

## **Annual Report for year ending 31st December 2014**



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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### St Leonard's Sheepstor

Mr Richard Bayly 855292  
Mrs Caroline Jennings 853118

### St Peter's Meavy

Mrs Ann Inman 852672  
Mrs Sarah Gordon 854298

### St Mary the Virgin Walkhampton

Mr Mike Dobson 852937  
Mr David Lenthall 854669

### St Mary's Sampford Spiney

Mrs Rosalind Pugh 853442

### St John the Baptist Horrabridge

Mrs Carol Shirley 854239  
Mrs Carolyn Hempenstall 852385

## Parochial Church Council members:

### St Paul's Yelverton

Kathryn Howard (Secretary) (Deanery Synod)  
Belinda Gardiner (Deanery Synod)  
Mr B Medhurst (Treasurer)  
John Stratford  
Diana Wallace  
Martin Jury (Protection Officer)  
Vivienne Thompson  
Peter Corderoy (Deceased)

### St Leonard's Sheepstor

Mrs Marion Bennett (Lay Vice Chair)  
Mrs Caroline Jennings  
Mr Russell Chapman  
Mr Richard Bayly (Secretary, Deanery  
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Mr Matthew Kemp  
Miss Pat Legassick  
Mr William Jennings (Treasurer)

### St Peter's Meavy

Mrs Sarah Gordon (Lay Chair)  
Mr Damer Elson  
Mrs Mary Helby  
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Mrs Jan Procter (Electoral Roll Officer)  
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Mr Michael Doidge  
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Peter Ballinger  
Sybyl Heathcock  
Phyl Hellier  
Linda Hitchcock  
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Joan Jones  
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Carolyn Hempenstall (Churchwarden)

### **Bankers & Independent Examiners**

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

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National Westminster Bank, Bedford  
Square, Tavistock

Examiner: Mr Tony Smith

#### **Horrabridge**

Lloyds TSB, West Street, Tavistock

Examiner: Mrs R Waldron

#### **St Leonard's Sheepstor**

Alliance & Leicester Commercial Bank,  
Bootle.

Examiner: Capt David Tall OBE

#### **St Mary the Virgin Walkhampton**

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Examiner: Mrs R Waldron

#### **Sampford Spiney**

Examiner: Philipa Walton

### **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**

In many ways 2014 has been an extraordinary year because it was a time when plans that were only seeds of ideas a few years ago have begun to germinate and take root. We can thank God for the wonderful provision that we are witnessing and can continue to pray that in various ways we will see the kingdom grow among us.

### **Structural matters**

2014 saw the formal end to our Ecumenical Partnerships with the Methodist Church in Horrabridge and Princetown. St John's Horrabridge has reverted to an Anglican Parish Church and Princetown to a Methodist Chapel. Notwithstanding the ending of these legal arrangements we have entered into looser but binding arrangement: a Memorandum of Understanding so that we continue to work with the Methodist Church in both places and the service pattern remains largely the same.

We continue to move forward slowly as we look at what it will mean to be a single United Benefice. In 2014 each PCC has voted to consider the options and it is hoped that in 2015 we will be able to bring forward a range of proposals to be considered across the Mission Community.

### **Signs of the kingdom**

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. Our worship is essential to who we are as Christian people.

Thank you to all who work tirelessly, and largely unseen, 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, who keep our service pattern going through their tireless efforts.

Please continue to pray for Martin Jury as he continues to train as a Reader and we look forward to his licensing in 2015.

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 have been privileged to see this service used for baptisms in 2014 and that has proved to be a great success as well.

We have started a Youth Drop in on Tuesday afternoons for the youth of the area and although it is very early days at present there are encouraging signs that this work will continue to grow. I am grateful to Patrick for taking a lead in this work.

The Choir continues to be popular and a great way of bringing people together across the Mission Community. We have improved the music stock by buying in material and are constantly looking at ways to keep our worship fresh. I would like to thank Pauline Hamilton-Leggett for her enthusiasm and drive in leading the choir.

Our weekly Fellowship and Study Group continues to meet on Wednesday evenings under Gary's leadership and we have also started a Monday afternoon Group on a monthly basis, which is led by Patrick. Both these groups have proved popular as we continue to explore the Pilgrim Course.

Our monthly mid-week evening service continues to be a very popular with 25+ people meeting for worship and then sharing a meal afterwards. It is a great way to get to know each other better and also supports the local businesses!

Our link with the Kenyan Diocese of Thika and the parish of Kaira has proved to be 'a slow burner'. It has been difficult to obtain information from our African friends and we mourn the loss of Jennifer, the wife of the Venerable Wilson in 2014. This must have been a very tough time for him. We hope to develop that link further in 2015.

We have continued to laugh together as we have shared some hilarious themed evenings over suppers in St Paul's Church Hall and enjoyed the amazing catering skills of Sheila Stacey. We look forward to more in 2015!

Patrick has joined Gary and I in our ministry to the local primary schools in the area. Our Church School Federation continues to flourish as I congratulate everyone involved at Meavy School for coming through their Ofsted so well. We have shared a number of joint school services in 2014 and will continue to learn from those services the best way forward so we can celebrate all our children have achieved.

The ministerial team has also been extremely busy in 2014 with occasional offices (baptisms, weddings and funerals). We had the joy of conducting 17 weddings and sadly 38 Funerals. In addition, we have been called upon again to assist other parishes, particularly Tavistock with funerals during their interregnum. I am extremely grateful to everyone in the Ministerial Team for their dedication and hard work often 'above and beyond' what is reasonable to expect of anyone, particularly those who give so generously in their retirement.

## **Comings and Goings**

We welcome to the ministerial team:

*Revd Patrick Parkes* started work with us as Associate Priest working across the whole Mission Community for half of his time in April 2014. I mentioned his arrival in the last report but it is good to acknowledge the skills and gifts that he brings to our ministerial team. He continues to juggle spending the other half of his time working with South West Ministry Training Course.

*Simeon Grimshaw* is an undergraduate trainee youth worker who is based in the Mission Community working for Catalyst Tavistock and giving us some time and helping us with our Youth Work as well as he continues his training.

We have also said some goodbyes:

We have said goodbye to some very significant people who have died in 2014: Anne Garcia a longstanding member of the congregation at St Mary's Walkhampton before she moved away; Ruth Jukes, a dedicated member at St Paul's as well as our organist; and Peter Corderoy a faithful and longstanding member at St Paul's. 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.

I also want to express my thanks to Mrs Rosalind Pugh who has been Churchwarden at St Mary's Sampford Spiney for a number of years who has resigned having moved away to be closer to her family in Cornwall.

## **Sabbatical**

2014 proved to be significant for me as after 20 years of ordained ministry I took three months off as a Sabbatical and visited South Australia. Some may say this was a 'busman's holiday' as I looked after 4 churches 35km south of Adelaide, the Southern Vales Parish. However, from my point of view I had a great experience in this time away and was struck by the generosity of the people in their welcome and support of me throughout my time with them. I arrived to a rectory fully kitted out with furniture, cupboards full of food, a car for me to use to get around in, and endless invitations out. Rather than losing weight whilst I was away I rather put it on! It was hard work looking after 4 churches by myself but I have come back with many new perspectives on ministry and having to re-write all I thought I knew about Australians and their country.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Revd Preb Nick Shutt  
Rector

## **Youth**

This report concerns our After School Club at Yelverton and our partnership with Catalyst in the provision of a Schools Worker to support their ministry to young people attending Secondary Schools in the Tavistock area.

As many of you will be aware, Simeon Grimshaw joined us in September and has been staying with Patrick at the Rectory in Yelverton. In addition to Catalyst's core work, he and the team have been helping a small number of Mission Community volunteers to provide a program of activities for children in years 7-9 who meet on a Tuesday night between 4 – 5.30pm.

Although it is still early days, there is a small core group of mainly young girls who regularly attend on a Tuesday (around six in total) and we are grateful to the Mission Community for their financial and practical commitment to this area of our ministry.

When we decided to undertake this ministry it was made clear this was something that would take time to grow and produce fruit, and it has been encouraging to see the first shoots of life in this new part of the Mission Community's outreach.

Already the Task and Finish group responsible for this area of the M/C's life have reflected on how we might further increase the impact of this work by, for example, seeking to build upon our significant involvement with the children of our local primary schools. Over the next few months we trust that what we have learned from our initial foray into this aspect of children's ministry will shape the work going forward so that it better serves the young people of the area.

Please pray that God will give us wisdom and insight as we seek to follow his leading in this vital but often difficult aspect of the church's life.

Revd Patrick Parkes

## **Safeguarding Policy**

The Safeguarding of vulnerable adults and children is a paramount priority in the Mission Community. To that end we have a Safeguarding Policy and a Mission Community Safeguarding Officer (Sheila Manning). Each church displays details of our safeguarding officers together with useful telephone numbers. All volunteers working with vulnerable adults and children are subject to volunteer agreements and a DBS check. The policy is reviewed annually. All licensed ministers are updated on safeguarding issues by top-up training every two years.

## **Midweek Prayer Services**

The monthly Thursday evening service is still well supported and the different 'takes' on Evening Prayer have been refreshing and the short addresses illuminating.

Our worship has been enhanced by the music and hymns that are an integral part of the service.

This past year it has been good to have Martin and Roger bringing their particular 'take' on Evening Prayer.

The social time following the short service has proved to be a great way for some of us to get better acquainted with those who we rarely see socially.

Attendance has continued to be good and on occasion has past 30 !! though high teens is probably more usual.

Everyone is welcome to come to the service without committing themselves to come to eat and drink or for that matter come every month.

Mike Fairall

### **Pastoral Visitors**

There is a small group of people who visit a number of people across the Mission Community in the name of the Church. This activity is supported by 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 is supported by volunteers who act as “listening ears” reporting back to us on any visiting needs. Much of the time support is given by members of the congregations without recourse to the Pastoral visitors or the clergy which is to be encouraged. There is one plea that we (clergy) would make and that is please don’t assume that we know if someone is sick, in hospital or needing pastoral care, even if we are not needed we would like to know. The initial contact can be made to Gary or if more convenient to other members of the Ministers team.

