



The Parish Church of St Peter, St Paul and St Thomas of Canterbury, Bovey Tracey

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2022

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Rev'd Graham Hamilton, in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, within the boundaries of the ecclesiastical parish. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church Room.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The following Mission Statement was agreed in 2008:

'We believe that God's great purpose is to bring all creation to enjoy the peaceful rule of Jesus. We believe that as a network of churches in the Bovey area we are called to:

- **Enable** people of every age and background to become disciples of Jesus Christ
- **Engage** with God through the Bible, Prayer and Sacrament
- **Encourage** one another to live Christ-like lives
- **Enhance** loving unity among Christians at every level
- **Empower** every disciple to fulfil their calling, exercise their gifts in God's world and thus
- **Exalt** God's name in our lives and our praises.'

A shortened version of this Mission Statement is:

'Our mission is to enable all people to know Jesus and to enjoy His rule in their lives.'

When planning our activities, our incumbent and PCC seek to enable as many people as possible to live out their faith as part of our benefice's community through i) worship and prayer, learning about the gospel and developing their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus; ii) provision of pastoral care for people living in the benefice, and iii) mission and outreach. This is in accordance with the guidance from the Charity Commission on public benefit and particularly the specific guidance on the advancement of the Christian faith. To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of PPT and the church Room which provides facilities for many people and meetings.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

This has been a tumultuous year in many respects. COVID restrictions were fully lifted in February, the war in Ukraine had a massive impact on prices, and the Platinum Jubilee and then funeral of Queen Elizabeth. From a parish perspective life has been a little quieter and more normal, with the Vicar at last able to take an oft delayed Sabbatical. The Wardens and PCC have been trying to progress the application for glass doors to the south porch, and the replacement of the electrics and lighting system.

The PCC met 5 times in 2022. An average of 14 PCC members attended, with 3 apologies. The issues that dominated our discussions were finance and employing staff, minor works to the fabric and restoring public worship and activities after the worst of the COVID pandemic, providing pastoral care and public worship. The APCM was held on 9 April 2022.

WORSHIP and PRAYER

We have sustained a regular pattern of three services every Sunday throughout the year, as well as midweek Communion and daily prayers on Zoom. The monthly prayer meeting resumed in December, but attendance remains low. A special services was held outdoors for Easter, and Remembrance Sunday was held inside church for the first time since 2019. The first 'normal' Christmas since 2019 saw the regular carol services resume and numbers attending restored. Special services were held for the Platinum Jubilee and for the Queen's funeral.

Seven Weddings and two wedding blessings, thirteen funerals and ten baptisms were conducted in church.

During the year we have continued our practice of expository sermon series. We completed a two year series through the gospel of Luke, studied the epistle of James and a short series in Genesis.

CHURCH BUILDINGS

The church building and church room have been in full use throughout the year, and the Monday group have worked hard to keep the grounds in good order, and the church room cleaner, Mrs Cheryll Newport also cleaned the church on a voluntary basis.

Several projects have been completed. The Church Room floor was repaired, the fire door replaced, and a 65 inch TV installed to replace the broken projector and screen. The Church Lounge was painted, carpeted and furnished with comfortable chairs: this is a valuable space for small groups and courses.

The marquee provided another year of valuable service, especially for Sunday Club and First Steps, though the church room grass is hard worn. In the church building repairs were carried out to the organ and electric piano, and a silk banner that hung in the chancel has been sent for restoration at Lincoln University. The stonework of two windows has been sealed for protection against the elements. New bollards were installed on the church drive.

PASTORAL CARE

Rosie Stephens has worked hard as Family worker, supported by many volunteers, especially Shirley Codner, and is developing stronger links with Bovey Primary School and Bovey Baptist Church and their family worker, Abi Evans. Angie Blanche was appointed as Youth Worker in March 2022, and the two weekly groups have grown steadily under her leadership: the Sunday evening group for 14-18s, and Wise Guys for 11-14s, meeting in the Town Youth Café on Monday evenings.

