to us (accompanied by her hats!) and in October it was Helen Hopkins' turn to speak about her time at Hampton Manor. We ended our programme for this year with a very amusing account by Helen Moteux of her time in Zimbabwe.

We are always extremely grateful to our speakers for giving up their time so willingly and, at present, the proposed programme for 2012 also looks very interesting. Many thanks, too, to all who support us as without you there would be no lunch!

We do hope that we may have tempted some of you who have not yet given us a try. There is always a very relaxed, informal atmosphere and Sara, Phil and their team at The Burrator make us extremely welcome. We know that there have been several misconceptions about what is on offer and, if you are unsure, why not talk to someone you know who attends?

Nicky, Carol and Susanna.

Men's Breakfasts

We continue to meet once a month for a full English Breakfast at the Burrator Inn, Dousland. We have heard from a variety of speakers over the year from many different denominations, both lay and ordained. The recurrent theme has been how God has been at work in the lives of men – a story that often takes years to unfold. There have been many thought-provoking moments as well as a great sense of fun and getting to know one another. On occasion the group has also suffered more than enough from me and my jokes...

All men are welcome to attend our monthly meetings which are advertised in the weekly bulletin. If you wish to be included in the e-mail invitation list please send an e-mail to nick.shutt@dsl.pipex.com.

Nick Shutt

Benefice Website

www.westdartmoorbenefice.co.uk

Our website has been running for about 18 months but data using Google Analytics has only been recorded since 15 February 2011. The statistical data has been taken since then until the end of January 2012.

Over 5,100 visits have been made from 2,700 people who viewed nearly 16,000 pages. The average time on site was just over 2 minutes. The bulk of traffic being from the UK (London (568), Plymouth (561), Southampton (247), Bristol (134), Truro (129), Kensington (118), Torquay (100), Hook (83), Lambeth (80), Bath

(72) and Exeter (67)) but people also visited the site from places in the USA, Germany, Canada, Australia, India and so forth. Ninety fifth on the list was Kuching with 9 visits averaging nearly five minutes. Seven hundred and fifth and last was a 37 second visit from Cape Town! Two hundred and sixty one visits were from mobile devices.

Perhaps of most interest is what people are actually searching for. Over the year 457 visited the weekly bulletin, 374 the Calendar, 289 the Benefice rota, 258 for the Links page to other local sites and 183 for the Who's Who in the Benefice. The Getting Married pages and Yelverton Church Hall both got over 100 visits, closely followed by Church Fees, Funerals and the Prayer pages.

Individual church pages show that at Yelverton 156 visited the Service page, 141 the photogallery, 121 the officers page and 81 the history. At Meavy the most popular pages were the Flower Festival (132), Service times (106), Events (78), Hymns (61), the rota (59) and history (47). At Walkhampton it was the Walks page (139), followed by History (122), and The Atwell gravestone (118). Sheepstor pages included Church Officers (133), Friends of Sheepstor (128), History (91), Services (59) and rotas (44). Princetown's most popular pages were the services (147), photogallery (85) and Services (57)

Sampford Spiney and Horrabridge went online late in 2011 and in both cases it was the History, Services and Rota pages that were searched for.

Most people find us by using their search engine but 56 came via a link from A Church Near You, 44 from Meavy.org.uk and 9 from the Diocesan site at Exeter.

It would seem that people are looking for our service times, rotas, history and events. If you are responsible for any of these within your parish then please let Nick Shutt know so that he can arrange for them to be put onto the West Dartmoor Benefice website. More important is the Benefice Calendar. This is one area that we are not very good at. In an ideal world every event in the 7 parishes should be recorded as soon as known so that clashes do not occur. Likewise the Calendar should be consulted to see if the day/time is free. This can only be done if those responsible can let Nick know.

One exciting innovation has been our Fund Raising page. We have signed up to "Easyfundraising" which means that providing you go through our webpages when you shop online, then a small percentage will be donated to the Benefice. Thousands of well known retailers are in the scheme including Amazon, eBay, Tesco, Argos, B&Q, M&S etc. It is a simple procedure to sign up. It costs nothing but will give the Benefice another source of income.

Our site continues to grow as more and more people use it. If you have not visited our website yet then please do so. Just type West Dartmoor Benefice into your search engine and explore. New ideas are always welcome.

WDB Webmaster

Report of the Parish of St Paul's, Yelverton in 2011

PCC Meetings

The PCC has met 5 times during the year. Among other subjects discussed were:

- a Stewardship Initiative;
- the rationalisation of Services across the Benefice, taking into account the probable retirement through ill health of the Team Vicar and the burden of serving the larger Mission Community.

The possibility of removing the existing chimney stack above the choir vestry was investigated in consultation with the Church Architect. However, it became apparent that the necessary Diocesan and Local Authority consents would not be easy to obtain, the cost would be significant and, as there was no further evidence of damp upon a fresh inspection, it was decided not to pursue the matter.

The difficulty of heating the large area in the Church was discussed with 2 members of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, which subsequently recommended a visit to St. Stephen's Church, Exeter when their new heating system has been installed. In the meantime, a letter has been sent to the Diocese putting down a marker for heating under the Million for Mission tranche 2 programme.

During the year, Cream Teas organised by Sheila Stacey were a great success. The hire of the Church and the provision of cream teas for a Concert by the Dante String Quartet were also successful. The joint Harvest Supper with Holy Cross Roman Catholics and Rock Methodists went well, and the Devon Historic Churches walk raised money for that charity.

The PCC wishes to express its thanks to:

- Nick, particularly, and the other ministers for all their work on behalf of the Parish and Benefice;
- the congregation for their support and co-operation; and,
- all those who help in so many different ways.

Occasional Offices

In 2011 there were:

- 3 Marriages
- 3 Baptisms
- 2 Funerals

Treasurer's Financial Review

The financial outcome for the year 2011 in the St Paul's statement of account is a small surplus of £253. This result, though satisfactory, has to be viewed against the background of a year in which there was only a very modest amount of expenditure required for repairs and renewals of the church property.

Committed giving from Monthly Bank Standing Orders and Weekly Planned Giving Envelopes was only slightly down, reflecting a welcome addition of a number of new members and increases in regular giving by some existing members to balance the sad loss of a number of members through death and leaving the parish. It is vital that this main strand of our annual income continues to be reinforced.

Cash collections were slightly down, and donations materially down, but we happily received a legacy for £500. We continue to hope that many will remember St Paul's when preparing their Wills.

Following the decision in 2010 to invest £30,000 in a two year deposit bond, there was a welcome increase in our interest income, albeit still at a very modest level. Fees were well down, reflecting fewer weddings and funerals. The welcome increase in Miscellaneous Income was due substantially to the use of St Paul's for a number of concerts. The acoustics of the church and its layout makes it a very good venue for concerts and we welcome this use.