### **Small Groups**

Last year I reported that we had started a Small bible study group and that it would be reviewed in July, The number in the group has remained steady and it was deemed right we should carry on. Following the Pilgrim course in January and the Lent course at Nick’s house a number of people expressed an interest in having a monthly group which Patrick agreed to lead and they have been meeting regularly so we now have two regular Bible study groups one monthly and one weekly available for anyone to join there is a discussion to be had about further small groups with a different approach perhaps around apologetics or to study particular books of the Bible.

### **Men’s Breakfasts**

The Men’s Breakfasts have continued this year with a number of interesting speakers both at the Burrator Inn and at St Johns. They are very good value and generally well attended but there is always room for more men. Its always a challenge to find speakers and Michael Prout has taken on this task for the St John’s Breakfasts, and Nick Shutt for the Burrator Inn breakfasts. If you or someone you know has a story to tell a hobby to share or an interest to promote please let us know. They don’t necessarily have to be spiritual or religious in nature.

### **Social Events in the Mission Community**

As was reported last year, social events including food, wine and entertainment have proved very popular bringing together not only members of our widespread church community but also from the local (and not so local) community at large.

In 2014 we were treated to 3 Themed Evenings where the catering was masterminded by Sheila Stacey ably assisted by David Stratford with musical entertainment provided by Pauline Hamilton Leggett. From Spain in the Spring to English Fare with Carols by Candlelight in December via a trip to China in the Summer we were royally entertained and as word spreads as to just how enjoyable these evenings are, tickets sell out very quickly, so for 2015 you have been warned!

### **Vision statement: Growing in God’s love and serving the people of West Dartmoor**

Based on Jesus’ summation of the 10 Commandments “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, this is the first and greatest commandment and the second is like it love your neighbour as yourself”

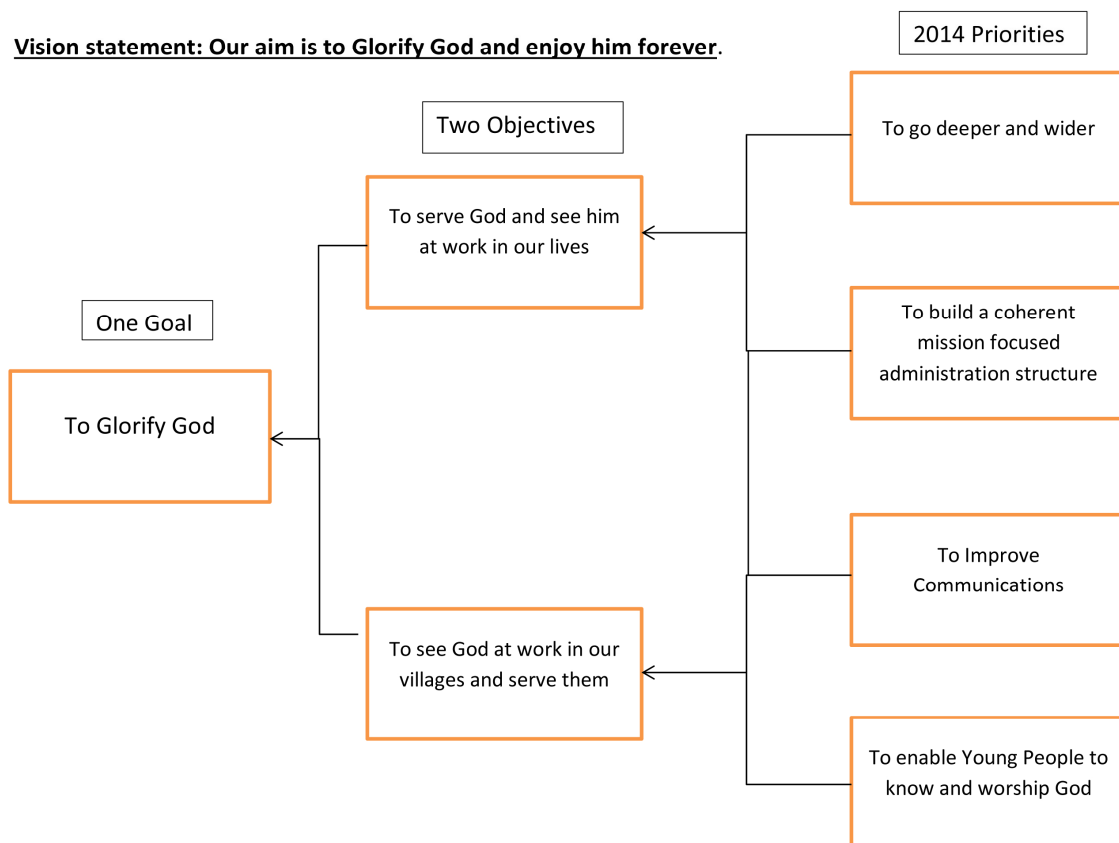
## Explanation of the diagram:

The idea is that the arrows all go one way, (though they could go all over, its less confusing if they don't) the priorities are things which address our objectives, and our objectives reflect our Goal, which is encompassed in the Mission statement. These can change more readily the further away from the statement they are in the diagram, so priorities can change year on year, objectives over time as they are achieved or new ones rise up.

In this way anything which we look at doing can be measured against the objectives. Does this help us grow in a stronger more loving relationship to God or does it serve to love our neighbour? If yes it's worth doing, (at some point), if no then bin it altogether.



**Vision statement: Our aim is to Glorify God and enjoy him forever.**



## Mothers' Union

Sadly, at the end of 2015 the West Devon branch of the Mothers Union will have to close. There are now only 9 members, of which only 5 are active! It is the end of an era but we shall now become Diocesan Members and will continue to remember our promise as members to do all we can to uphold the aims and objectives of promoting and supporting Marriage and Family Life within this Community.

Anne Medhurst

## Prayer Chain

The St Paul's and St Peter's Prayer Chain continues to meet every 3 months as previously. We pass messages by telephone, and anyone in the Benefice may request prayer for themselves, close relatives or anyone they know in the Benefice. The chain maintains strict confidentiality at all times, and because of this, messages are not e-mailed as e-mail is not 'safe'. We would welcome ladies from other churches if they



would like to join us. Please contact someone you know who is on the Prayer Chain for further details. Members need to commit to prayer for all on the list, every day.

Nicky Smith

### **Tavistock Deanery Synod Report**

There have been three meetings of the Tavistock Deanery Synod in March, June and October.

Reports by Mrs Annaliese Barrell, a member of The General Synod described the process during the year and then the final approval by the General Synod on 17<sup>th</sup> November of the legislation for women to become Bishops. She also reported on 'The Common Good', and 'The Armed Forces Covenant' which had been debated in The General Synod.

A short talk by the Rural Dean, Revd. Nick Law at the June meeting shared an insight into the voluntary and informal grouping of Tavistock Area Christians Together. (T.A.C.T.)

At the October meeting Cannon Anna Norman-Walker, Cannon Missioner in the Diocese, gave a lively presentation on 'The Characteristics of Growing Churches'. I could send this presentation by e-mail to anyone who would like it.

The Diocese supports The Living Wage Campaign and has voted to work towards being a Fairtrade Diocese. Eight of the Tavistock Deanery parishes have registered as Fair Trade parishes

The Parish Giving scheme has been trialled in Tavistock.

News was given on the on-going work of Catalyst in the Deanery.

Annie Inman.

### **Annual Report – West Dartmoor Benefice Choir 2014**

The choir met for a record 62 times during the year. The choir sang for the funeral of one of our founder members, Ruth Jukes, who sadly died at the beginning of the year and they also sang at five further funerals in 2014. They sang at three weddings, singing requested music, including modern pieces. At Pentecost the choir sang at an ecumenical service at St Andrew's Buckland Monachorum. During the year they have led services at St John's Horrabridge, St Michael's Princetown and also the United Church, St Leonard's Sheepstor, St Peter's Meavy, St Mary's Walkhampton and every month at St Paul's Yelverton.

The choir led the singing at the licensing of Revd Patrick Parkes and in the Mission Community service led by the Dean of Exeter the Very Revd Dr Jonathan Draper held in St Paul's. Anthems sung during the year have included 'Ave verum Corpus' by Mozart, 'Locus Este' by Anton Bruckner, 'Benedictus' by Karl Jenkins and Christmas carols by John Rutter.

In November and December eighteen members of the choir braved the cold and rehearsed and performed the music for the Mystery Play, 'On a cold winter's night' written by David Stranks, in St Michael's Princetown. Music from Vivaldi and Handel were part of the many excerpts sung. Members wore black with gold stoles over many layers of clothing to banish the cold.

Singing carols at the Christmas candlelit Supper at the beginning of December was a happy beginning to the numerous Christmas services. Social evenings were enjoyed at Clover Park and Woodcroft. In order to increase our repertoire we have been able to purchase music thanks to the money earned from singing at weddings and funerals.

A list of dates when the choir meet in 2015 is available from [paulinecloverpark@gmail.com](mailto:paulinecloverpark@gmail.com)

Pauline Hamilton-Leggett

### **Ladies Lunches – Report for 2014**

Once again we have had a successful and varied programme, with different speakers on each occasion. We have really appreciated the willingness of those who have been prepared to give their time to come along and talk to us, and I would like to thank them all.

I would also like to say a big 'Thank you' to all who come along to support us month by month. And to Susannah for her help.

Having organised things for five years I feel that it is time to step down and Sue Walsh from Holy Cross has very kindly offered to take over. I am sure that with her computer skills and enthusiasm she will be much better at the job than I have ever been! It will be good, too, to have some 'new blood' and, hopefully, to encourage some of the congregation from Holy Cross to come along. I wish her well.

With best wishes,

*Nicky*

## **REPORT OF THE PARISH OF ST PAUL'S YELVERTON IN 2014**

The PCC has met 5 times during the year.

The electrical wiring of the Church was inspected and tested, and subsequently some necessary work was carried out and a certificate issued. The ingress of water through the redundant chimney stack on the vestry roof caused concern. Following discussions with the DAC, the Local Authority and the architect, the repointing of the stack and ancillary work was carried out to rectify the position. It was necessary to replace the new notice board at the entrance to the Church, which had been damaged. A block of granite (kindly provided by a local farmer) was placed by the notice board for its future protection. The Valuation Officer has notified that, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010, a Business Rateable Value shall be applied to the Church Hall. The PCC is appealing against this Notice.

