



West Dartmoor Benefice

Annual Report for year ending 31st December 2010

St Paul's, Yelverton

St Peter's, Meavy

St Leonard's, Sheepstor

St Mary the Virgin, Walkhampton

United Church, Princetown

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St Peter's Meavy

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St Mary the Virgin Walkhampton

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Mrs. V. Thompson

St Leonard's Sheepstor

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Deanery Synod, & Sacristan)
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St Peter's Meavy

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Bankers & Independent Examiners

St Paul's Yelverton
Lloyds TSB, Royal Parade, Plymouth & HSBC, Bedford Square, Tavistock
Examiner: Col. G. Mills

St Leonard's Sheepstor
Alliance & Leicester Commercial Bank, Bootle.
Examiner: J. C. Fry FCA

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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

“Can you...?”

Some people have a ministry of encouragement – encouraging me to do things. I have encountered all manner of well-meaning suggestions in 2010. Some of these are said in fun; some are said in all seriousness. Here are a few:

“Can you do something about this weather?”

This is a question I have been asked on numerous occasions and most particularly in the run up to Christmas as we have seen major disruption to our Christmas Services because of the ice and snow. My stock answer is “I’m in sales, not management”. I wish I could say I thought of this witticism but I cannot take the credit for it. Yet within this witty comment lies a truth to do with knowing what we can do something about, and what we have to live with. This got me thinking about the prayer originally written by the US theologian Reinhold Niebuhr in the 1930s:

God, grant us the...

Serenity to accept things we cannot change,

Courage to change the things we can, and the

Wisdom to know the difference

Patience for the things that take time

Appreciation for all that we have, and

Tolerance for those with different struggles

Freedom to live beyond the limitations of our past ways, the

Ability to feel your love for us and our love for each other and the

Strength to get up and try again even when we feel it is hopeless.

We are living through times of continuing change within the structures of the church at local level. In 2010 we have continued to work towards becoming a commended Mission Community as part of the Diocese’s Moving on in Growth initiative. The Tavistock Deanery plan maybe back to the drawing board but as I write the intention, as I understand it, is that in 2011 we should be forming a Mission Community with the parishes of Sampford Spiney with Horrabridge. We have welcomed Revd Nicola Hunt as Team Vicar in 2010 and with the increase in workload she is a welcome addition to the team.

Can you...do something about our financial situation?

We know we are living through tough financial times where money is tight, jobs are at a premium, and there is a sense of anxiety over the lack of financial security and many in retirement who live on fixed incomes are feeling the pinch. The church is not immune from these pressures and some of our parishes are struggling to find enough money to pay everything that needs to be paid both locally and as part of the contribution to the Diocesan budget. In 2010 we have been helped by the Diocesan Missioner, Revd James Hutchings, who came to explain how the Diocese spends its money and to offer assistance in thinking about our financial position. The money raised from parishes goes to pay for our stipendiary clergy, to help run our church schools (we have two in the Benefice), to equip our children and young people’s work

(Nicola is involved helping the Diocesan Children's Worker with courses) and in numerous other ways to extend God's kingdom. It is not used to finance some overblown bureaucracy based in Exeter. Yet despite the evidence to the contrary, I still hear those who rail against "the Diocese" as if it was some sort of enemy rather than it being our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ who are committed to seeing God's kingdom extended. Each parish has Deanery Synod members and if you have queries please quiz them. I have been asked to explore the idea of talking on stewardship at some of our services – and will be happy to do so – as long as it is seen as being about presenting all we are to God rather than just a plea to give more money: committed giving springs from commitment to Christ. I know that sometimes the church gives the impression of always holding out the collection plate asking for more and more money from those who already give sacrificially - to you I say thank you. But we need to be business-like in our approach to finance: Ministry costs money. No money = no ministry. If we are not careful we may end up with the best maintained empty church buildings in West Devon. So if you have not reviewed your giving in 2010 can I urge you to do so? If you could increase the amount you give, for example, by the cost of a bottle of wine each month (£5), over the year, that would bring in another £60. If 100 people did that across the Benefice we would bring in another £6,000 income. If you have not joined a planned giving scheme we are losing money because of the loss of Gift Aid – that is painless giving that costs you nothing other than a signature on a piece of paper. This is how the HMRC Website puts it: Basic rate tax is 20 per cent, so this means that if you give £10 using Gift Aid, it's worth £12.50 to the charity. For donations between 6 April 2008 and 5 April 2011 the charity will also get a separate government supplement of three pence on every pound you give.

Can you...do more visiting?

This is something I have heard said on a number of occasions in the last year. It is always a privilege to visit people, particularly in their own homes, in nursing homes or in hospital. All the ministerial team play their part in undertaking this ministry. Each of us is happy to hear of people who would like a visit. I am particularly grateful to Kerry Elson for the quiet work he does around the Benefice visiting people. In addition, I am very thankful for our Pastoral Visitors' Team who visit countless people on a regular basis. Somehow, however, the perception persists that it is only someone with a Dog Collar who can visit those who need to be visited, as if only they can be the hands and eyes of Christ. The Good Samaritan was not theologically trained or put through ordination. Indeed Jesus' story makes it clear that it was the priest who did not help in the situation...Please don't think that I am saying that the ministerial team will not visit – of course we will – but we have rich resources of trained people who are also available to visit – this is happening already; it is a strength we can build on without having to clericalise it. In 2010 the ministerial team conducted over 50 funerals and many other services where cremated remains were buried. We conducted numerous weddings and baptisms as well. This is where much ministerial visiting time is taken up. If you would like someone to visit or know of someone who needs a visit please do let any of the Ministerial Team know. We can only respond to needs we know about and will be very pleased to do so.

Can you... do more children and youth work?

Each week our two Church schools receive a visit from clergy to run assemblies and to take part in the life of these schools. Clergy and many lay people are also involved on the governing bodies and pastorally with staff and pupils. Our Worship Teams work hard each month to produce services that seek to involve children in our worship. In the last five years over 100 people have been baptised in the Benefice. The challenge before us is to ask where are they now and why do they choose not to join us each week for worship? We are seeking to address that by a series of services aimed specifically at tackling these issues (such as a celebration of Baptism scheduled for January 2011). Revd Pam Stranks, our Methodist Colleague, has put in a great deal of effort at Princetown resourcing Messy Church which attracts many families once a month.

Yet it has been a struggle to maintain week by week contact with young families – modern patterns of life means that Sunday has become a busy family day rather than a day of rest. What we are continuing to develop are ways of proclaiming the gospel afresh to this new generation in ways that are meaningful to them. So we are involving the Diocesan Children's Advisor in meeting with us to help us clarify our thinking about children's work in the Benefice.

Can you...come to our PCC meeting?

I go to many meetings...Sometimes I am reminded of the Christmas Episode of the Vicar of Dibley where Dawn French is invited to so many Christmas dinners that she ends up forcing down the last sprout...As an example from a quick look at my diary I see that in November 2010 I attended 28 meetings – and that was between Monday and Friday each week. These were meetings with worship teams, school meetings, staff meetings, parish meetings, diocesan meetings, community project meetings...I had 3 evenings in November (Mon- Fri) where I did not attend a meeting (and two of those days I was on a short holiday)...and this is without attending PCC meetings across the Benefice (other than Princetown). I appreciate that as the Mission Community comes into being communication is going to be a key issue as when organizations get bigger people feel more distanced from what is happening. I know this simply from having to travel around 5 parishes each month taking services. One of the challenges is keeping up with everything that is going on when you only see people possibly once a month. Please make use of the Benefice Website if you can. It is a goldmine of up to date information and greatly aids communication across the Benefice. Our PCCs contain members, many of whom are or have been leaders in industry, commerce, the Armed Services, and the business world – all of whom can run and take part in meetings – it's a skill readily transferrable into the world of the church and one that is expertly deployed in our PCCs.

Can you...?

