



Annual Report for year ending 31st December 2013

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's, Sampford Spiney

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Lloyds TSB, Royal Parade, Plymouth &
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 Examiner: Col. G. Mills

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The Purpose of Each Parochial Church Council in the Mission Community

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 2011.

The Rector's Report

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

(Hebrews 12.1-2)

The key idea of us being on a journey or race as God's pilgrim people has again been underscored this year as we continue to move forward in so many different areas, seeking God's will for us as individuals and collectively as the Body of Christ in this area. So I start with a great big thank you to God for his goodness and to all of you for your tremendous hard work over 2013.

Gary and I continue to work, 'preparing the foundations' for future plans, and much of 2013 has been taken up with that work across the Mission Community. Coping with continuing change is never easy so please pray that God will lead us into all truth.

Structural matters

The financial pressures that I spoke of in 2012 have not gone away. Indeed, in certain areas, they have increased. Some parishes are finding it difficult to pay their way. Ultimately, this means that there will be less stipendiary clergy deployed in Devon as every penny raised by the Common Fund goes to pay for stipendiary clergy. Gradually, over time, this will affect the provision of our ministry. Some churches may have to close [not that I want to see this happen], others will find that the provision of services will be reduced. We have been largely shielded from these things to date because of the deployment of self-supporting and retired clergy but with 25%+ of stipendiary clergy retiring in the next few years, and none of our self-supporting or retired clergy getting any younger, do not be surprised if rapid changes continue to happen. It gives me no pleasure in pointing these things out, neither do I want to have to say "told you so" but having heard regularly cries of "we've lost our vicar" I do not want people to be unaware of the reasons why this is happening. I remain convinced that our financial malaise is part of a larger spiritual malaise. I wrote extensively about this earlier in 2013 and I have no wish to labour the point again, lest some consider me to be patronising.

Despite this background of inevitable change, Tavistock Deanery Pastoral Committee were unable to convince the Deanery Synod and Deanery Chapter for the need to look at new ways of working across the Deanery so as to make the best use of our resources. The majority voted for the status quo. So we are working within that framework.

For our own part, as I have already alluded to, there has been a great deal of work behind the scenes in discussions concerning our ecumenical partnerships with our Methodist friends and also in gearing up to move forward with the proposal to become a United Benefice. On the surface progress may appear slow, but these are complex issues to resolve. Hopefully 2014 will bring matters to a conclusion.

We have also spent considerable time re-vamping our website and building a database to improve our communications. We are always looking at this area of our common life because communicating effectively is always something we can improve.

Signs of the kingdom

Once again I want to say a thank you to everyone who is involved in the faithful weekly delivery of services across the Mission Community in each of the parishes, both lay and ordained. This is the backbone of our worship, all too easily taken for granted, but vital to our spiritual health and well-being and that includes all those who work behind the scenes getting our services ready: the wardens, sides-people, flower arrangers and cleaners. Thanks are also due to those who play organs and other ways of making music. I am greatly encouraged that we are seeing vocations for authorised ministry. Please pray for Martin Jury as he trains as a Reader over the course of the next two years.

We continue to give thanks for the work of the worship teams across the Mission Community. [Nosh@9.30](#) continues to see many young families attend where previously we had almost none. We continue to look for ways to engage with young people and are in active talks with Catalyst Tavistock to see how we can move matters forward. There have been some fantastic services throughout the year and I thank God for the encouragement these have been.

The Choir continues to be popular and a great way of bringing people together across the Mission Community. The choir has added another dimension to our worship and are now being asked to sing at weddings and funerals.

Part of the ground work that we have undertaken has seen some visible signs of growth. A small group now meets weekly for Bible Study and fellowship. We are consciously looking to go deeper in our faith as well as reaching out to those of no faith. A *Pilgrim Course* will start in January 2014 and this is further evidence of new growth. Our monthly mid-week evening service is proving to be a very popular format with 25+ people meeting for worship and then sharing a meal afterwards. It is a great way to get to know each other better. Talking of getting to know each other better we have commenced a link with the Kenyan Diocese of Thika and have just been allocated a link parish, Kaira. We hope to develop that link further in 2014.

We have also learnt to laugh together. We have shared some hilarious evenings together over suppers in St Paul's Church Hall and enjoyed the amazing catering skills of Sheila Stacey. We look forward to more in 2014!

Gary and I spend a great deal of time engaged with the schools in the area: our two church schools on a weekly basis and our two county schools on a monthly basis. This is building bridges into our communities and I hope is greatly enjoyed by 400+ children. Add to this our involvement as school governors with our Church Schools Federation and it is apparent that schools form much of our ongoing regular weekly work pattern. We are very grateful to the generous support of the parishes this year which meant that we have been able to buy a portable sound system, digital projector and screen which we use extensively with the schools and across the Mission

Community. We have also been able to buy some DVDs which we use to enhance the Collective Worship.

The ministerial team has also been extremely busy in 2013 with occasional offices (baptisms, weddings and funerals). We had the joy of conducting 13 weddings and sadly 54 Funerals. In addition, we have been called upon to assist other parishes, particularly Tavistock with funerals. The Fees account turned over £25,000+ all of which is funnelled back into ministry both locally and with the Diocese.

Comings and Goings

We welcome to the ministerial team:

Revd Patrick Parkes as Associate Priest working across the whole Mission Community for half of his time. The other half of his time will be dedicated to working with South West Ministry Training Course where he will concentrate on training Readers. Patrick and his wife Viv will move into Yelverton Rectory and commence work with us around April 2014.

We have also said some goodbyes:

Revd Andy Barton, following a lengthy time off work, has commenced a new role as a Deanery Curate working with the Rural Dean Nick Law based in Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers. These have been tricky times for Andy, Sioned, Tom & Hannah and we pray for them as Andy settles into the new training role.

We have said goodbye to some very significant people who have died in 2013: Michael Child and Win Brown who served St Paul's faithfully for so many years; Douglas Henderson and John Fry who will be greatly missed at St Peter's Meavy as well as more widely across the Mission Community and June Smalley and Joe Pennigton-Mellor at St Mary's Walkhampton. There are others who have moved away, notably Chrissie Brannagan who acted as Mission Community Secretary as well as fulfilling roles at St Mary's Walkhampton. All these people will be greatly missed and will be difficult to replace. Inevitably, in naming names I run the risk of leaving someone out and so I apologise if this is the case. Everyone who dies is a unique person whom we mourn and who we commit to the mercy and protection of God, our maker and redeemer.

So how much we need that perseverance mentioned in Hebrews 12 so that we can continue to run the race. Some may be tempted to 'rest awhile' but the Spirit calls us on into 2014 as can be seen from the Mission Community Action Plan which is outlined in this report.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Revd Preb Nick Shutt
Rector

Mission Action Plan 2013

2013 has been a time of building the foundations of our Mission Action Plan on previous years' work. We started the year with the Mission Community Council

setting up 5 Task & Finish Groups (T&F1-5) to move forward our agreed aims and objectives:

What has been the fruit of this work?

T&F 1 Discipleship

Lent Groups were written and led by ministry team

Use of child friendly communion liturgy at Baptisms

Use of Ugly Duckling material at men's breakfast and Midweek service.

Foundational work to set up a framework for courses & groups to be rolled out in 2014

T&F 2 Vocations

What have we done?

Set up a network of Listening ears in the congregations

Written a pastoral care statement (yet to be published)

Inclusion of new members of the Pastoral group (Horrabridge)

Wings for worship course training for worship teams.

Beginnings of a worship team for St John's Horrabridge

Someone is training for Reader Ministry

T&F 3 Stewardship etc

A Database is being set up to allow us to contact people much more easily

A Stewardship campaign set out the Financial Challenges across the Mission Community

'Bus Lists' have been worked on to map out who does what so we can move towards greater administrative coherence

We are working towards becoming a single United Benefice

We have been awarded Fair Trade certification

We are developing our ministry to Tourists and visitors

We have established a link with Thika Diocese Kenya

We began to develop a strategy for outreach to visitors

We are working towards becoming an eco-mission community to take seriously 'green issues'

We have re-vamped the Website

T&F 4 Children & Young People

Clergy engage with Meavy & Walkhampton Schools weekly and Princetown and Horrabridge Schools monthly, reaching over 400 children each month.

[Nosh@9.30](#) is growing and a similar style of service is being rolled out at Horrabridge

Yet we acknowledge that this remains an area of considerable challenge for 2014

T&F 5 Safeguarding

We have set up the Diocesan Safeguarding procedures

We are working through those who need to undergo the necessary safeguarding procedures in the Mission Community.

Re-packing our bags for 2014

We will refocus our Mission Action Plan to work with 4 themes in 2014:

1. Discipleship, Mission & Vocations ('Deeper and Wider')

What will 'success' look like?

- Lent Course: increased numbers attending on last year

- 1 or more Baptism Families continuing with at least irregular attendance perhaps at Nosh
- 5+ People on the inquirers course
- 2+ Confirmations
- 10+ People on the Discipleship course
- Small group meeting regularly
- Additional small group established
- Things in place for our areas still to be explored
- New people taking active part in running and leading the above
- Ways of encouraging Ministerial team beyond the training and meeting together that already happens
- Initiatives to promote licensed ministry
- Links to Thika expanded
- A plan for each church and the Mission Community on outreach to Visitors

2. Admin & Structural coherence – particularly our direction of travel towards a single united Benefice

What will 'success' look like?

agreed with the Diocese in 2014 in terms of the legal structures for a Single United Benefice.

Build on the work undertaken with the Management Consultants to streamline our admin

3. Children & Young People

Continue to engage with the Primary Schools in the area consolidating existing links.

Building links with other youth organisations in the area

What will 'success' look like?

