

Annual Report for Year Ending 31st December 2020



St John the Baptist, Horrabridge

St Peter's, Meavy

St Mary's, Sampford Spiney

St Leonard's, Sheepstor

St Mary the Virgin, Walkhampton

St Paul's, Yelverton

Legal and Administrative Information

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Mr Richard Byrn
Mrs Kathryn Howard

St Leonard's Sheepstor

Mr Richard Bayly
Mrs Caroline Jennings

St Peter's Meavy

Mr Jonathan Davey
Mr Jonathan Frappell

St Mary the Virgin Walkhampton

Mrs Ros Knight
Mrs Bunty Baxter

St Mary's Sampford Spiney

Mrs Rita Hopwood
Mrs Helen Sims

St John the Baptist Horrabridge

Vacant

Parochial Church Council Members:

St Paul's Yelverton <i>Reader</i> Martin Jury <i>Churchwardens</i> Kathy Howard Richard Byrn (Acting Chair) <i>Deanery Synod Reps</i> Belinda Gardiner Berwyn Turley-Rogers <i>Elected Members</i> Kathy Howard (Secretary) Brian Medhurst (Treasurer) Anne-Marie Critchley John Gozzard Cath Bowler (resigned Oct 2020)		St Leonard's Sheepstor <i>Churchwardens</i> Caroline Jennings Richard Bayly - also Hon Secretary, Sexton, Verger, Sacristan, Electoral Roll & Deanery Synod Rep <i>Lay Vice Chair</i> Pat Legassick <i>Treasurer</i> William Jennings <i>Members</i> Stephen Hopson Russell Chapman Matt Kemp <i>Captain of the Bell Tower</i> Heather Chapman	
St Mary's Walkhampton <i>Churchwardens:</i> Mrs Ros Knight Mrs Bunty Baxter (Vice Chair) <i>Treasurer:</i> Mr Kevin Baxter <i>Secretary:</i> Mrs Corinne Shutt Mrs Mavis Goddard Mr James Knight Mrs Sheila Reynolds Mrs Caroline Paskin <i>Deanery Synod Reps:</i> Mr Kevin Baxter Mrs Corinne Shutt		St Peter's Meavy <i>Churchwardens</i> Mr Jonathan Frappell Mr Jonathan Davey <i>Deanery Synod Reps</i> Mrs Nicky Smith Mrs Annie Inman <i>Members:</i> Mrs Sarah Gordon <i>Lay Vice Chair</i> <i>Secretary/Health & Safety</i> Mrs Sheila Manning <i>Treasurer</i> Mr Gregg Manning <i>MC Council</i> Mrs Mary Helby Mrs Hilary Monk Mrs Penny Shobbrook	

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Bankers & Independent Examiners

St Paul's Yelverton

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

St Peter's Meavy

National Westminster Bank,
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Examiner: Mr Tony Smith

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Examiner: Mr Steve Gray

St Leonard's Sheepstor

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Bootle, Merseyside

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Examiner: Phillipa 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 2020.

The Rector's Report:

It's been quite a year in the life of our Mission Community of parishes and churches, as it has been for life in more general terms. 2020 will I'm sure be forever known as the year of Coronavirus. It was also the year that I became your Rector, and I'm very thankful. 2020 has been such a year of pain, anxiety and anguish that it has at times been difficult to find things to be thankful for. I moved into the Rectory at Yelverton on March 23rd 2020, the first day of the first lockdown, and so to date I have not been able to see how the Mission Community functions in 'normal' times, whatever they are, but what I have seen is very much to be thankful for, and it's in this report of a year of restrictions and guidelines that I would like to dwell on what we have, here, to be thankful for in the year past.

There is so much that would normally be happening in the day to day life of our parishes that has had to be suspended, however, there is lots that we have been able to continue to do and be, and also thrive. The Foodbank collection point at St Paul's Church has been able to continue to respond to what has been a massive demand at the Foodbank in Tavistock. I'm sure that many of those who rely on the Foodbank are grateful for our donations. The nativity scene festival at St John the Baptist Church went ahead as planned within the restrictions, and many visitors enjoyed the event. Di Caine was able to put together again this year resources for us to take part in the Thy Kingdom Come prayer project. Between the 1st and 2nd lockdowns we were able to have our yearly All Souls Service at St Paul's Church, it was without hymns, and restricted in other ways too, but it was a good remembrance of those we love who have died. Throughout the year we have been restricted in who we can meet, where and when, and so pastoral care needed to be re-thought. Di Caine has led from the front in telephone pastoral care, and many parishioners have been very grateful for a phone call from a familiar voice. Debbie Delaney has throughout the year been able to continue to produce the Bulletin, which has been on our website for download, but also delivered to those without internet in a Covid safe way, each week. The website has gone from strength to strength. As the internet came in to its own this year, and many of us began using it in ways we never thought possible, Belinda Gardiner's work at keeping it up to date, and providing resources for us all has been invaluable.

Much of the activities that we are used to taking part in in person have also moved the internet, and many of us have discovered Zoom and Microsoft Teams for the first time. Our Open the Book team have continued to produce worship for our school children online. School Collective Worship moved online. Our choir has been able to sing and record themselves in their own homes, with Richard Byrn and Pauline Hamilton-Leggett working marvels to produce hymn recordings for us to use online each week. John Bowler has set up a regular bell ringing session online for some of our bell ringers. Anne de Looy has moved one of our House Groups to an online meeting, which had new people join them, particularly for the Advent course. And then there is our worship. We have returned to our church buildings for worship when it has been safe to do, but much of the year we have worshiped online. Worship online has been live streamed and also pre-recorded. We have been able to provide a weekly Parish Eucharist, and also a Service of Morning Prayer, Monday-Friday. This worship provision has been boosted by online Services for Christmas, Advent, Easter, Lent and Harvest. Many of us have had steep internet learning curves, but we are better for it.

The success of our new online provision is that our mission community has now arguably no boundaries. We regularly get people from all over the country and other parts of the world tuning in to watch and worship with us via our Facebook page. This is most certainly new growth, and we

are encouraged and delighted that with the figures from the government that 1 in 10 adults in the UK accessed a worship resource online during the pandemic, we are part of that figure.

In the past year there has been some coming and going. We said goodbye to John Weir as one of our Associate Priests, and we wish him and Rosemary a happy and relaxing retirement. We also said goodbye to Jane Sanham as one of our Readers as she and Nick continue to worship in Tavistock, and we wish them well. We were this year also able to welcome Anne Delooy who joined us as one of our Readers, and Miranda Donne as one of our Associate Priests.

Looking forward to 2021, we hope and pray for a calmer year, a year with a little more normality restored. As part of our Mission Community Mission Action Plan, our online worship provision will continue in some form. As gathering becomes increasingly more possible we hope to re-start Poppins our parent and toddler group, Lite Bites our lunch club, Champing TM, engaging with our nursing and residential homes, community events, our Men's Breakfast club, Ladies' Lunch, NOSH @0930, although we have to a small extent been able to provide something for the NOSH congregation this past year, online, and much more.

It has been quite the year, and we have much to be thankful and positive for, despite the horror and pain that the virus has caused in our lives. I'm unbelievably thankful to our parishes and PCCs for the support and encouragement they have given me in this most strange of first years in post, and I'm very much looking forward to another year as your Rector, working with you and for you to further the Kingdom in this beautiful place, reflecting something of Christ's love and light in to our world.

Revd Andrew Thomas

Safeguarding Report for the Mission Community

Safeguarding as always is a priority in the Mission Community with each church displaying safeguarding details together with useful telephone numbers on their notice boards.

The Ministerial Team are up to date with their Diocesan Safeguarding Courses and all have current DBS certificates.

In 2020 DBS applications for our Churchwardens/PCC members were completed and now all hold up-to-date DBS certificates.

The completion of outstanding C0 and C1 (on-line) and C2 (attendance currently on zoom) safeguarding courses is on-going, with the aim that all laity will have completed relevant training by the middle of 2021. All members of the ministry team have up-to-date training records.

The safeguarding policy is continually reviewed throughout the year, with the three main questions relating to safeguarding itemised on the agenda at each MCC and PCC meeting, these being: -

1. Is there anyone we wish to appoint to a position who will need to be subject to our safer recruitment procedures and/or DBS checks?
2. Is there anyone or any situation that is causing us concern from a safeguarding point of view?
3. Are there any training needs for new members or others in the congregation or refresher training for existing appointees?

Debbie Delaney
Administrator & Safeguarding Rep

Men's Breakfast

Unfortunately, no Men's Breakfasts have taken place in the past year.

Martin Jury

Residential Homes

The ministerial team were able to go into our residential homes at the beginning of 2020 from January to March before the first Covid lockdown took place. Since lockdown our homes have been contacted regularly by telephone to check-in with the residents.

Rev Di Caine

Schools

From January to March, we managed to attend our church schools in Meavy and Walkhampton once per month, due to our reduced ministerial team. We also managed to visit the community schools in Horrbridge and Princetown once during this period. Covid unfortunately put a stop to our visits but as soon as we are able, we look forward to seeing the children again in all settings.

Rev Di Caine

Poppins (Mother and Toddler Group)

This group normally meets every Wednesday morning from 9.30-11.30 during term time in St Paul's church hall. Expenses are met by donations. Poppins last met on 11th March 2020 just before the first Covid-19 pandemic lockdown in the country. Restrictions and precautionary measures for the protection of volunteers and families as well as other hall users have sadly meant that Poppins has not met for one whole year.

A Nativity Trail was set up in December 2020 in Yelverton for families to explore. Our grateful thanks go to the many businesses and shops which hosted a Nativity figure or animal for children to find. Accompanying information booklets were sent out to Penmoor, Edgemoor and Buckland Beehive Pre-Schools and were available on the West Dartmoor Mission Community website. Meavy and Lady Modiford's Schools also advertised the trail in their newsletters.

It is hoped that the group will resume when it is safe to do so. Many families are looking forward to this. There is also a need for new mothers and their babies to meet socially in a safe and relaxed environment which Poppins provides, after such a long period of staying at home.

Mrs Ros Knight

Open the Book Annual report

The OTB team were able to go into the two schools at the beginning of 2020 and presented one story each month from January to March before the first Covid lockdown took place.

From September 2020 the team began to record the stories with a PowerPoint presentation for each month until the end of the year. Since January 2021 the team members have increased their efforts by providing a recorded story plus powerpoint images per week. We are very grateful to Corinne for making this possible with her hard work and expertise.

Ros Knight

Benefice Choir Annual Report 2020

The Mission Community Choir has not been able to sing together since March 2020. Each week, however, I have played hymns on the organ or piano, recorded by my husband Peter and sent to our choir member Richard Byrn. He in turn sends the recording to other choir members who are able to record themselves singing at home. The recordings are sent back to Richard who mixes all our voices together and then sends the recordings to the Ministerial team. The hymn is played in church each week and broadcast online. The choir has been fortunate to be able to sing hymns in 4-part harmony.

Pauline Hamilton-Leggett, Choir leader.

Weekly Bible study group

The Bible study group meet weekly on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm until 9pm, we used to meet at one of the groups houses but this year due to lockdown we have been meeting via Zoom. The group is led by Anne de Looy and Martin Jury. We have a core of about 8 people weekly but this varies as others join us for certain courses e.g. Advent and Lent. We always welcome new participants whether as permanent members of the group or on an ad-hoc basis.

This last year we have studied 1 John; The 5 books of The Psalms; Isaiah; The Case for Christmas by Lee Strobel, our Advent course; The Bible in chronological order; a course by Yvon Prehn from Bible 805 and we have just finished our Lent course Who is this Man (the unpredictable impact of the inescapable Jesus) by John Ortberg.

We will be continuing the Yvon Prehn course when we restart after an Easter break.

We use a mixture of audio and video resources and written material to introduce each topic and then have lively discussions amongst the group, with a time for prayer and a time for general chat.

Martin Jury

Nosh@9.30 became Nosh@Home

West Dartmoor Mission Community's Fresh Expression Service, Nosh@9.30, has been operating for the last seven years on the third Sunday of every month. Why is it called Nosh@9.30? Well, the service always starts with either bacon or sausage baps (vegetarian option available, too) and fresh coffee or tea and surprise, surprise, it is at 9.30! It is an all-age non-Eucharistic service (not just for children) which normally takes place in St Paul's church hall, Yelverton, using the video and sound system, so therefore no books are required. The service follows a pattern of introduction and gathering prayer, confession, Bible reading often presented as a drama, then a reflection for adults and activities for the children, prayers often led by the children, interspersed with hymns/ Christian songs.