Turning this Can you... on its head I want to say that I have asked scores of people this year to undertake tasks across the Benefice...Can you...?- and people have been very generous with their time and talents. Can you...help to type up the baptism registers? - I was bowled over by the number of people who came forward to offer

help. Can you... conduct services? - Worship teams have stepped up to the plate. Can you... visit? - There is always someone ready to do that piece of work. Can you... come to special services as a choir? - I have been staggered by the response (sometimes there are more in the choir than in the congregation.) These are but a few examples of the phenomenal amount of work that is done in the name of Christ across the Benefice. Most of what goes on is unsung – those who faithfully attend PCCs, Councils, meetings, act as Church Officers, arrange flowers, provide refreshments, clean the churches and halls, deal with DIY items, scratch their heads at the various boilers and heating systems – you know who you are and to you can I say a big thank you.

So “can you?” becomes “can we?” because we are partners in proclaiming the good news of God’s kingdom in this place and I can only repeat my heartfelt thanks to all of you for all that you do.

Nick Shutt, Rector

Deanery Synod Report

The Deanery Synod meets about three times a year and helps to bring the Church community together. Each session is divided into two parts, a Presentation on a local or Diocesan matter and a Business meeting concerning Deanery matters.

February – we were given a talk by Martin Follett, the Diocesan Registrar. This was on Faculties, Consistory Courts and new qualifications for Marriage, PCC property, and Church buildings and property.

June - was led by Ali Rowe, who works in the Dioceses of Exeter and Truro for the Archbishop’s Council. Her task is to implement the legislation of the Ecclesiastical Office (Terms of Service) Regulations, more commonly known as “Common Tenure”. As this develops there will be a gradual disappearance of titles like Rector and Vicar and appointments will be “Priests in Charge”.

October – we had two speakers, David Petts and Hilary Johnson to explain their new appointments.

David Petts – as Ecumenical Rural Development Enabler – for people considering the wider use of Church Buildings and who feel they need help and guidance to avoid the pit falls.

Hilary Johnson – who brought us up to date with Christian life and worship in Abu Dhabi – part of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf.

Recent meetings of the Deanery Synod have included a Deanery Review. Which enables us to gain an update of the Parishes and Mission Communities around us. This has proved to be most helpful.

KDE

Benefice Choir

During the year the choir met on 28 occasions for practices and church services. The choir led the singing at St Paul’s for the celebration in March when Nick and Nicola were instituted as Rector and Vicar in the Benefice. An average of thirty members led the singing at the Easter Carol service at St Paul’s, the Service of Unity at

Horrabridge, the Sea Sunday service at St Peter's Meavy and the evening Harvest service at St Paul's. Choir practices take place in the weeks before a Benefice service.

At the two Healing services choir members sat amongst the congregation to support the singing. Many unknown hymns, as well as sea shanties, have been sung during the year. The Advent Carol service was an uplifting occasion and the choir sang much of the music in four-part harmony. The Christmas Carol service was well-attended by choir members in harsh wintry conditions and the solo carols, 'Like a candle flame' by Graham Kendrick and 'The Shepherds' Pipe Carol' by John Rutter, was very well-received and enjoyed.

The lowest temperature endured in December was in St Michael's church, Princetown when many members braved the elements to sing with the Salvation Army Band in below zero degrees. Breath from singing voices rose like smoke in the candlelight; friendliness, mince pies and mulled wine made it a good beginning for Christmas festivities. The choir have enjoyed singing modern hymns and anthems and new members, both men and women, have been welcomed during the year. A good number sang at the thanksgiving service for Raymond Jukes after his sad death. He was organist and faithful member of the Benefice Choir.

Pauline Hamilton-Leggett

Benefice Prayer Chain

The Benefice Prayer Chain

The Prayer chain which consists of members from St Paul's, St Peter's, St Mary's and St Leonard's churches has continued its work throughout the year.

Members meet regularly for 'updating' on those who are prayed for daily by members of the team.

All requests are treated in strict confidence and passed by telephone through the chain.

Needs vary, including those who are ill, or who are experiencing marriage or other difficulties in their lives. Feedback suggests that even if healing is not achieved, comfort is gained from knowing that others are praying and thinking about them.

If you have a request, please let Nick, or a member of the prayer chain, know.

We would be grateful for your prayerful support.

Please telephone one of the following if you have a prayer request:

Barbara	853505	Susanna	852070
Sheila	854217	Caroline	852421
Drinda	854884	Anne	853337
Jean	852429	Diana	852601
Nicky	855464		

Mothers' Union Report

Members of the Mothers' Union have continued to meet each month at St. Paul's for holy communion followed by a valued time of fellowship and prayer. Our outreach projects have continued as in previous years with involvement in the Tots and Carers Group that meets weekly in St. Paul's church hall and a summer service followed by afternoon tea for residents of our local nursing and residential homes, the elderly living at home and church members.

Joint branch meetings were hosted by Buckland Monachorum and Whitchurch as well as West Dartmoor. They were lively and well-attended, with talks by Andy Lyle, Manager of TASS in Tavistock, a worker from Shekinah in Plymouth and Sean Brassil, the recently appointed Vicar at Whitchurch.

Ladies Lunches

The Ladies' Lunches began in January 2010 as a response to the Men's Breakfasts.

The aims were to bring together the ladies of the Benefice in an informal setting over a light lunch so that we could get to know one another and have some fun. It was also felt important to have a short talk at the end of the meeting on a Christian-related theme.

Our venue, the Burrator Inn, was chosen because of the warm welcome given to us by the landlords Phil and Sara Cater, and also because it has a room to accommodate us so that we don't disturb the other customers. We felt, too, that we wanted to take the church into the 'market place' and that this was where Jesus would have chosen to be. Additionally, the inn is at the 'cross' roads between Walkhampton, Meavy, Princetown and Yelverton!

During 2010 we have enjoyed a variety of speakers on a range of topics from setting up a charity in India, being a Third Order Franciscan, Little Gidding, Operation Sunshine, Religion in schools, to how Christianity has shaped the speaker's life. We are most grateful to all who have given up their time to prepare, to be with us and to give us such stimulating talks.

Numbers attending vary between seventeen and twenty-seven, with an average of about twenty. It has been interesting to have ladies from outside our churches coming along. The strict one hour lunch slot has allowed time for other activities during the day as well as enabling those to attend for whom more than an hour would be too tiring.

We are looking forward to our programme for 2011 and would love to tempt more ladies to join with us. Please give us a try if you haven't already done so. We'd love to see you! Contact details are in the Around & About and in the bulletin.

Nicky Smith

Men's Breakfasts

We have enjoyed many a good breakfast at the Burrator Inn in 2010 with numbers ranging from 15-25 for our monthly meetings. We have heard from Revd Roger Carlton, Revd Jeff Moles, Ven Tony Wilds, Father Michael Cole, Revd Tim Traynor, Revd Graham Cotter, Revd Nick Law and Revd Michael Brierley in the last year. All these speakers were engaging and spoke on a wide variety of topics which have enlivened our faith.

Undoubtedly one of the highlights of the year was a joint meeting when we invited the Ladies' Lunch Club to join with us for a full English breakfast followed by the men sweetly serenading the ladies with one or two songs such as What a wonderful world and When I fall in love...Whether the ladies felt the same about this as the men is open to question...

The Men's Breakfast takes place once a month at the Burrator Inn 8.30 -9.30 and full details are available on the Benefice Website. It really is a light hearted start to the day when men can get together for a chat, a breakfast and a reflection about their Christian Faith. All are welcome. Nick.

Report of the Parish of St Paul's, Yelverton in 2010

PCC Meetings

The P.C.C. met on 5 occasions during the year. Among other subjects discussed were:

- The Benefice Constitution, which was subsequently ratified at a Special General Meeting of the Parish.
- A proposed stewardship initiative.
- A Benefice Service Pattern Review taking into account the active clergy now available.

The wider use of the Book of Remembrance, so that it is also available to deceased persons whose ashes are not interred in the Garden of Remembrance, was wholeheartedly supported.

The commemoration of 100 years since the Foundation Stone was laid was marked by a Special Service in August. The Rev'd. Graham Witts, a former Rector, preached the sermon, and the service was attended by members of Holy Cross and Rock Churches and many members of the Benefice and past friends, totalling 140, who joined us for a splendid tea afterwards.

The annual Church Fete held in July was deemed a great success and the traditional joint Harvest Festival supper, with Holy Cross and Rock Churches, went well.