Seven small groups for bible study, fellowship and prayer met during the year, as well as the Living in Love & Faith course during Lent led by the Vicar.

Jill Hosford trained as an Anna Chaplain, and is developing a new team of Anna Friends to care for the housebound and elderly. The vicar and staff team members have sustained a programme of home communion visits to the housebound and local residential homes.

MISSION AND EVANGELISM

The PCC considers that the church exists to make disciples for Jesus Christ, each of whom has a responsibility to give a reason for the hope that is within them. A small team of volunteers worked with the vicar to visit local residents in April, and were well received. The vicar ran a 'Hope Explored' course in the Church Room in May 2022 with several participants.

DEANERY SYNOD

The new Newton Abbot Deanery met three times in Newton Abbot, and the Deanery Chapter met occasionally, while awaiting the appointment of a new Rural Dean.

ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS

Bovey Baptist Church and PPT continued to work together in shared youth and children's events, but the ministers have not met so regularly this year. The decision of the local Methodist church to register for same-sex blessings has challenged our previous good relations.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Tafline Percy worked hard as church treasurer to resolve several outstanding issues with HMRC concerning Furlough and maternity payments, but was struggling with personal health issues. She had hoped to continue serving until November, but felt compelled to step down early, while Graham was on sabbatical. The Churchwardens are hugely grateful to Mrs Clare Lillington, a professional accountant from Chudleigh who stepped in to sort things out, and has now handed over the accounts to Mr Roy Pitchford, our new church treasurer.

The final accounts for 2022, when compared with 2021, show similar levels of regular giving, but without the special appeal of 2021, and similar levels of expenditure.

Total receipts on general (unrestricted) funds were £140,102 of which £118,660 was voluntary donations, and a further £21,442 was from Gift Aid.

This year we continued the policy for outward (charitable) giving , dedicating all cash and contactless payments received on Sundays (and any BACS payments so marked) to the mission focus for the month. This raised £6,710 in 2022 (£6,797 in 2021)

Total expenditure on general funds for the year was £128,313 (£134,531 in 2021) Expenditure on staff salaries increased with the employment of a youth worker from march, and administrator from July.

The Diocese requested Common Fund of £86,278 in 2022, slightly up from £85,156 in 2021, still the highest request of any church in Newton Abbot Deanery. In line with the PCC's policy, we paid £65,000 (the estimated cost of a Vicar's stipend, pension, NI and housing, and share of central costs). When Hennock's contribution of £7,433 is included, this still makes us a net contributor to the Diocese, though giving £21,028 less than requested by the Common Fund formula, which is a flat rate of £11.93 a week for each participant, defined as any adult worshipping monthly, after an allowance for buildings and a socio-economic modifier, and functions as a regressive tax upon growing churches. The PCC renewed its resolve to pay at least the cost of clergy figure, which the Diocese calculates as £64,486, and will review this figure in the light of this year's budget surplus.

Restricted Funds (use specified by donors- cannot be changed)

The Youth & Children's Fund remains at £20,140. The glass door fund stands at £1,216.

Designated Funds (use specified by PCC - can be changed)

The organ fund stands at £5,653, and the Fabric Fund at £20,841. The vicar's discretionary fund at £1,358.

Reserves Policy

The PCC has resolved to maintain a balance on our general (unrestricted) funds which equates to at least three months' salaries for all our staff, Common Fund payments and regular bills, but to include funds in the Local Ministry Fund and Youth & Children's Fund to local staff costs. This equates to £23,500 in December 2020.

STAFF

The PCC now employs four part-time local staff - the Family Worker, Youth Worker, Church Cleaner and Office Administrator. Their purpose is to co-ordinate and support the work of the many volunteers who continue to provide the backbone of church life.