- Taking steps to link in with Catalyst and the School Pastors scheme
- Putting on 2 youth related events

4. Communication

This is a key objective for 2014 – improving the way in which we communicate with each other and those outside our church communities:

Website roll out and development is key

Using all our means of communication effectively ...Weekly Bulletin...notice boards...

What will 'success' look like?

- A new website that is up to date and communicating effectively
- Finding someone in each parish to champion communication and be proactive in promoting our presence
- Progress to becoming a single united Benefice with soundings and discussions across the Mission Community as to how we can organise ourselves and have a first draft of the proposal

West Dartmoor Mission Community

Receipts and Payment accounts for the year to 31st December 2013

Receipts

		£	£
Parish Dues			
	Meavy	1,394	
	Yelverton	1,147	
	Horrabridge	1,038	
	Walkhampton	735	
	Sampford Spiney	303	
	Sheepstor	155	
	Princetown	45	
	Balance b/f from 2012	683	5,500
Planned Giving			1,790
Service Collections			
	NOSH		1,405
Special Events			
	Suppers		768
Music			
	Choral donations		165
Travel Credits			1,042
Special Donations			
	Audio Equipment		1,640
Miscellaneous			287
Total			12,597

Payments

Clergy Expenses			4,852
Courses			
	Reflective Practice	400	
	Readers	405	
	Pilgrim Course	360	1,165
Printing			475
Services			
	NOSH		900
Music			271
Books			655
Mission			95
Miscellaneous			
	Audio Equipment		1,729
	Website		324
	Other		291
Total			10,757
Surplus of Receipts over Payments			1,840
Diocesan Grant b/f from 2012			500
Surplus carried forward to 2014			2,340

Deanery Synod Report

Again there have again been three meetings, in February, June and October. June was a joint meeting at Lewdown with the Okehampton Deanery. The pattern continued of a presentation on a specific topic followed by the business part of the meeting after a break for refreshments.

In February the speaker was the Revd. David Muir who spoke on Mission Shaped Ministry.

The topic in June was the charity 'Christian Aid' by Laura McAdam. She described how the charity tries to find sustainable projects and ways in which to help develop sustainable agriculture. 'Divine Chocolate' was given as an example of a project which 'Christian Aid' had originally supported. Revd. David Muir then talked about 'Just Living' with the emphasis on 'just'. Using Fairtrade products was emphasised at every meeting.

In October a lively presentation was given by four young people working for 'Catalyst' describing the work of 'Catalyst' at Tavistock College and Kelly College and in Tavistock.

Annie Inman

Thika Link

Our link with Kairi Parish in Thika is slow but we are keeping in touch. I emailed Rev Wilson in September and got the following message.

Here at ACK Kairi, we are fine in the Lord. Since the beginning of this year, the Diocese(all Parishes) have been engaged in the process of retiring the first Bishop of Thika Diocese The Rt. Rev. Dr. Gideon Githiga which took place on 25/8/2013 followed by the election, consecration and enthronement of the 2nd Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Julius Wanyoike on 8th September 2013. We thank God for a very smooth transition.

Kairi Parish is a rural Parish in the outskirts of Thika town (25kms to be specific).

The parish is made up of two congregations:- St. Peter's Kairi and ACK Kagambwa and is very much involved in Mission work through cell churches which meet on Thursdays. The Parish is blessed with the fastest growing Micro-finance group and community "Bank" in the Diocese and beyond. All church departments - men, women, youth, brigade and sunday school are doing very well particularly in Mission and evangelism.

We are committed to do all that is needed to grow this Link between our two mission communities. We need a prayer calender from you and we will also send ours to you in the near future to partner in our prayers.

Thanks and be blessed.

*Many regards from Kairi Christians,
Wilson*

I have sent him a Prayer calendar but have yet to receive one back. I emailed him after the Nairobi shopping centre tragedy and had a short reply and also over the Christmas holidays but didn't get a reply then, I guess he was rather busy.

I attended a Thika Link day in May where I learnt about their economy and we had a report from Tearfund on the Umoja programme.

Kairi have the fastest growing Micro bank and was the second one ever to be set up. This has been a great help for the people of Kairi, it means they can easily save money until they have enough to secure a loan to start a "Shamba" small farm. It also means that they do not have to walk to Nairobi and back to go to the bank!!

Prayer is key. Face to face visits really make the link come alive. Money is not needed unless there is a specific project identified. It can be paternalistic and create dependency which is counterproductive. It is hard to get English parishes to understand this.

Sheila Manning

West Dartmoor Mission Community Choir

As last year the choir met 50 times during the year. They led the singing at the monthly Evensong and festival services. At one of the monthly mid-week services the choir led the singing of a version of Psalm 27 written and composed by Nick and Chris Shutt. In May the choir sang an anthem by John Rutter and led the Choral Evensong at St Mary's Sampford Spiney. The singing at a wedding in St John's Horrabridge was much appreciated where another Rutter anthem was sung.

It was fun to practice in the sunshine outdoors on a summer's evening followed by a barbecue with friends and family at Clover Park. A young cellist accompanied us on this occasion. In July we led the singing at the Sea Sunday service in St Peter's Meavy. Some members attended the choral workshop at Kelly College to sing John Rutter's music led by conductor Christopher Robinson from Cambridge.

December was a month filled with practices and carol singing at St Michael's Princetown, The Walkhampton Inn, St Paul's Yelverton, St John's Horrabridge, St Leonard's Sheepstor and St Peter's Meavy. New members to the choir are all made very welcome.

Pauline Hamilton-Leggett

Midweek Evening Services

This past year has seen the start of a monthly Thursday service of Evening Prayer, which is followed by a time of fellowship in the nearest pub for food and/or drink. On each occasion we have used a different form of evening prayer ranging from Celtic Northumbrian; Celtic Ionan; Franciscan and Common Worship for the Epiphany season amongst others. Those who have attended these evening services have found the variety and style of worship to be very refreshing and uplifting. Each service has included a short address, which has helped us take a fresh look at some things that we often let pass us by. Among those issues we have thought about is how the Christian life is one of pilgrimage - we are people of the 'Way'. We have also taken a fresh look at some Christian art and a little of what can be learnt from icons. We have also considered the vastness of creation and tried to grapple with the question 'How big is God'. Attendance is drawn from right across the benefice and has never been less than 15 but has been as high as 26 so if you haven't already why not come and give it a try. It is not expected that those who go to the service will also go to the pub to eat and or drink or for that matter the other way round!! But it is a good way of getting to know people who attend a different church from the one you usually go to.

Revd Mike Fairall

Mission Community Prayer Chain

Members of the Prayer Chain continue to meet at three-monthly intervals for updates on those for whom we pray every day. They include anyone in our parishes, together with our own relatives who are ill or in need.

Requests are welcome from all those who would like us to pray for them and these requests are treated in the strictest confidence. If you would like to be known to most of the 'chain' anonymously, just speak to one of the team and we will not disclose your true identity to the others – an A or B, etc. would be used.

A list of the members of the Prayer Chain should be displayed at the back of each of the churches

Nicky Smith

Pastoral Visitors

There is a small group of people who visit a great number of people across the Mission Community in the name of the Church. This activity is supported by bi-monthly meetings where the group gather for prayer, some training and sharing. Much of what goes on happens unnoticed but it is a quiet but vital piece of pastoral work. This year to try and make sure we were not missing anyone church members in each church volunteered to be “listening ears” reporting back to us on any visiting needs this has worked very well in most cases.

Revd Capt Gary Shirley

Mothers' Union Report

Our small, but loyal group of members who meet once a month for communion and social and prayer time. In addition we are fully involved in many aspects of the Mission Community. In the spring we have a service and tea, to which we invite guests from our local community to join us. Our underlying purpose is to support the Mothers' Union's Aims and Objectives which are to promote marriage and family life and help people whose “life has met with adversity”. Why not come and find out about us on the 1st Wednesday of the month at St Paul's at 10.15am?

Anne Medhurst

Ladies Lunches

2013 was another very successful year for our group.

Our first speaker was Joice Reith from Meavy who gave us a wonderful talk about growing up in Plymouth immediately before and at the beginning of World War 2.

Joyce was followed by Linda Williams from the Dartmoor Rescue group – another very interesting topic which was well received.

Because of the early Easter we did not have a lunch in March, but Sue Savage, a former Macmillan Nurse talked to us in April.

Many of us have fond memories of Anne Hills when she was the local Community Midwife and we still see her from time to time at present. Anne gave us another interesting talk in May.

In June, Angela Banfield, a Methodist preacher talked to us about her recent holiday in Wales. She told us how the sheep on the Welsh hillsides reminded her of Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

About a year previously, I had asked Mary Helby if she would talk about the church in America. She seemed a bit reluctant and needed a good reminder just before! How could Mary fail to amuse us?! She was wonderful, and I think we all appreciated the chance for a good laugh.

As usual, there was no meeting in August and in September our booked speaker was unable to come at the last moment. Acting as a replacement for me as I was on holiday, Susanna had to find someone at the last moment. Jacqui Giddings very kindly stepped-in and gave the talk but was unable to have lunch with us. We were very grateful to her.

In October, Sarah Folland, the sister of Annie Inman, kindly joined us from Taunton. She spoke about her time as the Matron of the Exeter hospice.

For our last meeting of the year, Angie Beaumont, who runs a shoe-box charity for the poor children of Plymouth, talked about her work. Many of us gave donations towards the purchase of presents for the children.

As usual, there was no meeting in December.

It seems that our members enjoyed our very varied programme this year, with numbers ranging between eighteen and twenty-two. Many turn up month by month, but we still seem unable to attract ladies from Sampford Spiney, Sheepstor, Princetown and Walkhampton. However, we are strongly supported by Meavy, Yelverton and Horrabridge and at least one, sometimes two ladies from Holy Cross.