In November the P.C.C. was extremely sorry to lose the devoted services of Raymond Jukes who had been organist and choirmaster at St. Paul's for over 20 years. The choir practices continue at Ruth Jukes' house and she would welcome new members.

Once a month, a Service of the Word takes place which is planned by a committee led usually by the Rector or Team Vicar.

The P.C.C. wishes to express its thanks:

- To Nick who leads us, and Nicola and the team who minister to us,
- To the congregation for their support and co-operation during this time of change and
- To all those who help in so many different ways, both visibly and invisibly.

Occasional Offices

In 2010 there were:

- 3 Marriages
- 2 Baptisms
- 7 Funerals
- 2 Interments of ashes
- 5 Memorial services.

Treasurer's Financial Review

St Paul's 2010 accounts show an improvement in the bottom line from the previous year, but there are two particular features that make this result somewhat deceptive. First, there was a very welcome but one-off donation from the Foster Charitable Trust for £1,000, and second, because of an accounting error by British Gas we paid too

much for our electricity in 2009 and nothing in 2010. Without these two distortions the outturn would have been a small deficit.

Behind the figures the most disturbing feature is the continuing fall in our planned giving through weekly envelopes and monthly bank standing orders. We are really grateful to all those who do give generously, but to meet the ever rising costs of running the parish we do need to see this vital source of income start to move up again. I am sure more will be said during the coming year.

Happily, our cash collections went up materially and just about matched the fall off in planned giving and the associated tax recoveries.

Our interest income continued to be low, as a result of the familiar really low level of interest rates. However, it can be seen from the balance sheet that we have tried to mitigate this by moving £30,000 from a deposit account to a two year fixed rate bond. So our interest income will be somewhat better in 2011.

The level of fee income was significantly higher, due to more funerals and weddings in the year, but welcome though this is it is not easy to predict how this source of income will continue.

A final comment on the income is that we had a welcome sunny day for our Church Garden Party the proceeds from which enabled us to increase this component of our mission giving.

On the expenditure side, we had a year with an exceptionally low level of repair work required, and clergy expenses were lower because of a surplus from the amount budgeted in the previous year. The miscellaneous expenditure item was higher, principally because this included the contribution to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund from the collection at the joyful induction service early in the year,

We continued to present our case to the Diocese about an appropriate calculation for our Common Fund levy and we were able to meet this adjusted level in full.

St Paul's Church Hall continues to thrive. We have it well let during the week, at very competitive hire rates, and regular use by Yelverton Cinema at weekends as well as frequent one-off events. All the improved heating work has been financed by the Cinema, so we now have a much improved amenity. We continue to ensure that any repair work is done, but not a lot was required in 2010. As you can see we showed a valuable surplus of £3,389 in the year. A particular benefit from the current condition of the hall is that in the event that the weather is desperately cold we are now able, as we did twice this winter, to hold church services in comfort in the hall rather than in great discomfort in the church.

All in all it has been an active year and we look forward to the challenges of 2011.

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Fabric report

After completion of the work on the Church Tower, small damp patches have appeared following heavy rain, and meetings, which are ongoing, have been held with the Builder to try and determine the cause of the problem.

The Sound Engineer has inspected the Church's amplification equipment and has made some repairs.

The effective heating of the Church, particularly during the recent cold weather, has received attention, but it is accepted that there will be an increased heating bill. In exceptionally cold weather, the Rector has agreed that the Churchwardens may arrange for services to be held in the Church Hall, which, thanks to the investment made by Yelverton Cinema, now enjoys a high standard of heating.

In October, a working party carried out woodworm treatment to the chairs and the base of the pulpit.

The gutters and down pipes have been cleaned, the organ and piano tuned and the boiler serviced.

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 2010

	2010		2009	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Income				
Envelopes & Bank				
Standing Orders	20,380		20,865	
Cash Collections	3,425		3,038	
Other Donations	1,590		1,198	
Legacies	0	25,395	0	24,454
Tax Recoveries				
Income tax recovered	6,005		6,494	
VAT recovered		6,005	425	6,919
Investment Income				
Interest on Tower Fund deposits	0		40	
Other Dividends & Interest	173	173	589	629
Other Income				
Fees	2,010		1,277	
Summer Fete	1,191		803	
Special Parish Efforts	1,489		1,059	
Miscellaneous	821	5,510	363	3,522
TOTAL RECEIPTS		37,084		35,524
PAYMENTS				
The Ministry				
Clergy Expenses	1,283	1,283	1,558	1,558
The Church & Services				
Heating & Lighting	1,486		2,551	
Fire & Insurance	3,105		3,236	
Cleaning	896		877	
Organist	0		0	
Choir	123		79	
Upkeep of Services	142		324	
Repairs & Renewals	701		1,246	
Repairs & Renewals on Tower	0		2,947	
Property	0	6,454	0	11,260
Other Ordinary Parish Expenses				
Young Church and Orchestra	0		48	
Gardening	558		569	
Magazine Diocesan Insert	115		123	
Parish Expenses	182	856	209	949

	2010		2009	
	£	£	£	£
Payments Outside the Parish				
Diocesan Common Fund				
Contribution	24,105		22,614	
Mission Giving	2,371		1,959	
Miscellaneous				
Expenditure	782	27,258	45	24,618
TOTAL PAYMENTS		35,851		38,385
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		1,233		(2,861)
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) to TOWER FUND		0		(2,482)
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) to GENERAL RESERVE		1,233		(379)

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH YELVERTON

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2010

ASSETS	Market Value	Cost	
	£	£	£
Investments			
Equities Investment Fund for Charities	34,231	11,592	
CBF Investment Fund Shares	21,635	14,543	26,135
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank		8,209	
Cash in Hand		20	
Deposit Account		8,500	
Fixed term deposit		30,000	46,729
Fixed Assets			
St Paul's Church Hall	Nil		Nil
Total Assets			72,864
 REPRESENTED BY			
Current Liabilities			
Loan from St Paul's Church Hall			5,000
GENERAL RESERVE ACCOUNT			
Balance at 1 January		64,872	
Surplus/(Deficit) after movements within designated accounts		1,233	
Balance at 31 December			66,105
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			72,864

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH HALL YELVERTON
Receipts and Payments Account for year
to 31 December 2010

	2010	2009
	£	£
Lettings	6,191	6,064
Electricity Meters	638	539
Donations	0	50
TOTAL RECEIPTS	6,829	6,653
 EXPENDITURE		
Heating & Lighting	706	706
Repairs & Renewals	3,572	3,572
Insurance	1,452	1,452
Cleaning	544	544
TOTAL PAYMENTS	3,440	6,274
 SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	 3,389	 379

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2010

	2010	2009
	£	£
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Loan to St Paul's Church	5,000	5,000
Cash at Bank	8,334	4,801
Cash in Hand	32	176
Total Assets	13,366	9,977
 REPRESENTED BY:		
Accumulation of Funds		
Balance at 1 January	9,977	9,958
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	3,389	379
Total Balance Sheet Value	13,366	9,977

ST.PAUL'S CHURCH YELVERTON

Notes to Financial Statements for year ended 31 December 2010

- 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 £43,913 and £39,291 respectively.
- 5 The combined total of balance sheet reserves at 31st December 2010 for the Church and the Church Hall amounted to £78,841.
- 6 Moveable church furnishings held by the church wardens 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 8th February 2011
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 2010

PCC Meetings

The PCC had five meetings during 2010 with all meetings being well attended. Mrs Roslyn Tall was welcomed on to the PCC at the APCM. The Standing Committee met twice. The number currently on the Electoral Roll is 72. St. Peter's has been represented at most Benefice Council meetings. There has been one Special Parochial Church meeting.

Services have been well supported and the organisation of the fourth Sunday Service of The Word has developed. Several families have been involved with children regularly taking part at that service. Several members of the PCC attended the Worship course in September for those who may lead worship and those who lead the intercessions have continued to write the prayers. Members of the congregation have enjoyed singing in the benefice choir and much appreciate the hard work of Mr and Mrs Hamilton-Leggett with organ playing and music preparation.

The flower arrangers and those on the cleaning rota ensure that the church always looks cared for and welcoming. The bell-ringers enhance the beginning of our services. Two churchyard working parties have been held.