However, back in March everything changed and the service couldn't take place in St Paul's Church hall. The Nosh Team didn't want to lose contact with the Nosh Community that has built up over the years and so Nosh@9.30 became an online service, Nosh@Home. The service was devised and loaded on to the church website to be used by individuals, families or groups over the internet. Initially, at the beginning of lockdown, a weekly service was produced, though when the churches began to reopen on Sundays this reverted to once a month. The on-line service comprises of a similar pattern with an opening prayer and activity, a Bible reading with "talk-about" questions, activities, a reflection, prayers and there are links for songs on YouTube. The idea is that people can pick and mix the parts of the service that they feel are appropriate for them and whoever they are worshipping with.

Remarkably, the team were able to deliver a Christmas Nosh Service back in church on Sunday 20th December in St Paul's Church. To maintain social distancing, the idea of Stations of the Nativity was used, where six different groups of family or friends present a station to the congregation. It was lovely to be back in church to share the good news of the Christmas story. And one clever member of the team, managed to produce the story as an excellent recording and it was available to view on line via YouTube.

So even though we haven't been able to gather as the Nosh Community, we hope that these resources have helped us to continue worshipping together and sharing the Good News of Jesus.

Corinne Shutt

Tavistock Deanery Synod Report

There have been three meetings in March, July and October 2020. The meeting in March was an actual meeting three weeks before the first lock-down. The main topic at the March meeting was 'Joy 2020' when Archdeacon Nick visited the synod to talk about the weekend in June when all three bishops in Devon would be coming to our archdeaconry. The emphasis was to have been on 'Pray', 'Grow' and 'Serve' and the emphasis of direction to the '55+s', children, youth and the 25 age bracket. A variety of events and activities was described.

Sadly this had to be postponed to the future due to Covid.

The July and October meetings were via Zoom. Both meetings were much about the creative responses and adaptations of the parishes to the pandemic.

Updates from Thika Diocese in Kenya are always distributed to the representatives, communications from Devon Historic Churches Trust, and reports from the General Synod and Diocesan Synod are received. The 'Anna Chaplaincy' role was a topic at the July meeting. Also Corinne Shutt (Walkhampton, West Dartmoor) described the Nosh@9.30 service which had been adapted to [Nosh@home](#) and also 'Open the Book'. The importance of the Deanery Synod Representatives role was emphasised and their feedback to their parishes.

The Deanery Treasurer described the financial difficulties faced by the diocese but congratulated the parishes for their efforts in contributing the Common Fund. He emphasised the necessity of maintaining this.

Three new incumbents were welcomed during the year in Buckland Monachorum, Lifton Benefice and West Dartmoor. The Deanery Plan which had been much discussed in 2019 and early 2020 was put a little to one side due to the many adaptations needed due to the pandemic.

Revd. Nick Law retired from the post of Rural Dean and Revd. Andy Atkins became our new Rural Dean.

Annie Inman. Deanery Synod Secretary.



**THE PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
HORRABRIDGE**

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**ANNUAL REPORT
and
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
For the year ended 31 December 2020**

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BANK: TSB, Tavistock, Devon

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER: Mr Steve Gray
2 Down View, Binkham Hill, Yelverton, Devon. PL20 6BE

OUR WEBSITE: www.westdartmoor.church

The Parochial Church Council is an Excepted Charity

The Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist Church, Horrabridge Administrative Information Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

Aim and Purpose

Our aim is to keep a Christian presence in the village of Horrabridge and to make all sections of the community aware of the unfailing love of God. In line with this we aim to maintain a place of worship in the village where all can feel welcome.

We were pleased that the vacancy was filled, and Andrew Thomas became Rector for the West Dartmoor Mission Community on 1 April 2020.

The Church is a Grade II* Listed Building which was completed in 1893.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church, and to become part of our parish family. When planning our activities, the PCC has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, particularly the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and bible study, music and communion. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish family, through:

- Worship and prayer: Learning about the Gospel and developing our knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish; and
- Mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is vital that we maintain the fabric of the Church.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

This past year has presented us with new challenges, as the Covid 19 virus led to all churches having to close for significant periods of lockdown.

When it has been permitted, we have continued to hold a Service in the church every Sunday, usually at the same time in the morning. On the first and second Sundays we have Holy Communion Services, on the third Sunday we have a Methodist Service and on the fourth Sunday a Family Service. We have not been able to have fifth Sunday Mission Community Services this year. During periods of lockdown people have been able to access online services through the Mission Community website and Facebook page.

The weekly bible study group has been adapted to be a weekly Zoom meeting. After completing a study of the book of Isaiah, we followed a series about the 'Bible in Chronological Order' and during Advent a series about the virgin birth.

On the relevant date there were 31 parishioners on St John's Electoral Roll. The usual Sunday attendance has been 12 or 13, but when special services have been held the number increases to 20 or 30 adults and 20 children.

As well as our regular services we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of life. This year we have not had any baptisms or weddings due the limit on numbers allowed, but there were 8 funerals and 1 Burial of Ashes.

We continued to do whatever we could to keep in touch with and look after elderly members who are no longer able to come to church by telephoning and sending cards.

Covid containment rules have also affected our links with the Methodist Church as the Walking Prayer Group, a Prayer for the Primary School Group and a Community Prayer Group have either ceased or only been able to meet sporadically. Similarly, St John's as a venue for the Methodist initiated Ignite worship service on the last Friday evening of each month has been suspended and replaced with a Zoom meeting.

Deanery Synod

We have not appointed a replacement representative to Tavistock Deanery Synod since August 2019 but are kept informed through the minutes and a Mission Community colleague.

Church Fabric

The grounds have continued to be maintained in good order by two volunteers.

A small working group was set up at the end of 2019 to plan the reroofing and replacement of water goods following the recommendations of the Quinquennial Inspection of 2017, received in summer of 2018. We appointed a firm of architects in August, to draw up plans for the necessary permissions to enable us to go ahead with the work and had a Bat/Ecological Survey completed in September. These will also be important in obtaining funding.

Fundraising has begun but has been constrained by many major grant givers not accepting applications during the Covid crisis. We look forward to making more progress on this in 2021. We have started to make the community more aware of the situation through Facebook under the title 'More Than an Umbrella'

In the meantime, repairs have been carried out to the roof to secure many slates which had slipped.

Mission and Evangelism

The need to maintain social distancing and minimal contact with others this year has led us to focus more on online opportunities. In light of the popularity of Facebook pages in the village we have increasingly used this as a means of making the community aware of what is or is not going on in the church and what support we can offer. There have also been messages of support and precisés of sermons given. We have set up a separate Facebook page for the church so that people can easily track items that have been shared through the other village Facebook pages or which can be shared with the whole Mission Community. In connection with this we have established a specific church email address.

We have been unable to organise special children focused services this year due to Covid requirements regarding serving of food, cleaning and 2m social distancing.

Links with the school have been suspended as no volunteers have been able to go into the school and children have not been able to come to the church. Nonetheless we continue to have a good relationship with the school and appreciate the support that they have been able to give to our fundraising efforts for the roof and rainwater goods. A Christingle Service via Zoom was organised in December.

Other Activities

With the closure of churches and subsequent constraints on numbers it was only possible to provide weekly lunches each Tuesday, 'Lite Bite', until mid-March and one Men's Breakfast in February.

Lite Bite is a simple lunch open to all and for which there is no charge but donations for charity are accepted. It is a source of support and friendship for isolated and elderly people in the village and beyond as well as friends in the church. Our donations last year went to Horrabridge Youth Club. During Lent the donations went to the Mission Community Lent charities, which this year were Thika and Shekinah.

The Men's Breakfast provides a forum for men to meet together for a talk and company. Again, it is a support to those living on their own.

We were unable to have a Maundy Thursday supper as the church was closed through April and May. The annual Summer Fair in June was unable to go ahead.

The Friends of St John's were unable to organise any fundraising activities this year but have agreed to support the church in raising funds for the renewing of the roof and rainwater goods.

Unusually the church was not packed on Remembrance Sunday this year as there could be no Scout Groups and only representative attendance at the church service. We were delighted that at least one of our highlights of the year, the Festival of Nativity Scenes, was able to go ahead each weekend from 5 to 20 December, although we could not end with a short Carol Service in which children take part. All the local schools, churches and many village organisations provided displays. Midnight Mass was well attended, given that only 26 places were available, with 18 at the service.

Financial Review

As with most churches our income in 2020 was radically affected by legislation to reduce the spread of Covid-19, which included complete closures through late March, April, May, June and November and restricted numbers for the other weeks.

We ended 2021 with assets of £ 14,416.65 in the TSB Bank Account. This compares with assets of £19765.16 at the end of 2019, a reduction of £5,348.51.

Parish Giving

In light of the fragile state of our roof it was decided that proceeds from the Festival of Nativity Scenes, the only community event that we were able to hold this year, would be dedicated to the re-roofing project.

Our total income in 2020 was £15,894.30 compared with £22,348.83 in 2019 and our expenditures totalled £21,242.81 (of which £5481.50 was on the project to renovate the roof and rainwater goods) compared with £18,854.08 last year. The balance of our finances was therefore reduced by £5,348.51.

Parish Giving by members of the congregation was the largest contribution to our income and £120 more than last year, amounting to £6,657.15 for the year. Weekly collections were down by £320 to £1,911.25 and Gift Aid Tax Returns amounted to £2,240.48 a fall of £770.

We were unable to hold special events such as the Village Fair, Bluebell Walk and Ninebarrow Concert which had raised a total of £3441.25 last year, but we are so glad that we could at least hold the Festival of Nativity Scenes which raised £606.70 (not too far short of the £700.30 donated last year).

This year we have established a clearer system of funds to show when money has been allocated to different purposes.

Reserves Policy

The PCC does not have a formal Reserves Policy, but we endeavour to keep £5,000 as a Reserve in the TSB Account. In light of the challenges of gathering money to renovate the roof this is something that we plan to review once the church is able to open normally.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Volunteers

The members of the PCC would like to thank all the volunteers who work unstintingly to make our church a lively and vibrant community. This year our special thanks go to Jenny Picton for co-ordinating the Nativity Festival despite the uncertainty of Covid restrictions until the last minute, Carolyn Hempenstall and Linda Hitchcock for providing the Lite Bite meals, Andy Stewart and Keith Blackmore, Sybil Heathcock, Phyllis Hellier, Hilary Prout and Elaine Hay who took part in the Spring-Cleaning event through Lent, Bob Eustace for helping out with odd jobs and Will and Elaine Hay for maintaining the garden.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC consists of members elected by those on the electoral roll and, as the minister has 6 parishes, has a Lay Chair. We have had no Church Warden(s) since the end of August 2019 although Hilary Prout and Elaine Hay, assisted by Sybil Heathcock and Penny Woolley, fulfil many of the functions covered by that role. The PCC members are responsible under the Rector for all matters concerning the Parish Building and Finance. The PCC is not large enough to separate responsibilities for different areas and act collegiately on all matters. The PCC met 6 times in 2020, twice through Zoom.

There is a Mission Community Council which deals with joint concerns such as Mission and Service patterns across the churches. Two Members of the PCC are offered places on this Council. Hilary Prout and Elaine Hay are the current representatives for St John's. The Mission Community Council met 3 times in 2020.

Administrative Information

The Church is situated in Walkhampton Road, Horrabridge, Yelverton PL20 7RF and is part of the Deanery of Tavistock, in the Diocese of Exeter.

The correspondence address is 3 West Park Villas Whitchurch Road, Horrabridge, PL20 7TY.

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The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules 2006) and a Charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission. PCC members who have served from 1 January 2020 until the date this report was approved were:

Lay Chair Carolyn Hempenstall

Church Secretary Hilary Prout

Churchwardens Vacant

Treasurer Elaine Hay

Deanery Synod Rep Vacancy

Elected Members Sybil Heathcock

Phyllis Hellier retired at the end of 2020.
Linda Hitchcock stood down March 2020.

Approved by the PCC on 10 February 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

.....Rev Andrew Thomas (Acting Chair)

.....Hilary Prout (Minutes Secretary)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As at 31 December 2020

Monetary assets

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
TSB Bank plc	8,167.55	£7,000.64	Minus £751.54	£14,416.65	£19765.16
CAF Bank	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	8,167.55	7,000.64	Minus £751.54	£14,416.65	19765.16

Liabilities Nil

Notes

The financial statement of the PCC has been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 using Receipt and Payment basis.

Restricted Funds: Currently show as a negative because money paid out for architects' fees were recorded against this fund, but money was not transferred from the designated fund to cover this until after 31 December.

Income

Unrestricted Funds: We have had a reduced income this year due to the constraints of Covid containment.

Organ Fund: The balance remains at £1199.11 as with the closures an annual tuning was not necessary.