Unfortunately it was not possible to hold our normal Church Fete in 2011, so there was no income from this source. As this has always been the main plank for our Mission Giving we were unable to support these charities as much this year. It is difficult to interpret the full Mission Giving figure shown, as over half derives from collections across the Benefice. However, the very successful Cream Tea and Harvest Supper generated significant funds to augment our giving.

The item under Clergy Expenses is St Paul's share of the overall Benefice costs of meeting travel and other necessary costs incurred by our clergy team, and administrative costs including running and maintaining the Benefice printer. The actual amount for this item was in fact similar to 2010, as that year's figure was distorted by a surplus carried forward from 2009. Again in 2011 we were able to make our Common Fund payments to the Diocese in full on the realistic basis of assessment.

It can be seen that the cost of heating bills at almost £3,000 and a slightly higher figure for the cost of insurance are material items that are unlikely to come down in the foreseeable future.

The Church Hall continues to be well used as can be seen from the list of regular users in Round and About. In view of its worthwhile income we are able to spend on essential maintenance and still report a surplus. In 2011 a new roof over the entrance and toilet block was fitted, costing a little under £3,000, but there remained an overall surplus in excess of £1,400.

Overall we have managed to keep our heads above water, but there will be many financial challenges ahead needing the continued valuable support of all our parishioners to whom we continue to be very grateful.

BM

Fabric report

The lightning conductor has been inspected by Dawsons and its bonding on the Church Tower has been renewed. During the year, volunteers painted and re-lettered 2 external church notice boards and applied wood preservative to certain external door surfaces.

The gutters and down pipes have been cleared, the organ and piano tuned and the boiler serviced. Outside external metal fixtures on the church and church hall have been treated with 'Smart Water' and warning notices displayed.

The goods and chattels have been checked, and, apart from the fact that the 1891 Conveyance is still missing, are substantially in order.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH YELVERTON
Receipts and Payments Account for year to 31 December 2011

	2011		2010	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Income				
Envelopes & Bank Standing Orders	20,128		20,380	
Cash Collections	3,156		3,425	
Other Donations	235		1,590	
Legacies	500	24,019	0	25,395
Tax Recoveries				
Income tax recovered	5,833	5,833	6,005	6,005
Investment Income				
Dividends & Interest	839	839	173	173
Other Income				
Fees	1,132		2,010	
Summer Fete	0		1,191	
Special Parish Efforts	1,693		1,489	
Miscellaneous	1,296	4,121	821	5,510
TOTAL RECEIPTS		34,812		37,084
 PAYMENTS				
The Ministry				
Clergy Expenses	1,836	1,836	1,283	1,283
The Church & Services				
Heating & Lighting	2,998		1,486	
Fire & Insurance	3,315		3,105	
Cleaning	983		896	
Organist	0		0	
Choir	20		123	
Upkeep of Services	186		142	
Repairs & Renewals	1,292		701	
Property	0	8,794	0	6,454
Other Ordinary Parish Expenses				
Young Church and Orchestra	0		0	
Gardening	528		558	
Magazine Diocesan Insert	82		115	
Parish Expenses	146	756	182	856
Payments Outside the Parish				
Diocesan Common Fund				
Contribution	21,327		24,105	
Mission Giving	1,693		2,371	
Miscellaneous Expenditure	153	23,173	782	27,258
TOTAL PAYMENTS		34,559		35,851
 SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR				
		253		1,233
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) to TOWER FUND				
		0		0
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) to GENERAL RESERVE				
		253		1,233

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH YELVERTON

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2011

ASSETS	Market Value	Cost	
	£	£	£
Investments			
Equities Investment Fund for Charities	34,091	11,592	
CBF Investment Fund Shares	21,327	14,543	26,135
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank		8,325	
Cash in Hand		157	
Deposit Account		8,500	
Fixed term deposit		30,000	46,982
Fixed Assets			
St Paul's Church Hall	Nil		Nil
Total Assets			73,117
 REPRESENTED BY			
Current Liabilities			
Loan from St Paul's Church Hall			5,000
GENERAL RESERVE ACCOUNT			
Balance at 1 January		66,105	
Surplus/(Deficit) after movements within designated accounts		253	
Balance at 31 December			66,358
TOWER FUND ACCOUNT			
Balance at 1 January		1,759	
Surplus/(Deficit) on Tower Fund account		0	
Balance at 31 December			1,759
 Total Balance Sheet Value			73,117

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH HALL YELVERTON
Receipts and Payments Account for year
to 31 December 2011

	2011	2010
	£	£
Lettings	7,271	6,191
Electricity Meters	845	638
TOTAL RECEIPTS	8,116	6,829
 EXPENDITURE		
Heating & Lighting	1,203	943
Repairs & Renewals	3,426	592
Insurance	1,436	1,382
Cleaning	599	515
Misc. Exps.		8
TOTAL PAYMENTS	6,674	3,440
 SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	 1,442	 3,389

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2011

	2011	2010
	£	£
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Loan to St Paul's Church	5,000	5,000
Cash at Bank	9,529	8,334
Cash in Hand	279	32
Total Assets	14,808	13,366
 REPRESENTED BY:		
Accumulation of Funds		
Balance at 1 January	13,366	9,977
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	1,442	3,389
Total Balance Sheet Value	14,808	13,366

Notes to Financial Statements for year ended 31 December 2011

1. These accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the requirements of the 1993 Charities Act for PCCs with income less than £100,000.
2. There are no remaining liabilities arising from the work programme on rendering the Tower. The balance of the Tower fund will be retained for future maintenance of the Tower.
3. The Church Hall is included as a fixed asset. The cost has been written down to nil, consistent with an asset which has no market value.
4. Accounts have been prepared separately for the Church and the Church Hall, but it should be noted that the combined totals of receipts and payments amounted to £42,929 and £41,233 respectively.
5. The combined total of balance sheet reserves at 31st December 2011 for the Church and the Church Hall amounted to £82,926
6. Moveable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are recognised but not included and valued in the statement of assets.
7. Monies received at funerals for specified charities are not included in the accounts.

Approved by the PCC on 7th February 2012

PCC Chairman
Mr Don Read

Treasurer
Brian Medhurst

Report of the Independent Examiner

I am satisfied that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 does not apply and that the accounts should be prepared in accordance with the terms of regulation 7 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995.

My examination has included a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. I have reviewed all unusual items and sought satisfactory explanations. The procedures 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.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep proper accounting records and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the regulations have not been met, or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Col. Gordon Mills
Combe Park Farm
Roborough

Report of the Parish of St Peter's Meavy for 2011

PCC Report

The PCC had 4 full meetings during 2011 with all meetings well attended. These meetings were mainly `paperless` with computer projection. The number on the Electoral Roll is currently 70. St. Peter's has been represented at most Benefice Council meetings.

