

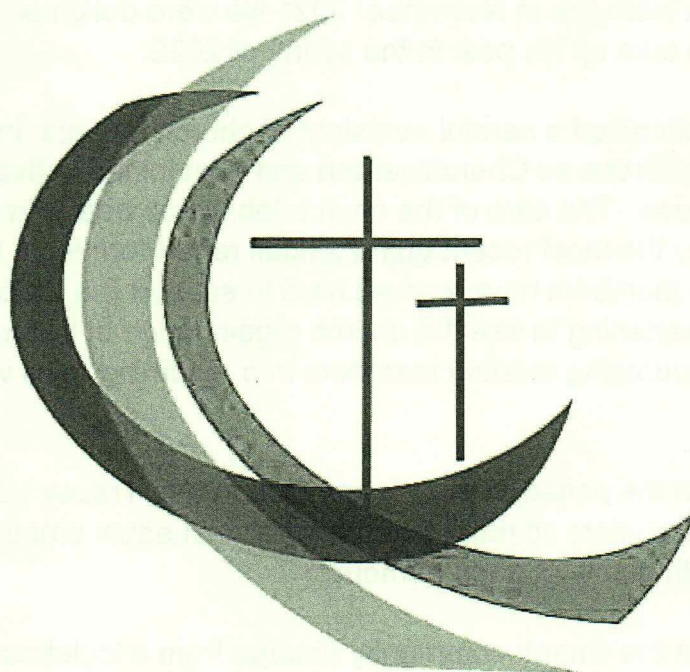
'To know God and share the wonder of His love'

St Gregory's Church Seaton

Group Reports

SEATON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
Registered Charity No: 1127403

for the year ending 31st December 2021



Coastal Benefice of Seaton & Beer

Vicar: Vacancy

The Church Office, The Church Centre, Colyford Road, Seaton, Devon, EX12 2DF

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INCUMBENTS REPORT – *No Report due to Vacancy*

CHURCH WARDENS REPORT for year ending December 2021

The early part of the year was taken up with the news that Jeremy Trew was to leave our benefice and move to become Team Rector in Saffron Walden. Despite the restrictions which Covid forced upon us there was an opportunity to say farewell during a live-streamed and socially-distanced service, as we wished Jeremy, Alison and the family all the best for their move and setting up life in a new area.

Our pattern of services continued and we offer our grateful thanks to all those who have enabled this to happen, in particular our clergy team of Alison Finch, Simon Hitchcock, Chris Thacker and John Holder, ably supported by Sue Price. At the end of the year John Holder presided over his final service at St. Michael's Beer, his ministry with us has been much valued and he is now a regular member of the St. Gregory's choir.

A committee was set up to prepare for the process of attracting a new Vicar. Gradually we were aware that the Diocesan reorganisation plan would result in us having a Priest-in-charge, and after many meetings it was decided to pursue the recommendation of our Archdeacon to investigate the application of Rev. Justin Montague [curate in Tiverton]. After an interview in November 2021 we were delighted to appoint Justin as Priest-in-charge to take up his post in the spring of 2022.

The PCC have maintained a careful oversight of church matters, initially under the leadership of David Bruce as Churchwarden and then joined in this role in the Spring of 2021 by David House. The care of the church fabric has been a major issue, with potential upkeep as listed by the most recent quinquennial report forming a large part of budgeting debate. The PCC members have worked hard to support the various aspects of church life and it has been heartening to see the church regain much of its family feel, welcoming new members and encouraging existing members into resuming roles within our services and weekly activities.

Particular thanks in the period of the vacancy are due to Tracey Voysey, our administrator, who has dealt with matters spiritual and temporal with equal amounts of efficiency and diplomacy, and with plenty of good humour.

This year has seen the church community emerge from a lockdown situation with no "in-person" services, to something resuming the pattern of worship which we had been used to pre-pandemic. This included a return to congregational singing and the reappearance of 8am BCP Communion. Looking forward to 2022 and the licensing and installation of our new Priest-in-charge is an exciting prospect and we also anticipate the resumption of many activities which have had to be put into hibernation due to Covid restrictions. We move forward into the year with faith and fellowship renewed.

ELECTORAL ROLL

Report to be given at the APCM

Katie Mason

FINANCIAL REVIEW 2021

'It's been such an extraordinary year again and certainly one of greater joy and time together. Thanks be to God for his grace and love.

Thanks to our Church Administrator, Tracey, for her hard work and creativity, our Finance Team for their care and guidance, and our Church family, community and visitors who give generously.