I cannot express my gratitude enough for Susanna's support and to all those who come along month by month. Especial thanks to those who give their time voluntarily to talk to us.

Nicky Smith

Men's Breakfasts

The Men's Breakfast met 10 times in 2013 at the Burrator Inn Dousland where we were made very welcome by Phil & Sara. The full English breakfast attracted between 15-20 men each month who heard speakers talk of their faith in relation to careers as Naval divers, steam train firemen, high ranking civil servants and a whole host more. These informal breakfasts are ecumenical in flavour with Methodists, Anglicans and Roman Catholics sitting down to enjoy getting to know each other. Look out for details in the weekly bulletin or contact Nick if you would like to come.

West Dartmoor Mission Community Website **www.westdartmoormissioncommunity.co.uk**

Discussions commenced in mid-2013 to revamp our website. The object being to change the layout for tablet and phone users, make it easier to find pages, and to include social media – yes, you can now tweet us and follow us on Facebook. Once again we are indebted to Chris Dorey who designed the website around our wants and needs. By October the site was up and running.

One particular change that has been well received is the “Upcoming Events” on the front page. It is now very easy to see what is taking place amongst our churches. One particular church has sent in events up to Christmas 2014! So it is really essential that the calendar be checked in order to avoid a clash of events within our community.

Using Google Analytics we can look at numerous statistics. From mid-October 2013 to mid-February 2014 we have had over 2000 visits. The average visit time was just under 3 minutes with 4 pages usually looked at. The most popular pages being the weekly bulletin, service rota and wedding information. Interestingly on Christmas Eve we had 50 visits looking at our service information. Browsers used include Internet Explorer (28%); Chrome (26%); Safari (24%); Firefox (9.5%) and Android (4%). 94% of all hits came from the UK. As expected our local area of Plymouth had the largest number of users with 24%. Others include London (13%); Bath (11.5%); Southampton (5.6%); Bournemouth (2.1%); Exeter (2.1%), followed by Oxford, Fairford, Torquay, Bristol, Halesowen, Manchester, Cardiff, Birmingham and 281 other places! Over 30% of all hits are now from Apple iPad, Apple iPhone and Samsung Galaxy devices.

Peter H-L

Supper Evenings & Cream Teas

Outreach to the local community can take a number of different forms. Based at St Paul's, the 4 Cream Teas run by Sheila Stacey and her team have now become known to many people in Yelverton and much further afield. Walkers and cyclists have been delighted to join 'locals' in sampling these famous teas and an impressive sum of over £850 was raised.

Sheila has also been the driving force, together with David Stratford assisting with the catering and Pauline Hamilton-Leggett providing musical expertise, at a number of Themed Evenings which this year included an Australasian Barbeque and an Austrian Evening. People from all of the Mission Community Churches have been delighted to attend these evenings (together with a number of 'outsiders') and have all enjoyed the food and entertainment provided. Although not aimed at being occasions for fundraising, these evenings have also been financially successful and significant donations have been made to church funds.

Both Cream Teas and further themed evenings are already planned for 2014.

David Stratford

Small Group

Following an open meeting in September to discuss the possibility of having a small group meeting each week for Bible study, prayer and fellowship, it was decided to experiment with this and the group has met each week with a break for Christmas since October 9th. There are about 10 regular members with between 4 and 8 meeting each week. A review will take place in July 2014, to decide whether this group should continue, but it is hoped that it will grow and that other groups may be established

Revd Capt Gary Shirley

Church Schools' Report

Both Lady Modiford's and Meavy Primary school of the West Dartmoor Federation have had another exciting but challenging year. We have been focussing on continuing to provide the best possible education for our pupils within settings with a strong Christian ethos.

The schools have been working alongside the Diocese, Local Authority and other local schools to improve teaching and learning by sharing what is best practice in each school. Many of the local area primary schools have joined together with Tavistock College within the Cooperative Trust which has provided an excellent forum to share ideas and support each other for the benefit of all pupils.

The federation staff, governors and children have also been revisiting our ethos. This is represented by a beautifully embroidered and painted fabric tree in each school. The roots of the tree reflect what we aspire to send our pupils out into the world with 'passion for learning', 'tolerance', 'understanding' etc. The branches are areas of study with fruit representing Christian values. The children then write on 'leaves' anything they have done which links the three. This approach also ensures the children are not only engaged in the ethos but have a better understanding of what it means to be part of a Church school and family.

Alongside this work, both schools continue to grow some of their own vegetables. Lady Modiford's chickens are laying well and the new poly tunnel is being equipped with money won through the Skipton Building Society's 'Big 160' competition. At Meavy the raised beds are being tended and there are plans for growing potatoes and a herb garden.

Both schools are looking forward to a new set of computing equipment including some tablet PCs. We are very fortunate that both Meavy PTA and Lady Modiford's FoLM are tireless in their support of the schools, raising great amounts of money to help the schools enhance our work. Their generous support alongside grants from the Parish Council and Lady Modiford's Trustees has enabled both sites to overhaul our ICT. We strongly believe that we shouldn't waste the beautiful area we live in and get children learning in the environment. Having tablets will enable the children to be more mobile when recording their work and observations. This will really enhance our delivery of the new curriculum in September 2014.

Our celebrations of Harvest, Christmas and Easter once again were joyful occasions and well received by parents and the church and local community. Please remember we are very pleased to see the local community celebrating with us.

Gavin Hamilton Executive Head Teacher

Report of the Parish of St Paul's, Yelverton in 2013

PCC Meetings

The PCC has met 5 times during the year. Among other subjects discussed was the Quinquennial Report. Much of the work referred to therein has since been carried out. Thanks were expressed to all who had dealt with the clear up and purchase of replacement items in the Church following the theft which occurred about one year ago. A new, improved notice board at the entrance was installed during the year. A replacement time clock for the Christmas floodlight and crib at the entrance was also fitted.

During the year, Cream Teas, once again organised by Sheila Stacey, were a great success. The hire of the Church for concerts by Plymouth University and Dante String Quartet was also successful. The joint Harvest Supper with Holy Cross Roman Catholics and Rock Methodists was enjoyable, and the Devon Historic Churches Fund was supported by parishioners. The well organised Church fete went well.

The Alms and Oblations Committee have made grants totalling £1250 to Missions and Charities, apart from the grants made by the Mission Community from Lent and Harvest and the Christingle and Crib Services.

The PCC was very sorry to record the death of Win Brown, a former member of the PCC and choir and a devoted sacristan, who had served the Church for very many years. The PCC was also very sad that Michael Child had died. Michael had contributed much to the life of the Church during his time on the PCC, and as Churchwarden for 16 years. Due to illness, Ruth Jukes has had to give up playing the organ and leading the choir, after a number of years of loyal service at St Paul's.

The PCC expresses its thanks:

*To Nick Shutt, particularly, and to Gary Shirley and the other ministers, for their work on behalf of the Parish and Mission Community

*To the congregation for their support and co-operation, and,

*To all those who help in so many different ways.

Fabric Report 2013

The lightning conductor has been inspected by Dawsons. Additional ground water drainage channels have been fitted outside the north side of the church. The gutters and down pipes have been cleared, the organ and piano tuned, and the boiler serviced. During the year, the oak stand for the paschal candle was repaired and renovated, following a generous donation by a parishioner in memory of her late parents and brother. The goods and chattels have been checked, and are substantially in order.

Occasional Offices 2013

Marriages	1
Baptisms	8
Funerals	8

Tim Emerson

Treasurer's Financial Review

It is a pleasure to be able to report an increased financial surplus for 2013, producing £5,901 following £3,652 in the previous year.

This improvement did arise principally from the reduction in our Common Fund contribution to the Diocese. It was gratifying to be able to meet our Common Fund requirement in full, and I pass on the thanks from the Diocese for making this effort. However, the reduction in this levy simply reflects the fall in worshipping numbers at St Paul's. This is not something to cheer about, and I am sure we would all wish to be part of a parish with an expanding number of regular parishioners.

The improving feature of our regular giving reported in recent years did not continue into 2013. Whilst there was a welcome increase in giving through Monthly Bankers standing orders in response to the Stewardship Initiative in mid year, this was more than outweighed by a fall in amounts contributed through the Weekly Planned Giving Envelopes.

There were a number of significant donations for which we are most grateful. Also the healthy miscellaneous income reflects another magnificent contribution from Sheila Stacey and her team of helpers' Cream Teas of £867, and the Dante concert afternoon produced a splendid £585. Another main income contributor was from the Insurance Claim of £647 following the unwelcome intrusion into the church at the end of 2012 and damage to property. This item was of course balanced by the amount included elsewhere of the cost of replacing the property damaged.

The income tax recovered from Gift Aided contributions showed a one-off increase because under the new HMRC system we were able to put in our claims earlier.

The weather was less kind this year at the time of our Church Fete, and although our team raised the excellent amount of £938 it was materially less than the result in the previous year. However, in view of the healthy state of our finances, we still felt able to maintain the same level of discretionary Mission Giving.

Our expenditure is fairly consistent with the previous year, but items of particular note are the new notice board outside the gate, and the improved drainage along the front of the church which has stood up to the test of all the recent heavy rainfall.

The Church Hall continues to thrive through excellent usage, and the cash flow from our users has enabled us to meet all the maintenance requirements as they arise. In particular this year, much of the external panelling needed replacing. It is an old and much loved building, but inevitably this will continue to generate regular repair needs. After meeting these costs we can still report an excellent surplus for the year of £1,674.

It is good to be able to report a year when our head has been well above water, and I thank everyone for their contribution.