Further repointing of the tower, repairs and servicing of the clock, work on windows and improvements to the path to the upper churchyard have been carried out. Mrs Joyce Williams and her family and the Roborough Young Farmers generously assisted with the work to the path. Work on the church guttering will take place in the spring.

Due to the PCC's continued concern at the amount required for the Common Fund contribution, the Standing Committee met with the Mission Resources Advisor.

The PCC agreed to proceed with plans to re-order the east end of the church and has met with our new church architect. This work is planned to take place when remedial work on the reredos and east window, arising from the last Quinquennial Inspection, is undertaken.

Active fundraising has taken place throughout the year; the principle event being a very successful History Day last June. The church is very appreciative of the support from The Friends of St. Peter's. Several charities have been supported from collections at Harvest and Christmas and from the proceeds of a Lent lunch. The church ran the cakes and produce stall at the Meavy Oak Fair.

The PCC would like to express their thanks to all the clergy and our lay readers who take our services and to all the many people who contribute in very many ways to the life of St. Peter's.

Occasional Offices

2 Baptisms

6 Weddings

8 Funerals

Financial Review

The financial situation continues to be a cause for concern. We again failed to pay the full Common Fund payment of £18,661. After discussion with Diocesan Advisor, James Hutchings, we managed 84% of the requested figure. With the 2011

Common Fund payment increasing by 3%, and our planned giving down 3% from 2009, the future balancing act will prove difficult.

On a more positive note we continue to work on getting donations gift aided, making sure forms and envelopes are provided in each pew and at all functions. We were grateful for a legacy and several large donations to cover minor works needed within the church. After several months of attempting to satisfy the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, the refund of the VAT paid for a number of different items of work during the last couple of years can be claimed.

We were pleased to have completed the window work, which was required following the quinquennial survey. The rainwater goods work is still outstanding but hopefully it should be undertaken this Spring.

The income from investment assets is slowly improving. Awareness of increasing fuel costs, and benefice costs, will have to be offset by more attempts to generate income however and wherever that is achieved. Being able to end the year with a small surplus is pleasing, though only achieved because of the delay to the work to the rainwater goods; our inability to pay our quota is a disappointment.

Mary Helby

Fabric Report

Unfortunately the last small area of the tower to be repointed in 2009 was done on a very hot day in May and cannot have cured properly as in early spring 2010 bits started dropping off. Sue Spackman, the architect, inspected the tower in company with Western Steeplejacks, the contractor, who accepted liability and undertook repair work immediately. Since then there have been no further problems.

The major item of work to be undertaken in 2010, resulting from the last Quinquennial Inspection, was to the windows. Two sets of wire mesh had corroded to the extent that they required replacement and several others needed to be resecured. The opening windows in the Drake Chapel and the vestry also required replacement and the saddle bars in the west window and the south window in the Drake Chapel were in a similar condition. This work is all complete and paid for with the very welcome help of the Friends of St Peter's.

Following the very kind donation to the church for the benefit of the clock as a result of the collection at Bill Williams' funeral, two companies were asked to quote for refurbishment. Thwaites and Reed, who manufactured the clock, were very interested to see it and made a number of helpful comments, but their main area of interest now involves bigger contracts and their quote was well beyond our means. Smiths of Derby, who have worked on the clock before, quoted a much more reasonable figure and came in the summer to give the clock a wash and brush up. They reported that it was generally in very good condition and should last for many years yet ("till the tower falls down"). This is a tribute to Bill's good stewardship over many years.

We had hoped to have completed work to the guttering and rainwater goods this year, but through a combination of circumstances that has now been deferred till early 2011. All the requisite permissions and funding are in place and we merely wait for favourable weather conditions to coincide with a slot in the builder's diary.

The PCC has agreed to go forward with the work required to the east window and the reredos resulting from inspections in 2007 and at the same time to seek approval to lower the altar by the removal of the two steps beyond the altar rail. Sue Spackman drew up plans for this before her retirement and these are being taken forward by her successor, Bob Platts. There are many hurdles to be overcome before this proposal becomes reality but a start has been made.

In the churchyard the usual spring and autumn working parties did sterling work, though as always there was more to be done than people to do it. We concentrated on the upper churchyard and tamed the hedges significantly. Please come along in 2011, you will be very welcome and will derive a sense of achievement from a job well done in congenial company.

Finally we must thank the Roborough Young Farmers' Club for their hard work in rejuvenating the path between the upper and lower churchyards. Being on a slope and under trees it requires regular attention to keep it in good condition and the YFC have done us a great service.

Fund-raising report

As always, there were two elements to our fundraising efforts; those activities in support of church funds and those in support of other organisations or causes.

Fundraising this year has involved many different activities. We had a very successful History Day for which an enormous amount of work was done by Peter and Pauline Hamilton-Leggett. Pictures, tours, refreshments and a variety of items were on sale. Tea towels with Denie Snushall's drawing of Meavy, and Paul Rendell's Meavy Christmas card continued to be sold throughout the year.

We tried a market stall at Walkhampton Market, with Annie Inman organizing the effort which was reasonably successful for a first attempt. All remaining jams, jellies and chutneys were on sale after church services for the next few weeks.

Refreshment after Sunday services has provided a wonderful chance to catch up with friends, and meet and greet new people and has been a great fund raiser. Thanks to all the many helpers.

Chris Gibson kindly let us use her home as a venue for a cream tea afternoon. Her garden was looking lovely as usual.

Brenda Burt gave us another fun quiz. This year's quiz was about foods. She also organized the Ceilidh in the autumn which show-cased the many talents of our local people. The dancing was great fun, and everyone enjoyed a jolly time.

We were pleased to welcome the German organ enthusiasts and look forward to Hans Heilscher's return on July 7th, 2011 when Walkhampton and Meavy will encourage people to share in the music.

Simon Dell gave an interesting talk about murders on Dartmoor with another talk scheduled for November 8th 2011 concerning Mt. Everest.

Several members of the congregation walked from Bere Alston to Milton Combe in aid of Devon Historic Churches Trust in September, lunching at Bere Ferrers and stopping to view the chapel at Maristow House.

During the year, Farm Crisis, and Farm Africa were supported with Harvest lunches, and The Mission to Seafarers, The Royal British Legion, and Shelterbox all received our support.

At Oak Fair the produce and cake stall was our responsibility this past year, and we are expecting to be in the kitchen in 2011, looking after the teas.

One other date for the diary is The Harvest Flower and Craft Festival from 30th September to 2nd of October 2011.

Many thanks to the many people who have organised events, and to all who have supported the fundraising of St. Peter's.

Mary Helby

Flower arrangers' report

Once again I would like to thank all the flower arrangers who help to make the Church look so attractive week by week and during the annual Festivals. Grateful thanks also go to those who continue to provide flowers and foliage from their gardens and those who give donations for buying flowers, oasis etc.

The weather this Christmas made it difficult for anyone to get to the Church to decorate it, so it was fortunate that the flower arrangements from Margaret Jennings' wedding, the previous Saturday, were still in place and just needed a few touches to help them along.

Thankfully the Christmas tree was already up, kindly provided by the Frappells and decorated by the Monks.

One new member has joined the flower arranging team during 2010. She is most welcome, as is anyone else thinking of volunteering for 2011.

It will be an exciting year, as we are holding a Flower Festival in October. The Church always looks so lovely for the Harvest Festival that it was thought to be a good idea to take advantage of this and use the weekend (September 30th - October 2nd) as a fund-raising opportunity.

Finally, we are all extremely grateful for the many years of service given by Mary Price and Joyce Williams, who have now retired from the flower rota. They have

each provided a countless number of beautiful arrangements over a number of years and their contributions have always been appreciated and admired.

Roslyn Tall

Bell ringers' report

We have continued normally to ring on the first and third Sundays of the month, for celebratory Sundays, and for occasional offices when asked. This year the latter included six weddings. We had another successful trip in May, ringing in 5 towers, starting at Sanford, near Crediton, and finishing at Spreyton.

In the month of June we took part in the history open day by allowing people to try their hand at pulling a bell. This attracted a number of people who had always wondered what it would be like to pull on a bell-rope but had never before found the opportunity.