Services, now at 1030am, are well supported, with an average attendance on normal Sundays of 33 and 4 young children. Different members of the congregation have presented the fourth Sunday `Service of the Word` with families and young people taking part with both readings and music. Meavy School hold services in the church on occasions during the year. Members of the congregation continue to enjoy singing in the Benefice Choir and the contribution of Pauline and Peter Hamilton-Leggett to the music and to others who play the organ or keyboard is much appreciated.

The activities of those on the cleaning and flower arranging rotas ensure the church is always well cared for and attractive, and we enjoy the excellent contribution of our bell-ringers. Two Churchyard Working Parties have been held.

A plaque to the memory of Sir Robert Ricketts of Goodameavy House was placed in the south transept, and work to the guttering took place. Plans for the re-ordering of the East End are to be submitted to the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

Active fundraising has continued with an Easter Egg Hunt, Dousland Open Gardens, The Flower and Craft Festival, a talk on Everest and a Christmas Floristry workshop. An organ recital was held in the church; a shared event with St. Mary's, Walkhampton.

Snowdrops and crocuses were planted up both sides of the path leading to the Church door by members of the Meavy Garden Society to flower in 2012 to celebrate the Golden Anniversary of the society.

The PCC much appreciates the contribution of `The Friends of St. Peter's`. Charities have been supported and also Meavy School. The Church provided the teas at the Meavy Oak Fair.

The PCC would like to express its thanks to all the clergy and lay readers who take our services and to all who contribute to the life of St. Peter's.

Annie Inman PCC secretary.

Occasional Offices

3	Baptisms
11	Weddings
15	Funerals

Financial Review

In 2011, we were pleased to make our Common Fund payment in full. This was made possible by the increase of both weddings and funerals fees. Weddings have also provided an area for donations by guests. We will continue to look at all means of giving that can be linked to gift aid.

We are still working on major works highlighted by the last quinquennial survey. The rainwater goods have been our focus for the year. This should prove a benefit both in terms of keeping the church more water tight, and requiring less electricity for heating and drying a damp church. The East End refurbishment is the final major work to be mentioned in the last survey. Fund raising has already started and a large donation from Sara Mason and family was put towards this project.

Sadly Planned Giving is down, but happily miscellaneous income is up, and we were able to reclaim VAT for major works from the past several years. Next year we are asked to increase our Common Fund. In addition electricity and fuel costs are expected to increase, along with other charges linked to the church building and services. Fund raising has been a great benefit to our balance but will be definitely needed for any major works in the future.

Mary Helby

Fabric Report

In 2011 we finally achieved the long promised work on the rainwater goods. The gutters have all been cleared, cleaned and painted, end-stops replaced, leaking joints repaired and downpipes made good. This was an item from the last quinquennial inspection which we are glad to have behind us.

The organ was tuned twice during the year, once immediately before the recital when one of the rarely used large wooden pipes was found to be split. This has been repaired and was replaced at the last tuning in November. After several attempts, we believe that arrangements are now firmly in place to ensure that the organist is aware in advance of any future visit by the organ tuner.

The lightning conductor, the clock and the fire extinguishers all received their routine examination and servicing with no defects arising.

The intention for the next year is to get the ball rolling for the work to the east end for which plans have been drawn up and a statement of needs, and significance written. St Peter's is also due its next quinquennial inspection in 2012 and arrangements are in hand for this.

Flower arrangers' report

2011 was a busy year for the Flower Arranging Team in Meavy, with 10 weddings throughout the year and our Harvest Flower Festival in October.

The weddings provided welcome funds for the outlay on the flowers and equipment for the Flower Festival, which itself raised over £1500 and was greatly enjoyed and admired by all who visited it. Interpreting the harvest theme was also found by many of us to be a most enjoyable festival to stage.

Many thanks are due to the Meavy Flower Arrangers for all the work that has gone into decorating the Church during the year. The visible results of everyone's efforts are, of course, the beautiful arrangements created, but I would also like to acknowledge all the work that goes on behind the scenes, that is, the preparation beforehand and particularly, the least glamorous job of all, the clearing away and cleaning up after a big event.

Members of the congregation continue to be most generous, with financial donations and with contributions from their gardens. They manage to offer a variety of lovely flowers and foliage no matter how unseasonable the weather.

Roslyn Tall

Bell ringers' report

We have spent the past year much the same as before by ringing before services and for weddings etc. The highlight is always ringing for the Christmas Midnight service which always seems very special. The band is small and we frequently rely on assistance from our friends in the Sheepstor band of ringers whom we also regularly support. A new learner, who started in the autumn, has been making good progress and will start ringing for services in due course.

The Annual Deanery Day, held on the last Saturday in October, is when towers in the deanery are left open for ringers to travel from one to another and enjoy others bells. The day ends with a service and tea at the host tower (which is different each year). This year the host tower was Meavy, which was fitting, because John Weir, who has been our Deanery Bells Chaplain for many years, felt it was time to retire from the position. We thank him and Rosemary for all their time and work and support over the years and wish them both happiness for the future.

Our regular practice night is Thursday from 7:30pm during which we have a lot of fun as well as improving our ringing. We are always on the lookout for new ringers, so if you think you might be interested, come along one Thursday evening and see what it's all about.

P M Brown Captain of Ringers

Friends of St Peter's

The Friends of St Peter's are pleased to have been able to support St Peter's PCC with a donation of £1800 towards the work to the rainwater gutterings and roof repairs.

The Friends continued to support the church with a variety of events during 2011. A walk around Meavy led by our chairman Michael Parle followed by a cream tea took place in August. We had an interesting talk at our Annual Meeting by Robert Platts, the consultant architect for St Peter's. The committee ran the bookstall for Meavy Oak Fair. We produced another Christmas card for 2011, the lovely picture of the church taken during the snowy weather at the start of the year by Denis Walker. We were very pleased to welcome the Plymouth Area Police Choir who gave an excellent concert in December.

Our ongoing fund raising efforts will now go towards the works planned for the east end of the church.

Our membership stands at 40 with one new life member during 2011. The Friends is an independent group of local people who support the PCC in maintaining the fabric and furnishings of the Church and we would like to encourage new members from the local community to join us. Please pick up a leaflet from the back of the church or visit our website on www.meavy.org.uk/fsp.

Sarah Gordon, on behalf of the Friends of St Peter's Church.

Meavy C of E Junior School

It has indeed been a momentous year in the lives of both Lady Modiford, School, Walkhampton and Meavy Primary School. After consultations with all stakeholders, the two governing bodies decided that it would benefit both schools and all the learners if the schools federated.

In October the West Dartmoor Federation was born. Although there is a single governing body, each school retains its distinctiveness but has the financial and organisational capacity of a larger school. Initially there was a co-Head model but Mrs Blair decided to retire at Christmas and Mr Hamilton was appointed for two terms as the Executive Headteacher. This appointment is temporary until the governing body decide what direction the federation is going in and if extending it further would be more beneficial. There have also been temporary appointments made for Senior Teachers at both schools with Mrs Wraighte (LM) and Mrs Price Lewis (Meavy) working very well in partnership with the Executive Head.