Brian Medhurst

ST PAUL'S CHURCH YELVERTON
Receipts and Payments Account for year to 31 December 2013

	2013		2012	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Income				
Envelopes & Bank				
Standing Orders	20,770		22,934	
Cash Collections	2,400		2,776	
Other Donations	2,043		1,128	
Legacies	0	25,213	0	26,838
Tax Recoveries				
Income tax recovered	6,074	6,074	5,627	5,627
Investment Income				
Dividends & Interest	964	964	857	857
Other Income				
Fees	1,906		1,323	
Summer Fete	938		1,259	
Special Parish Efforts	1,749		2,018	
Miscellaneous	2,180	6,773	1,271	5,871
TOTAL RECEIPTS		39,024		39,193
PAYMENTS				
The Ministry				
Clergy Expenses	1,147	1,147	1,249	1,249
The Church & Services				
Heating & Lighting	2,304		2,153	
Fire & Insurance	3,245		3,322	
Cleaning	911		923	
Organist	0		0	
Choir	0		0	
Upkeep of Services	148		81	
Repairs & Renewals	2,952		2,910	
Property	684	10,244	0	9,389
Other Ordinary Parish Expenses				
Gardening	805		541	
Magazine Diocesan Insert	84		90	
Parish Expenses	151	1,040	250	881
Payments Outside the Parish				
Diocesan Common Fund Contribution	16,829		20,698	
Mission Giving	2,999		3,278	
Miscellaneous Expenditure	864		46	24,022
TOTAL PAYMENTS		33,123		35,541

	2013	2012
	£	£
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	5,901	3,652
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) to TOWER FUND	0	0
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) to GENERAL RESERVE	5,901	3,652

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH YELVERTON

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2013

ASSETS	Market Value £	Cost £	£
Investments			
Equities Investment Fund for Charities	49,766		
CBF Investment Fund Shares	28,499		
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank		17,934	
Cash in Hand		101	
Deposit Account		8,500	
Fixed term deposit		30,000	56,535
Fixed Assets			
St Paul's Church Hall	Nil		Nil
Total Assets			82,670
REPRESENTED BY			
Current Liabilities			
Loan from St Paul's Church Hall			
GENERAL RESERVE ACCOUNT			
Balance at 1 January		70,010	
Surplus/(Deficit) after movements within designated accounts		5,901	
Balance at 31 December			75,911
TOWER FUND ACCOUNT			
Balance at 1 January		1,759	
Surplus/(Deficit) on Tower Fund account		0	
Balance at 31 December			
Total Balance Sheet Value			82,670

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH HALL YELVERTON
Receipts and Payments Account for year
to 31 December 2013

	2013	2012
	£	£
Lettings	7,335	7,602
Electricity Meters	1,092	962
TOTAL RECEIPTS	8,427	8,564
EXPENDITURE		
Heating & Lighting	1,728	1,462
Repairs & Renewals	2,632	3,046
Insurance	1,436	1,421
Cleaning	606	665
Misc. Exps.	351	392
TOTAL PAYMENTS	6,753	6,986
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	1,674	1,578

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2013

	2013	2012
	£	£
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Loan to St Paul's Church	5,000	5,000
Cash at Bank	12,934	11,277
Cash in Hand	126	109
Total Assets	18,060	16,386
REPRESENTED BY:		
Accumulation of Funds		
Balance at 1 January	16,386	14,808
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	1,674	1,578
Total Balance Sheet Value	18,060	16,386

ST.PAUL'S CHURCH YELVERTON

Notes to Financial Statements for year ended 31 December 2013

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 £47,451 and £39,876 respectively.
5. The combined total of balance sheet reserves at 31st December 2013 for the Church and the Church Hall amounted to £95,730
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 13th February 2014

PCC Chairman
Mr Tim Emerson

Treasurer
Brian Medhursts

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

Notes to Financial Statements for year ended 31 December 2012

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11. 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 £47,757 and £42,527 respectively.
12. The combined total of balance sheet reserves at 31st December 2012 for the Church and the Church Hall amounted to £86,396
13. 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.
14. Monies received at funerals for specified charities are not included in the accounts.

Approved by the PCC on 7th February 2013

PCC Chairman
Mr Tim Emerson

Treasurer
Brian Medhurst

Report of the Independent Examiner

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Report of the Parish of St Peter's Meavy for 2013

PCC Report

The PCC has had five full meetings during 2013 and these have been well attended. There are at present four vacancies on the council and the number currently on the Electoral Roll is 66. Captain David Tall was co-opted onto the council in September. Mrs Sarah Gordon was elected as churchwarden at the APCM in March 2013 and Mr Phil Helby stepped down after six years in the post. Dr Jenny Sharp continued as churchwarden.

Everyone at St Peter's has been saddened at the deaths in 2013 of two very long serving friends and supporters of the church – Douglas Henderson and John Fry. Their wisdom and experience are much missed.

Services continue to be generally well attended. The 'Service of The Word' which is now on the second Sunday of the month continues to gradually develop with those who take their turn in leading it now co-ordinating the participation of younger members of the congregation in the service. The PCC would like to thank all members of the clergy team who take our services and all who assist and participate. About a hundred people attended the church on Christmas morning. A family 'Christmas Celebration' was held on 27th December in which several families were involved. We would like to thank Mrs Pauline Hamilton- Leggett our organist and also Mr Ron Keates and Rebecca Bloomer who play the keyboard at the second Sunday service.

It is hoped that plans for the work needed to the east window – re-leading and related re-pointing work and re-pointing to the whole east wall - will be carried out this year. There has been a substantial amount of discussion at PCC meetings relating to this and other work stemming from the Quinquennial inspection. Fund-raising specifically for the east window work is commencing. The PCC greatly values the support of the Friends of St Peter's.

Several charities have been supported at different services and at the Lent and Harvest Lunches and St Peter's provided the teas at the Meavy Oak Fair.

The PCC would also like to thank all those who contribute in very many different ways to the life of St Peter's; to name just a few of the tasks - from clock winding to cleaning to caring for the churchyard.

Occasional Offices: 5 Baptisms, 4 Weddings and 6 Funerals.

Financial Review

Fabric Report

Following the Quinquennial inspection in 2012 the roof timbers and roof voids have been inspected for infestations and detailed plans are being drawn up to enable the PCC to apply for permission to do the works necessary.

A survey of bats in the church was undertaken by Natural England and pipistrelle, long-eared and lesser horse-shoe bats were identified.

After discussions with our builder, glazier and architect the PCC took the decision to proceed with the repair to the East window and apply for permission from the DAC at the same time to repoint in lime mortar the external east chancel wall.

The repairs to the reredos and proposals for the chancel steps will be addressed again in due course.

Various minor works identified under the inspection have been completed The 5 yearly electrical inspection has been completed and some electrical work done. Regular grass cutting and maintenance of the churchyard has been undertaken with volunteers helping to care for sections of our boundaries. A digital copy of the burial register has been made.

Jenny Sharp and Sarah Gordon Churchwardens

Flower Arrangers' Report

During 2013 the flower arranging team continued to provide lovely altar displays throughout the year and, together with other helpers, made the Church look even more spectacular for Easter, Harvest and Christmas. Many, many thanks to everyone who contributes, including the kind people who allow us to pick things from their gardens or who make donations for the purchase of flowers, and those who provide and decorate the Christmas Tree and the Easter Garden.

We were asked to do the flowers for two of the three weddings at Meavy during the year and we also found that more people were asking us to make particular displays for funerals. We feel very privileged to be asked to do this as it adds a very personal touch to any funeral or thanksgiving service.

Ros Tall

Bell ringers' report

We have had a fairly full year covering services and weddings within the benefice, which is only due to the fact that we have a committed band of ringers that are willing to turn out for wherever they are needed each week.

We have enjoyed our usual trip away in May, this year to Cornwall, and in October the deanery day was hosted by Lamerton, another successful day.

There is always a welcome and if anyone in the congregation thinks they would like to have a go then please come along to practice night (Monday in Sheepstor or Thursday in Meavy, both at 7:30p.m.) or get in touch with the tower captain.

Meavy 853370

Sheepstor 852970

Pauline Brown

Meavy Tower Captain

Friends of St Peter's Church

The Friends of St Peter's Church was set up to help support the Church Council in maintaining the fabric of the Church. Sadly one of our founding members Mr Douglas Henderson died in February and Mr Stephen Hughes has taken over as our Treasurer. The Friends held various events during 2013.

The Friends committee manned the bookstall at Meavy Oak Fair, helping to raise funds for the village and community.

Our chairman, Michael Parle led a well supported walk to look at the route of the old mill leat in August, which was followed by a cream tea. We were pleased to welcome Mrs Sue Andrews to our Annual Meeting who gave a most interesting talk about the

roof bosses in Meavy and other churches. In November Callington Community Gospel choir visited St Peter's for a lively concert. Plymouth Clarion Male Voice choir will give a concert in November 2014 and also we will have another walk and cream tea in August.

Our membership stands at 40. We produce an annual newsletter, copies of which may be picked up at the back of church or downloaded from our website. 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. We urgently need some more committee members.