Our Deanery day celebration of ringing was held at Sydenham Damerell and was enjoyed by all those attending. Revd John Weir ended the day by taking a service, and then we went to the church hall for tea.

This year the deanery day is the 29th October, and Meavy will be hosting the day.

The Hand bell team have also been quite busy in the last couple of months of the year, taking part in a concert by Friends of Meavy and then the various Carol services.

Friends of St Peter's

The Friends have had a good year with a well supported concert held in March by Duo Volatus and a Christmas celebration of A Christmas Carol in word and music by members of Meavy Amateur Dramatics. Nearly £1000 was raised for the Friends at these events.

The Friends manned the book stall at Meavy Oak Fair and the Oak Fair committee made a donation of £400 to the Friends for which we are very grateful.

We also produced a Christmas card, featuring a part of one of the windows in the church. These sold well and we hope to produce another card in 2011.

The Annual Meeting of the Friends was held in September at which Revd Tony Good gave an interesting talk on rural churches.

The Friends have supported St Peter's with a donation of £1500 towards the repair work to the windows and £1800 has been allocated to support the work to the roof and guttering in 2011.

New members are always welcome.

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

Meavy C of E Junior School

Once again, the year has been interesting, rich and rewarding. Our numbers are slightly reduced this year at 88 but our intake for the coming September is very healthy. We remain a school which is always ready to welcome and embrace the local and wider community. We are proud of our Christian ethos and strive to ensure that it is evident in all that we do.

We are very pleased to maintain and expand our links with the local and wider community and our traditional Meavy Oak Fair opening ceremony was well received as usual. Our classes are also making links with other schools around the country. We are currently engaged in trying to procure before and after school care for the children. We have also been extending our links with pre-school groups in the area and other schools in the Learning Community. We have worked very closely this year with Horrbridge, Lady Modiford's and Princetown Schools. The relationships have been extremely beneficial, particularly in terms of staff development. We have widened our range of clubs this year to include a cookery club which has been very well received and I would particularly like to thank all those parents, staff and members of our local community who create these opportunities for our children.

We were particularly proud of our netball team this year. On Thursday 3rd March 2011 we entered the West Devon Final of the netball championship at Okehampton College. We did extremely well and achieved the Silver award by coming second. There were eight teams competing - the top four primary schools in the Tavistock learning community and the top four in the Okehampton learning community. They were mixed size schools competing so we are very proud of our team. We enter many tournaments (not only within the Tavistock learning community) and these include tag rugby, swimming, hockey and cross country. I would like to offer many thanks to all those parents who provide the transport for these events. We always do very well in the swimming galas and we do believe that the reason for this is the fact that every child at Meavy has the opportunity to have swimming lessons every year.

Our links with the church are very important to us and we continue to enjoy very close links with our weekly acts of worship led by Reverend N. Shutt and Reverend N. Hunt. We also continue to benefit from the twice termly acts of worship led by Chris and Tracy Harding. The clergy also involve themselves in the life of the school by accompanying children on visits to church. We visit St Peter's church regularly each year and often take a lead in the services. This year we have participated in and led various services including a Remembrance Service, a Harvest Festival, a Christmas Carol Service for all the community and an Easter and a Leavers' Service.

Our PTFA has continued to work tirelessly on our behalf and has organised many events which have provided not only fun and enjoyment but also funds to enrich the education of the children. Our governors fulfil their role well and are an integral part of the school community both practically and in a management context.

This coming year in June we will be spending a day reorganising our school curriculum, following government changes and recommendations. It is an exciting time in education when schools have the opportunity to create a curriculum that is relevant, focused and stimulating.

The premises this year will benefit from refurbishment in the kitchen and resurfacing underneath the Timber Trail in the playground. Members of our community, staff and parent body have also been busy painting murals in the playground and enhancing the outside environment. We have also fenced the pond this year.

Sue Blair, Headteacher.

St Peter's Church, Meavy

Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2010

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 2010

GENERAL FUND Receipts and Payments Account

	2010		2009	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Planned Giving				
Gift Aid	13,223.90		12,288.20	
Income tax recovered	3,072.05		4,009.01	
Not Gift Aid	780.00	17,075.95	1,269.50	17,566.71
Other Voluntary Income				
Church collections	1,878.62		1,963.22	
Donations (See note 2)	835.56		467.65	
Income tax recovered	516.20		39.08	
Special collections (see note 3)	1,166.13		366.27	
Fundraising (see note 4)	1,386.88		1,427.70	
Legacies received	2,042.26	7,825.65	0	4,263.92
Churchyard Income				
Burial fees and memorials	1,509.00		1,645.00	
Parish contribution	445.00		150.00	
Burrator Parish Council Grant	133.75	2,087.75	84.00	1,879.00
Miscellaneous Income				
Wedding and other fees	714.50		283.00	
Funeral fees	405.00		225.00	
Investment income	1,167.72		1,329.36	
Miscellaneous		2,287.22	0	1,837.36
TOTAL RECEIPTS		29,276.57		25,547.00
 PAYMENTS				
The Ministry				
Benefice Expenses	1,133.10		1,330.00	
Common Fund	16,000.00	17,133.10	14,000.00	15,330.00
Church Building and Services				
Electricity & fuel oil	1,943.52		1,064.56	
Minor works	416.06		531.80	
Inspections & reports	621.67		1,015.11	
Insurance	2,029.00		2,061.84	
Upkeep of services	242.63		295.45	
Major Works	2,791.10	8,043.98	9,070.14	14,038.90
Miscellaneous				
Churchyard maintenance	1,306.00		1,778.75	
Fund raising cost	308.13			
Parish magazine	131.60		142.30	

General expenses (see note 6)	244.83		548.07	
Payment to charities (see note7)	1,182.63	3,173.19	1,112.27	3,581.39
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>28,350.27</u>		<u>32,950.29</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		926.30		(7,403.29)
Bank current & deposit accounts at 1 Jan 2010		<u>6,631.71</u>		<u>14,035.00</u>
Bank current & deposit accounts at 31 Dec 2010		<u>7,558.01</u>		<u>6,631.71</u>

Meavy Parochial Church Council
Financial Statement for year ended 31 December 2010

RESTRICTED FUNDS Summary

	Fabric General £	Churchyard £	SPY Club £	TOTAL £
Receipts (note 8)	4,523.91			4,523.91
Payments (note 9)	<u>3,712.50</u>			<u>3,712.50</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	811.41			811.41
Bank accounts at 1/01/2010	<u>7,367.24</u>	<u>142.00</u>	<u>37.00</u>	<u>7,546.24</u>
Bank accounts at 31/12/2010	<u>8,178.65</u>	<u>142.00</u>	<u>37.00</u>	<u>8,357.65</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES at 31 December 2010

	2010		2009	
	£	£	£	£
	Market Value	Cost	Market Value	Cost
Investment assets				
M&G Charifund (1,000 units)	11,507	987	10,722	987
CBF Investment Fund (1,168 shares)	<u>12,808</u>	<u>12,501</u>	<u>11,949</u>	<u>12,501</u>
	<u>24,315</u>	<u>13,488</u>	<u>22,671</u>	<u>13,488</u>
Cash funds				
Bank balances - current account		9,213		6,677
Church Board Finance deposit account		7,500		7,500
Amounts owing to PCC				
Less amount owed by PCC		<u>(799)</u>		
Total cash		<u>15,914</u>		<u>14,177</u>
Represented by				
General Fund (unrestricted)		7,558		6,632
Restricted Fund		<u>8,358</u>		<u>7,546</u>
Total		<u>15,916</u>		<u>14,178</u>
Other Monetary Assets/Liabilities				
Assets				
VAT refund		1,937		
Gift Aid tax claim (General Fund)		3,229		
		<u>5,166</u>		
Liabilities				
Rain water goods		6,122		
Architect fees		150		
		<u>6,272</u>		

Notes to Financial Statement for year ended 31st December 2010

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

Teas – History day	315.80
Anonymous donation	100.00
Norman Spry	100.00
Margaret Blowsey	5.00
Wall safe	245.76
Verger fee	25.00
Briar Tor	34.00
Total	825.56

3. Special Collections

Lent Lunch	391.00
Mission to Seafarers	269.00
Farm Crisis	213.47
Farm Africa	149.11
Royal British Legion	143.55
Total	1166.13