Before Mrs Blair retired, Meavy received an expected visit from Ofsted and everyone was justifiably proud of the 'good' judgement. Following closely on Ofsted's heels, Meavy also had a SIAS visit. This was highly successful and Meavy was judged to be 'outstanding'. A very positive result for a great deal of work and preparation by all involved.

Since January 2012, the schools have continued to function well with little obvious change. However the staff and governors have been working behind the scenes to embed the federation. There have been many meetings and different levels which have produced many good ideas. Staff have trained together and have shared good practice. The children have begun to have shared activities and trips with more planned. There is now a senior management team which meets to discuss the strategic and day to day running of the school and the governors are meeting very regularly.

As Henry Ford said:

‘Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success’.

St Peter's Church, Meavy

Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2011

Priest in Charge:

The Revd. N S Shutt
12 Blackbrook Close
Walkhampton

Bank:

National Westminster Bank
Bedford Square
Tavistock

Independent Examiner:

Mr. D. M. Tall

Meavy Parochial Church Council
Financial Statement for year ended 31 December 2011

GENERAL FUND Receipts and Payments Account

	2011		2010	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Planned Giving				
Gift Aid	12,166.92		13,223.90	
Income tax recovered	2,732.62		3,072.05	
Not Gift Aid	670.00	15,569.54	780.00	17,075.95
Other Voluntary Income				
Church collections	2,536.15		1,878.62	
Donations (See note 2)	1,089.77		835.56	
Income tax recovered	910.87		516.20	
Special collections (see note 3)	352.17		1,166.13	
Fundraising (see note 4)	2,407.14		1,386.88	
Legacies received	5.00	7,301.10	2,042.26	7,825.65
Churchyard Income				
Burial fees and memorials	1,651.00		1,509.00	
Burrator Parish Council Grant	0	1,651.00	133.75	1,642.75
Miscellaneous Income				
Wedding and other fees	1,550.00		714.50	
Funeral fees	630.00		405.00	
Investment income	1,190.77		1,167.72	
Parish contribution	2,455.00		445.00	
Refunds (See note 5)	2,615.70	8,441.47	0	2,732.22
TOTAL RECEIPTS		32,963.11		29,276.57

PAYMENTS				
The Ministry				
Benefice Expenses	1,614.52		1,133.10	
Common Fund	19,215.00	20,829.52	16,000.00	17,133.10
Church Building and Services				
Electricity & fuel oil	1,387.86		1,943.52	
Minor works	271.93		416.06	
Inspections & reports	621.66		621.67	
Insurance	2,104.38		2,029.00	
Upkeep of services	236.94		242.63	
Major Works	675.85	5,298.62	2,791.10	8,043.98
Miscellaneous				
Churchyard maintenance	1,056.00		1,306.00	
Fund raising cost	432.52		308.13	
Parish magazine	119.20		131.60	
General expenses (see note 7)	64.31		244.83	
Payment to charities (see note 8)	915.01	2,587.04	1,182.63	3,173.19
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>28,715.18</u>		<u>28,350.27</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		4,247.93		926.30
Bank current & deposit accounts at 1 Jan 2011		<u>7,558.01</u>		<u>6,631.71</u>
Bank current & deposit accounts at 31 Dec 2011		<u>12,305.94</u>		<u>7,558.01</u>

Meavy Parochial Church Council
Financial Statement for year ended 31 December 2011

RESTRICTED FUNDS Summary

	Fabric General £	Churchyard £	SPY Club £	TOTAL £
Receipts (note 9)	8,547.10			£
Payments (note 10)	<u>6,088.19</u>			8,547.19
Retained funds for the year	2,458.91			<u>6,588.19</u>
Bank accounts at 1/01/2011	<u>8,178.65</u>	<u>142.00</u>	<u>37.00</u>	1,958.91
Bank accounts at 31/12/2011	<u>10,137.56</u>	<u>142.00</u>	<u>37.00</u>	<u>8,357.65.</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES at 31 December 2011

	2011		2010	
	£ Market Value	£ Cost	£ Market Value	£ Cost
Investment assets				
M&G Charifund (1,000 units)	10,901	987	11,507	987
CBF Investment Fund (1,168 shares)	<u>12,068</u>	<u>12,501</u>	<u>12,808</u>	<u>12,501</u>
	<u>22,969</u>	<u>13,488</u>	<u>24,315</u>	<u>13,488</u>
Cash funds				
Bank balances - current account		16,859		9,213
Church Board Finance deposit account		7,500		7,500
Amounts owing to PCC		0		0
Total cash		<u>20,883</u>		<u>15,115</u>
Other Monetary Assets/Liabilities				
Assets				
VAT. refund				1,937
Gift Aid tax claim (General Fund)				<u>3,229</u>
				<u>5,166</u>
Liabilities				
Rain water goods				6,122
Architect fees				150
Amount owed by PCC		<u>1,738</u>		<u>799</u>
		<u>1,738</u>		<u>7,071</u>

Notes to Financial Statement for year ended 31st December 2011

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2. Donations

Wall Safe	£355.45	
Miscellaneous	£55	
Funerals `	£679.32	Total = £1,089.77

3. Special Collections

St Luke's Hospice (Soup lunch)	£145.65	
Bell ringers service	£74.77	
Children's Society	£131.75	Total = £352.17

4. Fund raising

Coffees	£243.50	
Tea Towels	£7.00	
Market Stall	£1.50	
Cassocks	£50.00	
Soup Lunch	£230.14	
Egg Hunt	£38.50	
Gordon Misc don	£10	
Open Gardens	£1214.50	
Organ Concert	£347.00	
Simon Dell	£85.00	
Wreath Making	£120.00	
DHCT	£60.00	Total = £2,407.14

5. Refunds

Insurance refund	£528.40	
VAT refund	£2,087.30	Total = £2,615.70

6. Fund raising costs

Meavy Hall rent	£194	
Open Gardens	£30	

7. General Expenses

Hall Rent (PCC)	£50	
Postage (Treasurers)	£14.31	Total = £64.31

8. Payments to Charities

St Lukes Hospice	£381.65	
Meavy School Governors	£250	
Childrens Society	£231.75	
Royal British Legion	£51.61	Total = £915.01

9. Restricted Funds Receipts

Sara Mason Donation	£5000	
Flower Festival stall donations	£66	
Friends of St Peter's donation	£1800	
Flower Festival	£1642.10	
Flower Festival T Towel sales	£14	
Flower Festival Hawes donation	£25	Total = £8547.10

10. Restricted funds Payments

Flower Festival Expenses	£120.19	
Repair to rainwater goods	£6468.00	Total = £6588.19

11 Charity collections (under general contra)

Sea Sunday	£193	
Christian Aid	£487.76	
Farm Crisis Network/Farm Africa	£232.93	Total = £913.69

Movable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the PCC are not valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Signed Mary Helby Hon Treasurer 2012

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S, MEAVY**

This report on the attached financial statements of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the year ended 31 December 2011 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of trustees and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations 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 41 of the Act; and
- to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations

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.