VOLUNTEERS

We are grateful to all those volunteers who continue to maintain the church, its worship and community life. The range of tasks includes welcoming, reading and leading prayers at services, cleaning and maintaining the fabric of our buildings and grounds, supporting the sick and housebound. We have endeavoured to ensure that all volunteers have access to the relevant health and safety policies and risk assessments and these have been made available to all on the new PPT website, www.pptbovey.church, which was developed by Mr Tom Harrison.

Regular support in leading services was provided by the Lay Reader (now called Licensed Lay Minister) Mrs Carolyn Laycock, and the retired clergy, Canon Michael Sansom, Rev Paul Reynolds and Rev David Harris.

We remain very grateful to the Monday Maintenance Group for keeping the church buildings and grounds in good condition and for undertaking all routine maintenance and repair work. This essential work is always carried out promptly and efficiently and saves much expenditure of the church's funds.

A new team of volunteers is now supporting the administration of the church, and the vital work of safeguarding (Shirley Codner, Tim Stephens) , organising rotas (Jill Hosford, Shirley Codner and Sarah Sammons at 5pm , and printing and posting leaflets and service orders (Mike Limb).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The method of appointment and election of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules 2020. At the APCM in 2020 the electoral roll renewed its decision of 2015 to reduce its elected representation on the PCC from 12 to 9. This took effect from the APCM in 2021. All those

who regularly attend church are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC and to the Deanery Synod. A Revision to the way that PCC members are elected was approved by the PCC during 2017 as a result of the need for a postal ballot in 2017.

Safeguarding

This year Mrs Angie Blanche passed responsibility for Safeguarding administration to Mrs Shirley Codner, and Mr Tim Stephens took on the role of Safeguarding representative from Mrs Jane Midgley.

Administration

In July the PCC began to employ Mrs Camilla Matheson as church administrator for 5 hrs a week, in order to provide support for the churchwardens in the absence of the vicar. Mrs Jane Midgley has continued to serve as church room booking secretary and as PCC secretary.,

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The parish church of St Peter, St Paul and St Thomas of Canterbury (PPT) is situated on East Street, Bovey Tracey, Devon. It is a parish in the Diocese of Exeter, within the Church of England. The address for correspondence is The Church Rooms, Coombe Cross, Bovey Tracey, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ13 9EN.

The parish website can be accessed via www.pptbovey.church

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and has been registered with the Charity Commission (Charity #1128849, since 27th March, 2009).

At the APCM in May 2022 Mr David Barlow, Mr Tim Stephens, Mrs Shirley Codner, Mrs Sharon Alexander and Mrs Sue Nickels, were elected to serve on the PCC.

PCC members standing down at the time of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in May 2022 were Mr Charlie Beauchamp, Mr Mark Alexander, Hon Francis Gilbert

Those who served from the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 22 May 2022 until the date of this report are:

Ex-officio Members (by right of office)

Incumbent	Rev'd Graham Hamilton	Chairman
Churchwardens	Mrs Jill Hosford	
	Mr Mike Limb	(Vice-Chair)
Diocesan Synod	Mrs Dawn Hamilton	
Deanery Synod	Mr Roy White	
Representatives :	Mr David Barlow	
	Mr Mathew Percy	

Elected Members

Mrs Sharon Alexander	Mrs Jane Midgley	(Secretary)
Mr Barry Newport	Mrs Tafline Percy	(Treasurer until Nov)
Mrs Angie Blanche	Mr Jack Knightly	
Mrs Sue Nickels	Mrs Shirley Codner	
Mr Tim Stephens	Mr Roy Pitchford	(treasurer from Dec)

Approved by the PCC on and signed on their behalf by Rev Graham Hamilton (PCC Chairman)

Parish Church of St Peter, St Paul and St Thomas of Canterbury
Financial Statements for the year ending 31st December 2022
Receipts and Payments Accounts
Charity number 1128849