Please pick up a leaflet from the back of the church or visit our website [www.meavy.org.uk /fsp](http://www.meavy.org.uk/fsp)

St Peter's Church, Meavy

Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2013

Priest in Charge:

The Revd. N S Shutt
12 Blackbrook Close
Walkhampton

Bank:

National Westminster Bank
Bedford Square
Tavistock

Independent Examiner:

Mr. D Walker

Meavy Parochial Church Council
Financial Statement for year ended 31 December 2013
GENERAL FUND Receipts and Payments Account

	2013		2012	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Planned Giving				
Gift Aided	11,086.30		10,978.85	
Income tax recovered	3,002.11		3,843.06	
Not Gift Aided	845.00	14,933.41	645.00	15,466.91
Other Voluntary Income				
Church collections	3,250.20		2,270.84	
Donations (See note 2)	1,149.31		743.93	
Income tax recovered	0		0	
Special Collections (see note 3)	1,061.49		1,560.90	
Fundraising (see note 4)	955.30		950.76	
Legacy	1,500.00	7,916.30		5,526.43
Churchyard Income				
Burial fees and memorials	367.00		1,469.00	
Burrator Parish Council Grant	0	367.00	0	1,469.00
Miscellaneous Income				
Wedding and other fees	887.00		708.00	
Funeral fees	288.00		495.00	
Investment income	1,259.76		1,250.00	
Contribution to church costs	0		1,600.00	
Refunds (VAT/Insurance)	0		0	
Services Upkeep	109.30	2,544.06	10.35	4,063.35
TOTAL RECEIPTS		25,760.77		26,525.69

	2013		2012	
	£	£	£	£
PAYMENTS				
The Ministry				
Benefice Expenses	1,494.45		1,188.88	
Common Fund	17,000.00	18,494.45	19,867.00	21,055.88
Church Building and Services				
Electricity & fuel oil	2,368.40		2,319.94	
Minor works	726.80		291.00	
Inspections & reports	861.28		796.24	
Insurance	2,213.35		2,149.37	
Upkeep of services	171.70		416.79	
Major Works	1,544.08	7,885.61	114.14	6,087.48
Miscellaneous				
Churchyard maintenance	948.00		1,056.00	
Fund raising cost (see note 5)	64.00		92.00	
Parish magazine	139.00		121.50	

General expenses (see note 6)	66.12		173.92	
Payment to charities (see note 7)	1,404.44	2,621.56	1,810.90	3,254.32
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>29,001.62</u>		<u>30,397.68</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		-3,240.85		-3,871.99
Bank current & deposit accounts at 1 Jan 2013		<u>12,649.13</u>		<u>15,121.12</u>
Bank current & deposit accounts at 31 Dec 2013-		<u>9,617.35</u>		<u>12,649.13</u>

Meavy Parochial Church Council
Financial Statement for year ended 31 December 2013

RESTRICTED FUNDS Summary				
	Fabric General	Churchyard	SPY Club	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
Receipts +	0	1,000.00	0	1,400.00
Payments -	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Bank accounts at 1/01/2013	<u>10,137.56</u>	<u>142.00</u>	<u>37.00</u>	<u>10,316.56</u>
Bank accounts at 31/12/2013	<u>11,537.56</u>	<u>1,142.00</u>	<u>37.00</u>	<u>12,716.56</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES at 31 December 2013				
	2013		2012	
	£	£	£	£
	Market Value	Cost	Market Value	Cost
Investment assets				
M&G Charifund (1,000 units)	14,391	987	11,998	987
CBF Investment Fund (1,168 shares)	14,025	<u>12,501</u>	13,267	12,501
	<u>28,416</u>	<u>13,488</u>	<u>25,265</u>	<u>13,488</u>
Cash funds				
Restricted Funds	<u>12,717</u>			11,717
Bank balance current account		9,617		
General Funds	<u>4,400</u>			932
Deposit account CBF		7,500		7,500
Total Cash	<u>17,117</u>			<u>20,149</u>
Other Monetary Assets/Liabilities				
Assets				
Gift Aid tax claim (General Fund)		3,500		<u>2,750</u>

Notes to Financial Statement for year ended 31st December 2013

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	
Funerals (Rowett/Wilcocks)	£266.07
Miscellaneous	£258.24
Benefice	£625.00
3. Special Collections (Charities)	
Catylist (Lent)	£136
Thika (Lent)	£74
Mission to Seafarers	£133.10
Farm Africa/Tavistock Food bank (Harvest)	£371.81
Royal British Legion	£179.51
Children's Society	£167.07
4. Fund raising	
Coffees	£249.85
BBQ	£260.00
DHCT walk	£25
Christmas stall	£125.07
Christmas Carol production	£295.38
5. Fund raising costs	
Meavy Hall rent (Lent/Harvest)	£64.00
6. General Expenses	
Treasurers	£45.62
St George Flag	£20.50
7. Payments to Charities	
Meavy School Governors	£250
Catalyst	£136
Thika	£74
Mission to Seafarers	£133.10
Farm Africa/Tavistock Foodbank (Harvest)	£464.76 (includes £92.95 Gift aid reclaim)
Royal British Legion	£179.51
Childrens Society	£167.07

Receipts – Planned Giving Income tax recovered for period from 1st January to 31st December 2012

Restricted funds account is money that has been donated or raised for a specific fund or purpose.

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 February 2014

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 2013 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 Denis Walker 3rd March 2014.

St Leonard's Church, Sheepstor

St Leonard's Church, Sheepstor

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the year ended 31 December 2013

Church Attendance and Services

The electoral roll rose from 18 to 21 of whom 14 were not resident in the parish.

We held services on every Sunday apart from Benefice services on 5th Sundays in the Month and in addition occasional mid-week and Festival services. The average church attendance counted in October was 9, but this increased significantly for church festivals and special services such as the carol service. Other large congregations came together for Good Friday, Harvest Festival, Christmas and services for Baptism, Weddings and Interments of ashes.

We were able to welcome to our worship during the year the Bishop Godfrey of Peru who celebrated Communion with us on Christmas Day when we had 28 people in the Church. As during his ministry in Peru the Church has expanded from 5 to 35 priests we hope some of that sense of the Holy Spirit at work for growth will rub off in our own Mission Community.

We again hosted the Good Friday walk of pilgrimage, with 54 people holding a short service at St Leonard's and carrying of the cross to the top of the Tor behind the Church. Many of those attending had started their pilgrimage at other churches in the Mission Community walking from as far as Princetown, Horrabridge, via Walkhampton, and Yelverton, via Meavy. The PCC offered its traditional hot Palestine soup and hot cross buns in St Leonard's room afterwards.

The Harvest Service again drew a good congregation (37) and the supper was held in the Church Hall, now fully operational after its restoration.

The Carol Service was again held by candlelight, with a decorated Christmas tree kindly given by South West Lakes Trust and with traditional refreshments afterwards in the Village Hall. Last year at 140 we said it was the largest church congregation for which we can find recent record, but this year we smashed that record with 170 people in the church.

Occasional Offices

In 2013 there were two weddings in the church and two funerals, both without interment.

Visitors

The church continues to attract a good flow of visitors all through the year, in part drawn by the connection of the village of Sheepstor with the Rajahs of Sarawak, who came from the Brooke family, whose tombs and graves of family relatives lie in the churchyard. Visitors are also drawn by Sheepstor's wonderful position as a gateway to

Dartmoor, its proximity to Burrator Reservoir, and it's featuring in the film "War Horse". We very much welcome the success of South West Lakes Trust in their heritage Lottery funded project to develop an interpretation centre by the north shore of the Lake. We hope to develop the old Organ space in the church to offer a complementary opportunity for exhibitions as part of redevelopment work on the church in the next year or two. We see outreach to visitors as a central part of our Mission as a church. We welcome opportunities to extend and develop these links to visitors, building on our Audio Welcome Guide, which was funded by the Exeter Diocese Million for Mission fund.

Leading Worship and Mission

We benefit for the dedication and inspiration of our Mission Community Clergy team. Under their leadership our worship has developed and been enriched and formed greater links with other worshipping communities within the Mission Community. The first Sunday in the month continued to be led by lay members of the congregation who read the Service, give talks and lead intercessions and the Worship Group will continue to develop and lead these services over the coming year. Congregations remain very encouraging to the Worship Group's efforts.

Music and singing have developed during the year under the leadership of our organist Tony Dando. He has introduced us to a steady flow of new Hymns and the congregation has responded positively to both the fresh musical opportunities and to the care taken to choose hymns which match the themes of worship Sunday by Sunday.

The PCC continues its active policy of support for women in the priesthood and in leading worship. It is disappointed that another year has gone by without the Church of England resolving the issue of women Bishops but welcome the modest progress towards this that has been made

Benefice and Mission Community

A single Mission Community Council operates, at present on an informal basis, over the two Benefices of West Dartmoor and Horrabridge with Sampford Spiney. St Leonards strongly supported this developing co-operation across the mission community and would wish to see similar links develop between Anglican Churches and ecumenically in the area of the Tavistock Deanery. The next year is likely to see moves to formalise the Mission Community structures and simplify administration of a 6 parish grouping.

Meetings and Non Worship Activity

The PCC held an Annual Parish Meeting, jointly with other Parishes in the Mission Community, and met five times during the year under the chairmanship of the lay vice chair: Mrs M Bennett.

The Maintenance committee met as needed under delegations from the PCC and reported major issues to the PCC. A new architect was appointed, Mr Jeremy Chadburn, and a quinquennial inspection commissioned for January 2014. This will

allow further consideration to be given to plans for the use of the old organ space. Meetings were held with Jason Brooke about possible links to museum exhibitions the Brooke Foundation are developing in Kuching, Sarawak which might be replicated for Sheepstor.

The Bells were rung regularly twice a month and at Festivals by our team and at supported at times by other ringers in the Mission Community. We also hosted visiting ringers

Joint work parties were helped with the Friends of St Leonards to maintain and clean the church and Churchyard. The Friends also mounted a concert in the Church under the aegis of Villages in action

Treasurer's Report - Financial review

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Total receipts fell by £948 (12%) whilst expenses rose by £412 (6%) giving a balance of receipts over payments of £159 against £1519 in the previous year. This still compares favorably with 2011 however, relative to which income this year is up £1106 and receipts over payments by £400.