Signed D. M. Tall 2012

Report of the Parish of St Leonard's Sheepstor in 2011

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Administrative Information

St Leonard's church lies at the centre of the seventeen dispersed houses and farmsteads which make up the village of Sheepstor. It is part of the united benefice of Yelverton, (known as the West Dartmoor Benefice), which is in the Tavistock Deanery of the Church of England Diocese of Exeter.

The PCC is a charity exempted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members from 1 January 2011 until the time of this report were:

Priest in Charge:	Rev'd Preb Nick Shutt
Churchwardens:	Mrs Drinda MacDonald Also Organist, Electoral Roll Officer
	Mr Richard Bayly Also Hon Secretary, Deanery Synod representative, Sacristan
Members:	Cdr Timothy MacDonald Also Lay Vice Chair, Hon Treasurer
	Mrs Marion Bennett
	Mrs Caroline Jennings
	Mr Peter Legassick Also Captain of Bell Tower
	Mr Russell Chapman

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church members are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

St Leonard's PCC has responsibility for working with the incumbent, the Rev'd Nick Shutt, in the Parish, and with other PCCs in the Benefice, in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is responsible for the care and maintenance of St Leonard's church and churchyard.

Review of the Year

Church Attendance and Services

There are 11 people on the electoral roll of whom 9 are not resident in the parish. We held services on every Sunday apart from Benefice services on 5th

Sundays in the Month. The average church attendance counted in October was again 9, but this increased significantly for church festivals and special services such as the carol service, at which this year we had 100 people in Church.

We had a special service on Palm Sunday to mark the restoration of the Church Bells. The Lord Bishop of Exeter, Michael Langrish, came and joined us in worship and rededicated the Bells.

We again hosted the Good Friday walk of pilgrimage, with a short service at St Leonard's and the carrying of the cross to the top of the Tor. The PCC offered its traditional hot Palestine soup and hot cross buns in St Leonard's room afterwards.

Our Come and Sing service was held in the Church this year and later. This was because of a clash between the Fishing Fest date, and the availability of the marquee on the Reservoir, and the installation of our Rector, Nick Shutt as a Canon of Exeter Cathedral which several of us were able to attend. The Harvest Service again drew a good congregation and the supper was held in the Church because of building work in the Village Hall.

Visitors

The location of the church on the edge of one of the most beautiful parts of Dartmoor brings many visitors to the village and the church. This is given significant added appeal by the connection of the village of Sheepstor with the Rajahs of Sarawak, from the Brooke family, whose tombs and graves of family relatives lie in the churchyard. The church contains memorial windows, war memorials and tablets of historical record as well as gifts from Sarawak. This association remains strong and brings visitors not only with Malaysian links living in the UK, but visitors from Malaysia itself and other parts of the world. The PCC sees an important part of its mission being to these visitors and takes pride in being able to keep the church open during daylight hours every day of the year. Our work in this has been given a significant boost by our success in a bid to the Diocesan Mission Growth fund which has given us £1,900 to develop an audio welcome package for visitors to the Church. We are developing this with help from the University of Plymouth.

Leading Worship

The Clergy team was challenged by the need to provide significant support to Tavistock during the year and also towards the end of the year by the ill health of Rev'd Nicola Hunt as stipendiary team vicar. The clergy resources remain thin and churches in the Benefice continue to depend on the devoted service of a number of non-Stipendiary clergy, not least Rev'd Shutt. The St Leonard's Worship Group (Cdr and Mrs MacDonald and Mr Bayly) have now taken on the running of each Morning Prayer Service on the first Sunday of each month. Mrs MacDonald, Mr Bayly and Mr Chapman have given addresses and there is a developing group of people leading intercessions including Mrs Jennings. Congregations remain very encouraging to the worship group's efforts. The PCC continues its active policy of support for women in the priesthood and in leading worship. It has been disappointed by continued delay in the progress towards appointing Women Bishops.

Benefice

During the year the West Dartmoor Benefice Council became fully legally constituted. The PCC's three representatives (Cdr and Mrs MacDonald and Mr Bayly) were regular attendees and contributors to the debate. Progress was made towards drawing Pricetown into the Benefice and linking the Benefice to Horrabridge and Sampford Spiney in a Mission Community.

Meetings and Non Worship Activity

The PCC met four times during the year under the chairmanship of the lay vice chair Cdr MacDonald. The Maintenance committee met as needed under delegations from the PCC and reported major issues to the PCC.

After the completion of the successful Bell restoration Project in the early part of the year the PCC's focus shifted to the area occupied by the now redundant Victorian Organ which is beyond repair. The PCC plans to remove this in a project supported by the friends of St Leonard's, our sister Civil charity. The Diocese has approved the removal and the focus is now on restoration of the area and design of a future use. This has been encouraged by the Diocese grant for our Mission Project which will offer an audio installation welcoming people to the Church which we hope to have ready by Easter 2012. The Friends also helped the PCC with a major work party in the Autumn as a result of which the churchyard is now a great deal tidier than it has been and a future maintenance programme will strike a balance between habitat and wildlife conservation on the one hand and tidiness to respect the families of those buried in the churchyard, on the other.

Occasional Offices

In 2010 there were no baptisms, 1 funeral and 1 wedding.

Treasurer's Report - Financial review

We have had no specific fund raising effort for this year. In the early months we received the bell restoration grants which had been dependent on completion of the project and a few additional donations. We received £2000 more than we had originally estimated due to the increase in the grant from the Barron Bell Trust. We were also able to get all our claims for VAT recovery grant in before the scheme closed prematurely on 4 January, due to the co-operation of the contractor. We are therefore able to fund some of the additional work on the bell chamber roof identified in the course of the bell refurbishment from the Bell Repair Fund rather than from the Church Repair Fund, as had been originally expected. The Bell Fund is now closed.

We have received a grant of £1900 from Exeter DBF towards a small broadcast system to be installed in the church for visitor information. This funding has been placed in the Church Repair Fund. The project is being progressed in collaboration with Plymouth University.

As reported for the last two years we received our Quinquennial building report in 2009. We were not satisfied with the report and have expressed our concern to the archdeacon. We have still not received a response.

We have been granted a faculty to remove the redundant pipe organ and will be progressing that work during 2012.

We have funded some repairs to the main roof and this remains an ongoing task. We also had to carry out some ceiling plaster repairs due to wind damage.