Other Funds: The Friends of St John were unable to run events in 2020. Although the money they raise is usually specifically for making improvements to the church rather than for general maintenance or running of the church, they kindly agreed to their reserves being used to support the renovation of the church roof and rainwater goods.

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.

Approved by the PCC on 10 February 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

.....Rev Andrew Thomas (Acting Chair)

.....Hilary Prout (Minutes Secretary)

St John the Baptist's Church Horrabridge
Fund totals - Details
Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

Fund	Opening balance	Closing balance
CAF - Savings		
Endowment	—	—
	—	—
Friends - Friends of St John the Baptist Church Horrabridge		
Designated	—	82.53
	—	82.53
Organ - Organ Maintenance and Repair		
Designated	—	1,199.11
	—	1,199.11
General - General fund		
Unrestricted	18,875.22	8,167.55
	18,875.22	8,167.55
Kitch - Kitchen Refurbishment		
Restricted	889.94	889.94
	889.94	889.94
Roof - Roof Repair		
Designated	—	5,719.00
Restricted	—	(1,641.48)
	—	4,077.52
Overall totals	19,765.16	14,416.65

St John the Baptist's Church Horrabridge
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

Note	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Donations		720.00	786.00
Parish Giving Scheme		6,657.15	6,535.72
Collections - Envelopes		115.00	555.70
Collections - Cash		1,911.25	1,675.21
Donations - Non-Specific		2,125.40	2,950.50
	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<u>11,528.80</u>	<u>12,503.13</u>
Income from charitable activities			
General Fundraising		5.00	2,016.40
Coffee Morning/Mens Breakfast		—	129.00
Organ Fund		—	500.00
	<i>Total Income from charitable activities</i>	<u>5.00</u>	<u>2,645.40</u>
Other income			
Benefices - Fees		595.00	1,690.00
Special Collections		6.00	2,336.40
Gift Aid Tax Returns		2,240.48	3,011.74
Miscellaneous		160.00	56.00
Court Fine		—	106.16
	<i>Total Other income</i>	<u>3,001.48</u>	<u>7,200.30</u>
Total income and endowments		14,535.28	22,348.83
Expenditure			
Raising funds			
Fund Raising Costs		61.50	1,112.04
	<i>Total Raising funds</i>	<u>61.50</u>	<u>1,112.04</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Donations		50.00	—
	<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>—</u>
Other expenditure			
Mission Community Budget		500.00	645.00
Common Fund		8,016.00	9,576.00
Church Maintenance		1,221.56	3,131.54
Churchyard		290.00	210.00
Expendables		264.79	125.66
Church Administration		137.13	264.09
Salaries + Support Costs		1,300.00	1,300.00
Utilities		1,119.04	1,497.29
Insurance		2,642.31	2,585.66
Miscellaneous		58.98	74.80
Organ Maintenance		—	174.00
	<i>Total Other expenditure</i>	<u>15,549.81</u>	<u>19,584.04</u>
Total expenditure		15,661.31	20,696.08

<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(1,126.03)	1,652.75
	Transfers to/(from)	(9,581.64)	—
	Brought forward balance	18,875.22	17,222.47
	Total carried forward balance	8,167.55	18,875.22
Roof - Roof Repair (Designated) Fund			
	Income and endowments		
	Donations and legacies		
	Roof Repair	187.72	—
	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<i>187.72</i>	—
	Total income and endowments	187.72	—
	Expenditure		
	Other expenditure		
	Roof Repair	1,080.00	—
	<i>Total Other expenditure</i>	<i>1,080.00</i>	—
	Total expenditure	1,080.00	—
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(892.28)	—
	Transfers to/(from)	6,611.28	—
	Total carried forward balance	5,719.00	—
Roof - Roof Repair (Restricted) Fund			
	Income and endowments		
	Donations and legacies		
	Roof Repair	1,171.30	—
	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<i>1,171.30</i>	—
	Total income and endowments	1,171.30	—
	Expenditure		
	Other expenditure		
	Roof Repair	4,501.50	—
	<i>Total Other expenditure</i>	<i>4,501.50</i>	—
	Total expenditure	4,501.50	—
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(3,330.20)	—
	Transfers to/(from)	1,688.72	—
	Total carried forward balance	(1,641.48)	—

<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
Kitch - Kitchen Refurbishment (Restricted) Fund			
	Brought forward balance	889.94	889.94
	Total carried forward balance	889.94	889.94
Organ - Organ Maintenance and Repair (Designated) Fund			
	Transfers to/(from)	1,199.11	—
	Total carried forward balance	1,199.11	—
Friends - Friends of St John the Baptist Church Horrabridge (Designated) Fund			
	Transfers to/(from)	82.53	—
	Total carried forward balance	82.53	—

St John the Baptist's Church Horrabridge
Monthly Income / Expenditure totals - Details
As at: 31 December 2020

Nominal code	Jan_20	Feb_20	Mar_20	Apr_20	May_20	Jun_20	Jul_20	Aug_20	Sep_20	Oct_20	Nov_20	Dec_20	Code total
Income													
0101 (Donations)	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	720.00
0103 (Roof Repair)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	31.50	459.88	27.94	839.70	1,359.02
0104 (Parish Giving Scheme)	535.21	535.21	535.21	535.21	537.60	542.53	592.50	592.50	532.50	532.50	532.50	653.68	6,657.15
0105 (Collections - Envelopes)	85.00	—	30.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	115.00
0106 (Collections - Cash)	160.35	91.80	77.50	—	—	—	320.00	206.10	440.50	276.00	80.00	259.00	1,911.25
0107 (Benefices - Fees)	491.00	—	—	—	—	—	44.00	—	—	60.00	—	—	595.00
0108 (Donations - Non-Specific)	227.40	1.98	37.00	700.00	—	560.00	255.00	—	49.02	—	225.00	70.00	2,125.40
0109 (Special Collections)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.00	—	—	6.00
0110 (Gift Aid Tax Returns)	111.65	111.65	111.65	111.65	1,008.36	112.89	120.39	120.39	100.39	100.39	100.39	130.68	2,240.48
0111 (General Fundraising)	—	5.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00
0115 (Miscellaneous)	120.00	—	40.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	160.00
Income totals	1,790.61	805.64	891.36	1,406.86	1,605.96	1,275.42	1,391.89	978.99	1,213.91	1,494.77	1,025.83	2,013.06	15,894.30
Expenditure													
0001 (Mission Community Budget)	53.75	53.75	29.25	29.25	29.25	29.25	29.25	29.25	29.25	29.25	79.25	79.25	500.00
0002 (Common Fund)	668.00	668.00	668.00	668.00	668.00	668.00	668.00	668.00	668.00	668.00	668.00	668.00	8,016.00
0003 (Church Maintenance)	—	114.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	448.56	96.00	563.00	—	1,221.56
0004 (Churchyard)	—	—	—	—	—	65.00	—	—	—	—	—	225.00	290.00
0005 (Expendables)	—	—	—	—	—	76.15	—	—	156.00	—	32.64	—	264.79
0006 (Church Administration)	—	—	—	—	50.00	—	—	—	—	—	87.13	—	137.13
0008 (Salaries + Support Costs)	325.00	—	—	325.00	—	—	325.00	—	—	325.00	—	—	1,300.00
0011 (Donations)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	50.00	—	—	50.00
0012 (Utilities)	177.00	45.34	243.27	109.14	49.35	88.59	84.44	50.27	84.21	56.54	68.57	62.32	1,119.04
0013 (Insurance)	220.22	—	440.38	220.19	220.19	220.19	220.19	—	440.38	220.19	220.19	220.19	2,642.31
0014 (Fund Raising Costs)	—	—	—	—	—	61.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	61.50
0015 (Miscellaneous)	—	22.98	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16.00	20.00	—	58.98
0018 (Roof Repair)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,260.10	—	2,321.40	5,581.50
Expenditure totals	1,443.97	904.07	1,380.90	1,351.58	1,016.79	1,208.68	1,326.88	747.52	1,828.40	4,721.08	1,738.78	3,576.16	21,242.81

Balance (income - expenditure)	(5,348.51)
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**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees of	St John The Baptist Church, Horrbridge, DEVON. PL20 7RF		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2020	Charity no (if any)	An Excepted Charity
Set out on pages	1-6		
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<p>The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.</p> <p>It is my responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,• to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and• to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.		
Basis of independent examiner's statement	<p>My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.</p>		
Independent examiner's statement	<p>In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or• the accounts do not accord with the accounting records <p>I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p>		
Signed:		Date:	2 February 2021
Name:	Steve Gray		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
Address:	2 Down View, Binkham Hill, Yelverton, DEVON PL20 6BE		

St Peter's Church, Meavy

Meavy Village Devon PL20 6PJ

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
of the Parochial Church Council**

for the year ended

31st December 2020

Rector:

The Reverend Andrew Thomas

Bankers:

Nat West, Tavistock, Devon

Independent Examiner: Mr Tony Smith

Our web site:

www.westdartmoor.church

The Parochial Church Council is an Excepted Charity

PCC Report 31st December 2020

St Peter's Meavy PCC members as at 31st December 2020

Ex Officio

The Incumbent Churchwardens

Rev'd Andrew Thomas
Mr. Jonathan Frappell
Mr. Jon Davey

Chair
MC Council

Deanery Synod Reps

Mrs Nicky Smith
Mrs Annie Inman

Electoral Roll

Elected Members

Mrs Sarah Gordon
Mrs Hilary Monk
Mrs Penny Shobbrook
Mrs Mary Helby
Mrs Sheila Manning
Mr Gregg Manning

Lay Vice Chair

MC Council
Secretary/Health & Safety
Treasurer

Aim and Purpose

St Peter's Parochial Church Council (the PCC) has the responsibility of working within the West Dartmoor Mission Community as well as in the ecclesiastical parish to promote the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is committed to welcoming and enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church, to become part of our parish family, and thus to become part of the wider West Dartmoor Mission Community.

To achieve these aims the PCC is responsible for the financial affairs of the church, the care, maintenance and insurance of the fabric of the church and its goods and ornaments, and the care and maintenance of the churchyard.

Overview of 2020

Like everyone else, our year has been dominated by the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic and its effects on the life of the whole nation. We were all delighted when our new Rector, Andrew Thomas, took up his ministry among us early in the year and wish to record our profound thanks to him for guiding us through these uncertain times, always maintaining a warm, enthusiastic and positive attitude to the difficulties that we have faced. Inevitably the restrictions have severely affected our ability to fundraise which will be addressed later in this report. As ever St. Peter's relies heavily on volunteers for all the day-to-day running of the church. In this strange year special mention must be made of the Hall family from Meavy House. Nigel wound the clock for many months and organised the Hall children to clean the church each week during lockdown. We were pleased to recognise their contribution with the gift of a Christmas hamper, whilst Caroline was able to use her experience (which included regularly phoning church members isolated at home in lockdown) towards her Duke of Edinburgh award.

Worship and Prayer

During lockdowns we have been able to join in the online weekly services for the WDMC. When not locked down we have continued with our normal service pattern as before. A service of worship is held each Sunday in St Peter's, except for the fifth Sunday when there is a joint MC service (Covid restrictions allowing). Our congregation numbers have broadly been in line with last year, averaging 20 each week.

Our Worship Team plan and lead a Family worship service on the 1st Sunday of the month and we are pleased to have the support of local families at this service. This was particularly well attended for Harvest when we were delighted to hear from Matt Cole and his family from Greenwell Farm about the problems of farming during the pandemic.

Due to Covid restrictions we were unable to hold our services for Easter, Remembrance Sunday, Sea Sunday nor to have any of our joint services with Meavy School for Harvest, Christingle and the Carol Service. The OTB team have continued with their outreach to Meavy and Walkhampton schools via pre-recorded powerpoint presentations for which much thanks to Corinne Shutt for all her hard work organising this.

We have had one wedding and one baptism, A total of five burials took place, comprising two funeral services in church (for Catherine Leather and Tony Medlen) and three graveside-only services due to Covid restrictions.

The bells have sadly fallen silent, but many thanks to the flower ladies who have continued to make the church look beautiful for our services when allowed.

Music

We were sorry to have to say goodbye to Pauline Hamilton-Leggett who retired as our organist this year, but delighted to have her back for a "guest appearance" when she played for us on Christmas Day. Her many years of faithful service to St. Peter's will always be remembered with great affection.

As we no longer have an organist the HymnalPlus music system has come into its own and provides a very acceptable substitute for the real thing. Money well-spent!

We were also sorry to lose the services of Nick Sanham and his guitar when Nick moved to a newly-planted church group in Tavistock. Nick's relaxed style combined with a joyful acclamation of his faith was very uplifting and fitted well with our wish to explore a variety of styles for our Sunday services.