This Report is to confirm, and try to explain the sections of our Church Accounts including the Receipts, the Payments, the Church Assets, Church repairs, and our Charitable donations, for which we are honoured to be Stewards.

Each year, we review our running costs of the Church and the Centre, and achieve the most favourable deals, to minimise our running costs.

RECEIPTS - Our main source of receipts are essentially made up of 'Our Giving' by way of Standing Orders, Parish Giving by Direct Debit and cash given in the Offertory and Church box. For 2021, Our Giving totalled £35K, Many thanks to all who contributed to this throughout the year. No legacies were received for 2021.

PAYMENTS - Our main payment is the Parish Share. We paid out of our funds just over £18K. The requested amount from Exeter Diocese was £46,646. This figure is based on each of us giving approximately £600/year. Our total giving does not cover the requested amount and we encourage everyone to review their giving. It must be repeated that over the next 1-5 years, our reserves will be used up. Historically, for 20 years+, St Gregory's Church have not been able to pay the annual Parish share from regular giving and have met the shortfall from reserves. Long-term, this is not sustainable. This decision has been difficult and the PCC regularly reviewed our monthly payments and the possibility of paying more.

ASSETS - One of our assets, the Church centre, is being hired more frequently and although our expenses exceeded our hire income in 2021, we are confident in the future, it will achieve break even.

Our other Investment assets total £122K bringing in dividend income of £4.3K.

The Friends funds total £8K of which £1K was raised through the year with our Spring and Christmas Fairs. Our events also offer friendship and fun.

CHURCH REPAIRS - We are working through the list of Church repairs that need to be carried out according to the Quinquennial Report of 2018 and other maintenance work in care of our stunning Grade 1 listed Church building. Estimated costs total £106.4K

- **CHARITABLE DONATIONS** - We made three donations 1) the International Charity - Christian Aid, 2) the National Charity - the Salvation Army and 3) local Charity - Seaton Friends Hospiscare @ Home, each of £350.

We are encouraged in

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.'

Sharon Bruce

PCC SECRETARY REPORT

Our first meeting of the Year was chaired by Rev'd Jeremy Trew. This was to be his last meeting with us as Rector of St Gregory's.

At the beginning of the Vacancy Revd Alison Finch took the chair and led us until Mr David House was elected to the vacant position of Churchwarden, alongside David Bruce.

The PCC worked hard throughout the year to keep on top of their responsibilities in the Vacancy.

Linda Vieth

CHARITIES COMMISSION OFFICER

Updates to the trustees were reported in May 2021. The Annual Report and Accounts were filed with the Charity Commission on 11th October 2021 just before the deadline and thus our required compliance is up to date.

Wayne Cook

PASTORAL CARE

No report received

All other Church Group reports

BELL- RINGERS

Much as per last year, service ringing and some practice evenings (Monday 7.30 pm, new or "rusty" ringers always welcome). We have had a quiet year on the wedding front, looks like 1 request for the coming year so far. We have had one new / rusty ringer join us. We still have Lewis as a learner, now good on both hand and back stroke he now needs to put them together. Before summer, once again, I propose to change out the No1 and No7 ropes and take them to Mendip ropes, (near Taunton) to have new tail ends put on. I have had two new muffles made for us by one of our ringers at half the price of commercial ones. Thank you Leanne. Hopefully we will soon be able to restart practice nights on a Monday. That's all folks!!

HAND BELLS

There are still only 3 of us who are "old hands". Our last years "Improver" is still an improver, due owing to the fact that we have not been able to practice. However due to medical problems, (nothing to do with the "virus") we could do with more hand bell ringers. I am a great believer that "one volunteer is worth 10 pressed men". So two volunteers please. Practice in the vestry 9.30am Friday. No need to read music just the ability to read numbers required!!

Bruce Roberts

BIBLE SOCIETY

Angela Scoble and Sheila Wilsdon are your representatives for St Gregory's Church, where with the other churches in Seaton we raise funds for the Bible Society by Coffee Mornings and Cream Teas. Due to the pandemic this not been possible in 2021 or so far in 2022. Sheila is now receiving boxes for counting.

We, as a group, will hope to reconvene, hopefully, prayerfully, in 2022. As ever, Sheila and I are happy to receive donations anytime. Thankyou.

