

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

Charity Registration Number 1130482

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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
<p>Rector's Introduction: Morey welcomes, prays and thanks the attendees for joining us, especially St Bartholomew's.</p> <p>Morey shares a focus on faithfulness, all being done with faithful hearts and in the name of glory.</p> <p>MA shares a question: think of one thing 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Thanks to Ministry Team: Carol, Sylvia, Eileen, Sarah and Elize.</p> <p>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'.</p> <p>Meg shares the churchwarden prayer and thanks her partner wardens over time. Meg was presented with a card and gift from the Parish.</p>		
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	<p>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.</p> <p>AS: Peter Heard proposed by James Heard, seconded by Eileen Oates. All in favour</p> <p>SB: Christine Sage proposed by Caryl Harding and seconded by Robert Sheppard. All in favour</p> <p>Deputy Churchwardens: thanks shared for their work and support. Deputy Church Warden All Saints: John Stevens. All in favour</p>	
4. Election of Deputy Churchwardens	<p>Deputy Warden at St Bartholomew's: Robert Sheppard. All in favour</p> <p>The meeting closed at 11.48am</p>	

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.	
5. Annual Reports	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 Chair (MA) proposed the approval of the Annual Report for 2023, seconded by John Stevens. All in favour	
6. Matters arising from this year's annual report	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. 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.	
9. Financial Statement	Questions for Deanery Reps: If you ever have any questions regarding the Deanery or Diocese, please ask the reps: John Stevens and Sue Irwin. 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	

	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
10. To elect new PCC representatives	<p>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.</p>	
11. To appoint an independent examiner	<p>Proposal of accounts by David Bird. Seconded by Peter Heard: All in favour</p> <p>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.</p>	
12. Questions and Comments	<p>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.</p>	

	<p>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.</p> <p>Peter Heard wishes Morey all the best with his sabbatical. Thanks to participants for taking part today and to the PCC team.</p> <p>Meeting closed with prayer by Morey at 12.17pm</p>	
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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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair - Morey Andrews Vice Chair - Vacant Treasurer - David Bird PCC Secretary - Elize Jutsum <p>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).</p> <p>EJ Secretary, Peter Heard proposed and Sarah Sanderson seconded, all in favour.</p> <p>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)</p> <p>Sur Irwin thanked Morey for what he shared in the meeting.</p>	
4.0	AOB		
		Next PCC meeting : Monday 16 th 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':

January-July

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

August-December

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)

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

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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
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Refund of legal fees and compensation		
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Withdrawal of investment funds		
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Total Income	<u>1553</u>	<u>1531</u>
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Expenditure

Church running costs	800	800
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St Bartholomews - Admin Costs		
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Curate - Computer		
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Rector - Computer 1/3 share		
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Transfer to Wraxall for Parish Share		2000
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Total Expenditure	<u>800</u>	<u>2800</u>
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Surplus/(Deficit) for year	<u>753</u>	<u>-1269</u>
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Balance sheet**Investments**

2810.90 COIF Investment Fund (see note below)		
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Income shares at Market value	57042	55782
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Current Assets

Cash at bank and in hand	2628	1875
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<u>59670</u>	<u>57657</u>
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Represented by:

Endowment	57042	55782
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Accumulated Income	2628	1875
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<u>59670</u>	<u>57657</u>
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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 *Cydalis 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 like 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 place 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