Church Fabric

Refurbishment of the tower clock mechanism and clock face was completed in March. The results are most impressive and the regilded dial will last for at least 40 years.

The plans to restore the Reredos and to remove one of the Chancel steps are currently on hold due to the adverse financial effects of the pandemic and will be reviewed in the coming year. Overall, the fabric of the church building is in a good state of repair and no major outgoings are anticipated.

The churchyard continues to be maintained in a good state by regular volunteer working parties on the first Saturday of each month when lockdown restrictions have allowed.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). Our safeguarding Officer is Mrs Debbie Delany who is the West Dartmoor Mission Community Administrator. At each PCC meeting the relevant questions were asked and any responses recorded and made known to Debbie.

Fundraising and Financial Matters

Due to the pandemic we have only been able to hold one fundraising concert in March when we were entertained to a wonderful evening of A Capella singing kindly organised by Gregg Manning. In September we were able to join with the other churches in the MC on a fundraising walk for the Devon Historic Churches Trust of which half the proceeds come to St. Peter's.

There follows a list of our usual funding streams which have all been severely affected by the pandemic

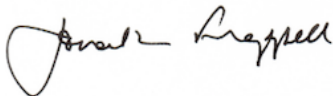
- Cash donations at services Wedding fees
- Coffee and biscuits after services
- Meavy Oak Fair
- Meavy Christmas Fair
- Fundraising Concerts
- Offertory/donation boxes at rear of church

Approved by the PCC on

3rd March 2021



Lay Chair



Churchwarden

Meavy Parochial Church Council
Financial Statement for year ended 31 December 2020

GENERAL FUND Receipts and Payments Account

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Planned Giving				
Gift Aided (includes Blue envelopes 2020)	6,394.00		3,741.00	
Income tax recovered (Gift Aid)	2,236.25		2,376.66	
Not Gift Aided	860.00		355.00	
Parish Giving Scheme	7,671.47	17,161.72	7,442.26	13,914.92
Other Voluntary Income				
Church collections (did not include Blue envelopes 2020)	1,256.84		4,092.89	
Donations	1,090.00		1,080.00	
Offertory Box	11.50		281.50	
Special Collections	239.30		179.70	
General Fundraising	129.70		544.72	
Legacy	0		0.00	
Restricted Funds	1,879.60	4,606.94	900.00	7,078.81
Churchyard Income				
Burial fees and memorials	396.00		932.00	
Burrator Parish Council Grant	0	396.00	165.00	1,097.00
Miscellaneous Income				
Wedding and other fees	252.00		556.00	
Funeral fees	1,466.00		352.00	
Investment income	1,343.52		1,484.87	
Benefice Fees/Parish Costs	155.00		210.00	
Miscellaneous Sundries (Nicks Collection 2019)	0		205.00	
Services Upkeep	30.00	3,246.52	0.00	2,807.87
Contra Entry				
Scaffolding error	0	0	900.00	900.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		25,411.18		25,798.60

	2020		2019	
PAYMENTS	£	£	£	£
The Ministry				
Benefice Expenses	946.00		1,188.96	
Common Fund	21,770.00	22,716.00	14,436.00	15,624.96
Church Building and Services				
Electricity & fuel oil	946.77		1,110.57	
Minor works	368.35		265.32	
Inspections & reports	408.34		285.63	
Insurance	2,367.69		2,492.30	
Upkeep of services	163.17		2,399.49	
Major Works	0	4,254.32	2,108.00	8,661.31
Miscellaneous				
Churchyard maintenance	456.00		1,008.70	
Parish magazine	0		0	
Restricted Funds	1,179.60		0	
General expenses	386.77		102.48	
Payment to charities	0		179.70	
Misc Sundry Payments (Nicks Collection)	0		205.00	
Fundraising Costs	0	2,022.37	0.00	1,495.88
Contra Payment				
Transfer of funds to project fund	0		900.00	900.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS		28,992.69	26,682.15	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		3,581.51	(883.55)	
Bank current & deposit accounts at 1 Jan 2020	9,093.14		9,976.69	
Bank current & deposit accounts at 31 Dec 2020	5,511.63		9,093.14	

Meavy Parochial Church Council
Financial Statement for year ended 31 December 2020

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES at 31 December 2020				
	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
	Market Value	Cost	Market Value	Cost
Investment assets				
M&G Charifund (1,000 units) **	13725.70	1660.69	16606.90	1660.69
CBF Investment Fund (1,168 shares) **	23887.70	1916.91	22403.31	1916.91
	37613.40		39010.21	

Cash funds (31st December 2020)				
Restricted Funds (Project account)	10642.85		13755.30	
General Funds Bank balance current account	5511.63		9093.14	
Deposit account CBF	500.28		500.00	
Total Cash	16654.76		23348.44	
Other Monetary Assets/Liabilities				
Assets				
Liability ***	460.00		1944.34	
Gift Aid tax claim (General Fund)				
Vat Refund Listed Places of Worship scheme			0.00	
			1500.00	
*** grass cutting bill still to be presented			444.34	1944.34

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

Project fund account for financial review 2020

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Donations	210.00		1,906.03	(clock)
Donations general fabric from Friends			3,980.00	
CBS Trust Grant towards clock	2,000.00			
Fund raising general fabric	394.50		2,037.89	
Listed Places of Worship VAT reclaim	1,179.60			
Total Receipts	3,784.10		7,923.92	

	2020		2019	
PAYMENTS	£	£	£	£
Scaffolding for clock work	964.00		900.00	
Repairs and conservation of clock	5,913.60			
Poppy wreath	18.95			
Total Payments	6,896.55		900.00	
Bank account at 1 Jan 2020	13,755.30		6,731.38	
Bank account at 31 Dec 2020	10,642.85		13,755.30	

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

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 *GJ Manning* February 2021

W Gordon

Signed Lay Chair of PCC
March 2021

Jonas Crappell

Churchwarden March 2021



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees of St Peter's Church Meavy

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

An Excepted
Charity

Set out on pages

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Anthony Smith

Date:

5 Feb. 2021

Name:

ANTHONY JOHN SMITH

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

HARROWSTONES, HARROWBEER LANE, YELVERTON,

PL20 6EA

St Peters Financial Review 2020

Without doubt 2020 has been a challenging year. In February we were looking forwards to a fundraising campaign that over the next 2 – 3 years would hopefully have yielded enough money to finally have the work done around the altar. Something we have been waiting to start for many years. In March the world turned upside down with the Covid-19 pandemic, one of the most significant events to occur in my lifetime, with full lockdown and Churches, shops and meeting facilities closed. The towns resembled a ghost town as people sheltered indoors.

Since then, we have had second lockdown and are now in the third, and many periods of restriction. Services did begin again but initially by Video link. When we were allowed back into the churches, we had a restriction on the number of people who could attend and a completely different way of worshipping, collections became retiring collections and masks had to be worn by all.

St Peter's are lucky in that our followers are very generous and funds were still donated, down on last year but still more than we expected. We have managed to pay the Common Fund and Parish Share in full although it has depleted our accounts to a lower level than I can ever remember us reaching.

Our fundraising income has been seriously affected during 2020 with no events taking place from March onwards. Meavy Oak Fair, and Meavy Christmas Fair were both cancelled as was a major planned concert in June. We have been unable to serve any refreshments after services, or sell any cakes or Traidcraft items. Because the church has only been open for services our income to our offertory box from casual visitors has dropped to almost nothing.

Our major charity fund raising services – for Lent, Sea Sunday, Remembrance Sunday and the Christingle service were all cancelled due to the lockdowns.

Our investment income has also fallen but not quite as much as expected.

We shall be starting next year with no debts and if the pandemic can be halted with the vaccine and a continuation of basic rules such as social distancing and the wearing of masks, we would hope to see a turnaround sometime after Easter. This would mean we could once again begin to hold fundraising events and hopefully regain some of the ground we have lost this year.

The Parish of St Mary's Church, Sampford Spiney

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**Annual Report and Financial Statements
of the Parochial Church Council**

for the year ended
31st December 2020

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The Reverend Andrew Thomas

Bankers:
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The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is an Excepted Charity

Aim and Purpose

St Mary's Parochial Church Council (the PCC) is one of six parishes within the West Dartmoor Mission Community governed by a Mission Community Council led by the Rector. The PCC is responsible for the day to day running of St Mary's and is led by a Lay Chair but is a full and active participant in the life of the benefice represented by our Mission Community.

As a Mission Community our Mission Statement is "To Grow in Love for God and his Word".

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church, and to become part of our parish family. There is very strong support for our Church from within the parish and from outside, and we continue to engage with all our parishioners on a regular basis via a termly newsletter. Normally, we have an annual programme of church and secular events which allows a wide selection of local people to engage with us in a positive way although this has been heavily circumscribed this year due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

We continue to use the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) in our worship and we seek to sustain a regular Sunday service although on 5th Sundays we join in with a Mission Community wide service. We are very content with Lay Led services and our Lay Led Christmas Carol Service is one of the highlights of our year although we were unable to hold it this year. We also planned a Lay Led Remembrance Day service this year but, in the event, Covid intervened.

We also strove to keep in touch with our worshipping community by means of a weekly email forwarding the Mission Community Bulletin and any points of note particularly emphasizing the availability of streamed services and opportunities for private prayer on most Wednesdays and contact details for supportive organisations. Even in periods of lockdown we opened the church for weddings and funerals; we also re-opened the church as soon as possible after lockdown and this was very much appreciated by our worshipping community. In a small, close, rural community such as ours the challenge of providing pastoral care is not as complex as it might be and works well by simple word of mouth and everyone being aware of their role in the process. In the first lockdown we audited our arrangements for looking out for those who might have been vulnerable.

We have missed participating in Mission Community services and events.

We would like to acknowledge the arrival of Reverend Andrew Thomas as our new Rector – he has done an outstanding job in difficult times in particular the provision of streamed services and keeping everyone's spirits up. We would also like to acknowledge the enormous contribution made during the vacancy and after by Rev Di Caine, Rev Mike Fairall, Rev Miranda Donne and our Lay Readers – Martin Jury; Anne de Looy; Jane Sanham.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The PCC is keen to maintain a regular BCP Sunday service delivered by clergy or Lay Readers. We also hope to restore the occasional mid-week and Holy Week services and to host 5th Sunday services when our turn comes around.

At present there are 34 parishioners on the Electoral Roll, a net increase of 4 since our last Annual Report, of which around 17 comprise our Worshipping Community and between 10 and 12 attend service on a given Sunday.

Something approaching 90 families receive our termly newsletter and we see congregations of between of 30+ on major festivals even in a time of Covid. We look forward to returning to a full church at our more secular events such as our pre-Christmas concert with carols.

In 2020 we have seen one marriage and four funerals and one interment of ashes taking place at St Mary's.

Normally our church is open 24/7 and attracts a great many casual visitors; as a Grade I Listed church in a historic moorland setting we are renowned for the feeling of peace and tranquility the place conveys. Even during the pandemic walkers and visitors are often to be found sitting quietly in the churchyard and a remarkable number of wreaths appeared Christmas approached.

Our worship is enhanced by our organist – Mr David Crocker – we are most grateful for his continuing support.

Deanery Synod

One member of the PCC (Mr Keith Ebdon) sits on the Tavistock Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with a link with the Churches around us, and also with the Diocese as a whole.

Church Fabric

We fitted a public address system in the early part of the year and this has been a great success. This was made possible by a most generous donation from a parishioner.

Our proposal to create a car park was submitted to the Dartmoor National Park but had to be withdrawn when the landowner withdrew their support for the project. We will discuss reinvigorating this project in 2021 - this is a joint undertaking with our Parish Council.

The damage to our coffin gate caused by an out-of-control vehicle was repaired in the early part of the year via the owner's insurance.

We have developed an occasional flood in the Chancel when the wind is strong, the weather wet and the ground is saturated – we believe we have identified the cause and have set in hand plans to resolve the matter.

We need to do some judicious trimming of the lower branches of the beech and yew trees at the churchyard gate – our arborist identified this requirement in his tree survey in 2017.

The Warnes family also intend to re-lay the boundary hedge between church and Old National School before it gets too overgrown.

Finally, the shelf over the controls of the sound system needs covering to prevent wall rubble contaminating it and the system would benefit from its own power socket.

Mission and Evangelism

Along with the rest of the Mission Community, we contribute to Lent and Harvest giving which is then split between support to our sister diocese of Thika in Kenya and local charities (Shekinah & Tavistock Food Bank).

Other Activities

We have an active group of bell ringers who meet every Wednesday in normal times.