During the year, Sheila Stacey and her team again provided Cream Teas, which were a great success. The hire of the Church for concerts by Mount House School and Dante String Quartet were 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, and the Alms and Oblations Committee have made grants totalling £1250 to Missions and Charities, apart from the sums donated from collections taken at Harvest, Christingle and certain other Services.

The PCC expresses its thanks:

- To Nick Shutt , particularly, and to Gary Shirley and Patrick Parkes and the other ministers for all their work on behalf of the Parish and Mission Community
- To the congregation, for their support and cooperation ,and,
- To all those who help in so many different ways

### **Fabric Report 2014**

The lightning conductor has been inspected by Dawsons. The gutters and down pipes have been cleared, the organ tuned and the boiler serviced and an electrical thermostat replaced. During the year a burst water pipe in the boiler room was repaired. The goods and chattels have been checked and are substantially in order

#### **Occasional Offices 2014**

Marriages 8  
Baptisms 6  
Funerals 8

Tim Emerson

## ST PAUL'S CHURCH YELVERTON

### Treasurer's Financial Review

I can report on a very successful financial outcome to the year with a general surplus totalling over £16,000 despite some major expenditure.

First to be mentioned are the two generous legacies totalling £11,000 from the estates of two much loved parishioners Ruth Jukes and Ann Garcia.

It was good to see a modest increase of £585 in the overall Planned Giving, and we are really grateful to those newcomers to the Scheme and to those who have increased their contributions. We had a very healthy rise in donations to an amount in excess of £3,000, very widely spread, but including significant amounts from funerals of two of our very special parishioners.

Again this year, under the new tax system, we were able to cover a larger period and the result was an increase of some £1,000 over the previous year. This should stabilise from hereon.

Although our fee income was lower, this was an unfair reflection as a final amount in excess of £1,100 didn't come through in time for this year's accounts. Overall there was a significant increase due to a welcome rise in the number of weddings and funerals,

We had an unwelcome experience early in the year, when Western Power crashed our system with quite a bit of damage and disruption. After pressing for some compensation we did manage to make a "profit" on the event of some £350.

Once again we had a splendid Church Fete and this time on a lovely sunny day. The proceeds of a little over £1,200 enabled us to support some of the Christian charities which are less in the public eye and deserve support like ours. The Fete is a very happy occasion, and this is due to all those whose great efforts make this day go so well and our thanks go to them.. The overall Mission Giving figure in the accounts is slightly misleading as it includes amounts from the whole of the Mission Community at Harvest.

A continuing welcome feature hidden in the miscellaneous income is the near £900 from Sheila Stacey and her team of helpers' magnificent series of Cream Teas, which remain ever popular. We are so fortunate to have this wonderful contribution to the parish's social activities.

On the expenditure side heating costs were down by about £1,000 as you would expect in the present environment, and our Common Fund contribution was also down by a similar amount. The latter however, reflects our reduced numbers at services, and our top priority must continue to be to get this back on the move upwards, and willingly meet the consequential increase in our levy from the Diocese.

Most significant was the major work on the chimney on the south side, which you will read about elsewhere. The total cost was in excess of £8,200, but I expect to be able to recover the VAT element as we qualify under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.

Turning to the Church Hall, here too I am able to report on a successful year. The apparent deficit of just over £1,100 is entirely a result of a ridiculous mistake by British Gas in drawing down about £1,300 too much on a Direct Debit, and not being able to get this reversed in 2014. So we did, in fact, earn a small surplus even after repainting the toilet block, replacing the ancient and badly leaking ventilation chimneys, and sharing the cost equally with the Mission Community for the construction of the new Parish Office. We can be very pleased with the state of this much loved building and its contribution to the church and the community.

So overall a very successful year financially with a lot going on.

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11<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**ST PAUL'S CHURCH YELVERTON**  
**Receipts and Payments Account for year to 31 December 2014**

	<b>2014</b>		<b>2013</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
<b>Voluntary Income</b>				
Envelopes & Bank				
Standing Orders	21,355		20,770	
Cash Collections	2,501		2,400	
Other Donations	3,593		2,043	
Legacies	11,000	38,449	0	25,213
<b>Tax Recoveries</b>				
Income tax recovered	7,066		6,074	
VAT recovered	0	7,066	0	6,074
<b>Investment Income</b>				
Dividends & Interest	957	957	589	629
<b>Other Income</b>				
Fees	1,500		1,906	
Summer Fete	1,213		938	
Special Parish Efforts	1,637		1,749	
Insurance Claim	314		647	
Western Power Comp.	954		0	
Miscellaneous	1,088	6,706	1,533	6,773
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		53,178		39,024
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
<b>The Ministry</b>				
Clergy Expenses	1,163	1,163	1,147	1,147
<b>The Church &amp; Services</b>				
Heating & Lighting	1,259		2,304	
Fire & Insurance	3,158		3,245	
Cleaning	1,022		911	
Organist	0		0	
Choir	0		0	
Upkeep of Services	108		148	
Repairs & Renewals	10,782		2,952	
Western Power Damage	544		0	
Property	36	16,909	684	10,244
<b>Other Ordinary Parish Expenses</b>				
Gardening	1,115		805	
Magazine Diocesan	40		84	
Insert				
Parish Expenses	155	1,310	151	1,040
<b>Payments Outside the Parish</b>				
Diocesan Common Fund				
Contribution	15,732		16,829	
Mission Giving	3,422		2,999	
Miscellaneous				
Expenditure	184	19,338	864	20,692
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		38,720		33,123

	2014	2013
	£	£
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>14,458</b>	<b>5,901</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) to TOWER FUND</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) to GENERAL RESERVE</b>	<b>14,458</b>	<b>5,901</b>

# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH YELVERTON

## Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2014

ASSETS	Market	Cost	
	Value	£	£
<b>Investments</b>			
Equities Investment Fund for Charities	52,082	11,592	
CBF Investment Fund Shares	31,218	14,543	<b>26,135</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at Bank		27,146	
Cash in Hand		347	
Deposit Account		8,500	
Fixed term deposit		30,000	<b>65,993</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
St Paul's Church Hall	Nil		<b>Nil</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>			<b>92,128</b>

## REPRESENTED BY

### GENERAL RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance at 1 January	75,911	
Surplus/(Deficit) after movements within designated accounts	14,458	
Balance at 31 December		<b>90,369</b>

### TOWER FUND ACCOUNT

Balance at 1 January	1,759	
Surplus/(Deficit) on Tower Fund account	0	
Balance at 31 December		<b>1,759</b>

<b>Total Balance Sheet Value</b>			<b>92,128</b>
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**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH HALL YELVERTON**  
**Receipts and Payments Account for year**  
**to 31 December 2014**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Lettings	6,691	7,335
Electricity Meters	875	1,092
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>7,566</b>	<b>8,427</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Heating & Lighting	2,375	1,728
Repairs & Renewals	2,368	2,632
Share of Parish Office Refurb.	1,294	0
Insurance	1,447	1,436
Cleaning	1,129	606
Miscellaneous	84	351
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>8,697</b>	<b>6,753</b>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>-1,131</b>	<b>1,674</b>

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2014**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Loan to St Paul's Church	0	5,000
Cash at Bank	16,724	12,934
Cash in Hand	205	126
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>16,929</b>	<b>18,060</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>		
Accumulation of Funds		
Balance at 1 January	18,060	16,386
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	-1,131	1,674
<b>Total Balance Sheet Value</b>	<b>16,929</b>	<b>18,060</b>



## ST.PAUL'S CHURCH YELVERTON

### Notes to Financial Statements for year ended 31 December 2014

- 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 £60,744 and £47,417 respectively.
- 5 The combined total of balance sheet reserves at 31st December 2014 for the Church and the Church Hall amounted to £109,057.
- 6 Moveable church furnishings held by the church wardens on trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are recognised but not included and valued in the statement of assets.
- 7 Monies received at funerals for specified charities are not included in the accounts.

Approved by the PCC on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015

PCC Chairman  
Mr Tim Emerson

Treasurer  
Brian Medhurst

### Report of the Independent Examiner

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

My examination has included a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. I have reviewed all unusual items and sought satisfactory explanations. The procedures do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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

Col.Gordon Mills  
Combe Park Farm  
Roborough

## **Report of the Parish of St Peter's Meavy for 2014**

### **PCC Report**

The PCC has had five full meetings during 2014 and these have been well attended.

There is at present one vacancy on the council and the number currently on the Electoral Roll is 65.

Dr Jenny Sharp stood down after 6 years of devoted service as one of our Church Wardens. We are delighted she continues as a member of the PCC and as our Verger.

Mrs Annie Inman was elected Church Warden to replace her at the APCM in March 2014. Mrs Sarah Gordon continues as a Church Warden.

Until her appointment as Church Warden, Mrs Inman had been the PCC Secretary and Electoral Roll Officer. Captain David Tall has taken over as the Secretary and Mrs Jan Procter is now our Electoral Roll Officer.

There were 3 new appointments to the PCC this year. Mr Gregg Manning, Mrs Sheila Manning and Mr Damer Elson.

Mr Gregg Manning is taking over as the Treasurer from Mrs Mary Helby, and we will be looking for an Assistant Treasurer this year. We are very grateful for Mrs Helby's sterling work as our Treasurer over a number of years.

Services continue to be generally well attended, though the attendance at the Christmas Eve service continues to decline. The 'Service of The Word' continues on the second Sunday of the month and is well – embedded and supported in our service schedule. The regular contribution of our younger children to these services is much appreciated and adds greatly to our worship. The Annual Sea Service remains popular and the Christmas Day and Carol Services were extremely well attended.

There are so many people we need to thank for their contribution to our worship and ministry in St Peter's. In no particular order we thank:

- the clergy team who take our services and all who assist and participate.
- Mrs Pauline Hamilton- Leggett our organist and Simon Smith who plays when he can.
- Mr Ron Keates and Rebecca Bloomer who play the keyboard at the second Sunday service.
- Mrs Ros Tall who coordinates our flowers
- Mrs Pauline Brown and her Tower Team
- Our refreshment team and all who donate their time and biscuits to ensure we enjoy regular fellowship.
- Those who give so generously of their time to clean our beautiful building and the churchyard.
- The clock winders and flag hoisters
- Mr and Mrs Wilkins for their assistance in opening up and locking the St Peter's to ensure it is available every day for prayer and visits

There was a major fund raising drive to pay for the work needed to the east window and this was successfully completed in July.