4. Fund-raising

Coffees	278.75
Cream Teas	178.50
Quiz	100.00
German Organist teas	74.63
DHCT walk	60.00
Simon Dell talk	61.00
Ceilidh	385.00
Market stall	116.00
Sale of Tea Towels	73.00
Sale of PR Christmas cards	60.00
Total	1386.88

5. Fund raising costs

Easter eggs	6.12
History books	72.00
Tea Towels	49.40
Hall contribution	25.00
Thank you gift History day	25.09
Quiz prize	10.00
Ceilidh	80.52
Christmas cards	40.00
Total	308.13

6. General Expenses

Secretarial expenses	33.00
Treasurer's expenses	35.84
Churchwarden's expenses	14.99
Graveyard photograph	34.00
Gift for Tony Wild	10.00
Hall rent	117.00
Total	244.83

7. Payments to Charities

Mission to Seafarers	269.00
Farm Africa	149.11
Farm Crisis	213.47
Royal British Legion	16.50
Royal British Legion	143.55
Shelterbox	391.00
Total	1182.63

8. Restricted Funds Receipts

Easter Egg Hunt	59.80
History Day	476.39
History day – Oak Fair jar	52.72
Bellringers' fund	1385.00
Dartmoor Trust grant	250.00
Anonymous donations	800.00
Friends of St Peter's	1500.00
Total	4523.91

9. Restricted funds Payments

Clock repair	376.00
Bell ropes	1039.88
Lectern repair	776.62
Window repairs	1500.00
Williams brass plaque	20.00
Total	3712.50

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 13 February 2011

**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 2010 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 28th February 2011

Report of the Parish of St Leonard's Sheepstor in 2010

Additional 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 responsible for the care and maintenance of St Leonard's church and churchyard.

Achievements and performance

Church attendance

There are 14 people on the electoral roll of whom 9 are not resident in the parish. The average church attendance counted in October was 9, but this increased significantly for church festivals and the carol service.

Review of the year

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. This year some "pilgrims" walked further, despite the weather two walked from Princetown and a number from Meavy and Walkhampton. The PCC offered sustaining hot palestine soup and hot cross buns in St Leonard's room afterwards.

Our Come and Sing service on 20 June was well attended, benefiting from the marquees left by the fishing Feast by Head Weir at the Reservoir. The Harvest Service was as usual well attended with a congregation of 24. We also had a Benefice service which coincided with a Baptism which resulted in a congregation of 147, the largest known number of worshipers in the church in recent times. Services were badly affected by the snow over Christmas but thanks to the gallantry of Rev'd Peggy Salmon the Carol Service was held and despite the weather well attended and much enjoyed by the 16 who came.

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.

During the year the West Dartmoor Benefice Council operated fully, though not yet legally constituted. The PCC's three representatives (Cdr and Mrs MacDonald and Mr Bayly) were regular attendees and contributors to the debate. Through the Benefice Council the PCC began engagement with Princetown and welcome its prospective joining of the Benefice.

The Clergy team was strengthened by the arrival of Rev'd Nicola Hunt as stipendiary team vicar. The clergy resources are 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. During the year Kerry Elson resigned from offering lay reader support. One consequence was that the developing Worship Group (Cdr and Mrs MacDonald and

Mr Bayly) were asked to lead occasional service. This later became a regular arrangement for the Morning Prayer Service for the first Sunday of each month. There have now been seven such services and the congregations have been 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.

A major activity during the year was planning and fundraising for and executing plans for the renovation of the church bells which had not been done since 1907. This work was led by the Captain of the Bell Tower Mr Peter Legassick, Cdr MacDonald and a committed and energetic group of supporters. A very successful appeal and grant application campaign over the last two years will hopefully have raised all but £250 of the total cost of nearly £30,000 when all the grants have been received. The work was undertaken by Nicholson's with retuning done at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. Re-hanging was delayed by the bad weather before Christmas but the bells were re-hung in the new year, and the work blessed by Rev'd Nick Shutt. The music they now make is a wonderful tribute to the commitment of those who saw this project through with dedication and generosity.

Planning for maintenance of the church was complicated by a Quinquennial survey which was not fully accurate and in the view of the PCC was not a good basis for planning major projects. However the opportunity was taken while the bells were down to access the beams under the roof of the tower and to have the ends of two repaired. The bell frame was also inspected and its soundness and likely longevity confirmed.

The PCC supported the development during the year of a new Civil Charity called "The Friends of St Leonard's Church, Sheepstor". This charitable society, led by residents of Sheepstor and others who are interested in maintaining the church building and the links with Sarawak, will raise funds and assist the PCC to support the maintenance and use of the church. Lord Tanlaw agreed to be patron, strengthening the Sarawak link.

Occasional Offices

In 2010 there were two baptisms, no funerals and one wedding.

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.

Treasurer's Report - Financial review

Our major fund raising effort for this year has continued to be for paying for the refurbishment of the church bells. We have raised or been promised the full £27,500 required for the task but have yet to receive £6,500 in grants which will be paid after our final bills have been paid and the work accepted. The only sum which may be in doubt is the final account VAT recovery grant of £1500 from DCMS. DCMS cancelled the scheme for bells from 4 January 2011 as a Government savings measure. When the contract was placed we had written confirmation that the scheme was assured until March 2011.

We have also had additional work to repair two roof beams in the tower at a cost of £3,500, on which we have recovered the VAT. We have taken the net cost of this repair from the Church Repair Fund.

As reported last year, 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 not yet received a response.

Our income from planned giving continues to hold steady but our other income has not recovered following last year's large drop. Without the additional £600 from the Parish Council to pay for last year's capital expenditure for the churchyard, our total receipts in our unrestricted funds, including investment income, were £5800. This is a further 7% year on year reduction following last year's 18% reduction.

£9,200 was spent to provide Christian ministry from St Leonard's Church, including a reduced Common Fund payment of £2484, £1,500 for insurances and £3,000 for repairs.

St Leonard's raised £400 at services and functions where the collections were for specific charities.

We have sold our investment in COIF income units and transferred that holding to CBFC investment fund shares, to rationalise to a single holding in the Church Repair Fund. The value of our investments has again risen, to £18104, still 13% short of their 2008 value.

The next planned projects requiring to be funded will be the re-pointing of the external walls, repairs to the main roof and the cyclic task of internal repainting. We hope to get assistance from The Friends of St Leonard's Church to remove the redundant pipe organ and reusing the vacated space, subject as always to obtaining a faculty.

Hon Treasurer

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending 31 December 2010

Sheepstor Parochial Church Council

Unrestricted Funds Receipts and Payments Account For the year ended 31 December 2010

	<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
<u>Planned giving:</u>				
Banker's standing orders	1360.00		1420.00	
Envelope scheme	1484.00		1445.35	
Income tax recovered	<u>783.82</u>	3627.82	<u>875.01</u>	3740.36
<u>Other voluntary income:</u>				
Collections in Church	781.58		920.18	
Box and other freewill offerings	222.40		179.00	
Gifts and donations	<u>134.00</u>	1137.98	<u>54.50</u>	1153.68
<u>Churchyard:</u>				
Parish Council contribution	<u>1014.00</u>	1014.00	<u>420.00</u>	420.00
<u>Miscellaneous income:</u>				
Fees for pastoral services	303.00		294.00	
Verger etc	25.00		90.00	
Sale of postcards/guides	224.67		272.97	
Sundry Income inc. Raffle	35.40		131.50	
Interest & Investment income	<u>55.58</u>	<u>643.65</u>	<u>137.93</u>	<u>926.40</u>
Total receipts during year		<u>6423.45</u>		<u>6240.44</u>
PAYMENTS				
<u>The Ministry:</u>				
Clergy expenses (net)	162.44		190.00	
Common Fund	<u>2484.00</u>	2646.44	<u>3178.00</u>	3368.00
<u>The Church building and services:</u>				
Electricity	340.00		206.00	
Repairs inc. Faculty & Quinquennial	472.94		212.60	
Insurances	1496.33		1475.39	
Church and Services upkeep	<u>180.69</u>	2489.96	<u>68.45</u>	1962.44
<u>Miscellaneous:</u>				
Churchyard upkeep	527.50		1248.06	
Gifts to charities	135.18		794.94	
General expenses	<u>44.50</u>	<u>707.18</u>	<u>38.00</u>	<u>2081.00</u>
Total payments during year		<u>5843.58</u>		<u>7411.44</u>
Excess of receipts over payments		579.87		(1171.00)
Balance at 1 January		<u>7249.12</u>		<u>8420.12</u>
Balance at 31 December		<u>7828.99</u>		<u>7249.12</u>