Our income from planned giving still holds steady but our other income continues to drop. This is a further 5% year on year reduction following the larger reductions in the previous two years. Much of this is due to reduced number of services and reduced cash collections at services. Our saving grace has been the reduction in common fund charges as they have been steadily brought down to the reassessed figure over the last two years but that reduction is now complete.

The value of our investments has fallen to £17058, an in-year drop of £1046 and now 20% short of their 2007 value.

The PCC has not yet agreed to put further bank account funds into investment accounts in view of the bad performance of investments over the past few years. Deposit account yields remain minimal.

The next planned projects requiring to be funded will be the ongoing repairs to the roof, re-pointing of the external walls, and the cyclic task of internal repainting. We hope to get assistance from The Friends of St Leonard's Church in reusing the space vacated by the pipe organ once the instrument has been removed for re-use in accordance with the requirement of the faculty.

Hon Treasurer

**PARISH CHURCH OF
ST. LEONARD, SHEEPSTOR**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending 31 December 2011

Sheepstor Parochial Church Council

Unrestricted Funds Receipts and Payments Account For the year ended 31 December 2011

	<u>2011</u>		<u>2010</u>	
RECEIPTS		£	£	£
<u>Planned giving:</u>				
Banker's standing orders	1300.00		1360.00	
Envelope scheme	1401.00		1484.00	
Income tax recovered	<u>835.41</u>	3536.41	<u>783.82</u>	3627.82
<u>Other voluntary income:</u>				
Collections in Church	1180.39		781.58	
Box and other freewill offerings	161.28		222.40	
Gifts and donations	<u>10.00</u>	1351.67	<u>134.00</u>	1137.98
<u>Churchyard:</u>				
Parish Council contribution	<u>372.50</u>	372.50	<u>1014.00</u>	1014.00
<u>Miscellaneous income:</u>				
Fees for pastoral services	143.00		303.00	
Verger etc	100.00		25.00	
Sale of postcards/guides	277.77		224.67	
Sundry Income inc. Raffle	14.50		35.40	
Interest & Investment income	<u>48.51</u>	<u>583.78</u>	<u>55.58</u>	<u>643.65</u>
Total receipts during year		<u>5844.36</u>		<u>6423.45</u>
PAYMENTS				
<u>The Ministry:</u>				
Clergy expenses (net)	189.12		162.44	
Common Fund	<u>1911.00</u>	2100.12	<u>2484.00</u>	2646.44
<u>The Church building and services:</u>				
Electricity	188.00		340.00	
Repairs inc. Quinquennial	922.08		472.94	
Insurances	1550.66		1496.33	
Church and Services upkeep	<u>248.40</u>	2909.14	<u>180.69</u>	2489.96
<u>Miscellaneous:</u>				
Churchyard upkeep	612.50		527.50	
Gifts to charities	270.55		135.18	
General expenses, incl. Faculty	<u>200.00</u>	<u>1083.05</u>	<u>44.50</u>	<u>707.18</u>
Total payments during year		<u>6092.31</u>		<u>5843.58</u>
Excess of payments over receipts		-247.95		
Excess of receipts over payments				579.87
Balance at 1 January		<u>7828.99</u>		<u>7249.12</u>
Balance at 31 December		<u>7581.04</u>		<u>7828.99</u>

Sheepstor Parochial Church Council

Restricted and Endowment Funds Receipts and Payments Account For the year ended 31 December 2011

	<u>2011</u>		<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
	Restricted Funds £	Endowm't Funds £	Total £	Total £
RECEIPTS				
<u>Other voluntary income:</u>				
Donations to Bell Fund	125.00		125.00	1630.90
Bell Fund Grants	7947.32		7947.32	4000.00
EDBF Grant for B'cast System	1900.00		1900.00	
<u>Miscellaneous income:</u>				
Interest & Investment income	594.43	328.32	922.75	935.20
Bell Fund tax and VAT recovery	112.86		112.86	5645.35
Tower repair VAT recovery	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>	<u>505.75</u>
Total receipts during year	<u>10679.61</u>	<u>328.32</u>	<u>11007.93</u>	<u>12717.20</u>
PAYMENTS				
<u>The Church building and services:</u>				
Repairs to tower	0.00		0.00	3395.75
Bells restoration	<u>9382.01</u>		<u>9382.01</u>	<u>20291.37</u>
	<u>9382.01</u>		<u>9382.01</u>	<u>23687.12</u>
Excess of payments over receipts				10969.92
Excess of receipts over payments	1297.60	328.32	1625.92	
Balance at 1 January	<u>15578.90</u>	<u>15836.56</u>	<u>31415.46</u>	<u>42385.38</u>
Balance at 31 December	<u>16876.50</u>	<u>16164.88</u>	<u>33041.38</u>	<u>31415.46</u>

Sheepstor Parochial Church Council

Statement of Assets and Liabilities As at 31 December 2011

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Endowm't Funds</u>	<u>Total 2011</u>	<u>Total 2010</u>
Monetary Assets					
Bank current a/c	927.73	13880.75	16164.88	14808.48	14399.59
CBFCE deposits	6653.31	2995.75	16164.88	25813.94	24844.86
Total bank balances	7581.04	16876.50	4708.66	40622.42	39244.45
Investments, at market value		12349.69	16164.88	17058.35	18104.38

Investments

	Shares	Market Value £
Lady Bryant Bequest		
CBFCE Investment Fund shares	456.00	4708.66
Church Repair Fund		
CBFCE Investment Fund shares	1195.98	12349.69
Total		<u>17058.35</u>

Other assets

Amounts owing to the Parochial Church Council at 31st December 2010 were:

Income tax recoverable from gift aid donations	£698
December Register cash income	£195

Liabilities

Amounts owing by the Parochial Church Council at 31st December 2010 were:

Gift to St Lukes Hospice	£285
Gift to organist	£150

Sheepstor Parochial Church Council

Notes to Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2011

Definitions

The Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities have been analysed to show:

Unrestricted Funds which are those funds which are available for the Parochial Church Council to use as they decide.

Restricted Funds where both the capital and the income arising may be used only for the specific purposes for which the funds were received.

Endowment Funds which are funds where the capital cannot be expended and the income may be used only for the specific purposes specified by the original donor.

Endowment Funds

	Balance at 1 st January 2011	Movement in year	Balance at 31 st December 2011
	£	£	£
Lady Bryant Bequest	3483.91	243.81	3727.72
D ST J Forrer Bequest	12052.65	84.51	12137.16
Sir Massey Lopez Church Repair Fund	300.00		300.00
Total	15836.56	328.32	16164.88

Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1 st January 2011	Movement in year	Balance at 31 st December 2011
	£	£	£
Bell Repair Fund	3067.58	-3067.58	0.00
Church Repair Fund	12511.32	4365.18	16876.50
Total	15578.90	1297.60	16876.50

The in year movements include a transfer of £1870.75 from the Bell Repair Fund to the Church Repair Fund as part payment for the bellroom roof repair (£2890 nett) incurred in 2010. This was originally all paid from the Church Repair Fund because it was not anticipated that there would be any remaining money in the Bell Repair Fund.