We continue to address the areas identified in the Quinquennial Report

In addition to generous contributions from the Alan Evans Memorial Trust, an individual bequest and a number of separate events, and especially the quite wonderful Flower Festival, we continue to receive the selfless support of The Friends of St Peter's and for the second successive year Meavy Amateur Dramatics staged a memorable performance of a Christmas Carol, in support of St Peter's.

Several charities continue to be supported at different services and at the Lent and Harvest Lunches and St Peter's continues to be engaged fully in and with the Oak Fair.

Meavy PCC was represented at all 3 Deanery Synod meetings held in 2014.

The following Occasional Offices were held in St Peter's in 2014, 8 Baptisms, 3 Weddings and 8 Funerals.

The PCC has the following members:

### **Ex Officio**

Mrs S. Gordon Churchwarden and Lay Vice Chairman.

Mrs A. Inman Churchwarden and Deanery Synod Representative.

Revd. J. Weir

Mr K.D. Elson Lay Reader (Deanery Synod)

Mrs R. Tall Safety of Children and Vulnerable Adults Officer, and Deanery Synod Representative.

### **Lay Members**

Mr D. Elson

Mrs M. Helby

Mr G. Manning Treasurer

Mrs S. Manning

Mrs J. Procter Electoral Roll Officer

Dr. J. Sharp Lay Deputy Vice Chairman

Mrs P. Shobbrook

Captain D. Tall Secretary

Anne Inman (Deanery Synod)

## **St Peters' Meavy Churchwarden's Fabric and Churchyard report for 2014 – Annual Report**

### **Fabric**

The East window was removed, repaired and cleaned by Andrew Johnson with repointing in lime mortar of the external east chancel wall carried out by Farnham Brothers at the same time. The work started on 28<sup>th</sup> April and was completed on July 10<sup>th</sup>. A very successful Flower Festival was held to raise funds for East window work, and many thanks go to David and Ros Tall for organising this.

Farnham Brothers also completed other works identified under the Quinquennial Inspection to the leadwork on the tower roof, and repairs to some lead valleys and repairs to ridge tiles over the Drake Chapel.

Inspections identified remedial work required to several areas of timbers in the three areas of the roof voids – the chancel, south transept and south aisle. There was some extra work required in the chancel to weak areas of the lath and plaster. Preservative treatment for beetle infestation to various areas within the church and roof voids were carried out.

The bell ringers cleaned out the bell chamber of bird debris and have put in some additional mesh between the slate louvers to try to prevent the birds gaining access to the chamber. Some work to loose masonry around one of the windows was carried out by Farnhams. We are very grateful to the bell ringers for their work in the bell chamber and for highlighting the problems with the masonry.

A further round of works identified under the Quinquennial Inspection will need to be addressed in 2015 which will include work to the west window in the bell ringing gallery.

Work to repair the reredos and consideration of the chancel steps will also need to be looked at by the PCC.

Inspections of the lightning conductor, fire extinguishers, boiler, organ and clock have all been carried out during the year

Roof tiles and valleys, gutters and down pipes have been inspected and cleared where necessary during the year

The Inventory check has been carried out by the churchwardens and all is in order. The Inventory is available for inspection.

### **Churchyard**

Mallow Garden Services have cut the grass throughout the year and also cut back overhanging branches on path to upper churchyard and strimmed the uncut area of the upper churchyard.

A Grave plan for upper churchyard is being produced thanks to Mr Wyndham Procter.

The Churchyard working party in October cleared out the moat area around church and carried out much de brambling.

Repairs to steps, gate and hinge to shed door have been carried out during the year.

The application from Mr/s Wilkins of Little Coombe for a Faculty to replace their oil tank is ongoing.

The Church wardens attended an interesting day conference entitled `Beautiful Burial Grounds`, organised by the charity `Caring for God's Acre` which was particularly aimed towards the `conservation` viewpoint. Protecting wildlife, preserving heritage and involving people were key points. An information pack was purchased for use by the whole MC team.

The Churchwardens are very grateful to all those who give of their time in so many ways to enable our church to be open and welcoming and our services to run smoothly

**Mrs Annie Inman and Mrs Sarah Gordon      Churchwardens**

### **Flower Arrangers' Report**

2014 was a busy year for the Meavy "Flower Ladies" with the very successful Flower Festival held in July. The theme "Proverbs and Sayings" was interpreted in lots of imaginative ways. Especially welcome among the many helpers were those ladies who said "I can't arrange flowers" but who contributed to the displays in the less artistic, but still much needed ways.

The many visitors admired the variety of arrangements and enjoyed the inclusion of a bit of humour and quirkiness among all the beauty.

We have gained an additional flower arranger for the annual rota this year as well as someone who is kind enough to help dismantle old arrangements and clear up after the Christmas, Easter and Harvest Festivals. This is not the most glamorous of jobs in a flower arranger's life, so her work is doubly appreciated

As always I thank all the flower arrangers for their ongoing roles in helping to present St Peter's so beautifully.

My thanks also go to all those who let us pick things from their gardens and those who donate money towards buying flowers.

**Ros Tall**

### **Bellringers' report**

We have had a very good year with our ringing, enjoying many trips as well as ringing for services and weddings.

We have worked hard to clean the tower from all the bird debris, as they were getting in and nesting and making a terrible mess.

After cleaning we wired up each louver so that the "crows" will not be able to get in, so expect a lot of "squawking" when they are looking for their nesting site!

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 or Peter Legassick at Sheepstor.

Pauline Brown  
Meavy Tower Captain  
01822 853370

Peter Legassick  
01822 852970

## **Friends of St Peter's church report for MC AR 2014**

The Friends of St Peter's Church Meavy was formed in 2009 to support the PCC in maintaining the fabric and furnishings of St Peter's Church. The aim of the Friends is to promote wide interest in the care and preservation of the Church and its history, and to provide a focus of support for it.

During 2014 the committee have been pleased to make a donation to the Church Council of £6,600 towards the work to the East end of the church.

Our funds have been increased during 2014 with various events which included the annual walk and cream tea, a concert by Plymouth Clarion choir, a concert with Kate Walker followed by a supper in the Parish Hall, and the production of a Christmas card.

The committee are grateful for all donations received from individuals and from the Oak Fair committee following the 2014 Oak Fair in which the Friends once again manned the bookstall.

Our Annual Meeting was well attended with an excellent and interesting talk by Andrew Johnson on glass manufacture and conservation. The committee would be pleased to welcome new members onto the committee and into the Friends.

We look forward to providing further support for St Peter's in the future and would like to thank all those who have supported the Friends during 2014.

The Friends committee – Michael Parle, Stephen Hughes, Catherine Leather and Sarah Gordon.

## **St Peter's Financial Review 2014**

There is no doubt that 2014 was a busy year for us. We embarked upon a programme of major works in the church on areas identified within the Quinquennial Report. To enable this work to begin we embarked upon a major fund raising programme. The main elements of this included an Easter Egg hunt raising £101.50. We then had a series of Talks on the 'Role of the Navy in the Falklands campaign' and 'The Cold War' given by Jeff Tall. We are very grateful to Jeff in helping to raise £1419.50. In the summer we held a Flower Festival which took place in the church and ran for a few days, this raised £3886.48. We are also grateful for the generous donation of £1000 that David managed to obtain from the Alan Evans Memorial Fund. This added to a substantial grant obtained from the 'Friends of St Peter', enabled the work to begin. As this work was completed before the end of the year we have been able to claim the VAT back. This was £3530.68 which we have claimed but not yet had. Of course as this is to be put back into the restricted fund but has still helped our finances considerably. We should get this money back early 2015.

As a small rural church, managing to pay our common fund continues to be a problem. So much so that it has been a major discussion point of our last two PCC meetings. It has been discussed at length with Revd Patrick Parkes and he has also preached twice on the subject of giving in two services he held. Despite it meaning it will increase our deficit this year we are pleased to say that this year we have paid the full amount of £18,357.00. I believe this has only been possible by not paying the full amount last year.

After holding our annual seafarers service we raised £167.00 which we were pleased to donate to the Mission to Seafarers. Our Remembrance Service was blessed with good weather and was well attended, it raised £168.75. From our Harvest lunch and other collections we raised £362.91 which was split evenly between Farm Africa and the Youth Worker. During Christmas we dedicated Midnight Mass to the Children's Society and along with a number of other fund raising events we raised a total of £147.69.

From the accounts it would appear that we have made some progress this year to increase our planned giving with both gift aided and non gift aided up. Planned gift aided is up by 11% and non gift aided by 27%. Hopefully with the new Planned Giving Scheme starting in April we can increase this further next year. This success has been largely obtained at the expense of the Weekly Collections which are down by 27%. I am happy to say that donations are also up by 21%.

With regards to our expenditure this year if we deduct from our expenses the cost of the East End Window etc we have spent £2636 less than in 2013. This is mainly accounted for by Church major and minor works and our bill for Electric and Fuel.