CHOIR

The choir has continued to provide music for the whole range of services during the past year. During the months of Covid restrictions during services much of the singing was of a few verses of hymns only – and frequently led by a duet. Whilst this provided a superb opportunity for the congregation to reflect during this time, it was very liberating for them to resume singing. It was also exciting for the choir to emerge from the restrictions and we are pleased to have gained some singers subsequently – now a full choir consists of eight singers, accompanied by Margaret at the organ. We have been able to join with the choir of St. Michael's Beer for several united benefice services – usually singing an anthem then. It was fantastic to be able to put on special Carol services for Advent and Christmas too. Evensong has also returned to our service rota and the choir sings the psalms and a setting of the Magnificat. We continue to provide a reflective anthem or short liturgical piece at the end of the distribution of communion, and have taken the opportunity to lead the congregation in the introduction of a new setting of the ordinary [Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus and Agnus Dei] - A Parish Mass by Peter Jones. We look forward to continuing in our musical service of the parish – please do contact me directly if you would like to know more about the music in our services, and particularly if you would like to join us as a singer.

David House

CHRISTIAN AID 2021

It's been a quiet year and we have not been able to host our usual lunches and events. This is due to the Pandemic and that we do not have enough volunteers.

However, we have reached out asking for donations through our church families and the local newspaper. We also hosted a Charity Afternoon Tea at our home in November. In total, for 2021, we raised £1009.65 - many generous donations despite a challenging year.

This helps to provide fresh water and food. Their work also helps people set up businesses to be self-sufficient by growing food that are resistant to drought.

Many thanks to all who help and support the great work of Christian Aid.

Sharon Bruce

CHURCH CLEANERS

This year I am pleased to report that we have two excellent cleaning teams who alternate on Friday mornings. In the past we have struggled to maintain a clean and welcoming atmosphere in St. Gregory's, but thanks to Sue Price and her team, the church now looks clean, tidy and welcoming to all who visit.

Julie Ballard

COFFEE TEAM

It has been wonderful to start offering coffee after Church again during the year. Many thanks to the 4 Teams we now have.

Many thanks to all who help and also give support by coming along an enjoying drinks and friendship.

Our pastoral care is so important.

Sharon Bruce

COFFEE TEAM – Saturday Morning Coffee

We realize that social contact is important for our church, but unfortunately at the moment the situation for group meetings doesn't feel completely safe. If and when volunteer's come forward and when the situation becomes more favourable, we will resume.

Julie Ballard

CHURCH FLOWERS

No report

CHURCH LIBRARY

No report

HONITON DEANERY SYNOD 2020

Ann and Bruce Roberts

FREEDOM CAFÉ

Nearly Two thousand years ago a friend of mine fed lunch to a crowd of people he cared for. The loaves and fishes went down a treat. He's doing the same today through FREEdom CAFÉ.

OUR YEAR:

Sadly there is nothing to report from the FREEdom Café team for 2021. Due to COVID we were unable to re-open the café during the year. The Core Team met in July 2021 to discuss the possibility of re-opening but decided that it would not be safe for volunteers and visitors to meet in such a confined space when COVID rates were still high. FREEdom Café funds were all moved into the Yorkshire Building Society until a decision is made about re-opening. The team agreed that the café would remain closed for the foreseeable future but are reviewing the situation in March 2022.

The core team would like to say a very BIG thank you to all volunteers and other supporters. ***Nessa Rutherford (Administration), Helen Moulding (Finance,) Jean Hoskin, Angela Scoble, Emma Lloyd-Davis, Wayne Cook, Gloria Polley– Freedom CAFÉ Core team***

3.2.1 FOR JESUS

Unfortunately as a result of Covid-19 and in the interests of safety we have not been able to operate in 2021.

Wayne would like to say thank you to those who have prayed and supported him in the preparation and leading of this ministry with **3.2.1 for Jesus** previously. Please continue to pray and hopefully this worship will be able to re-commence in the near future.

This is what 3.2.1. for Jesus format looks like.

3.2.1 for Jesus, 15 minutes of simple uncomplicated Celtic style Christian worship, some 'FOOD FOR THOUGHT'. **Freedom CAFÉ**. feeds the body, and we hope **3.2.1 for Jesus** helps to feed the soul. **We welcome you!!**

We begin our worship at 1.45pm in the church centre on the third Saturday of each month, excluding August. It is usually lay led by members of the **Freedom CAFÉ** core team, with others present taking part either with a reading, a prayer, or lighting the candles. **3.2.1 for Jesus** gives us an opportunity to give thanks and praise to our Lord for his hospitality at **Freedom CAFÉ** and the wider community.

We have three minutes of music (this varies according to the worship each month), two readings, generally a reading from the Gospel, and possibly a poem. We also say our **Freedom CAFÉ** thanks giving prayer, and end with a Celtic Christian Blessing said together.