Sheepstor Parochial Church Council

Restricted and Endowment Funds Receipts and Payments Account For the year ended 31 December 2010

	<u>2010</u>		<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
	Restricted Funds £	Endowm't Funds £	Total £	Total £
RECEIPTS				
<u>Other voluntary income:</u>				
Donations to Bell Fund	1630.90		1630.90	10832.70
Bell Fund Grants	4000.00		4000.00	1250.00
 <u>Miscellaneous income:</u>				
Interest & Investment income	639.87	295.33	935.20	926.40
Bell Fund tax and VAT recovery	5645.35		5645.35	0.00
Tower repair VAT recovery	<u>505.75</u>		<u>505.75</u>	
Total receipts during year	<u>12421.87</u>	<u>295.33</u>	<u>12717.20</u>	<u>13009.10</u>
 PAYMENTS				
<u>The Church building and services:</u>				
Repairs to tower	3395.75		3395.75	0.00
Bells restoration	<u>20291.37</u>		<u>20291.37</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>23687.12</u>		<u>23687.12</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Excess of payments over receipts	11265.25		10969.92	
Excess of receipts over payments		295.33		13009.10
Balance at 1 January	<u>26844.15</u>	<u>15541.23</u>	<u>42385.38</u>	<u>29376.28</u>
Balance at 31 December	<u>15578.9</u>	<u>15836.56</u>	<u>31415.46</u>	<u>42385.38</u>

Sheepstor Parochial Church Council

Statement of Assets and Liabilities As at 31 December 2010

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Endowm't Funds</u>	<u>Total 2010</u>	<u>Total 2009</u>
Monetary Assets					
Bank current a/c	1222.01	13177.58		14399.59	12758.12
CBFCE deposits	6606.98	2401.32	15836.56	24844.86	36876.38
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Total bank balances	7828.99	15578.90	15836.56	39244.45	49634.50
Investments, at market value		13106.98	4997.40	18104.38	16910.55
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Investments

	Shares	Market Value £
Lady Bryant Bequest		
CBFCE Investment Fund shares	<u>456.00</u>	4997.40
Church Repair Fund		
CBFCE Investment Fund shares	11160.00	
Add: purchased during year (cost £868.44)	<u>79.98</u>	
	<u>1195.98</u>	13106.98
COIF Income units	88.69	
Less: sold during year (proceeds £868.44)	<u>88.60</u>	
	<u>0.00</u>	
Total		<u>18104.38</u>

Other assets

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

Income tax recoverable from gift aid donations, of which £100 is due to the Bell Fund	£840.25
Grants from Charitable Trusts for Bell Fund	£6150.00

Liabilities

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

Final Bell Repair invoice	£9381.01
Gift to organist	£150.00

Sheepstor Parochial Church Council

Notes to Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2010

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 purpose 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 purpose specified by the original donor

Endowment Funds

	Balance at 1 st January 2010 £	Movement in year £	Balance at 31 st December 2010 £
Lady Bryant Bequest	3249.29	234.62	3483.91
D ST J Forrer Bequest	11991.94	60.71	12052.85
Sir Massey Lopez Church Repair Fund	300.00		300.00
Total	15541.23	295.33	15836.56

Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1 st January 2010 £	Movement in year £	Balance at 31 st December 2010 £
Bell Repair Fund	12082.70	-9015.12	3067.58
Church Repair Fund	14761.45	-2250.13	12511.32
Total	26844.15	-11265.25	15578.90

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 2010 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,
11th February 2011

Report of the Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Walkhampton in 2010

PCC Meetings

Three full meetings were held during the year together with two extraordinary ones.

Services

(a) Weekly Services

Average attendance 27 with average number of communicants at 25. There are 27 persons on the Electoral Roll.

(b) Occasional Offices

2 Weddings

5 Funerals

3 Baptisms

Report on the Meetings of the PCC

The business of the Parish was discussed; the acceptance of the Benefice Council Constitution was discussed and accepted unanimously, as was the initial Deanery Plan for the enlargement of the Benefice to include St Michael's Princetown. Plans were made for our continuing fund raising activities for both general funds and the ongoing initiatives to enable the planned West End Reordering. Other relevant matters were also dealt with.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

At the year end I am pleased to report that receipts are around the same as in 2009. The planned giving has dropped a little, but general collections are up and some people have made increased use of Gift Aid this year.

Payments

The amount we spent increased by about £1,000 on 2009 with the biggest expense being £2884.29 paid to Harris McMillan Architects in connection with the West End Reordering. The Common Fund payment has dropped from £11,196 in 2009 to £10,547 for 2010.

Savings

This has been a poor year for any return on savings, with interest received down from £1881.98 in 2009 to £201.04 in 2010, even after we put more monies into the account!

General Running

Putting aside expenditure of WERF, our assets increased by £1,743.75 in 2010. This is a very commendable achievement in very difficult times.

Total Assets

The overall asset position for the Church at the end of 2009 was £65,181.05 and this has increased to £101,372.27 in 2010. However, of this sum £60,382.29 is earmarked for West End Reordering Fund.

Health & Safety Report

The only issue for this year was the installation of a rope handrail, in the Tower to the Bell chamber.

Churchwardens' report

Two Church clean up days were held, in May and October, plus additional work was carried out on a number of occasions by the team led by Tim Miall.

In January a new froststat was fitted to the central heating system and emergency repairs were carried out to the boiler in December. The annual service was carried out on the organ and the lightning conductors were inspected.

In September we had a visit from a group of German organ enthusiasts, where members of the congregation ferried them up and back from the village as their coach was too large for the church lane. A splendid recital was given by the group leader - Hans Heishler.

Thanks to a team of volunteers, not all of whom were members of the congregation, the church was open each Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, from June to September. During this time we had over 100 visitors and some £225 was raised for our West End Reordering fund by the sale of refreshments.

Bellringers' Report

Since our trainer, Chris Ricketts, moved to France (were we that bad?) our numbers have been further depleted by family and work commitments. We are grateful to the members of neighbouring Towers who have helped us to ring for weddings and special occasions as well as making us welcome on their practice nights.

In October 2010 we hosted the Tavistock Deanery Festival. On Saturday 16th April we will be hosting the Exeter Diocese Interdeanery ringing competition. This will be an opportunity to hear the best call changers in action so do come along that afternoon.

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

2010 was another busy and exciting year for Lady Modiford's. We had an Ofsted inspection on the Thursday and Friday of the penultimate week of the Summer Term! This was the very last two days the team were likely to visit and it proved to be a very positive experience.

Thanks to the hard work of the staff, governors and of course the children, the inspectors found the school to have improved from our last inspection. All our gradings were at least 'good' with some 'outstandings' for Foundation Stage and also in the care, guidance and support shown to the pupils. There had been some migration of children away from the school as we went through our staff changes.

Several colleagues moved on at the same time which can cause a little anxiety in a small school but this was a fantastic end to the school year and demonstrated how well the school is doing.

When we returned in the Autumn Term, we had the Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools (SIAS) which generally follows Ofsted. This also was a very positive experience rating the school as 'good'. We also welcomed Mrs Hornby as a part time teacher and Mrs Wraighte to lead our Early Years/Foundation Stage full time. New colleagues bring new ideas and this has been no exception. The school has changed the way we timetable our curriculum by making work cross curricular based on a new Devon model of the teaching of writing skills. The 'what' we teach remains largely the same but the 'how' is improved. Foundation Stage children also experience a 'Forest School' approach where they interact more with their outdoor environment. The children have made shelters and learnt about the school grounds. It has been wonderful to see their excitement although there now seems to be a lot of mud around the place!!! This concept is being gradually introduced throughout the school. The children will learn to assess their own risk taking in a controlled and safe environment.