**Meavy Parochial Church Council**  
**Financial Statement for year ended 31 December 2014**

**GENERAL FUND Receipts and Payments Account**

	<b>2014</b>		<b>2013</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
<b>Planned Giving</b>				
Gift Aided	12,215.10		11,086.30	
Income tax recovered	3,184.21		3,002.11	
Not Gift Aided	1,170.00	16,569.31	845.00	14,933.41
<b>Other Voluntary Income</b>				
Church collections	2,376.15		3,250.20	
Donations (See note 2)	1,464.30		1,149.31	
Income tax recovered	358.02		0	
Special Collections (see note 3)	795.54		1,061.49	
Fundraising (see note 4)	634.70		955.30	
Legacy	0.00		1,500.00	
Restricted Funds/Fundraising (see note 5)	13,162.23	18,790.94	0.00	7,916.30
<b>Churchyard Income</b>				
Burial fees and memorials	358.00		367.00	
Burrator Parish Council Grant	581.00	939.00	0	367.00
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>				
Wedding and other fees	699.00		887.00	
Funeral fees	2,039.00		288.00	
Investment income	1,295.16		1,259.76	
Contribution to church costs	0.00		0	
Refunds (VAT/Insurance)	0.00		0	
Services Upkeep	219.35	4,252.51	109.30	2,544.06
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>40,551.76</b>		<b>25,760.77</b>



	2014		2013	
<b>PAYMENTS</b>	£	£	£	£
<b>The Ministry</b>				
Benefice Expenses	1,386.00		1,494.45	
Common Fund	17,000	18,386.00	17,000.00	18,494.45
<b>Church Building and Services</b>				
Electricity & fuel oil	1,214.23		2,368.40	
Minor works	240.00		726.80	
Inspections & reports	983.80		861.28	
Insurance	2,069.43		2,213.35	
Restricted Funds East End Window and roof work (note 6)	21,569.88		0.00	
Upkeep of services	148.21		171.70	
Major Works	963.60*	27,189.15	1,544.08	7,885.61
<b>Miscellaneous</b>				
Churchyard maintenance	884.00		948.00	
Fund raising cost (see note 5)	0.00		64.00	
Parish magazine	86.00		139.00	
General expenses (see note 6)	233.71		66.12	
Payment to charities (see note 7)	1,151.35	2,355.06	1,404.44	2,621.56
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b><u>47,930.21</u></b>		<b><u>29,001.62</u></b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>-7,378.45</b>		<b>-3,240.85</b>
Bank current & deposit accounts at 1 Jan 2014		<b><u>9,617.35</u></b>		<b><u>12,649.13</u></b>
Bank current & deposit accounts at 31 Dec 2014		<b><u>6,240.52</u></b>		<b><u>9,617.35</u></b>

\*Quinquennial work

**Meavy Parochial Church Council**  
**Financial Statement for year ended 31 December 2014**

<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS Summary</b>				
	Fabric General	Churchyard	SPY Club	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
Receipts +	13,162.23	1,000.00	0	13,162.23
Payments -	<u>21,569.88</u>	200.00	<u>0</u>	<u>21,769.88</u>
Bank accounts at 1/01/2014	<u>11,537.56</u>	<u>1,142.00</u>	<u>37.00</u>	12,716.56
Bank accounts at 31/12/2014	3,129.91	<u>942.00</u>	<u>37.00</u>	<b><u>4,108.91</u></b>

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES** at 31 December 2014

	<b>2014</b>		<b>2013</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Market Value	Cost	Market Value	Cost
<b>Investment assets</b>				
M&G Charifund (1,000 units)	14,381	987	14,391	987
CBF Investment Fund (1,168 shares)	15,605.80	<u>12,501</u>	14,025	<u>12,501</u>
	<b><u>29,987.60</u></b>	<b><u>13,488</u></b>	<b><u>28,416</u></b>	<b><u>13,488</u></b>
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Restricted Funds	<b>4,108.91</b>		<b>12,717</b>	
Bank balance current account		6240.52		9,617
General Funds			<b>4,400</b>	
Deposit account CBF		7,500		7,500
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>13,740.52</b>		<b>17,117</b>	
<b>Other Monetary Assets/Liabilities</b>				
Assets				
Gift Aid tax claim (General Fund)				3,500
Vat Refund		3,530.68		

## Notes to Financial Statement for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the church accounting regulations 2006 using the receipts and payments basis

<b>2. Donations</b>		
Funerals (Winbolt)	£150	
Miscellaneous	£209.30	
Benefice	£750	
Elson anniversary	£355	£1,464.30
<b>3. Special Collections (Charities)</b>		
Lent Lunch	£55	
Mission to Seafarers	£167	
Children's Society	£147.69	
Farm Africa/Youth worker (Harvest)	£290.35	
Royal British Legion	£135.50	£795.54
<b>4. Fund raising</b>		
Coffees	£262.70	
Wreath Making	£115	
Christmas stall	£170	
Christmas Carol 2013 production	£87	£634.70
<b>5. Restricted Fund raising</b>		
Tall Talk	£1,419.50	
Easter Egg Hunt	£101.50	
Flower Festival	£3,886.48	
Grant	£1000	
Friends of St Peter's grant	£6,608	
Roof work	£146.75	£13,162.23
<b>6. Restricted Funds payments</b>		
Churchyard	£200	
East end work	£8,959.80	
East Window	£6,468.00	
Roof work	£4,884.00	
Flower Festival expenses	£1,058.08	£21,569.88
<b>7. Payments to Charities</b>		
Meavy School Governors	£250	
St Pauls Lent lunch	£55	
Mission to Seafarers	£167	
St Pauls PCC Harvest (inc G/A tax) £72.56)	£362.91	
Royal British Legion (inc G/A tax) £33.25	£168.75	
Children's Society	£147.69	£1,151.35

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

Hon Treasurer..... February 2015

# **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 2014 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.

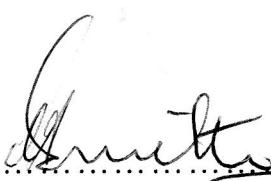
Independent examiner's statement:

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 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. Which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.~~

Signed  Anthony Smith 31 Jan. .... 2015

# **St Leonard's Church, Sheepstor**

## **Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the year ended 31 December 2014**

### **Administrative Information**

St Leonard's Church lies at the centre of the seventeen dispersed houses and farmsteads which make up the village of Sheepstor serving a community of 43 souls. It is part of the Benefice of Yelverton (known as the West Dartmoor Benefice), (itself within the West Dartmoor Mission Community), which is in the Tavistock Deanery of the Church of England Diocese of Exeter.

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

PCC members from 1 January 2014 until the time of this report were:

Rector:	Rev'd Preb Nick Shutt
Churchwardens:	Mrs Caroline Jennings
	Mr Richard Bayly
	Also Hon Secretary, Sexton, Verger, Sacristan, Electoral Roll Officer

Members:	Mrs Marion Bennett (Lay Vice Chair)
	Mr Russell Chapman (Deanery Synod representative)
	Miss Pat Legassick
	Mr William Jennings (Treasurer)

Captain of the Bell Tower:	Mr Peter Legassick
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### **Structure, Governance and Management**

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

### **Objectives and Activities**

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

### **Review of the Year**

#### **Church Attendance and Services**

The electoral roll remained at 21 of whom 14 were not resident in the parish.

We held services on every Sunday apart from Benefice services on 5<sup>th</sup> 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, and Christmas.

We again hosted the Mission community's 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 Princetown, walking over the moor as an act of Pilgrimage. 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. Concern about overcrowding in the church after last year's attendance of 170 led to the Mission Community choir not attending and an alternative Carol Service on the same evening at Yelverton. Nevertheless the congregation was 115.

### **Occasional Offices**

In 2014 there was one wedding in the church.

### **Visitors**

During the year the South West Lakes Trust opened their Heritage Lottery funded project for an interpretation centre by the north shore of the Lake. We plan 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. 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.

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".

### **Leading Worship and Mission**

We benefit for the dedication and inspiration of our Mission Community Clergy team led by: Revd Preb. Nick Shutt with Revd. Gary Shirley, Revd. Mike Fairall, Revd. John Weir, and Revd. Jackie Giddings, helped by our Readers: Rodger Locock and Kerry Elsom. This year the team has been joined by Revd. Patyrick Parkes, living in Yelverton Rectory. Under their leadership our worship has developed and been enriched and formed greater links with other worshipping communities within the Mission Community. Worship on the first Sunday in the month continues 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, helped by a kind gift of new Hymn Books 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 was delighted that after such a long period of reflection and prayer the Church of England has finally resolved the issue of women Bishops and now looks forward to appointments in due course in the Exeter Diocese

## **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 in the spirit of Church Unity would wish to see similar links develop between Anglican Churches and ecumenically in the area of the Tavistock Deanery. The Mission Community has a developed set of priorities for work with young people, for developing discipleship and for administrative simplification. Progress on these will run forward into 2015.

## **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 new church Architect, Jeremy Chadburn, conducted a Quinquennial in January and reported later in the year. The church is in a generally sound state but there are some urgent areas of work and the total cost of all work needed in the next 5 years or so could exceed £200,000.

The immediate priority is re-roofing the church tower and replacing defective rainwater goods for which a grant is being sought from the new Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund. Subsequently funding will be sought for urgent repointing, the proposed exhibition area in the old Lady Chapel and perhaps later for the re-roofing of the south face of the Nave roof.

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

Joint work parties were held with the Friends of St Leonards to maintain and clean the Church and Churchyard. The Friends also mounted two concerts in the Church under the aegis of Villages in Action which filled the church.

**PARISH CHURCH OF  
ST. LEONARD  
SHEEPSTOR**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For the year ending 31 December 2014**



**Parochial Church Council**  
**Financial Review**  
**for the Year Ending 31 December 2014**

This year has seen the fortunes of St. Leonard's improve markedly, principally as a result of a legacy, an increase in pastoral fees and a retrospective grant from the Parish Council for the cost of churchyard maintenance in the previous year.

Total receipts rose by £2016 (29%) whilst payments remained broadly similar to last year, giving a balance of receipts over payments of £2095 relative to £159 in 2013. The overall movement in total assets was £3835.

Planned giving rose by £340 (24%) a reflection of the first full year since the Mission Community drive in 2013 to increase planned giving. However, income from the envelope scheme and casual cash giving fell by £677 (30%). Income from these sources has proved variable from year to year. Overall, giving remained close to the level of the previous year.

The Churchyard grant received from the Parish Council was £677. This is based on the difference between maintenance costs and income from burials, ash internment and memorials in the previous year. In 2013 there was no Churchyard income and thus a similar grant can be expected next year.

The pattern of pastoral services remains erratic. This year there were three funerals, two weddings and one memorial service bringing an income to the parish of £1026.

We have held two significant events during the year each resulting in generous giving from those who attended. The collection and donations at the Harvest Festival totalled £440 and at the Carol Service £362. These amounts are before the recovery of Gift Aid Tax. The Harvest Festival collection was donated to the charities supported by the mission community. Half of the Carol Service collection will be donated to the Mission Community Youth Project and reflected in the 2015 accounts. Both donations include Gift Aid recovery.