The average number worshipping each month is 30 people. Our greatest joy has been seeing people from our community (who do not attend any church) staying for the worship, and coming back! For some this is their first 'taste' of our Lord and their only church. We deliberately close the café at 1.30pm and make an announcement that **3.2.1 for Jesus** will begin at 1.45pm, this re-enforces our message there is 'no catch' for receiving freely at **Freedom CAFÉ**.

Wayne Cook (Core team) February 202

THE FRIENDS OF ST GREGORY'S PARISH CHURCH SEATON

It has been a wonderful year and we have been able to host an Easter fair and a Christmas fair, in the Church centre.

We always have a fabulous array of crafts, cakes, tombola and other delights.

Many thanks to those in our Church family and community with their wonderful talents, and for supporting the events.

Many thanks to those who give monthly by standing order.

We can all care for the care of our beautiful Grade 1 listed Church - the repairs are always so costly. It is important to preserve this place of peace and joy. The building is full of songs, music, and prayers.

We raised for 2021, £800 from the events and another £800 from regular givers (Tracey - I am unsure if this is correct - please can you check the amount of the regular givers - thanks.)

In total, we have £8,106 which will be much needed for the works that need to be carried out in the short-term future.

Dave Dickinson and Sharon Bruce

GREGS YOUNG ONES – MUSIC MAKERS AND GREGS @4 FAMILY WORSHIP FAMILY ACTIVITIES REPORT

For another successful year, we continue with our weekly Thursday Greg's Music Makers group, during Term-time, in our Church centre.

Our Families Worker, Linda, offers music and movement, support and great care.

We have between 20-30 attend each week, enjoying fun and friendship.

In December, we hosted the Christingle Service in the Church, which was a special gathering, that everyone was invited to.

We gave out Advent Calendars with the Christmas story.

We hope to host a Mother's day and Easter Service in Church, with flowers and Easter eggs and the Easter story.

Please look out for the dates in the weekly notice sheet and Church magazine and come along.

We have also hosted a couple of Cafe Church at Beer Church, at 4pm. Linda and Gayle organise crafts and worship. And we enjoy delicious refreshments.

Sharon Bruce

JULIAN MEETINGS

The Julian meetings have continued over the last year in three different ways. In the period of 'lockdown' I emailed the details of a meeting to everyone and we shared the reading and period of silent prayer in our own homes at the same time. In this way we continued our fellowship and commitment to prayer. At this time 2 'new' people joined us for prayer and I was able to send it to a previous member of our group who has moved away and has enjoyed continuing to share our time together.

In July and August as restrictions eased, we met together again in the Lady Chapel at church. This did not prove ideal as it is the night for bell-ringing practise! In October we resumed meeting at the home of Revd. Chris Thacker in Case Gardens. We thank Chris for her generous hospitality which we always enjoy. There are usually between 6 and 8 of us. Should our number increase, we might need to meet in the Church Centre or consider a second group maybe in the daytime? If anyone one would be interested in this, please see or contact Sue. Leadership of each meeting is shared between Chris and me and others who volunteer – no pressure I promise!

If anyone is interested in finding out more about contemplative prayer, please give us a try or speak to me or Chris. The Julian website explains more and is worth a browse at www.thejulianmeetings.net.

Our donations amounted to £42. I paid the Julian registration subscription of £12 and we agreed to give the remaining £30 as a donation to 'The Julian Meetings' which is the National organisation run by volunteers and includes a periodic newsletter and magazine which I can email to people for a voluntary donation. Our balance at the end of the year is therefore £0.

Blessings from Julian of Norwich.

Sue Price

Sue Price

Reader

LENT GROUPS

Owing to Covid restrictions no Lent Groups were held last year.

Sue Price

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church is now meeting again on the 2nd Friday of each term time month at Seaton Methodist Church, from 3.30-5.30pm. (Helpers go to prepare beforehand and stay to clear up afterwards) Arts and crafts, Bible stories etc for Primary school children with a parent or carer. New helpers welcome. Contact Deacon Becky Lovatt at deaconbecky@outlook.com

Jo Bull

OPEN THE BOOK

Open the Book has not resumed because of the pandemic.

Jo Bull

SEATON BRANCH MOTHERS UNION

Mother's Union Group have started meeting again on the second Wednesday in the month in the Church Hall, 2pm – 4pm.

We have a Prayer Session led by one of us for about half an hour. Then we have a knit and natter session and tea or coffee and biscuits.

We are making Trauma Teddies at the moment, plus anything else the ladies wish to do.

There are about 10 of us in the group.