Financial Review

The PCC has successfully managed its finances over many years – on 31 December 2020 it had £1922.41 in its Running Cost Account and £16317 in its Reserves/Fabric Account. The Treasurer, Lay Chairman and one Elected Member are signatories on the accounts with all payments in excess of £150 requiring the approval of the PCC.

Features of the year were:

- An appeal during the first lockdown for support to the church equal to what an individual might have given in the collection resulted in a most generous response raising £1599.
- A bumper Gift Aid recovery of £2028.
- A very generous donation to the wider Mission Community of which our share was £875.

In a normal year we would expect our events to generate around £3000 – clearly this has not been possible in 2020. Nevertheless, we have managed to progress a number of planned projects (PA system/car park/new noticeboard) and still contain our deficit over the year at c£2000. The PCC is very well aware of the contribution made by our generous and supportive parishioners in achieving this.

Reserves Policy

The PCC has resolved to maintain 18 months Running Cost expenditure in Reserve - £10000. This is being successfully maintained.

Safeguarding/Fire/Health & Safety/Data Protection

The PCC reviews its position in respect of the above at each PCC Meeting. Specifically, the PCC complies with Mission Community guidance in respect of Safeguarding; Mrs Helen Sims is our safeguarding representative and all current members of the PCC were CRB checked in 2019 and have received appropriate training.

We do a fire briefing at the best attended event of our year – the Christmas Extravaganza each December – and we will return to this in 2021.

There have been no reportable incidents in any of these areas in 2020.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so tirelessly to make our church a lively and vibrant community. Our special thanks go to our Churchwardens (Mrs Helen Sims and Mrs Rita Hopwood); Lady Badge/Mrs Janet Ebdon and their flowers team; Mr Peter Walde, Mr Kevin and Mrs Jill Reed for keeping the environs of the church in such good order; Mrs A-J Charlesson for the Easter, Christmas and Harvest set ups; and all our sidesmen and women. In particular, the church looked magnificent on Christmas Day.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The PCC comprises those listed below who are appointed at the Annual Parish Council Meeting (APCM) usually held by the Mission Community each March/April.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The full PCC met four times during the year - the March meeting is open to all parishioners and gives them an opportunity to comment on how their church is being run.

Membership of the PCC in 2019

Lay Chair	Brig Simon Hill
Churchwardens	Mrs Helen Sims Mrs Rita Hopwood
Deanery Synod Rep	Mr Keith Ebdon
Elected Members	Mr Peter Walde
Treasurer	Mrs Elizabeth Cole
Secretary	Mrs Janet Mudge

The PCC is sad to report that a number of stalwarts of our community passed away this year namely Sir Peter Badge, Cdr Geoffrey Harland, Mrs Jean Sommerfelt and Mr Julian Blake – they will be very much missed.

Approved by the PCC on [2021] and signed on its behalf by:

Brig Simon Hill Lay Chairman

SAMPFORD SPINEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL RUNNING ACCOUNT 2020

				ACTUAL 2020	ACTUAL 2019
Receipts					
Collections - Gift Aid				1256.12	2684.58
Covenants - Gift Aid				145.00	145.00
Sheep Dog Trials				0.00	1500.00
Donations				2531.67	800.00
Weddings & Funerals				1333.00	1069.00
Harvest Auction/ Autumn supper				0.00	0.00
Christmas Extravaganza (In Gold Act)				0.00	0.00
Flower Festival (in Gold Act)				0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous:					
Parish Council - Annual Contribution				400.00	3512.00
Parish Council - Contribution to Noticeboard				250.00	
Parish Council - Contribution to Tree Cutting				297.50	
Insurance for Re-building of Lych Gate				1100.00	
Gift Aid on Williams Donation				175.00	
Harvest Giving				60.00	
Contributions to Badges Leaving Gift				190.00	
Transfer from Gold Account				4203.93	72.00
Wine Tasting Evening (in Gold Act)				0.00	0.00
Parish Raffle (in gold act)				0.00	0.00
Jams & Marmalades				4.20	116.35
VAT Reclaimed				0.00	0.00
Wall Safe Proceeds				38.64	180.27
			Total Receipts	11985.0	10079.20
Payments					
Diocesan Share				3468.00	3250.00
Electricity				558.85	598.26
Insurance				1826.07	1753.82
Organist				600.00	600.00
Miscellaneous -					
PA System				3703.93	1762.6
Handyman				240.00	
New Noticeboard				500.00	
Auditor's Honorarium				25.00	
Leaving Gift for Badges				250.00	
Flowers/Christmas Tree/Oasis/Candles				167.66	
Car Park Planning				71.00	
Newsletter costs				32.40	
Fund Raising costs				0.00	1256.80
Mission Community Contribution				500.00	600.00
Repairs & Maintenance -					
Tree Care				595.00	1564.70
Lych Gate Repair				1000.00	
Architect's Fees re PA System				256.20	
Transfer to Gold Account				0.00	1039.60
Bank Charges				60.00	60.00
			Total Payments	13854.1	12485.78
			Current Net Position	1869.05	2406.58
Cash Balances					
			Start Position	3791.46	6198.04
			End Position	1,922.41	3791.46

SAMPFORD SPINEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FABRIC ACCOUNT 2020						
					Actual 2020	Actual 2019
Receipts						
Interest					12.20	19.52
Wine Tasting Evening & Parish Raffle					0.00	1039.60
Donations - PA System					2050.00	250.00
VAT Refund					0.00	0.00
Funerals & Covenants					0.00	0.00
IR Refund					2027.56	670.29
Parish Raffle & Concert`					0.00	0.00
Christmas Extravaganza					0.00	450.00
Legacy from Josephine Hawkins					0.00	2000.00
Flower Festival					0.00	647.05
			Total Receipts		£4,089.76	£5,076.46
Payments						
Transfer to Cash account for PA system					3,703.93	0.00
Flower Festival Expenses					0.00	72.00
Transfer to cashh account for running costs					500.00	0.00
			Total Payments		£3,703.93	£72.00
Current Net Position					-£114.17	£5,004.46
Cash Balances			Start		£16,432.00	£11,427.54
			End		£16,317.53	£16,432.00
Restricted Funds			B/F 2020			
Legacies & Funerals			£5,127.09			
Fabric & Churchyard			£1,328.45			
Bells			£1,260.00			
		Total	£7,715.54			
Statement of Assets & Liabilities			12/31/20			
Assets		Fabric Fund		Church Fund		Total 2019
Barclays		0.00		£889.20		£744.20
CAF Cash Act		£0.00		£1,033.21		£3,047.26
CAF Gold Act		£16,317.53		£0.00		£0.00
Total Cash		£16,317.53		£1,922.41		£3,791.46
Liabilities		Nil				

SAMPFORD SPINEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.

This report on the financial statements of Sampford Spiney Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on the attached pages, 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 the PCC 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 43/92/0 of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishop's Council. 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 from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement.

In account with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - To prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulations

Have not been met; or

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

Signed.....

Date.....11-2-2021.....

ST. LEONARD'S, SHEEPSTOR
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the year ending 31 December 2020

St. Leonard's, Sheepstor

Parochial Church Council

Excepted Charity Number X88529

Rector:

The Reverend Andrew Thomas.

Independent Examiner:

Simon Moir, Morrinsville, Golf Links Road, Yelverton

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The parish is a member of the West Dartmoor Mission Community

St Leonard's Church, Sheepstor

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

31 December 2020 approved by the PCC at its meeting on 23 February 2021

Mission and Objectives

St Leonard's PCC has responsibility for working with the incumbent and with other PCCs and the West Dartmoor 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.

We see ourselves having a particular Mission to visitors to the village, the nearby reservoir at Burrator and to Dartmoor which surrounds us. We hope to provide outreach to people of all faiths and none to support their exploration of their faith, the development of their spiritual journeys and help them to find the support they can gain through Jesus Christ.

Activities

Church Attendance and Services

The electoral roll was 17.

The year was significantly affected by the Covid 19 pandemic. During the spring lockdown the church was closed. And after Christmas, although public worship in churches was allowed, the PCC decided to close again given the vulnerability of many of our congregation.

As a result much of the focus for worship during the year was picked up online. Details of this can be found in the Mission Community report provided by St Paul's Church. But the PCC records here its enormous gratitude to the rector, Rev Andrew Thomas, and others who, with a little experience and no notice put together an extensive and very rewarding program of online worship opportunities, for midweek daily services, for Sunday Eucharist services and for festival services. These initiatives were well received, hugely appreciated and have created a tremendous opportunity to learn more about how to use modern technology to provide outreach in worship.

The specific Sheepstor element in online worship was the creation of an online version of our traditional summer festival with wonderful photographs and readings, coordinated and edited by the Rector. Our Harvest Festival took place when the church was open with a reduced socially distanced congregation and no harvest supper. Our Carol Service also operated on a much reduced and socially distanced basis, but with its traditional pattern in a candlelit church. However we were unable to host our normal Good Friday walk of pilgrimage at St Leonard's let alone offer hospitality afterwards.

Occasional Offices

In 2020 there was one Funeral and one Wedding.

Church Building: Repair and Maintenance

The Covid lockdown significantly impacted our plans for repair works to the church. Critically, the Heritage lottery fund suspended its grant programs. We took our proposals to the diocese for an informal review and it was reassuring to be told that the DAC was likely to support all our proposals, other than rendering the pieces of walling most subjected to damp penetration, and the treatment of the render with damp inhibitor. This is frustrating because the two sections of wall that have been repointed – the solution suggested by the DAC office – relatively recently and this has not proved effective.

Progress was made on the development of the design for an exhibition area in the old Lady Chapel which was undertaken by Smith and Jones consultants and generously paid for by the Friends of St Leonards. This puts us in a position to include the development of this exhibition area into the interior part of our plans for repair and restoration.

Leading Worship and Mission

The Mission community emerged from its interregnum at the beginning of April 2020. The interregnum itself had been a largely positive experience with significant coming together across all the churches to agree a parish profile and a specification for a new Rector. We were delighted when the Bishop was able to appoint the Rev Andrew Thomas as our new Rector and he joined us from the beginning of April 2020.

Andrew's arrival came hard on the heels of the Covid lockdown so he had to get to know us and take over our spiritual leadership without the benefit of physical meetings. The speed with which he became central to our existence as a community and the pace and energy with which online worship was developed were both impressive and reassuring.

Sadly our associate Priest, the Rev Di Caine, had another period of illness during the year and in January 2020 decided to retire. Her role during the interregnum and her support for all the churches through this very difficult period has been hugely impressive and much appreciated. The PCC has continued to operate a worship team to lead worship on the first Sunday of the month, when churches are open. Tony Dando has continued to promise his services as an organist once churches are safe to reopen but has himself had to shield through most of the period. William Jennings has sourced some delightful recorded music which has enlivened our worship.

Other Activity

Bellringing has not been possible since the Covid lockdown process began. This being a real disappointment for the congregation and the bellringers, as the bells have been so much part of the worship pattern at Sheepstor.

Covid 19 also impacted on work parties in the churchyard and the concerts in the church organised by Patrick Drennan. Neither were possible.

Finance

The accounts for the year are attached as annex A. These are presented on an accruals basis - enabling a meaningful comparison with the previous year and a more accurate statement of the financial position, as debtors, creditors and receipts and payments not cleared through the bank are included in the profit and loss accounts for both years.

This year has been dominated by the impact of Covid-19 on the fortunes of St. Leonard's. The Church was closed to visitors from March until the end of the year with services held only when allowed by the rules from time to time. This has meant the loss of almost all income from visitors donations and a significant reduction in service collections. Whilst the services for Harvest Festival and Christmas Carols were held, numbers were limited to circa 20 and the traditional collections for charity were thus much reduced.

What might have been a disastrous situation was prevented by the Parish Giving Scheme from which much of our income is now derived.

Overall profit and loss account receipts were £6,009 and payments £9,532 giving a balance of receipts over payments of £3,523 negative.

The principal causes of the significant deficit were:

- A reduction in service collections of £1,060

- A decrease in fees for pastoral services of £736
- Repairs to the lightning conductor £1,114
- Repairs to the chancel lighting £891

However, by far the largest reduction in income over the last two years has been the loss of donors from the Parish Giving Scheme

Of all the causes in adverse movement, this reduction in planned giving is of principal concern. The other items are largely outside of PCC control.

We are fortunate in having significant reserves but nonetheless an annual erosion of circa £3500 is not sustainable and not acceptable.

Our principal objective for 2021 is to restore the lost planned giving. With our small number of active parishioners fundraising and the development of other income sources is not seen as a viable option.

The overall movement in assets, excluding the building fund, was £287 negative, including an increase in the value of investments which accounted for £2182 and an investment income of £1065. Donations to the Building Fund gave an increase in the fund reserves of £1319.