The rules for Gift Aid were revised in 2013. As a result the tax recovered from last years donations - reflected in this years accounts - rose by £360 (50%). Tax recoverable from this years donations - the first full year of the revised scheme - will give a further significant increase in next years income.

As in recent years, 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 £49,000 at the beginning of the year brought in only £945, equivalent to 1.9%. During the course of the year the value of the investment portfolio rose from £20943 to £22059 - a total of £1111 or 5.3%.

The pattern of regular expenditure remained largely unchanged, major items, as usual, being the common fund payment, insurance and upkeep of the Churchyard. Our contribution to the Mission Community increased to £500 reflecting agreement reached with the Mission Community Council that the minimum contribution should be fixed at this amount. Expenditure on maintenance of the Churchyard is shown as much reduced partly because several cuts of the grass were made by members of the Church during the illness of the contractor and partly as the last payment to the contractor had not been cleared through the bank at the year end.

Whilst we have had a satisfactory year financially, there remains as before, little cause for complacency. We now need to begin to carry out 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. The first stage will embrace replacement of the tower roof, replacement of all rainwater goods and improvements to the porch roof and to the egress of water from the gully between the nave and south aisle roofs. This work is expected to cost £xx. A grant application for 75% of this amount is being submitted to the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund the outcome of which is uncertain. Otherwise the funds required will need to be raised locally.

**It should be noted that in accordance with charities accounting practice, deposits and receipts not cleared at the year end together with amounts owing and payments not cleared at year end are excluded from the figures described above. Likewise these amounts from the previous year are included. Please see the statement of assets and liabilities for more detail.**

William Jennings    Treasurer

# Sheepstor Parochial Church Council

## Unrestricted Funds Receipts and Payments Account For the year ending 31 December 2014

	See Note	2014		2013	
		£	£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
<b>Planned giving:</b>					
Banker's standing orders		1770.00		1430.00	
Envelope scheme		1128.50		1585.95	
Income tax recovered		1098.53	3997.03	736.60	3752.55
<b>Other voluntary income:</b>					
Collections in Church		413.19		632.61	
Box and other freewill offerings		92.51		68.98	
Gifts and donations	1	644.99	1150.69	832.35	1533.94
<b>Churchyard:</b>					
Parish Council contribution		677.50	677.50		
<b>Miscellaneous income:</b>					
Fees for pastoral services	2	1131.00		453.00	
Legacies and bequests		750.00			
Events & Visits	3	801.95		720.95	
Sundries					
Sale of postcards/guides		422.06		448.33	
Interest & Investment income		36.00	3141.01	41.42	1663.70
<b>Total receipts during year</b>			<b>8966.23</b>		<b>6950.19</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
<b>The Ministry:</b>					
Clergy expenses (net)		500.00		155.06	
Common Fund		2494.00	2994.00	2220.00	2375.06
<b>The Church building and services:</b>					
Utilities	4	445.67		560.00	
Repairs incl. Quinquennial		400.00		498.00	
Insurances		1531.10		1559.54	
Church and Services upkeep		15.00	2391.77	147.00	2764.54
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>					
Churchyard upkeep		205.00		784.50	
Gifts to charities		549.83		212.90	
General expenses, incl. Faculty		730.84	1485.67	654.30	1651.70
<b>Total payments during year</b>			<b>6871.44</b>		<b>6791.30</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments</b>			<b>2094.80</b>		<b>158.89</b>
Balance at 1 January			<b>9258.97</b>		<b>9100.08</b>
Balance at 31 December			<b>11353.77</b>		<b>9258.97</b>

# Sheepstor Parochial Church Council

## Restricted and Endowment Funds

### Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ending 31 December 2014

		2014			2013		
		Restricted Funds	Endowm't Funds	Total	Restricted Funds	Endowm't Funds	Total
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>							
<b>Other voluntary income:</b>							
<i>None</i>							
<b>Miscellaneous income:</b>							
Interest & Investment income		630.13	314.49	944.62	617.87	320.00	937.87
<b>Total receipts during year</b>		630.13	314.49	944.62	617.87	320.00	937.87
<b>PAYMENTS</b>							
<b>The Church building and services:</b>							
Audio Guide System	5				22.50		22.50
					22.50		22.50
<b>Excess of receipts over payments</b>		630.13	314.49	944.62	302.10	361.63	915.37
<b>Balance at 1 January</b>		17773.97	16846.51	34620.48	17178.60	16526.51	33705.11
<b>Balance at 31 December</b>		18404.10	17161.00	35565.10	17773.97	16846.51	34620.48

# Sheepstor Parochial Church Council

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities As at 31 December 2014

	See Note	2014				Movement in Total £	2013			
		General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowm't Funds £	Total £		General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowm't Funds £	Total £
Monetary Assets										
Bank current a/c		4569.49	13549.92		18119.41	2060.98	2508.51	13549.92		16058.43
CBFCE deposits		6784.28	4854.18	17161.00	28799.46	978.44	6750.46	4224.05	16846.51	27821.02
Total bank balances	8	11353.77	18404.10	17161.00	46918.87	<b>3039.42</b>	9258.97	17773.97	16846.51	43879.45
Investments, at market value	7		15969.80	6088.92	22058.72	1115.23		15162.41	5781.08	20943.49
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>11353.77</b>	<b>34373.90</b>	<b>23249.92</b>	<b>68977.59</b>	4154.64	<b>9258.97</b>	<b>32936.38</b>	<b>22627.59</b>	<b>64822.94</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>										
Income Tax Recoverable from Gift Aid		1315.80			1315.80		1097.69			1097.69
Deposits and receipts not cleared at year end	5	(416.00)			(416.00)		122.00			122.00
Amounts owing and receipts not cleared at year end.	6	500.00			nil					
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>12753.57</b>	<b>34373.90</b>	<b>23249.92</b>	<b>69877.39</b>	3834.75	<b>10478.66</b>	<b>32936.38</b>	<b>22627.59</b>	<b>66042.63</b>
<b>Movement in Total Assets</b>		<b>2274.90</b>	<b>1437.52</b>	<b>622.33</b>	<b>3834.75</b>					

# Sheepstor Parochial Church Council

## Notes to the Accounts For the year ending 31 December 2014

### 1 Gifts and donations

Anonymous Donation	225.00
Visiting Ringers	37.55
Donation for new Hymn Books	350.00
Others	37.64
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	650.19

### 2 Fees for pastoral services

Weddings	520.00
Funerals	302.00
Memorial Service	164.00
Light & Heat	85.00
Donation of Vergers Fee by R Bayly	60.00
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	1131.00

### 3 Events & Visits - Collections and Donations

Harvest Festival	439.86
Carol Service	362.09
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	801.95

Figures exclude Gift Aid Tax Recovery

Harvest Festival - £549.83 donated to the Mission Community - Inc Gift Aid recovery

Carol Service £226 (50%) donated to Benefice Youth Project - Inc Gift Aid recovery

### 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 Deposits and receipts not cleared at year end

	£
Donation - Molyneux-Webb	500.00
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	500.00

### 6 Amounts owing and payments not cleared at year end.

	£
Carol Service Soloist	20.00
Churchyard Grass Cutting	170.00
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	190.00

## 7 Investments

	Shares	Market Value 31-12-13	Movement in year	Market Value 31-12-14
	No.	£	£	£
<b>CBFCE Investment Fund shares</b>				
Lady Bryant Bequest	456.00	5781.08	307.84	6088.92
Church Repair Fund	1195.98	15162.41	807.39	15969.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>1651.98</b>	<b>20943.49</b>	<b>1115.23</b>	<b>22058.72</b>

## 8 Endowment and Restricted Funds

	Bal at 1st Jan 2014	Movement in year	Bal at 31st Dec 2014
	£	£	£
<b>Endowment Funds</b>			
Lady Bryant Bequest	4232.13	252.80	4484.93
D ST J Forrer Bequest	12314.38	61.69	12376.07
Sir Massey Lopez Church Repair Fund	300.00		300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>16846.51</b>	<b>314.49</b>	<b>17161.00</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Church Repair Fund.	17773.97	630.13	18404.10

## **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 2014 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 purple ink, appearing to read 'David M. Tall', followed by a large, stylized flourish or arrow pointing to the right.

Yelverton,  
25th January 2015

## **P.C.C. report for St. Mary the Virgin, Walkhampton. 2014**

During the year the P.C.C. met four times and held three Extraordinary meetings.

The service on the first Sunday of each month is planned by the worship group. A service on the third Sunday has been reinstated by the Rector as Nosh at 9.30 is thriving. This service is at 11.00a.m. to allow ministers time to reach us.

This year Harvest Supper was a joint event with Lady Modiford and Meavy Schools. There was delicious soup and rolls made by the children and the adults brought food to share. It was good to see members of St.Mary's congregation enjoying the evening, during which Gavin Hamilton gave a fascinating presentation.

The Remembrance Sunday service in the village hall was well supported and numbers were swelled when we gathered round the cross in the village. Cubs and Scouts attended both services.

The PCC is indebted to all who support it, both as congregation and as friends. The church again opened on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from June to the end of September and stewards offered refreshments to visitors. The rotas continue to fill for Welcomers, Readers, Cleaners, Intercessions, Flowers and Refreshments, for which we are very grateful.

2014 has been exciting for us as work has started on the rest of the West End Reordering after the repositioning of the font last year. An archaeologist has been present during all excavations and will present a report in due course. During the work we are without sound system and heat but we cheerfully wrap up warmly and continue our worship.



## **St Mary the Virgin Walkhampton Churchwardens' Report**

**Church Opening:** The Church was opened on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from June to September thanks to the support of the congregation and villagers. Visitors were 102 and a sum of £162.95 was donated. As agreed by the PCC, this was donated to the Devon Historic Churches Trust who returned 50% to St Mary's.

**Annual Inspections:** These were carried out on Fire Extinguishers and the Lightning Conductors. No problems were reported.

**Font relocation:** The relocation of the Font and creation of the Baptistry was completed prior to the start of the main WERF works. A grant of £10,000 to the WERF project was received from the Garfield Weston Foundation.

**Clean up Days:** None were carried out by the congregation members this year due to adverse weather on the dates set aside. However the grounds were well maintained by Michael Partridge as was the maintenance of Elbow Lane.