Marilyn Coates on behalf of the Diocesan Members Group.

TABLE TENNIS GROUP

The Table tennis club re-started on Friday, April 3rd, after the pandemic restrictions eased.

We meet in St. Greg's Church Centre from 10-12 noon (on Fridays only) We now have a good number (7-11) people per session. Cost is £1 per session (for refreshments and to pay towards our use of the hall)

Jo Bull and Carol Gosling.

SEATON FOODBANK

This past year has been a real mixture in terms of trying to operate out of Crossroad's Number One in Harepath Road, we have certainly seen more of an emphasis on delivering to clients rather than them coming to collect. But as a new year starts the situation is changing back to more visiting clients on a Wednesday afternoon

We have been inundated with food contributions all year long with a steady stream coming into our storage area, but like previous years both Easter and Christmas proved to be a very busy time

We are eternally grateful for all the contributions we get whether they are left in the various supermarket bins or just dropped in when we are open.

In terms of numbers, we have given out some 17661 meals during the year to 841 adults and children. Some clients only visit once, some are referred for three or four weeks at a time.

These numbers are very similar to the previous year, but we can foresee a steady increase over the next few months as household bills are on the rise

We are continuing to give out meat vouchers from Normans and veggie vouchers from Little Gems and our thanks go out to these local shops for their help and assistance. Thanks also to Pebbles who continue to help us support our homeless clients with hot meals

Also, we have been able to give out Advent Calendars and leaflets and all our clients in December received a Christmas Hamper to brighten their lives and like last year we will also be giving out to children Real Easter Eggs.

In June we underwent some changes in how we operate with the Tesco store, they went into partnership with an organisation called FareShare, we were provided with a much larger collection bins at the store exit and generally it worked out very well for us, although we have to record more about what we collect and generate a monthly return.

Our client referrals are generated by several Voucher Partners including the East Devon District Council's various departments, local churches, children's groups including schools, GP surgeries, social workers and district Nurses which have amounted to over thirty-five different sources in the past year

We have decided not to take on any further volunteer at the present, but we are still desperately looking for another one or two Duty Managers

Stephen Page on behalf of Seaton Foodbank Team

AXE VALLEY CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY - AVCAP REPORT

It was very exciting to open our local centre on the 1st of April. Alison Finch offered the free services from April to July and we began helping our first client. Due to a change of health, Alison had to step down. Our heartfelt thanks to Alison for her great work. From July to October, we prayed for a new Centre Manager. In November, Sharon Bruce began her training and was appointed centre Manager. AVCAP restarted on the 10th of January 2022. During 2021, Alison hosted a Befrienders Training, in the June. 2 Befrienders came forward and we have a Management Team of about 6. In December, we hosted an Information/Relaunch Evening. We continue to pray and reach out to people in the Axe Valley - the towns of Seaton, Kilminster and Axminster and all the parishes in between. 7 local Churches and organisations support financially and with volunteers. We are making connections with support services including Foodbank. Axminster Jobclub, local Doctors' surgeries and the Waffle Community Cafe.

AVCAP offer free financial services helping people out of poverty. The Head office support the local centre with Budgets and Financial Statements for clients. They provide training and guidance for the centre manager.

Please pray for our much needed work and for clients to come forward.

Sharon Bruce

'THE CHURCH BANK' GARDENING GROUP

Diana Hill did some gardening on the church bank during the year. She has now moved away and there are not other volunteers helping at the moment. We thank Diana for her time and gardening skills and wish her every happiness in her new home near one of her daughters.

Sue Price

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Annual Reports & Accounts

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TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Administrative information

St Gregory's Church is situated off the Colyford Road, Seaton. It is part of The Coastal Mission Community with the parish of Beer, in the Diocese of Exeter within the Church of England. Correspondence may be addressed to The Church Office, The Church Centre, Colyford Road, Seaton EX12 2DF. Telephone 01297 23656; email seatonchurch@hotmail.co.uk

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission:
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Gregory's Seaton –
Reg Charity No: 1127403.

Background

Seaton Parochial Church Council has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and the Church Centre. Responsibility for the maintenance of the churchyard has devolved upon East Devon District Council.