Planned giving rose by £112 (3%) attributable entirely to an increase in banker's standing orders. This reflects the Mission Community wide drive to increase planned giving led by the Rector in the early part of the year. Income from the envelope scheme and gift aid tax recovery showed little change. It should be noted however, that gift aid tax recovered mainly reflects giving in the previous year (see last paragraph of this report).

Casual cash giving rose by £260 (20%) - within this however was a fall in Church collections of £216 (25%) and a significant rise in donations due principally to an anonymous bequest of £500. Income from the wall boxes also fell by £72.

No Churchyard grant was received from the Parish Council. This is based on the difference between maintenance costs and income from burials, ash interment and memorials in the previous year. In 2012 our exceptional fee income exceeded the costs and thus the Parish was not eligible for a grant in 2013.

The pattern of pastoral services returned to a more normal pattern. There was one reading of banns, one wedding, no burials or interments and only one memorial was erected. The total income falling from £1348 to £453.

We have held three significant events during the year each of which resulted in generous giving from those who attended. The Come and Sing Sunday resulted in a cash collection of £132. The Harvest Festival collection and food donations etc. totalled £237 and having thought we had achieved a capacity congregation at last years Carol Service the numbers attending this year rose from 140 to 175, resulting in donations of £350. All these amounts are before the recovery of Gift Aid Tax. From the Harvest Festival collection, £213 was donated to charity via the Mission Community.

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we can claim for all cash collections and donations. This should result in an increase in income of circa £400.

Income from investments remained disappointing, due as usual to low investment rates in general and to the restraints imposed on PCCs in particular. Our investments and funds deposited with the CCLA, which stood at £46,000 at the beginning of the year brought in only £938, equivalent to only 2.0%. During the course of the year the value of the investment portfolio rose from £18752 to £20943 - a total of £2191 or 11.6%.

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Whilst we have had a satisfactory year financially, there remains as before, little cause for complacency. Next year we can expect increases in income from gift aid due to the change in rules for claiming and we should be eligible once again for a Parish Council grant towards the Churchyard upkeep. Against this must be set work identified in the recently completed quinquennial inspection together with the completion of the Lady Chapel refurbishment none of which have cost estimates as yet.

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William Jennings Treasurer

PARISH CHURCH OF
ST. LEONARD
SHEEPSTOR

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending 31 December 2013

Sheepstor Parochial Church Council

Financial Review

for the Year Ending 31 December 2013

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William Jennings Treasurer

Sheepstor Parochial Church Council

Unrestricted Funds Receipts and Payments Account For the year ending 31 December 2013

	See Note	2013		2012	
		£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS					
Planned giving:					
Banker's standing orders		1430.00		1300.00	
Envelope scheme		1585.95		1622.04	
Income tax recovered		736.60	3752.55	719.11	3641.15
Other voluntary income:					
Collections in Church		632.61		848.27	
Box and other freewill offerings		68.98		140.78	
Gifts and donations	1	832.35	1533.94	281.50	1270.55
Churchyard:					
Parish Council contribution				612.50	612.50
Miscellaneous income:					
Fees for pastoral services	2	453.00		1348.00	
Events & Visits	3	720.95		723.55	
Sundries				13.40	
Sale of postcards/guides		448.33		228.27	
Interest & Investment income		41.42	1663.70	60.88	2374.10
Total receipts during year			6950.19		7898.30
PAYMENTS					
The Ministry:					
Clergy expenses (net)		155.06		131.89	
Common Fund		2220.00	2375.06	2184.00	2315.89
The Church building and services:					
Utilities	4	560.00		355.00	
Repairs incl. Quinquennial		498.00		440.00	
Insurances		1559.54		1584.88	
Church and Services upkeep		147.00	2764.54		2379.88
Miscellaneous:					
Churchyard upkeep		784.50		619.80	
Gifts to charities		212.90		671.05	
General expenses, incl. Faculty		654.30	1651.70	392.64	1683.49
Total payments during year			6791.30		6379.26
Excess of receipts over payments			158.89		1519.04
Balance at 1 January			9100.08		7581.04
Balance at 31 December			9258.97		9100.08

Sheepstor Parochial Church Council

Restricted and Endowment Funds

Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ending 31 December 2013

		2013			2012		
		Restricted Funds	Endowm't Funds	Total	Restricted Funds	Endowm't Funds	Total
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS							
Other voluntary income:							
<i>None</i>							
Miscellaneous income:							
Interest & Investment income		617.87	320.00	937.87	610.43	361.63	972.06
Total receipts during year		617.87	320.00	937.87	610.43	361.63	972.06
PAYMENTS							
The Church building and services:							
Audio Guide System	5	22.50		22.50	308.33		308.33
		22.50		22.50	308.33		308.33
Excess of receipts over payments		595.37	320.00	915.37	302.10	361.63	663.73
Balance at 1 January		17178.60	16526.51	33705.11	16876.50	16164.88	33041.38
Balance at 31 December		17773.97	16846.51	34620.48	17178.60	16526.51	33705.11

Sheepstor Parochial Church Council

Statement of Assets and Liabilities As at 31 December 2013

		2013					2012			
	See Note	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowm't Funds £	Total £	Movement in Total £	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowm't Funds £	Total £
Monetary Assets										
	Bank current a/c	2508.51	13549.92		16058.43	97.94	2388.07	13572.42		15960.49
	CBFCE deposits	6750.46	4224.05	16846.51	27821.02	976.32	6712.01	3606.18	16526.51	26844.70
	Total bank balances	9 9258.97	17773.97	16846.51	43879.45	1074.26	9100.08	17178.60	16526.51	42805.19
	Investments, at market value	8	15162.41	5781.08	20943.49	2190.70		13576.41	5176.38	18752.79
	Total Funds	9258.97	32936.38	22627.59	64822.94	3264.96	9100.08	30755.01	21702.89	61557.98
Other Assets										
	Income Tax Recoverable from Gift Aid	1097.69			1097.69		736.60			736.60
6	Deposits and receipts not cleared at year end	122.00			122.00		798.60			798.60
7	Amounts owing and payments not cleared at year end.	nil			nil		(68.70)			(68.70)
	Total Assets	10478.66	32936.38	22627.59	66042.63	3018.15	10566.58	30755.01	21702.89	63024.48
	Movement in Total Assets	(87.92)	2181.37	924.70	3018.15					

Sheepstor Parochial Church Council

Notes to the Accounts For the year ending 31 December 2013

1 Gifts and donations

Anonymous Bequest - St. Leonard's Share	500.00
Donation to Bell Fund	77.07
Donation via St. Pauls	125.00
Visiting Ringers	9.00
Other minor donations	121.28
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	832.35

2 Fees for pastoral services

Banns	7.00
Weddings	136.00
Funerals	72.00
Burials	
Interment - Ashes	
Memorials	107.00
Light & Heat	25.00
Donation of Vergers Fee by R Bayly	6.00
Donations associated with pastoral services	100.00
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	453.00

3 Events & Visits - Collections and Donations

Come and Sing Sunday	132.90
Harvest Festival	237.47
Carol Service	350.58
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	720.95

Figures exclude Gift Aid Tax Recovery
Come and Sing - Donated to Mission Community towards AV equipment
Harvest Festival - £212.90 donated to the Mission Community
Carol Service - Retained by Parish

4 Utilities

Utilities comprise electricity only. The expenditure shown is the total of regular monthly planned payments to EDF over the year and does not equate exactly to the consumption of electricity

5 Audio Guide System

Expenditure against the Audio Guide System Grant of £1900 is £330.83 to date. Any further expenditure is expected to be minimal. It is not clear at this stage whether the balance of funds will have to be returned to the donor.

6 Deposits and receipts not cleared at year end

	£
Gift Aid Tax Recovery	1097.69
Fees	102.00
Heat and Light re Fee Charging Services	20.00
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	1219.69

7 Amounts owing and payments not cleared at year end.

£

Notes to the accounts - cont.

8 Investments

	Shares	Market Value 31-12-12	Movement in year	Market Value 31-12-13
	No.	£	£	£
CBFCE Investment Fund shares				
Lady Bryant Bequest	456.00	5781.08	604.70	5176.38
Church Repair Fund	1195.98	15162.41	1586.00	13576.41
Total	1651.98	20943.49	2190.70	18752.79

9 Endowment and Restricted Funds

	Bal at 1st Jan 2013 £	Movement in year £	Bal at 31st Dec 2013 £
Endowment Funds			
Lady Bryant Bequest	3982.27	249.86	4232.13
D ST J Forrer Bequest	12244.24	70.14	12314.38
Sir Massey Lopez Church Repair Fund	300.00		300.00
Total	16526.51	320.00	16846.51
Restricted Funds			
Church Repair Fund.	17178.60	595.37	17773.97

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 2013 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.

Capt. D M Tall OBE

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D M Tall', followed by a large, stylized flourish or initial.

Yelverton,
25th January 2014

Report of the Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Walkhampton in 2013

The PCC met four times during the year and there were three Extraordinary meetings.

David Lenthall joined Mike Dobson as a Church Warden and Christine Lenthall took over as PCC secretary from Chrissie Branagan who was moving to be near her family. Services at St Mary's have returned to 9.30 a.m. The first Sunday each month is a Service of the Word and we support Nosh at 9.30 on the third Sunday by sharing their service instead of having a service at St. Mary's.

Harvest Supper was a joint event with Lady Modiford's School. The children made soups and rolls and the congregation brought 'bring and share' food

There was considerable support for Remembrance Sunday both in Walkhampton Village Memorial Hall and then at the cross in the village with Cubs and Beavers attending both services.

The church again opened on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from June to the end of September. Manned by a team of volunteers it was well visited.