RECEIPTS	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2022	2021
Donations and Legacies					
Regular giving					
Tax efficient planned giving	87,418	0	0	87,418	88,570
Other Planned giving	5,984	0	0	5,984	6,631
Collections at Services	1,458	0	509	1,967	514
Gift Aid recovered	21,442	0	0	21,442	19,613
Donations	0	0	40	40	1,046
	116,302	0	549	116,851	116,374
Other Voluntary Receipts					
Legacy	1,300	0	0	1,300	735
Sundry donations	0	0	6,201	6,201	3,758
Friends of PPT	0	0	0	0	390
Special appeals	0	0	0	0	14,254
Church Charity	0	0	3,365	3,365	4,500
Diocesan Energy Grant	1,780	0	0	1,780	0
Furlough receipts	0	0	0	0	5,603
	3,080	0	9,566	12,646	29,240
Income from church activities					
Fees (net)	6,827	0	0	6,827	5,001
Publications	187	0	0	187	219
Church Room -Letting	1,807	0	0	1,807	3,677
1st Steps	740	0	0	740	343
Office	501	0	0	501	567
Fund Raising	71	0	0	71	1,560
	10,133	0	0	10,133	11,367
Receipts from Investments					
CBF funds	311	19	0	330	13
Interest	52	0	0	52	8
	363	19	0	382	21
TOTAL RECEIPTS	129,878	19	10,115	140,012	157,002
PAYMENTS	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2022	2021
Church Activities					
Parish Share	65,000	0	0	65,000	64,128
Salaries-pastoral	16,090	0	0	16,090	20,603
Salaries-non pastoral	1,805	0	0	1,805	0
Staff Expenses	2,902	0	0	2,902	525
Administration	8,807	0	0	8,807	7,018
Church Fabric	0	8,239	0	8,239	19,589
Worship	3,190	0	0	3,190	997
Mission (Outreach & Nurture)	522	0	6,494	7,016	6,600
Publications	0	0	0	0	126
Church Room costs	3,824	0	0	3,824	3,915
1st steps	161	0	0	161	0
Utilities	4,825	0	0	4,825	3,960
Insurance	4,894	0	0	4,894	4,727
Training	60	0	0	60	270
Youth mission	1,300	0	0	1,300	423
Sundry donations	200	0	0	200	1,650
TOTAL PAYMENTS	113,580	8,239	6,494	128,313	134,531
Net receipts (payments)	16,298	(8,220)	3,621	11,699	22,471
Balance - 1 January 2022	90,368	22,852	22,463	135,683	112,291
Prior year adjustment	0	0	0	0	921
Transfers	(440)	440	0	0	0
Balance - 31st December 2022	106,226	15,072	26,084	147,382	135,683

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Charity number 1128849
Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2022 TOTAL	2021 TOTAL
Cash Funds					
Lloyds Current account	43,914	0	0	43,914	32,978
Lloyds Deposit account	62,299	13,695	2,140	78,134	77,713
CBF Investment Funds	0	0	23,944	23,944	23,621
CBF Vicar's Fund	0	1,377	0	1,377	1,358
Cash	13	0	0	13	13
	106,226	15,072	26,084	147,382	135,683

Movements in Funds in the year

	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal c/fwd
Designated					
Organ fund	5,653	440	870	0	5,223
Vicar's fund	1,358	19	0	0	1,377
Fabric fund	15,841	0	7,369	0	8,472
	22,852	459	8,239	0	15,072
Restricted					
Fabric fund	992	3,365	0	0	4,357
Glass Door fund	1,216	0	0	0	1,216
Youth fund	20,100	40	0	0	20,140
Outward Mission fund	155	6,710	6,494	0	371
	22,463	10,115	6,494	0	26,084

Accounts approved by the PCC on

Signed by Rev Graham Hamilton

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Peter, St Paul and St Thomas of Canterbury, Bovey Tracey, Parochial Church Council
Charity number 1128849

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Church for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

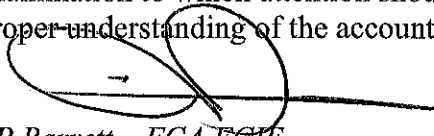
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) The accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



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12th May 2023