Governance

Members of the PCC are either ex officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules, or co-opted by the PCC. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

During the year, the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent and Chairman	Rev'd. Jeremy Trew till February 2021
Associate Priest	Rev'd Simon Hitchcock Rev'd Alison Finch
Churchwarden	1. Mr David Bruce 2. Mr David House from May 2021
Deanery Synod Representatives	Mr Bruce Roberts Mrs Ann Roberts
Treasurer	Mrs Sharon Bruce (duties shared with Church Administrator and the PCC Finance Committee)
Secretary	Mrs Linda Vieth

Other PCC Members

Mr David Dickinson

Mr Peter Burrows

Mrs Shirley Holder

Mr David Mason

Mrs Katie Mason

Mr Stephen Page

(The PCC is allowed up to 12 elected members, including those holding other offices, such as Treasurer)

Assistant Clergy

The parish benefits from having the services of two retired clergy, Rev'd Canon John Holder, and Rev'd Chris Thacker.

The parish also benefits from the service of Mrs Sue Price, Reader.

Church Activity Groups

A number of organisations and volunteer teams operate within the church family, including:

3-2-1 for Jesus

Church Bank Working Party

Bell Ringers

Choir

Church Cleaners

Church Flower Arrangers

Coffee Team

Discussion Groups (Lent onwards)

FREEdom Café

Friends of St Gregory's

Hand bell Ringers

Julian Group

Mothers' Union Group

Music Group

Table Tennis Club

Greg's Music Makers

Greg's @4 Children's Parties

We also have contact with a number of outside organisations through members of our church family, including:

Bible Society

Christian Aid

Christians Together in Seaton

Messy Church

Open the Book

Seaton Foodbank

Committees

The PCC meets in alternate months, six times a year. For certain aspects of the council's business, there are sub-committees which meet when necessary to formulate recommendations that are brought to the full PCC. All other matters are dealt with directly by the PCC. However, due to the pandemic PCC meetings have been more challenging this year meeting over Zoom where possible. The PCC has also gathered at other times to discuss the continuing Pandemic and St Gregory's response to it.

Finance Sub-Committee – oversees the financial management of St Gregory's Church and encourages good financial stewardship. It comprises the Vicar, the Treasurer, Church Administrator, and one other member of the PCC and one other member of the Electoral Roll.

Fabric Sub-Committee – A Quinquennial Inspection report was received in January 2018. This related to the church and churchyard. Responsibility for maintenance and development of the church lies with the PCC. Responsibility for maintenance of the churchyard lies with East Devon District Council. Works arising from the QI report have been categorized according to the various permissions required to address them. Some minor works have been undertaken and work on the roof of the Lady Chapel has been undertaken. He is also advising on some internal works and possibilities for a minor reordering. The aim of the reordering would be to increase visibility and space at the front of the nave, and to create a more adaptable space underneath the balcony.

Health and Safety Sub-Committee - A health and safety policy is in place and regularly updated.

Health and Safety has an agenda item at each PCC meeting. The committee is a minimum of the Health and Safety Officer and the Church Warden(s).

Safeguarding - The PCC places a high priority on its responsibilities towards children and vulnerable adults. It ensures that all those working with these groups undergo appropriate checks. Safeguarding has an agenda item at each PCC meeting. The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Pastoral Committee – undertakes to ensure that appropriate pastoral care is offered to members of the congregation and wider community. We provide home communion services and visits to individuals and local residential/nursing homes, but as with everything else this year the Pandemic has influenced this too.

Other working parties or sub-committees are set up for particular projects as and when necessary.

Church membership

The church electoral roll as reported at the 2020 Annual Parochial Church meeting stood at 75. Attendances at Sunday services have been hugely different this year due to the continuing pandemic with St Gregory's being closed for worship for part of the year. When services have been held the average attendance has been around 30. Online pre-recorded services have been made available, but it not easy to estimate viewing numbers.

Review of the Year

Our first meeting in January was Chaired by Jeremy who said that he was pleased with the services we had to offer during lockdown and the responses of people to these. Jeremy also announces that he would be leaving in February and a discussion was held on responsibilities during the Vacancy.

On the 22nd of March Alison Finch Chaired our meeting. We were told that Church services could be held in Church after the 31st of March. It was agreed that the first service would be on the 4th of April.

Linda our Children's Worker continued to offer weekly Zoom meetings. Stephen and his team had looked at the Quinquennial report and would carry out works during the year.

At the meeting held on 25th May, voting took place for a sub-committee to discuss with Beer the profile for our new Vicar. Services during the Vacancy have been carried out by Simon, Alison, Chris and John also helped. Thanks to them all for all the work involved.

We were also told that David House was now in a position to become a Church Warden.

Lesley & Stephen were thanked for hosting several Fairs during Spring raising funds for our beautiful Church. This year we also hosted, for the first time, a Cream Tea in aid of Christian Aid.

At our meeting on June the 14th David House was nominated as a Church Warden and this was carried unanimously with 44 votes.