**WERF:** Prior to the start of the WERF project investigations were carried out in the area of the proposed kitchen and the base of the new screen to ensure work could proceed on schedule. The archaeologist attended and no problems were encountered. Mike Dobson & David Lenthall Churchwardens

**Health & Safety Report:** One health & safety issue was resolved by the relocation of the Font in that when it was re-installed the font step was set into the floor, thus eliminating a trip hazard there had been previous accidents.

## **St Marys's Walkhampton**

### **Treasurers Report 2014**

#### **Receipts**

The regular Giving has gone down this year to £12,125.47 from £16,149.65. This includes the service we have lost to Nosh at 9:30 so we have not done to bad. (We now have a later service on that Sunday). It has helped a small amount using GASD to get more tax back. Receipts for normal running have dropped as we have lost some of our congregation. Team fees have also dropped this year.

#### **Payments**

This year we have spent a lot more £33,428.4. Biggest ones have been the Common Fund £10,525.00. WERF expenses of £14,957.78 as we carry on of our re ordering of the Church.

#### **Savings**

Another poor year for any return on savings, with interest received of £676.01 on £90K

#### **General Running**

So including WERF monies in and out we have increased our funds by £2358.28. We received approx. 14K in grants towards our West End Reordering

#### **Total Assets**

The overall asset position for the Church at the end of 2013 was £185,607.85 and this has increased to £187,966.13 in 2014. However, of this sum £141,766.19 is earmarked for West End Reordering Fund

**St Mary's the Virgin Church Walkhampton**

Financial Statement for the year Ended 31 December 2014

General (Unrestricted) Fund Receipt &amp; Payment account

	2014	2013
Receipts		
Regular Giving		
Gift Aid	£8,183.00	£11,104.30
Collections	£1,206.57	£1,928.19
Income tax recovered	£2,735.90	£3,117.16
	<u>£12,125.47</u>	<u>£16,149.65</u>
Other Voluntary receipts		
Church Flowers	£0.00	£100.00
Princetown Common Fund	£1,500.00	£960.00
Donations	£350.00	£1,055.74
	<u>£1,850.00</u>	<u>£2,115.74</u>
Receipts from activities for generating funds		
General Fund WERF	£17,770.37	£5,752.26
Parish magazines sales	£311.50	£356.16
Miss Lillicrap coffee evening	£165.15	£0.00
Donation	£0.00	£90.00
Village Market Coffee & Stall	£393.20	£774.81
Devon Historic Churches	£162.95	£140.46

Bell Ringers cash	£24.00	£38.00
	<u>£18,827.17</u>	<u>£7,151.69</u>
Receipts from Church activities.		
Grant BPC Churchyard	£437.08	£479.98
Team Fees	£1,633.00	£3,618.00
Sir Massey Lopes	£0.00	£0.00
Refunds	£25.00	£0.00
	<u>£2,095.08</u>	<u>£4,097.98</u>
Receipts from investment		
CBF	£212.99	£208.82
National Savings interest	£676.01	£516.77
Savings account interest	<u>£889.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
	<u>£35,786.72</u>	<u>£30,240.65</u>
Total Receipts		
Payments		
Sundries Misc	£1,076.91	£303.91
Ministry Expense	£927.00	£1,084.72

Heating & light	£366.56	£1,347.67
Insurance	£2,617.02	£2,688.53
Common Fund	£10,525.00	£10,539.00
Churchyard Expenses	£1,653.48	£1,540.90
Charity Donation	£718.52	£620.46
Magazine Costs	£446.50	£468.00
Service Expenses	£129.67	£182.71
Flowers	£10.00	
WERF expenses.	£14,957.78	£4,046.77

Total Payments	<u>£33,428.44</u>	<u>£22,822.67</u>
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#### Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2014

	2014	2013
Bank current account	£97,153.17	£95,470.90
Business Access Account	£2.92	£2.92
Deposit Account National Savings	£90,810.04	£90,134.03
	<u>£187,966.13</u>	<u>£185,607.85</u>

#### Notes:

- 1 The financial statement 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 faculties for disposal.

- 3 The expenses paid to the clergy may include a small immaterial proportion which relates to their function as PCC members. Some payment 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 £141,766.19 is marked for WERF fund and is an unrestricted fund.
- 6 CBF Investment fund we have 420 shares valued at £12.7118 total £5338.20

Approved by the PCC on 19th January 2015 and signed on their behalf Mrs K Miall (PCC Chairperson) and Mr K Baxter(PCC Treasurer).

K Baxter Treasurer

Mrs R Waldron Examiner

K Miall PCC Chairperson



## **Princetown Annual Report**

We have continued successfully with Sunday Morning Worship organised on alternate weeks by The Methodist and Anglican preachers. Messy Church has also continued to meet once a month, though with slightly smaller numbers as some of the families originally involved have moved out of the area. There have been a variety of events organised by the Church to raise funds towards provision of a new heating system. These have included Beetle Drives, Sales and Sponsored Events and have involved members of the local community outside the usual Sunday congregation. The most recent event was a Community Nativity Play 'On a Cold Winter's Night' for which we used the old church of St. Michael and All Angels, which provided a super atmosphere for two inspiring performances supported by many from within and outside the village.

Phil Harbottle



## **HORRABRIDGE ANNUAL REPORT 2014**

Churchwardens  
Mrs Carol Shirley 854239  
Mrs Carolyn Hempenstall 852385

### **PCC Members**

Peter Ballinger	Linda Hitchcock
Sybil Heathcock	Anita Hyne Deanery Synod Representative
Phyllis Hellier	Hilary Prout

### **BANKERS**

TSB Tavistock

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

We are without a treasurer at the moment but Lesley Coleman is very kindly acting as bookkeeper. A small Finance Committee has been set up with The Rev. Patrick Parkes, Lesley Coleman, Alan Rush and the 2 Church wardens on the committee.

### **The ECC met 7 times in 2014**

It's been a really busy year at St John's. As well as the usual Services we held a service for Christian Unity which was attended by all the local churches. Remembrance Sunday was very well attended by the village and was of special significance focusing on the centenary of W.W.1. We also held a Christingle Service, a Nativity Festival Service and a Mission Community Service.

We were sad to say goodbye to Jean Horsfall who retired as Church warden and she and her husband Jim, who was our Verger have gone to live in Stroud. Carol Shirley was duly elected as church warden and we are lucky to have Bob Eustice as our new Verger.

### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

We are no longer an LEP. As from the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014 a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Diocese of Exeter and the Methodist Circuit. Consequently we are no longer an ECC but are now a PCC. Since November the Methodist Service is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month and we no longer have a Methodist preacher on the first Sunday.

### **KITCHEN**

After 3 years of planning we were given permission to go ahead with the kitchen plans.

### **FRIENDS OF ST JOHNS**

The Friends of St Johns fund raising committee have increased the kitchen fund to well over £9,000. This was achieved by holding a Bluebell Walk, a History Exhibition, a talk by Stephen Fryer on RAF Harrowbeer, a talk by Sue Andrews on the history of the church and a performance by Spangles the clown, which was very well attended by many local children.

### **FUND RAISING**

As well as all of the above, which were principally in aid of the Kitchen we hosted a performance by the Ladies Choir – Vocal Harem in March. The Summer Fair was again one of our bigger sources of income. We helped St Mary's Sampford Spiney with their "Big

Dump” in September and held our own “Smashing Sunday” event also in September. The Nativity Festival also contributed some welcome funds.

### **PASTORAL COMMITTEE**

As well as caring for some of our elderly or unwell members the Pastoral Committee has worked hard. Amongst other things there have been 6 Men’s breakfasts, a Passover Supper and a Harvest Supper.

### **NATIVITY FESTIVAL**

In late November/ early December St John’s hosted a Festival of Nativity Scenes. All the local churches and village organisations were invited to take part and many of them did so. The Church was open daily and the Festival was very well supported. The original plan was not to raise funds but in the event a considerable amount of money was donated.

### **OCCASIONAL OFFICES**

In 2014 there were: -

4 Baptisms, 4 Weddings, 13 Funerals

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**UNITED CHURCH OF  
HORRABRIDGE  
ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For the year ending 31 December 2014**

# United Church of Horrabridge Ecumenical Church Council

## Unrestricted Funds Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 31 December 2014

### RECEIPTS

	<u>2014</u>			<u>2013</u>	
	£	£	£		£
<u>Planned giving:</u>					
Regular giving	7851.95		8,520.00		
Special collections	670.73		172.50		
Income tax recovered	2180.04		0.00		
	<b><u>10702.72</u></b>				<b><u>8692.50</u></b>
<u>Other voluntary income:</u>					
Collections in Church	2483.15		1,940.12		
Donations (non-specific)	934.00		592.00		
Legacies	0.00		0.00		
Special appeals	109.00		0.00		
Men's breakfast	140.50		225.02		
General fundraising	3054.10		1870.61		
	<b><u>6720.75</u></b>				<b><u>4627.75</u></b>
<u>Miscellaneous income:</u>					
Fees for pastoral services	2874.00		2,035.00		
Return of cheques	120.40		0.00		
Court fines	143.08		0.00		
Transfer from CAF a/c for kitchen	896.00		0.00		
Miscellaneous income	0.00		1259.48		
Heat/light donation	100.00				
	<b><u>4133.48</u></b>				<b><u>3575.96</u></b>
Total receipts during year	<b><u>21556.95</u></b>				<b><u>16896.21</u></b>

**Unrestricted Funds Receipts and Payments Account**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2014**

**PAYMENTS**

	<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<u>The Ministry:</u>				
Common Fund (C. of E.) *	8763.00		3711.00	
Tavistock Methodist Circuit	800.00		1200.00	
		<b><u>9563.00</u></b>		<b><u>4911</u></b>
<u>The Church buildings and services:</u>				
St John's:				
Utilities	1714.72		1626.87	
Insurance	2313.12		2358.61	
Maintenance	1201.87		2485.54	
Roof repairs	0.00		0.00	
Churchyard	127.50		0.00	
Capital outlay (architect fees - kitchen)	235.98		0.00	
		<b><u>5593.19</u></b>		<b><u>6471.02</u></b>
<u>Other costs</u>				
Administration	278.50		413.49	
Expendables/Services upkeep	330.16		545.00	
Salaries and support costs	1300.00		2337.73	
Ministers expenses	1024.00		0.00	
Miscellaneous	0.00		1305.34	
CCLI Licence	138.77			
Donor refund	500.00			
Donations	0.00		0.00	
Gifts to charities	796.00		2108.00	
		<b><u>4367.43</u></b>		<b><u>6709.56</u></b>
Total payments during year		<b><u>19523.62</u></b>		<b><u>18091.58</u></b>
Excess of receipts over payments		2043.33		-1195.37