Mrs Hext-Williams, our school cook, successfully made a bid for funding through the 'Let's Get Cooking' scheme. She is now running a cookery club on a Friday afternoon where children learn to cook a dish and then take home the ingredients to try it at home. This has caused great excitement in school and is a fantastic experience for the children.

The 'Hang Out', our breakfast and after school care, is also working very well. With the concerns over the future of the school bus service, this may very well be of extra importance in the future as it can cater for children from the surrounding schools. We have responded to parental concerns that there were too few after school activities and have offered up to eight each week. This has been helped greatly by parent volunteers. Children have been able to attend an art club, two languages clubs, signing, music and also sports clubs. I would like to thank the staff and volunteers who give up their free time to run these clubs. The residential was again a great success this year and we are looking forward to next year's. The Playhouse theatre project was also a huge success for the older children and the theatre has selected us again for next year. Being able to act on the professional stage at the Drum Theatre is a very valuable experience for our children and helps confidence tremendously. Tickets on sale soon!!!

Partly to answer Ofsted's comment that the school needed to introduce a more national and international dimension to children's understanding of the world, each class has been studying a different country. Teachers have integrated a lot of the curriculum through this. For example the older children have used their maths skills to cost travel and distances. This project will culminate in a celebration day towards the Easter break where parents will be invited in to see pieces of work and taste food from the countries studied, prepared by the children. I am especially looking forward to the tasting.

The Rev Nick Shutt and Rev Nicola Hunt continue to lead the spiritual guidance of the school and are actively involved in acts of collective worship each week. The

Harvest Festival celebrations were again changed this year, being held at the Memorial Hall. Once again there was a service led by Nick followed by a bring and share supper. The children from all classes made their signature soups and bread. The whole evening was a community celebration and worship and was well acclaimed.

The 'Friends of Lady Modiford's' association continues its tireless fund raising efforts for which the school is very grateful. The bad weather revealed the poor state of our heating system which cost a lot to mend. The 'FoLM' very kindly donated money to help us pay the bill which was very helpful. They have also been actively involved in tidying and repairing the grounds which has begun to make the school an even more attractive learning space.

The school continues to forged strong links with the other local schools and those in the Learning Community of Tavistock. This is really important to further the education of all the area's children. It is also very valuable in these harsh economic times.

A very successful and productive year in the life of our school with an exciting springboard for the future however the government shapes things.

**St Mary's the Virgin Church Walkhampton
Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2010**

General (Unrestricted) Fund Receipt & Payment account

	2010		2009	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Regular Giving				
Planned Giving	9,617.05		10,303.95	
Collections	2,737.35		1,730.48	
Income tax recovered	2,896.23	15,250.63	3,350.71	15,385.14
Other Voluntary receipts				
Donations	205.00	205.00	1,271.20	1,271.20
Receipts from activities for generating funds				
General Fund WERF	37,331.86		6,457.32	
Parish magazines sales	450.75		300.25	
Miss Lillicrap coffee evening	181.26		205.70	
Summer Fair	571.57		697.13	
Village Market Coffee & stall	188.96		515.25	
Devon Churches Books	5.00		20.00	
Bell Ringers Tea			92.40	
Devon Historic Churches			45.00	
Bell Ringers cash	55.00		25.00	
		38,784.40		8,358.05
Receipts from Church activities.				
Grant BPC Churchyard	0.00		469.00	
Team Fees	3,143.00		2,636.00	
Sir Massey Lopes	7.50		7.50	
Refunds	91.00		150.00	
		3,241.50		3,262.50
Receipts from investment				
CBF	200.72		194.88	
National Savings interest	201.04		1,881.98	
Savings account interest	0.00	401.76	0.00	2,076.86
Total Receipts		57,883.29		30,353.75

	2010		2009	
	£	£	£	£
Payments				
Sundries Misc	1,502.66		889.85	
Ministry Expense	548.88		748.59	
Heating & light	1,060.45		695.43	
Repairs	0.00		805.20	
Insurance	2,566.46		2,541.00	
Common Fund	10,547.00		11,196.00	
Churchyard Expenses	1,496.94		1,899.00	
Charity Donation	574.60		568.38	
Magazine Costs	339.00		358.20	
Fees to DAC				
Service Expenses	171.69		150.29	
WERF expenses.	2,884.39		767.76	
Church Tower Repairs	0.00		105.00	
Total Payments		<u>21,692.07</u>		<u>20,724.70</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2010

	2010		2009	
	£	£	£	£
Bank current account	9,248.13		10,528.43	
Business Access Account	2.92		2.92	
Deposit Account National Savings	92,121.22		54,649.70	
		<u>101,372.27</u>		<u>65,181.05</u>

Notes

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using R&P basis.

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. The payment to missions and overseas relief agencies included £180 Sponsor a nurse in Uganda.

4. The following amount £60382.29 is marked for WERF.

5. Charity donations collected

Morris Brothers	£338.38
Alzheimers Research trust	£170
Children's Society	£225.77

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

Approved by the PCC on 31st January 2011 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 2010 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

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 financial statements to be reached.

SignedMrs R Waldron 31st January 2011

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 2010

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

Attendance

At the APCM on 25th March 2010 there were 26 members on the electoral roll in the parishes of St Michael and All Angels, together with its daughter churches of St Gabriel's, Postbridge and St Raphael's, Huccaby.

Princetown 9

Huccaby 9

Postbridge 9

The following details attendances at some of the key services through the year:

Easter Sunday 17

Christmas Morning 12

Unfortunately the Christmas Midnight Communion was cancelled owing to extreme weather conditions.

During the year 6 Funerals were held and 1 Baptism, all of which were well attended.

Annual Review

We continue to wait to be formally recognised as members of the West Dartmoor Benefice but are grateful for the support from the West Dartmoor Benefice clergy.

The small congregation struggles to survive; two families, who were supporters of the church, having moved from the area.

The major achievement for Princetown Church has been the start of a 'Messy Church' which has now become a monthly event and is well supported by the community.

Links with the local Primary School are strong and positive.

The Short Mat Bowls Club continues to meet but with reduced numbers.

We were supported by members of the Tavistock Methodist Circuit in a major cleaning session in the autumn, a good day of work and Fellowship.

St Michael and All Angels

There is ongoing support for the Churches Conservation Trust and their care of St Michael and All Angels.

A Community Carol service was again held and was very well attended.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF PRINCETOWN

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS TO 31st. DECEMBER 2010.

<u>BALANCES AS AT 01.01.10</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
LLOYDS BANK CURRENT A/C	1683.46	3794.82
APPEAL FUND A/C (No Access)	103.45	103.45
METHODIST C.F.B. A/C	<u>614.05</u>	<u>1077.93</u>
	2400.96	4976.20
RECEIPTS		
COLLECTIONS (Incl Regular Donations + tax)	5388.00	4797.00
FEES	1117.00	301.00
RENTS / PROPERTY	464.00	1254.00
DONATIONS+FUND-RAISING	1025.00	923.14
INTEREST	22.68	24.12
EXTRAORDINARY	<u>---</u>	<u>1644.86</u>
	8016.68	8944.12
PAYMENTS		
DIOCESAN COMMON FUND (+ M.T.C.)	1466.05	1659.05
METHODIST ASSESSMENT	1704.00	1988.00
HEAT, LIGHT AND INSURANCE	1807.14	2937.21
REPAIRS AND WATER	342.12	1997.67
CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE	---	487.50
CHARITIES	235.00	652.00
SMALL PAYMENTS	25.00	81.93
CLEANER	396.00	516.00
EXTRAORDINARY	<u>136.00</u>	<u>1200.00</u>
	6111.31	11519.36
<u>BALANCES AS AT 31.12.10</u>		
LLOYDS BANK CURRENT A/C	2890.36	1683.46
APPEAL FUND A/C (No Access)	closed	103.45
METHODIST C.F.B. A/C	<u>1415.97</u>	<u>614.05</u>
	4306.33	2400.96
NET INCOME MINUS PAYMENTS	1905.37	-2575.24
NET CHANGE IN YEAR IN BALANCES	<u>(up)1905.37</u>	<u>(Down)2575.24</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 2010.

DATE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER