THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WRAXALL WITH FAILAND

England & Wales · Charity number 1130482

Details

Other names	PCC OF WRAXALL WITH FAILAND
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-07-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Activities: Regular public worship open to all. Provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation. Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved. Teaching and promoting christianity. Promoting the whole mission of the Church through the provision of activities for senior citizens, parents and toddlers and special need groups. Supporting charities in the UK and overseas.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- North Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£130,080	£135,965	-	-
2024-12-31	£120,197	£127,275	-	-
2023-12-31	£118,692	£131,078	-	-
2022-12-31	£142,187	£153,220	-	-
2021-12-31	£105,753	£112,050	-	-
2020-12-31	£100,312	£96,413	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ann Christine Sage		2015-04-26
DAVID BIRD		
Dr PETER JOHN HEARD		2022-05-15
EILEEN OATES		
John Sidney Stevens		2014-04-27
MEG CATON		2012-06-07
Morey Alisdair Christopher Andrews		2021-10-06
Robert Sheppard		2021-03-17
SUE IRWIN		
Sylvia Phillips		2014-04-06

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Accounts

Annual Report for the Parochial Church Council for Wraxall with Failand

All Saints' Church, Wraxall
and
St Bartholomew's Church, Failand



For the year ended December 31st 2025

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Parish of Wraxall with Failand

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st December 2025

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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING **AGENDAS**



ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

Apologies for absence

Minutes of the last Meeting of Parishioners

Election/Proposal of Churchwardens

Election/Proposal of Deputy Churchwardens

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Minutes of the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Matters arising

Acceptance of the Electoral Roll

Appointment of the Electoral Roll Officer for 2026

Annual Reports

Matters arising from this year's Annual Report

Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Churches

Report on the Proceedings of the Deanery Synod

Financial statements

To appoint an Independent Examiner for the ensuing year

Thank you to those who have served on PCC in 2024/25

To elect any new PCC representatives

Questions for the Rector/PCC

Closing prayer

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Election of Officers:

Chair/Vice-Chair

Treasurer

Secretary

AOB

Benefice of Wraxall with Failand - *All Saints' Wraxall. St Bartholomew's Failand*

Record of Annual Meeting of Parishioners at Cross Tree Centre, Wraxall.
Date of meeting: Sunday 6th April 2025 Time: 11.30am

Present: Rev Morey Andrews in the Chair and 27 members of the congregations

Item	Discussion	Action/ decision/ responsibility
Rector's Introduction: As we look at our churches – what makes you smile? Thank you all so much for being a part of both our church communities. There is a rich history going back hundreds of years and our role is to discern what God wants in the here and now and moving forward. This is a meeting to look back with thankfulness on all that has happened and celebrate what God is doing in us and through us. We all know too that it is not a lone journey but one we do together. I knew this as I took three months out last year on sabbatical that all was in safe hands. It is also right I say thank you to several folks who have served tirelessly, and of course there will be some I have not mentioned and again, please forgive me for any omissions. Firstly to Chris and Peter our church wardens – their commitment to God and to the church is outstanding, often going beyond and above the call of duty. If I do not say it enough thank you for the work you do, the support you give and the friendship along the way. Of course there are folks behind the scenes that support this work and please read the document to know who this is. Or just look around the room and we will see. I want to give thanks to Elize for the amazing amount of positive work she manages in so little time – juggling other work commitments and family – it is truly amazing. Also, working tirelessly with many hats is Eileen – pastorally, financially, socially, and all with moving house – thank you and well done for keeping the ship on the road. In serving tirelessly, I do need to thank Carol, a backbone and rock in the church – we meet every few weeks and sharing her wisdom and generosity is a blessing. Thank you. And Sylvia with her many hats – accompanying us on the journey. Thank you. I will mention Sarah too who was with us until the end of August last year – a breath of life and energy. Finally, to Becky as our safeguarding officer,; has now stepped down for good and right reasons – a huge thank you for all she has done. In the absence of a PSO – I am the primary point of contact. You may ask why I asked the opening question – well at the heart of the Christian message is the love and grace of God that pours into our hearts the fruit of the spirit (Galatians 5:22; Love, JOY, peace … It's not greater than any other but a compliment to all the fruit. As we serve and minister in God's love and by the power of the Holy Spirit – we will know His presence – but keep his JOY and remember this joy as we serve and face some of the struggles. We look forward with confidence we have in faith; we trust in Him even if we are not clear of the pathways, and look with hope for the future. Questions at the end please.		
1. Apologies	Carol Sapsed, June Smith, Liz Hussey, Nicola Brieley, David and Yvette Dunn, Brenda Coxell, David Robinson, Nick and Irene Carter	
2. Minutes of the last meeting of Parishioners	The minutes from the last APCM were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record. All agreed with no abstentions.	
3. Elections of Churchwardens and Chapel Warden	Thank you very much to our churchwardens for all their amazing hard work this year. 2 wardens have elected to stand again-Peter Heard and Christine Sage. AS: Peter Heard proposed by Eileen Oates, seconded by John Stevens. All in favour	

4. Election of Deputy Churchwardens	SB: Christine Sage proposed by Robert Sheppard and seconded by David Bird .All in favour Deputy Churchwardens: thanks shared for their work and support. Deputy Church Warden All Saints: John Stevens. All in favour Deputy Warden at St Bartholomew's: Robert Sheppard. All in favour **The meeting closed at 11.46 am**	

Benefice of Wraxall with Failand

Record of PCC meeting held at the APCM in The Cross Tree Centre, Wraxall.

Date of meeting: Sunday 6th April 2025 Time: 12.08-12.16

Present: Rev Morey Andrews (MA) Eileen Oates (EO), Sue Irwin (SI), John Stevens (JS), Chris Sage (CS), Peter Heard (PH), Robert Sheppard (RS), David Bird (DB), Sylvia Phillips (SP)

In attendance:

Elize Jutsum (EJ) (Minutes)

	Item		Actions
1.0	**Apologies**	Liz Hussey (LH)	
2.0	**Minutes of last meeting.**	Signed as a true and accurate record.	
3.0	**Election of Officers**	• Chair – Morey Andrews • Vice Chair – Vacant • Treasurer – David Bird • PCC Secretary – Elize Jutsum Rev Morey Andrews as Chair Vice Chair-Peter Heard could step in if needed EJ Secretary, Morey Andrews proposed and Christine Sage seconded, all in favour. **Parish Treasurer Role:** Eileen Oates proposes David Bird as treasurer for both churches and Robert Sheppard seconded. All in favour with no abstentions. Treasurer for St Bartholomew's: David Bird (Failand Account) Treasurer for All Saints': David Bird (Wraxall Account)	
4.0	**AOB**	SI would like to donate funds for new white linen for the communion table at All Saints'. Approved by all. Thanks to Sue and Bryan.	
		Next Standing Committee Meeting 8th May 11am Zoom PCC meeting : Monday 2nd June 10.30am in CTC	**End 12.16pm**

Parish of Wraxall with Failand
Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council
For the year ended 31st December 2025

The parish has two Churches: All Saints Church is situated in the village of Wraxall in North Somerset and St Bartholomew's is in the adjacent village of Failand. They are part of the Portishead Deanery in the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is: The Parish Office, All Saints Church, Wraxall Hill, Wraxall, BS48 1LB.
In 2009 the Parochial Church Council registered with the Charities Commission. The Charity Registration number is 1130482.

Rev. Morey Andrews Incumbent licensed 6th October 2021
Rev. Carol Edwards Retired Priest

Who served during the year 2024 (PCC):

Peter Heard	Church Warden
John Stevens	Deputy Warden
Chris Sage	Church Warden
Robert Sheppard	Deputy Warden
Sylvia Phillips	Reader
David Bird	Treasurer-All Saints and St Bartholomew's
John Stevens	Deanery Synod
Sue Irwin	Deanery Synod
Eileen Oates	All Saints'
Robert Sheppard	St Bartholomew's
Carol Edwards	All Saints' (Co-opted)
Elizabeth Hussey	All Saints'
Elize Jutsum	PCC Secretary until September 2025
Emma Biddle	PCC secretary from September 2025

The primary object of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC (Power Measure 1956 states the PCC 'is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical').

The general pattern of services in both churches, having been reviewed throughout the year:

All Saints':
1st Sunday 8.30am BCP Holy Communion
10.00 Holy Communion
2nd Sunday 10.00 Holy Communion
3rd Sunday 10.00/10.30 (Livestreamed)
4th Sunday 10.00/10.30 Holy Communion with Prayer Ministry
5th Sunday 10.00/10.30 Holy Communion

St Bartholomew's:
1st Sunday 6.00pm Evening Worship
3rd Sunday 6.00pm Holy Communion
5th Sunday 6.00pm Evening Worship

Morning Prayer: Mon-Wednesday 8.15am via Zoom
Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion on Zoom

Rector’s Report

Verbal report to be received followed by written notes for the minutes.

Treasurers Report on the Accounts **to the 31st December 2025**

Wraxall with Failand PCC

In presenting this brief report for the year 2025, I propose to highlight the points of main interest only:

General Fund
(Unrestricted)

	All Saints		**St Bartholomews**	
	£		£	
Income	63189.15		26296.40	
Cross Tree Lettings/ Champing	2804.25		1336.64	Designated funds
Lodge 75%	8933.53			
Expenditure	77097.78		23479.91	
Excess of Expenditure over available income adjust for organist	-2170.85		4153.13	
Combined result		£1,982		
Parish share paid £50673.72 included	39865.08		10808.64	

For 2026 Parish Share requested is £48342, the PCC have agreed to pay 15% less a total of £41000

The combined funds held within the benefice are:

Unrestricted	37907
Designated	47573
Restricted	33176
	£118,656

AMD Bird
Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Certificate
for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of: WRAXALL WITH FAILAND **Parochial Church Council**

1On accounts for the year ended: 31st DECEMBER 2025 Charity Number (if applicable): 1130482

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 matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me reasonable 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: K Crawford **Date:** 14/3/2026

Name: KEVIN DAVID CRAWFORD

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN ENGLAND & WALES

Address: 48 FARLEIGH ROAD
BACKWELL
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Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

AS REPORTED IN PRIOR YEARS, A LOSS WAS MADE IN 2025, AND THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL NOT CONTINUE IN THE SHORT TO MEDIUM TERM GIVEN THE LEVEL OF INCOME COMPARED TO ONGOING EXPENDITURE. HOWEVER, THERE APPEAR TO BE SUFFICIENT ASSETS TO COVER THESE FUTURE LOSSES ASSUMING THE LEVEL OF INCOME STAYS CONSTANT AND COSTS CAN BE MANAGED.

Wraxall with Failand PCC
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	21,299.71	660.00	-	21,959.71	19,506.27
Income from charitable activities	4,967.00	-	-	4,967.00	2,841.00
Investments	204.26	-	-	204.26	724.40
Other income	1,336.64	-	-	1,336.64	3,247.51
Total income	**27,807.61**	**660.00**	**-**	**28,467.61**	**26,319.18**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	29.28	-	-	29.28	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	21,772.63	-	-	21,772.63	17,049.38
Other expenditure	1,678.00	1,382.00	-	3,060.00	7,193.20
Total expenditure	**23,479.91**	**1,382.00**	**-**	**24,861.91**	**24,242.58**
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	50,539.49	500.00	-	51,039.49	50,717.36
Activities for Generating Funds	747.41	88.97	-	836.38	55.38
Investment Income	14,699.66	-	-	14,699.66	12,884.99
Church Activities	14,645.56	1,755.28	-	16,400.84	19,123.03
Other Incoming Resources	18,636.25	-	-	18,636.25	11,097.40
Total income	**99,268.37**	**2,344.25**	**-**	**101,612.62**	**93,878.16**
Expenditure on:					
Church Activities	73,905.00	1,665.28	-	75,570.28	66,754.82
Church Expenses	16,805.41	785.00	-	17,590.41	21,414.45
Major Repairs	7,946.84	2,000.00	-	9,946.84	9,747.38
Other Outgoing Resources	7,995.90	-	-	7,995.90	5,115.45
Total expenditure	**106,653.15**	**4,450.28**	**-**	**111,103.43**	**103,032.10**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(3,057.08)**	**(2,828.03)**	**-**	**(5,885.11)**	**(7,077.34)**
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	3,832.85	-	3,832.85	3,379.65
Gross transfers between funds - out	(3,832.85)	-	-	(3,832.85)	(3,379.65)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	(320.05)	-	-	(320.05)	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	**(7,209.98)**	**1,004.82**	**-**	**(6,205.16)**	**(7,077.34)**
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	**92,690.40**	**32,171.05**	**-**	**124,861.45**	**131,938.79**
Total funds carried forward	**85,480.42**	**33,175.87**	**-**	**118,656.29**	**124,861.45**

Wraxall with Failand PCC

Balance Sheet detailed

			As at 31/12/2025	As at 31/12/2024
Fixed assets				
	6430: Church Lodge		445.00	445.00
	6431: CCLA (CBF) 60131700J		13,099.68	13,254.40
	6432: CCLA (CBF) 101001314S		-	-
		Total Fixed assets	**13,544.68**	**13,699.40**
Current assets				
	6501: NATWEST BANK ACCOUNT		10,620.79	7,536.94
	6502: HSBC LUNCH CLUB		55.00	55.00
	6511: CCLA (CBF) Fabric Fund		-	-
	6512: CCLA (CBF) 601317001D		899.27	860.34
	6513: CCLA (CBF) 101001272D		-	-
	A: Lloyds Current Account		2,012.13	4,251.94
	B: CAF Current Account		6,573.19	4,730.01
	C: National Savings Income Bond		76,000.00	81,000.00
	D: CCLA (CBF) deposit account		5,688.75	9,988.75
	E: Entertainments Account		-	-
	F: Wraxall Bellringers Account		-	-
	H: Charity Account		405.00	485.55
	Z05: Accounts Receivable		2,483.26	2,362.44
	Z05: Accounts Receivable		1,606.22	1,051.47
		Total Current assets	**106,343.61**	**112,322.44**
Liabilities				
	Z04: Accounts Payable		504.00	266.84
	Z04: Accounts Payable		728.00	893.55
		Total Liabilities	**1,232.00**	**1,160.39**
		Net Asset surplus (deficit)	**118,656.29**	**124,861.45**
Reserves				
	Excess/(deficit) to date		(9,490.81)	(9,153.94)
	Excess/(deficit) to date		3,605.70	2,076.60
	Z01: Starting balances		18,769.02	16,692.42
	Z01: Starting balances		102,370.14	111,524.08
	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets		-	-
	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets		3,402.24	3,722.29
	Z03: Gains/(losses) on reval of fixed assets		-	-
	Z03: Gains/(losses) on reval of fixed assets		-	-
		Total Reserves	**118,656.29**	**124,861.45**

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	14,575.36	13,512.35
General (Unrestricted)	23,332.22	25,503.07
Designated	11,201.60	9,864.96
Designated	36,371.24	43,810.02
Restricted	33,175.87	33,057.05
Restricted	-	(886.00)
Total	**118,656.29**	**124,861.45**

The Richard Vaughan Trust

Year ended 31st December	**2025**	**2024**
Income and Expenditure account		
Income		
Investment Income	1572	1553
Refund of legal fees and compensation		
Withdrawal of investment funds	3000	
Total Income	4572	1553
Expenditure		
Church running costs	800	800
Bank Fees	43	
Transfer to Wraxall for Youth Worker	3000	
Total Expenditure	3843	800
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	729	753
Balance sheet		
Investments		
2656.69 COIF Investment Fund (see note below)		
Income shares at Market value	51332	57042
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	3357	2628
	54689	59670
Represented by:		
Endowment	51332	57042
Accumulated Income	3357	2628
	54689	59670

Note Investment Fund Income Units
Units held 1st Jan 2025 2810.90
Units sold 24th Sept 25 154.2036
Units held 31st Dec 2025 2656.69

2025 Charity Account Summary

Caring in Bristol	£ 565.00
Christian Aid	£ 132.00
CMS	£ 323.50
Tearfund	£ 243.97
The Clevedon & District Foodbank CIO	£ 155.00
The Children's Society	£ 769.11
The Leprosy Mission	£ 96.70
Total	**£ 2,285.28**

Warden's Report from All Saints' Wraxall 2026 for the year 2025

Services and seasonal events have continued throughout the year in the usual pattern, and we are grateful to Morey, Carol and Sylvia for their dedication and leadership in sustaining the rhythm of worship. In addition to our regular services, there was one wedding, four funeral services and one interment of ashes. There were no baptisms this year.

Our outreach beyond the church building has continued. First Sunday services have been held regularly at Sycamore Lodge, and we were glad to host services in church for both Wraxall School and The Downs School, strengthening our links with the wider community. The Cross Tree Centre remains a valued and well-used resource, hired out for parties, meetings and other events.

In July the West Gallery Choir, "Called to be Saints" marked their 30th anniversary by performing in our church. It was a memorable occasion, appreciated by all who attended. During the year we said farewell to Elize as she moved on to study for a Master's degree, and we thank her for her contribution to our church life. We were delighted to welcome Emma as our new Parish Administrator and look forward to working with her in the years ahead.

Routine maintenance has been carried out to ensure that our buildings remain safe, secure and welcoming. Essential checks and servicing have included the inventory review, portable appliance testing, fire extinguisher and smoke detector inspections, servicing of the security system, clock servicing, organ tuning, lightning conductor checks, and boiler servicing.

In addition to routine maintenance, a number of significant repairs were required this year. The Church Hall roof needed considerable attention following winter storms, with guttering replaced, debris cleared from the north roof, and timbers treated for woodworm. The glass roof in the foyer was sealed to prevent leaks, and some stonework at the entrance was repaired.

Within the church building, repointing was carried out near the vestry, and leadwork by the parapet on the chancel roof was sealed. The clock winding mechanism failed, and was repaired by our horologist. Repairs were also needed to the security camera system and to the water boiler.

Work was also undertaken in the churchyard and grounds. The gate from the lower churchyard to the driveway was replaced—many thanks to Jon Jutsum. Repairs to the stone wall by the church hall were carried out, and we are grateful to Andy Clarke for his work. The main gate by the lych gate was repaired following damage, and several path lights were restored to working order. Part of the car park wall required repair; this was organised and funded by the owners of Stubbs Cottage, for which we are very thankful.

The Lodge has, in general, had a trouble-free year. Routine maintenance was completed, including fire extinguisher checks and chimney sweeping. A new extractor fan was installed and a blocked drain cleared, but otherwise the property has remained in good order.

The churchyard working party has once again done sterling work in maintaining the grounds. We are especially grateful to Bob for organising the team and for his excellent work in keeping equipment maintained and operational. Finally, a huge "thank you" to everyone who contributes to the care and upkeep of our beautiful church, churchyard and buildings—those who undertake practical tasks, those who organise and administer, and those who quietly give their time and skills throughout the year.

Peter Heard, Church Warden (All Saints' Church)

Warden's Report from St. Bartholomew's Failand 2026 for the year 2025

Our Service pattern remains the same with the addition of a morning service on Remembrance Sunday. We also have Last Hour of the Cross (Quiet Reflection) on Good Friday.

We continue to have an organist on the first and third Sunday and recorded music on the fifth Sunday.

During the year we had one Memorial Service, one burial of an infant and two interment of ashes plus two weddings.

The regular checks of the Fire extinguishers (two needed replacing) and lightning conductor were carried out and the routine tuning of the organ. The clock was also serviced. On advice from the electrical engineer PAT testing is only needed biannually so was not necessary this year.

All gutters and down pipes were cleared and the churchyard regularly maintained by Dreamscape gardening. Overhanging branches on the north side which were touching the church were removed as requested in the Quinquennial.
The Community Pay Back group attended during the summer but their last visit was in August. Their main job was to keep the gravel paths weed free.

Donations from our harvest festival again went to the Salvation Army Hostel and to Nailsea Food Bank . All toys from the Toy service went to a local charity.

The Bristol Chamber Orchestra Concert raised £1,000

Champing was down this year and only raised £1,200

During the summer Dawson Steeplejacks carried out a survey of the Spire as recommended in the last Quinquennial report.

This highlighted serious internal and external defects in its structure requiring fairly urgent attention. The total cost of repairs was quoted as £10,500.

In November the internal work commenced and all the rotten non structural timber was removed. The external repointing will take place April 2026.

To raise much needed funds for this project we set up a Just Giving fund raising web page to reach out to the local community. We're not quite there yet but it has been very successful.

In October the local Gardening Group tidied the north west corner of the churchyard and planted more bulbs.

They also held wreath making workshops and all profits went to the Spire appeal.

Finally we finished the year with our much loved Carol Service.

Chris Sage, Church Warden (St Bartholomew's)

Pastoral Care Report

The parish pastoral care team continue to send Birthday, Anniversary and Get well cards to members of both congregations. We also deliver Christmas and Easter cards signed by church family members to those unable to attend church. This enables people to remain in contact with church life and to hear news of the wider church community.

As part of our pastoral care for members of both our congregations 'Home Communion' is taken to those who are unable to attend church services. The aim is that everyone who wants to, can receive Communion at least once a month.
It is a huge privilege to visit people in this way and to share the Sacrament with them. They are always grateful and love to hear news of those they know in the congregation.

At present there are 3 people receiving 'Home Communion.

Another aspect of our pastoral care is the availability of home cooked meals for those who may require one.

Members of the pastoral team are: Eileen Oates, Meg Caton, Susan Sanderson, Megan Crook, Sylvia Phillips and Sue Johnson.

Thank you to everyone it is a real privileged to belong to such a caring community.

Eileen

Electoral Roll Report 2025

The Roll has been displayed as required by COE regulations and is a snapshot of the people who wish to register their commitment to the church. All those registered, are thus entitled to vote at the AGM and can serve on the PCC and Diocesan committees. It is perfectly possible that more people are committed, and attend both churches but have chosen not to register.

58 people worship at All Saints, 16 people worship at St Bartholomew's.
St Bartholomew's 9 people out of 16 do not live in the parish.
Out of the total 58 who attend All Saints, 42 people do not live in the parish.
The total number for both churches is 74.

Carol Sapsed. Electoral Roll Officer.

Safeguarding Report Wraxall with Failand

The Parish of Wraxall with Failand seeks to deliver its mission, at all times, in compliance with the House of Bishops guidance on Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, as detailed in 'Promoting a Safer Church'.

There have been no Safeguarding Incidents reported over the past reporting period that have required mandatory notification to the Diocesan Safeguarding Office. The Parish Safeguarding Officer does however liaise with the diocese office to discuss sanitised issues when appropriate even though the threshold for mandatory reporting has not been met.

All parish personnel , whether employed or volunteers for whom a vetting and barring checks, (DBS) are mandatory for their role, are compliant in both application with standard renewal every three years.

Completion of Safeguarding training continues as a rolling programme, with a combination of self learning via the national training modules, facilitated group learning and provision by the diocese. This is an ongoing to situation to seek to maximise both understanding and practical application of safeguarding practices.

The parish continues to utilise both the national Parish Dashboard and the Safeguarding Hub, to record and develop its Safeguarding information. These computerised systems enable parishes to retain information securely whilst measuring itself against national standards. Access to the portals are restricted, and compliant with GDPR. They also produce clear and succinct action plans which are supplied to the PCC to enable them to have an overview of both compliance with national standards and issues requiring attention.

Becky Cawsey
Parish Safeguarding Officer Parish of
Wraxall with Failand

Church Activities (Alphabetical order)

Bible and Teaching

If prayer is the engine room then the word of God is the fuel.

To enable this, we continue to follow the lectionary teaching during our services preaching and teaching as the Lord leads.

Through the year we follow various courses together

Lent last year we looked at a course designed to Know Christ more, covering areas such as Discipleship, Prayer, the Word, Fasting and the Sabbath.

In the Autumn we studied the book of Philippians together.

In Advent we met weekly during the afternoon focusing on the Wonder of God.

I do encourage you to read your bibles daily, and if you would like some advice on how to do this then please get in touch.

It is hoped as we read the word of God we will be inspired to live more like Jesus day by day.

Morey

Children and Youth 2025

Ministry to Wraxall School and to The Down's School continued throughout the year.

Regular assemblies, pupil chaplaincy, the occasional after schools event and End of term services / end of year celebrations continued.

A highlight was the Down's school Christingle service just before Christmas, which was packed.

Hosting Bubble Church for our Crib Service this year was a great success and great fun.

Junior parkrun continues in Golden Valley Playing fields and we see some children from Wraxall and the Down's school come along.

Morey continues to be a Governor at the school which has combined responsibilities with St Mary's, Portbury.

Whilst writing it is tinged with sadness as the final stages of the consultation on the closing of Wraxall School is becoming a reality. The future of the staff, pupils, families and community are in our prayers.

We are enabling a good end with celebrations and unity.

We continue to prayer for and look at ways for renewed connection with children, young people and families.

All Saints' Churchyard Working Party Report

The team turn up each month to give their time to keeping our churchyard looking nice and tidy. The equipment is mostly ok but we do have to cope with minor niggles on a limited budget. The grass has been kept under control with mowers and strimmers and any plant growth on the boundary walls has either been removed or cut back.

Some of the team bring their own equipment but the church mowers and strimmers need fuel which the church provides. I feel that there is a need to have some sort of petty cash fund to help to keep the equipment in working order.

The jubilee garden remains in good order and the bench benefits from occasional treatment with preservative. Any help with a bit of gardening would be appreciated. We do look forward to our tea and cake every month, thank you Meg.

Bob Caton

Entertainments Report (Wraxall)

We give thanks for the events that have taken place over the past months a wonderful opportunity to share fellowship together.

Agape supper donations raised in aid of Christian Aid.

Mens' fellowship supper an opportunity to say thank you and show our appreciation for all the hard work and dedication not only to those who maintain our beautiful church yard but also those who carry out many and varied roles that enrich our church community.

Harvest Tea a time of fellowship delicious cakes and an opportunity once again to test our knowledge over a fun quiz.

Service of remembering.

Carol service.

Christmas Fayre an opportunity for out reach to enjoy a bacon roll or home made soup. A time to meet and welcome members of the community, families and friends in a relaxed welcoming space.

Ladies coffee morning.

Lent Lunch donations in aid of Tear Fund

Committee members
Sue Irwin – Chair
Eileen Oates – Secretary
Iris Croome – Treasurer
Caroline Watts, Jane Knight, Yvette Dunn and Brenda Coxell.

(The Entertainments that have taken place at St Bartholomew's can be found in Chris Sage's Warden Report for St Bartholomew's)

Flower Guild, All Saints Wraxall

Once more the Guild members have continued to decorate the Church throughout the year.

We have been asked to arrange flowers for weddings and funeral, a great honour for us.

We are trying to bring in new ways of doing the flowers by using vases and plants instead of floral foam (better known as Oasis) as this product is very bad for the environment as it is not bio-degradable and when it is used it is done very sparingly.

Whichever way we do the flowers it is to celebrate that our Church is alive and welcoming.

We are always ready to welcome new arrangers, just speak to anyone of the team.

Sue and the team (Eileen, Caroline, Maureen, Marie, Sharon and Jane)

Julian Group Report

"Be still and know that I am God"

Julian Meetings foster the practice of contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition and are named after Julian of Norwich, a fourteenth-century mystic. They are for people of all denominations or none.

What is contemplative prayer? SIMPLY BEING: Contemplative prayer is a matter of being; being in stillness, being in God; not achieving anything or trying to find words, but simply being.
Psalm 46:10.

Prayerful silence is greatly helped when two or three people are together, and this can complement our daily personal prayer.
Belonging to a group can be a source of help and encouragement.

We are a group of on average 9 ladies and 1 gentleman from several local churches who meet on the first Monday of each month at 2pm in the Charlton Chapel at All Saints church.

The meeting starts with a short piece of meditative music, a brief reading which then leads into about 20 minutes of silence.

If you are not sure if it's for you I would encourage you to come along and "Taste and See".

Eileen Oates

Mother's Union Report

The members enjoyed an interesting and varied programme during 2025.

This included Sylvia taking a Lent reflection and Rev'd Morey spoke on his recent sabbatical with an interesting visual presentation. Marie spoke about her family who had emigrated to Canada. June hosted an afternoon tea at her house and we enjoyed fellowship, a bring and buy, and a browse of the M.U cards. Having enjoyed a meal together we went to Wraxall Church for John to tell the members interesting facts starting at the lychgate and finishing in the Church, always new facts to hear. Rev'd Carol lead the branch in an Autumn Communion and members shared their favourite Bible passage and or hymn.

The branch had two fundraising events, the proceeds being split between our local projects, and worldwide there are members in over eighty countries around the world.

During the year, members joined in many Deanery and Diocese events.

The Mothers' Union will celebrate 150 years since Mary Sumner had her vision and that vision of no matter how big or small, Mothers' Union are there to help provide support and love, free of judgement. Our branch in Wraxall has been doing this work for over 100 years.

Sue Irwin Co-ordinator and all members Wraxall M.U

Outreach/Evangelism

We are called to be witnesses in the world – to God's love and saving Grace.

In many ways we do this in our acts of service and as we read the report we see we do this also through our worship and other ministries.

As a church we are wanting to grow and to do this we need to be seeking opportunities for sharing the Gospel.

Let's keep being faithful and praying for these opportunities to come.

Let's pray to the Lord of the Harvest (Matthew 9:38) to raise up workers in the harvest Field.

As part of this we are seeking to engage more with our communities, so keep praying for opportunities to do this.

My hope for this year is to run a new start course and see folks come to know and follow Jesus.

Prayer

Prayer is the engine room of church life and continues to be at the heart of all we do.
Morning prayer on zoom continues – Monday to Wednesday (all are welcome to join).

The Julian group meets each month (please see their report).

Prayer ministry occurs after Holy Communion on the fourth Sunday service in All saints.
The prayer board is still available for writing prayers and in the Charlton Chapel, opportunities for lighting of candles.

We intercede during our corporate times of worship.

If anyone has any need for prayer then please do get in touch.

My hope this year is we engage with the Diocesan year of prayer; that we will share stories of both the answered prayers and frustrations we feel when God seems distant! Most of all – keep praying.

Time for Tea

We have met on the second Thursday afternoon of the month in the Cross Tree Centre ten times, in our church once, because of the local elections, and cancelled only on one occasion.

We are grateful to have had most interesting speakers on a variety of subjects including Meg talking about sign language, Marie on her hobby of shooting, Rev. Russ on his career together with John Stevens on his career. We have had various attempts at quizzes, a Beetle drive, and were most interested to hear about the "Shedders" of Wraxall who welcome requests for items to repair. The highlight has been Carols and a further concert from the choir of Wraxall School, both performed with great enthusiasm! (Sadly probably not to happen again.)

Numbers vary from about 12 to16 and we would welcome anyone to join us for light-hearted entertainment and a good tea afterwards.

Susan Sanderson

Wraxall Charity

Our charitable aims and objectives are to provide assistance for the purpose of the relief of hardship and need to people residing in the parish of Wraxall & Failand.

Examples of assistance that might be granted

- Support for people in financial hardship
- The cost of purchasing essential household items such as a washing machine or fridge.
- The cost of purchasing essential personal items such as school uniform or shoes.
- Travelling expenses for medical care or for visiting.
- The cost of respite or convalescent assistance.
- The cost of special food or medical aids or equipment.
- Payment of fees for a course or travelling expenses to assist people.
- Grants to organisations providing care in the community, mental health support and foodbanks.
- Help with household heating costs

Please see the below link for more details

https://www.wraxallcharities.com

Our hope is to assist more people and to make ourselves better known.

Morey

Wraxall Tower Report

Practices and service ringing continued, following the usual pattern of Monday evening practices and service ringing at 9.30-10am on second and fourth Sundays. Our number vary, but we are blessed by visitors from other towers, who find our practices useful and friendly. Our learners are making good progress. The bells were rung for one wedding in 2025. Simple maintenance tasks have been carried out as normal (e.g. lubricating sliders, rope maintenance etc.), but soon some of the clappers will have to be re-bushed, which will require the services of a bell hanger.

Peter Heard, Tower Captain

Deanery Synod Report 2025 by John Stevens

Thursday March 6th

The meeting began with a short service of reflection, led by Rev James Packman. Rev Rob Eastwood-Dewing (co-Area Dean) then welcomed everyone to the meeting, following which Rob Norman (lay Area Dean) dealt with the necessary admin matters (approval of minutes of last meeting and of the 2024 accounts). There was then a presentation by Jenny Hollingsworth, Diocesan Secretary. Jenny said that looking around the Diocese her main impression was of hope, expressed in the many sometimes small things which are being achieved. Discipleship is important, and her aim was to help Parish teams connect with their communities via ordinary events, by giving them the support they need (but it must be the right support). Although church membership is predominantly from the older age groups, there are younger groups out there who are searching, not necessarily in a secular way. Jenny quoted Isaiah 55:2, which suggests putting down unprofitable things. We need to meet people where they are and bring them the good news. There is nothing wrong with trying something out and failing – real failure is not trying.

In response to questions, Jenny said that her role was like the CEO of a charity, including ensuring that all parishes are staffed, recruitment, finance and HR. She also helps support the Bishop. She mentioned the "Quick win" grant fund and said that there will be more support for the DAC. It was noted that the Archdeacon's Visitation is confirmed to be at Christ Church. The meeting closed with prayer and blessing.

Tuesday June 3rd

This was a Deanery-wide meeting, which was well-attended. The main business was a talk titled 'Faith in Science', given by Andrew Halestrap, Emeritus Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Bristol. Andrew is also involved with Christians in Science (www.cis.org.uk).

Andrew began by describing his education and career, concluding with his work at Bristol University. He quoted Augustine of Hippo "all truth belongs to God" (also Psalm 111 v2). Much scientific work has been done by Christians e.g. Galileo, Kepler, Newton, James Clerk Maxwell. A recent survey of scientists in Nature showed that 40% believe in God, 15% are atheists and 45% agnostic. Science and faith are not in conflict – science explains How while religion is concerned with Why. God is constantly active in the universe – he's not the God of the Gaps (Charles Coulson).

Reasons for believing in God:

1. The origins of the universe – why did it come into being?
2. Design order – the beauty and intricacy of the universe, the consistency of the laws of nature and the ability to make logical deductions from them imply a designer.
3. The fine tuning of the laws of nature which allows us to exist.
4. The universe has meaning – we know the difference between true and false, good and evil.
5. The Incarnation.

Thursday September 25th

This was a normal Synod meeting, held at St George's Church Hall, Easton-in-Gordano. After opening worship, led by Rev Astrid Tiesema-Samsom, co Area Dean, she welcomed everyone to the meeting. The new Deanery Secretary, Caroline Edwards, was then introduced to the meeting and formally appointed.

There was then a session where we were encouraged to exchange ideas with other churches. To do this, we were asked to move to other tables, so that there was a mix of churches represented on each table. We were provided a list of 16 questions to use as the basis for our discussions, including "At Christmas in our church we always…", "One thing we could do to help our church thrive in the future is…" and "What does the term Eco Church mean to you?"
Among the interesting ideas that came from this were a free Christmas Day Dinner for all in the

parish, use of the church for secular activities (e.g. concerts), attain Eco Church status, and replace pews by chairs to increase flexibility. There was a surprising number that didn't know about Champing at Failand, which was one of the more unusual activities mentioned.
None of the churches on my table had solar panels fitted, although some had had faculties for them refused. One church had bronze Eco Church status and was trying for silver.
After the announcement of future meeting dates, the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Wednesday November 19th
This was a Deanery-wide meeting held at Walton St Mary's, Clevedon. After opening worship there was a talk on 'Conservation, Spirituality and Faith', by Mary Colwell, environmentalist, author and producer. Mary previously worked at the BBC Natural History Unit and is now Director of Curlew Action.

Mary said that it is not now obvious to her that religion is associated with care for the environment, but it was for the early church and is in the Bible. She cited also the Celtic Saints – Columba, Brigid and Cuthbert, For us worship and faith have moved indoors – we need to reclaim the outdoors!
Mary spoke of the twin crises of climate change and bio-diversity loss, the latter not being as well-recognised as the former. Signs of these crises are heatwaves, glaciers melting, drought and less biodiversity – there are fewer animals and birds to be seen, even in our lifetimes. The thought of these crises can be overwhelming, but there are things we can do as individuals.
As an example of what can be done, Mary told us about her work with curlews – we are losing around 5,500 of these in the UK per year. There are very few in the South of England and Wales, but more in Scotland and the North. Much of the loss is due to more intensive farming methods (curlews are ground-nesting birds), as well as climate change.

Long term there is concern that children are less knowledgeable about nature, so may be less concerned about preserving it – surveys say that 50% don't recognize a nettle, 83% can't identify a bumble bee and 25% don't know what a badger or robin look like! Possible reasons are more options for indoor play, fewer green spaces and greater anxiety about allowing children outside to play.

After thanks to Mary, the meeting closed with the Grace.

Portishead Deanery Report 2025

We met, as usual, four times in 2025; two of the meetings (June and November) were deanery-wide meetings, open to anyone to attend, while the March and September meetings were full Synods.

March – This Synod was held at Holy Trinity Nailsea and saw the approval of the 2024 Deanery accounts as well as an interesting talk by Jenny Hollingsworth, Bath & Wells Diocesan Secretary with the unusual opportunity to ask questions directly to the Diocese's CEO.

June – The venue for this Deanery-wide meeting was the Church of the Ascension, Keedwell. It was a very well-attended meeting and we heard a fascinating talk from Andrew Halestrap, the Emeritus Professor of Biochemistry at Bristol University. Andrew gave a talk called "Faith in Science" and spoke about the relationship between science and his Christian faith.

September – The September Synod took place at St George's Church Hall, Easton-in-Gordano, and provided an opportunity for Synod members to meet each other and encouraged good conversation. It also saw Caroline Edwards being introduced as the new Deanery Secretary as well as being the Portishead Co- Area Deans and Lay Dean's PA, taking over from Rob Norman, who has been the Acting Deanery Secretary since Lesley Farrall resigned in September 2020.
Caroline's email address is portishead.deanery1@gmail.com

November – The venue for the November Deanery-wide meeting was St Mary's, Walton and saw a riveting presentation by Mary Colwell, who is an environmentalist, author and producer who previously worked for the BBC Natural History Unit. The presentation was called "Conservation, Spirituality and Faith", and made us think about wildlife conservation. The meeting also heard about the fact that St Michael & All Angels (Flax Bourton) had recently been awarded a Gold Award as an Eco Church from A Rocha. We have enjoyed having Assistant Diocesan Secretary Peter Evans as our Deanery Accompanier and Claire Horton, the Bath Archdeaconry Deanery & Parish Adviser, has also been very helpful.

The Deanery Mission & Pastoral Group has met every two months throughout 2025 while the Deanery Leadership Team has met every month, where possible.

We want to express our gratitude to the clergy and officials of all the deanery churches for their hard

Rob Norman (Lay Dean), Astrid Tiesema-Samsom (Co-Area Dean), Rob Eastwood Dewing (Co-Area Dean) January 2026

End of APCM Report

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WRAXALL WITH FAILAND

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Accounts

Annual Report for the Parochial Church Council for Wraxall with Failand

All Saints' Church,Wraxall
and
St Bartholomew's Church, Failand



For the year ended December 31st 2024

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Parish of Wraxall with Failand

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st December 2024

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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING **AGENDAS**



ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

Apologies for absence

Minutes of the last Meeting of Parishioners

Election/Proposal of Churchwardens

Election/Proposal of Deputy Churchwardens

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Minutes of the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Matters arising

Acceptance of the Electoral Roll

Appointment of the Electoral Roll Officer for 2026

Annual Reports

Matters arising from this year's Annual Report

Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Churches

Report on the Proceedings of the Deanery Synod

Financial statements

To appoint an Independent Examiner for the ensuing year

Thank you to those who have served on PCC in 2024/25

To elect any new PCC representatives

Questions for the Rector/PCC

Closing prayer

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Election of Officers:

Chair/Vice-Chair

Treasurer

Secretary

AOB

Benefice of Wraxall with Failand - *All Saints' Wraxall. St Bartholomew's Failand*

Record of Annual Meeting of Parishioners at Cross Tree Centre, Wraxall.

Date of meeting: Sunday 24th March 2024 Time: 11.30am

Present: Rev Morey Andrews in the Chair and 30 members of the congregations

Item	Discussion	Action/ decision/ responsibility
Rector's Introduction: Morey welcomes, prays and thanks the attendees for joining us, especially St Bartholomew's. Morey shares a focus on faithfulness, all being done with faithful hearts and in the name of glory. MA shares a question: think of one think that has made you smile in the past year; people share their thoughts: Bob coming on as an associate warden at SB, welcome at the door, music especially at Christmas, bells, EJ and EO helping the bench to fall apart. MA concludes, there's many things that makes us smile. Morey shares his reflection on the reports noting there's a lot of doing, we are a faithful church as followers of Christ. MA encourages us all to take time out during Holy Week. The reports reflect a call for growth; we should seek God and look to develop through prayer, word, fellowship and breaking of bread. Paul spent time thanking God, give thanks for who we have with us right now. Thanks to Ministry Team: Carol, Sylvia, Eileen, Sarah and Elize. Thanks to the wardens, Chris for her dedication to 'Champing', Peter for his 2 years' service and Meg who has supported Morey throughout his time here. We gave thanks to Meg for her 9 years as warden at All Saints'. Meg shares the churchwarden prayer and thanks her partner wardens over time. Meg was presented with a card and gift from the Parish.		
1. Apologies	Nicola Brierley, Pat and Vernon Adams, Sharon Guest, Sylvia Phillips, John Mc Auliffe.	
2. Minutes of the last meeting of Parishioners	The minutes from the last APCM were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record. All agreed with no abstentions.	
3. Elections of Churchwardens and Chapel Warden	Thank you very much to our churchwardens for all their amazing hard work this year. 2 wardens have elected to stand again-Peter Heard and Christine Sage. AS: Peter Heard proposed by James Heard, seconded by Eileen Oates. All in favour SB: Christine Sage proposed by Caryl Harding and seconded by Robert Sheppard. All in favour	
4. Election of Deputy Churchwardens	Deputy Churchwardens: thanks shared for their work and support. Deputy Church Warden All Saints: John Stevens. All in favour Deputy Warden at St Bartholomew's: Robert Sheppard. All in favour **The meeting closed at 11.48am**	

Benefice of Wraxall with Failand - *All Saints' Wraxall. St Bartholomew's Failand*

Annual Parochial Church Meeting at the Cross Tree Centre, Wraxall.

Date of meeting: Sunday 24th March 2024

Present: Rev Morey Andrews in the Chair and 30 members of the public. **Time:** 11.49am

Item	Discussion	Action/ decision/ responsibility
1. Minutes of the last APCM	The 2023 APCM minutes from last meeting were agreed with no abstentions.	
2. Matters arising	There were no matters arising from the minutes within the APCM Report 2023.	
3. Acceptance of the Electoral Roll	All accepted the revision of the Electoral Roll. Numbers have reduced slightly but remain steady. Total number for both churches is 83. Thanks to Carol Sapsed for her work on this.	
4. Appointment of the Electoral Roll Officer	Reminder: Complete revision in 2025, all will have to re-register. Carol Sapsed has offered to carry out this role for the year 2023-2024. Jane Knight proposed Carol Sapsed as Electoral Roll Officer and this was seconded by Caroline Watts. All in favour	
5. Annual Reports	Chair (MA) proposed the approval of the Annual Report for 2023, seconded by John Stevens. All in favour Warden's Report Comments: -Minutes of PCC are always available for reading and the last three sets of agreed minutes are viewable on the website under 'Church Life>PCC'. Thanks to the wardens for all their hard work on this.	
6. Matters arising from this year's annual report	No matters arising from this year's annual report.	
7. Report on fabric, goods & ornaments of the churches	Log Books and Terriers for both churches are available for viewing on the table. Thanks to the wardens for keeping those up to date and in order.	
8. Deanery Synod	There is space if anyone would like to join the team-John Stevens and Sue Irwin. Anyone can come along to the meetings. Questions for Deanery Reps: If you ever have any questions regarding the Deanery or Diocese, please ask the reps: John Stevens and Sue Irwin.	
9. Financial Statement	David Bird is still looking to step down as is Helen. Thanks to David, Helen and Eileen for their work on the finances 2023. **Overview from MA:** We spend more than we get in, but we're ok, there are savings we can access. We are in a better place	

10. To elect new PCC representatives 11. To appoint an independent examiner 12. Questions and Comments	than most parishes in the Diocese The Diocese is reviewing how the parish giving is undertaken. First consultation is complete. There will be a second review in July and a proposal put forward in the Autumn; this shouldn't make a huge difference to our share. We need to prayerfully consider what we can afford. MA thanks all for their generosity. **Comments or questions regarding the financial statement:** Sue Irwin: Do people realise how much we have to send for the parish share? DB: We paid £45,000 towards the Parish Share (£55,000 was requested). Parish share is paid out of the general fund which is restricted by the amount received. Some ask how much cash we have. Funds are around £130,000. David Bird reminded all about contributions and giving in line with inflation. We need to reach the people who don't know there is an active church here, they may not be church goers but if they want an active church then they need to give towards that. MA: although we need to increase incomings, don't feel guilty if this isn't possible. Rev Carol Edwards: we get a good deal for our share, 2 full time clergy, housing, clergy training (present and future).. Anomaly: Diocese is Still asking for full amounts for both Trendlewood and Wraxall with Failand, this is under review. MA reads through the list of names for those on PCC. Thanks to all those who serve on PCC. Carol Sapsed will be stepping down, thanks to Carol from Morey for the support and challenge she has provided. There are spaces if anyone would like to join. No questions regarding this. Proposal of accounts by David Bird. Seconded by Peter Heard: All in favour Independent Examiner next year (YE 2024). Thank you to Kevin who has given his time and skills with the finances for the report this year. Peter Heard proposes Kevin Crawford to audit the accounts for year-end 2024. Carol Sapsed seconded. All agreed. Thanks shared to Kevin Crawford for the work on the finances. Morey signs accounts for acceptance by the PCC in the Annual Report in his role as Chair. DB: Richard Vaughan Trust update- 2 of the wardens have delegated responsibility for running this. It stands us in good stead. Intended for mission and Curates. Funds: £57,000. Need to spend time thinking about how this can be used for mission. Thanks to Becky Cawsey for all her work as Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO). Reminder from Becky that all PCC members should do the basic Foundation and Domestic Violence Learning Modules. Complete the highest level every three years. Questions for PSO can be sent to Becky Cawsey safeguarding.wraxallwithfailand@gmail.com- contact on the posters around the site.	

	Questions and Comments for Rector: Sarah will take on responsibility for the spiritual side along with Carol Edwards. Astrid Tiesema-Samsom-Area Dean will be having an oversight whilst MA is on sabbatical. Wardens will have responsibility also. Peter Heard wishes Morey all the best with his sabbatical. Thanks to participants for taking part today and to the PCC team. **Meeting closed with prayer by Morey at 12.17pm**	

Benefice of Wraxall with Failand

Record of PCC meeting held at the APCM in The Cross Tree Centre, Wraxall.

Date of meeting: Sunday 24th March 2024 Time: 12.19

Present: Rev Morey Andrews (MA) Eileen Oates (EO), Sue Irwin (SI), John Stevens (JS), Chris Sage (CS), Peter Heard (PH), Sarah Sanderson (SS) Robert Sheppard (RS) David Bird (DB), Liz Hussey (LH)

In attendance:

Elize Jutsum (EJ) (Minutes)

	Item		Actions
1.0	**Apologies**	Sylvia Phillips (SP)	
2.0	**Minutes of last meeting.**	Signed as a true and accurate record.	
3.0	**Election of Officers**	• Chair – Morey Andrews • Vice Chair – Vacant • Treasurer – David Bird • PCC Secretary – Elize Jutsum Rev Morey Andrews as Chair and Vice Chair will be vacant until someone is put in place (Peter Heard/Chris Sage will fill the for now). EJ Secretary, Peter Heard proposed and Sarah Sanderson seconded, all in favour. **Parish Treasurer Role:** Eileen Oates proposes David Bird as treasurer for both churches and Robert Sheppard seconded. All in favour with no abstentions. Treasurer for St Bartholomew's: David Bird(Failand Account) Treasurer for All Saints': David Bird (Wraxall Account) Sur Irwin thanked Morey for what he shared in the meeting.	
4.0	**AOB**		
		Next PCC meeting : Monday 16th April 10.30am in CTC	**End 12.26pm**

Parish of Wraxall with Failand

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council
For the year ended 31st December 2024

The parish has two Churches: All Saints Church is situated in the village of Wraxall in North Somerset and St Bartholomew's is in the adjacent village of Failand. They are part of the Portishead Deanery in the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is: The Parish Office, All Saints Church, Wraxall Hill, Wraxall, BS48 1LB.
In 2009 the Parochial Church Council registered with the Charities Commission. The Charity Registration number is 1130482.

Rev. Morey Andrews	Incumbent licensed 6th October 2021
Rev. Carol Edwards	Retired Priest

Who served during the year 2024 (PCC):

Peter Heard	Church Warden
John Stevens	Deputy Warden
Chris Sage	Church Warden
Robert Sheppard	Deputy Warden
Sylvia Phillips	Reader
David Bird	Treasurer-All Saints and St Bartholomew's
John Stevens	Deanery Synod
Sue Irwin	Deanery Synod
Eileen Oates	All Saints'
Robert Sheppard	St Bartholomew's
Carol Edwards	All Saints' (Co-opted)
Elizabeth Hussey	All Saints'
Elize Jutsum	PCC Secretary

The primary object of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC (Power Measure 1956 states the PCC 'is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical').

The general pattern of services in both churches, having been reviewed throughout the year:
All Saints':

<u>January-July</u>

1st Sunday	8.30am BCP Holy Communion
	9.30 Graze-All Age Worship
2nd Sunday	10.00 Holy Communion
3rd Sunday	10.00/10.30 (Livestreamed)
4th Sunday	10.00/10.30 Holy Communion with Prayer Ministry
5th Sunday	10.00/10.30 Holy Communion

<u>August-December</u>

1st Sunday	8.30am BCP Holy Communion
	10.00 Holy Communion

2nd Sunday 10.00 Holy Communion
3rd Sunday 10.00/10.30 (Livestreamed)
4th Sunday 10.00/10.30 Holy Communion with Prayer Ministry
5th Sunday 10.00/10.30 Holy Communion

St Bartholomew's:
1st Sunday 6.00pm Evening Worship
3rd Sunday 6.00pm Holy Communion
5th Sunday 6.00pm Evening Worship

Morning Prayer: Mon-Wednesday 8.15am via Zoom
Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion on Zoom

Rector's Report

Verbal report to be received followed by written notes for the minutes.

Treasurers Report on the Accounts **to the 31st December 2024**

In presenting this brief report for the year 2024, I propose to highlight the points of main interest only:

General Fund (Unrestricted)

	All Saints	**St Bartholomews**
	£	£
Income	92278	25549
Cross Tree Lettings /Champing	4878	3427
Lodge 75%	6888	
Expenditure	101391	22937
Excess of Expenditure over available income	-9113	2612
adjust for organist		-576
Combined result shortfall	£7,077	
Parish share paid £44286 included	34836	9450
For 2025 Parish Share is	£50,673	
an increase of	£6,387	

Unless there is a significant increase in giving there is little prospect of being able to pay this in full. It is possible that we shall not be able to pay as much as last year. As it is, there will be futher erosion of designated funds unless there is some form of financial reconstruction.

St Bartholomews is due a quinquennial review this year

The combined funds held within the benefice are:

Unrestricted	39015
Designated	53675
Restricted	32171
	124861

A M D Bird
Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Certificate
for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of: WRAXALL WITH FAILAND **Parochial Church Council**

On accounts for the year ended: 31 DECEMBER 2024 Charity Number: 1130482

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 matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable 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: K Crawford **Date:** 10/3/2025

Name: KEVIN DAVID CRAWFORD

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): FELLOW OF THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN ENGLAND AND WALES

Address: 48 FARLEIGH ROAD, BACKWELL, N.SOMERSET BS48 3PA

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

A loss was made in the year and there is no reason to believe that this will not continue in the short to medium term given the level of income compared to ongoing expenditure. However, there appear to be sufficient assets to cover these assuming the level of income stays constant and costs can be managed or even reduced

Wraxall with Failand PCC

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	18,736.27	770.00	-	19,506.27	20,057.89
Income from charitable activities	2,841.00	-	-	2,841.00	1,223.00
Investments	724.40	-	-	724.40	1,782.89
Other income	3,247.51	-	-	3,247.51	3,413.02
Total income	**25,549.18**	**770.00**	**-**	**26,319.18**	**26,476.80**
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities	17,049.38	-	-	17,049.38	17,866.99
Other expenditure	5,888.20	1,305.00	-	7,193.20	7,188.00
Total expenditure	**22,937.58**	**1,305.00**	**-**	**24,242.58**	**25,054.99**
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	50,687.71	29.65	-	50,717.36	48,315.06
Activities for Generating Funds	-	55.38	-	55.38	945.24
Investment Income	12,884.99	-	-	12,884.99	13,967.55
Church Activities	17,608.34	1,514.69	-	19,123.03	17,023.43
Other Incoming Resources	11,097.40	-	-	11,097.40	11,963.76
Total income	**92,278.44**	**1,599.72**	**-**	**93,878.16**	**92,215.04**
Expenditure on:					
Church Activities	65,114.52	1,640.30	-	66,754.82	66,506.50
Church Expenses	21,414.45	-	-	21,414.45	18,386.47
Major Repairs	9,747.38	-	-	9,747.38	17,237.26
Other Outgoing Resources	5,115.45	-	-	5,115.45	3,892.87
Total expenditure	**101,391.80**	**1,640.30**	**-**	**103,032.10**	**106,023.10**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(6,501.76)**	**(575.58)**	**-**	**(7,077.34)**	**(12,386.25)**
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	3,240.00	139.65	-	3,379.65	11,207.06
Gross transfers between funds - out	(3,379.65)	-	-	(3,379.65)	(11,207.06)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	**(6,641.41)**	**(435.93)**	**-**	**(7,077.34)**	**(12,386.25)**
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	**99,331.81**	**32,606.98**	**-**	**131,938.79**	**144,325.04**
Total funds carried forward	**92,690.40**	**32,171.05**	**-**	**124,861.45**	**131,938.79**

Wraxall with Failand PCC

Balance Sheet detailed

			As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Fixed assets				
	6430: Church Lodge		445.00	445.00
	6431: CCLA (CBF) 60131700J		13,254.40	15,573.36
	6432: CCLA (CBF) 101001314S		-	-
		Total Fixed assets	**13,699.40**	**16,018.36**
Current assets				
	6501: NATWEST BANK ACCOUNT		7,536.94	4,182.82
	6502: HSBC LUNCH CLUB		55.00	55.00
	6511: CCLA (CBF) Fabric Fund		-	-
	6512: CCLA (CBF) 601317001D		860.34	816.98
	6513: CCLA (CBF) 101001272D		-	-
	A: Lloyds Current Account		4,251.94	9,737.63
	B: CAF Current Account		4,730.01	6,797.19
	C: National Savings Income Bond		81,000.00	81,000.00
	D: CCLA (CBF) deposit account		9,988.75	9,988.75
	E: Entertainments Account		-	600.16
	F: Wraxall Bellringers Account		-	-
	H: Charity Account		485.55	132.20
	Z05: Accounts Receivable		2,362.44	3,101.15
	Z05: Accounts Receivable		1,051.47	799.55
		Total Current assets	**112,322.44**	**117,211.43**
Liabilities				
	Z04: Accounts Payable		266.84	1,013.00
	Z04: Accounts Payable		893.55	278.00
		Total Liabilities	**1,160.39**	**1,291.00**
		Net Asset surplus (deficit)	**124,861.45**	**131,938.79**
Reserves				
	Excess/(deficit) to date		(9,153.94)	(13,808.06)
	Excess/(deficit) to date		2,076.60	1,421.81
	Z01: Starting balances		16,692.42	15,270.61
	Z01: Starting balances		111,524.08	125,332.14
	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets		-	-
	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets		3,722.29	3,722.29
	Z03: Gains/(losses) on reval of fixed assets		-	-
	Z03: Gains/(losses) on reval of fixed assets		-	-
		Total Reserves	**124,861.45**	**131,938.79**

The Richard Vaughan Trust

Year ended 31st December	**2024**	**2023**
Income and Expenditure account		
Income		
Investment Income	1553	1531
Refund of legal fees and compensation		
Withdrawal of investment funds		
Total Income	1553	1531
Expenditure		
Church running costs	800	800
St Bartholomews - Admin Costs		
Curate - Computer		
Rector - Computer 1/3 share		
Transfer to Wraxall for Parish Share		2000
Total Expenditure	800	2800
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	753	-1269
Balance sheet		
Investments		
2810.90 COIF Investment Fund (see note below)		
Income shares at Market value	57042	55782
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	2628	1875
	59670	57657
Represented by:		
Endowment	57042	55782
Accumulated Income	2628	1875
	59670	57657

Reviewed 14/01/2024

Charitable Giving 2024

2024 Charity Account

Caring @ Christmas	594.05
Clevedon Food Bank	144.35
CMS	391.50
Help Bristol's Homeless (SB)	300.00
Tearfund	280.38
The Children's Society	734.63
Total	**2,444.91**

Warden's Report from All Saints' Wraxall

Normal services and events were held in the church according to season, with thanks for the ministry given by Morey, Carol, Sylvia and Sarah. 11th August saw Sarah's last Sunday with us at AS. Her Associate Pioneer Priest licensing service was held on 17th September in Yeovil. We are thankful for her excellent ministry among us and wish her well on her continued journey to serve God in her new parish. Morey returned from Sabbatical in early August, and we were glad to hear that his experiences, from London Marathon, to visiting old friends, to a trip to Brazil, were enjoyable, fruitful and an opportunity to draw closer to God.

During 2024 there were three couples married in our church, and one marriage blessing. There were three infant baptisms and two birth thanksgiving services. There were eight funeral services and a further four interments of ashes. First Sunday services continued at Sycamore Lodge; School services were hosted in church. The Cross Tree Centre continues to be well-used by hiring out for parties & meetings etc.

In 2024, routine maintenance tasks were carried out on the church and Cross Tree buildings as normal. These included inventory, testing of portable appliances, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, security system, clock, and organ servicing and checking of lightning conductors.

The church heating failed in November, requiring a new fan/oil pump motor. Various parts for the security camera system failed, requiring a new ethernet switch and camera. A smoke sensor in the CTC ceiling had to be replaced. Apart from this, minor items that broke down were repaired in-house as and when necessary.

The old grand piano was "retired" this year, as it would have been costly to be restrung and serviced. It was replaced by a Yamaha electronic piano, which of course does not require regular tuning. The sound is enhanced by the portable speaker system, which was also refurbished, and was modified so that it could power the piano in the event of a power cut. The small organ in the Charlton Chapel was also refurbished.

Some electrical work was carried out on the CTC, car park and tower to replace and enhance lighting. A new freezer was purchased for the CTC store – thanks to a generous donation.

Again this year, the churchyard working party maintained the grounds, and we are grateful for their considerable effort. The three Box trees to the south-east of the church had been attacked by moth, presumably *Cydalima perspectalis*, and had to be removed. The *Leylandii* in the lower churchyard were trimmed. The stone walls are suffering from infestations of Red Valerian, *Centranthus ruber*; much of it was removed from our side of the north wall this year, and the Wraxall Court gardeners kindly treated the top and their side. Removals from this and the other walls will continue. Ash trees in the car park are now subject to Ash Dieback disease; one of them was cut back, and another is being monitored. A new mower and leaf blower was purchased this year, thanks to generous donations. Several old mowers were also refurbished; thanks to Nick for organising.

A new bench was purchased for the churchyard, commemorating the life and platinum jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, and the coronation of King Charles. Thanks to Meg & Bob for masterminding.

Thanks go to Bob for organising the CYWP and for excellent work in keeping equipment running.

Roof repairs on the Lodge were undertaken in the Spring to replace soffits, repair woodwork and repair stonework around the chimney. Internal decoration was then carried out in the Autumn. Apart from this, the usual maintenance tasks were carried out.

I thank everyone who helps to look after our church and churchyard.

Peter Heard, Warden. March 2025

Warden's Report from St. Bartholomew's Failand

Our Service pattern remains unchanged with the addition of a morning service on Remembrance Sunday. The majority of the congregation are happy to continue with the 6pm timing throughout the year. Currently we have two organists. One plays on the first Sunday and the other on the third Sunday. I also have a number of freelance organists who are happy to help out when necessary. The fifth Sunday is usually recorded music

.During the year we had one funeral, four interments of ashes and two Baptisms.

In April the leak in the kitchen was finally sorted

In August we said goodbye to Sarah and welcomed Morey back.
Maggie and Bob Sheppard kindly hosted a Farewell party at their home for Sarah.

All the regular compulsory checks were carried out, Pat testing, lightening conductor and fire extinguishers. The organ also had its annual tuning and all the gutters around the church were cleaned out

The grass cutting at the church yard is carried out by Dreamscape gardening and since November we have visits from the Community Pay back scheme.
This group have finished painting the main gates and the railings to the left and are now concentrating on weeding the gravel path.

Our fundraising events were popular with locals and we raised …….

Open Garden in May ……..£1,400

Bristol Chamber Orchestra in June……£1,000

Champing……..£3,200

The Harvest and Toy Services were well supported .
Non-perishables to the Salvation Army Hostel/Perishables to Nailsea foodbank
Toys to The Salvation Army for distribution.
The Carol Service broke previous records with 160 adults and 10 children attending!!

The Local Gardening group have been very involved with the church recently.
They spent 3 consecutive Saturday mornings in October/November planting wild flower bulbs in our re wilding area.
They have also hired the church for two evenings when we had a talk from the Head gardener at Tyntesfield and a Christmas wreath making class.
Chris Sage

Pastoral Care Report

The parish pastoral care team continues to send Birthday, Anniversary and Get well cards to members of both congregations. This enables people to remain in contact with church life and to hear news of the wider church community.

As part of our pastoral care for members of both our congregations 'Home Communion' is taken to those who are unable to attend church services. The aim is that everyone who wants to, can receive Communion at least once a month.
It is a huge privilege to visit people in this way and to share the Sacrament with them. They are always grateful and love to hear news of those they know in the congregation.

At present there are 4 people receiving 'Home Communion' but it is a fluid list.

Another aspect of our pastoral care is the availability of home cooked meals for those who may require one.

Members of the pastoral team are: Eileen Oates, Iris Croome, Meg Caton, Susan Sanderson, Megan Crook, Sylvia Phillips, Sue Johnson and Elize Jutsum

Thank you to everyone it is a real privileged to belong to such a caring community

Eileen

Electoral Roll Report 2025

This year all churches were required to undertake a major review of all the names on the roll, the next review is not required until 2031.
The Roll has been displayed as required by COE regulations and is a snapshot of the people who wish to register their commitment to the church. All those registered, are thus entitled to vote at the AGM and can serve on the PCC and Diocesan committees. It is perfectly possible that more people are committed, and attend both churches but have chosen not to register.
57 people worship at All Saints, 17 people worship at St Bartholomew's.
There have been 4 new registrations at St Bartholomew's and 3 at All Saints.
St Bartholomew's 9 people out of 17 do not live in the parish. Out of the total 66 who attend All Saints, 43 people do not live in the parish.
The total number for both churches is 74. Compared to 2023 roll there is a small decrease overall (4).

Carol Sapsed. Electoral Roll Officer.

Safeguarding Report Wraxall with Failand

The parish of Wraxall with Failand seeks to deliver its mission, at all times, in compliance with the House of Bishops guidance, on Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, Promoting a Safer Church.

There have been no Safeguarding Incidents raised over the past reporting period that have required notification to the Diocesan Safeguarding Office.

All parish personnel , whether employed or volunteers for whom a vetting and barring check, (DBS) is mandatory for their role, are compliant with standard renewal every three years.

Completion of Safeguarding training continues as a rolling programme.

The parish continues to utilise the both the national Parish Dashboard and the Safeguarding Hub, both computerised portals, to record its Safeguarding information. These portals enable parishes to retain information securely whilst measuring itself against national standards. Whilst access to the portal is restricted, and thus compliant with GDPR, it produces clear action plans which are produced for each PCC meeting to enable them to have an overview of compliance with national standards and actions to be progressed.

Becky Cawsey
Parish Safeguarding Officer
Parish of Wraxall with Failand

Church Activities (Alphabetical order)

Bible and Teaching

If prayer is the engine room then the word of God is the fuel.

To enable this, We continue to follow the lectionary teaching during our services.

On the Third Thursday morning after Holy Communion we gather in church to discuss the bible readings/homily.

Through the year we follow various courses together

Lent last year we looked at the LICC material connecting with our world. This continued after Easter to finish the Course

In the Autumn we studied the book of James together.

In Advent we met during the afternoon focusing on 4 different Characters from the Christmas story.

I do encourage you to read your bibles daily, and if you would lie some advice on how to do this then please get in touch.

Children and Youth 2024

Ministry to Wraxall School and to The Down's School continued throughout the year.

Regular assemblies, the occasional after schools event and End of term services / end of year celebrations continued.

A highlight was the Down's school Christingle service just before Christmas, which was packed.

The First Sunday All Age Graze service was put on hold in September – but leaves opportunities for first Sunday baptism services as the need arises.

Junior parkrun continues in Golden Valley Playing fields and we see some children from Wraxall and the Down's school come along.

With Sarah leaving in the summer, some projects were put on hold, except with the help of Sylvia we have started pupil chaplains at Wraxall school. Supporting and enabling 4 children to be chaplains to the school.

Morey continues to be a Governor at the school which has combined responsibilities with St Mary's, Portbury.

Rev Sarah Sanderson:

In August 2024, Rev'd Sarah Sanderson left the role of Curate for Trendlewood and for Wraxall with Failand. She took up a post as Pioneer Associate Vicar in Yeovil. It was sad to say goodbye in August, as we enjoyed much ministry together and she gave so much to all the churches she served and beyond. However, we know this move is of God and continue to pray God's Blessing upon her and her family.

All Saints' Churchyard Working Party Report

Another good year for churchyard upkeep by the loyal crew.
A big thank you to the time for tea group for their generous donation of a leaf blower, it will be very useful.
PCC paid for a new mower at a time when all existing mowers failed to start, a timely lifesaver. Since then Nick arranged for a local repairer to look at our sorry looking collection and we now have three working mowers.
The grass has been kept under control and the Jubilee Garden kept in reasonable shape. The addition of a new bench, thanks to an anonymous donation, makes a brilliant addition to the look of this corner of the churchyard.
I am very grateful to the members of the crew who turn up, rain or shine, and a special thank you to Meg who caters for our inner needs with tea, coffee and delicious cakes.

Bob Caton

Entertainments Report

We give thanks once again for the events that have taken place over the past months a wonderful opportunity to share fellowship together.

Church yard working party supper an opportunity to say thank you and show our appreciation for all the hard work and dedication to those who maintain our beautiful church yard.

Agape meal, an opportunity to share in fellowship together, a meal that recalls the meals shared with his disciples during his ministry.

Lent lunch in aid of Tearfund. Thank you to all who support this event.

Service of remembering.

Carol service.

Christmas Fayre always an enjoyable time of outreach and fellowship.

Harvest Tea delicious cakes and an opportunity once again to test our knowledge over a fun quiz.

Church Leaders Lunch

Committee members:
Sue Irwin – Chair
Eileen Oates – Secretary
Iris Croome – Treasurer
Caroline Watts, Jane Knight, Yvette Dunn and Brenda Coxell

Flower Guild All Saints Wraxall

The flower team continue to enhance our services week on week.
We all have our styles which makes it all the more interesting.
We much enjoy decorating for the Festivals days. Easter is a really special time, especially the Altar in the Chapel called the 'Altar of Repose' decorated in spring flowers & used on Maundy Thursday just to sit quietly in silence and reflection.
We are no longer able to offer to decorate the Church for weddings but are quite willing to meet the couples and their florist to give some guidance on where best to place their flowers.

We have five arrangers plus one who does festivals we might soon be six or seven, recruitment in progress!
Sue and the Team

Julian Group Report

"Be still and know that I am God"

Julian Meetings foster the practice of contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition and are named after Julian of Norwich, a fourteenth-century mystic. They are for people of all denominations or none.
What is contemplative prayer? SIMPLY BEING: Contemplative prayer is a matter of being; being in stillness, being in God; not achieving anything or trying to find words, but simply being.
Psalm 46:10.
Prayerful silence is greatly helped when two or three people are together, and this can complement our daily personal prayer.
Belonging to a group can be a source of help and encouragement.
We are a group of on average 9 ladies and 1 gentleman from several local churches who meet on the first Monday of each month at 2pm in the Charlton Chapel at All Saints church.
The meeting starts with a short piece of meditative music, a brief reading which then leads into about 20 minutes of silence.
If you are not sure if it's for you I would encourage you to come along and "Taste and See".

Mother's Union Report

The members enjoyed an interesting and varied programme during 2024. In March Rev d John Angle and his wife Janet came to speak on their work in Gaza which they have been involved in for many years.
Rev d Morey told us of his plans for his proposed Sabbatical giving members an insight into his plans.
Mable who is a member of the M.U in Zimbabwe gave a most interesting account of the M.U and how much Say the leaders of the M.U have in their community.
A speaker from Caring in Bristol told us of the varied work that is carried out throughout the year in Bristol.
During the year members joined in communion services, and in the Diocese were part of the Deanery Cathedral Prayers and attended the Annual Meeting at Flourish House.
Members would like to thank everyone for supporting the fundraising events enabling us to support the M.U projects both home and abroad.
We would love to welcome anyone who would like to join us in a meeting to hear any of our speakers.

Sue Irwin Co-ordinator and all members Wraxall M.U

Outreach/Evangelism

We are called to be witnesses in the world – to God's love and saving Grace
In many ways we do this in our acts of service but as we read the report we see we do this also through our worship and other ministries.
As a church we are wanting to grow and to do this we need to be seeking opportunities for sharing the Gospel.
Let's keep being faithful and praying for opportunities.
As part of this we are seeking to run more Start courses or similar, so keep praying for opportunities to invite folks to the course as they arise.

Prayer

Prayer is the engine room of church life and continues to be at the heart of all we do.
Morning prayer on zoom continues – Monday to Wednesday (all are welcome to join).
The Julian group meets each month (please see their report).
Prayer ministry occurs after Holy Communion on the fourth Sunday service in All saints.
The prayer board is still available for writing prayers and in the Charlton Chapel, opportunities for lighting of candles.
If anyone has any need for prayer then please do get in touch.

Time for Tea

We have continued to meet almost every 2nd Thursday of the month for afternoon tea and either a short talk or an easy quiz. We have listened to Bob Paton showing his fascinating models, Keith Wharton on the community rail partnership, the working of the local "leg clinic", Peter Evans demonstrating his model gliders, Rev. Rosie Lunn talking about her time "working" at Westminster Abbey, Marie Evans on her shooting hobby, Road safety advice with free high visibility jackets and in December we read appropriate poems and sang carols. Quizzes filled in the gaps. We are a small but happy group and would welcome new members for tea and talk - all this for only £3 a head for each meeting.

Susan Sanderson

Wraxall Tower Report

Practices and service ringing continued, following the usual pattern of Monday evening practices and service ringing at 9.30-10am on second and fourth Sundays. Our number vary, but we are blessed by visitors from other towers, who find our practices useful and friendly. Our learners are making good progress.
The bells were rung for three weddings in 2024.
Simple maintenance tasks have been carried out as normal (e.g. lubricating sliders, rope maintenance etc.), but soon some of the clappers will have to be re-bushed, which will require the services of a bell hanger.

Peter Heard, Tower Captain

Deanery Synod Report by John Stevens

Wednesday March 6th

This was a normal Synod meeting, held at Keedwell Church, Keedwell Hill, Long Ashton. After Opening Worship, led by Rev James Harris, the Minutes of the previous meeting (14-9-23) and the 2023 Deanery Accounts were approved. There was then a presentation on 'Caring for Creation and Net Zero' by Dan Wills, Net Zero Enabler, Bath & Wells Diocese. Main points:

- 97% of climate scientists agree that climate change is man-made and dangerous. Climate change does occur naturally, and goes in cycles, however current changes are more than occur in those natural cycles. The main cause seems to be the greenhouse effect, which has been enhanced by us (e.g. by burning of fossil fuels). This is caused by Carbon Dioxide, which although only making up 0.04% of the atmosphere, has a significant effect.
- The Net Zero policy aims to reduce the amount of emission of CO2 to be no greater than the amount absorbed. Ways of achieving this are to switch to electricity for heating, or even to generate our own electricity. Another possibility is offsetting, although this just moves the problem somewhere else. In a church setting, the carbon footprint of the members of the church congregation will be much greater than the church itself.
- Why is the problem not being treated with urgency? There are more pressing issues e.g. church finance, how churches are powered, poor insulation (not easy to remedy), there is no centralised approach, and a lack of data. There are also issues of comfort vs energy, limited funding, lack of capacity, complexity of new heating systems, resistance to change and the difficulty of the Faculty process.
- How to start? Talk to him dan.wills@bathwells.anglican.org . There is an Energy Footprint tool, or an Energy Audit can be carried out (e.g. via Parish Buying). There is information on the B&W website https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/news/workingtogether-to-achieve-net-zero-by-2030 .
- Other points – heat the person, not the place, pay attention to insulation, especially windows. Electric is best for heating, think about heat pumps and solar panels. Faculties are easier now, but involve the DAC from the outset.

Tuesday June 4th

This was a Deanery-wide meeting, held at Walton-St-Mary. The speaker was Rt Rev Mike Hill, former Bishop of Bristol, whose talk was titled "A letter to the Church today". A transcript of the talk is available from the author.

Wednesday September 18th

This meeting was held at St George's Church Hall, Easton-in-Gordano. After the opening worship and before the main business of the meeting, a volunteer for 1 of 2 vacancies on the Diocesan Synod was approved by a show of hands.

Rev Mike Haslam, Interim Mission Development Team Leader, then spoke on the subject of 'Churches and Neurodiversity: enabling welcome'.

Main points:

- Autism, dyslexia, ADHD are naturally occurring cognitive variations on a spectrum, not items on a checklist.- From scripture we find that Jesus spent most of his time being alongside people, not just teaching them. This should be a model for us.
- Neurodiverse brains are 'wired differently' e.g. like Apple vs Windows PC. Some 15-20% of people are neurodiverse. They have problems if places and activities are designed for neurotypical people.
- Rev Lindsay Smith, Pioneer, Portishead Team, who is dyslexic, talked about the sort of things she finds difficult e.g. if asked to write something down on a Post-it note in a service, or if what is going to happen is not properly explained. There is a need for neurodiverse people to feel included e.g. by being consulted about how activities could be better arranged for them.
- From group discussions – less text, more images; more explanation; don't judge.

- Rev Mike says we all think we are welcoming, but are we really when viewed from a neurodiverse point of view.
- See www.bristol.anglican.org/churchlife/resourcesforparishes/accessibility for more information.

Tuesday November 12th

This was a Deanery-wide meeting, held at St Peter's Portishead. After the opening worship, there was a talk given by Rev Dr Sean Doherty, Principal of Trinity College, Bristol, who specialises in the Ethics of Economics.

He began by comparing Capitalism with Communism, pointing out that idealism was something they shared. Following the fall of Communism in most places, Capitalism is 'the only game in town' (or is it?). The Bible shows another way – see the attached reference sheet.

Sean quoted a book by Ken Costa, in which it was concluded that Capitalism reflects New Testament principles – Sean disputes this, as Capitalism relies on holding money tightly, but Jesus' economy is different (see reference sheet).

Some other points made:

- Selfishness is bad, self-centredness is not (love others as you love yourself)
- Does capitalism create wealth? No, it converts existing God-given wealth
- Although there are rich and poor in the world, there is enough for all
- After the fall there is scarcity and toil, but God still provides for our needs
- Private property is supported in the Bible (see Ten Commandments). Ownership reset by Jubilee (every 50 years).
- Is the Old Testament Capitalist or Communist? Neither, it gives a middle way. Equality is important.
- It is the love of money which is condemned, not money itself.

Reps: Sue Irwin and John Stevens

Portishead Deanery Report 2024

We met, as usual, four times in 2024; two of the meetings (June and November) were deanery-wide meetings, open to anyone to attend, while the March and September meetings were full Synods.

March – This Synod was held at the Church of the Ascension, Keedwell, and saw the approval of the 2023 Deanery accounts as well as a talk on "Caring for Creation & Net Zero, by Dan Wills, the Net Zero Enabler for the Diocese.

June – The venue for this Deanery-wide meeting was St Mary's, Walton. It was a very well-attended meeting and we heard a fascinating talk from Bishop Mike Hill on "A letter to the Church today", which gave much food for thought and was followed by an interesting Q&A session.

September – The September Synod took pace at St George's Church Hall, Easton, and was on the subject of Neurodiversity when the speakers were Mike Haslam, at the time the Diocese's Chaplaincy Adviser, and our own Lindsay Smith. This was a very useful talk with group work designed to make us think about those attending our churches with neurodiverse needs.

November – The venue for the November Deanery-wide meeting was St Peter's Portishead and saw a presentation by Sean Doherty, the Principal of Trinity College, Bristol, called "Money, Money, Money, is it a 'Rich Man's World?", which made us think hard about world economics.

We have enjoyed having Assistant Diocesan Secretary Peter Evans as our Deanery Accompanier. He has been present at most Deanery Mission and Pastoral Group (DMPG) meetings and Synods. Claire Horton, the Bath Archdeaconry Deanery & Parish Adviser, has also been very helpful. The DMPG has met every two months throughout 2024 while the Deanery Leadership Team has met every month.

We want to express our gratitude to the clergy and officials of all the deanery churches for their hard work and commitment during this difficult year, especially to those churches which have been in vacancy.

Rob Norman (Lay Dean), Astrid Tiesema-Samsom (Co-Area Dean), Rob Eastwood Dewing (Co-Area Dean) February 2025

Addendum

Morey's "brief" Sabbatical Report - April 2024 to August 2024

I say at the start that what follows is a snap shot of the most amazing three months … I have 1000's of photos, many more memories, … I started out saying this was needed … after a few days and throughout it was a privilege.

Looking back

The opportunity to have a sabbatical (extended ministerial leave) was a great privilege and also a necessity to renew, body, mind and spirit. I had not totally realised how tired I had become and how the anxiety had reached levels that were not healthy.

Looking forward

On returning to ministry in August 2024, I came with a renewed positivity and a sense that all would be well. Of course there have been the usual challenges and some new ones but my mechanism to cope has been increased by the time away.

The Sabbatical in 4 parts:

Part one – the body

It all started on April 21st April when I ran and
completed the London Marathon. Raising £4000 for charity; smiling for most of the run and shedding the odd tear. It was a fabulous occasion, as meeting my family 4 times – they must have sprinted!! And meeting other friends and club members en-route!

Over the next three months I was also able on the journey to run and walk where there was opportunity. I ran in 7 countries around the world!!

On pilgrimage I was able to physically engage with the environs

Part two – the Spiritual Journey

This was really the bedrock of the time. Seeking God and taking time in just being.

I started by revisiting the Ignation discipline of the 19th annotation, which for many years had been part of my rhythm of life.

I also designed a pilgrimage spread over the three months. I revisited places of past encounters with God.

Part Three – The Mind

I wanted to take time to go deeper with the Patriarchs and the Apostles to see what kept them faithful and what made them tick. So daily I would read the scriptures and take notes of what was significant and how this could play out in my life.

Diary and Drawing

Each day I took note using words and pictures

Part 4 – Travel and rest

I had the privilege of going to many places - not least Brazil, Argentina and Peru. There is too much to write on this but my wife and I were blessed with encountering a new cultural way (s). The beauty of creation – where heaven touched earth!

The People

On every part of the journey from family, friends, uber drivers, etc they added to the whole experience.

The Present

My overriding aim for each day was to enjoy the present and the presence.

Slower - steady - stronger - simpler - surprises

End of APCM Report

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WRAXALL WITH FAILAND

England & Wales - Charity number 1130482

Accounts

Annual Report for the Parochial Church Council for Wraxall with Failand

All Saints' Church,Wraxall
and
St Bartholomew's Church, Failand



For the year ended December 31st 2023

Charity Registration Number1130482

www.wraxallwithfailand.org.uk

Parish of Wraxall with Failand

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st December 2023

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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING **AGENDAS**



ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

Apologies for absence

Minutes of the last Meeting of Parishioners

Elections of Churchwardens

Deputy Churchwardens

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Minutes of the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Matters arising

Acceptance of the Electoral Roll

Appointment of the Electoral Roll Officer for 2024

Annual Reports

Matters arising from this year's Annual Report

Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Churches

Report on the Proceedings of the Deanery Synod

Financial statements

To appoint an Independent Examiner for the ensuing year

Thank you to those who have served on PCC in 2023/24

To elect any new PCC representatives

Questions for the Rector/PCC

Closing prayer

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Election of Officers:

Chair/Vice-Chair

Treasurer

Secretary

AOB

Benefice of Wraxall with Failand - *All Saints' Wraxall. St Bartholomew's Failand*

Record of Annual Meeting of Parishioners at Cross Tree Centre, Wraxall.

Date of meeting: Sunday 21st May 2023 Time: 11.30am

Present: Rev Morey Andrews in the Chair and 28 members of the congregations

Item	Discussion	Action/ decision/ responsibility
	Morey welcomes, prays and thanks the attendees for joining us. Context of meeting focussed on trust and thanks.	
1. Apologies	Pat and Vernon Adams, Jane Knight, Marie Evans, Rosemary Wild, Paul and Mary Edmunds, Bob Caton, Megan Crook, Peter Sapsed, Petra Brace, David Bird.	
2. Minutes of the last meeting of Parishioners	The minutes from the last APCM were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record. All agreed with 2 abstentions.	
3. Elections of Churchwardens and Chapel Warden	Thank you very much to our churchwardens for all their amazing hard work this year. All 3 wardens have elected to stand again. AS: Meg Caton proposed by Paul Edmunds, seconded by Petra Brace AS: Peter Heard proposed by Nick Carter and seconded by John Stevens . SB: Chris Sage proposed by John Stevens and seconded by Sue Johnson All in favour	
4. Election of Deputy Churchwardens	Deputy Churchwardens, thank you for their work and support. Deputy Church Warden All Saints: John Stevens All in favour Deputy Warden at St Bartholomew's: Robert Sheppard All in favour	
	The meeting closed at 11.38am	

Benefice of Wraxall with Failand - *All Saints' Wraxall. St Bartholomew's Failand*

Annual Parochial Church Meeting at the Cross Tree Centre, Wraxall.

Date of meeting: Sunday 21st May 2023

Present: Rev Morey Andrews in the Chair and 28 members of the public. **Time:** 11.38am

Item	Discussion	Action/ decision/ responsibility
1. Minutes of the last APCM	The 2022 APCM minutes from last meeting were agreed with 2 abstentions There were no matters arising from the minutes within the APCM Report 2022	
2. Matters arising	All accepted the revision of the Roll. Numbers have stayed roughly the same.	
3. Acceptance of the Electoral Roll	Total number for both churches is 86. ERO Noted how few people live within the parish boundary. Thanks to Carol Sapsed for her work on this. Reminder: Complete revision in 2025, all will have to re-register.	
4. Appointment of the Electoral Roll Officer	Carol Sapsed has offered to carry out this role for the year 2022-2023. Eilleen Oates proposed Carol Sapsed as Electoral Roll Officer and this was seconded by Peter Heard. All in favour	
5. Annual Reports	Chair proposed the approval of the Annual Report for 2022, Carol Sapsed seconded. All in favour Warden's Report Comments: -quinquennial report, some unexpected costs/repairs to churches. -Minutes of PCC are always available for reading. -Hard work keeping the fabric of the church up to date, thanks to wardens for all their hard work on this.	
6. Matters arising from this year's annual report	No matters arising from this year's annual report.	
7. Report on fabric, goods & ornaments of the churches	Log books, fabric report and Terrier for both churches are available for viewing upon request.	
8. Deanery Synod	Iris Croome and Sharon Guest propose Sue Irwin to stand as Deanery Synod Rep with John Stevens. All agreed There is space if anyone would like to join the team. JS: 8th June there is an open meeting at St Peter's in Portishead about Chaplaincy by Mike Haslam. No questions for Deanery Reps. SI: it is very interesting and shows you the next layer up. If you ever have any questions regarding the Deanery or Diocese, please ask the reps.	
9. Financial Statement	David Bird sadly can't join us. David is looking to step down,	

10. To elect new PCC representatives 11. To appoint an independent examiner 12. Questions and Comments	will certainly step down in a year. MA Income doesn't match expenditure. PCC have written to the Diocese to state how we feel about the. Most are in favour of paying the parish share although the calculations do not match our church profile and this has been made known. PCC have looked at the expenditure and how we can increase income. Fortunate we have had funds and legacies given to us over the years. Helen and Eileen have done an amazing job on the accounts, people counting the weekly offerings, thank you! Lots of people contribute. Thanks to all those who serve. Sharon had notified the PCC that she wished to step down at the 2023 APCM meeting. Thanks go to Sharon Guest for serving on the PCC since 2019 (4 years). There is space for new PCC members if anyone is interested, nobody has come forward. MA reads through the list of names for those on PCC. Independent Examiner next year (YE 2023). Thank you to Kevin who has given his time and skills with the finances for the report this year. Peter Heard proposes Kevin Crawford to audit the accounts for year-end 2023. James Heard seconded. All agreed. **Comments or questions regarding the financial statement:** Q Haven't seen any teaching on the subject of money or giving, has been focussed on mission. A Not done it in the time I have been here. Will be some teaching on that in the Autumn. MA: Thanks for the reminder. Q £24,348 expenditure? A Should have been under Failand as cost of repairs. Needs to move, has been noticed. It should come under repairs for Failand. PH: Note- the balance sheet is for both churches. Be useful to have that noted in brackets which Church it is. Proposal of accounts by Eileen Oates with the minor adjustment above. Seconded by Peter Heard: All in favour Thanks to Eileen, Helen, David B, John Mc Auliffe, Elize on (Tuesday) and Kevin Crawford for the work on the financial audit. Thanks to Peter Heard for his work on presenting the finances for All Saints' in graph form. Morey signs accounts for acceptance by the PCC in report in his role as Chair, all agreed. Thanks to Becky Cawsey for all her work as Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO). BC Two policies to be agreed and renewed annually. Reminder from Becky that all PCC members should do the basic Foundation and Domestic Violence Learning Modules.	

	Complete the highest level every three years. Hope to have everyone's DBS updated by the end of that year. No further questions for PSO. **Questions and Comments for Rector:** **Q We Asked last year how you felt, now a year on we ask again…Do you feel encouraged, supported and enthusiastic?** -A Can't be naïve in thinking that the Church of England is in a good place right now. Don't believe we will be back to numbers of 100/200 people in church. We are still a faithful congregation following Jesus and seeking to do what he wants. -Reflecting this morning on Revival. The heart of revival is prayer, faithful proclamation of scripture, honest fellowship and allowing God to be God within our midst. -God in his wisdom and generosity has allowed us to have Sarah Sanderson, pioneer minister to support me and the work of the parish. -Struggling having a dual role. Although it does work as both parishes are accepting of how things are. -Excited, God has a plan! **Q With regards to the separate parishes under your care, the collaborative events that take place i.e. Lent Courses, wondered if we may have more cohesion between us?** Everything we put on is open to all three churches; only thing that is separate on the whole is the Sunday Services. 25th June there will be a joint service where all three churches will be together where Sarah will preside for the first time. Through the newssheets we are trying to do more joined up thinking. Thanks to this parish for sharing the spaces here for their use, they have no building or storage. **Q Wondered if you wanted to share the revised pattern of worship for September.** Looking to encourage all age worship. Plan to open up the 10.00am service to an all age friendly service, it will look different to ATIC. We have done the research; we have asked the families, most all age services across England are usually on 4.00pm on Sunday but our families want the service on Sunday morning, we need to cater for our families. Noted during feedback from family members at the Monthly Coffee Morning, that some of the language that appears in the communion services can be quite scary and threatening to smaller children. Gives us cause to think, Ministry Team Meeting will discuss this further. May move Zoom service to third Sunday. Not sure what this service will look like yet. Sylvia highlighted some comments the children at Wraxall School have shared. One child dressed as God for World Book Day, One questioning 'Is God unique?' and another highlighting the balloon on the ceiling for Sarah's Ascension Service in School.	EJ to check with Wraxall school if they would like further support.

	They talk about God very naturally. Comments made about how we can support the school with reading/helping. Suggested that this can be advertised in the newssheet. DBS through school would be required, not too much work to sort out, mostly done by the office. EJ to check with school if they would like some more help. We have a connection with Downs School again. Peter Heard, thanks to all who contribute to the workings at the churches. Thanks to Meg for her support. Thanks to participants for taking part today and to the PCC team. **Meeting closed with prayer by Morey at 12.25pm**	

Benefice of Wraxall with Failand

Record of PCC meeting held at the APCM in The Cross Tree Centre, Wraxall.

Date of meeting: Sunday 21st May 2023 Time: 12.26

Present: Rev Morey Andrews (MA) Carol Sapsed (CSap) Eileen Oates (EO) Meg Caton(MC), Sue Irwin (SI), John Stevens (JS), Chris Sage (CS), Peter Heard (PH), Sylvia Phillips (SP), Sarah Sanderson (SS) Robert Sheppard (RS)

In attendance:

Elize Jutsum (EJ) (Minutes)

	Item		Actions
1.0	**Apologies**	David Bird (DB)	
2.0	**Minutes of last meeting.**	Signed as a true and accurate record.	
3.0	**Election of Officers**	• Chair – Morey Andrews • Vice Chair – Carol Sapsed • Treasurer – David Bird • PCC Secretary – Elize Jutsum Rev Morey Andrews as Chair and Carol Sapsed as Vice Chair, all in agreement. EJ Secretary, Eileen Oates proposed Chris Sage seconded, all in favour. Parish Treasurer Role: Chris Sage proposes David Bird as treasurer for both churches and Peter Hears seconds. All in favour with 1 abstention. Treasurer for St Bartholomew's: David Bird(Failand Account) Treasurer for All Saints': David Bird (Wraxall account) Helen will remain doing her role until next year.	
4.0	**AOB**	GDPR Fee- due 7th June, paid by John Stevens £40 Thanks to JS for this. PH Parish Share agreement will be brought to PCC by email.	
		Standing Committee Meeting: 4th July 2.00pm on Zoom Next PCC meeting : Monday 18th July 10.00am in CTC	**End 12.34pm**

Parish of Wraxall with Failand

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council
For the year ended 31st December 2022

The parish has two Churches: All Saints Church is situated in the village of Wraxall in North Somerset and St Bartholomew's is in the adjacent village of Failand. They are part of the Portishead Deanery in the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is: The Parish Office, All Saints Church, Wraxall Hill, Wraxall, BS48 1LB.
In 2009 the Parochial Church Council registered with the Charities Commission. The Charity Registration number is 1130482.

Rev. Morey Andrews Incumbent licensed 6th October 2021
Rev. Carol Edwards Retired Priest
Curate Rev Sarah Sanderson (October 2022)

Who served during the year (PCC):

Meg Caton	Church Warden
Peter Heard	Church Warden
John Stevens	Deputy Warden
Chris Sage	Church Warden
Robert Sheppard	Deputy Warden
Sylvia Phillips	Reader
David Bird	Treasurer-All Saints and St Bartholomew's
John Stevens	Deanery Synod
Sue Irwin	Deanery Synod
Carol Sapsed	Diocesan Synod
Eileen Oates	All Saints'
Robert Sheppard	St Bartholomew's
Carol Edwards	All Saints' (Co-opted)
Elizabeth Hussey	All Saints'
Elize Jutsum	PCC Secretary

The primary object of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC (Power Measure 1956 states the PCC 'is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical').

The general pattern of services in both churches, having been reviewed throughout the year:
All Saints':

<u>January-September</u>

1st Sunday	8.30am BCP Holy Communion
	10.00 Holy Communion (Livestreamed)
2nd Sunday	10.00 Holy Communion
3rd Sunday	10.00/10.30 Iona
4th Sunday	10.00/10.30 Holy Communion with Prayer Ministry
5th Sunday	10.00/10.30 Holy Communion

<u>September-December</u>

1st Sunday	8.30am BCP Holy Communion
	9.30 Graze-All Age Worship
2nd Sunday	10.00 Holy Communion
3rd Sunday	10.00/10.30 (Livestreamed)
4th Sunday	10.00/10.30 Holy Communion with Prayer Ministry
5th Sunday	10.00/10.30 Holy Communion

St Bartholomew's:
1st Sunday 4.00pm/6.00pm Evening Worship (Time changed in Spring and remained at 6.00pm in Autumn)
3rd Sunday 4.00pm/6.00pm Holy Communion
5th Sunday 4.00pm/6.00pm Evening Worship

Morning Prayer: Mon-Wednesday 8.15am via Zoom
Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion on Zoom

Rector's Report

Verbal report to be received followed by written notes for the minutes.

Treasurers Report on the Accounts **to the 31st December 2023**

Another year passes and again the results for the two churches All Saints' and St Bartholomew's reflect the difficulties in raising sufficient funds to cover expenses. The buildings require, on a regular basis, maintenance for which the costs of which become more expensive each time.

Both churches are in reasonable condition, but we never know what the next problem will be.
We are fortunate that All Saints have funds in hand which will hopefully be sufficient to cover the cost of unforeseen problems.
St Bartholomew's had over the year's accumulated reserves which enabled the cost of the extensive high level roof repairs to be met.

Unfortunately, the general fund of both churches in the year was insufficient to cover payment in full of the Parish Share. We were £11,000 approximately short, nevertheless we paid £42,000.

Much hard work is given by many who are unpaid and our thanks go to them.

Although the figures presented reflect total funds of nearly £132,000 the erosion of which will reduce these amounts.

Again in the current year we anticipate that there will be a similar shortfall in our contribution to the Parish Share.

All this underlines the importance of increasing our giving in line with inflation!

Not forgetting legacies, always most welcome.

A M D Bird
Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Certificate
for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of: WRAXALL WITH FAILAND **Parochial Church Council**

On accounts for the year ended: 31 DECEMBER 2023 Charity Number: 1130482

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 matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable 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: K Crawford **Date:** 19/2/2024

Name: KEVIN DAVID CRAWFORD

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN ENGLAND & WALES (FCA)

Address: 48 FARLEIGH ROAD, BACKWELL, N.SOMERSET BS48 3PA

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

A loss was made in the year and there is no reason to believe that this will not continue in the short to medium term given the level of income compared to ongoing expenditure. However, there appear to be sufficient assets to cover these assuming the level of income stays constant and costs can be managed or even reduced

Wraxall with Failand PCC

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	67,618.17	754.78	-	68,372.95	95,234.26
Income from charitable activities	1,223.00	-	-	1,223.00	2,974.50
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	1,782.89	-	-	1,782.89	24.51
Other income	3,413.02	-	-	3,413.02	1,257.93
Activities for Generating Funds	759.35	185.89	-	945.24	-
Investment Income	13,967.55	-	-	13,967.55	9,398.22
Church Activities	13,927.20	3,096.23	-	17,023.43	22,153.12
Other Incoming Resources	11,963.76	-	-	11,963.76	11,144.45
Total income	**114,654.94**	**4,036.90**	**-**	**118,691.84**	**142,186.99**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	17,866.99	-	-	17,866.99	19,844.40
Other expenditure	6,114.00	1,074.00	-	7,188.00	24,340.48
Church Activities	63,080.61	3,425.89	-	66,506.50	78,212.93
Church Expenses	18,386.47	-	-	18,386.47	21,848.91
Major Repairs	17,237.26	-	-	17,237.26	2,491.99
Other Outgoing Resources	3,892.87	-	-	3,892.87	6,481.04
Total expenditure	**126,578.20**	**4,499.89**	**-**	**131,078.09**	**153,219.75**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(11,923.26)**	**(462.99)**	**-**	**(12,386.25)**	**(11,032.76)**
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	11,009.06	198.00	-	11,207.06	1,280.89
Gross transfers between funds - out	(11,207.06)	-	-	(11,207.06)	(1,280.89)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	(2,174.87)
Net movement in funds	**(12,121.26)**	**(264.99)**	**-**	**(12,386.25)**	**(13,207.63)**
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	**111,453.07**	**32,871.97**	**-**	**144,325.04**	**157,532.67**
Total funds carried forward	**99,331.81**	**32,606.98**	**-**	**131,938.79**	**144,325.04**

ALL SAINTS CHURCH WRAXALL

Balance Sheet detailed

			As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
Fixed assets				
	6430: Church Lodge		445.00	445.00
		Total Fixed assets	**445.00**	**445.00**
Current assets				
	A: Lloyds Current Account		9,737.63	15,002.85
	B: CAF Current Account		6,797.19	14,754.83
	C: National Savings Income Bond		81,000.00	81,000.00
	D: CCLA (CBF) deposit account		9,988.75	9,988.75
	E: Entertainments Account		600.16	600.16
	F: Wraxall Bellringers Account		-	-
	H: Charity Account		132.20	365.97
	Z05: Accounts Receivable		3,101.15	4,005.58
		Total Current assets	**111,357.08**	**125,718.14**
Liabilities				
	Z04: Accounts Payable		278.00	791.00
		Total Liabilities	**278.00**	**791.00**
		Net Asset surplus (deficit)	**111,524.08**	**125,372.14**
Reserves				
	Excess/(deficit) to date		(13,848.06)	10,640.55
	Z01: Starting balances		125,372.14	114,731.59
	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets		-	-
	Z03: Gains/(losses) on reval of fixed assets		-	-
		Total Reserves	**111,524.08**	**125,372.14**

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	24,504.40	30,050.80
Designated	54,061.70	62,309.37
Restricted	32,957.98	33,011.97
Total	**111,524.08**	**125,372.14**

The Richard Vaughan Trust

Year ended 31st December	**2023**	**2022**
Income and Expenditure account		
Income		
Investment Income	1531	1525
Refund of legal fees and compensation		
Withdrawal of investment funds		
Total Income	1531	1525
Expenditure		
Church running costs	800	800
St Bartholomews - Admin Costs		
Curate - Computer		719.08
Rector - Computer 1/3 share		233.33
Transfer to Wraxall for Parish Share	2000	
Total Expenditure	2800	1752.41
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	-1269	-227
Richard Vaughan Trust Account 2023		
Balance sheet		
Investments		
2810.90 COIF Investment Fund (see note below)		
Income shares at Market value	55782	51121
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	1875	3143
	57657	54264
Represented by:		
Endowment	55782	51121
Accumulated Income	1875	3143
	57657	54264

Reviewed 17/01/2024

Charitable Giving 2023

2023 Charity Account

Caring @ Christmas	199.29
Christian Aid	194.87
Clevedon Food Bank	139.00
Church Mission Society	427.20
Help Bristol's Homeless	395.00
Horse World Trust	60.00
Leprosy Mission	41.73
Mind	85.00
MSA Trust	199.29
Save the Children	330.99
Tearfund	609.44
The Children's Society	941.46
Total	**3,623.27**

Warden's Report from All Saints' Wraxall

In 2023, routine maintenance tasks were carried out on the church and Cross Tree buildings as normal. These included inventory, testing of portable appliances, fixed electrical wiring inspection, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, security system, clock, organ and piano servicing and checking of lightning conductors. There are issues to be addressed with the piano. Changes in electrical regulations this year required additional work, and surge protectors and current limiters were added to the church/CTC and car park electrical supplies, as well as fire retardant and armoured cables.

Some work on the physical structure of the church building was required, as set out in the quinquennial report from 2022. Works included repair of a crack in the east elevation of the tower using lime mortar, and removal of some growth from a pinnacle on the north side. These works were carried out at reasonable cost by a rope access company, so as to avoid the use of costly scaffolding. Some lead work was also required on the south roof.

Again this year, the churchyard working party maintained the grounds, and we are grateful for their considerable effort. Some further work was required to prune the yew tree at the south side of the church, which had started to obstruct the preaching cross.
Very little changed inside the church, but the lighting system was re-programmed to provide a low-energy setting for daytime use, thus saving some money on electricity.
The oil -fired boiler in the Lodge was replaced and some more roof issues were identified; these were partially addressed in 2023, but there is further work on the lodge to be addressed at a future date.

Normal services and events were held in the church according to season. Our Curate, Mrs Sarah Sanderson was priested at Bath Abbey on June 24th. A 'parents' respite tent' was manned at the North Somerset Show. the Christmas Fair was held on 18th November, and raised a splendid £805.35 for the church. The Harvest Tea was held on 1st October, and this was preceded by a mini-concert, "I, John de Brokkeleyghe", organised by Tim Senior of Supersum company, and performed by local singers including some from our own church. The event was well-received.

During 2023 there were two couples married in our church, and three baptisms. There were seven funeral services and nine interments of ashes. First Sunday services continued at Sycamore Lodge, School services were hosted in church, and there were several FWSA events in CTC, which continues to be well used by hiring out for parties & meetings etc.

The wardens wish to thank all teams who keep our church clean, beautiful and in good order, together with the Entertainments Committee & coffee providers who keep us well supplied with cake & other delights throughout the year!

Finally, this being the last full year as warden for Meg, PH wishes to thank her for her faithful service over many years and for her dedication and wisdom in caring for our beautiful church.

Meg Caton, Peter Heard, Wardens. March 2024

Warden's Report from St Bartholomew's Failand

Our Service pattern remains unchanged with an occasional additional morning service eg Remembrance Sunday, Horse Service when necessary.

We do not have a regular organist for the fifth Sunday service and rely on recorded music.

It was decided at a meeting of the regular congregation that the Service time of 6.00 pm should continue throughout the winter months.

January……..Normal Services + Baptism

February……..Normal Services + Interment

Boundary hedge on land adjacent to graveyard cut.

March……..Normal Services

April……..Palm Sunday, Evening Prayer, Good Friday Meditation and Easter Sunday HC. Plus fifth Sunday of Evening Prayer.

Tuning of Organ
Bracket attaching pendulum to clock breaks.Andrew Nicholls will have to make a new bracket.

May…….Normal Services

Additional work to stabilise south gable

June……..Normal Services + Baptism + Interment of Ashes

Annual inpection of lightening conductor
Extra land topped.
Work starts on rubbing down and repainting railings on south boundary wall.

July……..Normal Services + Interment of Ashes

August……..Normal Services

Work on railings finished.

September ……..Normal Services + Horse Service

Boiler serviced.
Pendulum fixed back on clock and service carried out.

October…….Harvest Festival on first Sunday , HC 3rd Sunday, fifth Sunday EW + Baptism

Phase 1 of work to repair leak in kitchen roof commences

November……..Normal Services + Remembrance Sunday + two funerals

December……..Toy Service Toys donated to Salvation Army

Carols by Candlelight: Money raised was donated to Help the Homeless in Bristol and Save the Children (Gaza Appeal)

Christmas Eve 9.00 pm Holy Communion.

Fund raising Events: Avon & Somerset Police Choir Concert in April (£1,3000)

Bristol Chamber Orchestra Concert in June (£1,000 raised)

Finally, Champing at the Church raised £3,400.

We still regularly maintain the churchyard and have constructed a compost bin for green waste and also allow wild flowers to bloom. In conjunction with the diocesan Wilder Churches and Somerset Wildlife Trust we are considering other ways of encouraging wildlife and nature to thrive in our church yard.
We have a new cleaner once a month.

Chris Sage

Pastoral Care Report

The parish pastoral care team continues to send Birthday, Anniversary and Get well cards to members of both congregations. This enables people to remain in contact with church life and to hear news of the wider church community.

As part of our pastoral care for members of both our congregations 'Home Communion' is taken to those who are unable to attend church services. The aim is that everyone who wants to, can receive Communion at least once a month.
It is a huge privilege to visit people in this way and to share the Sacrament with them. They are always grateful and love to hear news of those they know in the congregation.

At present there is one person receiving 'Home Communion' but it is a fluid list.

Another aspect of our pastoral care is the availability of home cooked meals for those who may require one.

Members of the pastoral team are: Eileen Oates, Iris Croome, Meg Caton, Susan Sanderson, Megan Crook, Sylvia Phillips, Sue Johnson, Elize Jutsum and Anina Stenlake.

Thank you to everyone it is a real privileged to belong to such a caring community.
Eileen

Electoral Roll Officer Report 2023

Electoral Roll Report May 2024

- The Roll is only a snapshot of people who have registered, and wish to register their commitment to the church, and are thus entitled to vote at the AGM. It is perfectly possible that more people are committed, and attend both churches but have chosen not to register.
  The Roll has been displayed as required by COE regulations. I have reviewed it and the reviewed Roll has been displayed on the Parish Website since March 1st
- There have been 3 deletions.

- The total number for both churches is 83.
- 66 people attend All Saints, 17 people attend St Bartholomew's.
- Out of the total 66 who attend All Saints, 43 people do not live in the parish.
- The figure for St Bartholomew's is 9 people out of 17 do not live in the parish.
- Compared to 2023 roll there is a small decrease (4). There has been one new person registering at All Saints.
- A major review of the roll is not required until 2025.

Carol Sapsed. Electoral Roll Officer.

Safeguarding Report Wraxall with Failand

The parish of Wraxall with Failand seeks to deliver its mission, at all times, in compliance with the House of Bishops guidance, on Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, Promoting a Safer Church.

We have a dedicated Parish Safeguarding Officer who has a professional background in Safeguarding and is able to support and advise as appropriate.

There have been no Safeguarding Incidents raised over the past reporting period that have required notification to the Diocesan Safeguarding Office.

All parish personnel , whether employed or volunteers for whom
a vetting and barring check, (DBS) is mandatory for their role, are compliant with the new standard of renewal every three years, whether Church officers or volunteers.

Completion of Safeguarding training is a rolling programme in compliance.

The parish continues to utilise the Parish Dashboard computerised portal
to record its Safeguarding information. This portal is being rolled out nationally and enables parishes to retain information securely whilst measuring itself against national standards. Although access to the portal is restricted, it also produces automated action plans for the benefit of the PCC to enable them to have an overview of activities to
be progressed. The Parish Safeguarding Officer is also now utilising the new Safeguarding Hub, again a secure computerised portal to further develop its safeguarding responsibilities

Becky Cawsey
Parish Safeguarding Officer
Parish of Wraxall with Failand

Church Activities (Alphabetical order)

Children and Families Report 2023

- Elize and Sarah visited Wraxall School early on in the year to present the faith costumes donated by the church to Yr1/2 & Reception Class. We discussed different places of worship and outfits from around the world with a view of celebrating diversity and accepting differences.
- Open the book, led by Bev and Dave Kelly visited Wraxall School on Mondays each term delivering dramatised bible storytelling and Sarah, Morey and Elize delivered monthly collective worship sessions following their termly values.
- First Monday of the Month coffee morning continued with good attendance as did Sunny Saplings on Friday mornings, new parents attended which kept numbers steady following some starting school in September 2022. First Monday was moved to Third Monday later in the year and included the Toddler Group families when Elize vacated the Children's and Family Role in September to return to teaching in a school.
- Sarah, Eileen and Elize ran a successful pancake party in February as a free after school event for families with Lent activities and plenty of pancakes to eat.
- The Children's Service Team held an end of term Easter Service in March which was well attended by the parents; feedback was really positive. The children visited 3 interactive stations which encompassed food, craft and take home resources including Cadbury Crème Eggs for all the children.
  We also held a 'Hot Cross Tree Bun Easter Story Event' which had approx. 27 attendees. Ingredients were donated by Tesco with a £50 voucher. The buns looked great and hopefully some of the Easter Story content was also taken home with families along with the food! Once again, Crème Eggs were donated to the staff at Nailsea School through Neil Wylie, the CONNECT Worker there. An Easter service was also held for the Downs School in March with Easter Storytelling.
- A 'Children's Resource Box' was created for St Bartholomew's by Elize with guidance from Sarah for when children are present in services. It included tactile bibles/Noah's Ark wooden play set, mark-making materials, activity sheets for infant/Junior/senior children and the Diocesan Bible chat mats. Thanks to Mother's Union who later in the year refreshed the children's corner in All Saints' Church and organised the resources contained in The Cross Tree Centre.
- At the end of the Summer term, Y5/6 Wraxall pupils held a performance in All Saints' Church along with their annual Leavers' Service for which Youth Bibles were purchased and presented with Leavers' Booklets produced by the school and the 'It's your Move' publication by Scripture Union purchased by CTINAD.
- During the summer school break, Sarah and Elize held some free pop up park events around the local spaces for families with bible stories, crafts, games, squash and biscuits for all ages. A feather banner for future events like this was suggested to be purchased. This was designed with our Parish logo and the order received in the October. It is thought that this will also be useful for The North Somerset Show which we attended for the first time as a team in 2023. This event is held annually over the May Bank Holiday for which cakes were

baked and a family friendly space was created for carers of babies and toddlers run by the church team.

- October was a busy month as we launched 'GRAZE' our All Age Worship for the first Sunday in the month starting with breakfast and crafts in the Cross Tree Centre leading into worship in All Saints' Church. This service hopes to draw in more children and families into the church community and will provide an ideal time for baptism services to take place.
  October also welcomed the new Reception class families to Wraxall School and the Wraxall Church community with a service presenting them with their Lion Bibles purchased by the church. We also held our Whole-School Harvest Service collecting foods for Nailsea Foodbank.
  At the end of October in the Cross Tree Centre, Sarah and some members of the Entertainments Team held a Light Party after school open to all children in the local community as an alternative to Halloween.
- In November, Wraxall School gathered around the War Memorial in All Saints Churchyard for Remembrance Day, with children sharing their reflections and poems created in their classes. All Saints' Church was visited by the younger children of the school as a part of their RE curriculum to find out 'What is special about a church?' The older children in Ks2 also came for a visit in November to view the Kempe Stained Glass Windows to support their cross curricular ART/RE studies. John Stevens was able to support Rev Morey with information regarding the history of the windows, thanks to John for attending this session.
- The Christmas Season was kicked off with Advent Assemblies and a Christingle Service at The Down's School. Wraxall School joined us for an end of term Christingle Service along with a Carol Service and KS1 Nativity performance attended by parents.

Thank you to everyone who has supported and volunteered over the year. Your time is much appreciated as we continue to bless our local community and families in the name of Jesus!

Elize Jutsum (Children and Families Worker to September 2023)
Rev Sarah Sanderson (Curate)

All Saints' Churchyard Working Party Report

2023 saw good support from the regular crew and we managed to keep the grass under control. We had some more equipment donated which has been very useful.

The meal in November is a great social occasion and is truly appreciated by all.

The churchyard work party happens on the second Saturday of each month from 10am till 12 noon with a tea break at 11am. We are always looking for more helpers as there is always a lot to do.
The main focus is on keeping the grass looking tidy and attending to the appearance of the church building (ie keeping the gullies clear).
We have plenty of tools and mowers on site so all we need are helping hands. It is a good social morning and is enjoyed by all who come and join in.

Bob Caton

Wraxall Entertainments Report

We give thanks once again for the events that have taken place over the past months a wonderful opportunity to share fellowship together.

Church yard working party supper an opportunity to say thank you and show our appreciation for all the hard work and dedication to those who maintain our beautiful church yard.

Agape meal, it was good to have members of Trendlewood and Christ Church join us this year.

Sarahs Ordination Tea

Funeral Tea

Ignite service

Service of remembering.

Carol service.

Christmas Fayre always an enjoyable time of outreach and fellowship.

Harvest Tea delicious cakes and an opportunity once again to test our knowledge over a fun quiz.

Committee members
Sue Irwin – Chair
Eileen Oates – Secretary
Iris Croome – Treasurer
Caroline Watts, Jane Knight, Yvette Dunn and Brenda Coxell.

Flower Teams' Report

We continue to provide with pleasure flowers each week, we have stopped using pedestals as oasis and flowers are becoming more and more costly. We have changed to vases. There are still six of us: Sharon/Iris, Sue/Caroline and Maureen/Eileen .We have enjoyed doing the festivals and any special occasions but age and costs has stopped us doing weddings. It is such a joy to add to the beauty of our Church.

Julian Group Report

"Be still and know that I am God"

Julian Meetings foster the practice of contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition and are named after Julian of Norwich, a fourteenth-century mystic. They are for people of all denominations or none.

What is contemplative prayer? Contemplative prayer has been described as listening for God; opening ourselves to God.
Prayerful silence is greatly helped when two or three people are together, and this can complement our daily personal prayer.
Belonging to a group can be a source of help and encouragement.
An opportunity to just BE.

We are a group of on average 9 ladies and 2 gentleman from several local churches who meet on the first Monday of each month at 2pm in the Charlton Chapel at All Saints church.

The meeting starts with a short piece of meditative music, a brief reading which then leads into about 20 minutes of silence.

If you are not sure if it's for you I would encourage you to come along and "Taste and See".
Eileen Oates

Mother's Union Report

Our branch enjoyed an interesting and varied programme.
Revd Sarah on her Faith journey, the work of the Child Contact Centres in Nailsea /Clevedon these are run by the Mothers' Union enabling the absentee parent to meet with their children in a safe environment, we had a collection of Christmas related food to give to our speaker Sue from the Food Bank.
For our outing this year we enjoyed a meal at Carriages before having a conducted tour of Tickenham Church.
We hosted the Deanery Service in September followed by tea for 50 members.
The members would like to thank everyone for supporting the fundraising events enabling us to support the M.U projects both home and abroad.
Our plans for 2024 are well under way. We would welcome any one who would like to join in a meeting to hear any of our speakers.

Sue Irwin Co-ordinator All Saints Wraxall Mothers' Union

Time for Tea

We have continued to meet on the second Thursday of the month at 2-45pm in the Cross Tree Centre. Numbers vary but usually we have between 12 and 16 for tea and a talk or a quiz session. After cancelling in January due to bad weather we have had talks on Afghanistan, scams, trees at Noah's Ark, Bridgwater carnival, the Probation service, Belmont Estate, Fire safety and in December were entertained with carols by pupils from Wraxall school. We are a happy but small group and would welcome more people to join with us for what is acknowledged to be an interesting time accompanied by a good tea!

Susan Sanderson

Wraxall Tower Report

Practices and service ringing continued, following the usual pattern of Monday evening practices and service ringing at 9.30-10am on second and fourth Sundays.
The bells were rung for two weddings in 2023.
On Saturday 6th May 2023, the bells were rung to honour His Majesty King Charles III & Queen Camilla on the occasion of their Coronation.
There were two full peals rung this year, to mark the diamond wedding anniversaries of Bob and Meg Caton, and John and Betty White. The methods rung were Wraxall Delight Major and Turramurra Surprise Major respectively; the former being a new method composed for the occasion.
We were delighted to welcome two new learner members at our tower – Andy and Cara. They are making splendid progress.
Maintenance: The ropes that operate the chiming hammers were found to have perished. They were replaced.

Peter Heard, Tower Captain

Deanery Synod Report (John Stevens)

Deanery Synod report 2023
Tuesday February 7th
This was a normal Synod meeting, held at Christ Church, Clevedon. An opening prayer was said by Rev Clive Jennings. The Minutes of the 15th September 2022 meeting were agreed and the 2022 Deanery Accounts approved.
Rev Rob Eastwood-Dewing, Co-Area Dean, then introduced a session working in groups on the

Deanery Plan. This concentrated on our church's involvement in Mission and began by asking the question:
'What act(s) of engagement in mission that your church is involved in are you most proud of or excited about?'
We then went on to consider how our mission work rated with respect to the 5 Marks of Mission:
1. TELL: To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. TEACH: To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
3. TEND: To respond to human need by loving service
4. TRANSFORM: To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation
5. TREASURE: To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.
We then thought about what we could consider doing to improve our rating in the areas in which we are weak, and to identify any help we needed from the Deanery or Diocese to do this.
The Area Deans' notices included notification of an additional Synod meeting on 20th April, at Holy Trinity, Nailsea, for a consultation on Redeployment. The meeting closed with a service of Compline.
Thursday 20th April
This was an extraordinary meeting to discuss and approve the new Portishead Deanery Deployment Plan.
Thursday 8th June
This was a Deanery-wide meeting, held at St Peter's, Portishead, on the subject of Chaplaincy.
Rev Rob Eastwood-Dewing opened the meeting using the 'Dwelling in the Word' exercise which is used frequently in St Peter's. He then introduced Rev Mike Haslam, Chaplaincy Adviser, Bath and Wells Diocese.
Mike invited us to say what we thought chaplaincy was about. He then told us that it involves meeting people where they are, and is deeply missional. Some examples of what chaplains do involved accompanying people in a 4 mile tunnel under the River Severn and setting up a chaplaincy on the West Somerset Railway.
Chaplaincy mainly involves listening, is inclusive and involves meeting people on their own terms, as a guest. A biblical example is Jesus walking with Cleopas and friend on the road to Emmaus – it is necessary to accompany people on their journey, even if they're going in the wrong direction!
Chaplaincy is growing – there have been over 60 new chaplaincies created in Bath and Wells over the last 6 years. Two key things about chaplaincy are hope and vulnerability – hope because there are so many opportunities available and vulnerability because often the chaplain is the only person of faith in the community they're in.
There was then a panel discussion which included some local chaplains, from Mission to Seafarers, a Children and School worker from Backwell (the children are the chaplains) and Nailsea Town Chaplaincy.
The meeting closed at 9pm with prayer.
Thursday 14th September
This was a normal Synod meeting, which took place at Easton-in-Gordano, and was attended by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Right Reverend Michael Beasley.
Bishop Michael led the opening worship and then commissioned the new Synod, which was beginning a new triennium. We then moved on to the election of a Lay Dean and Deputy Lay Dean, also new members of the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Group. Not all these posts were filled, with some to be co-opted at a future point.
The Deanery Treasurer was re-appointed and the Deanery Plan was approved (to be valid for the next 3 years). This identifies those things which can be best accomplished at the Deanery level, rather than at the Diocesan or Parish level.
Bishop Michael gave a talk titled 'Living and Telling the Story of Jesus – a year of being the Bishop of Bath & Wells'. As well as showing some photographs of groups and places he had visited during the year, the Bishop also made some general observations on the challenges in

the Diocese:
• How to renew the life of our churches, so that the story can be passed on and lived among new generations. He observed that the difficult financial situation is a symptom of the disconnect with new generations and is not the real problem.
• How do we take the substance of our faith and offer it in new ways, while valuing and cherishing what we already have?
• How to start with what we already have, not by worrying about what we lack.
• We need to value and cherish the people and resources in our churches – there are lots of good people doing tremendous jobs.
• But we need to find ways that the Story of Jesus can be made more relevant, especially to younger people. A poll of those present showed that the majority began their Christian journey before the age of 18, so this is the area we must target.
After Bishop Michael's very interesting and thought-provoking talk, we then broke into Buzz Groups for 5 minutes and there was then a Q and A session.
After Notices from the Co-Area Dean, Rev Astrid Tiesema-Samsom, the Bishop gave the Farewell and Blessing.
Wednesday November 15th
This was a Deanery-wide meeting, at St Andrew's, Clevedon, with Tony Cook, Bath & Wells Diocese. Tony heads up the Go Team who have responsibility for Growing Faith and Everyday Faith, two key elements in the diocesan strategy, which Tony described as overlapping initiatives.
Starting with Everyday Faith, this is about how we encounter God as we go about our daily lives, with the aim of building our faith. The aim is to refuel our spiritual resources, which we then reflect in our daily lives, such as in the decisions we make and the effect they have on others. Tony quoted two examples of people doing this (a taxi driver and a barista); in both cases they put their Christian principles into action by making their working space as welcoming and safe as possible, showing empathy with their clients, and offering to pray with/for them, if that seemed appropriate.
The Growing Faith initiative is aimed primarily at children, young people and families, in the places where they spend most of their time, namely in Church, school and home. Tony pointed out that children spend most time at home, then school and least time in Church, so we must take this into account when deciding how to use our resources. A change of culture is needed. Tony gave out a set of work cards giving practical examples we can use (1 set per Parish). He also showed a slide with a list of resources to help, which will be circulated with the minutes. He also said he would love to visit parishes, to speak about either of the initiatives.

Reps: Sue Irwin and John Stevens

Portishead Deanery Report 2023

We met, as usual, four times in 2023; two of the meetings (June and November) were deanery-wide meetings, open to anyone to attend, while the February and September meetings were full Synods. There were 2 additional meetings in 2023. One, in April, was a full Synod meeting where the only agenda item was the presentation of the Deanery Stipendiary Deployment Plan, which had been worked on by the Deanery Mission & Pastoral Group (DMPG) since May 2022. This showed how Portishead Deanery could lose 2 posts, from a total of 15 down to 13, and the final deployment plan was approved at that Synod meeting by a majority vote.
The other meeting, in November, was one arranged by Bishop Michael to which clergy, DMPG, readers and churchwardens were invited, and were intended to introduce the Deanery to the Bishop and encourage attendees by giving examples of mission initiatives within the Deanery.
February – This Synod was held at Christchurch Clevedon and saw the approval of the 2022 Deanery accounts as well as group work on the Deanery Plan with a "Your Church & Mission" exercise.
June – The venue for this Deanery-wide meeting was St Peter's Portishead, and the subject was Chaplaincy, Mission and the local Church. The meeting had a presentation from Mike Haslam, the

Diocese's Chaplaincy Advisor, and also heard from a panel of local Chaplains.
September – The September Synod took pace at St George's Church Hall, Easton, and saw the re-election of the Lay Dean, the election of a new DMPG, and the re-appointment of the Deanery Treasurer as well as the final approval and adoption of the Portishead Deanery Plan 2023-26. Bishop Michael was also present for this Synod and gave a presentation entitled "A year of being the Bishop of Bath & Wells", which was much appreciated by all those present.
November – The venue for the November Deanery-wide meeting was St Andrew's Church Hall, Clevedon and saw a presentation by Tony Cook, Head of Growing Faith & Everyday Faith, Bath and Wells Diocese, on Growing Faith and Everyday Faith. This deanery-wide meeting was very well attended and Tony agreed to come to individual churches in response to invitations to talk more about either one of these subjects.
We have enjoyed having Assistant Diocesan Secretary Peter Evans as our Deanery Accompanier. He has been present at most DMPG meetings and Synods. Claire Horton, the Bath Archdeaconry Deanery & Parish Adviser, has also been very helpful.
We want to express our gratitude to the clergy and officials of all the deanery churches for their hard work and commitment during this difficult year, especially to those churches which have been in vacancy.

Rob Norman (Lay Dean)
Astrid Tiesema-Samsom (Co-Area Dean)
Rob Eastwood Dewing (Co-Area Dean)

End of APCM Report

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Annual Report for the Parochial Church Council for Wraxall with Failand

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To appoint an Independent Examiner for the ensuing year

Thank you to those who have served on PCC in 2022/23

To elect new PCC representatives

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Closing prayer

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Election of Officers:

Vice-Chairman

Treasurer

Secretary

AOB

Benefice of Wraxall with Failand - *All Saints' Wraxall.*
St Bartholomew's Failand

Record of Annual Meeting of Parishioners at Cross Tree Centre, Wraxall.

Date of meeting: Sunday 15th May 2022 Time: 11.29

Present: Rev Morey Andrews in the Chair and 27 members of the congregations

Item	Discussion	Action/ decision/ responsibility
	Morey welcomes and thanks the attendees for joining us.	
1. Apologies	Bob S, Pat and Vernon, John and Val, Caryl H, Peter Sap.	
2. Minutes of the last meeting of Parishioners	The minutes from the last APCM were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record. 2 abstentions. No comments or questions.	
3. Elections of Churchwardens and Chapel Warden	Thank you very much to our churchwardens for all their amazing hard work. Thanks to Sue for her dedication to the churchwarden role for the past 7 years. Sue thanks Meg, Bryan and the church family for their support. 2 wardens have elected to stand again and there will be 1 new warden elected. AS: Meg Caton proposed by John Stevens, seconded by Chris Sage. AS: Peter Heard proposed by Eileen and seconded by Sue Irwin. SB: Chris Sage proposed by Sue Johnson and seconded by Meg Caton All in favour.	
4. Election of Deputy Churchwardens	Deputy Churchwardens, thank you for their work and support. Deputy Church Warden All Saints – John Stevens Proposed by Meg Caton seconded by Sue Irwin. All in favour. Deputy Warden at St Bartholomew's: TBC **The meeting closed at 11.38**	

Benefice of Wraxall with Failand - *All Saints' Wraxall.*
St Bartholomew's Failand

Annual Parochial Church Meeting at the Cross Tree Centre, Wraxall.
Date of meeting: Sunday 15th May 2022

Present: Rev Morey Andrews in the Chair and 27 members of the public . **Time:** 11.40

Item	Discussion	Action/ decision/ responsibility
1. Minutes of the last APCM	The 2021 APCM minutes from last meeting were agreed, no comments or questions were raised. All agreed, 1 abstention. No matters arising from the minutes with the APCM Report 2021	
2. Matters arising		
3. Acceptance of the Electoral Roll	All accepted the revision of the Roll. Numbers have stayed roughly the same. Complete revision in 2 years.	
4. Appointment of the Electoral Roll Officer	Carol Sapsed has offered to carry out this role for the year 2022-2023. Meg Caton proposed Carol Sapsed as Electoral Roll Officer and this was seconded by John Stevens. All in favour.	
5. Annual Reports	Chair proposes the approval of the Annual Report for 2021, Eileen Oates seconded. All in favour. Warden's Report: comment raised regarding the state of the Rectory. Rector Morey Andrews responded: The house is in a better state now, some work still to be completed.	
6. Matters arising from this year's annual report	No matters arising from this year's annual report.	
7. Report on fabric, goods & ornaments of the churches	Log books, fabric report and Terrier for both churches are available for viewing upon request.	
8. Deanery Synod	Eileen Oates and Peter Heard propose Sue Irwin to stand as Deanery Synod Rep with John Stevens. All agreed, no abstentions.	Deanery Synod meeting to be made know in the newsletter.
9. Financial Statement	Deanery Report: highlighted that members of public can attend the meetings. An invitation to this could be in the weekly newsletter. Bishop's council are looking into the parish share calculation. Comments or questions regarding the financial statement? Proposal of accounts by David Bird: All in favour.	
10. To elect new PCC representatives	**Question 1: When will the system for parish share change?** Chair: They want to bring it in in the Autumn but likely to be later than that. **Question 2: Could the Vaughan Trust be used to bring in a new curate?**	

11. To appoint an independent examiner 12. Questions and Comments	Morey (Chair) has filled in forms for this and has a meeting on Thursday to try to gain a curate without using any funds. Good to know that there is money there to provide a curate. **Question 3: Regarding Church of England, there's a shifting emphasis on urban parishes to rural parishes (Project work), do you know more about this?** Chair's response: More fund coming for church growth. Royalty, fund the Church of England? Some people not aware that the churches are not centrally funded. Thanks to Eileen, Helen, David B, John Mc Auliffe, Elize on (Tuesday)and Peter Sapsed for the work on the financial audit. Morey signs accounts for acceptance by the PCC in report in his role as Chair, all agreed. Iris stepped down from PCC earlier in the year and Sue J is stepping down also, thanks to both of them given by chair. Bob Sh will continue on PCC along with Eileen, Sharon, David Bird, Sylvia (as Lay reader), Sue Irwin remains on PCC as Deanery Synod Rep along with John Stevens. Morey will be the nominated person for safeguarding at the PCC meetings. Thanks to Becky C for all her work towards the safeguarding of the parish and her time to train members of the parish in safeguarding. No need to elect further PCC members. Independent Examiner next year (YE 2022) not yet proposed. Thank you to Peter Sapsed who has given his time and skills with the finances for the report this year. **Questions and Comments:** **Parish policies, where are they kept?** In red file in the parish office, contact Elize to view them. **Minutes from PCC, can they be available for viewing like agreed previously in the church?** To be discussed how we can make them accessible. **How are you enjoying your first year? (Morey)** My passion is telling people about Jesus, you are all welcoming. Lots of bureaucracy behind the scenes that can get in the way of that. Morey wishes to find space to allow him to tell people about Jesus, have seen growth and interest in faith. Encouraged that I have met people who are on board with this. Trendlewood, student leaves in a week and curate leaves in a month, challenging, will need to video sermons over the summer. People are kind and offer suggestions, I like being your Rector. **(Parishioner:) Rector/Chair has taken on roles in the Diocese also, we want to show our support to you, it is an evolving role** Leadership isn't just one person it's a team. Morey thanks Elize for her work in the parish. Morey gives thanks to Carol E and Sylvia for their time and support. Morey thanks Elize for her work in the parish. Wish to do more with the children and families over at	

	school, Covid has made this challenging. **How do you see the communities of Trendlewood, Failand and Wraxall moving forward?** We are inviting and supporting each other to join in with what we are all doing. There is a sharing of resources. Would like to be brothers and sisters together, help each other out, supporting and learning from each other. This could be bigger than the three churches…local churches together. Elize has been supporting holiday club within the Christian's Together children's church teams. Thanks to participants for taking part today and to the PCC team. **Meeting closed with prayer by Morey, close at 12.24 pm.**	

Benefice of Wraxall with Failand

Record of PCC meeting held at the APCM in The Cross Tree Centre, Wraxall.

Date of meeting: Sunday 15th May 2022 Time: 12.28

Present: Rev Morey Andrews-Chair (MA) Eileen Oates- Vice Chair (EO) Carol Sapsed (CSap) Meg Caton(MC), Sue Irwin (SI), John Stevens (JS), Sharon Guest (SG), , Chris Sage (CS) Peter Heard (PH) Sylvia Phillips (SP)

In attendance:

Elize Jutsum (EJ) (Minutes)

	Item		Actions
1.0	**Apologies**	Robert Sh, David B	
2.0	**Minutes of last meeting.**	Signed as a true and accurate record.	
3.0	**Election of Officers**	• Chair – Morey Andrews • Vice Chair – Carol Sapsed • Treasurer – David Bird • PCC Secretary – Elize Jutsum Morey as Chair, all in agreement. EJ Secretary, Eileen proposed Sue seconded, all in favour. Parish Treasurer Role: David Bird, happy to remain but we need to find someone else, Helen and Eileen will continue their contributions together. Eileen proposes David Bird as treasurer for both churches and Chris Sage seconds. All In favour. Treasurer for St Bartholomews: David Bird (Failand Account) Treasurer for All Saints': David Bird (Wraxall account) Vice Chair, proposed to be Carol Sapsed by John Stevens, seconded by Meg Caton, all in favour.	
4.0	**AOB**		
		Standing Committee Meeting: 21st June 1pm in CTC (time and date to be confirmed) Next PCC meeting : Monday 4th July 7pm in CTC	**End 12.35**

Parish of Wraxall with Failand

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council
For the year ended 31st December 2022

The parish has two Churches: All Saints Church is situated in the village of Wraxall in North Somerset and St Bartholomew's is in the adjacent village of Failand. They are part of the Portishead Deanery in the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is: The Parish Office, All Saints Church, Wraxall Hill, Wraxall, BS48 1LB.
In 2009 the Parochial Church Council registered with the Charities Commission. The Charity Registration number is 1130482.

Rev. Morey Andrews Incumbent licensed 6th October 2021
Rev. Carol Edwards Retired Priest
Curate Sarah Sanderson (October 2022)

Who served during the year (PCC):

Meg Caton	Church Warden
Peter Heard	Church Warden
John Stevens	Deputy Warden
Chris Sage	Church Warden
Robert Sheppard	Deputy Warden
Sylvia Phillips	Reader
David Bird	Treasurer-All Saints and St Bartholomew's
John Stevens	Deanery Synod
Sue Irwin	Deanery Synod
Carol Sapsed	Diocesan Synod
Eileen Oates	All Saints'
Robert Sheppard	St Bartholomew's
Carol Edwards	All Saints' (Co-opted)
Sharon Guest	All Saints'
Elize Jutsum	PCC Secretary

The primary object of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC (Power Measure 1956 states the PCC 'is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical').

The general pattern of services in both churches, having been reviewed throughout the year:
All Saints':
1st Sunday 10.00 Holy Communion (Livestreamed)
2nd Sunday 10.00 Holy Communion

3rd Sunday 10.00/10.30 Iona
4th Sunday 10.00/10.30 Holy Communion with Prayer Ministry
5th Sunday 10.00/10.30 Holy Communion

St Bartholomew's:
1st Sunday 4.00pm/6.00pm Evening Worship (Time changes with season)
3rd Sunday 4.00pm/6.00pm Holy Communion
5th Sunday 4.00pm/6.00pm Evening Worship

Morning Prayer: Mon-Wednesday 8.15am via Zoom
Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion on Zoom

Rector's Report APCM 2023 for the year 2022

I write this report with a lot of thankfulness, especially given the last six weeks I have been through.

I am foremostly thankful to our faithful God who we continue to worship week by week, following in the footsteps of those who have gone before us. I am reminded of the words from Hebrews 13:8 – ***8*** *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*

I am also thankful that being followers of Jesus we are not alone and we have our own gifts and talents we bring. I am so thankful for the people I serve along-side. As always, this is a danger to mention names in case I forget someone. (sorry if that is you!)

I would like to say a huge thank you to Carol Edwards who has, and continues to serve our parish and provided a real sense of continuity as I took up post.

I would like to thank Elize with her administrator role and children and families role. Always willing, always smiling and always supportive.

Eileen Oates has an amazing gift working pastorally amongst the parish and helps me know what is going on; alongside this she assists the finance team with David and Helen.

Sylvia continues to serve as a valued Reader in our parish.

The Church Wardens Meg, Sue (and from May), Peter, at All Saints and Chris at Failand continue to serve faithfully, supported by others as needed in their assistant role John and Bob.

In October it was a surprise and pleasure to welcome Sarah Sanderson to the team as our full time, pioneer Curate. The support and friendship has been amazing.

The Church yard working party in Wraxall under the guidance of Bob has continued to go well; and in Failand the maintenance of buildings and grounds has been ongoing.

Musical worship on Sundays, in Wraxall has been wonderfully lead by Tim on two Sunday's and Paul on the other two. It was also sad during the year to mourn the loss of our organist Adrian, who was so faithful over many years. The on line technical ability enables our worship to continue on Thursdays, Midweek morning prayer and 1st Sunday services.

Sharon our verger continues to serve the church and we are thankful for the hours and ministry she gives.

Beck Cawsey our safe guarding officer continues to ensure we follow good practice.

Our pastoral services engage with many folks on the margins of church. During 2022:

There were 8 weddings in our parish, 5 Baptisms, the preparation for which were conducted by Rev Morey Andrews and Carol Edwards (Retired Priest). There were 4 cremation services, 12 interments, 7 burials and 1 memorial service held.

There are many others who serve in so many ways including the members of the PCC who serve the church and community, including those on the Deanery and Diocesan Synod.

The flower arrangers, cleaners, welcomers, bell ringers, refreshments team, all make the church we are right here and right now.

Some of the highlights of ministry and service during the year include: -

- Commemorating the death of Queen Elizabeth II as it was a special and poignant occasion – raising and lowering flags – letting the bells ring out. Giving thanks.

- The Ministry to Sycamore Lodge Care home started again under the watchful eye of Meg and Sylvia

- The Start Course was held a couple of times; and other courses including the Lent course, reminding ourselves of the nature of Jesus and also the Gifts Course, knowing our shape.

- The children and family events at Easter and the summer were fun together with the revised Crib service, attracting new folks to the church.

- The school ministry continues with Collective worship and church services; Governor involvement and other interaction, building relationships and ministry opportunities. In addition, reconnection has taken place with the Downs School which is exciting and fruitful.

- The Monthly Monday prayer gatherings are the life blood of the church as we listen and pray.

- We are also in conversation with Noah's Ark, Tyntesfield and the Children's Hospice for ministry opportunities.

- At St Bartholomew's, there have been several concerts and champing has taken off.

You may well have other occasions of note that I have not mentioned.

We do not work alone and are in partnership with Christians Together in Nailsea and District – working alongside Skatefest in Nailsea and of course providing our continued support to Neil Wylie and the Connect project. In addition to organising and supporting the children's events and Holiday clubs. (Thank you Elize).
This year I also took on the responsibility for Trendlewood Conventional District and am endeavouring to forge greater links between all three churches as we move forward – keeping our distinctiveness but building on our unity.

As a priority looking forward we want to deepen our relationship with God; to build our discipleship as we follow Him and to seek to continue to make the Gospel known in our parish.

To help us in this we are part of the Deanery of Portishead (see report later on) and the Diocese of Bath of Wells where we were excited and pleased to welcome Michael Beasley as the next Bishop. Under his guidance the Diocese continues to follow the vision of: -

In response to God's immense love for us we seek to be God's people living and telling the story of Jesus.

As part of the Church of England we encourage the five Marks of mission:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

As we strive to Build God's Kingdom and grow His church, I commend these as a way of seeking to be faithful in our parish over this next year and in the years to come.

As I said at the beginning, I am thankful for God's faithfulness as we remain faithful to Him and each other.

Therefore encourage one another and build up each other,
as indeed you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Treasurers Report for year to 31st December 2022

1 The accounts for the 12 months to 31st December last were completed in the present form by 15th of January. This was achieved as a result of considerable effort by both Helen Bailey and Eileen Oates using the software My Fund Accounting installed late 2021. Well done everybody.

2 Income and Expenditure

All Saints general/unrestricted:
Income £89K included a contribution from St Bartholomew's £9,381
Legacies of £31,131 were welcome are included as Designated.
Total expenditure incurred was £102,789
Deficit of £13,679 after charging £42,755 Parish Share.

St Bartholomew's:
Income total £19,824 and expenditure was £19,234. But before charging £24,340 repairs to roof and gutters, contribution from Vaughan Trust £2,000

3 The Funds supported by cash held by the two churches were:

All Saints

General	£30,000
Designated	£62,330
Restricted	£32,992
Total	£125.332

St Bartholomew's

General	£15,515
Designated	£3,617
Total	£18,993

2023 Budget/Plan

All Saints	deficit £18,000 estimate
St Bartholomew's	deficit £2000 estimate

The Benefice is seeking to reduce the £53,000 Parish Share levied by £11,000, which will be more in line with regular reduced numbers attending the two churches. The deficit will be reduced to around £7,000/£8,000 for the current year (subject to expenditure savings or increase in income). As such to be borne by reserves, these discussions are ongoing,

A M D Bird
Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Certificate
for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of: WRAXALL WITH FAILAND **Parochial Church Council**

On accounts for the year ended: 31 DECEMBER 2022 Charity Number: 1130482

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 matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable 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: K Crawford **Date:** 11/4/2023

Name: KEVIN DAVID CRAWFORD

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): FELLOW OF THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN ENGLAND & WALES

Address: 48 FARLEIGH ROAD, BACKWELL, N.SOMERSET BS48 3PA

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

- A loss was made in the year and there is no reason to believe that this will not continue in the short to medium term given the rate of inflation. However, there appear to be sufficient assets to cover these assuming the level of income stays constant and costs can be managed or even reduced

Wraxall with Failand PCC

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	62,532.76	32,231.50	470.00	-	95,234.26	65,812.49
Income from charitable activities	2,974.50	-	-	-	2,974.50	1,567.50
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	24.51	-	-	-	24.51	4.04
Other income	-	1,257.93	-	-	1,257.93	-
Activities for Generating Funds	-	-	-	-	-	151.92
Investment Income	9,398.22	-	-	-	9,398.22	10,225.24
Church Activities	20,808.39	-	1,344.73	-	22,153.12	15,314.72
Other Incoming Resources	11,124.20	20.25	-	-	11,144.45	12,676.87
Total income	**106,862.58**	**33,509.68**	**1,814.73**	**-**	**142,186.99**	**105,752.78**
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	19,234.40	-	610.00	-	19,844.40	17,821.27
Other expenditure	24,340.48	-	-	-	24,340.48	950.00
Church Activities	76,788.91	-	1,424.02	-	78,212.93	73,112.60
Church Expenses	19,445.43	2,403.48	-	-	21,848.91	14,720.72
Major Repairs	224.00	2,267.99	-	-	2,491.99	838.97
Other Outgoing Resources	6,331.04	150.00	-	-	6,481.04	4,606.83
Total expenditure	**146,364.26**	**4,821.47**	**2,034.02**	**-**	**153,219.75**	**112,050.39**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(39,501.68)**	**28,688.21**	**(219.29)**	**-**	**(11,032.76)**	**(4,195.61)**
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	970.89	310.00	-	1,280.89	65,280.60
Gross transfers between funds - out	(1,280.89)	-	-	-	(1,280.89)	(65,280.60)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-	2,102.00
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	(2,174.87)	-	-	-	(2,174.87)	3,879.28
Net movement in funds	**(42,957.44)**	**29,659.10**	**90.71**	**-**	**(13,207.63)**	**(316.33)**
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	**88,484.21**	**36,267.20**	**32,781.26**	**-**	**157,532.67**	**157,849.00**
Total funds carried forward	**45,526.77**	**65,926.30**	**32,871.97**	**-**	**144,325.04**	**157,532.67**

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Wraxall with Failand PCC

Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
Fixed assets			
6431: CCLA (CBF) 60131700J		13,820.99	25,995.86
6430: Church Lodge		445.00	445.00
	Total Fixed assets	**14,265.99**	**26,440.86**
Current assets			
6501: NATWEST BANK ACCOUNT		6,530.60	9,170.27
6502: HSBC LUNCH CLUB		55.00	55.00
6512: CCLA (CBF) 601317001D		786.46	7,761.95
Z05: Accounts Receivable		4,801.43	-
A: Lloyds Current Account		15,002.85	6,862.39
E: Entertainments Account		600.16	700.16
F: Wraxall Bellringers Account		-	3,838.15
B: CAF Current Account		14,714.83	11,760.88
H: Charity Account		365.97	445.26
C: National Savings Income Bond		81,000.00	81,000.00
D: CCLA (CBF) deposit account		9,988.75	9,988.75
	Total Current assets	**133,846.05**	**131,582.81**
Liabilities			
Z04: Accounts Payable		3,787.00	491.00
	Total Liabilities	**3,787.00**	**491.00**
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	**144,325.04**	**157,532.67**
Reserves			
Excess/(deficit) to date		(11,032.76)	(6,297.61)
Z01: Starting balances		153,810.38	154,126.71
Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets		3,722.29	5,824.29
Z03: Gains/(losses) on reval of fixed assets		(2,174.87)	3,879.28
	Total Reserves	**144,325.04**	**157,532.67**

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	45,526.77	88,484.21
Designated	65,926.30	36,267.20
Restricted	32,871.97	32,781.26
Endowment	-	-
Total	**144,325.04**	**157,532.67**

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The Richard Vaughan Trust
Year ended 31st December

	2022	2021
Income and Expenditure account		
Income		
Investment Income	1525	1486
Refund of legal fees and compensation		
Withdrawal of investment funds		
Total Income	1525	1486
Expenditure		
Church running costs	800	800
St Bartholomews - Admin Costs		
Curate - Computer	719.08	
Rector - Computer 1/3 share	233.33	
Total Expenditure	1752.41	800
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	-227	686
Balance sheet		
Investments		
2810.90 COIF Investment Fund (see note below)		
Income shares at Market value	51121	57726
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	3143	3370
	54264	61096
Represented by:		
Endowment	51121	57726
Accumulated Income	3143	3370
	54264	61096

Reviewed

Charitable Giving 2022

Caring in Bristol (Christmas Appeal)	£448.54
CONNECT (CTINAD)	£1,000
CMS	£397.20
The Children's Society	£987.76
The Leprosy Mission	£8.77
USPG	£500.00
The Food Bank Inc. £200 Carol Service Donation from SB	£900.00
Wellspring Counselling	98.00
Total	£4,340.27
MU (Various Projects)	£600.00
Toys donated to Salvation Army	Approx. £600.00

Warden's Report from All Saints' Wraxall

Regular routine maintenance tasks including testing of portable appliances, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, security system and lightning conductors have been carried out as normal. The piano and organ have been tuned. In the tower the bells were serviced, some further work was done on 6 of the bells.
In the Cross Tree Centre, the kitchen has passed its inspection.
Internally, the church is cleaned by a dedicated and indefatigable team, to whom we are very grateful. A new brass plaque was installed within the chancel, bearing the names of the previous and present incumbents.

Our Quinquennial inspection was carried out this year by our architect, Mr. Malaiperuman. In his summary report, he states "The church is well maintained by an active congregation". Nevertheless, there are some issues to be attended to, in particular some repointing is necessary at certain locations on the building, and most importantly at the east side of the tower close to the bell chamber. Many of the remaining issues have already been attended to, including some lead work on the south roof.

Work has started on the digitisation of our church records. We have paper records of all baptisms, marriages and burials since 1562 – the process of transferring them to a searchable computer medium was in progress for much of the year.

The church lodge remains a valuable asset, but its oil central heating boiler has been giving problems and will probably have to be replaced.
Some roof issues were also identified, to be addressed at a future date.

The wardens wish to thank all the volunteers who keep our church and churchyard clean and in good order. It would be great if a few more folk could join them to spread the load.

Meg Caton, Peter Heard, All Saints Wardens.

Warden's Report from St Bartholomew's Failand

This has been a special year working with and getting to know our new rector Morey Andrews and then in October we were blessed with the addition of Sarah Sanderson as a curate to join us.

Both of whom are hardworking and inspirational and we are very lucky to have them.

Due to their combined work load which now also includes Trendlewood it has not been possible to revive the pre covid Said Morning Service at St Bartholomew's except on special occasions such as Remembrance Sunday.

Our current Service pattern is as follows:

1st Sunday ……..Evening Prayer

3rd Sunday……...Holy Communion

5th Sunday……Evening Prayer.

January	Normal Services
	Hedges trimmed on extra land adjacent to graveyard
February	Normal Services
March	Normal Services + Baptism
	Organ tuned and loose key replaced
April	Evening Prayer, Good Friday Meditation and Easter Sunday HC
	+ Memorial Services
	New toilet fitted
May	Normal Services + Memorial Services + Wedding
	Re pointing of south boundary wall
June	Normal Services + Baptism
	Annual inspection of Fire Extinguishers PAT testing carried out Emergency repair work to gutters and east gable commences
July	Normal Services + Interment

August Normal Services (Patronal Festival HC) +Wedding + Interment

5 yearly check of lightening conductor from base to top of steeple

September Normal Services...HC Remembering HRH Queen Elizabeth II

October Harvest Thanksgiving + HC (Perishable foods donated to Salvation Army Hostel and non-perishable food to Foodbank)

November Evening Prayer + Remembrance Sunday + Interment

Work completed on roof and scaffolding taken down.

December Toy Service (Toys donated to Salvation Army)
Carol Service ...£400 raised: £200 donated to Foodbank
£200 to Caring at Christmas

Christmas Eve … Holy Communion

In June we joined forces with the Churches Conservation Trust to promote our Champing initiative ie. to offer visitors overnight camping in our church. The season ended in October and despite having to restrict bookings during roof repairs we managed to raise £1,200.

Our other fund raising event was the annual concert by the Bristol Chamber Orchestra and this also raised £1,200.

General maintenance has continued throughout the year on the graveyard and we still employ a cleaner once a month.

Chris Sage

Pastoral Care Report

The parish pastoral care team continues to send Birthday, Anniversary and Get well cards to members of both congregations. This enables people to remain in contact with church life and to hear news of the wider church community.

We aim to meet regularly during the year at these meetings we consider ways of serving the parish better. We also share any concerns we may have and pray together.

As part of our pastoral care for members of both our congregations 'Home Communion' is taken to those who are unable to attend church services. The aim is that everyone who wants to, can receive Communion at least once a month.
It is a huge privilege to visit people in this way and to share the Sacrament with them. They are always grateful and love to hear news of those they know in the congregation.

At present there is one person receiving 'Home Communion' but it is a fluid list.

Another aspect of our pastoral care is the availability of home cooked meals for those who may require one.

Members of the pastoral team are: Eileen Oates, Iris Croome, Meg Caton, Susan Sanderson, Megan Crook, Sylvia Phillips, Sue Johnson, Elize Jutsum and Anina Stenlake.

Thank you to everyone it is a real privileged to belong to such a caring community

Eileen

Electoral Roll Officer Report 2022

The Roll is only a snapshot of people who have registered, and wish to register their commitment to the church, and are thus entitled to vote at the AGM. It is perfectly possible that more people are committed, and attend both churches but have chosen not to register.

The Roll has been displayed as required by COE regulations. I have reviewed it and the reviewed Roll has been displayed on the Parish Website since May 12th

- There have been 3 deletions.
- The total number for both churches is 86.
- 67 people attend All Saints, 19 people attend St Bartholomew's.
- Out of the total 67 who attend All Saints, 43 people do not live in the parish.
- The figure for St Bartholomew's is 9 people out of 19 do not live in the parish.
- Compared to 2022 roll there is a small decrease (5). There has been one new person registering at All Saints.
- A major review of the roll is not required until 2025.

Carol Sapsed, Electoral Roll Officer

Safeguarding Report Wraxall with Failand

1. Safeguarding Incidents:
There have been no Safeguarding Incidents raised over the past reporting period that have required notification to the Diocesan Safeguarding Office.

2. Parish Dashboard:
The Parish Dashboard is a computer App that keeps account of individual parishes compliance with the Safeguarding standards set out by the Church of England. Access is limited to named individuals within a parish but can also be reviewed by the Archdeacon.
Progress through the Dashboard is staged and dependent on compliance with certain elements before movement to the next level which needs to be periodically reviewed by the
PCC. The Dashboard creates an automated Action Plan based on the information provided by the Safeguarding Officer. I have attached a copy of report so that it can be formally reviewed and noted in line with national policy. Actions are colour coded on the traffic light system.

You will notice there are a number of red, rest assured these are predominantly policy or practice documents that simply need to be subject of annual review rather than any issue involving risk. The two attached policies already have been subject of approval at PCC so simply need formally approving again.

With regards to the list of parish activities, is there anything significant that has been added in the past twelve months.

The one area where we remain in the red that needs some positive action is that of Safeguarding training by all members of the PCC. The national standard for PCC members, who do not have another role requiring any higher level of training, is completion of the Basic and Foundation e-learning modules and the separate Domestic Violence module. Both the Foundation course and the Domestic Violence module would need to be repeated on a three yearly basis. There would be no requirement to renew the Basic course.

3. DBS:
The renewal period for DBS checks will have reduced from five years to three years by the end of this year. I am currently contacting those that need an update in order to ensure the parish's are compliant. The PCC remains compliant with regards to the proportion of members who require DBS clearance.

4. Safer Recruitment:
DBS is however only part of the Safer Recruitment process. There is a requirement recruiting personnel for specific roles , whether paid or voluntary roles, whether paid or voluntary, to have a minimum of two people who have completed the safer Recruitment e learning module, present on the interview panel. I am not aware as to who, if anyone has done so.

The 'Dashboard' makes reference to the requirement to complete a Safer Recruitment survey. I will endeavour to complete this before the next PCC; but would need to do so together with another, actively involved in the process.

Reference is made in the survey to Role Descriptions for specific voluntary roles, I am not
aware that these are in place for every role at this time, although some are . For those role profiles that I believe are not currently recorded sample role description are available from other dioceses. These will be reviewed and proposed at a future PCC meeting. It is important that there is appropriate consultation and agreement with

document such as these and they become a meaningful record rather than a tick box exercise.

5. Safeguarding Training:
Everyone performing a voluntary role within the Church of England is required to complete Basic Safeguarding Training. An e-learning module which can also be delivered in face
The training modules can be accessed via the following link:
https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org
Please can anyone completing and formal training provide me with details of that completed so that I can record it. Thank you for those who have done so.

Training needs to be renewed every three years, the highest level for your particular role is the module that needs to be completed. Anyone for whom the Domestic Violence module is
required, needs to also renew this one three yearly basis.

I am happy to facilitate group face to face group sessions of any of the e learning modules if people would prefer that option. I cannot however deliver the two-session leadership module. Details of course availability can be found on the diocesan safeguarding training page.

6. Social Media:
One of the standards highlighted in the Parish Dashboard, and seeking confirmation of compliance, is that all 'Church Officers 'must be aware of S12 of the Parish Safeguarding
Handbook. In essence to cover the use of Social Media such as the Parish WhatsApp group'.
The PCC must ensure there is a named person to whom all workers are accountable. The named person must be a church officer, and should be aware of the account name and password so that they can at any time log on to the account to monitor the communications. The named person should be proactive in fulfilling this role. Our WhatsApp group is very open and Church Officers have access and make regular use of it. They would be able to delete any offending message.

For your consideration,

Becky Cawsey
Parish Safeguarding Officer
Wraxall with Failand

Wraxall

Safeguarding Action Summary - Level 2

This shorter version of the Safeguarding Action Plan ignores any completed actions or suspended activities.

Policies and Action Plan

Safeguarding Action Plan The PCC must approve an action plan and review it regularly.	Urgent The PCC needs to review their Safeguarding Action Plan.	To be reviewed at Meeting 21/05/23
Recruitment of Ex-Offenders The PCC must have a policy regarding the recruitment of ex-offenders.	The PCC needs to approve a policy regarding the recruitment of ex-offenders.	

Safeguarding Procedures

Responding to Concerns or Allegations The PCC must approve a procedure to deal promptly with any safeguarding concern or allegation (including any suspicion of abuse). This procedure is to be reviewed annually.	Urgent The PCC must review this procedure.	The process of contacting the PSO is clear on the website, in Church and via the Parish newsletter.

Training for Key Roles

Parish of Wraxall with Failand
Parish Office,
All Saints Church,
Wraxall,
North Somerset BS48 1LB
Telephone: 01275 852442
Website: www.wraxallwithfailand.org.uk
Charity Registration No. 1130482

Parish Policy for Recruitment of Ex-Offenders

- As an organisation assessing applicants' suitability for positions which are included in the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order using criminal record checks processed through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), the Parish of Wraxall with Failand complies fully with the code of practice and undertakes to treat all applicants for positions fairly
- The Parish of Wraxall with Failand undertakes not to discriminate unfairly against any subject of a criminal record check on the basis of a conviction or other information revealed
- The Parish of Wraxall with Failand can only ask an individual to provide details of convictions and cautions that the Parish of Wraxall with Failand are legally entitled to know about. Where a DBS certificate at either standard or enhanced level can legally be requested (where the position is one that is included in the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 as amended, and where appropriate Police Act Regulations as amended)
- The Parish of Wraxall with Failand can only ask an individual about convictions and cautions that are not protected
- The Parish of Wraxall with Failand is committed to the fair treatment of its staff, potential staff or users of its services, regardless of race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, responsibilities for dependants, age, physical/mental disability or offending background
- The Parish of Wraxall with Failand has a written policy on the recruitment of ex-offenders, which is made available to all DBS applicants at the start of the recruitment process
- The Parish of Wraxall with Failand actively promotes equality of opportunity for all with the right mix of talent, skills and potential and welcome applications from a wide range of candidates, including those with criminal records
- The Parish of Wraxall with Failand select all candidates for interview based on their skills, qualifications and experience
- an application for a criminal record check is only submitted to DBS after a thorough risk assessment has indicated that one is both proportionate and relevant to the position concerned. For those positions where a criminal record check is identified as necessary, all application forms, job adverts and recruitment briefs will contain a statement that an application for a DBS certificate will be submitted in the event of the individual being offered the position
- The Parish of Wraxall with Failand ensures that all those in the Parish of Wraxall with Failand who are involved in the recruitment process have been suitably trained to identify and assess the relevance and circumstances of offences
- The Parish of Wraxall with Failand also ensures that they have received appropriate guidance

and training in the relevant legislation relating to the employment of ex-offenders, e.g. the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

- At interview, or in a separate discussion, the Parish of Wraxall with Failand ensures that an open and measured discussion takes place on the subject of any offences or other matter that might be relevant to the position. Failure to reveal information that is directly relevant to the position sought could lead to withdrawal of an offer of employment
- The Parish of Wraxall with Failand makes every subject of a criminal record check submitted to DBS aware of the existence of the code of practice and makes a copy available on request
- The Parish of Wraxall with Failand undertakes to discuss any matter revealed on a DBS certificate with the individual seeking the position before withdrawing a conditional offer of employment.

Church Activities (Alphabetical order)

Children and Families Report 2022

At the beginning of the year, Schools were still being cautious and not having collective worship altogether in person as still quite a few children and staff were off with COVID.
In March, Wraxall School received a SIAMS inspection which went very well. Morey and Elize supported discussions that took place with the inspector.
Sunny Saplings was back on in the Cross Tree Centre and we welcomed some new families from the Reception Class.



Easter:
Morey, Elize and Sylvia took a Christingle/Easter Service with a difference in All Saints' Church during the April. The church congregations were asked to donate Chocolate oranges and donations were also received from Tesco's Nailsea for 80 Chocolate Oranges which were used to create Christingles for the service. Donations were made in school to The Children's Society with around £60 being raised. The children presented some Easter Art installations in the church based on the key events from the Easter Story.
Crème Eggs were collected for Wraxall School, Nailsea School Staff and extended to Nailsea Town Centre shop keepers in 2022 through the Nailsea Chaplains team.

Easter Saturday afternoon, we held an Easter Fun Day with various Easter Story activities taking place across the All Saints' site. It was well attended and enjoyed by many (great feedback from school families to Elize). Saturday afternoon seemed a good time for families to attend.

CTINAD Holiday club due to take place in February half term was cancelled due to EJ's family and herself being ill along with Charlotte having illness herself. Holiday club did run successfully in the first week of the Easter Holidays. Morey came and supported some of the sessions. Lots of fun, stories and relationships were built across the community.

Wraxall School:
Morey supported Wraxall School's Leaver's Service on the final week of term (EJ unwell). Morey and Elize were welcomed into school during the wellbeing week, wb 11th July to do some team/values challenges with Year 5/6 before they transitioned into their new schools/groups.

Key to Life:
Key to Life workshops were due to take place in March in the Nailsea schools including Wraxall, these sadly had to be cancelled over concerns with COVID still in existence. However the sessions did take place in the September. Elize led sessions at both Golden Valley and Wraxall School telling the story of the life of Jesus along with other members of the CTINAD volunteers. The children really enjoyed it and hopefully shared a retelling of the experience to their families.

The 'Summer of Fun' (free family sessions) took place during the summer (board games, parish walk, cricket and Fun day with BBQ). The first two sessions were not very well attended with children being looked after by family members or away on holiday. Cricket on Millennium Green was popular along with the Fun Day at All Saints.

The new Reception intake (7 children) Bible giving/welcome service was attended by all the parents in the class and followed with a BBQ in the Cross Tree Centre which was really enjoyable. EJ had great feedback from the parents, particularly one parent who enjoyed the songs/singing and reading their child a story from their bible that evening.

Passing of Queen Elizabeth II:
The children at Wraxall School attended two Friday afternoon reflection services in All Saints' Church in remembrance and reflection of the queen's passing. The children also stood outside to listen to the muffled bells the Friday following the queen's passing played by the Wraxall Bell ringers.

Harvest:
The Children's Service team (Morey/Sarah, Sylvia, Sharon and Elize) held a successful Harvest Service in October attended by all the school children, staff and quite a few parents. The Harvest collection amounted to 135kg, there was a greater participation from families this year with help of the Tesco cans of Baked Beans (donated by Tesco) which were an advertisement and added to additional foods brought in.

Seasonal Services in Schools and the Parish
Morey and Elize supported the school with the Remembrance Service on 11th. All children and some parents gathered around the memorial. Year 6 read some prayers.

Open the Book began taking assemblies in Wraxall School on every other month on Mondays led by Bev and Dave Kelly (dramatised bible storytelling).
First Monday of the Month coffee morning began in the September, attended by both school parents and church members.

Talks were held in November between Morey, Elize, the head teacher of The Downs School (Mrs Isaachsen) and Deputy (Mrs Payne) about how we could work together supporting their curriculum and other faith services in the future.
The Children's Service team (Morey/Sarah, Sylvia, Sharon and Elize) held a successful Christmas Crib Service in December along with a Christmas service for Wraxall and Christingle Service for The Downs School.

Thank you to everyone who has supported and volunteered over the year. Your help is much appreciated as we continue to bless and serve our local community and families in the name of Jesus!

Elize Jutsum (Children and Families Worker)

All Saints' Churchyard Working Party Report

We have had continued support from the regular gang and the grass has been kept under control for most of the time. There have been occasions when rain stopped play and the grass continued to grow. The bench in the Jubilee garden became unsafe and has now been removed. Vegetation growth on the boundary walls was safely removed where practical. Big thanks to Meg for the tea coffee and cakes that keep us going.
Now looking forward to another summer of Churchyard activity. We always have room for anyone who would like to come and share this lovely social event on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Bob Caton

Wraxall Entertainments Report

We give thanks for the events that have taken place over the past months a wonderful opportunity to share fellowship together.

Church yard working party supper an opportunity to say thank you and show our appreciation for all

the hard work and dedication to those who maintain our beautiful church yard.

Bishops and Clergy lunch.

Service of remembering.

Carol service.

Christmas Fayre was busy, it was good to have so many families join us this year.

Harvest Tea a time of fellowship delicious cakes and an opportunity once again to test our knowledge over a fun quiz.

Committee members
Sue Irwin – Chair
Eileen Oates – Secretary
Iris Croome – Treasurer
Caroline Watts, Jane Knight, Yvette Dunn and Brenda Coxell.

Flower Teams' Report

Not a busy year but a changing year. We now use vases instead of a pedestal at the pulpit, for various reasons; flowers have become very expensive and we no longer are allowed to use oasis as it is not biodegradable. the cost of the new product and also not as easy to use, has caused us to rethink. Sadly our team are another year older , so weddings are off the list. We may at some point do a festival but no plans as yet. Christmas Easter, Harvest will still continue to be florally celebrated.
You may have noticed our pedestals and candle stands have been kindly renovated and look very good..Iris, Sue, Caroline, Maureen, Eileen, Sharon.

Julian Group Report



"Be still and know that I am God"

Julian Meetings foster the practice of contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition and are named after Julian of Norwich, a fourteenth-century mystic. They are for people of all denominations or none.

What is contemplative prayer? Contemplative prayer has been described as listening for God; opening ourselves to God.
Prayerful silence is greatly helped when two or three people are together, and this can complement our daily personal prayer.
Belonging to a group can be a source of help and encouragement.
An opportunity to just BE.

We are a group of on average 9 ladies from several local churches who meet on the first Monday of each month at 2pm in the Charlton Chapel at All Saints church.
(Men you are most welcome to join us)

The meeting starts with a short piece of meditative music, a brief reading which then leads into about 20 minutes of silence.

If you are not sure if it's for you I would encourage you to come along and "Taste and See".

Eileen Oates

Mother's Union Report

We have enjoyed a good selection of speaker's Morey spoke on his time in Africa. Elize gave an insight into her Children's and Families work within the Church.
Clare Wilkinson told the meeting a little of her life and how she became a Magistrate.
Carol lead us in a Lent reflection and Communion in September. Iris arranged the Advent service with us all participating John provided the music for the Carols he also arranges the hymns for the short service at the meetings.
We joined in Deanery events Cathedral prayers at Wells. Service hosted by Yatton branched led by Rev Fran.

Coffee Morning and Lunches:

We held two fund raising events both well supported by the Church and fellow members. Especially the cream tea held for the Queen's Jubilee. The proceeds were used to support M.U projects.
An enjoyable outing to Kingston Seymour and Kenn where Rev. Fran was able to show us around her new "Homes". We finished with tea in the newly refurbished Church rooms at Kenn.
Our small group achieve great things always with good humour. Guests are always made very welcome to any meeting, we look forward to welcoming you.

Sue Irwin Branch Coordinator All Saints Wraxall plus 9 members

Time for Tea

We have continued to meet for "Time for Tea" every second Tuesday at 2-45 for 3 o'clock at the Cross Tree centre except for two occasions, one in January when all was cancelled due to very heavy rain in the morning, which of course stopped by the afternoon and August when the heat wave was just too much!

During tea we have enjoyed talks on "My time at Sea", the Nailsea Foodbank, Railway signaling and Nick Carter talking of his time in Afganistan. Also several quizzes and pupils of Wraxall School entertaining us enthusiastically with Carols in December.
Due to rising costs we now ask for a voluntary levy of £3 instead of £2 from those attending and numbers have obviously varied rising to 19 on one occasion.

Susan Sanderson 17/04/23.

Wraxall Tower Report

Following a previous inspection, some minor maintenance work was carried out on the bells this year – replacement of some of the clapper bushes, and also of the tenor roller box. The work was carried out by Matthew Higby & Co Ltd. The bells are in good order. A first aid kit and an emergency light were installed in the tower.
Practices and service ringing resumed following the pandemic, following the usual pattern of Monday evening practices and service ringing at 9.30-10am on second and fourth Sundays.
The bells were rung at five weddings and one funeral this year.
The ringers were honoured to ring the bells fully muffled after the announcement of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. They were then rung open at the proclamation of King Charles, and fully muffled again at the funeral of the late Queen. The experience of ringing the bells fully muffled was new to all the members of our band, despite our considerable collective age and experience!
We were delighted to welcome two new learner members at our tower – Sarah and Zoe. They are making splendid progress.

Peter Heard, Tower Captain

Deanery Synod Report (John Stevens)

Tuesday 22nd March
Held at Holy Trinity, Nailsea. Opening Worship was led by Caroline Mason, in the absence of Rev James Packman with Covid. The Minutes of the last meeting and the 2021 Deanery Accounts were approved. There was a presentation to Neil Wylie, on leaving his Deanery role. There was then a presentation on Enabling Ministries by Charlie Peer, Diocesan Head of Mission Support & Ministry Development. There were 3 main sections to this, namely Imagine what church could be, Consider who God is calling and Find the shape of ministry that fits.

Some key points were:
- The Benefice system puts a strain on people
- What is proposed is Local Shared Ministry, both lay and ordained
- This is to be as well as clergy, not a replacement
- Local Shared Ministry is not independent, but requires oversight, usually by a parish priest

The aim is to find the shape of ministry that fits and to build on what is already happening. It will be different for different communities. Find what will give life to the community.
After the presentation there were discussions in small groups, followed by a plenary session. Some concerns expressed:

- Finance – all parishes are struggling with this, so part of the aim must be to tackle this.
- Ageing congregations – many churches in the Deanery have this problem.
- As a result of Covid, and technology advances, people are used to getting all they need online and may not want to return to church.
- There is a need to minister to the whole community.

Tuesday 7th June
A Deanery-wide meeting, held at St Andrew's, Backwell. Opening worship was led by Martin Canning, Reader.
Rob Norman, Lay Dean, introduced Helen Weld, Diocesan Vocations Adviser, the guest speaker. Helen spoke on the topic of Exploring Your Calling, emphasising the Calling was not confined to Priest, Reader or other high profile work, but also included even the most ordinary jobs needed to be done in the Church.
After the presentation there was a panel session, the panel comprising 6 people from the Deanery involved in a selection of roles (Chaplain of Readers, Rector, Lay Worship Assistant, Reader, Churchwarden, Lay Pastoral Assistant). Each spoke briefly about the job that they did and then answered questions put to them by Helen:

- How did you discern that God was calling you to the role?
- What excites you most about the role?
- What aspect of the job is most challenging and how do you get support with this?
- How do you communicate with God?

Thursday 15th SeptemberA normal Synod meeting, held at Walton St Mary, Clevedon. The opening worship was led by Rev Noel Hector, and included prayers for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, recently deceased.
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and we were asked if anyone wished to raise any AOB items at the end.
There was then a presentation by Rev Suzy Kirkham, Christ Church Clevedon, on 2 related projects, the Bereavement Journey and their Memory Club, a North Somerset Dementia Meeting Centre.

We then split into discussion groups (we were encouraged to sit with people not from our parish) to discuss the new Deanery Mission Plan. The aim was to identify things which we thought were best done by the Deanery, rather than Parishes, then to pick 3 of these which should be priorities for the new Deanery Plan and to think about how these could be implemented over the next 5 years. There was then a plenary session where the groups fed back what their priorities were.
Finally Sharon Matthews was commissioned as a Lay Pioneer.

Thursday17th November
The advertised subject was 'What has Bath and Wells Diocese ever done for us?' and was held at Christ Church Clevedon.
After the initial welcome and opening worship, Julia Hill, Diocesan Head of Deanery and Parish Support, and Claire Horton, Bath Archdeaconry Deanery Parish Development Adviser, gave a presentation about the Diocese. The Diocese is made up of 467 parishes, 24 of which are in Portishead Deanery. The Diocese provides support in those areas which are best handled together.
We were then invited to list all the areas in which we had experience of this support, both personally and as a Parish. We were then given a set of cards which listed the areas where the Diocese provides support and invited to compare these with the ones we had noted. There were many areas in which either we had not received support or were unaware that support was available.
During the plenary session which followed, some areas were noted in which the Diocese provides support, but which weren't listed on the cards (electoral roll, website, cathedral, bishop). It was pointed out that not all support staff are in Wells, many provide specialist knowledge in addition to their normal role. Also there is a mixture of fully paid, part time and voluntary staff.
There were questions from the floor which included some on finance and the Parish Share. Julia said that the recent series of online finance presentations was the place where these questions should be asked. Portishead Deanery has the second highest Parish Share in the Diocese and it is currently paid at a level of 82.82%.
It was noted that Assistant Diocesan Secretary Peter Evans is our Deanery Accompanier and can be a first point of contact to connect people with Diocesan services.

Reps: Sue Irwin and John Stevens

Portishead Deanery Report 2022

We met four times as a Deanery this year; as usual, two of the meetings (June & November) were deanery-wide meetings which anyone could attend while the March & September meetings were full Synods.

March – We met at Holy Trinity Nailsea and the main item was a presentation by Charlie Peer, the Diocesan Head of Mission Support & Ministry Development, on Enabling Ministries This was followed by a lively discussion in breakout groups and then a plenary. We also said goodbye to our Deanery Youth Worker, Neil Wylie, who had been in post since 2008.

June – The venue for this meeting was St Andrew, Backwell and the subject for our June Deanery-wide meeting was Exploring your Calling when our main speaker was Helen Weld, the Diocesan Vocations Adviser, and we also heard from a local panel of people who spoke of their experience of God calling them.

Also in June, Astrid Tiesema-Samsom and Rob Eastwood Dewing were commissioned as Co-Area Deans and Rob Norman was commissioned as Lay Dean, forming the Deanery Leadership Team.

September – We held our September Synod meeting at Walton St Mary Church Hall where we divided up into groups to look at a new Deanery plan to replace the one agreed by Synod in 2017. We also heard a presentation from Suzy Kirkham on the Good Grief Project and the Memory Project, both of which had been part-funded from the Deanery Mission Fund. We also commissioned Sharon Matthews as a Lay Pioneer.

November – The November Deanery-wide meeting had the slightly provocative title of What has Bath & Wells Diocese ever done for us? "and the main presentation was given by Julia Hill (Diocesan Head of Deanery & Parish Support) & Claire Horton (Bath Archdeaconry Deanery & Parish Development Adviser). This full presentation was followed by many questions from the floor!

We have enjoyed having Assistant Diocesan Secretary Peter Evans as our Deanery Accompanier. He has been present at most Mission and Pastoral Group meetings and Synods. From September, Claire Horton, the Bath Archdeaconry Deanery & Parish Adviser was also a guest at Synods and deanery-wide meetings

During 2022 we were told by the Diocese that our Deanery had to lose 3 Stipendiary clergy posts over the next 5 years and that has been a subject at every meeting of the DMPG since. In 2023 we shall hold a special consultation Synod in April.

We want to express our gratitude to the clergy and officials of all the deanery churches for their hard work and commitment during this difficult year.

Rob Norman (Lay Dean)
Astrid Tiesema-Samsom (Co-Area Dean)
Rob Eastwood Dewing (Co-Area Dean)
February 2023

End of APCM Report

Independent Examiner's Certificate
for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of: WRAXALL WITH FAILAND **Parochial Church Council**

On accounts for the year ended: 31 DECEMBER 2022 Charity Number: 1130482

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 matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable 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: K Crawford **Date:** 11/4/2023

Name: KEVIN DAVID CRAWFORD

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): FELLOW OF THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN ENGLAND & WALES

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Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

- A loss was made in the year and there is no reason to believe that this will not continue in the short to medium term given the rate of inflation. However, there appear to be sufficient assets to cover these assuming the level of income stays constant and costs can be managed or even reduced

Wraxall with Failand PCC

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	62,532.76	32,231.50	470.00	-	95,234.26	65,812.49
Income from charitable activities	2,974.50	-	-	-	2,974.50	1,567.50
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	24.51	-	-	-	24.51	4.04
Other income	-	1,257.93	-	-	1,257.93	-
Activities for Generating Funds	-	-	-	-	-	151.92
Investment Income	9,398.22	-	-	-	9,398.22	10,225.24
Church Activities	20,808.39	-	1,344.73	-	22,153.12	15,314.72
Other Incoming Resources	11,124.20	20.25	-	-	11,144.45	12,676.87
Total income	**106,862.58**	**33,509.68**	**1,814.73**	**-**	**142,186.99**	**105,752.78**
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	19,234.40	-	610.00	-	19,844.40	17,821.27
Other expenditure	24,340.48	-	-	-	24,340.48	950.00
Church Activities	76,788.91	-	1,424.02	-	78,212.93	73,112.60
Church Expenses	19,445.43	2,403.48	-	-	21,848.91	14,720.72
Major Repairs	224.00	2,267.99	-	-	2,491.99	838.97
Other Outgoing Resources	6,331.04	150.00	-	-	6,481.04	4,606.83
Total expenditure	**146,364.26**	**4,821.47**	**2,034.02**	**-**	**153,219.75**	**112,050.39**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(39,501.68)**	**28,688.21**	**(219.29)**	**-**	**(11,032.76)**	**(4,195.61)**
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	970.89	310.00	-	1,280.89	65,280.60
Gross transfers between funds - out	(1,280.89)	-	-	-	(1,280.89)	(65,280.60)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-	2,102.00
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	(2,174.87)	-	-	-	(2,174.87)	3,879.28
Net movement in funds	**(42,957.44)**	**29,659.10**	**90.71**	**-**	**(13,207.63)**	**(316.33)**
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	88,484.21	36,267.20	32,781.26	-	157,532.67	157,849.00
Total funds carried forward	45,526.77	65,926.30	32,871.97	-	144,325.04	157,532.67

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Balance Sheet detailed

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Fixed assets			
	6431: CCLA (CBF) 60131700J	13,820.99	25,995.86
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	Total Fixed assets	**14,265.99**	**26,440.86**
Current assets			
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	6502: HSBC LUNCH CLUB	55.00	55.00
	6512: CCLA (CBF) 601317001D	786.46	7,761.95
	Z05: Accounts Receivable	4,801.43	-
	A: Lloyds Current Account	15,002.85	6,862.39
	E: Entertainments Account	600.16	700.16
	F: Wraxall Bellringers Account	-	3,838.15
	B: CAF Current Account	14,714.83	11,760.88
	H: Charity Account	365.97	445.26
	C: National Savings Income Bond	81,000.00	81,000.00
	D: CCLA (CBF) deposit account	9,988.75	9,988.75
	Total Current assets	**133,846.05**	**131,582.81**
Liabilities			
	Z04: Accounts Payable	3,787.00	491.00
	Total Liabilities	**3,787.00**	**491.00**
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	**144,325.04**	**157,532.67**
Reserves			
	Excess/(deficit) to date	(11,032.76)	(6,297.61)
	Z01: Starting balances	153,810.38	154,126.71
	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	3,722.29	5,824.29
	Z03: Gains/(losses) on reval of fixed assets	(2,174.87)	3,879.28
	Total Reserves	**144,325.04**	**157,532.67**

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	45,526.77	88,484.21
Designated	65,926.30	36,267.20
Restricted	32,871.97	32,781.26
Endowment	-	-
Total	**144,325.04**	**157,532.67**

Independent Examiner's Certificate
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Report to the trustees of: WRAXALL WITH FAILAND **Parochial Church Council**

On accounts for the year ended: 31 DECEMBER 2022 Charity Number: 1130482

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.

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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 matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable 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: K Crawford **Date:** 11/4/2023

Name: KEVIN DAVID CRAWFORD

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): FELLOW OF THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN ENGLAND & WALES

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Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

- A loss was made in the year and there is no reason to believe that this will not continue in the short to medium term given the rate of inflation. However, there appear to be sufficient assets to cover these assuming the level of income stays constant and costs can be managed or even reduced

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	62,532.76	32,231.50	470.00	-	95,234.26	65,812.49
Income from charitable activities	2,974.50	-	-	-	2,974.50	1,567.50
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	24.51	-	-	-	24.51	4.04
Other income	-	1,257.93	-	-	1,257.93	-
Activities for Generating Funds	-	-	-	-	-	151.92
Investment Income	9,398.22	-	-	-	9,398.22	10,225.24
Church Activities	20,808.39	-	1,344.73	-	22,153.12	15,314.72
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Total expenditure	**146,364.26**	**4,821.47**	**2,034.02**	**-**	**153,219.75**	**112,050.39**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(39,501.68)**	**28,688.21**	**(219.29)**	**-**	**(11,032.76)**	**(4,195.61)**
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	970.89	310.00	-	1,280.89	65,280.60
Gross transfers between funds - out	(1,280.89)	-	-	-	(1,280.89)	(65,280.60)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-	2,102.00
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	(2,174.87)	-	-	-	(2,174.87)	3,879.28
Net movement in funds	**(42,957.44)**	**29,659.10**	**90.71**	**-**	**(13,207.63)**	**(316.33)**
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Total funds brought forward	88,484.21	36,267.20	32,781.26	-	157,532.67	157,849.00
Total funds carried forward	45,526.77	65,926.30	32,871.97	-	144,325.04	157,532.67

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Balance Sheet detailed

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Current assets			
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	6502: HSBC LUNCH CLUB	55.00	55.00
	6512: CCLA (CBF) 601317001D	786.46	7,761.95
	Z05: Accounts Receivable	4,801.43	-
	A: Lloyds Current Account	15,002.85	6,862.39
	E: Entertainments Account	600.16	700.16
	F: Wraxall Bellringers Account	-	3,838.15
	B: CAF Current Account	14,714.83	11,760.88
	H: Charity Account	365.97	445.26
	C: National Savings Income Bond	81,000.00	81,000.00
	D: CCLA (CBF) deposit account	9,988.75	9,988.75
	Total Current assets	**133,846.05**	**131,582.81**
Liabilities			
	Z04: Accounts Payable	3,787.00	491.00
	Total Liabilities	**3,787.00**	**491.00**
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	**144,325.04**	**157,532.67**
Reserves			
	Excess/(deficit) to date	(11,032.76)	(6,297.61)
	Z01: Starting balances	153,810.38	154,126.71
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	Total Reserves	**144,325.04**	**157,532.67**

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	45,526.77	88,484.21
Designated	65,926.30	36,267.20
Restricted	32,871.97	32,781.26
Endowment	-	-
Total	**144,325.04**	**157,532.67**

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Balance Sheet detailed

			As at 31/12/2021	As at 31/12/2020
Fixed assets				
	6430: Church Lodge		445.00	445.00
	6431: CCLA(CBF) 60131700J		25,995.86	22,116.58
	6432: CCLA(CBF) 101001314S		-	-
		Total Fixed assets	**26,440.86**	**22,561.58**
Current assets				
	6501: NATWEST BANK ACCOUNT		9,170.27	10,817.57
	6502: HSBC LUNCH CLUB		55.00	892.00
	6511: CCLA(CBF) Fabric Fund		-	-
	6512: CCLA(CBF) 601317001D		7,761.95	7,757.91
	6513: CCLA(CBF) 101001272D		-	-
	A: Lloyds Current Account		6,862.39	10,984.03
	B: CAF Current Account		11,760.88	13,848.25
	C: National Savings Income Bond		81,000.00	81,000.00
	D: CCLA(CBF) deposit account		9,988.75	9,988.75
	E: Entertainments Account		700.16	700.16
	F: Wraxall Bellringers Account		3,838.15	3,780.78
	H: Charity Account		445.26	712.72
	Z05: Accounts Receivable		-	-
	Z05: Accounts Receivable		-	3,777.25
		Total Current assets	**131,582.81**	**144,259.42**
Liabilities				
	Z04: Accounts Payable		182.00	656.00
	Z04: Accounts Payable		309.00	8,316.00
		Total Liabilities	**491.00**	**8,972.00**
		Net Asset surplus (deficit)	**157,532.67**	**157,849.00**
Reserves				
	Excess/(deficit) to date		(4,291.35)	-
	Excess/(deficit) to date		(2,006.26)	4,972.89
	Z01: Starting balances		37,205.77	35,955.17
	Z01: Starting balances		116,920.94	116,920.94
	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets		3,722.29	-
	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets		2,102.00	-
	Z03: Gains/(losses) on reval of fixed assets		3,879.28	-
	Z03: Gains/(losses) on reval of fixed assets		-	-
		Total Reserves	**157,532.67**	**157,849.00**

Wraxall with Failand

Balance Sheet detailed

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Fixed assets				
	6430: Church Lodge		445.00	445.00
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	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets		2,102.00	-
	Z03: Gains/(losses) on reval of fixed assets		3,879.28	-
	Z03: Gains/(losses) on reval of fixed assets		-	-
		Total Reserves	**157,532.67**	**157,849.00**

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	41,442.08	40,036.06
General (Unrestricted)	47,042.13	56,623.28
Designated	1,359.00	892.00
Designated	34,908.20	28,996.94
Restricted	32,781.26	31,300.72
Total	**157,532.67**	**157,849.00**

Wraxall with Failand

Balance Sheet (Separate funds)

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	At 31/12/2021 £	At 31/12/2020 £
Fixed assets						
Tangible Assets	-	445.00	-	-	445.00	445.00
	-	**445.00**	**-**	**-**	**445.00**	**445.00**
Current assets						
Debtors	-	-	-	-	-	3,777.25
Investments	59,514.36	25,344.25	32,126.00	-	116,984.61	113,105.33
Cash At Bank And In Hand	29,460.85	10,477.95	655.26	-	40,594.06	49,493.42
	88,975.21	**35,822.20**	**32,781.26**	**-**	**157,578.67**	**166,376.00**
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	491.00	-	-	-	491.00	8,972.00
	491.00	**-**	**-**	**-**	**491.00**	**8,972.00**
Net current assets less current liabilities	**88,484.21**	**35,822.20**	**32,781.26**	**-**	**157,087.67**	**157,404.00**
Total assets less current liabilities	**88,484.21**	**36,267.20**	**32,781.26**	**-**	**157,532.67**	**157,849.00**
Liabilities						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	**88,484.21**	**36,267.20**	**32,781.26**	**-**	**157,532.67**	**157,849.00**
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
Unrestricted - General Fund	47,042.13	-	-	-	47,042.13	56,623.28
Unrestricted - General Fund	41,442.08	-	-	-	41,442.08	40,036.06
Designated						
Designated - Wraxall Bellringers - Designated	-	3,838.15	-	-	3,838.15	3,780.78
Designated - Luncheon Club	-	1,025.00	-	-	1,025.00	892.00
Designated - Rectors Fund	-	334.00	-	-	334.00	-
Designated - Rectors Fund	-	666.00	-	-	666.00	-
Designated - Entertainments Fund	-	718.74	-	-	718.74	700.16
Designated - Church Lodge	-	15,699.46	-	-	15,699.46	12,657.00
Designated - Youth & Families - Designated	-	1,370.60	-	-	1,370.60	597.00
Designated - Fabric - Designated	-	12,615.25	-	-	12,615.25	11,262.00
Restricted						
Restricted - Bell Fund - Restricted	-	-	150.00	-	150.00	-
Restricted - Charitable - Restricted	-	-	445.26	-	445.26	712.72
Restricted - Organ Fund	-	-	3,136.00	-	3,136.00	1,538.00
Restricted - Fabric - Restricted	-	-	29,050.00	-	29,050.00	29,050.00
Fund Totals	**88,484.21**	**36,267.20**	**32,781.26**	**-**	**157,532.67**	**157,849.00**

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	15,193.47	-	-	15,193.47	28,747.02
Income from charitable activities	1,567.50	-	-	1,567.50	2,686.00
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	4.04	-	-	4.04	32.81
Other income	-	-	-	-	-
Total income	**16,765.01**	**-**	**-**	**16,765.01**	**31,465.83**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	17,821.27	-	-	17,821.27	26,492.94
Other expenditure	950.00	-	-	950.00	-
Total expenditure	**18,771.27**	**-**	**-**	**18,771.27**	**26,492.94**
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	50,619.02	-	-	50,619.02	-
Activities for Generating Funds	151.92	-	-	151.92	-
Investment Income	10,225.24	-	-	10,225.24	-
Church Activities	14,318.29	996.43	-	15,314.72	-
Other Incoming Resources	12,676.87	-	-	12,676.87	-
Total income	**87,991.34**	**996.43**	**-**	**88,987.77**	**-**
Expenditure on:					
Church Activities	73,112.60	-	-	73,112.60	-
Church Expenses	13,456.83	1,263.89	-	14,720.72	-
Major Repairs	838.97	-	-	838.97	-
Other Outgoing Resources	4,606.83	-	-	4,606.83	-
Total expenditure	**92,015.23**	**1,263.89**	**-**	**93,279.12**	**-**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(6,030.15)**	**(267.46)**	**-**	**(6,297.61)**	**4,972.89**
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	34,482.60	30,798.00	-	65,280.60	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	(36,230.60)	(29,050.00)	-	(65,280.60)	-
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	2,102.00	-	-	2,102.00	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	3,879.28	-	-	3,879.28	(133,552.94)
Net movement in funds	**(1,796.87)**	**1,480.54**	**-**	**(316.33)**	**(128,580.05)**
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	**126,548.28**	**31,300.72**	**-**	**157,849.00**	**35,955.17**
Total funds carried forward	**124,751.41**	**32,781.26**	**-**	**157,532.67**	**(92,624.88)**

Treasurers Report

Notwithstanding the continuation of lockdown and being in interregnum for most of the year the results for both churches showed deficits for each. All Saints £4938 and St Bartholomew's £2011.

The Parish Share was paid in full £52,134. Again reserves have borne these excesses, but investments appreciated by £5981 during the year. The generosity of the Richard Vaughan Trust again alleviated the burden of Saint Bartholomew's deficit.

The income from members decreases each year and this if it does not increase in the future will necessitate a reduction in costs.

The finance committee is now turning its attention to the production of a financial plan for the current year. Unless the Diocese reduces the Parish Share levy there will again be a significant shortfall to be borne by the Reserves which if paid will be most unfortunate as reserves are held to maintain the fabric of the two churches.

St Bartholomew's faces again expenditure of at least £10,000. During the year an appeal raised £2,300 plus to deal with maintenance issues.

All in all 2021 turned out quite well in the circumstances but I am afraid 2022 will again require significant increase in member financial support.

Finally, grateful thanks to our wardens and administrative staff. I welcome Morey Andrews our new Rector (shared) whom I am sure will encourage the growth of membership, faith and finance.

David Bird
Treasurer

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Report to the trustees of: WRAXALL WITH FAILAND **Parochial Church Council**

On accounts for the year ended: 31st DECEMBER 2021 Charity Number: 1130482

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Basis of independent examiner's statement

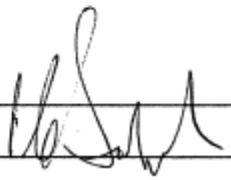
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Independent examiner's statement

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Signed:  **Date:** 14/3/2022

Name: PETER SAPSED

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The Richard Vaughan Trust

Year ended 31st December	2021	2020
Income and Expenditure account		
Income		
Investment Income	1486	1796
Refund of legal fees and compensation		
Withdrawal of investment funds		15000
Total Income	1486	16796
Expenditure		
Church running costs	800	800
St Bartholomews - Admin Costs		15000
Computer costs - F Trickey		
Lighthouse schools Partnership		1000
Legal fees		
Total Expenditure	800	16800
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	686	-4
Balance sheet		
Investments		
2810.90 COIF Investment Fund (see note below)		
Income shares at Market value	57726	51202
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	3370	2684
	61096	53886
Represented by:		
Endowment	57726	51202
Accumulated Income	3370	2684
	61096	53886

Reviewed
P Sapsed
7th March 2022

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WRAXALL WITH FAILAND

England & Wales - Charity number 1130482

Accounts

Wraxall with Failand Treasurers Report 2020

The impact of COVID19 and the departure of our vicar conspired to severely affect the financial performance of this Parish.

The Parish share £52825 was paid in full with the support of a grant from the Vaughan Trust of £15000. Usual fund-raising events are most important element of income which were unable to take place.

The overall financial position has been reduced to £157,850 by some £5000.

Illness has made the preparation of these accounts challenging to say the least.

I am grateful to all those persons who have assisted in the work and to Peter Sapsed who carried out the examination of the figures.

2021 will be again most challenging as it unfolds.

AMD Bird

Acting Treasurer

PARISH OF WRAXALL WITH FAILAND - CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2020

Fixed Assets	Note		2020			2019
Property	1		445			445
Current Assets						
Debtors		3777		6323		
Investments		103117		81000		
Short Term Deposits		17747		30098		
Cash at Bank		41736	166377	55164		172585
			166822			173030
Liabilites						
Creditors			8972			9928
Net Assets			157850			163101

Represented by Funds

		Balance 1st Jan 20 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31st Dec 20 £
Unrestricted Funds						
General Funds		93369	100312	96413		97268
	Total	93369	100312	96413		97268
Designated						
Church Lodge		13967	4854	6164		12657
Cross Tree Management		1318		1318		
Wraxall Bellringers		3771	89	80		3780
Fabric (Designated)		16262		5000		11262
Youth & Families		814		217		597
Entertainment Fund		700				700
Lunch Club		892				892
	Total	37724	4943	12779		29888
Restricted						
Organ Fund		1538				1538
Fabric Fund		29050				29050
Charities			2498	2392		106
Others		1420		1420		
	Total	32008	2498	3812		30694
Totals		**163101**	**107753**	**113004**		**157850**

Note 1 Property £445 represents 50% of the historic cost of Church Lodge

Independent Examiner's Certificate
for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of: WRAXALL WITH FAILAND **Parochial Church Council**

On accounts for the year ended: 31st DECEMBER 2020 Charity Number: 1130482

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

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