During July Alison Finch was unwell and the PCC agreed to send her flowers.

In September it was agreed to spend £14,500 on cosmetic work under the Quinquennial report. Shirley proposed a Flower Festival for the Queen's Jubilee

and The Friends hosted several events this year, on 5th September generous funds given totalled £289.20.

An Extraordinary meeting was held on 10th October to elect 2 members to the interview panel for the Vacancy. David Mason and David House were carried unanimously.

At our meeting on 25th November David House was Chair. Sharon handed out balance sheets and budget sheet and discussed these with the PCC. Also this month an interview took place for the Vacancy.

AVCAP - Sharon will complete her training on the 3rd December and the Centre opened on 6th December.

Charity Commission

The PCC has been registered as a charity with the Charity Commission since 07 January 2009. The current Charity Trustees are:

Rev'd Jeremy Trew till February 2021

Mr David Bruce

Mrs Sharon Bruce

Rev'd Simon Hitchcock

Mr David Dickinson

Mrs Shirley Holder

Mr David Mason

Mrs Katherine Mason

Mr Ron Phillips

Mr Stephen Page

Mr Peter Burrows

Mrs Ann Roberts

Mr Bruce Roberts

Financial Review

The PCC determined to pay its Common Fund request in part for 2021 when it set the budget in 2020. The PCC were able to fulfil this.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the PCC to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately three months' unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. In general, it is our policy to invest our funds balances with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

Public Benefit

The Trustees consider they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 and have paid due regard to the guidance published by the Charities Commission with regard to the public benefit which the charity provides throughout Britain. Our aims make it clear that the church is to be actively involved in the community in which it is situated. We provide a place of worship that is open for all to attend and clearly advertise our weekly worship services. We understand that to be an effective Christian witness our existence is not only for the benefit of the church attendees, but for the community as a whole.

We look forward to 2022 in faith and hope.

Signed:



Mr David House
Churchwarden

Approved by the PCC on 4th May 2022 and signed on its behalf by Mr D House (chairman)

SEATON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FINANCIAL REPORTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

Seaton Parochial Church Council
Receipts and Payments account
For the year ended 31st December 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Fund	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary Income					
Planned Giving	18,765		900	19,665	23,225
Collections, donations and other giving	3,949		6,582	10,531	7,674
Income Tax Recovered	4,835			4,835	6,046
Legacies	0			0	42
Activities for generating funds					
Magazine/Bookstall sales/Hall lettings	1,741			1,741	1,868
Income from Other Properties	718			718	799
Annual fete/events	0		1,030	1,030	666
Investment Income					
Dividends & Interest	4,270			4,270	4,343
Income from charitable activities					
Parochial Fees	6,708			6,708	3,974
Other Incoming resources					
Insurance claims	0			0	0
Gain on disposal of fixed asset	0			0	0
Loans received in year	0			0	0
Other	746			746	2,844
Total Incoming resources	41,732	0	8,512	50,244	51,481
Resources Expended					
Church Activities					
Donations/Grants to charities	1,070			1,070	20
Mission & Evangelism	1,151			1,151	1,403
Parish Share	18,270			18,270	39,905
Clergy expenses	892			892	1,849
Church running expenses	3,118			3,118	2,885
Churchyard maintenance	52			52	0
Cost of raising funds	2,600		58	2,658	2,211
Support Costs	500			500	240
Administration costs	13,666		2,736	16,402	13,790
Accountancy fees	125			125	125
Other	3,667			3,667	3,988
Governance Costs	0			0	0
Major Expenditure					
Repairs to church buildings	0			0	18,208
Repairs to other property	0			0	340
Parochial Fees remitted	0			0	0
Total resources expended	45,111	0	2,794	47,905	84,964
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	(3,379)	0	5,718	2,339	(33,484)
Gain/(Loss) on Investment Assets			14,917	14,917	(5,901)
Loans repaid in Year	0			0	0
Transfer Between Funds	(885)	0	885	0	0
Balance due to DBF	136			136	(357)
Net Movements in funds	(4,128)	0	21,520	17,392	(39,742)
Accumulated funds at the start of the year	29,937	0	126,277	156,214	195,955
Accumulated funds at the end of the year	£25,809	£0	147,797	£173,606	£156,214