Despite the poor profit and loss position, our overall financial position remained more or less static over the year. Bearing in mind the vicissitudes of Covid-19 and despite the loss of income from planned giving, this is seen as encouraging.

This year we have been fortunate in receiving gifts, legacies and donations totalling £4578 all of which was transferred to the Building Fund in support of the South Wall and Lady Chapel schemes.

Our regular fundraising events for charity were much reduced in 2020. However, the harvest festival and carol service were held, resulting in only modest donations to the Shekinah Mission and Tavistock Food Bank of £302 before claiming Gift Aid

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 was £500. Expenditure on maintenance of the churchyard has returned to earlier levels following the appointment of a new contractor. The total costs for the year were £610.

The pattern of pastoral services remains erratic. The income to the parish this year was only £129 - significantly below the norm.

As in recent years, income from investments remained disappointing, due as usual to low interest rates in general and to the investment restraints imposed on PCCs in particular. Our investments and funds deposited with the CCLA, which stood at £65,643 at the beginning of the year brought in only £1,065, equivalent to 1.6%. During the course of the year the value of the investment portfolio increased from £31,596 to £33,777 - a total of £2,181 or 7%.

Reserves

The PCC does not have an explicit policy with regard to reserves. Income is vired to restricted accounts as considered prudent at the time. Restricted funds are mostly used to match fund grant applications and in these cases a reserves policy is not relevant, funds mostly being closed on completion of specific projects.

Deanery Synod

The work of Deanery Synod, like that of the rest of the church, was significantly affected by the Covid pandemic. However, the leadership team responded rapidly, providing regular briefing on national and diocesan issues and arranging meetings by Zoom. A major impact of the pandemic has been that while the development of the deanery plan has been delayed the Diocese faces a significant immediate financial shortfall. This creates an essential need for parishes to contribute their share to the common fund. It also creates an inevitable downward pressure on the church clergy salary bill

Safeguarding

Under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Order 2016 the PCC has to the best of its ability had due regard to its duty to follow the guidance from the House of Bishops on safeguarding and vulnerable Adults. We have a safeguarding lead on the PCC, Russell Chapman, who has undertaken safeguarding training. Churchwardens have been DBS checked and undertake safeguarding training as requested by the Diocese. We are arranging DBS checking and basic safeguarding training for all PCC members. We work with others in our Mission Community to apply best practice under the leadership of our collective safeguarding lead for the whole Mission Community: Debbie Delaney.

Structure, Governance and Management

Under the leadership of the Rector and other members of the clergy team the Parish is run by the two Churchwardens, the PCC and other church officers. 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. The PCC held an Annual Parish Meeting, jointly with other Parishes in the Mission Community, and met four times during the year using Zoom when physical meetings were not possible.

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 44 souls. It is part of the Benefice of Yelverton (known as the West Dartmoor Mission Community), which is in the Tavistock Deanery of the Church of England Diocese of Exeter.

Administrative Status

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

PCC members from 1 January 2020 until the time of this report were:

Rector:	Reverend Andrew Thomas
Churchwardens:	Mrs Caroline Jennings Mr Richard Bayly Also Hon Secretary, Sexton, Verger, Sacristan, Electoral Roll Officer, Deanery Synod representative
Members:	Mr Russell Chapman Miss Pat Legassick (Lay Vice Chair) Mr William Jennings (Treasurer) Mr Stephen Hopson Mr Matt Kemp
Captain of Bells:	Mrs Heather Chapman

Signed:

Caroline Jennings: Churchwarden

William Jennings: Treasurer

Annex A

Sheepstor PCC

Financial Statements

for the year ending 31 December 2020

Sheepstor Parochial Church Council

Unrestricted Funds Profit and Loss Account For the year ending 31 December 2020

	See Note	2020		2019	
RECEIPTS		£	£	£	£
Planned giving:					
Banker's Standing Orders		230.00		230.00	
BSO Gift Aid Tax Recovered		55.00		55.00	
Parish Giving Scheme		3851.18		3769.32	
PGS Gift Aid Tax Recovered		842.88	4979.06	822.41	4876.73
Other voluntary income:					
Collections in Church		689.40		1749.79	
Box and other freewill offerings		7.77		90.42	
Gifts and donations	1				
Gift Aid Tax Recovered		161.55	858.72	383.17	2223.38
Churchyard:					
Parish Council contribution					
Miscellaneous income:					
Current Account Interest		29.49			
Fees for pastoral services	2	129.00		865.00	
Legacies and bequests					
Events & Visits	3			20.00	
Sale of postcards/guides		12.92	171.41	400.33	1285.33
Total receipts during year			6009.19		8385.44
PAYMENTS					
The Ministry:					
Contribution to Mission Community		500.00		600.00	
Common Fund		3272.00	3772.00	3156.00	3756.00
The Church building and services:					
Utilities	4	545.06		772.00	
Repairs incl. Quinquennial		2150.46		1854.00	
Insurance		1883.68		1838.72	
Church and Services upkeep		194.00	4773.20	706.46	5171.18
Miscellaneous:					
Churchyard upkeep		610.00		610.00	
Gifts to charities		376.88		1026.54	
General expenses, incl. Faculty			986.88	80.00	1716.54
Total payments during year			9532.08		10643.72
Excess of income over expenditure			(3522.89)		(2258.28)

For investment income see restricted funds schedule

**Restricted and Endowment Funds
Profit and Loss Account
For the year ending 31 December 2020**

	2020					2019				
	Restricted Funds	Bell Fund	Building Fund	Endowm't Funds	Total	Restricted Funds	Bell Fund	Building Fund	Endowm't Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
OPENING BANK BALANCE	20671.86	400.00	3215.58	18981.48	43268.92	19945.33	179.00	1968.78	18589.05	40682.16
RECEIPTS / ADDITIONS										
Income										
Donations & Grants			4577.95		4577.95		221.00	1246.80		1467.80
Gift Aid - Adjustment			(2.21)							
Interest & Investment income	723.16			341.41	1064.57	726.53			392.43	1118.96
Total receipts during year	723.16		4575.74	341.41	5640.31	726.53	221.00	1246.80	392.43	2586.76
PAYMENTS										
The Church building and services:										
South Wall Project - Fees			(1095.00)		(1095.00)					
Building Repairs										
Ringers Fees										
			(1095.00)		(1095.00)					
Excess of receipts over payments	723.16		3480.74	341.41	4545.31	726.53	221.00	1246.80	392.43	2586.76
CLOSING BANK BALANCE	21395.02	400.00	6696.32	19322.89	47814.23	20671.86	400.00	3215.58	18981.48	43268.92
2020 Year End Provisions										
Income Tax Recoverable from Gift Aid			25.00		25.00					
Lady Chapel Project - Fee Not Cleared			(2458.32)		(2458.32)			(272.05)		(272.05)
Balance at 1 January	20671.86	400.00	2943.53	18981.48	42996.87	19945.33	179.00	1968.78	18589.05	40682.16
Balance at 31 December	21395.02	400.00	4263.00	19322.89	45380.91	20671.86	400.00	2943.53	18981.48	42996.87

Sheepstor Parochial Church Council

Notes to the Accounts For the year ending 31 December 2020

1 Gifts and donations

All gifts and donations this year have been credited to the Building Fund

Donations Totalled	4577.95
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2 Fees for pastoral services

Memorial	129.00
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	129.00

3 Events & Visits - Collections and Donations

Summer Festival	Cancelled
Harvest Festival	176.50
Carol Service	125.00
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	301.50

Figures exclude Gift Aid Tax Recovery

Harvest Festival and Carol Service collections donated to the Mission Community supported charities - 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 Year End Provisions

	£
Gift Aid Tax Recovery	239.85
Fees for Lady Chapel Feasibility Study	(2458.32)
Carol Service Collect to Benefice Charities	(156.25)

6 Investments

	Shares	Market Value 31-12-19	Movement in year	Market Value 31-12-20
	No.	£	£	£
CBFCE Investment Fund shares				
Lopes Repair Fund	1195.98	22874.31	1579.53	24453.84
Lady Bryant Bequest	456.00	8721.46	602.24	9323.70
Total		31595.77	2181.77	33777.54

7 Endowment and Restricted Funds

	Bal at 31-12-19 £	Movement in year £	Bal at 31-12-20 £
Endowment Funds			
Sir Massey Lopez Church Repair Fund	300.00		300.00
Lady Bryant Bequest	5987.47	287.51	6274.98
D ST J Forrer Bequest	12694.01	53.90	12747.91
Total	18981.48	341.41	19322.89
Restricted Funds			
Building Fund	2943.53	1319.47	4263.00
Repair Fund (Ex Investments)	20671.85	723.16	21395.01
Bell Fund	400.00		400.00
Total	24015.38	2042.63	26058.01

These Annual Financial Statements for the Sheepstor Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2020 approved by the Council at its meeting on 23 February 2021.

Signed:

Caroline Jennings: Churchwarden

William Jennings: Treasurer



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity name
Sheepstor PCC

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2020

Charity no
(if any)

X88529

Set out on pages

1 to 4

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2020.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

2nd February 2021

Name:

SIMON MOIR

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

MORRINSVILLE
GOLF LINKS ROAD
YELVERTON
DEVON PL20 6BN

St Mary the Virgin Church, Walkhampton

*Annual Report
&
Financial Statements*

of the Parochial Church Council

*for the year ended
31st December 2020*

*Rector:
Rev Andrew Thomas*

*Bankers:
Barclays Bank, Tavistock*

*Independent Examiner:
Mr Steve Gray*

The parochial Church Council of St Mary the Virgin Church, Walkhampton

Annual Report For the year ended 31st December 2020

Aim and Purpose

St Mary the Virgin Parochial Church Council (PCC) is part of the West Dartmoor Mission Community (MC). The PCC cooperates with the Rector, Associate Priests and Ministers to promote the mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is responsible for the care and maintenance of the Church building and Churchyard.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling and encouraging people to worship at St Mary the Virgin and to work within the wider Mission Community (MC) to put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament. The PCC also aim to provide pastoral care for people living in the parish and mission and outreach work.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

We began the year with a good pattern of worship: on the **first Sunday** of the month there is a **Communion Service** with the bells rung before the service; the worship team plan and lead a **Service of the Word** on the **second Sunday** in each month; on the **third Sunday** of each month a group of our worshipping community help lead and/or attend the MC 'fresh expression' service, *Nosh@9.30*, at St Paul's, Yelverton. There is therefore a reduced congregation at St Mary the Virgin for a **Communion Service**. On the **fourth Sunday** there is a **Morning Prayer Service** lead by one of the team readers. When there is a **fifth Sunday** in the month all churches in the MC come together for a joint **Mission Community Service** (this moves around the various churches in the MC). Now we have no organist to play for the services, the iPad is proving to be an excellent resource and has enabled us to broaden our range of music. The MC were excited by the appointment of the new rector, Rev Andrew Thomas and the year began with planning and hopes for the future. However, the coronavirus began to spread throughout the country and following guidance from the government all churches were closed from 23rd March. The new rector was licensed on 31st March, though under a different path to the one that had been planned. On-line services became the norm and there was some live streaming from St Mary's as wifi was available.

The closure of churches continued from March until the end of July, though St Mary's first service following the lockdown was on Sunday 16th August. There was no congregational singing, facemasks were worn, social distancing adhered to and no staying following the service for chat. The iPad came into its own as we were able to listen to recordings of hymns and Christian songs. In September, a weekly service pattern was reintroduced, including a Service of the Word using the screen and with some families helping to lead the service.

At present there are twenty-seven parishioners on the Electoral Roll. It is difficult to give numbers for attendance on Sunday due to the restrictions this year. There was no Easter Services; however, there was a Christmas Day Service with an attendance of twenty-six. For Harvest this year, the children in the two schools collected items of food for the foodbank and a donation for Shekinah Mission in Plymouth. The annual Remembrance Service in the hall and around the village memorial was not able to take place due to the restrictions on numbers of people gathering together. There were no baptisms this year and only one wedding for which the congregation was restricted to thirty. There were five funerals and one committal of ashes.

We have maintained links with the schools by our recorded Open The Book stories. In September, we were able to come together as a small group, maintaining social distancing and record the stories for the schools to use for their collective worship times. On a few occasions we have been able to include some of the children recording parts of the stories. In December each of the children in the two schools were given a "Christingle bag" which contained all the items needed to make a Christingle at home, together with the Bible Society Christmas story book. During Advent we organised a Nativity Trail around the village and one around the shops at Yelverton where the children had to find the hidden nativity pictures or characters.