This closes the Bell Repair Fund.

The Church Repair Fund in year movement includes a grant of £1900 from Exeter DBF as Mission Funding for a visitor information system.

Church Furnishings

Moveable Church furnishings held by the incumbent and churchwardens on special trust for the Parochial Church Council are not given a value and are therefore excluded from the Statement of Assets.

Independent Examiner's Report to Sheepstor Parochial Church Council

This report on the attached accounts of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the year ended 31 December 2011 is in respect of an examination carried out under regulations 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and section 43, Charities Act 1993.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and it is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of regulation 25, Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and regulation 7, Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations 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 requirement:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the 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.

J C Fry, FCA

Clearbrook,
9th February 2012

Report of the Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Walkhampton in 2011

PCC Meetings

Services

(a) Weekly Services

(b) Occasional Offices

x Weddings

x Funerals

x Baptisms

Report on the Meetings of the PCC

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

At the year end we are down by approx £1000 mostly due to the big decrease of collection £2737.35 2010 down to £1427.10 2011 a drop of approx 47%, but tax reclaims and gift aid is running the same as last year.

Payments

The amount we spent increased above £9000 on 2010 with the biggest expense being £11,155.68 paid to Harris McMillan Architects in connection with the West End Reordering. The Common Fund payment increased 1.55% from £10,547 to £10,711.

Savings

Another poor year for any return on savings, with interest received of £223.54 on £92K

General Running

If you ignore the £80K cheque monies in and the £11,155.68 WERF expenses we have increase by £4756.02. So we have paid all our bills and made some monies

Total Assets

The overall asset position for the Church at the end of 2010 was £101,372.27 and this has increased to £174,972.61 in 2011. However, of this sum £132,708.84 is earmarked for West End Reordering Fund

Health & Safety Report

Following concerns raised at a PCC meeting, on the difficulty of removing and replacing the font cover (two or three people are needed), it was decided to explore the provision of an easier to use cover. Enquiries to be made on the design and cost. If and when a new cover is installed, the existing cover will be retained in the Church. The installation of the safety rope for the bell tower was completed in January.

Mike Dobson Churchwarden.

Churchwardens' report

Clean up days were held in May and October, plus additional work carried out during the year. It was agreed by the PCC that Michael Partridge be employed to cut Elbow Lane twice a year, Spring and Summer to ensure easy access to the Church by those walking from the village.

Maintenance and servicing work was carried out during the year on the Boiler, Organ and Lightening Conductors, with a new frostat being fitted to the central heating system.

It was decided to open the Church again from June to September, on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons 2pm to 4pm. The rota was organised by Kay Miall. During this period there were some 130 visitors and £170 was raised for WERF Funds.

Mike Dobson Churchwarden.

Lady Modiford's C of E (VA) Primary School

It has indeed been a momentous year in the lives of both Lady Modiford,s School, Walkhampton and Meavy Primary School. After consultations with all stakeholders, the two governing bodies decided that it would benefit both schools and all the learners if the schools federated.

In October the West Dartmoor Federation was born. Although there is a single governing body, each school retains its distinctiveness but has the financial and organisational capacity of a larger school. Initially there was a co-Head model but Mrs Blair decided to retire at Christmas and Mr Hamilton was appointed for two terms as the Executive Headteacher. This appointment is temporary until the governing body decide what direction the federation is going in and if extending it further would be more beneficial. There have also been temporary appointments made for Senior Teachers at both schools with Mrs Wraighte (LM) and Mrs Price Lewis (Meavy) working very well in partnership with the Executive Head.

Before Mrs Blair retired, Meavy received an expected visit from Ofsted and everyone was justifiably proud of the 'good' judgement. Following closely on Ofsted's heels, Meavy also had a SIAS visit. This was highly successful and Meavy

was judged to be 'outstanding'. A very positive result for a great deal of work and preparation by all involved.

Since January 2012, the schools have continued to function well with little obvious change. However the staff and governors have been working behind the scenes to embed the federation. There have been many meetings and different levels which have produced many good ideas. Staff have trained together and have shared good practice. The children have begun to have shared activities and trips with more planned. There is now a senior management team which meets to discuss the strategic and day to day running of the school and the governors are meeting very regularly.

As Henry Ford said:

'Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success'.

**St Mary's the Virgin Church Walkhampton
Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2011**

General (Unrestricted) Fund Receipt & Payment account

	2011		2010	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Regular Giving				
Planned Giving	9,974.60		9,617.05	
Collections	1,427.10		2,737.35	
Income tax recovered	2,883.63	14,285.33	2,896.23	15,250.63
Other Voluntary receipts				
Donations	785.42	785.42	205.00	205.00
Receipts from activities for generating funds				
General Fund WERF	83,982.23		37,331.86	
Parish magazines sales	393.00		450.75	
Miss Lillicrap coffee evening	157.60		181.26	
Summer Fair	0.00		571.57	
Village Market Coffee & stall	915.41		188.96	
Devon Churches Books	0.00		5.00	
Bell Ringers Tea	105.00		0.00	
Devon Historic Churches	60.00		0.00	
Bell Ringers cash	10.00		55.00	
Mrs D Doyley Walk	145.00		0.00	
		86,139.41		38,784.40
Receipts from Church activities.				
Grant BPC Churchyard	0.00		0.00	
Team Fees	2,770.00		3,143.00	
Sir Massey Lopes	7.50		7.50	
Refunds	0.00		91.00	
		2,777.50		3,241.50
Receipts from investment				
CBF	201.73		200.72	
National Savings interest	223.54		201.04	
Savings account interest	0.00	425.27	0.00	401.76
Total Receipts		104,412.93		57,883.29

	2011		2010	
	£	£	£	£
Payments				
Sundries Misc	1,129.81		1,502.66	
Ministry Expense	890.44		548.88	
Heating & light	1,052.19		1,060.45	
Repairs	100.00		0.00	
Insurance	2,679.85		2,566.46	
Common Fund	10,711.00		10,547.00	
Churchyard Expenses	1,512.26		1,496.94	
Charity Donation	495.29		574.60	
Magazine Costs	466.00		339.00	
Fees to DAC	500.00			
Service Expenses	120.00		171.69	
WERF expenses.	11,155.68		2,884.39	
Church Tower Repairs	0.00		0.00	
Total Payments		<u>30,812.59</u>		<u>21,692.07</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2011

	2011		2010	
	£	£	£	£
Bank current account	85,624.93		9,248.13	
Business Access Account	2.92		2.92	
Deposit Account National Savings	89,344.76		92,121.22	
		<u>174,972.61</u>		<u>101,372.27</u>

Notes

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using R&P basis.
2. The following assets are recognized but not necessary valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities: Movable Church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.
3. The expenses paid to the clergy may include a small immaterial proportion which relates to their function as PCC members. No other payments were made to PCC members.
4. The payment to missions and overseas relief agencies included £180 Sponsor a nurse in Uganda, also £300 to Catalyst work.
5. The following amount £132,708.84 is marked for WERF.
6. Charity donations collected

Farm Crisis Network	£281.32
Devon Historic Churches	£120.00
Children's Society	£34.71

The above donations are not recorded in the above financial report.