**Seaton Parochial Church Council
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at 31st December 2021**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Investment Assets				
CBF Income Units	0	68,991	68,991	60,318
M&G Charifund Units	0	52,920	52,920	46,675
	<u>0</u>	<u>121,910</u>	<u>121,910</u>	<u>106,993</u>
Monetary Assets				
Lloyds Current Account	6,858	3,212	10,071	4,031
CAF Bank Current Account	16,966	0	16,966	22,737
CAF Bank Deposit Account	0	0	0	0
CBF Deposit May Smith	0	0	0	0
CBF Deposit Graves Fund	0	0	0	0
Shorebrook Savings Account	16,553	0	16,553	16,553
Friends of St Gregorys Church	0	8,106	8,106	5,901
	<u>40,377</u>	<u>11,319</u>	<u>51,695</u>	<u>49,222</u>
Accumulated funds at the end of the year			<u>173,606</u>	<u>156,214</u>
Other Assets				
Income Tax Claim	0		0	690
Beer PCC - Various	843		843	0
Invoices Outstanding	0		0	13
Liabilities				
Parochial Fees - EDBF	2,094		2,094	1,774
Parochial Fees - Beer PCC	1,113		1,113	0
Governance	125		125	125
British Gas	0		0	150
Watson Fuels	630		630	0
Contingent Liabilities				
Donations to Charities	0		0	1,500
Parish Share	47,619		47,619	46,646

These accounts were approved by the Seaton Parochial Church Council on 4th May 2022 and were signed on their behalf by :

 Signature

4/5/22

Seaton Parochial Church Council
Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2021

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2008, together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2005.

(b) Income

The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.

2. Fixed Assets

No value is ascribed to the following:-

The Church of St Gregory and its contents
The Churchyard
The Vicarage
The Church Hall and contents

The reasons for this are as follows:-

The Church and Churchyard are "consecrated" property and the vicarage is a benefice property. These properties are regarded as "inalienable" and are excluded from PCC accounts in compliance with the Charities Act 2011.

The contents of the Church are also to be treated as inalienable assets, in accordance with the CGB guidance (para 5.4) and are also excluded.

The Church Hall is a leasehold property and is legally vested in the Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance Limited as Custodian Trustee. The lease is for a term of 1000 years running from 1826 and its terms would be breached if the use of the hall for Sunday school purposes were to cease. Although the hall is not consecrated property, it is a dedicated building, and so bound up with the worship, mission and ministry of the Church, that it is unthinkable that the Church could operate without it. It is therefore appropriate and legitimate to treat it for accounting purposes as an inalienable asset in the same way as consecrated property.

The values of the contents of the Hall are regarded as insufficiently material to include in the accounts.

3. Funds

Unrestricted Funds may be used by the PCC for any of its ordinary purposes. The movement in the funds are shown in the Receipts and Payments account.

Designated funds represent sums set aside, out of ordinary unrestricted funds, for specific designated purposes, but they can be transferred back into general funds at any time.

Restricted funds are those funds which must be spent on restricted purposes for which they were given. In this Financial Statement any Expendable Endowments are included in this category.

Seaton Parochial Church Council
Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

The CBF Deposit May Smith Account, CBF Income Units and M&G Charifund units, for the residue of a bequest by May Smith in 1983. Any interest or dividends from these investments are unrestricted, the capital proceeds are designated as Expendable Endowments with use restricted "for the maintenance and upkeep and benefit in general of the Church and associated buildings and land"

The Graves Trust is held in one CBF deposit account and is designated as an Expendable Endowment, the interest being retained within the account. Its use is "for the upkeep of the Church generally" although the main aim is the upkeep of five specific graves.

Quoted investments are valued at bid prices at 31 December 2021.

4. Employees

In 2021 the PCC employed six persons part-time throughout the year - a Church Administrator, a hall cleaner, an organist, a vergers, a choir master and an AVCAP administrator. The total remuneration of all employees in 2021 was £14,734.

5. Separate funds held by church organisations

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments		Closing Balance	
			to Pcc	to Other	2021	2020
					£	£
Church Flower Arrangers	66.01	0.00	0.00	38.70	27.31	66.01
The Table Tennis Club	94.63	197.71	200.00	0.00	92.34	94.63
Handbell Ringers	279.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	279.38	279.38
Coffee Team	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Julian Group	0.00	42.00	0.00	42.00	0.00	0.00
Total funds not incorporated in the PCC accounts					399.03	440.02

6. Separate funds not included in Receipts and Payments account

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments		Closing Balance	
			to Pcc	to Other	2021	2020
FREEdom Café	289.35	0.39	0.00	0.00	289.74	289.35

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO SEATON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
ST GREGORY'S CHURCH, SEATON – REG. CHARITY NO: 1127403**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 2 to 4.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charities Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 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 connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

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



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DATED 23rd Feb 2021