Deanery Synod

Our two members of the PCC to sit on the Tavistock Deanery Synod are Kevin Baxter and Corinne Shutt. This is an important role as the Deanery Plan is being developed.

Church Fabric

All maintenance has been carried out following Covid guidelines and in line with the RA which is reviewed as guidelines change.

As was reported last year, despite the repointing of the tower we continue to have problems with damp walls. Although we were advised by John Page it would take some time to dry out we are now some time on from the repointing and water at times runs down the interior walls making floor joists wet. This problem continues to need addressing.

Two clean up days took place: one in April and another in August. Gutters and down pipes were cleared on these days and also throughout the year by individuals as we were unable to have working parties due to Covid restrictions at some points in the year. A window cleaner was employed to clean the glass screen, staircase and tower barrier. The organ was serviced and found to be in good condition and the Church Wardens received some advice on care and maintenance.

Mission and Evangelism

The MC Lent and Harvest Giving continue to support the work of Shekinah, Catalyst and Thika. At the beginning of the year, we had a team from across the Mission Community going into our two local church schools, Lady Modiford's and Meavy, to deliver an Open the Book assembly.

Unfortunately in March this had to cease due to the Covid-lockdown. However, in September the team began to produce a visual and audio presentation of the story which the schools could use for their collective worship. Similarly, the pre-school mother and toddler group, Poppins, which some of our members help with, had to cease. For Christmas, there was an online Christmas Story "Witnesses" which was also presented in St Paul's church on the third Sunday in December. Each part of the story was presented by a family or group of people from the MC.

Other Activities

Walkhampton Tower Report 2020

At the beginning of 2020, our mostly-local band was settling down to regular Wednesday evening practices and some service ringing. This was a welcome resumption of ringing after the closure of the tower for almost a year following repointing. Ben, one of our young ringers, had learnt to handle a bell and ring for services as part of his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. David, one of our mature learners, moved out of the area to the South Hams but we gained Alex, who is progressing well.

Then came Covid and, writing this in February 2021, we look back on another year of disruption, with no practice possible for our novice ringers. We managed to ring three bells on several occasions when services resumed in August, the chief interest being whether we rang bells 1,3,5 or 2,4,6, but the church has again been closed since New Year.

Prior to the outbreak of Covid, however, we hosted a very enjoyable Branch AGM in January 2020, with ringing before and afterwards. We had been booked to host a branch practice in June 2020, which inevitably had to be cancelled, but we hope for a rebooking once restrictions have been lifted as Walkhampton church is an ideal location for a summer practice followed by a picnic outside.

Progress for the time being is happening on line, courtesy of Zoom and the Walkhampton Ringing Room but our main concern has reverted to the state of the ringing platform, as the repointing has not stopped copious volumes of water finding their way through the south wall of the tower.

Report on Champing at St Mary the Virgin, Walkhampton, 2020

Background

Champing TM (church camping) is an idea trademarked by the Churches Conservation Trust (CCT). In 2017, aided by Marian Carson of Growing the Rural Churches Project, a substantial amount of work involving detailed negotiations took place with CCT, as St Mary's was a departure for CCT who had only dealt with their own redundant churches whereas St Mary's is a 'living church', open for business as a parish church.

Parish Church & Champing

Unfortunately, we were unable to offer the church for Champing this year due to the restrictions.

Treasurers Report 2020

Receipts

This year our general income was £15,062.24 for the general up keep of St Marys' Church down from £18,206.08 for 2019.

The income from Champing for 2019 £276.34 which we received these monies in 2020.

Over the year we received £3,235.00 for Weddings and funerals carried out at the Church. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and churches been closed most of the year collection have dropped from in 2019 £1,044.09 to 2020 £360.35. With the help of the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) and 3 people on Standing Order this has been a great help to us to pay our normal bills over 2020. Even though expenses exceeded our income.

Payments

In 2020, we spent £16,857.90 on the day to day general upkeep of the Church. We paid the common fund of £8,579.00. This is a decrease on 2019 when we paid £9,745.00. Our biggest costs are now heating, lighting and insurance. So, for general day to day running of the church our expenditure exceeded our income by approximately £1,795.66 for 2020.

Savings Account

We maintained a small balance in our National savings account (£1,631.32) and accordingly received interest of £12.95.

Total Assets

Bank Balance 01/01/2020	£80,859.66
Income 2020	£15,062.24
Total	£95,921.90
Less Expenses	£16,857.90
Bank Balance 31/12/2019	£79,064.00

Parish Giving Scheme is working very well but we also have 3 people on the regular giving.

St Michael's, Princetown we are still retaining £8,031.45 monies at the present moment. We are still responsible for some of the maintenance, though the church is redundant.

Champing We have been unable to offer Champing this year due to the restrictions being in place.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Volunteers

The members of the PCC would like to thank all the volunteers who work so tirelessly to make our Church a lively and vibrant community. Our special thanks go to our Churchwardens, Bunty Baxter and Ros Knight and our Treasurer, Kevin Baxter.

The PCC would like thank the bell-ringers for calling us to worship on the first Sunday of each month (when allowed) and to our bell captain, John Bowler for maintaining the bells during such a difficult year.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. Members of the congregation are always urged to join the Electoral Roll, and to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The full PCC met six times during the year.

Administrative Information

The Church is situated in Walkhampton, PL20 6JY and is part of the Deanery of Tavistock, in the Diocese of Exeter. The correspondence address is PCC Secretary, 12 Blackbrook Close, Walkhampton, PL20 6JF. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, and the Church Representation Rules 2006) and a Charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served from the 1st January 2020 until the date this report was approved were:

Chairman: Rev Andrew Thomas (licensed 31.3.20)

Vice Chair: Mrs Bunty Baxter

Elected Members:

Churchwardens: Mrs Bunty Baxter
Mrs Rosalind Knight

Treasurer: Mr Kevin Baxter

Secretary: Mrs Corinne Shutt
Mrs Mavis Goddard
Mr James Knight

Mrs Sheila Reynolds
Mrs Caroline Paskin

Deanery Synod Reps:

Mr Kevin Baxter
Mrs Corinne Shutt

Approved by the PCC on2021 and signed on its behalf by:

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Rev Andrew Thomas (*Chair*)

Mrs Bunty Baxter (*Vice Chair*)

**The Parish of St Marys the Virgin Church
Walkhampton, Devon.
PL20 6JY**

**Annual Report & Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
For the year ended
31st December 2020**

**Rector:
Rev Andrew Thomas**

**Bankers:
Barclays, Tavistock**

**Independent Examiner:
Mr Steve Gray
2 Down View, Binkham Hill,
Yelverton, Devon. PL20 6BE**

The Parochial Church Council is an Excepted Charity

Website www.westdartmoor.church

St Mary the Virgin Walkhampton - XN60568
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

Note	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Receipts			
Donations, Legacies and similar incoming resources			
GIFT AID DONATIONS		6,408.59	7,175.99
COLLECTIONS		360.35	1,044.09
DONATIONS		2,164.00	1,604.85
<i>Total Donations, Legacies and similar incoming resources</i>		<u>8,932.94</u>	<u>9,824.93</u>
Activities for generating funds			
CHURCH FUND RAISING		126.50	1,407.60
CHAMPING		276.34	919.33
PROJECT FUND		10.00	18,562.96
<i>Total Activities for generating funds</i>		<u>412.84</u>	<u>20,889.89</u>
Investment income			
BANK ACCOUNT INTEREST		12.95	11.65
<i>Total Investment income</i>		<u>12.95</u>	<u>11.65</u>
Other incoming resources			
INCOME TAX REBATE		1,708.48	1,963.96
TEAM FEES		3,235.00	2,637.00
REFUNDS		350.00	350.00
GRANTS RECEIVED		241.03	794.11
MAGAZINE SALES		169.00	187.50
<i>Total Other incoming resources</i>		<u>5,703.51</u>	<u>5,932.57</u>
Total receipts		15,062.24	36,659.04
Payments			
Costs of generating funds			
MAGAZINE COSTS		252.50	390.00
<i>Total Costs of generating funds</i>		<u>252.50</u>	<u>390.00</u>
Grants payable in furtherance of charity's objects			
ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS		114.00	—
<i>Total Grants payable in furtherance of charity's objects</i>		<u>114.00</u>	<u>—</u>
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects			
CHARITY DONATIONS		480.00	480.00
<i>Total Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects</i>		<u>480.00</u>	<u>480.00</u>
Support costs			
SERVICE EXPENSES		524.96	123.50
SUNDRIES MISC		800.54	1,135.97
MINISTRY EXPENSES		—	640.00
FLOWER EXPENSES		80.00	158.82
HEATING AND LIGHT		1,118.27	645.91
CHURCH REPAIRS		—	226.80
INSURANCE		2,855.05	2,928.24
COMMON FUND		8,579.00	9,475.00
CHURCHYARD		2,053.58	1,964.36
CHAMPING COSTS		—	137.66
<i>Total Support costs</i>		<u>16,011.40</u>	<u>17,436.26</u>
Total payments		16,857.90	18,306.26

<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
	Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	(1,795.66)	18,352.78
	Brought forward balance	80,859.66	62,506.88
	Total carried forward balance	79,064.00	80,859.66

St Mary the Virgin Walkhampton - XN60568

Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2020	As at 31/12/2019
Current assets		
1500: BANK COMMUNITY A/C	77,432.68	79,238.37
1501: BUSINESS A/C	—	2.92
1503: DEPOSIT A/C	1,631.32	1,618.37
Total Current assets	79,064.00	80,859.66
Liabilities		
6699: Agency collections	—	—
Total Liabilities	—	—
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	79,064.00	80,859.66
Reserves		
Excess / (deficit) to date	(1,795.66)	21,282.55
Z01: Starting balances	80,859.66	59,577.11
Total Reserves	79,064.00	80,859.66
	Represented by Funds	
Unrestricted	79,064.00	80,859.66
Designated	—	—
Restricted	—	—
Endowment	—	—
Total	79,064.00	80,859.66

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
Bank current account	£77,432.68	£79,238.37
Business Access Account	£0.00	£2.92
Deposit Account National Savings	£1,631.32	£1,618.37
	<u>£79,064.00</u>	<u>£80,859.66</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 £300.00 to Catalyst work.
- 5 Charity donations collected
Done by Mission Community
The above donations are not recorded in the above financial report.
- 6 CBF Investment fund we have 420 shares valued at £19.1260 a total of £8,032.92
- 7 The tower project is now complete leaving a balance of £49,952.10 in the unrestricted fund. These funds are for ongoing projects.
- 8 St Michaels & All Angels Princetown Church legacy we are holding a total Of £33,152.83. Monies spent already is £25,121.38 with some more works to be completed with the rest of the monies left £8,031.45 which doesn't belong to St Marys Walkhampton.

Approved by the PCC on 8th March 2021
and signed on their behalf Mrs B A Baxter (Lay-Vice Chairperson)
and Mr K Baxter(PCC Treasurer).

K Baxter Treasurer

K Baxter

Mr S Gray Examiner

S. Gray 05/02/2021

B Baxter PCC Lay -Vice Chairperson

B. Baxter

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY'S THE
VIRGIN WALKHAMPTON

This report on the attached financial statements of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the year ended 31 December 2020 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 43, Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of 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 financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations, have not been met: or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Mr. S Gray

S. Gray
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05 / 02 / 2021



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees of St Marys the Virgin Walkhampton, DEVON. PL20 6JY

On accounts for the year ended	31 st December 2020	Charity no (if any)	An Excepted Charity
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Set out on pages 1-4

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

S. Gray

Date:

05/02/2021

Name:

Steve Gray

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

(Signature)

Address:

2 Down View, Binkham Hill, Yelverton, DEVON PL20 6BE

The Parochial Church Council of St Paul's, Yelverton
Annual Report
for the year ended 31st December 2020 – i.e. CORONAVIRUS YEAR

Aim and Purpose

St Paul's Parochial Church Council (the PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent in promoting throughout the West Dartmoor Benefice, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. In addition to maintaining the Church itself, which is a Grade II Listed Building, the PCC is also responsible for maintaining the Church Hall next door.

Objectives and Activities

- To build up the worshipping congregation.
- To support both individuals and families.
- To engage in mission and outreach work.
- To maintain and enhance the fabric of church and church hall.

Achievements and Performance – or “Crocked by Coronavirus”

Worship and Prayer

Our new incumbent, Rev. Andrew Thomas, moved into the Rectory early in March ahead of a Licensing and Installation Service planned for 31st. Lockdown-1 began on 23rd March, so the Rector's Licensing took place virtually, remotely. He was able to arrange that, for the duration of Lockdown-1, Sunday Eucharist services for the whole Benefice were successfully live-streamed on Facebook from the particular celebrant's study. Happily, with the lifting of Lockdown-1 congregational worship resumed at St Paul's on Sunday 21st June, attracting up to 20 of our usual church family attendees (c30) – minus refreshments afterwards, observing government hygiene and social distancing regulations at all times.