7. CBFInvestment fund we have 420 shares valued at £10.23 total £4296.60

Approved by the PCC on 31st January 2012 and signed on their behalf by Mr K Baxter (PCC Treasurer).

K Baxter Treasurer

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARY'S,
WALKHAMPTON**

This report on the attached financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2011 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations 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

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- to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations

have not been met;

or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

SignedMrs R Waldron 31st January 2012

Princetown Church

A local Ecumenical Partnership between the
Princetown Methodist Church and
St Michael and All Angels Church, Princetown

Annual Report and Financial Statement

Year ending 31st December 2011

Priest in Charge
Revd Nick Shutt

Methodist Minister
Revd Pam Stranks

Treasurer
Dr Philip Harbottle

Bank
Lloyds TSB
West Street
Tavistock

Membership

The PCC operates through the United Church Council and its standing committee, those serving as Methodist members to the United Church Council are: -

Revd Pam Stranks

Revd Jeff Moles

Dr Philip Harbottle

Honorary Treasurer

Mr Mark Rickman

Steward, Property Steward

Mrs Candy Rickman

Child Protection Officer

Mr Brian Dingle

Circuit Steward

Annual Review

Sunday services, though small in numbers attending, have continued to provide a positive and encouraging atmosphere for worship, both liturgical and informal. We meet monthly on a Wednesday afternoon for Messy Church, which continues to be well supported, with up to 50 people of all ages attending. This is led by Pam and David Stranks and includes simple acts of worship, craft activities and a shared meal.

We were pleased to be awarded a grant from the Diocese under the “Million for Mission” programme, to obtain resources for use with adults who attend Messy Church and to improve signage to the church and publicity for events.

Christmas and Easter services followed the usual pattern, with the addition of an “all age nativity” on a Sunday afternoon in Advent. The Christmas Midnight Communion was a well attended and moving service. The church continues to be a community gathering point for funerals, and also for baptisms. Links with Princetown Primary School are strong and positive.

The Princetown PCC operates through the United Church Council and its standing committee. This includes both Anglican and Methodist Members. There were 4 members on the electoral roll for Princetown in 2011. (This does not include the daughter churches at Postbridge and Huccaby.) While the formal process of redrawing parish boundaries is still under way, the church has been able to operate in practice as part of the West Dartmoor Benefice. Volunteers from Tavistock Methodist Circuit give practical help in maintaining the building, with much being achieved through a working party in the spring.

St Michael and All Angels

St Michael and All Angels has been open to visitors as a historic site this summer under the auspices of the Churches Conservation Trust, who allowed its use for a well attended community carol service and a concert by a visiting choir, and, exceptionally, for one wedding. We appreciate their help in displaying information about the United Church. The churchyard there is still the responsibility of this PCC, and we dealt with issues of “Himalayan balsam” and dangerous trees successfully.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF PRINCETOWN

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS TO 31st. DECEMBER 2011.

<u>BALANCES AS AT 01.01.11</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
LLOYDS BANK CURRENT A/C	2890.36	1683.46
APPEAL FUND A/C	Closed	103.45
METHODIST C.F.B. A/C	<u>1415.97</u>	<u>614.05</u>
	4306.33	2400.96
RECEIPTS		
COLLECTIONS (Incl Regular Donations + tax)	5402.34	5388.00
FEES	567.00	1117.00
RENTS / PROPERTY	457.00	464.00
DONATIONS+FUND-RAISING	900.00	1025.00
INTEREST	14.65	22.68
MESSY CHURCH	<u>2911.40</u>	<u>-----</u>
	10252.39	8016.68
PAYMENTS		
DIOCESAN COMMON FUND (+ M.T.C.)	1001.05	1466.05
METHODIST ASSESSMENT	1450.00	1704.00
HEAT, LIGHT AND INSURANCE	1493.16	1807.14
REPAIRS AND WATER	1118.80	342.12
CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE	98.31	---
CHARITIES	300.00	235.00
SMALL PAYMENTS	56.25	25.00
CLEANER	468.00	396.00
EXTRAORDINARY	-----	136.00
MESSY CHURCH	<u>826.42</u>	<u>-----</u>
	6811.99	6111.31
<u>BALANCES AS AT 31.12.11</u>		
LLOYDS BANK CURRENT A/C	6266.11	2890.36
METHODIST C.F.B. A/C	<u>1480.62</u>	<u>1415.97</u>
	7746.73	4306.33
NET INCOME MINUS PAYMENTS	3440.40	1905.37
NET CHANGE IN YEAR IN BALANCES	<u>(up)3440.40</u>	<u>(up)1905.37</u>

I have examined the Accounts of the United Church of Princetown Joint Council. I have prepared the above accounts on the basis of the Record of Services, the Bank Statements and such information as I have been given in answer to questions. I believe them to give a fair view of the Council's finances for the year ending 31st December 2011.

DATE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

HORRABRIDGE ANNUAL CHURCH REPORT

Methodist Minister The Rev. Pam Stranks 853860

Churchwardens

Mrs Jean Horsfall 855482

Mrs Carolyn Hempenstall 852385

Methodist Steward

Mrs Julia Conway 854958

ECC Members

Barrie Hyne Lay Vice Chair

Anita Hyne Deanery Synod

Gareth Jones Treasurer

Peter Ballinger

Sybil Heathcock

Phyl Hellier

Hilary Prout

Kathy Roche

Bankers

Lloyds TSB Tavistock

The ECC met 6 times in 2011

We began the year by discussing plans to enable our church building to be more user friendly. With lack of kitchen facilities we decided to pursue the possibility of converting the outer vestry to a kitchen, with the addition of removing the pews and replacing them with chairs. An open meeting was held in the church with a strong majority for the changes proposed. A fund raising committee has been formed to help with the expenses of this project. They will hold their first meeting in January. In July lead was stolen from the porch roof. This is going to be replaced by an alternative material. Our priest in charge Rev Geoff Lloyd retired in August. We had a meeting with the Bishop of Plymouth to discuss the way forward now that we are part of the Benefice.

Throughout the year we held a very successful pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday, a Passover supper on Maundy Thursday, a Village Fair on 21st June, a Flower Festival and Harvest Festival in October and a Men's Breakfast six times during the year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped us in any way throughout the year.

Occasional Offices

In 2011 there were

5 Marriages,

19 Baptisms

13 Funerals

JH and CH