We have had research done by an archaeologist to enable work to begin on the first stage of the West End Reordering. I am delighted to report the font is looking good in its new site at the west end of the South aisle and we look forward to the first christening.

Unfortunately the tower, especially on the South side, is very damp.

Kay Miall Lay Vice Chair

Churchwardens' Report

The Church opening programme ran once again during the months of June to September thanks to the support of congregation members and some villagers. Visitor numbers were similar to 2013.

There were no significant repairs made but floor boards were replaced in the North Aisle following the inspection for the DAC.

The annual inspection was made of the organ, the fire extinguishers and lightning conductors.

The quinquennial inspection was carried out in November and, allowing for its age, the Church was found to be in reasonable order; minor repairs were identified and the intention is to address some of these ourselves. A list of the identified items will be drawn up and circulated to all congregation members to see what help can be obtained from within.

WERF: Work on the WERF project has commenced with the relocation of the font and creation of the baptistery. Thirteen grant applications were submitted for WERF works of which 5 have been successful to date and a total of £8,400 has been raised.

Grounds maintenance: Michael Partridge maintained the churchyard to its good order and also carried the twice yearly maintenance of Elbow Lane.

Clear Up Days: Only one outside clear up day was carried out during the year due to poor weather conditions and the start of the WERF project impacted upon the planned inside clear up day.

Health & Safety Report

Health & Safety will be improved in the church by the relocation of the font with the plinth being set at floor level.

Mike Dobson & David Lenthall

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

The regular Giving has increased this year to £16,149.65.

This includes the service we have lost to Nosh at 9:30 so we have not done to bad. It has helped a small amount using GASD to get more tax back. Receipts for normal running day to day cost have dropped around 30%. But the team fees have brought in approx. £3600 so this has helped out day to day running. So total receipts coming in this year £30,240.00

Payments

This year we have spent less than last year £22,822.67. Biggest been the Common Fund £10,539.00. WERF expenses of £4046.77 as we start our re ordering of the Church

Savings

Another poor year for any return on savings, with interest received of £516.77 on £89K

General Running

So including WERF monies in and out we have increased our funds by £7417.98

Total Assets

The overall asset position for the Church at the end of 2012 was £178,189.87 and this has increased to £185,607.85 in 2013. However, of this sum £139,193.60 is earmarked for West End Reordering Fund

Princetown

The United Church in Princetown continues to develop with several new regular worshippers on Sundays. Services are still organised alternately through Mission Community staff and Tavistock Methodist Circuit and so provide varied, positive experiences for all who come to participate fully and feel included. There is now an informal midweek house group for members to discuss and deepen their faith.

Messy Church meets on the first Wednesday of each month and includes worship through stories, songs, craft activities and a meal. Numbers are around forty and many who attend use this as their main worship opportunity.

As noted above the Princetown Church contributes to the Walkhampton Parish and thereby to the Common Fund. The main church accounts are reported through the Methodist system.

St Mary's the Virgin Church Walkhampton
Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2013

General (Unrestricted) Fund Receipt & Payment account

		2013		2012	
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Regular Giving					
	Planned Giving	11,104.30			
	Collections	1928.19			
	Income tax recovered	3117.16	16,149.65		
Other Voluntary receipts					
	Donations	1,055.74			
	Church Flowers	100.00			
	Prinetown Common Fund	960.00	2,115.74		
Receipts from activities for generating funds					
	General Fund WERF	5,752.26			
	Parish magazines sales	356.16			
	Miss Lillicrap coffee evening	0.00			
	Donation	90.00		300.00	
	Art & Craft Café	0.00		587.00	
	Village Market Coffee & Stall	774.81		684.24	
	Devon Historic Churches	140.46			
	Bell Ringers Cash	38.00	7,151.69	0.0	11,532.55
Receipts from Church activities.					
	Grant BPC Churchyard	479.98			
	Team Fees	3,618.00			
	Sir Massey Lopes	0.00			
	Refunds	0.00	4,097.98	540.40	3,097.05
Receipts from investment					
	CBF	208.82			
	National Savings interest	516.77	725.59		
Total Receipts			30,240.65		

Payments					
	Sundries Misc	303.91			
	Ministry Expense	1,084.72			
	Heating & light	1,347.67			
	Insurance	2,688.53			
	Common Fund	10,539.00			
	Churchyard Expenses	1,540.90			
	Charity Donation	620.46			
	Magazine Costs	468.00			
	Service Expenses	182.71			
	Church Repairs	0.00		735.20	
	WERF expenses.	4,046.77			
Total Payments			22,822.67		

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2013

	2013		2012	
	£	£	£	£
Bank current account	95,470.90		88,569.69	
Business Access Account	2.92		2.92	
Deposit Account National Savings	90,134.03		89,617.26	
		<u>185,607.85</u>		<u>178,189.87</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. Some payments given to PCC members for stationary reimbursements.
- 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 £139,193.60 is marked for WERF.
- 6.Charity donations collected
Done by the Mission Community Treasurer
The above donations are not recorded in the above financial report
- 7.CBF Investment fund we have 420 shares valued at £10.23 total £4296.60
- 8.The Electricity we have been overcharged. No refundhas been sent but we are using the credit in2014

Approved by the PCC on 09th February 2014 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 2013 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.

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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 09th February 2014

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST HORRABRIDGE ANNUAL REPORT

The ECC met 6 times in 2013

It has been a busy year at St John's with the usual Services plus some extras. These included the Christingle Service, the MCC Carol Service and a very successful Crib Service.

On the 4th Sunday of the month we have a Methodist Service and on the 1st Sunday of the month we have a Methodist preacher.

In September we started Family Communion services, which are partly Lay led, on the 2nd Sunday of the month. These have been quite well received.

In November the Remembrance Service was very well attended with many village organisations represented.

The Pastoral Committee were kept busy as usual. There were 6 Men's Breakfasts, a Pancake supper, Passover supper and Harvest Supper. These were all held in Church and were well attended.

We had a very successful Summer Fair, which had to be held in the School Hall because of the bad weather. Other Fund raising events included a concert given by "Flute Cocktail", a stall at the PTA's Ladies Night, 2 tables at the Village Christmas market and a Christmas Hamper raffled in Church.

The Friends of St John's fund raising committee have increased our kitchen finds to well over £7,000. This was achieved by putting on a play in church in March. This was an enormous undertaking put on with the help of the Cavaliers and the PTA of Horrabridge School and raised over £2000. Other successful events were the Bluebell walk, a Poetry evening and a Scottish Country Dancing Evening. Other funds were raised by individual members of the congregation.

Occasional offices

In 2013 there were: 5 Baptisms, 3 Weddings, 9 Funerals.

JH and CH

**UNITED CHURCH OF
HORRABRIDGE
ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending 31 December 2013

United Church of Horrabridge Ecumenical Church Council

Unrestricted Funds Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 31 December 2013

RECEIPTS

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	<u>2013</u>		<u>2012</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Planned giving:</u>				
Regular giving	8,520.00		9,800.65	
Special collections	172.50		56.00	
Income tax recovered	0.00		2,579.46	
		<u>8,692.50</u>		<u>12,436.11</u>
<u>Other voluntary income:</u>				
Collections in Church	1,940.12		2,054.23	
Donations (non-specific)	592.00		43.00	
Legacies	0.00		0.00	
Special appeals	0.00		260.00	
Men's breakfast	225.02		93.70	
General fundraising	1,870.61		1,895.88	
		<u>4,627.75</u>		<u>4,346.81</u>
<u>Miscellaneous income:</u>				
Fees for pastoral services	2,035.00		811.00	
Investment income	0.00		137.58	
Hire of Methodist Hall	0.00		0.00	
Proceeds from sale of shares	0.00		3,260.33	
Miscellaneous income	1,540.96		968.40	
		<u>3,575.96</u>		<u>5,177.31</u>
Total receipts during year		<u>16,896.21</u>		<u>21,960.23</u>

Draft Unrestricted Funds Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 31 December 2013

Payments

	<u>2013</u>		<u>2012</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<u>The Ministry:</u>				
Common Fund (C. of E.)	3,711.00		6,796.33	
Tavistock Methodist Circuit	1,200.00		2,868.00	
	<u>4,911</u>			<u>9,664.33</u>
<u>The Church buildings and services:</u>				
St John's:				
Utilities	1,626.87		864.94	
Insurance	2,358.61		2,328.92	

Maintenance	2,485.54	1,276.60
Roof repairs	0.00	2,354.67
	<u>6,471.02</u>	<u>6,825.13</u>
<u>Other costs</u>		
Administration	413.49	149.05
Expendables/Services upkeep	545.00	119.62
Salaries and support costs	2,337.73	1,300.00
Ministers expenses	0.00	930.00
Miscellaneous	1,305.34	1,182.05
Donations	0.00	0.00
Gifts to charities	2,108.00	<u>2,062.00</u>
	<u>6,709.56</u>	<u>5,742.72</u>
Total payments during year	<u>18,091.58</u>	<u>22,232.18</u>
Excess of receipts over payments	-1,195.37	-271.95

Draft Restricted Funds Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 31 December 2013

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
	£ £	£ £
Balance brought forward	4,576.64	1,522.54
Adjustments:	19.50	
Fundraising	3,100.68	1,429.10
Donations	10.00	<u>1,625.00</u>
Balance at 31 December 2012	<u>7,706.82</u>	<u>4,576.64</u>

Draft Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As at 31 December 2013

Monetary assets

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2013	Total 2012
Lloyds TSB Bank plc	6,119.63	0.00	6,119.63	7315.00
CAF Bank	5,095.90	7706.82	12,802.72	9,682.15
Investments	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>11,215.53</u>	<u>7706.82</u>	<u>18, 922.35</u>	<u>16,997.15</u>

Liabilities Nil

Notes

A discrepancy of £20.40 in the figures is accounted for under “un-presented cheques”. This will be corrected in the 2014 figures to show that the cheque in question is now out of date. There is also a difference of £19.50 between the closing balance of the 2012 restricted funds and the opening balance of the 2013 funds which have been signed off as a previous clerical error. There is also a rogue £3.58 in the unrestricted funds which, rather than do a forensic check for the last 3 years, we have chosen to draw a line under.