## Restricted Funds Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 31 December 2014

	<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>	
	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	7706.82		4,576.64	
<b>Receipts:</b>				
Adjustments			19.50	
Fundraising	1902.53		3,100.68	
Donations	500.00		10.00	
Interest	9.93			
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		2412.46		
<b>Payments:</b>		<hr/>		
Architect fees	188.00			
Refunded donation	500.00			
Faculty payment	208.00			
Bank charges	3.00			
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		899.00		
Balance at 31 December		<hr/>		
		<b><u>9220.28</u></b>	<b><u>7,706.82</u></b>	

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

**As at 31 December 2014**

### Monetary assets

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2014	Total 2013
	Funds	Funds		
Lloyds TSB Bank plc	8152.96	0.00	8152.96	6,119.63
CAF Bank	5176.05	9220.28	14396.33	12,802.72
Investments	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<b><u>11215.53</u></b>	<b><u>7706.82</u></b>	<b><u>22549.29</u></b>	<b><u>18922.35</u></b>

**Liabilities** Nil

### Notes

**Unrestricted Funds.** The unrestricted funds receipts and payments account does not include any changes to the unrestricted funds in the CAF account. Interest on that account has been allocated alternately between the kitchen fund and the unrestricted funds held in it.

\*Common Fund allocated by the diocese for 2014 totals £10000, but a cheque for £1237 was written in the previous financial year (2013) so does not appear in these accounts, thus accounting for the variation.

**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.

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

**Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended  
31<sup>st</sup> December 2014**

**Administrative Information**

St Mary's Church Sampford Spiney is part of the Diocese of Exeter within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is:

*The Rectory, Horrabridge, Nr Yelverton, Devon PL20 7RE*

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

PCC members who have served from April 2014 until the date of this report are:

Priest in Charge: Rev Nick Shutt  
Lay Chairman: Brig Simon Hill  
Church Warden: Mrs Rosalind Pugh  
Deanery Synod Representative: Mr Keith Ebdon  
Treasurer: Mrs Elizabeth Cole  
Minutes Secretary: Mrs Rita Hopwood  
Secretary: Mrs Janet Mudge

Elected Members:

Sir Peter Badge  
Mrs Eleanor Cole  
Mr Michael Doidge  
Mrs Helen Sims  
Mrs Hazel Viney  
Mr Peter Walde

**Structure, Governance and Management**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Role and stand for election to the PCC. The full PCC meets at least 4 times per annum.

**Objectives and Activities**

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.



The parish has been well served by the Mission Community clergy team, supported by retired clergy and lay readers, and we are very grateful for their efforts on our behalf particularly at major events in the church calendar.

The PCC continues to be represented 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 support moves to resolve the issue of having two benefices within the Mission Community in 2015 to clear the way for more detailed discussion on how it will work.

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 25 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. The average weekly attendance was 10, with increased attendance on Easter Sunday (30), on Christmas Day (51) and our Carol Service on the Sunday after Christmas (40). Our Animal Service in September is growing in popularity and the post service cup of tea proved popular. We also had a good attendance at our Good Friday Children's Service (22 adults & 11 children). During the year there have also been 1 marriage and 1 funeral.

### **Church Warden's Report**

We continue to value our Book of Common Prayer services and to use the King James Bible, except for Baptisms where the Common Worship version is used.

We completed repairs to the crocketed pinnacles and re-pointed two faces of the tower this year. In addition, we re-wired the tower, fixed our outside lights and completed all the Essential works detailed in our 2013 Quinquennial Review. Our hard working Church Warden and Sidesmen & women have also mastered the new electrical and heating system.

We have appointed a handy man who ensures that all the day to day work is kept under control – replacing lightbulbs, clearing drains, flashings, and gutters, and keeping an eye on hedges, trees and gravestones.

We continue to see a steady flow of visitors to our church and our jam and marmalade sales are evidence of that.

We continue to raise funds to re-point the last two faces of the tower – we hope to complete this work by the spring of 2016. 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.

In conclusion, we must acknowledge the enormous contribution that Rosalind Pugh, our outgoing Church Warden of many years standing, has made to the life of our church. She has moved out of the area and will be sorely missed. We must also acknowledge the efforts of John Pugh who served as our Treasurer for a number of years as well as spearheading the fundraising for our bells and masterminding the work on the new churchyard.

### **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.*

*Kevin Reed for all his work as our handy man.*

*Finally, our very supportive team of Sidesmen & women*

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

*Nick Collier's Lecture on Church Architecture*

*Our Exhibition of West Country Artists*

*Parish Cream Tea and Raffle*

*Sheepdog Trial*

*The Big Dump*

*Harvest Supper and Auction*

*Wine Tasting*

*Christmas Extravaganza*

*Jam and Marmalade Sales*

### **Fabric & Finance**

We continue to commit the income from the Sheepdog Trials (£1000), the Harvest Festival and Auction (c£300), and the Christmas Extravaganza (c£460) to our Cash Account which

supports our Running Costs. The income from the Harvest Festival and Auction was substantially lower than in previous years due to the incapacity of the key organiser, Michael Doidge – we are all delighted to see him recovering so well from serious illness.

The balance of our fundraising is committed to our Unrestricted Fabric Account and in 2014 we have drawn down on this and the grants committed by various national and regional grant making bodies to fund the repairs to our tower and its electrical system. This year we have raised money from:

***Collier Lecture***

*£300*

***Art Exhibition***

*£1800*

***Cream Tea & Parish Raffle***

*£1600*

***The Big Dump***

*£2300*

***Wine Tasting***

*£250*

In the autumn, the PCC concluded that it would continue its Fabric Account fundraising programme in 2015 along the lines above while holding c£5000 as a ready reserve. It also directed that we should approach The Sainsbury Trust for a grant and discuss with the Charity Commission the exact status of the c£6000 in Restricted Funds it currently holds.

**Financial Review**

Our detailed Financial Statement is attached

<b>SAMPFORD SPINEY PARACHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL - CHURCH RUNNING ACCOUNT 2014</b>			
	Actual 2014	Actual 2013	
<b>Receipts</b>			
Collections - Gift Aid	1742.42	2098.7	
Collections - Other	1078.45	959.88	
Covenants - Gift Aid	395.00	845.00	
Sheep Dog Trials	1000.00	0.00	
Donations	1000.00	625.00	
Weddings & Funerals	338.00	261.00	
Harvest Auction	349.50	2402.00	
Interest	2.71	3.27	
Christmas Extravaganza	462.00	0.00	
Wine Tasting	0.00	1709.75	
Plasterdown Parish Council	135.00	135.00	
Miscellaneous	168.56	1403.52	
Transfer from Gold Account	36528.80	25681.06	
Art Exhibition	6747.52	9251.53	
Ros' Quarter Peal	0.00	463.83	
Simon's yomp	0.00	909.45	
Guitar Concert	0.00	802.23	
Helen's Walk	146.00	0.00	
VAT Reclaimed	8088.29	0.00	
Wall Safe	114.39	0.00	
Grant from Archbishops Council	3000.00		
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>61296.64</b>	<b>47551.22</b>	
<b>Payments</b>			
Diocesan Share	3494.00	4306.00	
Clergy Expenses	0.00	0.00	
Repairs	37177.73	25681.06	
Electricity	416.00	460.58	
Insurance	1448.88	954.62	
Organist	600.00	450.00	
Miscellaneous	1609.15	1862.24	
Fund Raising costs	220.80	467.60	
Mission Community Contribution	500.00	303.09	
Half Share Simon's Yomp DHCT	0.00	500.00	
Wine Tasting Expenses	0.00	1006.5	
Artists Payments	5098.18	6814.00	
Guitar Concert profit to D/A	0.00	502.23	

Guitar Concert Expenses	0.00		300.00	
Horrabridge's share of Big Dump	450.00		0.00	
Church & Graveyard Maintenance Expenses	320.00		0.00	
Transfer to Gold Account	13337.63		0.00	
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>64672.37</b>		<b>43607.92</b>	
<b>Current Net Position</b>	<b>-3375.73</b>		<b>3943.30</b>	
<b>Cash Balances</b>				
<b>Start Position</b>	<b>6156.43</b>		<b>2213.13</b>	
<b>End Position</b>	<b>2341.14</b>		<b>6156.43</b>	

<b>SAMPFORD SPINEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL - FABRIC ACCOUNT 2014</b>		
	<b>Actual 2014</b>	<b>Actual 2013</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Interest	31.21	56.96
Tower Fund	20205.51	9766.66
Donations	620.00	25.00
Funerals & Covenants	0.00	0.00
IR Refund	775.33	1907.13
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£21,632.05</b>	<b>£11,755.75</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Transfer to Cash Acct for Tower Work		
& Architect's Fees	36,244.80	26,775.64
New Collection Bags	284.00	
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£36,528.80</b>	<b>£26,775.64</b>
<b>Current Net Position</b>	<b>- £14,896.75</b>	<b>-£15,019.89</b>
<b>Cash Balances</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>£29,029.23</b>
	<b>End</b>	<b>£14,132.48</b>

<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>B/F 2014</b>
Legacies & Funerals	£5,127.09
Fabric & Churchyard	£1,567.25
Bells	£1,260.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£7,954.34</b>

**Statement of Assets & Liabilities 31/12/2014**

<b>Assets</b>	<b>Fabric Fund</b>	<b>Church Fund</b>	<b>Total for 2013</b>
Barclays	0.00	£439.56	£914.62
CAF Cash Act	£0.00	£2,341.14	£5,241.81
CAF Gold Act	£14,132.48	£0.00	£29,029.23
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>£14,132.48</b>	<b>£2,780.70</b>	<b>£35,185.66</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>Nil</b>
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