From mid-June also the WDMC Council agreed that St Paul's would open every Wednesday and Sunday for private prayer between 12 and 3pm – a regime maintained for the rest of the year. We have made no attempt to record how many take advantage of this; but the Churchwardens remain committed to the principle of keeping St Paul's open – if only for these few hours in the week.

In order to maintain contact with our church family the Churchwardens forwarded the weekly Bulletin to all members on email and delivered printed copies to 5 internet-free addresses in Briar Tor and Binkham Hill.

Full of hope, the Rector's Installation was re-scheduled for the end of October – but it fell foul of Lockdown-2. At year-end he has still not been formally installed. But: to him we record our congratulations on coping successfully with what was a dreadful first year for any new incumbent. We also offer him and the Ministerial Team – Rev Di Caine, Rev Mike Fairall, Rev Miranda Donne and Readers Martin Jury and Anne de Looy – warm thanks for their spiritual leadership during these difficult times; and particular congratulations on the Rector's innovation of daily live-streamed Morning Prayer, conducted either from St Paul's by the Rector or from the officiant's private study. The number of viewers far and wide greatly exceeds our normal attendance at St Paul's.

The only above-average-sized service in St Paul's all year was the MC "Nosh@9.30@Xmas" – the nearest possible to our traditional Crib Service – held on 20 December, attended by some 40 (last year over 200).

Disappointingly the mid-week BCP HC services which were revived during the summer had to be discontinued within weeks because of concerns about the vulnerability of the age-group that attended.

In light of the general prohibition on choir singing in church we record especially warm appreciation to our Organist & Choirleader, Pauline Hamilton-Leggett, who provided the accompaniment to hymns for self-recording by members of the Mission Community Choir. This virtual choir exercise was completed by Richard Byrn – providing one hymn per week to add to the Sunday live-streamed services. The choir's biggest achievement was to provide most of the contributions for the splendid MC Service of Lessons & Carols for Christmas, broadcast on 20 December.

There were no baptisms, no weddings, and just 3 funerals during the year.

The annual "Lighten our Darkness" Service (commemorating departed loved-ones), which normally attracts a substantial congregation, was also much reduced because of Covid-19.

At present there are 34 parishioners on the Electoral Roll, all living within the West Dartmoor Mission Community boundaries, 3 persons having left the parish during the year and 6 others having chosen to worship elsewhere either because of altered family commitments or being out of sympathy with the change of Incumbent.

We record our warm thanks to Reader Jane Sanham who during the year moved her sphere of activities to Redeemer Church in Tavistock.

Deanery Synod

St Paul's continued to be represented at the Deanery Synod by Belinda Gardiner and Berwyn Turley-Rogers.

Church Fabric

Both Church and Hall were risk-assessed as Lockdown-1 ended, and appropriate signage and hygiene requisites were installed in anticipation of the buildings' return to use.

Damaged roof tiles were replaced over the North Aisle during late summer to repair a leak. There were also guttering repairs. Water ingress to both vestries was rectified but re-decoration must wait until better times.

Shortly before Christmas during some very wet weather the boiler room was flooded, knocking out the boiler pump. The replacement was effected during Feb 2021.

Church Hall

Taking advantage of Lockdown-1 the toilets were fully refurbished, but unfortunately they could only be valued during the interval between Lockdowns 1 and 2.

Mission and Evangelism

"Poppins" – the weekly mother-and-toddler group in St Paul's church hall initiated by the WDMC – sadly fell victim to the pandemic. We hope to restart asap.

Disappointingly – and for the same reason – the mid-month House Group fell by the wayside. Again, we hope to restart asap.

Encouragingly, the Open The Book team (which includes 2 of our PCC members) has got around the prohibition on school visitors by recording story-scripts accompanying images to show on Powerpoint – to the schools' great satisfaction.

Despite the pandemic, the Christmas Samaritan's Purse project was repeated this year but with a modest take-up.

The collection box for Tavistock Foodbank (also initiated in 2018) continued with regular albeit reduced contributions.

Other Activities

All our usual suppers and other fund-raising activities were discontinued during the pandemic.

One cheering occasion was the annual Devon Historic Churches Trust *Ride & Stride* event in September (organized from St John's Horrabridge) for which St Paul's provided the first staging post. It was good to see over 40 people passing through – conscientiously observing appropriate social distance.

Our thanks go to all who have continued to support St Paul's activities despite Lockdown, especially Vivienne Thompson (flowers) and to John & David Stratford for much unseen work prior to their moving house.

Next year we confidently expect to provide a more upbeat Report.

Financial Review

Treasurer:

After this highly unusual year largely behind closed doors, I can report a satisfactory financial outcome for St Paul's. We ended the year with an overall deficit of £1,936, but that was principally the result of not making our discretionary Mission Giving for 2019 of £1,500 until January.

The regularity and consistency of our Planned Giving has been much appreciated in a year without regular services. However, with a material number of departures we will be faced with lower income in the coming year, unless levels of giving are increased.

Sadly we have had no church activities, like our normal cream teas and suppers, and can only hope that these will be able to be resumed before long.

The only good news to report is the significantly lower expenditure on oil and electricity. A side benefit from inactivity.

Towards the end of the year we had a flood in the boiler room requiring a new pump to be fitted early in 2021. We have already received the insurance settlement so the reported figures have benefitted a little this year, and the balance of these costs of some £600 will come in 2021.

The Church Hall had to stay closed for much of the year impacting both activity and revenue, but we were able to fully redecorate the toilet block with some refurbishment. A great improvement, at a cost of a little over £3,000. This accounts for the deficit in the year, fortunately from adequate reserves.

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17th January 2021

Reserves Policy

The PCC has reserves to ensure as far as possible the ability to meet major renewal and repair costs that will arise from time to time to maintain the church in good order.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent (Chair, ex officio), Licensed Clergy, the Churchwardens, a representative of the Readers, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting by those on the Electoral Roll. Members of the congregation are always urged to join the Electoral Roll, and to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The PCC met once (before lockdown) and four more times by Zoom during the year, with an average level of attendance of 90%.

Administrative Information

The Church is situated at Yelverton, PL20 6AB and is part of the Deanery of Tavistock, in the Diocese of Exeter. The correspondence address is The Parish Office, St Paul's Church, Yelverton, PL20 6AB. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, and the Church Representation Rules 2006) and a Charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who served during the year were:

Ex Officio:

The Incumbent

Rev. Andrew Thomas (from end-March 2020)

Licensed clergy

Rev. Di Caine

Reader

Martin Jury

Churchwardens

Kathy Howard

Secretary

Richard Byrn

Acting Chair

Deanery Synod Reps

Belinda Gardiner

Berwyn Turley-Rogers

Elected:

Brian Medhurst

Treasurer

Anne-Marie Critchley

John Gozzard

Cath Bowler (resigned October 2020)

Approved by the PCC on 16th February 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

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Kathy Howard (Co-Chair)

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Richard Byrn (Co-Chair)

ST PAUL'S CHURCH YELVERTON						
Receipts & Payments Account for year to 31 December 2020						
			2020		2019	
			£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS						
Donations and Legacies						
	Regular Giving					
	Tax efficient Planned Giving					
		Parish Giving Scheme	16,135		17,788	
		Envelopes and Bank SOs	3,498		3,211	
	Collections at Services		1,379		2,830	
	Gift Aid tax recovered					
		Parish Giving Scheme	4,034		4,447	
		Other	1,565		1,972	
				26,611		30,248
	Other Voluntary Receipts					
	Grants		0		0	
	Legacies		0		0	
	Donations		1,615		1,317	
				1,615		1,317

Income from Church Activities						
	Cream Teas		0		1,388	
	Market stall		0		220	
	Suppers		0		350	
	Fees		359		1,522	
				359		3,480
Receipts from Investments						
	Interest		390		420	
				390		420
Other Receipts						
	Miscellaneous		69		324	
				69		324
Total Receipts			29,044		35,789	
PAYMENTS						
Church Activities						
	Diocesan Parish Share		20,076		19,659	
	Mission Community Share		1,054		1,326	
	Upkeep of Services		30		191	
	Church Utility Costs		648		2,433	
	Church Running Costs		5,699		7,114	
	Church Maintenance		1,073		14,368	
	New Building Work		0		0	
	Mission Giving		1,500		0	
				30,980		45,091
Total Payments			30,980		45,091	

Excess of Receipts over Payments	-1,936		-9,302	
Transfer to General Reserve	-1,936		-9,302	

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH YELVERTON			
Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31 December 2020			
ASSETS	Market Val.	Cost	
	£	£	£
Investments			
Equities Investment Fund for Charities	66,998	11,592	
CBF Investment Fund Shares	58,821	14,543	26,135
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank		22,815	
Cash in Hand		364	
Deposit Account		0	
Fixed term deposit		31,108	
Notice Account		6,772	61,059
Fixed Assets			
St Paul's Church Hall			Nil
Total Assets			87,194
REPRESENTED BY			
GENERAL RESERVE ACCOUNT			
Balance at 1 January		87,371	
Transfer from Receipts & Payments account		(1,936)	

Balance at 31 December		85,435
TOWER FUND ACCOUNT		
Balance at 1 January	1,759	
Surplus/(Deficit) on Tower Fund account	0	
Balance at 31 December		1,759
Total Balance Sheet Value		87,194

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH HALL YELVERTON		
Receipts & Payments Account for year to 31 December 2020		
	2020	2019
	£	£
INCOME		
Lettings	3,089	7,388
Electricity Meters	395	983
Donations		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	3,484	8,371
EXPENDITURE		
Heating & Lighting	1,228	2,240
Repairs & Renewals	3,365	3,604
Insurance	1,680	1,531
Cleaning	1,182	972
Gardening	0	130
Miscellaneous expenses	0	9
TOTAL PAYMENTS	7,455	8,486

SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	-3,971	-115
Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31 December 2020		
	2020	2019
	£	£
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	10,517	14,538
Cash in Hand	63	13
Total Assets	10,580	14,551
REPRESENTED BY:		
Accumulation of Funds		
Balance at 1 January	14,551	14,666
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	-3,971	-115
Total Balance Sheet Value	10,580	14,551

West Dartmoor Mission Community Accounts 2020

West Dartmoor Mission Community							
Receipts and Payment accounts for the year to 31st December 2020							
			2019			2020	
Receipts							
			£	£		£	£
Parish Payments							
	Yelverton		1,326			1,054	
	Meavy		1,189			946	
	Horrabridge		645			500	
	Walkhampton		640			500	
	Sampford Spiney		600			500	
	Sheepstor		600	5,000		500	4,000
Planned Giving							
	PGS Giving		616			0	
	PGS Tax Recovery		154			0	
	Regular Giving		1,300			2,180	
	Tax Recovery		210	2,280		715	2,895
Service Collections							
	NOSH		567	567		94	94
Special Events							
Music							
	Choral donations		405	405		0	0
Fees Account							
	Fees		663			151	
	Easy Fund Raising		68	731		75	226
Mission Projects							
	Lent		612			347	
	Harvest		1,104			0	
	Christingle		0			400	
	Carol Service		100	1,816		645	1,392
Miscellaneous Income			258	258			0
Total Receipts				11,057			8,607

			2019			2020	
Payments							
			£	£		£	£
Clergy Expenses			2,211	2,211		2,458	2,458
Church Office							
	Secretarial		2,400			2,400	
	Other Costs		677	3,077		676	3,076
Courses							
	Clergy		270			60	
	Study Courses		0	270		0	60
Printing			228	228		113	113
Services							
	NOSH		280	280		72	72
Music			141	141		107	107
Books and Service Printing			375	375		430	430
Mission							
	Open the Book		121				
	Poppins					160	
	Giving	Thika	858			583	
		Shekinah	429			508	
		Catalyst	429				
		Children's Society		1,837		400	1,651
Miscellaneous							
	Upkeep of Services		93			0	
	Website		0			0	
	Other		1,192	1,285		110	110
Total				9,704			8,077
Surplus of Receipts over Payments				1,353			530
Balance brought forward from prior year				12,749			14,102
Balance Carried forward to following year				14,102			14,632
Current Assets							
Cash at HSBC Bank				14,102			14,632

NOTES

1. A necessarily very quiet year and largely inactive year; and the surplus of £530 was entirely due to the generous planned giving, without which demands on Parishes would need to be higher.
2. Mission giving does not coincide with Mission Project income as some payments are paid in the following year.

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15th January 2021