Restricted Funds. Restricted Funds are funds raised and set aside to fund works in creating a new kitchen.

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

**Independent Examiner's Report to the
United Church of Horrabridge
Ecumenical Church Council**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2013 which are set out on pages 1 to 4

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

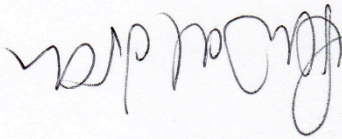
- to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or

- to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records 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.

Historical discrepancies are being carried and noted on page 4 of the accounts. Bank is correct as at 31.12.13

Rachel Waldron
Little Knowle Barn
Walkhampton
17th March 2014



**St Mary's Parish Church
Sampford Spiney**

**Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the
year ended
31st December 2013**

The rhythm of church life and worship has continued much as before. Simon Hill and Ros Pugh have represented the parish at Mission Community meetings, supported by Helen Sims. Wider PCC members have also made efforts to engage with Mission Community events.

Despite some difficulties, the new clergy team has settled in and we continue to be very grateful for their efforts on our behalf supported by retired clergy and lay readers. The parish looks forward to the arrival of Rev Patrick Parkes in April 2014.

The PCC continues to be represented by its Lay Chairman on the Mission Community Task & Finish Group for Stewardship, Tourism, Thika, Communications & Safeguarding. Its representatives also value their participation in the annual Mission Community Away Day. The PCC also fully supports the co-operative way that the Mission Community is moving forward and takes considerable pleasure that we appear to be diocesan leaders in the field. We hope that we will be able to complete the process of developing a Mission Community Plan for submission to the Deanery in 2014.

Overall, our church is in good shape – we manage to pay our way, have a vibrant church and community events programme, and maintain the strong support of our parishioners.

Church Attendance

There are 22 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. The average weekly attendance was 9, with increased attendance at Easter at 17, and on Christmas Day at 54 – a similar number attended our Candlelit Carol service on the Sunday before. Of particular note was the Good Friday service attendance of 26 adults 14 children. During the year there have also been 1 marriage and 3 baptisms.

Church Warden's Report

We continue to value our Book of Common Prayer services and some of our new members have joined because we continue to use it. Immersion in the Mission Community has brought some changes, notably the service readings and Epistle have been changed to fit in with Horrabridge otherwise the clergy involved would have to preach two sermons. That said, we continue to use the King James Bible, except for Baptisms where the Common Worship version is used.

The Lent Course last year very valuable and we will be encouraging more of our people to attend.

Everyone who attended enjoyed our new Animal Service and next year we intend to publicise it more widely across the Mission Community. It was also good to see so many in St. Mary's when it was our turn to host the 5th Sunday service. The week day service was also a success, providing an opportunity for a low key, friendly service with a meal and chat afterwards. Less successful was our Back to Church Sunday, and we are considering combining it with the Animal Service to encourage family participation. We are also looking at how best to run our Gift Day service in future years. .

Fortunately, the storms have not caused any great damage so far, although we have some small items needing immediate attention identified in our 2013 Quinquennial Review.

We continue to see a steady flow of visitors to our church and will be looking into how we can present the history of our church and community in an appealing and fresh way. To help us with this we conducted a survey of the flora in the churchyard and its surrounds in May 2013 with the help of the Devon Wildlife Trust.

Once we have completed the work on the church tower we intend to revert to our former habit of splitting our fundraising effort between charity giving and our running costs and fabric funds.

At our Parish Meeting in March 2014 we are encouraging ideas about how we can adapt our worship to meet what our parishioners would like.

Review of the Year

Thanks must go to all the people who gave so much valuable help in the running of St. Mary's throughout the year made up of those that attend services and others that we see from time to time - it all makes for a relaxed and friendly community.

As always we are hugely dependent on the goodwill of our elected members and parishioners namely:

Our bell ringers who ring on special occasions and First Sundays

David Crocker, our loyal organist

Peter Badge continues to manage the rota for readers and sidespeople.

Mary Badge and her team continue to organise the flowers.

Helen Sims looks after the church linen and brass and acts as sacristan when necessary.

Peter Walde continues to look after the new churchyard and keeps the paths tidy.

A-J Charlesson who has managed the Easter, Christmas and Harvest Festival set ups and kindly replaced the Christmas tree decorations.

Over the last year we have held the following events and we are most grateful to the organisers:

Guitar Concert

Wine Tasting

Art Exhibition

Flower Festival

Parish Barbecue and Raffle

Quarter Bell Ringing

Sheepdog Trial

Devon Historic Churches Trust Walk

Harvest Supper and Auction

Parlby Lecture

Christmas Extravaganza

Jam and Marmalade Sales

Fabric & Finance

Our community has a good reputation for looking after the fabric of our church and we have been working to raise enough money to repair our tower and replace our electrical/ heating system.

In the first 18 months of our fundraising campaign we raised £63000, but around £3500 per annum/£5250 across the period has supported our running costs. Historically part of the income from the Harvest Festival and Auction, the Christmas Extravaganza and the Sheepdog Trials has always gone to this purpose. The money has been raised from:

Existing Unrestricted Fabric Fund

£25000

Grant Making Bodies

£2000 from the Devon Historic Churches Trust

£1000 from the Allchurches Trust Ltd

£5000 from the Garfield Weston Foundation

£1000 from the Veneziana Fund

£3000 from the Wolfson Foundation via the Church Buildings Council

Individual Donations

£8792

Events Programme

£17290

We have begun the maintenance programme on the tower with work to repair the roof and re-point the parapets and this phase was completed before Christmas 2013. We also replaced the heating system before Christmas and St Mary's is suddenly a much more welcoming place in which to worship! The next phase of work will begin in March 2014 with repairs to the crocketed pinnacles and re-pointing of the South West face of the tower.

We plan to re-point the remaining faces of the tower over the next 18 months – by using rope access rather than scaffolding we can complete each piece of work as funds become available.

We estimate that we need to raise another £10000 over the next 18 months to complete the work.

Financial Review

Our Financial Statement is attached

SAMPFORD SPINEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL - CHURCH RUNNING ACCOUNT 2013

	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
Receipts		
Collections - Gift Aid	£2,098.70	£2,144.00
Collections - Other	£959.88	£724.40
Covenants - Gift Aid	£845.00	£785.00
Gift Day	£0.00	£450.00
Sheep Dog Trials	£0.00	£500.00
Donations	£625.00	£25.00
Weddings & Funerals	£261.00	£871.00
Harvest Auction	£2,402.00	£0.00
Interest	£3.27	£1.60
Christmas Extravaganza	£0.00	£0.00
Wine Tasting	£1,709.75	£0.00
Plasterdown Parish Council	£135.00	£190.00
Miscellaneous	£1,403.52	£123.04
Transfer from CAF Deposit Account	£25,681.06	£1,500.00
Art Exhibition	£9,251.53	£0.00
Roz's Quarter Peal	£463.83	£0.00
Simon's Yomp	£909.45	£0.00
Guitar Concert	£802.23	£0.00
Total Receipts	£47,551.22	£7,314.04
Payments		
Diocesan Share	£4,306.00	£4,141.00
Clergy Expenses	£0.00	£0.00
Repairs	£25,681.06	£1,070.08
Electricity	£460.58	£382.00
Insurance	£954.62	£1,488.51
Organist	£450.00	£400.00
Miscellaneous	£1,862.24	£1,353.56
Fund Raising Costs	£467.60	£0.00
Mission Community Contribution	£303.09	£0.00
Half Share of Simon's Yomp to DHCT	£500.00	£0.00
Wine Tasting Expenses	£1,006.50	£0.00
Artist's Payments	£6,814.00	£0.00
Guitar Concert Profit to CAF Account	£502.23	£0.00
Guitar Concert Expenses	£300.00	£0.00
Total Payments	£43,607.92	£8,835.15
Current Net Position	£3,943.30	-£1,521.11
Cash Balances		
Start Position	£2,213.13	£3,734.24
End Position	£6,156.43	£2,213.13

Fabric Account

	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
Receipts		
Interest	£56.96	£64.19
Tower Fund	£9,766.66	£14,296.50
Donations - Bells	£0.00	£0.00
Donations	£25.00	£50.00
Funerals & Covenants	£0.00	£0.00
IR Refund	£1,907.13	£672.52
Total Receipts	£11,755.75	£15,083.21
Payments		
Transfer to Running Acct for Tower & Electrics	£26,775.64	£1,500.00
Total Payments	£26,775.64	£1,500.00
Current Net Position	-£15,019.89	£13,583.21
Cash Balances		
Start	£44,049.12	£30,465.91
End	£29,029.23	£44,049.12

Restricted Funds	B/F 2013
Legacies & Funerals	£5,127.09
Church Roof	£6,935.13
Fabric & Churchyard	£1,851.25
Bells	£1,260.00
Total	£15,173.47

Statement of Assets & Liabilities 31/12/13

Assets	Fabric Fund	Church Fund	Total for 2012
Barclays	£0.00	£914.62	£879.68
CAF Current Account	£0.00	£5,241.81	£1,333.45
CAF Deposit	£29,029.23	£0.00	£44,049.12
Total Cash	£29,029.23	£6,156.43	£46,262.25

Liabilities	Nil
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